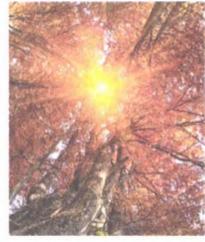


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New editor

The *Novi News* has a new editor. Philip Allmen was appointed to the position last week, replacing Cal Stone, who retired after about 13 years in the position.

Allmen also edits the *South Lyon Herald* and *Milford Times*. He's been with the company for the past 15 years.



Allmen

"I'm excited to be able to focus my attention on Novi," he said. "When you want to do something in Oakland County, Novi is the place to go. It's going to be exciting."

A Farmington Hills native and Holly resident, he encourages readers to pass along any story ideas, favorite photos in Novi or simply a line to share your thoughts.

Reach Allmen at pallmen@hometownlife.com or on Twitter at @PhilipAllmen. Find the latest updates on stories in Novi online at hometownlife.com and on its Facebook page [facebook.com/NoviNews](https://www.facebook.com/NoviNews).

Light voter turnout expected in Tuesday's city election

Philip Allmen
Staff Writer

Only about 6,000 or so people are expected to decide on Novi's leadership moving forward.

A few residents at the library early this week admitted they didn't know there was an election Tuesday. But that shouldn't be a huge surprise. Only about 18 percent of the city's 38,822 registered voters typically take advantage of the opportunity when there are only local issues on the ballot.

For a presidential election, like the one a year from now, Novi City Clerk Maryanne Cornelius said voter turnout likely will swell to 75-80 percent. In gubernatorial elections like the one last year, there's about 50-percent turnout.

The clerk said she always hopes for an even bigger turn-

out, but the historical data indicate otherwise.

"That's been pretty much over the last 15 years or so," Cornelius said Monday. "We always encourage people to come out for a local election, because this is what directly affects where you live."

On the ballot

For most residents, the only decision on the ballot will be who should represent the city.

The candidates for the three races are:

Mayor; two-year term: Jason G.W. Dorsch, incumbent Bob Gatt and current council member Gwen Markham.

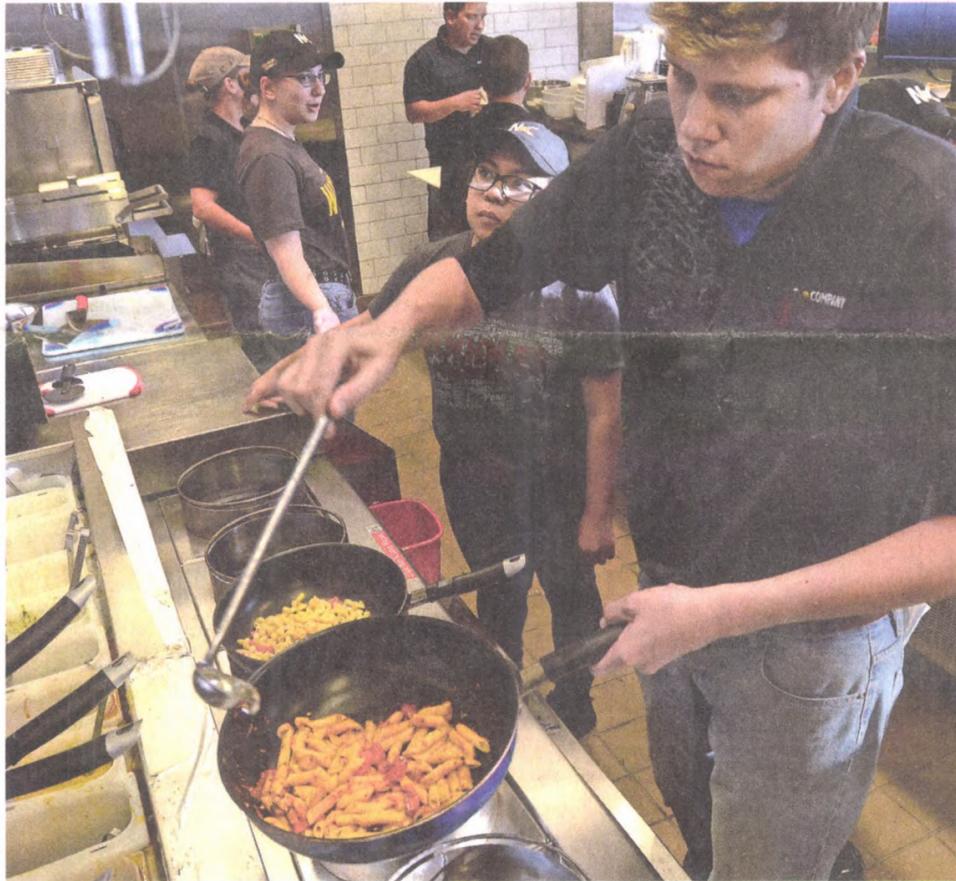
City council, three, four-year terms: incumbents Laura Casey, David Staudt and Wayne Wrobel and Tally Patel.



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Novi City Clerk Maryanne Cornelius checks out one of the dozens of supply boxes ready to go to local precincts for the upcoming election next week. Cornelius and her staff have spent a lot of time recently getting the ballots ready for election workers and their voters and have also begun to organize the absentee ballots they've received.

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Noodles & Co. employee Steve Alexander sautes up a bowl of penne rosa pasta at its Novi location, two days before the grand opening.

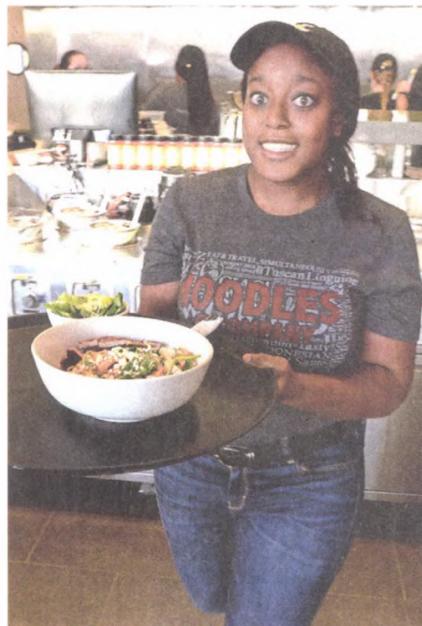
Restaurant begins serving, and service, in Novi

James Mitchell
Correspondent

It didn't take long for Noodles & Co. to get into the community service game. That actually started before the restaurant served its first customers this week.

"It's a big part of who we are as a company," said Mike Endres, marketing director for franchisee Pasta Per Trio, which marks its 19th Michigan location with this week's opening. "Novi was a community we wanted to get into for a while."

Prior to having sold a single sandwich or batch of specialty noodles, the store and staff had sponsored a youth soccer team, participated in parks and recreation events at the high school and scheduled the first of many benefit nights. After Wednesday's grand opening, the restaurant will donate 50 percent of its proceeds Tuesday, Nov. 3, to the Novi Educational Foundation.



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Noodles & Co. employee Rocara Shakhani brings a bowl of penne rosa pasta to a customer at the eatery's Novi location.

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Family tragedy inspires Novi woman's artwork

Deneau, two others featured in gallery through Dec. 1

Jessica McLean
Correspondent

It's Dec. 17, 1996, a week before Christmas, about seven in the morning. A couple is at their home in Livonia when a man comes to the door and says he's making a Christmas delivery. But when the woman opens the door, the man comes in with a gun, forces them to the floor and shoots them both, execution-style, in the head.

Her husband, 54, dies instantly from an obstructed spinal cord, but the woman survives. Blinded, she gets up to find her neighbor, a Dearborn police officer. The neighbor, who happens to be letting his dog out, sees the woman collapse and calls 9-1-1.

She is taken to St. Mary's Hospital in Livonia and later transferred to the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. She is in a coma for five days and spends the next two months in the hospital.

The case remains unsolved to this day. The victims were Novi artist Darcel Deneau's parents.

The tragedy inspired Deneau to seize the day and become an artist. It's an event from which she still draws her inspiration.

"It was life-altering," she said. "I mean, I remember I was 31, standing in the hospital thinking, 'My god! My dad was only 23 years old when I was born. What if I only live for 23 (more) years?'"

So with the support of her husband and despite being a 31-year-old mom of two young children, she started college again, enrolling in the College for Creative Studies in downtown Detroit to begin a career as an artist.

As she went to school, she began to see Detroit more as a beautiful place to live rather

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"Once we're open, we'll be partnering with many organizations," Endres said. Benefit nights will be regular calendar items, as will projects with local educational and nonprofit organizations.

The Grand Rapids-based restaurant chain launched in 2003 and quickly found success with its offerings of made-to-order noodles, sandwiches and salads with an international flair. Franchises popped up throughout the state, although expansion had briefly stalled during the recession.

"That definitely slowed our growth," Endres said. "But we're right back on track." A Chesterfield Township outlet opened earlier this year and current plans include a Macomb Township location in 2016. "We're actively

looking to continue more next year."

Endres said the menu categories of Asian, Mediterranean and American dishes will be prepared on-site – vegetables are cut twice daily to ensure freshness – by about 40 employees who have been hired for the Novi location.

Novi made a tempting location, Endres said, once the right location was identified.

"It's a busy corridor, great community and lots of families in the area," Endres said. Noodles & Co. is built on a fast-casual concept able to serve a high volume of lunch and dinner guests. A catering program is also available to accommodate orders for 20 to 200 or more diners.

Noodles & Co. is located at 26425 Novi Road, just north of Grand River. For more information or applications call 248-562-6221 or go to www.noodles.com.

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than a place to go for a sporting event or concert.

Her grandmother, Lupe Portillo, had lived in Mexicantown. Growing up, Deneau's dad would take the children every week to visit her, so Deneau spent many weekends there. He would often take them to Eastern Market or Lafayette Coney Island and Deneau grew to appreciate the area.

"I guess when I went to school, I kind of started going to lunch at Eastern Market and I started to realize, everyone talks about the city being so horrible," Deneau said. "And I was thinking, 'My god, this brings back such wonderful memories of where I went with my dad and my family.' It held a lot of family memories that I cherish because my dad's gone and it seemed even more sentimental."

Drawing inspiration

These memories inspired a body of artwork that showcase Detroit as the beautiful place Deneau remembers it: home.

"Because the city seemed like it was in such a bad state at that



JESSICA MCLEAN

Novi artist Darcel Deneau is part of a three-woman exhibit currently on display at the Jewish Cultural Center in West Bloomfield.

time, I felt this need to preserve," she said. "We have to cherish this city, because it holds a lot of good history for lots of people. So, you know, I wouldn't try to over-glamorize anything, but I always try to present a more positive view."

Armed with camera in hand, Deneau typically scours the city for aesthetically interesting pieces with good color and composition to photograph, edits them on her computer and then turns them into paintings or mosaics. She also occasionally does portraits or sculptures.

She said she usually works about 40-48 hours per week in her studio at the Russell Industrial Building in Detroit. The mosaic she's working on

now will take her about four months to complete.

One of Deneau's most famous pieces is a 40-foot mural she created for The Garage, a restaurant in downtown Detroit, which showcases the restaurant set in a 1950s-era Detroit landscape.

On display

Her more recent work, however, doesn't focus on urban landscapes, but on dessert. A collaboration with friends and local artists Ruth Tyszka and Joan Schwartz, "Just Desserts" focuses on justice and the idea that things aren't always what they appear to be.

"There was also kind of this double meaning to it, like you get what you

deserve and kind of a sense of justice," Tyszka said. "And we also thought of desserts in the sense of sometimes what you see on the outside doesn't match what you see on the inside. You see a really beautiful cake and then, the inside, there's kind of a contrast to it. It doesn't taste as good as it looks, kind of thing."

Deneau's work focuses mainly on opposing gun violence through her mosaic "cake-heads," in which she uses bullet casings to decorate the cakes. There is also a painting, titled "Pie in the Sky," which shows three people watching a cherry pie fly overhead.

Other pieces focus on her father's death, including one mosaic, titled "December 17th," which has a self-portrait of Deneau at the time of her father's death. A least two more pieces have red birds in them to represent the tragedy.

The show opened Sunday at the Janice Charach Gallery at the Jewish Cultural Center, 6600 West Road, West Bloomfield. It runs through Dec. 1. A Q&A with the artists is planned for Nov. 22.

For more information on the show or the artists, contact Linda Ashley at 248-219-4385 or lashley@aol.com.

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ELECTION

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City council, partial term ending Nov. 13, 2017: Andrew Sarpolis and Brian Burke.

The Novi News has published information on each candidate. If you have yet to do your research on the candidates, go to hometownlife.com to find out more about the candidates, as well as this publication's endorsements in the three races.

For some residents, there's a tax question on the ballot, as well.

Those living in precincts 15, 18, 19 and a

portion of 17 — all those basically in the southwest and south-central portions of Novi — will also vote on the Schoolcraft Community College District operating charter millage proposition requesting a 0.6-mill levy for 10 years.

Polling places

Some residents in the northeast corner of the city have a new place to vote — and it's a permanent change. Voters in precincts 8 and 9 no longer go to Brightmoor Christian Church, instead casting their ballots at Crosspoint Meadows Church, 29200 Meadowbrook Road, just a

short distance from the old location.

Brightmoor started construction on a major expansion project, which is expected to take two years. Cornelius said it made sense for the city to permanently shift the location for those precincts.

People interested in voting by absentee ballot can still do so, though the city clerk said most do not. Novi residents typically vote on the day of the election. About 7 percent vote absentee, Cornelius said.

Absentee ballots are available to qualified electors at city hall, 45175 10 Mile Road. The city

clerk's office will be open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Saturday for those wanting an absentee ballot. Voters have until 4 p.m. Monday to get a ballot from city hall.

On election day, the polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. You can verify your voter registration and polling location at www.michigan.gov/vote.

"We tell people to make sure you get out and vote," Cornelius said. "It's a privilege we don't want to take advantage of."

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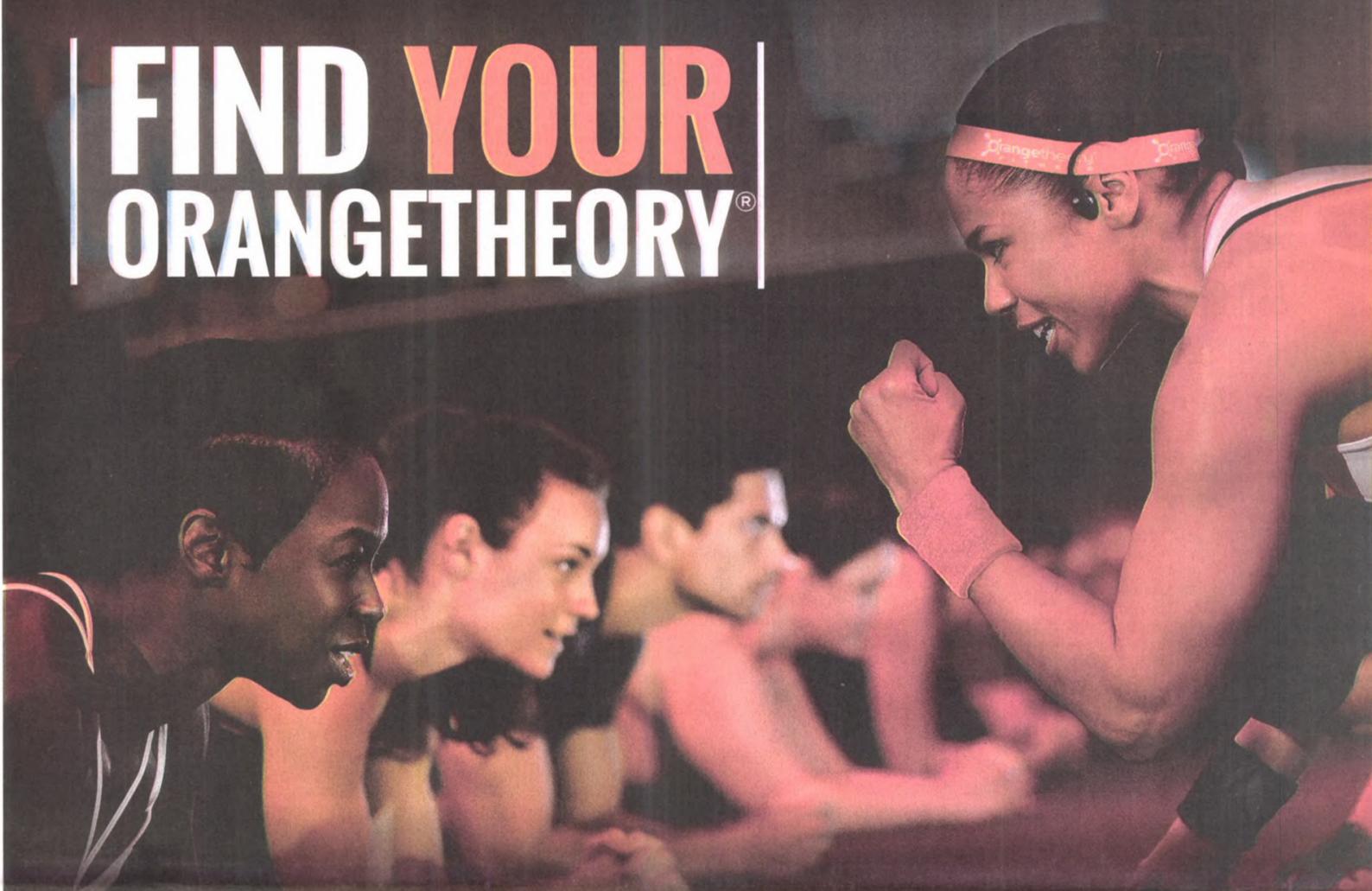
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It's never too late to continue your education

Al Coleman, my father-in-law, died Oct. 19. He was 96. Born in 1919, he grew up just outside Spokane, Wash., one of 12 brothers and sisters. Pop outlived all of his siblings. He was the last of his brothers and sisters to pass away.

During World War II, he joined the Air Force and quickly found himself in North Africa repairing U.S. Air Force bombers. From the farms and fields of eastern Washington to the deserts of North Africa is a long journey. It was even longer in the 1930s and 1940s, when our global village had not begun to shrink because of technology and transportation.

He was part of the genera-



Steve Matthews
 SUPER TALK

tion that defined our nation. Upon his return from the war, Pop was always able to find a job. He worked in construction, a copper mine, at Boeing as a carpenter and finally he apprenticed and became an optician. He married and had a growing family. He was part of the American dream.

Growing up, education was not the priority in his family, so he never graduated from high

school. In his 40s, he began to understand the limitations he faced without a high school diploma. So even though he was earning a living, raising a family and active in the community, he understood that he needed more. He understood that to continue to improve his life and the life of his family, he needed to have credentials that would open doors.

So he found the time and made the space in his life to study and pass the GED. This effort had its intended impact – it opened doors to opportunities that had previously been closed to him.

The most important part of this story for me is not that

Pop earned his GED. The most remarkable part of this story is that Pop understood the importance of creating opportunities for himself and, ultimately, for his family. Education played a prominent role in creating those opportunities.

Today's landscape is vastly different than the landscape that my father-in-law was born into and grew up in. Technology, transportation, communication and opportunity have changed dramatically over the past 90 years.

School has changed. We are transitioning from a society that values diplomas and degrees to a society that values ability, knowledge, creativity

and collaboration.

What has not changed is the impact that learning can have in a life. My father-in-law knew that he needed to continue to learn throughout his life, because it would open doors for him and his family.

In the Novi Community School District, we are working to ensure that learning continues to be valued and that our students understand how education opens doors throughout a lifetime.

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

Novi Woods students combine reading, science on stage

On Oct. 14-15, the fourth-graders at Novi Woods had their Critter Jubilee on the stage in the gym.

In conjunction with reading and science, the students practiced reading poetry fluently and with expression from various organisms they have been studying in science.



Gioia Masseus (from left), Klare Tarkanyi and Lilly Gnateck are the queen bees at the Critter Jubilee at Novi Woods.



Matthew Kim (from left), Alex Lee and Tony Shin hop around the stage as frogs.



Kristen Kozmowski (from left), Monet Hall and Prarthana Chavarkar take the stage as beautiful butterflies.



Cast members include (back, from left) Julia Majewski, Ally Scott, Natalie Fill, Chloe Holt, Leah Riben and Lacie Gladding and (front, from left) Chelsea Domagalski, Maggie Lichtman, Melanie Frasca and Ashley Holland. Also in the cast are Matthew Bradford and Christina Roeser.

Walled Lake Northern presents 'Steel Magnolias'

Walled Lake Northern High School Performing Arts Department presents *Steel Magnolias* Nov. 5-7 at Northern High School (6000 Bogie Lake Road, Commerce). Performances will begin at 7:30 p.m., with doors opening at 7 p.m.

There are seven students in the cast: Julia Majewski, Maggie Lichtman, Melanie Frasca, Leah Riben, Natalie Fill, Chloe Holt and Matthew Bradford. There are also five students serving as understudies: Chelsea Domagalski, Ashley Holland, Lacie Gladding, Ally Scott and Christina Roeser.

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Judges discuss court programs for drugs, drunken driving

Laura Colvin
Staff Writer

After 13 years on the bench at the 52-1 District Court in Novi, Judge Robert Bondy says he's never been responsible for the incarceration any individual who appeared before him.

Bondy, along with fellow district judges Travis Reeds and David Law, visited Milford during a recent meeting to provide local elected officials with a snapshot of court statistics, procedures and programs.

"I always tell people I've never put anybody in jail," Bondy said. "Most of them put themselves there, because at some point in time, they just don't leave you with much choice."

Bondy, a Milford resident first elected to the bench in 2002, talked about the court's community garden, which is located at Kensington Metropark and allows certain offenders the opportunity to avoid jail by completing a prescribed number of community service hours.

He also discussed a number of other issues, including the court's handling of young offenders – specifically those charged with MIP or minor in possession.

"We've tried to come up with a plan to deal with the kids constructively," Bondy said, noting those who receive an MIP are typically sentenced by Michael Batchik, who in retirement serves as a magistrate after 37 years on the bench at 52-1.

Those who violate probation after sentencing are referred to Bondy's courtroom.

"The biggest thing consistency," Bondy said. "Kids leave court and they talk; they'll say, 'I don't have to do that, why are you doing that? You don't have to do that, don't worry about it.' They have to have some consistency."

Often, he said, young people find their way into the court system, but have difficulty emerging with a clean record when given the opportunity and often a second chance when mistakes are made.

"The whole concept is to identify kids who are moving on to drunk driving and drug problems and just can't stop," Bondy said. "They need to be found. If we can help them when they're younger, maybe we can save them from a life of grief."

The idea, he said, is much like the court's other specialty programs: Identify those at risk and help connect them to the necessary treatment, resources and support they need to avoid recidivism.

"We want to figure out how we can help so they don't go out in the community and re-offend," he said.

Drugs, sobriety, mental health, veterans

South Lyon resident Reeds talked about the 52-1's sobriety court program, which like similar programs nationwide has shown a proven reduction in recidivism, as well as a program that assists offenders dealing with significant mental health issues.

A drug court also operates out of the 52-1 and is currently undergoing changes that will lead to improved outcomes, Reeds said.

"Drugs are becoming a much bigger issue in all our communities, primarily ... opiates like Vicodin,

which leads almost inevitably to heroin use," Reeds said. "We're seeing a resurgence of very bad drugs in our high schools and with our young people; it's something were trying very hard to address."

Law, who lives in Commerce Township and was appointed in February to fill a vacancy in the court, discussed the court's veterans program,

which operates under the same principles as other treatment courts, but requires offenders to show the issues they are struggling with – be it alcohol, drug use or mental health problems – are connected to their military service.

Once in the program, veterans are provided with extra resources, such as a personal mentor who is also a veteran.

The VA is also involved in the process to assist with available services.

"We all know it's difficult to be overseas and serving," Law said. "Those difficulties can follow the veterans home."

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Judge Robert Bondy spoke at a recent meeting of the Milford Village Council, along with by Judge Travis Reeds and Judge David Law. All preside in Novi's 52-1 District Court.



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Tow truck procession honors driver

A funeral procession of more than 250 tow trucks from all over Michigan honored a Westland tow truck driver who was killed earlier this month in Novi while aiding a motorist.

Funeral services were held Oct. 21 for Fred Scroggs, 25, who worked for Westland Car Care. He was killed after being hit by a motorist who apparently lost control of his vehicle.

The procession began at Westland Shopping Center and proceeded south on Wayne Road to the Uht Funeral Home on Glenwood. A reported 252 tow trucks from all over Michigan participated in the procession.

Scroggs was stopped on the left shoulder assisting another motorist with changing a flat tire. Another vehicle, believed to be an SUV, left the roadway and struck the tow truck. Scroggs and the driver of the Tahoe were pronounced dead at the scene.

The woman whose car needed assistance was uninjured.

The message to motorists during the procession was to merge when they see any emergency vehicle on the side of the



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One truck carries the message that might save lives.

road. Failure to do so can clearly be a fatal mistake.

Friends have set up a GoFundMe account to help with funeral costs. In setting up the GoFundMe account, Justin Gabbard said Scroggs "truly cared about others more than himself."

He also called him a hero, saying that he advised the driver to safely wait in her vehicle while he serviced her car and "was able to save her life."

To donate to the Fund-raiser for Fred Scroggs, go to gofundme.com. A fundraiser in honor of Scroggs also will be held from 5 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, at the Village Bar, 35234 W. Michigan Ave., Wayne.

— By LeAnne Rogers



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More than 250 trucks were in the procession honoring Freddie Scroggs.



MIKE LECK

The procession ended at Uht Funeral Home, where two trucks flew a large American flag.



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Kekael Jones, of Troy's Towing, attaches a memorial armband on Dewey Santoro, of Nick's Towing.

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AUSTIN, CHARLES "BRAD"

Age 58, of Livonia, died 10/22/2015. Share condolences at casterlinefuneralhome.com

BLASCHAK, VERONICA

Born in Toronto, Ohio Veronica becomes a child of God October 2, 1927 to October 8, 2015 and from now to eternity. She is the last of her family returning to God's loving embrace...they are all together, again. Veronica earned her PhD in philosophy (education) at University of Michigan becoming a teacher of teachers of young children. The joys of her life: her many friends, her many students, travel, and gatherings with friends. Donations can be made to your favorite charity with a Moment of Memories (M.O.M.) for a dear friend/aunt.



BROWNE, SELENA R.

Age 52, passed away at Kairos Dwelling on Tuesday, October 20, 2015, surrounded by her family. She was born in Wayne, MI, on September 20, 1963, the daughter of Gary Hortemiller and Nolene Geyer. Selena was gentle, kind and loving. She had a giving heart that made her a joy to be around, and made it a mission in her life to improve the world around her through environmental restoration. She loved being outdoors and connected with nature. She enjoyed wildflowers, birdhouses and bird watching, taking long hikes and being around water. She was a hard worker who was employed as a beloved naturalist and educator at Maybury State Park. Selena also volunteered her time working with the Rouge River Rescue Project. When not working, she enjoyed writing, dancing and ice skating. Above all, she loved being a mother and leaves behind many special memories and the legacy of a life well lived. Selena will be missed by all who knew her. She leaves to cherish her memory her only son, Emmet Browne; father, Gary B. Hortemiller; siblings, Brian (Darlene) Hortemiller and Ronda Rutkowski; two nieces and a nephew; many special friends. She was preceded in passing by her grandparents, Bud (Rose) Hortemiller. In accordance with her wishes, cremation will take place and a celebration of her life will be held at Joldersma & Klein Funeral Home on Saturday, Nov. 14, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. with visitation taking place one hour prior to the service. Memorial contributions may be given to Kairos Dwelling, c/o of the funeral home. Family and friends may share a condolence message online at: www.joldersma-klein.com

COPELAND JAMES ROBERT

Age 93, passed away October 21, 2015. He was born on November 30, 1921 in Marting, West Virginia to James A. and Jane (Adamson) Copeland. He served in the United States Army as a Staff Sergeant, Company B, 5th Ranger Infantry Battalion during WWII. He was awarded the Purple Heart, E.A.M.E. Campaign Medal, Bronze Star, Combat Infantryman Badge and a Unit Citation. He was a lifetime member of the Disabled American Veterans and a member of VFW Post #2502. He moved to the South Lyon area in 1953. James was the loving father of Vickie Ellen (Christopher) Fiedrich, Barbara Ann Copeland-Anderson and James Anthony Copeland. His sister, seven grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren also survive him. Visitation was held on Tuesday and Wednesday, with a funeral service being held on Thursday, October 29 at 11:30AM at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. He will be laid to rest in Great Lakes National Cemetery where he will receive military honors. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Michigan Woodcarvers Association (Lean On Me), 2033 Jonathan Drive, Sterling Heights, MI 48310. www.phillipsfuneral.com



CRANE, DANIEL F.

Age 63, of Detroit, passed away October 20, 2015. Full Obituary at Casterlinefuneralhome.com

DUGGAN, REVEREND ROBERT

February 2, 1935 - October 4, 2015
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DUNN, THOMAS M.

Age 81, passed away October 19, 2015. He was born on March 9, 1934 in Paducah, Kentucky, son of the late Tom & Essie Dunn. He was a longtime member of the New Hudson United Methodist Church. Tom was known for his great sense of humor, his honesty and his generosity. He will always be remembered as a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Tom is survived by his beloved wife of 60 years, Edith; his loving children: Michael (Patricia), Jim (Cindy), Ken, and Cathy (Jeff) Mitchinson; his grandchildren: James, Sean, Clayton, Adoree, Tom, Jeremy, Leland, Shelby, and Olivia. He is also survived by his great-grandchildren: Vandal, Vera, and Noelle. Visitation was held on Friday, October 23 at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME in South Lyon. A funeral service was held on Saturday, October 24 at New Hudson United Methodist Church. Memorial contributions may be made to New Hudson United Methodist Church. www.phillipsfuneral.com

EPHRAIM, DARLENE

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September 1, 1935 - October 17, 2015
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April 1, 1938 - October 24, 2015. L. J. Griffin Funeral Home - Northrop Sassauman Chapel.

KLINE, HAZEL RUTZ

93 of Sanford, NC passed away Friday October 23, 2015. A Memorial service will be held 10:30 a.m. Saturday, October 31, 2015 at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Sanford. Hazel was born to Henry and Louisa Rutz June 25th, 1922 in Rome, New York, and attended the Rome Free Academy High School. She was a loving wife and mother, Cub Scout Den Mother, avid bridge player and golfer (and yes, she did have a hole-in-one), and later in life a successful Realtor. She was preceded in death by her loving husband Ben. Mrs. Kline is survived by her three sons, Roger (wife Nancy, Grosse Pointe Park, MI), Chris (wife Sue, Jamestown, NC), and Kurt (wife Ninette, Ben Lomond, CA), and will be greatly missed by all.

PHILLIPS, PHILIP A.

October 24, 2015, Age 72 of Northville. Care & services by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Northrop-Sassauman Chapel.

TORRANCE, DAVID EUGENE

80, of South Lyon, Michigan, passed away on October 23, 2015. Funeral services were held at St. Joseph Church in South Lyon, Michigan. Dave was born in Flint, Michigan on December 5, 1934. He graduated from Milford High School and continued on to receive a Bachelors and Masters Degree from the University of Michigan. Dave is a Military Veteran having served in the Army for four years and was stationed in Korea. Dave was married to Helen (Keiser) Torrance on June 29, 1957; they were married 58 years. Dave worked as a Teacher and Coach for Milford High School for 36 years. He enjoyed family, vacationing and golf. Dave is survived by his wife Helen Torrance; his children Mike Torrance, Nancy (Torrance) Walsh and Carol (Torrance) Mehler; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Dave is preceded in death by his mother, father, and sister. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to the Alzheimer's Foundation at: <https://act.alz.org/site/Donation2>; or by phone, 1.800.272.3900; or by mail, send a check to: Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 96011 Washington, DC 20090-6011. www.phillipsfuneral.com



WOOD, SHARON M.

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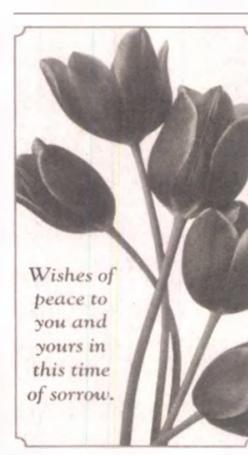


WILLIAMS-LANNING MARGARET ANN

Margaret Ann Williams-Lanning passed away at her South Lyon home on October 21, 2015. She was the mother of seven children: Margaret (Marvin) Van Gorden and George (Nancy,) of South Lyon, Judy (Kenny,) Sweat of Belleville, Michael (Dawn,) of Howell, Chris (JoAnn,) and Becky (John) Hall, of South Lyon and Shawn (Suzette) of Boston, MA. She was blessed with nearly 50 grandchildren and great grandchildren, as well as three great-great-grandchildren and four step-children from her second marriage. She was born to Irene Mary (Cummins) and Samuel Henry St. Pierre in St. Clair Shores, where she was raised along with six siblings: Ray, Mary, Jim, Bob, Frank and Bill and on Jefferson Ave, before their house was moved to Nelson, off 10 Mile and Jefferson. Her grandfather John St. Pierre worked at Jefferson Beach, where she spent her younger years. She graduated from St. Gertrude's Catholic School in early June, 1949, then married George Everett Williams on the 28th of that month. They moved to South Lyon, where they raised their family. As her children grew, Margaret took several retail jobs at Kmart, Dandy Drugs, and Cunningham's Drug Store. She also worked at Collum's Mini Market in Green Oak, as well Driver's Berry Farm. Margaret, (or Peg, as she was known to her friends back then,) was a South Lyon Girl Scout leader, member of the Cold Country Wolverines CB club, and bowled on the Thursday Night Ladies league at Woodside Lanes. She enjoyed playing bingo and going to garage sales. She was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary at the Northville VFW Post 4012 for many years. She later became a Trustee at the Green Oak Historical Society. She was preceded in death by her husband of nearly 50 years, George Everett Williams, as well as her second husband of 11 years, Louis Lanning. She will be fondly remembered by all of her grandchildren as "Sam."

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Things get spooky at Yankee Air Museum

Just when you thought it was safe to go back to an aviation museum, officials from the Yankee Air Museum have issued this reminder: "Witches, ghosts, some monkeys and even the occasional pig, can and do fly, sometimes seeking a day of fame at museums on Halloween."

Officials explained the advisory comes as preparations are made for the inaugural Yankee Air Museum Halloween Spooktacular, which is set for 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 31. Admission is free.

"We felt it wise to issue the alert, especially after air traffic control recently reported mysterious blips on radar that couldn't be tracked," said Kevin Walsh, executive director of the Yankee Air Museum. "I personally don't believe any of this, but our curator and historian says witches, ghosts and assorted flying monsters are known to make reconnaissance flights."

Walsh said the reports first surfaced at a Museum Operations Meeting at which department heads began planning the huge Halloween Spooktacular party. Since then, Walsh personally has been conducting routine patrols, sweeping the museum's exhibit gallery and seeing nothing unusual. He said the personal, heightened security has been reassuring to the party planners.

"Our Spooktacular party will be a blast for kids," said Rachel Krumwiede, museum education director. "We have science experiments and cool educational activities designed for families with children ages 15 and under. With a costume parade, games, prizes and Halloween treats, it's family fun for everyone."

Krumwiede, who provides needed intellectual horsepower to the effort, is not fazed by reports of the sightings, saying science, technology, engineering and math can explain everything. Krumwiede and the Yankee Air Museum are always exciting and inspiring kids with aviation-based programs.

"This exhibit hall is my domain," said Julie Osborne, museum curator. "Does anyone really think I won't notice when things move around here without explanation?"

The normally mild-mannered Osborne has spent years researching



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Executive director Kevin Walsh has been checking the exhibition area of the Yankee Air Museum after reports of haunted happenings.

all things that fly. She said there is plenty of literature supporting the museum's cautionary position.

"Halloween continues to exist because it's real," she added. "There's even a lot about it on the Internet."

Walsh said the Yankee Air Museum has unveiled a number of contemporary, hands-on displays this year, including "Fly Zone" and the "Five Simple Machines," all designed to take the mystery out of flight. More than 7,000 kids of all ages have visited the museum thus far in 2015.

He said the exhibits help expose kids to career paths in aviation, and that stimulates their motivation to learn about STEM subjects.

"I know that if we can fill Yankee Air Museum with kids who want to learn and have fun, our future will be safe," Walsh said.

The Yankee Air Museum is located on the grounds of historic Willow Run Airport, at 47884 D St., Belleville. For more information, call 734-483-4030 or go to www.yankeeamuseum.org.

Yankee Air Museum is a collection of aviation-themed exhibits on the major global conflicts of the 20th century. Many dynamic aircraft that shaped history are featured, as well as a local focus on the Willow Run B-24 Bomber Plant. The Yankee Air Museum is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization. For more information, go to www.yankeeamuseum.org.



Distinguished Young Women accepting applicants

The Distinguished Young Women of Michigan Scholarship Program is now accepting applications for the 58th annual scholarship program, which will be held Jan. 23 at Saline High School.

New this year, this scholarship program is open to high school junior and senior young women in the state of Michigan graduating by June 2016



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scholarships to young women who have distinguished themselves at school and in their com-

and 2017. Contestants must have a 3.0 GPA or higher.

The program awards college

munities. Contestants will be judged based on academic achievement, talent, self-expression, physical fitness and interview.

Last year, more than \$8,000.00 in cash scholarships were awarded at the state program. The winner will be awarded the title of Distinguished Young Woman of Michigan and will go on to the

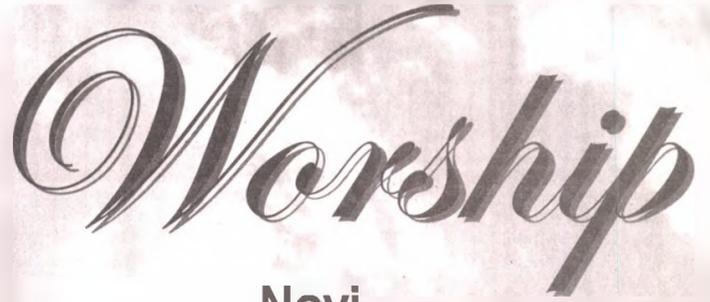
Distinguished Young Woman National Scholarship Program in Mobile, Ala., in June for additional college scholarship money. Local and state winners can also apply for more than \$820 million in College granted scholarships around the country.

The program is now accepting applications for this year's college

scholarship program. Michigan has local programs for high school junior and senior young women living in Jackson, Lenawee, Oakland and Washtenaw counties and the cities of Wayne, Westland, Plymouth, Canton and Inkster. Contestants living in these counties or cities with local program must participate at the local program first before going onto the state program. College scholarship money is available at the local level.

High school junior and senior young women graduating in 2016 and 2017 who do not live in an area with a local scholarship program can participate in the Michigan State Program as an at-large applicant. All students who are interested in finding out more information on the scholarship program can email Michigan@Distinguisheddyw.org, go to www.distinguisheddyw.org or contact state director Angela Bobo at 734-354-1827.

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Crash-test company opens new Novi office

Jessica McLean
Correspondent

Diversified Technical Systems, a company that supplies crash-test equipment to automotive and aerospace companies, the military and researchers, hosted a grand opening last week for its new Novi office.

The event was more than just a formal ribbon-cutting ceremony with city officials, but also a celebration of opening the company's North American Technical Center and its 25th anniversary in business.

"We had space here in Novi for many years, but we finally outgrew the space as our staff has grown and our business has grown here," said Mike Beckage, vice president and co-owner of DTS. "So this new technical center is designed basically to house more staff and provide the service to these customers that has really been growing over time."



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Diversified Technical Systems CEO Steve Pruitt (left) and vice president Mike Beckage take a look at a crash test dummy with its sensor systems in its Novi offices. DTS had its grand opening Oct. 21. DTS engineers sensors for the automotive assemblers of the world.

DTS, which moved its offices across Meadowbrook Road earlier this year, primarily supplies data recorders and sensors to automotive and aerospace companies, the military and researchers for crash, blast and human injury safety testing. Run by three engi-

neers, the company's biggest customer is General Motors, supplying products to its Milford Proving Ground and the Warren Technical Center.

It's biggest current project, however, is supplying blast test dummies, Warrior Injury Assessment Mannequins, to army facilities to pro-

tect soldiers in personnel carriers from IEDs or land mines.

"Anything that has to do with people and safety, DTS is usually the data acquisition system that's behind that," said Shelly Horvath, DTS marketing assistant. "I kind of explain it like we're the black box of

testing. Not like what's in your vehicle, but whatever's on the testing side before they go into production."

Local officials, including Novi Mayor Bob Gatt, Assistant City Manager Victor Cardenas and city Councilman Wayne Wrobel, led the ribbon-cutting ceremony to mark the company's growth, along with making some opening remarks and photo opportunities.

"It's a nice location for them. They were pretty happy with the build-out of it," Cardenas said. "They have a great layout to work with and they were able to modify the building for their tastes and their operations."

The event also featured daylong training sessions for employees, as well as local and international customers, taught by Beckage. About 70 to 80 people attended.

"It was nice to see the

turnout. ... I wasn't too involved today, but Mike Beckage, he's a natural teacher," said Steve Moss, DTS Michigan manager. "He comes across and people pick up on it. He's there to share knowledge. He enjoys it and I think they enjoy that, too."

Because the new location is primarily due to DTS' current resurgence of business and reinvestment, Beckage estimates it will need "a few more good people" in the future. Consequently, DTS is currently hiring a sales engineer and an electronics technician to assist with the workload at its new facility.

"We're very happy to be here and expanding and growing," Moss said.

DTS' new North American Technical Center is located at 25881 Meadowbrook Road in Novi.

Learn more about the company at www.dtsweb.com.

Snyder discusses skilled trades jobs with SEMCOG

David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Gov. Rick Snyder believes the current number of accurate job openings at the state's talent search website is higher than it actually is.

"We actually have 108,000 open jobs on that site today," he said. "There are a lot of awesome jobs in that 108,000. A lot of technical jobs, a lot of skilled trade jobs, a lot of STEM jobs."

"We have to get better information on what the real number is."

Snyder was at Schoolcraft College in Livonia on Thursday to speak to the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments

General Assembly, where he discussed connecting education and training with jobs that are in demand across Michigan.

He touched on the importance of educating young people, especially on the importance of getting them involved in things like FIRST Robotics, which he said has grown exponentially in Michigan. He also talked about the work two-year colleges are doing to prepare students, including the welding and culinary arts programs at Schoolcraft College, which he toured prior to his address.

"These are wonderful programs that are exact-

ly what I'm talking about," he said. "We need more of those and we need to enhance the programs across the state."

Snyder said the unemployment rate has slowly shrunk over the last few years, dropping last month to below the national average for the first time in 15 years. That's an accomplishment, he said, that can be credited not only to employers statewide, but to the leadership happening around metro Detroit.

"We've done this together, with southeast Michigan being a driver," he said. "About 400,000 private-sector jobs have been created. We should be proud of that."



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Gov. Rick Snyder stopped by the SEMCOG meeting to say a few words and answer questions.

Snyder pushed continuing collaborations between private-sector employees and community colleges such as Schoolcraft, something that can make it easier for students to figure out what credits are needed and what skills are required to land good jobs in areas such as the skilled trades.

"How do we make it so it's much more seamless and easy to use?" he said. "Let's work on making it more seamless within that context."

Robert Leadley, dean of occupational programs and economic development for Schoolcraft College, said during a panel discussion after Snyder's address the

college has expanded its reach to attract more young people to fields like advanced manufacturing and other skilled trades, though he said there has been a challenge in regards to perception of that kind of work.

He referenced Manufacturing Day in Livonia, which took place earlier this month, when several hundred Emerson Middle School students took tours of facilities across the city, as well as the lab at Schoolcraft College. That day helped show the changes being made in the field.

"These are not your grandfather's manufacturing jobs," he said. "We're working with schools and we're working with communities to get across that these are different jobs."

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A BROWNFIELD PLAN AMENDMENT FOR THE FORMER NORTHVILLE STATE PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF SEVEN MILE AND HAGGERTY ROAD, TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Trustees of the Township of Northville will hold a public hearing on Thursday, November 19, 2015, at 7:00 P.M. at the Northville Township Hall located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168 to consider the adoption of a resolution approving a Second Brownfield Plan Amendment (the "Amendment") for the property located at the intersection of Seven Mile and Haggerty Road formerly known as the Northville State Psychiatric Hospital (the "Property"), pursuant to and in accordance with Public Act 381 of 1996, as amended.

A copy of the Amendment is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Office of the Township Clerk, Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168.

All aspects of the Amendment are open for discussion at the public hearing. All interested persons desiring to address the Board of Trustees shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard in regard to the consideration of the Amendment.

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Wok Asian Bistro serves up organic stir fry

Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

Greg Richards is all about fresh, healthy and tasty food. That's why he opened Wok Asian Bistro in downtown Northville in June.

The eatery's focus is on stir fry or, as Richards likes to call it, Stir Fry 2.0. The restaurant, at 144 Mary Alexander Court, is off to a good start. But he's trying to get folks to realize his is a new restaurant that's not associated with a former eatery that once occupied the space.

"We are excited to be in the community. It's just getting the word out," Richards said.

Wok Asian Bistro belongs to Richards and his parents, Deb and Rob, and was created after his years in the food industry. "It's a totally new business; a new concept," he said.

The concept is pure stir fry, but not the kind you can whip up with prepackaged food at home. This, Richards



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Greg Richards, owner of Northville's Wok Asian Bistro on Mary Alexander Court, had the idea for the unique lighting using re-purposed Ikea floor lights and turned the units horizontal to fill the restaurant with soft lighting.

said, is the real deal. "It is a new stir fry experience with fresh, healthy, organic ingredients," he said. "We locally source much of the organic products as we can." The main ingredients — Angus beef, chicken

and shrimp — are organic and the meals are flavored without MSG. "We use sauces from Asia so they are the authentic flavor," Richards said. Guests can choose from a full menu or create their own meal. "Ev-

erything is cooked in individual woks — which people can watch — to prevent any contamination of foods for which some people might be allergic," he said. Using separate, clean woks for each meal also allows strict vegetarians — or those with food allergies — are safe.

Quality is Richards' rule for the meals he prepares and for his staff of 20. "Food is fuel, not just food to be eaten," he said.

The idea behind the new restaurant is based on lots of research and studying Asian-inspired concepts. "I feel there is a group of people who want to create their own meals," Richards said. "I am working to reach that audience who is seeking fresh and healthy."

In fact, he encourages guests to order a style of stir fry because his is not a packaged menu: "This style does not exist anywhere else."

Allowing guests to literally tell him the stir fry they want, Richards

offers more than 50 fresh and organic ingredients. Diners can choose their meat, rice or noodles — and, of course, the sauces. In fact, he encourages guests to sample all the sauces to find their favorite.

Rice dishes offered include sweet-and-spicy, sesame honey, saigon, bulgogi, sweet-and-sour, Mongolian and teriyaki.

Wok Asian Bistro also has a Class C license for alcoholic beverages and Richards is building a bar in the eatery. His lineup includes One Hope award-winning wine — of which 50 percent of proceeds is donated to charity — as well as domestic beer and Asian-imported Ashai, Sapporo, Tsingtao, Kirin and Kirin Light.

Desserts include Red Bean Sesame Ball or fire apples, sweet chopped sticks or berry flambe.

To expand his audience, Richards has prepared his stir fry at local events, including chamber of commerce meetings and for the Northville football team and

Oak Pointe Church in Novi. He has also been chef of the day twice at the Northville Farmers Market.

Richards also hosts cooking classes each Monday in the restaurant. "You just have to call or go to the website and let me know you are coming," he said.

His acumen comes from years of working in the industry, beginning when he was 16 and serving hot dogs at an A&W. "I have worked progressively through the food industry and was in the higher-up level at Mongolian restaurants," he said.

The restaurant seats 70 inside and 40 on an outdoor patio facing Mary Alexander Court. "I am excited during the summer concerts," he said. "We get a lot of traffic then. But during the rest of the week, no one really looks back here."

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MILL RACE MATTERS

Mill Race Historical Village is at 215 Griswold Ave., north of Main Street near Ford Field. Grounds open daily dawn until dusk. Mill Race relies on rentals and memberships to maintain the Village. Consider becoming a member or making a donation today; visit www.millracenorthville.org for details.

Upcoming events
» **Grounds Closed for Wedding:** 1:15-3:15 p.m. Oct. 31.

» **Christmas Children's Workshop:** Tickets are on sale Friday, Nov. 6, and are available at 6 p.m. for Historical Society members and 6:30 p.m. for non-members at 218 W. Dunlap St., Northville. Workshop will be 10 a.m. to noon or 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5. Memberships available at ticket sale. Grades 1-6 only.

» **Christmas in the Village:** Noon to 4 p.m. Nov. 22. Welcome in the Christmas season at Mill Race Village. The Village will be decked out in greenery and the buildings will be decorated for the holiday season. Docents in each building. Caroling, music and a visit from Father Christmas. JM Mead Store open for business. No admission cost, but consider becoming a member of the Northville Historical Society.

» **Christmas in the Village:** noon to 4 p.m. Nov. 22.

Backyard critters



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Kalamazoo Nature Center instructor Lauren Knollenberg displays a milk snake to some curious kids during a visit to the Northville District Library. Knollenberg showed youngsters and their parents the variety of animals that can be found in their backyards, including salamanders, rabbits, owls and, of course, snakes.

Dancing with the Survivors



JULIE YOLLES
Kerry Wysocki of Bloomfield Hills, Pat and Fran Parsons of Novi and Jo Manley of West Bloomfield attended the Pink Fund's Dancing with the Survivors event Oct. 1, which raised nearly \$100,000. Fundraising continues on Crowdrise/dancingwiththesurvivors through October. Fran Parsons was a co-chair for the Detroit Free Press Marathon's Pink Fund team, which included a relay race and 53 other runners who ran at their own pace.

NORTHVILLE LIBRARY LINES

The Northville District Library at 212 W. Cady St. is open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday. Call 248-349-3020 or visit www.northvillelibrary.org for more information.

Managing Photos With Dropbox

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 4.

Details: Get tips on how to use this online storage service, a home for all your photos, documents, videos and files. Access anything you add to Dropbox from any computer or mobile device. Registration required.

Drop-In Morning Storytime

Time/Date: 10:15-10:45 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 5.

Details: Join Miss Laura for stories, music and more in this fun storytime for toddlers and preschoolers with a caregiver. Develop your child's literacy skills,

and nurture a love of books and the library. Bring your library card and select great materials to take home.

The Sinking of the Edmund Fitzgerald

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 10.

Details: Photographer/historian Lori Feret presents on the anniversary of the loss of this ship and crew in stormy Lake Superior in 1975. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Registration required.

Allocating your 401(k)

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 16.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREAT HOURS

The Charter Township of Northville is hereby giving notice that Halloween "Trick or Treat Hours" will be held on

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Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk

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Novi fire captain graduates from Eastern Michigan command school

The Novi Public Safety Administration announced the recent graduation of Fire Capt. Todd D. Seog from the School of Fire Staff and Command at Eastern Michigan University.

The class wrapped up Oct. 23. Seog was among 42 students in the class, a 10-month program in its 17th session.

According to a release from the city of Novi, fire department leadership anticipates a variety of benefits from Seog's attendance at this program.

"This is a significant personal milestone for Todd and a major step in his professional growth and development as a public safety executive," Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police David E. Molloy stated in a release. "Todd's sustained leadership in our

comprehensive training program will be taken to new heights as a result of the experiences and knowledge he has gained over the past 10 months. As Todd continues forward, I have every confidence he will capitalize on this opportunity and will continue his educational track."

Eastern Michigan University's School of Fire Staff and Command is designed to prepare the professional fire officer to effectively manage his fire agency. This management-oriented program consists of 350 hours of competency-based education spread over 10 months.



Seog

The program takes the fire officer beyond traditional operation methods and exposes them to conceptual thinking and problem solving. The knowledge, skills and abilities learned assist students in problem analysis, management situations, project management, grant funding projects, managing fiscal budgets and managing personnel matters.

The School of Fire Staff and Command education/training program targets those fire officers destined for senior leadership within their departments. With technology advancing at such a rapid rate, senior fire officers must be prepared with the knowledge, skills and abilities afforded private industry, which are sometimes ignored in public service.

Farmington Hills officials not inclined to dissolve SWOCC

Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Officials in Farmington and Farmington Hills may soon be looking for new partners in the Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission.

The consortium, which includes Farmington, Farmington Hills and Novi, was formed in 1982 to negotiate cable franchise agreements and to help the three communities formulate and manage their public access television programming.

But Novi officials are trying to talk the other partners into dissolving the group altogether. Barring that, Novi is ready to walk away on its own.

Farmington Hills Mayor Barry Brickner said at last week's study session he added the discussion to the agenda,

but that he's not inclined to dissolve SWOCC.

"I'm not inclined to dissolve SWOCC just because Novi wants to dissolve it," said Brickner, who sits on the SWOCC board. "We still get benefit from that. I'm in favor of public access. It's the keystone of local cable."

It's not a decision that has to be made quickly. If Novi intends to walk away, the agreement states city officials must notify the other partners in writing by Dec. 31. It would then leave the consortium June 30.

Novi officials have already passed a resolution that would have city administration talking to the other partners about dissolving SWOCC. Mayor Pro Tem Dave Staudt said the city will likely pursue a similar agreement with the Novi Community School District.

He said it's simply a matter of finding a partnership that makes more sense for Novi.

"The franchise agreement came up and gave us an opportunity to reassess our options," Staudt said. "Based on the capital investment SWOCC needs, we felt we wanted to create a partnership with our schools that makes more long-term sense."

SWOCC is located on Nine Mile in Farmington. According to Acting City Manager Dave Boyer, the equipment SWOCC uses is outdated and carries some \$400,000 in debt.

What happens to Novi's portion of SWOCC assets is one remaining question. Hills Councilman Richard Lerner said if SWOCC were to dissolve, its assets would be pooled and divided among the three partners.

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Novi sergeant graduates from command school

The Novi Police Department has another officer on staff ready to take a bigger leadership position with the force if needed.

Sgt. Kevin Gilmore is among 49 law enforcement professionals in the state who graduated Oct. 16 from the 31st class of the School of Police Staff and Command.

The program at Eastern Michigan University runs nine months. Those taking the class represented 30 communities. Gilmore also served as class chaplain.

"The SPSC program was a great opportunity for me to enhance my leadership and problem solving skills," Gilmore stated in a release. "I look forward to bringing new information back to the Novi Police Department

and sharing it throughout the organization."

The School of Police Staff and Command provides upper-level academic instruction in a total of five core, or mandatory, blocks of instruction and utilizes more than 30 additional optional blocks of instruction during each session. Major topics of study include leadership development, planning and decision making, human resource management, administration of the police agency, and critical incidents and Homeland Security.

The program has graduated more than 2,000 students since its cre-



Gilmore

ation in 1985.

"I am extremely proud of Sgt. Gilmore's professional and leadership accomplishments," Novi Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police David E. Molloy stated. "The Staff and Command program provides students with the education and training needed to strengthen their capabilities with the Novi Police Department, while also enhancing resources to the citizens of Novi."

Gilmore began his career with the Novi Police Department in 2000 after leaving the Wayne County Sheriff Department where he was a deputy for five years.

For more information about the Novi Police Department, go to cityof-novi.org.




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John F. Kennedy photos featured at Novi library

A photographic retrospective of former President John F. Kennedy, taken by the late *Detroit Free Press* chief photographer and Pulitzer Prize winner Tony Spina, will be on display at the Novi Public Library through Dec. 5.

The exhibit, "He Was the President: John F. Kennedy 1960-61," was unveiled Friday at a Friends of the Novi Library invitation-only gala. Library Director Julie Farkas said she is proud to have these 50 photographs on display, which gives the community a chance to take a look back at the history and events that have forever shaped the country.

The collection of images by Spina, who died in 1995 at the age of 80, captures the excitement, tension and promise of JFK's candidacy and presidency from the early days of the primary campaign, the 1960 Democratic National Convention and the 1961 inauguration. Many of the photographs were taken in downtown Detroit and several other Michigan locations. Spina noted in 1964 that out of the thou-



TONY SPINA

John F. Kennedy addresses a huge crowd.

sands of photographs he took during that period, "these are the most meaningful to me and I hope they will prove as meaningful for other Americans who lived through it all, either at close range or as distant viewers."

To gain more insight about this exhibit, stop by the library 3-4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 25, for the program "He Was the President: John F. Kennedy 1960-61" to hear native Detroit and photographer Jim Aho introduce this captivating exhibit and share the story behind Spina.

Farkas said she extends a big thank you to

the businesses for sponsoring the Friends of the Novi Library Gala and this exhibit: The Taubman Co.-Twelve Oaks Mall, O'Brien-Sullivan Funeral Home, Simon Property Group-Novu Town Center, Town & Country Eyecare and Life Time Fitness.

The Novi Library hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday. The library is located at 45255 W. 10 Mile Road. For more information on this exhibit or the Novi Library, go to novi-library.org or call 248-349-0720.

Opera at the library



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Maria Cimarelli and Mark Vondrak of the Michigan Opera Theatre entertain a gathering Oct. 1 at the Novi Public Library. Part of a series of occasional concerts given at the library, the group presented standards from Irving Berlin and some opera thrown in for good measure. The next concert will be at 11 a.m. Dec. 3 featuring the Silver Strings Dulcimer Society.

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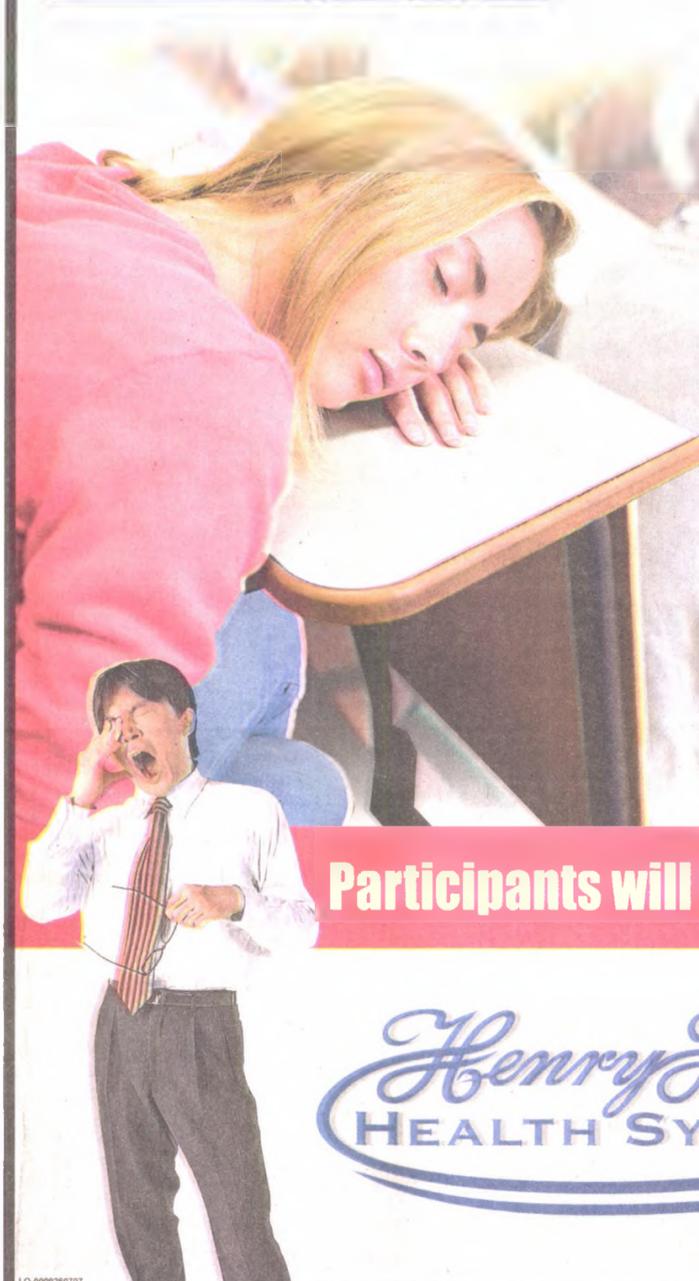
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Fun Run



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Parkview Elementary School teacher Michele Ferguson joins her students in a warm-up series of jumping jacks Oct. 7 before the school's Fun Run. The event gave students and staff a chance to get outside on a great day for some running and walking and to raise funds through pledges for the activity to benefit the school and its PTO programs.

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As students and teachers run all around her and power down the field, Parkview Elementary School Principal Jennifer Michos (right) carries a green flag around Meadows Stadium during the school's Fun Run.

New Indian Ambassador Kumar visits Michigan

Jaydeep Deolekar
Correspondent

"It is a natural alliance between India and the United States of America because of the common values shared by both as well as multiculturalism and pluralism which helps building warm relations."

These were the words of His Excellency Arun Kumar Singh, the newly-appointed Indian ambassador to the U.S., addressing the Indo-American community on Oct. 16 in Livonia. Kumar was speaking at the reception organized by the Indian community in Michigan. The reception marked the grand finale in the series of events held in his honor during his four-day visit to Michigan. He was accompanied by Dr. Ausaf Sayeed, consul general of the Indian Consulate in Chicago.

During his speech, Kumar referred to the rise in relationship between India and U.S. after reciprocal visits by Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and U.S. President Barack Obama. He further added that there is also tremendous convergence in political and security interests of both the nations due to common challenges such as terrorism, maritime and cyber security. He pointed out the rise in defense-related purchases (around \$13 billion over the last four years) by India from the U.S. and



SUNIL SONAWANE

Ramesh Verma presents a plaque to Indian Ambassador His Excellency Arun Kumar Singh.

co-development on pathfinder projects such as aircraft carrier and jet engine technologies as indicators of the improved relations and growing confidence between the two.

To take it further by expanding the economic dimension of the partnership, trade between the two countries needs to increase from \$120 billion to \$500 billion a year as declared by the leaders of the two countries, he added. Modi visited the west coast in September to look for business partnerships.

The purpose of the Indian prime minister's visit to the U.S. west coast last September was to look for partnerships in innovation, entrepreneurship, start-ups and digital technology where Indian companies and

tech entrepreneurs are an integral part of the ecosystem, Kumar said. He also pointed out development in other areas such as space technology referring to the Indian successful Mars Orbiter Mission, also known as Mangalyaan, that was launched one week before the U.S. Mars Mission and at one-tenth of the cost.

He said that the companies are interested in India not only because of growing market, but also because doing research and development in India helps them remain globally competitive. The people of Indian origin in U.S. have a role to play to build further economic linkages as they have understanding of both sides he mentioned. Referring to the increase in investments by automakers GM and Ford in India, he said people of Indian origin who are involved should make it a win-win situation by seeing to it that both sides benefit by their contribution. As a concluding remark, he mentioned that Indian origin community in U.S. has to play a special role of spreading better understanding of each other and deepening of economic partnership between two countries, in the course of which Indian Embassy, consulates and government of India are with them to facilitate the process in any way they can.

During the question-and-answer session that followed, Kumar was asked how the business community of Indian origin can help to strengthen the relationship between the two countries from an economic standpoint. He gave information about "Make in India" program initiated by the Indian government, details of which can be found on www.makeinindia.com. He also gave information about the organization "Invest India" - website www.investindia.gov.in. Invest India is the vehicle to guide investments into the country.

The reception began with the national anthems of both countries, sung by Jasmine Jose. Anu Gopalkrishnan emceed the program. Ramesh Verma, a distinguished leader of the Michigan Indian community in Novi, who was instrumental for the ambassador's visit to Michigan, introduced Kumar by giving a synopsis of his career and his achievements in Indian Foreign Service. He then honored the ambassador by presenting a plaque. Sayeed was introduced and honored by Shama Kenkre, an entrepreneur and a community leader.

Eminent Michigan entrepreneur of Indian origin Avinash Rachmale welcomed special guests U.S. Rep. Dan Kildee, state Sen. Mike Kowall, state Rep. Sam Singh and state House Minority Leader Tim Greimel. The banquet dinner was catered by Royal Indian Cuisine in Troy. Vote of thanks was offered by Mr. Arun Agarwal, a noted leader of Michigan Indian community. The reception was a sold out event attended by 250 people.

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OUR VIEW

Help keep Halloween scares focused on costumes, decorations

For adults, shorter days, cooler weather and falling leaves announce the arrival of fall. For kids, it means the arrival of their favorite part of the season — Halloween! Whether your child is a favorite character from *Star Wars*, princess, zombie or vampire, the chance to go door to door and get free sugary snacks is an opportunity like no other.

In their frenzied state, caution may fly out the window. It's up to parents to remember to keep watch and make sure nothing goes awry, even as the evening wears on and you're getting to the end of your accompanying adult beverage as you stroll the neighborhood.

Whether you're new to the trick or treat world or an old pro, we can't stress enough the importance of quick safety reminders to make sure this Saturday is enjoyable for all.

If you have children heading out for treats, check to make sure that the store-bought costume is flame-resistant. It should be labeled. Although this does not mean these items won't catch fire, it does mean the items will resist burning and the flames should extinguish quickly once the garment is removed from the heat source.

And before heading out, check the fit of the costume itself. Falls are the leading cause of Halloween injuries, so costumes should not drag on the ground, posing a tripping hazard.

Costumes should also be outfitted with reflective tape to make the child easier to see after dark. If your child's costume doesn't have the reflective striping, get a roll of reflective tape at the hardware store and get creative. Any accessories that are to be carried, such as swords or knives, should be flexible to avoid injury from trips or inadvertent swings.

If you are planning to use makeup, it should be non-toxic and hypoallergenic. Makeup on the face provides better visibility than a mask so is a safer choice, but if a mask is worn, be sure it provides good sight, which may mean you have to enlarge the eye holes.

An adult should accompany young trick or treaters Halloween night. For older children going out without parental supervision, the following tips should be followed:

- » Get the names and phone numbers of other kids in the group and the route the group will be taking.
- » Consider if your child should carry a cell phone, so he or she can reach you, if needed.
- » Establish a time for the kids to return home and ensure someone in the group has a watch.
- » Make sure there are several flashlights in the group.
- » Remind the kids to walk — don't run — on sidewalks and never dart out in the street or cross from between parked cars.
- » Only homes with an outside light on should be visited, and homes should never be entered for any reason.
- » Children should eat before going out and be reminded not to eat any candy until it's been inspected by an adult. Treats that appear to have been opened or tampered with should not be eaten.

If you will be driving, watch for children who may pop out between parked cars. Driveways should be entered and exited with caution, as children are often excited and not paying attention.

If you will be passing out treats this year, clean up your front yard during daylight hours. Daylight often reveals hazards, such as hoses or tree branches, which can trip or injure children. Turn on your porch light so the walkway is illuminated. Candles should be avoided, but if you choose to use them, keep them well away from where trick or treaters will be walking.

Give out pre-packaged treats only. If you don't want to give out candy, items such as coins, small packages of raisins or individual servings of microwave popcorn go over well.

Hopefully, this gives you and your family a good starting point for having an injury-free Halloween.



FILE PHOTO

Just a few simple safety tips makes can make the difference in a fun or frightening Halloween.

LETTERS

Supports Sarpolis

As a longtime Novi resident, I enjoy what this community has to offer. Great public services especially the library, excellent parks, and a sense of community that combines a small town with the amenities of a larger city. That's why I'm proud to support Andrew Sarpolis this year for city council. Andrew is a compassionate individual and a true community leader who is standing up for the people of this city.

Having read Andrew's interview in the *Novi News* a few weeks ago, I was impressed with his responses. I particularly liked his call for more transparency in our government. Over the past year, the city of Novi has made big decisions without engaging in a complete dialogue with its citizens.

We need leadership that will respect the citizens. We elect our leaders to serve our interests. It seems, however, that sometimes people are not properly consulted before choices are made about things like garbage collection. If Andrew is elected, I know he will help ensure an open dialogue with everybody. He is a kind, compassionate, and fair individual that puts service to others above himself. If he gets elected, I know he will bring that spirit to our city government. I urge everybody to vote for him in this year's election.

Sincerely,

Carmela Langley
Novi

Research campaign contributions

While perusing candidate financial reports is not my idea of fun on a beautiful Sunday afternoon, they are educational.

You might be forced to ask yourself who our current mayor

and council members truly represent? Some candidates have received many large contributions from developers, trash haulers etc. who regularly have business that comes before city council. Other candidates have received their campaign funds from small citizen donations.

It must be difficult to be objective when making decisions directly impacting the city. Are these candidates representing the people of Novi or the organizations who make large campaign contributions? You can check it out at oakgov.com.

Karen B. Zyczynski
Novi

Concealed carriers save lives

Openly carrying vs. concealed carrying of firearms in schools and college campuses is the subject of intense debate. But much of the debate is emotional and unsupported by facts. Here are 10 reasons to support concealed campus carry for those who have a concealed pistol license.

1. Those with CPLs are among the most law-abiding people, even lower than law enforcement officers.
2. "No firearms" policies and signs do not deter criminals.
3. The typical spree shooter is deterred by the risk of armed resistance. Most mass shootings happen in designated "guns free" zones.
4. When seconds count, police are minutes away, giving murderers more than enough time to kill.
5. In 40 percent of active shooter situations, the situation is resolved by on-the-scene armed individuals before the police arrive.
6. People using personal firearms have saved 3 million lives a year.
7. All Michigan CPL holders

STAFF COLUMN

Looking back in thanks, looking ahead to some new adventures

I vividly recall the excitement I felt walking into my first newsroom. All that I had dreamed of filled the room — typewriters, lots of people in urgent conversations and lots of stuff.

Over these past decades, the technology has changed dramatically. Newsrooms have crossed over into the universe of social media, computer networks and remote work sites. These changes have enhanced journalists' ability to cover more news, more rapidly and to reach a wider audience than ever imagined when I first began my career as a journalist.

But the aspect I cherish the most remains the same. Journalists have a unique place in the community. We are the connectors and conveners of the many and diverse populations.

On any given day, we experience the wonders of how a community interacts, how people serve, how they help one another. We help our readers celebrate their victories and mourn their losses.

America is a country of storytellers. This is how we learn and grow and build trusting relation-



Sue Rosiek
STAFF WRITER

ships. In community journalism, we collaborate with local readers so they can tell the stories that are meaningful to them.

These stories are built on the foundation of accomplishments big and small. But we understand as community journalists that each story is equally important to the individuals involved.

Through the years, some of these stories have brought tears to my eyes, others made me laugh and still others made me proud that I was able to help the community resolve a problem, settle a controversy and move on to a better future.

I cherish most the relationships and friendships I have experienced over the years. So many kindnesses have been shown, so many confidences shared. I just can't think of another profession that would have offered such opportunities day after day, lasting for decades.

Today is my final column, as I

move on to the next chapter in my life. To say that I will miss my work and the relationships that surround that work is an understatement. I certainly will. And I certainly want to thank community members and co-workers who have made this such a rewarding career.

Fortunately, I learned an important lesson from my parents, who taught me the importance of letting go and moving on to the next life installment — no regrets. This transition reminds me of something actor Jeremy Irons said: "We all have our time machines. Some take us back. They are called memories. Some take us forward. They are called dreams."

I have fulfilled my dream of being a journalist and it is a pleasant memory. Now I move on to that next dream — yet to be fulfilled.

Sue Rosiek is publisher and executive editor of the *Observer & Eccentric*. She is leaving the O&E after more than 35 years in the media business. You can follow her on social media.

GUEST COLUMN

Bill would make state employees more accessible to the public

Have you ever felt very strongly about something a state agency or department is (or isn't) doing and want to reach out and make contact with that agency? You call the main number and find yourself in a dense forest of automated answering systems, punching button after button in search of a human being who could have the perfect answer to your question.

Or, worse yet, you get an actual human on the line, but it's not the correct artery of that agency. After four of five transfers — two of which result in voice mail messages — you simply give up in frustration.

I know, because I have been led down the wrong path by that surly state employee and caught in that tangle of phone trees and it isn't a pleasant hike. That's why I introduced



Jim Runestad
GUEST COLUMNIST

House Bill 4814. This measure would make that tortuous trek through the state's telephone system a relative walk in the park by requiring the various departments to post their organizational charts on a website, complete with names and direct telephone numbers so callers are not sent in dozens of misdirections in a search for an answer.

It is just common sense that citizens who are aggrieved or affected by a state department should be able to visit that department's website, view the organizational chart and easily find the correct number to call

for an answer and an end to their aggravation.

Michigan residents should not have to spend hours on the phone to get an answer from public servants who are there to assist them. Citizens deserve a government that is transparent and accountable and, by providing them with a road map of each state department, that goal will be reachable.

Getting answers from the state should not be rocket science. Isaac Newton said, "Truth is ever to be found in simplicity, and not in the multiplicity and confusion of things." I could not agree more. Let's keep it simple by cutting the confusion and giving people the most direct path to good solutions.

Jim Runestad is Republican state representative for the 44th District.

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Northville runs the table



MARTHA MICHALAK

Northville players celebrate after a 37-20 win Friday over Grand Blanc for their first 9-0 season since 1961.

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

If 1961 and Steve Juday ring a bell, it's because that was the last time Northville High School finished a varsity football season with a perfect 9-0 record.

It's been more than five decades since that last happened and this 2015 edition of the Mustangs joined select company Friday night as they took care of business with a 37-20 triumph over visiting Grand Blanc.

"We were definitely thinking about it all week," Northville's 6-foot-2, 315-pound two-way lineman Alex Angeles said. "It's just one more thing to motivate us. First time in 54 years ... it's crazy."

Northville posts first 9-0 season since 1961 with 37-20 win over Grand Blanc

Northville did it with a nearly flawless first half, building a 27-7 advantage with senior quarterback Justin Zimbo, this year's Juday (a former Michigan State starting QB), at the controls.

Northville jumped out to a 10-0 first quarter lead, getting a 27-yard field goal from sophomore Jake Moody along with an 11-yard TD run by Zimbo, who finished the night 10-of-14 passing for 115 yards, while adding 64 more yards rushing.

The Mustangs' defense didn't allow a first down until midway through the second quarter while sacking Grand Blanc quarterback Zach Leedom four times. The Bobcats had minus-29 yards rushing during the first half on 14 carries.

Moody booted a 47-yard field goal on the third play of the second quarter to make it 13-0 and Adam Ghabra's 21-yard run around end made it 20-0 with 8:39 left until intermission.

"We knew our counter was there

and we just kept on running it over and over again," Angeles said. "Zimbo was running the ball great. Adam Ghabra was running the ball great. (Zach) Prystash was running great and we just kept going back to it."

Grand Blanc (4-5), fighting for a postseason spot as a possible at-large, got on the board with 1:24 left in the half to cut the deficit to 20-7 on Leedom's 21-yard scoring pass to Chris Riley.

But Northville was able to score again just 47 seconds later in just six plays to go up 27-7 when Zimbo, the 5-11, 191-pound senior, went 4-of-4 in the air, capped by his 29-yard TD pass to sophomore Anthony Abbott.

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PREP FOOTBALL

Jackson scores five TDs, puts Novi in playoff field

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

The game plan Friday night was elementary and led to Novi to earning its first playoff appearance since 2008.

"Give it to (No.) 5 a bunch of times and let him go for 314 (yards) and five touchdowns, whatever it was," said a joking Novi third-year coach Jeff Burnside, whose team got a sterling performance from senior slot back Emanuel Jackson in a 43-21 victory at Howell.

Of Jackson's 314 all-purpose yards, the 6-foot, 175-pound senior had 128 yards rushing on 18 carries, while catching nine passes for 172 yards. He also had a punt return of 14 yards.

The Western Michigan University commit broke the game open in the final quarter as the Wildcats scored 20 unanswered points to build on their 23-21 advantage.

With 11:52 left in the fourth, Jackson



DEBORAH HEIL

Novi's Emanuel Jackson (left) looks for an opening with the help of teammate Traveon Maddox as he takes on Howell's Alex Bossio and Thomas Lassitter (right).

scored on 29-yard touchdown run and sealed the victory by hauling in a 77-

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BOYS SOCCER DISTRICT

CC's Gaskin comes to rescue in win

Shamrocks clear big hurdle in shootout victory over Northville

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Connor Gaskin proved Oct. 21 he's not your ordinary backup goalkeeper.

The 6-foot-4 senior from Novi Detroit Catholic Central came on for starter Peter Kirouac in a tense-filled shootout to make a key save and then converted a penalty kick himself as the Shamrocks advanced in the Division 1 district with a 2-1 semifinal win over top-ranked Northville in a match played at North Farmington.

"I had a feeling," said Gaskin, who watched the first 100 minutes, including a pair of 10-minute overtimes, on the bench. "We had been practicing all week and coach just kind of said, 'Hey, if you want it, you've got it,' because we had already done well in the Balconi (tournament) PK shootout and I played in that. Wanted to keep that going, I guess."

Northville nearly won it in the sec-



SCOTT CONFER

Northville's Alex Braesecker (left) tries to make the tackle on Catholic Central's Charles Trevisan.

ond 10-minute OT with a pair of golden chances, one coming off the back foot of Nick Toupin, along with another caroming off the crossbar on a shot ripped by Mario Plachta, both coming in the final minute.

"Nick (Toupin) decided to take that

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PREP VOLLEYBALL

Wildcats fend off Northville challenge

Novi captures KLA Association championship

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

History repeated itself Saturday as Novi did it again in the KLA Association Gold volleyball tournament.

The No. 1-ranked team in Division 1 and last year's MHSAA state runner-up, the Wildcats went 6-0 on the day to earn their sixth straight Association crown with a 21-25, 26-24, 15-8 victory in the final over Northville in the third meeting this season between the two rivals.

"I was very proud of the resilience we showed in the Northville match," Novi coach Jen Cottrill said. "We had a big target on our back and in turn a lot of pressure to perform. Northville played great and we

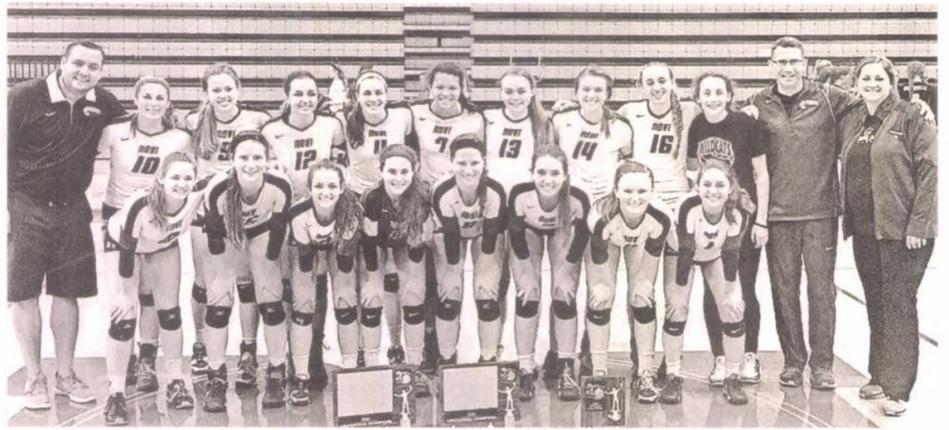
had to dig deep to find a way to win."

Novi, which improved to 43-2 overall, defeated White Lake Lakeland (25-19, 25-10), Brighton (25-14, 25-10) and Hartland (25-8, 25-10) in pool play before ousting Salem in the quarterfinals, 25-13, 25-11 and Walled Lake Central in the semifinals, 25-18, 25-15.

Senior Victoria Iacobelli was Novi's top attacker on the day with 62 kills to go along with 39 digs.

Junior Ally Cummings contributed 41 kills and 24 digs, while senior Paulina Iacobelli finished with 29 kills and 50 digs.

Not to be outdone was sophomore setter Erin O'Leary, who racked up 122 assist-to-kills, 20 kills and 32 digs.



Novi earned its sixth straight KLA Association Gold tournament title Saturday.

JEN COTTRILL

"To win six consecutive KLA Association championships in such a competitive league displays what an outstanding group of athletes, parents, coaches and administrators we have," Cottrill said.

Northville (36-11-2), the second seed, reached the final with a 25-20, 25-11 semifinal victory over Walled Lake Central, after eliminating Milford in the quarterfinals, 27-25,

25-11.

In pool play, Northville downed Hartland (25-16, 25-22), split with Canton (24-26, 25-17) and defeated Brighton (25-13-25-15).

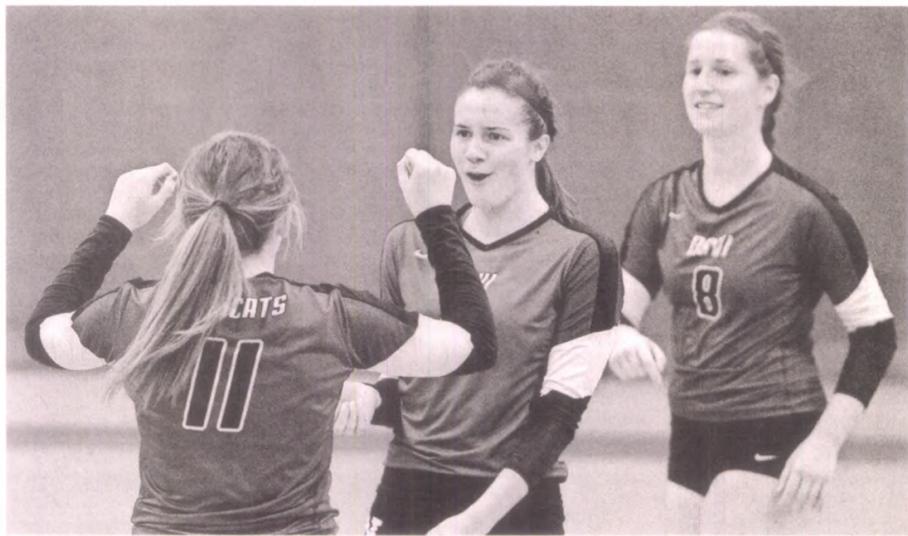
Emily Martin led the Mustangs with 62 kills and 40 digs, while other contributions came from Rachel Holmes (88 assists), Katie O'Malley (50 kills), Bryce Quick (30 kills) and Kiera Borthwick (46 digs).

On Oct. 20, O'Malley and Martin each finished with 21 kills as Northville beat host Livonia Churchill, 25-20, 17-25, 26-24, 25-18, in a second-place Kensington Conference cross-over.

Hannah Grant and Holmes added 28 and 18 assists, respectively, while Lang had 15 digs.

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PREP VOLLEYBALL



Celebrating their conference championship win are (from left) Novi's Christina Hudgens, Emmy Robinson and Victoria Iacobelli. The Wildcats are No. 1 in Class A.

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Novi struts its top-ranked stuff

Canton unable to stem tide against state's No. 1-ranked Wildcats

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

So that's what a No. 1 team looks like.

From the opening serve through three rapid-fire sets, Novi's varsity volleyball team dismantled host Canton in the KLA Kensington Conference championship contest Oct. 20.

Novi, 37-2 overall and the top-ranked team in Class A, dispatched the Chiefs with lopsided 25-8, 25-16, 25-9 scores.

"We've been working really hard to defend better in practice the last week or so, because our schedule has slowed down a little bit," Novi head coach Jennifer Cottrill said. "I think we did a really good job of defending at the net and behind our block.

"Our libero, Claire Pinkerton, and Victoria Iacobelli did a great job (on defense)."

According to Canton senior outside hitter Emma Clark, the Novi attack was tough to defend because it comes from different points on the floor.

"They were a really good team," said Clark, who led the Chiefs with eight kills and 12 digs. "They kept hitting hard at us, they had a really great defense and we didn't play to the best of our abilities."

Canton head coach Irick Gardner, whose KLA South Division co-champions fell to 24-14-1 overall, lamented the lack of competitive fire against Novi.

"They did what they were supposed to do, play hard and aggressive and play like they're the No. 1 team in the state," Gardner said. "They did that, but we didn't do our end of the bargain, which was



Novi libero Claire Pinkerton stays focused on the ball against Canton.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

at least be competitive. Give yourself a chance to succeed."

Relentless

With an impressive array of serves — alternating lasers and floaters that found spots in the middle of the floor — Novi kept the Chiefs on their heels all night.

In the first set, Novi sophomore setter Erin O'Leary (33 assists) set the tone with an eight-point service run — including a pair of aces.

Following that up with four service points was Emma Hammelef, then Ally Cummings (eight kills) added a five-point string to make it 23-8.

Closing out the opening set was senior Iacobelli, an all-around standout with 15 kills and 16 digs.

The second set was the closest of the three, but even that one opened with Novi taking a 13-3 lead following six service points by Pinkerton.

The Chiefs showed a bit of life, getting to within 21-13 when sophomore Kassie Tana registered an ace.

But Novi got the remaining points it needed, clinching on a spike by Kathryn Ellison (seven kills).

The third set was more of the same, with the Wildcats riding hot streaks at the stripe to the one-sided win.

According to Iacobelli, it was a fun night because everything was in sync. And it didn't matter who was on the floor.

"The offense is coming from different places," Iacobelli said. "You never know what to expect. It keeps it exciting."

Pinkerton (19 digs), Iacobelli and Paulina Iacobelli (11 digs, seven kills) took care of the defensive end, but the orchestrator on offense was O'Leary.

"We've got a great setter dishing out the ball," Cottrill said. "That's what we think our strength is. If someone starts shooting one way, we've got something going the other way. We like to have a balanced attack."

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GIRLS SWIMMING

Northville avoids Rocks to clinch dual meet title

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The Northville girls swim team clinched its fifth straight KLA Central Division dual meet title Oct. 22, but it didn't come easy.

The Mustangs got another stellar performance from junior Laura Westphal to earn a 97-89 victory over host Salem.

Northville, which improved to 7-1 overall and finished 4-0 in the division, captured seven of 12 events led by Westphal, who won the 200-yard individual medley (state cut 2:13.56) and 500 freestyle (5:21.23).

She also teamed with Nicki Pumper, Kelsey Macaddino and Hannah Craig for a victory in the 200 freestyle relay (1:44.0) and helped sew up the win by teaming with Macaddino, Pumper and Katelyn McCullough for first in the 400 freestyle relay (state cut 3:39.82).

"Going into this meet, I knew it was going to be a close one," Northville coach Brian McNeff said. "Our teams match up really well against each other and we both have some of the best swimmers in the state on our teams. A couple of our top girls were out due to illness, which was going to make it even closer. It was also their senior night and I know how badly they wanted to beat us. All of that added up to a real close meet with a lot of intense races."

Other Northville individual winners included Pumper, 50 freestyle (26.16); Macaddino, 100 butterfly (state cut 59.63); and McCullough, 100 freestyle (55.79).

"Katelyn McCullough had a really good meet for us tonight," McNeff said. "With Gillian (Zayan) and Elena (Pando) out of the meet, it put Katelyn in a position to really step up and have a big day. She won the 100 freestyle with her best time of the season and then held off one of their best swimmers in the 400 freestyle relay. That was a lot of pressure to put on a freshman swimmer, but she has been huge for us all season and did not disappoint again tonight."

Lisa Zhang paced Salem (3-3, 2-2) with victories in the 200 freestyle (2:01.04) and 100 backstroke (state cut 1:00.78). Sister Linda Zhang added first in the 100 breaststroke (1:08.08) and was a member of the Rocks' first-place 200 medley relay team (1:53.94).

Salem also swept the diving, led by first-place finisher Camille Burt (263.30 points).

"The meet kept going back and forth with who was winning the close races," McNeff said. "We would win some, then they would win some, so no one was able to pull away from the other. What it really came down to was the last two relays. We

were able to get first and third in both of those and that turned out to be the difference

"(Salem has) a very talented group of seniors on their team and they have really accomplished a lot in their careers. It definitely has been fun watching them swim for the last four years."

Novi captures dual

Emily Mayoras figured in three first-place finishes Oct. 22 as host Novi downed Livonia Stevenson in a KLA Central Division dual meet, 112-74.

Mayoras captured the 200-yard individual medley (2:19.3) and 100 backstroke (1:03.68), while teaming with Alexandra Cortez, Dana Kilponen and Ava Bianchi for first in the 200 freestyle relay (1:49.4).

Bianchi also won the 50 freestyle (25.66), while Cortez took the 100 freestyle (56.27).

The foursome of Linda Wei, Moore Bianchi and Cortez placed first in the 400 freestyle relay (3:49.0) as the Wildcats finished the regular season 7-4 overall and 1-3 in the KLA Central.

NORTHVILLE 97, SALEM 89

Oct. 22 at Salem
200-yard medley relay: 1. Salem (Katie Xu, Linda Zhang, Patricia Freitag, Jenna Chen), 1:53.94; 2. Northville (Darby Mroz, Erin Szara, Brittany Nayh, Katelyn McCullough), 1:57.44; Northville (Sabrina Lee, Jennifer Ostrowski, Savannah Manley, Brooke Verbie), 2:01.79.
200 freestyle: 1. Lisa Zhang (Salem), 2:01.04; 2. Kelsey Macaddino (N'ville), 2:01.46; 3. Hannah Craig (N'ville), 2:06.06.
200 individual medley: 1. Laura Westphal (N'ville), 2:13.56; 3. Mroz (N'ville), 2:23.5.
50 freestyle: 1. Nicki Pumper (N'ville), 26.16; 2. McCullough (N'ville), 26.68.
1-meter diving: 1. Camille Burt (Salem), 263.30 points.
100 butterfly: 1. Macaddino (N'ville), 59.63
100 freestyle: 1. McCullough (N'ville), 55.79; 3. Craig (N'ville), 58.46.
500 freestyle: 1. Westphal (N'ville), 5:21.23; 3. Mroz (N'ville), 5:26.46.
200 freestyle relay: 1. Northville (Pumper, Macaddino, Craig, Westphal), 1:44.0; 3. Northville (Szara, Verbie, Sarah Ptashnik, Alison Tucker), 1:49.33.
100 backstroke: 1. Lisa Zhang (Salem), 1:00.78; 2. Pumper (N'ville), 1:01.65; 3. Lee (N'ville), 1:04.83.
100 breaststroke: 1. Linda Zhang (Salem), 1:08.08; 2. Szara (N'ville), 1:10.05.
400 freestyle relay: 1. Northville (Macaddino, Pumper, McCullough, Westphal), 3:39.82; 3. Northville (Craig, Tucker, Lee, Mroz), 3:58.18.
Dual meet records: Northville, 7-1 overall, 4-0 KLA Central Division (clinched title); Salem, 3-3 overall, 2-2 KLA Central.

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LIVONIA STEVENSON 74
Oct. 22 at Novi
200-yard medley relay: 1. Stevenson (Bayne Froneo, Sara Bowen, Amber Gulau, Rachel Arcen), 1:57.38; 2. Novi (Emily Mayoras, Hanna Dong, Samantha Kasanic, Dana Kilponen), 1:58.48; 3. Novi (Karen Xu, Claire Tuckey, Sarah Wang, Idalia Moore), 2:04.97.
200 freestyle: 1. Maria Arakelin (LS), 1:58.65; 2. Alexandra Cortez (Novi), 1:58.84; 3. Danielle Gardon (Novi), 2:04.62.
200 individual medley: 1. Mayoras (Novi), 2:19.3; 2. Dong (Novi), 2:19.48.
50 freestyle: 1. Ava Bianchi (Novi), 25.66; 2. Kilponen (Novi), 26.13.
1-meter diving: 1. Loma Dunn (Novi), 200.35; 2. McKaela Hill (Novi), 195.20; 3. Lauren Gudeman (Novi), 146.45.
100 butterfly: 1. Amber Gulau (LS), 1:03.05; 2. Kasanic (Novi), 1:04.71; 3. Gardon (Novi), 1:04.83.
100 freestyle: 1. Cortez (Novi), 56.27; 2. Kilponen (Novi), 57.52.
500 freestyle: 1. Arakelin (LS), 5:18.35; 2. Mallory Martlock (Novi), 5:32.19.
200 freestyle relay: 1. Novi (Cortez, Mayoras, Kilponen, Bianchi), 1:44.03; 3. Novi (Linda Wei, Tuckey, Dong, Kasanic), 1:49.74.
100 backstroke: 1. Mayoras (Novi), 1:03.68.
100 breaststroke: 1. Sara Bowen (LS), 1:14.74; 2. Tuckey (Novi), 1:15.52; 3. Dong (Novi), 1:17.53.
400 freestyle relay: 1. Novi (Cortez, Wei, Moore, Bianchi), 3:49.0; 3. Novi (Xu, Gardon, Wang, Martlock), 4:02.72.
Dual meet records: Novi, 7-4 overall, 1-3 KLA Central Division; Stevenson, 0-4 KLA Central.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL
(Division 1 District Playoffs)
Friday, Oct. 23
 Novi at West Bloomfield, 7 p.m.
 Plymouth at Northville, 7 p.m.
 Waterford Mott at Detroit CC, 7 p.m.
BOYS SOCCER
REGIONAL TOURNEY FINAL
Thursday, Oct. 29
 Division 1 at Novi (Meadows), 7 p.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
DISTRICT TOURNEY DRAWS
CLASS A
at NORTHVILLE
Monday, Nov. 2: (A) Salem vs. (B) Canton, 6 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 4: Novi vs. A-B winner, 5 p.m.; Northville vs. Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 5: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals, 5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 10 at Novi vs. Milford district champion.)

CLASS D
at BLOOMFIELD ROEPER
Tuesday, Nov. 3: (A) Detroit Public Safety vs. (B) Southfield Christian, 6 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 5: Novi Franklin Road Christian vs. Detroit Universal Academy, 6 p.m.; Detroit Westside Christian vs. A-B winner, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 6: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals, 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 10 at Plymouth Christian Academy vs. Webberville district champion.)

PREP CROSS COUNTRY
Saturday, Oct. 31
(MHSAA Regionals)
 Div. 4 at Willow Metropark, 10 a.m.
 Div. 1 at Willow Metropark, 11:30 a.m.
Saturday, Nov. 7
(MHSAA Finals at MIS)
 Division 4 girls race, 10 a.m.
 Division 4 boys race, 11 a.m.
 Division 2 girls race, 1:30 p.m.
 Division 2 boys race, 2 p.m.
 Division 1 boys race, 2:30 p.m.
 Division 1 girls race, 3 p.m.

GIRLS SWIMMING
Friday, Oct. 30
 Central Diving at S.L. East, 5 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 31
 KLA Central at S.L. East, noon.
Friday, Nov. 6
 Kensington Conf. prelims at Novi High School, noon.
Saturday, Nov. 7
 Kensington Conference finals at Novi High School, 11 a.m.
TBA — time to be announced.

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY



The Novi boys cross country team captured both the Kensington Conference varsity and JV team titles.

ROBERT SMITH

Novi slips past rival Mustangs for crown

Northville takes runner-up finish in Kensington meet

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

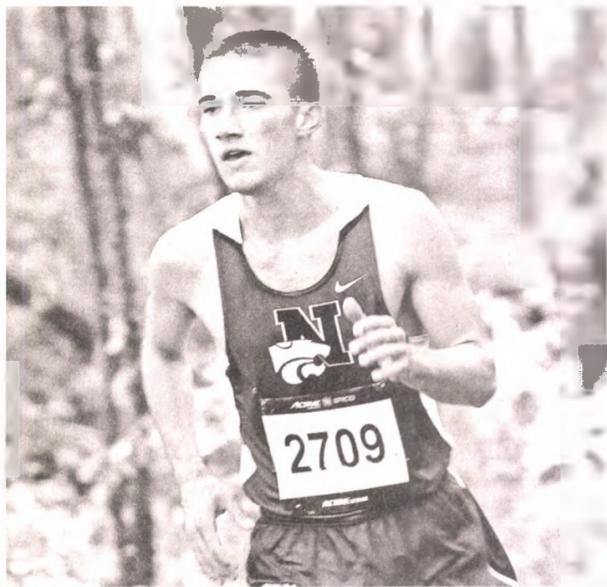
Novi ended rival Northville's five-year stranglehold on KLAA Kensington Conference boys cross country championships by earning a seven-point margin of victory Oct. 21 in the 12-school field, 40-47. Salem finished a distant third with 121, followed by Canton (131), Livonia Stevenson (132), Livonia Churchill (184), Livonia Franklin (196), South Lyon (200), South Lyon East (217), Plymouth (230), Westland John Glenn (357) and Wayne Memorial (370).

The Wildcats, who lost the previous week to the Mustangs for the KLAA Central Division dual meet title, 25-30, won the rematch in a battle of top-five ranked teams in Division 1 on the Huron Meadows Metropark 5,000-meter course.

Novi, earning its first Kensington title since 2009, grabbed four top 10 finishes led by senior Joost Plaetinck, who took runner-up honors in 15 minutes, 41.2 seconds, which was just one second off his career best.

Franklin senior Tony Floyd was the overall winner in 15:37.6.

Joining Plaetinck in the all-conference squad were sophomore Gabe Mudel, sixth



Novi senior Joost Plaetinck took runner-up honors in 15:41.2.

(16:08.0); junior John Landy, seventh (16:14.0); junior Scott MacPherson, 10th (16:24.8); senior Adam Ditri, 15th (16:35.7); and junior Aric Landy, 21st (16:51.5).

Senior Scott Beaton added a 27th in 17:11.2 as all seven Novi varsity runners set season personal bests.

"We are starting to run some really fast times," Novi coach Robert Smith said. "All of our hard work is coming to fruition."

All seven of Northville's

runners earned all-conference honors, led by senior Kenny Goolsby, fourth (16:07.9); junior Ben Cracraft, fifth (16:08.1); senior Conor Naughton, 11th (16:25.5); senior Thomas Smither, 13th (16:31.1); and senior Christian Freiburger, 14th (16:31.3).

Meanwhile, freshman Nicholas Couyoumjian (17th, 16:46.7) and senior Sean Coleman (18th, 16:49.7) also made the top 21 and all-conference.

"I was happy with our effort today, but Novi was sim-

ply the better team," Northville coach Chris Cronin said. "Novi was able to establish a lead pack early in the race and that allowed them to conserve some energy for the finish. We left our 'catch' a little too late today and it cost us the championship."

The Mustangs' top five all finished within 23 seconds of each other.

"That's typically enough to win the championship," Cronin said. "I think that speaks to the quality of the competition we were up against. We have two more big races and our goal is to get better each race - the boys will be ready."

South Lyon senior Adam Caruso also made all-conference, finishing 19th in 16:51.1.

KENSINGTON CONFERENCE BOYS CROSS COUNTRY MEET RESULTS

Oct. 21 at Huron Meadows

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Novi, 40 points; 2. Northville, 47; 3. Salem, 121; 4. Canton, 131; 5. Livonia Stevenson, 132; 6. Livonia Churchill, 184; 7. Livonia Franklin, 196; 8. South Lyon, 200; 9. South Lyon East, 217; 10. Westland John Glenn, 357; 12. Wayne Memorial, 370.

Individual winner: Tony Floyd (Franklin), 15:37.6 (5,000 meters).

Novi finishers: 2. Joost Plaetinck, 15:41.2; 6. Gabe Mudel, 16:08.0; 7. John Landy, 16:14.0; 10. Scott MacPherson, 16:24.8; 15. Adam Ditri, 16:35.7; 21. Aric Landy, 16:51.5; 27. Scott Beaton, 17:11.2.

Northville finishers: 4. Kenny Goolsby, 16:07.9; 5. Ben Cracraft, 16:08.1; 11. Conor Naughton, 16:25.5; 13. Thomas Smither, 16:31.1; 14. Christian Freiburger, 16:31.3; 17. Nicholas Couyoumjian, 16:46.7; 18. Sean Coleman, 16:49.7.

South Lyon finishers: 31. Jerod Allen, 17:14.3; 34. Josh Chezik, 17:22.4; 35. Brent Peruski, 17:25.6; 48. Joey Younkun, 17:52.8; 52. Evan Leslie, 17:58.1; 59. Marshall Thelen, 18:18.0; 70. Jonathan Allen, 18:52.9.

South Lyon East finishers: 19. Adam Caruso, 16:51.1; 24. Xander Cronin, 17:06.2; 54. Charles Marchand, 18:07.5; 58. Jack Marchand, 18:16.4; 62. Roy Swartzinski, 18:31.3; 68. Carter Reeds, 18:45.8; 69. Josh Clark, 18:47.7.

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Northville gallops to another Kensington title

Mustangs' Barrott individual champion by 35-second gap

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

It was another dominating performance for the Northville girls cross country team Oct. 21 in the KLAA Kensington Conference meet held at Huron Meadows Metropark.

Northville ran away with its sixth straight conference championship with 17 points, while Salem was runner-up with 70.

Rounding out the 11-school field were Livonia Churchill (115), Livonia Franklin (128), Canton (137), Plymouth (159), Novi (188), South Lyon (191), Livonia Stevenson (244), Wayne Memorial (263) and South Lyon East (287).

The Mustangs took five of the first six places and seven of the top 14, led by senior Lexa Barrott, who covered the 5,000-meter course with a first-place clocking of 18:08.9.

"Lexa controlled the race from the start, finishing 35 seconds ahead of her teammates," Northville coach Nancy Smith said. "We were without Cayla Eckenroth today, as she is out with an injury right now. Put her in the mix and we dominate the race even more."

Senior Emma Herrmann was runner-up in 18:45.1, while freshman Olivia Harp took third in 18:54.4. Junior Emma Smith (19:09.7) and sophomore Rachel Zimmer (19:21.6) finished fifth and sixth, respectively, to complete the Northville scoring.

Also earning all-conference honors (top 21) for the Mustangs were Paige Zimmer (13th, 19:47.5) and Katie Chevor (14th, 19:49.6).

Both Paige Zimmer and Rachel Zimmer recorded career best clockings.

Northville also captured the team title in the JV race as



The Northville girls varsity and JV cross country teams both captured the Kensington Conference title.

NANCY SMITH

Hailey Harris won in 19:22.3.

"Hailey had a great race and was only 17 seconds off her best time at Huron Meadows," Smith said. "Hailey will make an impact as we approach state finals, as she was an all-stater last year and has the drive to try to make a run at it again. We have a solid four right now and will work over the next few weeks to get our fifth runner into the 18:00s and our sixth and seventh in the low 19:00s as we make a run at the state title on Nov. 7 (at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn)."

Novi, meanwhile, captured a pair of all-conference spots as freshman Katherine Ray took 19th in 20:01.2, while junior Jessica Lypka was 21st in 20:09.2.

Hudgens leads Lions

Just missing the top 21 was South Lyon junior Emily Hudgens, who finished 22nd in 20:15.7, while Rylee McDermott was 31st, earning a personal best 20:51.1 by 12 seconds.

"The girls raced hard on a rather warm afternoon (70 degrees) and were three points shy of tying Novi," South Lyon coach Dave Desilvio said.

Lauren Clark was East's top finisher in 43rd (21:40.3).

"Place-wise, we had hopes of finishing higher than we did, but 10 of 12 girls who raced earned either PR's or season bests, so it was a nice way to kick of the championship season as we get to finally focus on competing

against Division 2 (regional) teams," East coach Dave Testa said.

KENSINGTON CONFERENCE GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY MEET RESULTS

Oct. 21 at Huron Meadows

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Northville, 17 points; 2. Salem, 70; 3. Livonia Churchill, 115; 4. Livonia Franklin, 128; 5. Canton, 137; 6. Plymouth, 159; 7. Novi, 188; 8. South Lyon, 191; 9. Livonia Stevenson, 244; 10. Wayne Memorial, 263; 11. South Lyon East, 287.

Individual winner: Lexa Barrott (Northville), 18:08.9 (5,000 meters).

Other Northville finishers: 2. Emma Herrmann, 18:45.1; 3. Olivia Harp, 18:54.4; 5. Emma Smith, 19:09.7; 6. Rachel Zimmer, 19:21.6; 13. Paige Zimmer, 19:47.5; 14. Katie Chevor, 19:49.6.

Novi finishers: 19. Katherine Ray, 20:01.2; 21. Jessica Lypka, 20:09.2; 44. Addison Lentz, 21:44.4; 45. Hadley Peterson, 21:46.5; 59. Hannah Hood-Blaxill, 22:21.2; 61. Shailly Fozdar, 22:29.3; 62. Heather Blair, 22:29.7.

South Lyon finishers: 22. Emily Hudgens, 20:15.7; 31. Rylee McDermott, 20:51.1; 40. Emily Settembrini, 21:31.1; 47. Mackenzie Flannery, 21:51.0; 51. Sydney Kanthook, 22:00.9; 65. Madelyn Toth, 22:54.7; 66. Kyle Carbarry, 22:55.8.

South Lyon East finishers: 43. Lauren Clark, 21:40.3; 53. Elizabeth Setsuda, 22:02.4; 55. Kayla Zielinski, 22:06.3; 67. Olivia McKeever, 22:57.2; 69. Melissa Coomer, 23:29.7; 70. Sara Hartman, 23:29.9.

PREP CROSS COUNTRY

Shamrocks win ninth straight CHSL title

Catholic Central seeking top three regional finish

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

To nobody's surprise, Novi Detroit Catholic Central reigns supreme once again in Catholic League boys cross country.

The Shamrocks, who scored 34 points, placed five in the top 10 and seven in the top 13 overall to earn its ninth league title in a row Saturday at Stoney Creek Metropark in Shelby Township.

Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, led by individual winner Brendan Fraser's first-place 5,000-meter time of 15 minutes, 48 seconds, was runner-up in the team standings with 63.

Orchard Lake St. Marys' (84), Birmingham Brother Rice (111) and University of Detroit-Jesuit (123) rounded out the top five in the 14-school field.

Senior Scott Smith (16:21) and junior Ty Buckley (16:22) were CC's top finishers in third and fourth, respectively.

Rounding out the Shamrocks' scoring contingent were senior Avery Felty, eighth (16:38); junior Ben Racine, ninth (16:32); and senior Matt Fosdick, 10th, (16:43.5).

CC's non-scorers included seniors Mark Borek (11th, 16:43) and Alex McLaren (13th, 16:45).

Only 28 seconds separated the Shamrocks' top seven runners.

"I told the kids we should be able to get six or seven in front of everybody's second or third man," said CC coach Tony Magni, who has guided the Shamrocks to 26 league titles in his 42 seasons. "That was our plan and we did. The seventh man (McLaren) was 13th overall. The only teams that had two in front of our kids were St. Mary's and Pontiac Notre Dame."

The Shamrocks' league meet triumph comes on the heels of sweeping all four of its Central Division dual meets this season by perfect 15-50 scores.

CC now focuses its attention on the MHSAA Division 1 regional meet beginning at 11:30 a.m. (girls) and noon (boys) Saturday, Oct. 31, at Willow Metropark in New Boston.

"We're going to try to ride the coattails of Novi and Northville and try and squeeze in there for third place," Magni said. "I told the kids, 'You've got to be in the top three in order to go to the state finals.' With Novi and Northville there, two of the top in the state, that's a tall order for us, but if you get to the state finals, anything can happen there. But we've got to get out Saturday."

Magni is confident his team can make the top three and earn a trip Saturday, Nov. 7, to the Division 1 finals at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn.

"If our number one runner (Felty) comes back and runs with Smith and Buckley, we should do pretty well," Magni said. "We hope kids respond to all the work that we've done and have a good race."

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CC cross country coach



MARY LYNN BRIDGE

Catholic Central's (from left) Matthew Fosdick, Ben Racine and Alex McLaren charge through the Stoney Creek Metropark course.

PREP FOOTBALL

Trio of area squads eye tough tests in first round

Northville, CC, Novi all face quality opponents

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It will be a test of skills and wills for three area football teams which will continue their season Friday in the opening round of the MHSAA Division 1 playoffs.

Northville, coming off its first 9-0 season since 1961, gets a rematch with Plymouth (6-3), in the Region 3-District 1 opener. But this time the Mustangs will play at the friendly confines of Tom Holzer Field. Kickoff is 7 p.m.

Much has changed since the two teams met in the eighth week, when Northville rallied for a 23-20 win at Plymouth.

Last week, Northville controlled play from start to finish in a 37-20 win over visiting Grand Blanc, while a banged-up Plymouth team was stunned 61-14 by playoff qualifier Waterford Mott (6-3), which just so happens to be the Region 2-District 2 opponent for Novi Detroit Catholic Central (7-2).

Northville coach Matt Ladach is leery of the rematch with Plymouth and expects another tough battle.

"They're a well-coached team, they're tough up front, so we anticipate it's going to be another really close ballgame," Ladach said of the Wildcats. "It's important that we protect the football and, if we can force them to make some mistakes, obviously that would play in our favor as well. And we love playing at home."

While senior quarterback Justin Zimbo has engineered a potent offense, it's Northville's defense that has been the key to the team's success. For the Mustangs, who have allowed just 16 points per game, it's been a collaborative effort.

"Really, it's the whole group," Ladach said. "Our entire defense has just really played together and that's been the story of our season. I keep saying week-in and week-out, just lean on one another and that's been really nice."

CC faces Corsairs

Catholic Central's defense will get a severe test from Mott's potent aerial attack that is averaging nearly 34 points per game.

"They have a quarterback (Jacob Baldwin) that throws very well and moves well, so you have to watch him both as a thrower and as a runner," CC coach Tom Mach said. "They

have a lot of athletes that run well and catch well. They one have one in particular, (Desmond Fitzpatrick), who is one of the better athletes that I've seen so far this year as a receiver."

But CC's defense, led by 6-foot-5, 285-pound Tom Kowalkoski, has been consistent throughout the regular season, allowing only 13 points per game.

Kowalkoski, who is headed to Boston College, has been a stalwart on the defensive line for the Shamrocks.

"I think our front has been doing a very good job for us this year," Mach said. "We had a real good game versus (Warren) DeLaSalle, but they were predominantly a run team. This will be a little different. We're going to have to do a couple of different things. We'll probably mix it up a bit."

"The key is if you can match up with their receivers, also putting some pressure on the quarterback so that we can make him either feel uncomfortable back there and not give him time to sit back there pick us apart. We're going to have to put a little pressure on him and make him get out of the pocket."

CC's leader in the secondary, Tyler Laurentius, should

keep busy against Mott.

"Tyler does a lot of different things and we put him into a lot of different types of roles," Mach said of the 5-10, 175-pound senior captain. "He does a great job as one of our safeties. We use him on stunts and other things we do back there. He's definitely been one of our keys in the secondary."

Novi an underdog

After winning five of their last six games, Novi (5-4) earned its first playoff berth since 2008 and will travel Friday to face unbeaten West Bloomfield (9-0), which is coming off an impressive 20-14 win over perennial state power Farmington Hills Harrison.

The Lakers' defense has allowed just 13 points per game and quarterback Trishton Jackson is a game-changer.

"Very good runner, throws pretty well, but he's most dangerous on the ground making plays," Novi coach Jeff Burnside said of the Lakers' QB.

"When plays break down, that's where he can really hurt you. My assumption is he's a receiver in college. With him in space, he's very dangerous."

But there's another game-changer named Jackson on the opposite side of the field and he's from Novi.

Emanuel Jackson, a 6-0, 175-pound senior slot-back, continues to set a slew of offensive records, which included a five-touchdown and 30-point performance in last Friday's 43-21 win at Howell.

The Western Michigan commit has 66 catches for 862 yards, while rushing for an additional 699 yards with a total of 22 TDs.

Junior quarterback Alec Bageris also continues to rewrite the Wildcats' record books as he has thrown for 1,813 yards and 18 TDs and only four interceptions. Bageris' completion rate is 61.9 percent (138-of-224).

Another of his favorite targets is junior Anthony D'Annibale, who has 41 catches for 657 yard and eight TDs.

Novi's new and improved defense got three sacks last week from Ethan Carter, while Nick Sabo, Brent George, Spencer Vankirk and Ian Patterson lead the team in tackles.

Game time for the Region 2-District 2 match-up is 7 p.m. at West Bloomfield.

"They're good, very athletic ... we got a good battle here," Burnside said. "But if we come and play our game, tackle well in space and hold people up until we get our troops there, then we can beat these guys."

Flag football champs



MICHEL PORTER
The Michigan Raiders, an area travel flag football team based in Milford, recently captured the regional title to qualify as one of eight teams for the NFL Flag Football National Championships during the 2016 Super Bowl, Feb. 7, at the San Francisco 49ers' Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara, Calif. The Raiders, who outlasted teams representing leagues in Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, Texas and Michigan, won the regional title Oct. 10 at the Indianapolis Colts' practice facility. Members of the Raiders include (front row, from left): Eric Craft, Johnny Stepek, Adam Mrakitsch, Jake Dresselhouse and Jus'tyz Tuggle and (back row, from left) coach Ken Swartz, Zack Swartz, Brock Porter and coach Todd Porter.

PREP FOOTBALL

Shamrocks post easy victory over Cowboys

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The regular season is over and now the fun begins for the Novi Detroit Catholic Central football team.

The playoff-bound Shamrocks (7-2) put a bow on their regular season Oct. 22 with a 47-12 victory over visiting Detroit Western International.

Catholic Central jumped out to a 14-0 first quarter lead on the Cowboys as freshman quarterback Austin Brown hit Jack Morris on a 6-yard touchdown pass with 4:14 left, followed by Nicholas Capatina's 7-yard TD run with 15 seconds to go (set up by lineman Nicholas Bazany's interception).

The Shamrocks added four more scores in the second quarter to take a commanding 41-0 halftime advantage and start a running clock in the second half.

Alex Bock returned a Western punt 53 yards for a TD, while Carson Kovath, the Shamrocks' top rusher on the night with 66 yards on nine carries, added an 11-yard TD run.

Bock scored his second touchdown of the second quarter on a 17-yard run to make it 35-0 with 4:22 to play in the half following Cole Gingell's fifth straight point-after.

Kovath's 4-yard scoring run with just under a minute remaining put CC up 41-0 (the PAT was blocked).

In the third quarter, CC's Benjamin Vitek scored on a 7-yard run to make it 47-0 lead (the kick failed).

Western quarterback Jaye Patrick, who completed 8-of-30 passes for 110 yards, recovered a CC fumble and raced 76 yards for a TD with 6:45 left in the final quarter to avert the shutout. (The Sham-



DENNIS BARNES
Catholic Central's Alex Bock scores one of his two TDs in a 47-12 win over Detroit Western.

rocks' Philip Schmitz picked off a pass on the two-point conversion attempt.)

Patrick then connected with K'Lari Sweeney on the final play of the game, a 3-yard TD pass, to complete the scoring.

The Shamrocks enjoyed a big advantage in total offense, 264-116, and in first downs, 13-6. Of CC's 264 total yards, 245 came on the ground. Brown completed 2-of-3 passes for 19 yards.

The Cowboys (2-7) managed only 6 yards rushing against CC's stingy defense as Isaac Darkangelo led the way with five tackles, including one solo.

Other top tacklers included Tyler Morland (two solo, two assists); Bock (three solo); Kovath (one solo, two assists); and Morris (three assists). Matt Conrado recorded the Shamrocks' lone sack.

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NORTHVILLE

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"We were able to move the ball pretty well running our dash and our counter," Northville coach Matt Ladach said. "And credit Grand Blanc, they adjusted well to both those plays."

But not until Northville got another field goal from the strong-legged Moody, this time a 27-yarder with 9:32 remaining in the third quarter, followed by Jack Burke's interception and return 33 yards for pick-six TD to make it 37-7 with 4:46 to go in the same quarter.

The Bobcats scored twice in the final quarter on a 17-yard scoring pass and 5-yard TD run by Leedom, but it was too little, too late.

"First of all, they're well-coached," Grand Blanc coach Joe Delaney said of the Mustangs. "Matt (Ladach) does a heck of a job and his staff does a heck of a job with him. They're always very disciplined. And for us, they're huge. They got good-size people and they do what they're supposed to do. They do their

jobs and they do them well. Hats off to Matt and his staff, but those kids ... that's a great team out there."

Leedom completed 20-of-43 passes for 293 yards, but had three interceptions. (Burke had two on the night, while Mason Pitt got another.) And the Bobcats went for minus-9 yards rushing on 22 attempts.

"We kind of struggled in the first half to get a rhythm going and we told them at halftime, 'Just go out there, play hard, have fun, give us your best effort' and things starting clicking," Delaney said. "I took my quarterback (Leedom) out for a series, actually about three plays ... he's a great kid and he's tough kid and sometimes he tries to overdo it. And he just needed to settle down a little bit. And once he went back out there, he was great."

Grand Blanc went to a hurry-up offense late in the first half.

"I don't know if their tempo really impacted us as much as their athleticism and their scheme and their ability," Ladach said of the Bobcats. "They're a good football team. I don't know if it was the tempo, but give the kids more credit than the tempo."

Northville, making its sixth playoff appearance in the last seven years, could host as many as three postseason games because of its high point total (110.22) and thanks to that 9-0 record.

"We play together," Ladach said. "Our kids are really cohesive with one another. We're leaning on each other, playing as a team."

And leading up to the regular-season finale, Ladach's team was well aware that it could duplicate what that 1961 Northville team accomplished.

"We talked about that at the beginning of the week," Ladach said. "Coach (John) Horvath joined our staff this season and last time a Northville High School football team went undefeated, his dad was the coach. To have him on staff again and to have him be a part of that, it means a lot us."

The Mustangs will face Plymouth (6-3) in the opening round of the MHSAA Division 1 playoffs beginning at 7 p.m. Friday at Northville. The Region 3-District 1 game is a rematch of the KLAA's Kensington Conference championship, when the Mustangs pulled out a 23-20 victory Oct. 17 at Plymouth.

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yard TD pass from junior quarterback Alec Bageris with 5:09 to go.

Jackson also added 41-yard TD run with only 2:12 left as Novi improved to 5-4 overall and will open the Division 1 playoffs in a Region 2-District 2 match-up at 7 p.m. Friday at West Bloomfield (9-0).

"In the second half, we played a very good football game," Burnside said. "We kind of stymied them a little bit more on offense. (Howell's) second drive of the third quarter, I think they went down and scored on us. Then we got some big plays, some big picks and big sacks. Actually, they went for a fake on a punt and we got stops."

Howell (5-4) scored first on Brett Chaperon's 62-yard TD pass to Alfred Moll, but Novi



DEBORAH HEIL
The Wildcats' (from left) Spencer Vankirk, Traveon Maddox and Ethan Carter celebrate after a Howell turnover.

answered with two scores: a 61-yard pass from Bageris to Anthony D'Annibale followed by Jackson's 6-yard TD run to go ahead 14-7.

With 7:55 left in the first half, Howell tied it at 14-14 on Chaperon's 29-yard scoring pass to Logan Russo.

And with only 38 seconds left in the half, Novi completed a seven-play, 60-yard drive in 1:20 as Jackson scored on a 38-yard pass from Bageris, who completed 15-of-28 passes for 285 yards and three TDs.

"(Bageris) threw a pick with 4:19 left in the second quarter

and we scored on every drive after that one the rest of the game," Burnside said. "We're really becoming a pretty good second-half team. And we've got some young kids, even though they're not young anymore, because we've played nine games now. It's kind of like we have to figure out the speed of the game, then after that we're good to go. It's very interesting, this crew."

The Wildcats scored again with 5:15 remaining in the third quarter on Blake King's 25-yard field goal, but Howell cut the deficit to 23-21 with 3:16 to go in same quarter on Chaperon's third TD pass of the game, an 11-yarder to Mitchell Susalla.

But Howell, outgained 468-318 in total yards, was unable to score again, even though Chaperon completed 14-of-22 passes for 237 yards.

"We played pretty well (defensively)," Burnside said. "We did some different things to-

night, put in some man coverage and got hurt a couple of times, but then we changed over and went to some zone."

Ryan Welch paced Novi's defensive with six solo tackles, along with an interception. Brent George also contributed six tackles, including two sacks, as did Ethan Carter.

De'Shaun Clayton, Conner Moore and Scott Latham also registered a sack, while Traveon Maddox had Novi's other interception.

"We had six sacks tonight and the great thing is that we didn't have to bring a lot of pressure," Burnside said. "We had those six sacks by just playing football, so that's kind of refreshing because we typically we have to blitz to get sacks and tonight we didn't have to. A lot of times, we were just going with a four-man rush and we got the job done tonight."

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BOYS SOCCER

Shamrocks secure district title with 1-0 win over W.L. Central

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Penalty kicks have become Novi Detroit Catholic Central's friend so far in the MHSAA Division 1 boys soccer tournament.

The Shamrocks, coming off a 2-1 shootout victory Oct. 21 over No. 1-ranked Northville, used senior captain Matt Turton's PK in the fourth minute to earn their second district title in three years with a 1-0 triumph Friday over Walled Lake Central in the final at North Farmington.

"We started out strong again," said CC coach Gene Pulice, whose team improved

to 17-2-3 overall. "We took the play to them. It was fast and furious from the get-go. We had been in their penalty area a few times already and then they finally ended up taking us down and we were awarded the PK. But as good a start as we got off to, we kind of lost our way after that, enough that it could have been easier than it was in that we made a game of it."

Walled Lake Central (12-8-2) stayed close behind the play of goalkeeper Mario Morelli.

"We have Matt Turton, Justin Murray and Peter Kirouac, who are our senior captains out there, who got us under control," Pulice said. "They orga-

nized stuff again, then we started playing through them, got back to our game and they were pretty much under pressure the whole time."

Kirouac finished with five saves.

"They had some long balls that were coming out, but between Cole Moscovic and Justin Murray against their Elton Gjura, who is a handful, he became a non-threat at that point," Pulice said.

CC advanced to the regional semifinal that was scheduled for Tuesday at Novi against Grand Blanc.

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SCOTT CONFER

Catholic Central's Matt Turton (left), shown in a first-round district game against Novi earlier in the week, had the game-winning PK in Friday's 1-0 win district championship win over Walled Lake Central.

COLLEGE SOCCER

Ocelots romp, secure NJCAA bye

Schoolcraft men earn No. 2 bye in region with 8-0 win

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Schoolcraft's men's soccer team needed to take care of some business Friday against Cuyahoga Community College — and did it ever.

Sparked by two-goal games by Livonia Stevenson product Billy Werthman and Youssef Barakat, the Ocelots rolled to a 8-0 victory — securing the No. 2 bye in the NJCAA Region XII Tournament. Schoolcraft (13-2-2 overall and 12-2-2 in Region XII) will start tournament action at 2 p.m. Saturday against the winner of Wednesday's match-up of the third- and sixth-place teams.

It didn't take long against Cuyahoga for Schoolcraft head coach Rick Larson and players to know it wasn't going to be another defensive struggle. Two days earlier, the Ocelots played a 0-0 deadlock

against Owens Community College.

About 17 minutes into the contest, Barakat scored his first goal off an assist from Victor Contreras.

Over the final nine minutes of the opening half, the Ocelots exploded for three more goals. Scoring an unassisted goal at 32:41 was David Tetaj, followed by Werthman's unassisted goal about five minutes later to make it 3-0.

Before intermission, Tetaj set up a goal by Leopoldo Arevalo, opening a four-goal lead for Schoolcraft.

The Ocelots onslaught continued just 90 seconds into the second half, when Joe Georgic scored. Drawing the assist on the play was Davide Di Poce.

At the 15-minute mark of the second half, Contreras scored his second goal of the contest on a play started by



Werthman

Livonia native Jacob Rosen.

Werthman then booted a penalty kick past Cuyahoga goalkeeper John Paul Duff, who was under siege

throughout the match (26 shots taken by Schoolcraft).

Capping the scoring in the 83rd minute was Barakat, on a nifty individual effort.

Schoolcraft, the second-place team in the Michigan Community College Athletic College, dominated on the defensive end, too. Goalkeepers Andres Hernandez (five saves) and Jose Jimenez (two saves) didn't have a lot of work to do, but were there when needed.

The loss dropped Cuyahoga's record to 5-13-0 overall and 4-12-0 in Region XII.

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shot from distance and it was a great shot, but just didn't go in," Northville coach Henry Klimes said.

With the score deadlocked at 1-1, both teams connected on their first two PKs — Matt Turton and Ryan Pierson for CC, along with Matthew Mitchell and Toupin for Northville.

On the third attempt for both teams, Northville goalkeeper Evan Treiber stopped Ben Sargent's attempt, but the Mustangs' Owen Marshall fired high to keep it even heading into the fourth round of PKs.

That's when Gaskin converted for CC and then stopped Mario Plachta with a sprawling save. The Shamrocks' fifth shooter, Farzad Bagaie, then ended the suspense by placing a shot along the ground and into the left corner, sending the CC players and student section into a wild celebration.

"We talked about that in practice, too," said Gaskin, who was also designated as one of CC's five shooters. "I have full confidence and actually I scored a goal in a PK last week, so that's been something I've been working on all season."

With the victory, fifth-ranked CC improved to 16-2-3. Northville ended its season at 16-3-1.

"It's unfortunate for one team that won't advance to the tournament on PKs," Klimes said. "We should have won there in regular regulation and overtime, but ..."

Northville had 65-70 percent of the possession throughout the match, but couldn't penetrate the Shamrocks' goal area with the exception of Toupin's goal with 22:41 left in the first half. The assist went to Troy Borawski, who almost had another goal 41 seconds later, firing just wide of the left post.

"CC played some real good defense," Klimes said. "We play two different styles of games. They're a counter-attacking (team), it's organized kick ball, but we're a possession team. But they did pack the box and we were limited to our opportunities."

CC's lone goal came with 21:19 remaining in the first half, when senior defender Justin Murray launched a missile from 65 yards out on a free kick, a shot that skipped off the artificial surface, sailed over a crowd of players and into the box past a stunned Treiber.

"The coach told me just to put it toward the back post, got a lucky bounce, nobody got on the end of it, went top corner," Murray said. "There's always traffic, you always aim and go for the ricochet. Most of the time, it's not a clean goal."

CC coach Gene Pulice said Murray is capable of scoring from that type of distance.

"He can hit a ball," Pulice said. "If he gets it on frame, typically good things happen for us."

Up until Murray's equalizer, CC was reeling from a heavy dose of Northville offensive pressure.

"Northville came out on fire; we started a bit slow," Pulice said. "We had an early wake-up call on a goal where we weren't matched up across the field. My goalkeeper is still the best goalkeeper in our region, I feel, Peter Kirouac. That goal is not his fault."

But eventually the Shamrock were able to settle in defensively and limit the Northville attempts on net.

"Our guys were prepared," Pulice said. "But hey, when you get to this level, realistically, you can give up a goal."

For the Shamrocks, it was just a matter of getting more organized in the back.

"I think the key was at first figuring out who we were marking up on and just get back to our game and not play theirs," Murray said.

"Just pass it, play at our own pace don't let them dictate it." But in a shootout, anything can happen and that's where Gaskin turned out to be the deciding factor and the hero as the Shamrocks cleared a major hurdle.

"I try to stay calm and composed when I'm in the net," the long-armed senior said. "But I just like to get into the opponents' head if I can. It's a mental advantage, I guess."

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USA HOCKEY

U17s rally, force OT in Challenge tuneup

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The second of back-to-backs against the top team in the United States Hockey League figured to be quite a test for USA Hockey NTDP's Under-17 team.

U17 coach Don Granato also had a short bench for Saturday night's game against the Lincoln Stars at USA Hockey Arena, what with several injuries and others resting for an important international tournament in British Columbia, Canada.

So Granato was thrilled that his makeshift lineup fought back from a two-goal deficit in the third period and forced overtime. Unfortunately, the Stars gained the second point with a goal by Grant Jozefek just 26 seconds into the extra session.

"I liked that we were able to come back from being down," Granato said. "To get an opportunity to potentially win it in overtime and obviously get a point out of it when you're down two going into the third."

Production line

Carrying the load was the line of center Scott Reedy, left wing Evan Barratt and right wing Logan Hutsko. Reedy and Barratt each scored two goals, with Hutsko earning two assists.

"They were very, very confident," Granato said about Reedy and Barratt. "I thought Hutsko was great tonight, too. Those three guys, their confidence and their ability to execute under pressure, for a U-17 group ... that line was very impressive."

Barratt said he clicked almost instantly with Reedy and Hutsko, adding that Saturday's game was the first time they skated as a unit.

We had a shortened bench with a couple injured guys, so it felt good to get going with some new linemates," Barratt said. "And Reedy played unbelievable."

"We have four guys injured, so we're playing with 10 forwards and then Brady Tkachuk got injured in the second period. So we had a shortened bench with three lines."

"I played with Reedy and Logan Hutsko the whole game and we figured it out. It was pretty awesome."



RENA LAVERTY | USA HOCKEY

Lincoln Stars defenseman Dylan Woolf (left) breaks the stick of NTDP U17 player Evan Barratt with this check Saturday night. At right is Barratt's linemate, Scott Reedy.

The Stars, also 3-2 winners over Team USA, came out smoking with two goals in the first six minutes along with a wide margin in shots. Jozefek and Dominick Mersch sent pucks past U17 goalie Adam Scheel.

But the U17s got both of those goals back before the end of the first period to make it 2-2.

Just before the midway point of the period, a failed clearing attempt by the Stars landed on Reedy's stick and he went top shelf from above the circles.

In the final two minutes of the period, Hutsko centered a pass from below the left circle over to Barratt for a back-door tap in at the right post.

The Stars went back up 3-2 early in the second on Sam Kauppilo's goal and it was a 4-2 game with 3:16 remaining in the period.

Ethen Frank broke in off the right wing, only to be stymied by Scheel. The rebound bounced to Adam Brady, who buried it.

After the second period, Granato encouraged his team to get back to the basics for the final 20 minutes and it quickly paid dividends.

At 3:03, on the power play, Barratt jammed in his own rebound. Setting him up with another nifty pass was Reedy.

The U17s struck again with the extra man just past the midway point of the third, when Hutsko set up Reedy for a one-timer taken from below the right circle. Barratt also assisted.

Those goals capped off a surge where Team USA out-shot Lincoln 14-2. Jacob Tortora nearly put the home team in front for the first time, only to be denied by Stars goalie Patrik Vananen.

With the overtime loss, Team USA fell to 3-3-1-1 in the USHL (with the record including games played by the Under-18 team). Lincoln improved to 8-1-0-0.

World Challenge

Meanwhile, Granato and his players are looking forward to the 2015 World Under-17 Hockey Challenge, to take place over the next couple of weeks beginning with an exhibition game Friday night against the Canada Red Team.

"That's our biggest event of the year," Granato said. "That will be the first time we see Russia, Finland, Sweden, Czech, Germany, Canada — their national teams within our age group."

"It's the first event for the U-17 level, internationally, so our focus is for that event. We held a couple guys out of the lineup tonight."

Following the Oct. 30 exhibition game at Encana Events Centre, the U17s will compete in four round-robin games. Then there will be a quarterfinal, semifinal and final.

"It's an eight-day event, so you're playing six games in eight or nine nights," Granato said. "It will be a measuring stick for us."

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Spartan letters



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Northville High grad Edward Clifton (center), a member of the men's track and cross country teams, was among 68 student-athletes from 23 sports to receive a Michigan State University letter jacket during a 2015 MSU Hall of Fame ceremony Sept. 17 in East Lansing. Presenting Clifton with his jacket was MSU track and cross country coach Walt Drenth (left) along with MSU athletic director Mark Hollis (right). Clifton recently finished 15th in the Jeff Drenth Memorial cross country at Central Michigan University and recorded his best collegiate time with a sub-16 minute showing in a meet at Eastern Michigan University. Clifton also competed in the 800-meter run, where he ran 1:50.26, finishing third in a qualifying heat and just missing the finals.

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CFCU mortgage chief sees strong local market

Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

A slowly recovering economy, continuing low interest rates, the relaxation of loan requirements and pent-up demand by would-be buyers are among the drivers of a strong mortgage market.

That's the view from Eric Esser, chief mortgage lending officer at Plymouth-based Community Financial Credit Union, which is on pace to issue a near-record number of mortgages this year — about 65 a month, or close to 800 for the calendar year.

"We potentially could have our best year ever," Esser said during a recent interview. He also credited a marketing strategy CFCU launched in the depths of the recession, when the credit union advertised it had money to lend.

"All the credit unions are benefiting from that fact that the bank crisis turned a lot of people off to the big banks," said Esser, a 15-year CFCU employee who has been in charge of the mortgage department since 2004.

The housing market



Eric Esser is chief mortgage lending officer at Community Financial Credit Union. He sees a strong area housing market. "I see consumer confidence coming back," he said.

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collapse of 2007-08, he said, wiped out many lenders in the sub-prime, or higher-risk, market, Esser said. "We never played in the sub-prime market."

With 10 branches, plus its Plymouth headquarters, CFCU's core market area consists of Plymouth, Northville and Novi, plus Plymouth,

Northville and Canton townships, but the credit union lends in many more communities throughout the state, Esser said, and even has branches in the northern Lower Peninsula, including in Gaylord and Lewiston.

While mortgage rates have risen slightly from earlier this year, they

remain relatively low and signs that they may go up are further motivating home buyers to take advantage of them, Esser said.

The Federal Reserve declined last month to raise the borrowing rate on key federal funds, but Esser believes the rate is likely to go up slightly yet this year. Still, he

said, the affect on the housing market should be minimal.

The markets for original mortgages and refinancing are both strong at CFCU, Esser said. Customers with excellent credit can get rates as low as 3.875 percent for a 30-year mortgage and 3.25 percent for a 15-year mortgage, he said.

Rising confidence

The recovery of the housing market, in many areas, and of the economy as a whole are big factors in a rise in consumer confidence, Esser said.

"Now, people are moving because they want to," whereas during the downturn, he said, homeowners were largely moving only when forced to by circumstances.

"I would call it a sellers' market," with relatively low inventories in many of the communities CFCU serves, Esser said.

However, in a few Detroit-area communities, property values haven't recovered and many homeowners are still upside-down on their mortgages.

"We were really beaten down pretty hard from this recession,"

Esser said. "There are still communities where the values haven't rebounded."

Although borrowing requirements have relaxed somewhat in recent years, they're still more stringent than they were before the housing market crash, Esser said.

"In the old days, we could get by with a pay stub for someone with good credit," Esser said, whereas loan applicants now need to provide tax returns from two years.

Down payment requirements have also relaxed, Esser said, with Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. (Freddie Mac) and Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae) guidelines calling for minimum down payments of 3 percent, down from 5 percent.

CFCU, Esser said, will sometimes accept lower down payments for the right borrowers, for loans the credit union plans to keep.

"We try to provide a difference here. We will do some lending that most folks won't do," he said.

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Use year-end tax planning strategies to fit your needs

As the year comes to a close, consumers will see many articles on year-end tax planning. Most of these articles generally give the same advice: Accelerate deductions into this year, defer income where possible until 2016 and review your portfolio and sell positions with losses to take the tax write-off.

The advice is beneficial — sometimes. However, for many people, the advice is opposite of what they should do.



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That is why it is important to look at your individual circumstance. Don't do what everyone else is doing, but do things that make sense for you.

Year-end tax planning requires some individual effort. Start with last year's tax return. It will

provide a guide to help estimate where you stand this year. Look at income last year and determine if it will be the same this year. In addition, review deductions and use it to determine this year's deductions.

Once you have this information, you can decide if it makes sense to accelerate deductions into this year or pay them next year. Accelerating deductions means whether you should make that year-end charitable

contribution in December as opposed to January. The same thing could apply to when you pay your property taxes. Particularly, for those who don't itemize deductions every year, timing when deductions are taken can be invaluable.

The worst piece of advice I see given during tax season is to sell losers. Although there's nothing wrong with taking the deduction, the problem is you're letting the tax tail wag the dog. I

don't believe in doing anything for tax reasons alone. Do things that make good economic sense and increase net worth.

When someone randomly goes through their portfolio and sells losers, it could leave the portfolio vulnerable because it may no longer be balanced and diversified. Some people say they will immediately buy back that investment after they take the loss. Unfortunately, it doesn't

work that way. There are wash/sales rules so you cannot immediately buy back that same investment and at the same time deduct the losses.

Remember, the goal of investing is to increase your net worth. To do this, don't let the tax tail wag the dog.

Good luck.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is www.bloomassetmanagement.com.

Salvation Army thrift stores holding sale

Winter is around the corner. Gear up for the cooler weather and prepare for the holiday season during the Salvation Army's Fall Savings Spectacular. All 34 metro Detroit Salvation Army thrift store locations will offer 50 percent off clothing Saturday, Nov. 7.

Doors will be open at the nonprofit's 32 thrift stores from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. and from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at its two dollar stores in Pontiac and Detroit.

Enjoy great deals on coats, scarves, gloves and hats among other winter essentials. In addition to the clothing sale, hourly bonus deals will be announced in various departments throughout the day, giving guests even more value.

"The last few Michigan winters have been record setting," said

Merle Miller, administrator of The Salvation Army Southeast Michigan Adult Rehabilitation Center. "We know that families need warm weather essentials to prepare for the winter season, and they can pick up great deals on those pieces while making a difference in the lives of families benefiting from our adult rehabilitation programs."

Local thrift stores include:

- » 28982 Ford Road, Garden City, 734-261-7175
- » 3600 Plymouth Road, Livonia, 734-425-7573
- » 27170 Grand River, Redford, 313-255-0777
- » 43403 Joy, Canton, 734-416-1925
- » 532 W. Highland Road, Highland, 248-887-3047

Proceeds from all stores benefit the Salvation Army Southeast

Michigan Adult Rehabilitation Center, an independently funded, 180-day residential rehabilitation program for adults. The ARC is an integral part of TSA's mission and offers substance-abusing adults the opportunity to rebuild their lives through a voluntary, short-term residential self-help program designed to establish a sense of dignity, self-esteem and personal strength that will allow them to resist the desire to abuse a substance and regain their rightful place as contributing members of society.

Completely self-funded, the ARC draws its entire operating budget from the revenue of the 34 Salvation Army Thrift Stores in southeast Michigan.

For more information, go to www.salarmythrift.com or call 313-965-7760.

NOTICE OF ELECTION NOVI TOWNSHIP

To the Qualified Electors of the NOVI TOWNSHIP, County of Oakland:
Notice is hereby given that a Special Election will be held in the Township of Novi, County of Oakland on Tuesday, November 3, 2015, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. for the purpose of voting on a Schoolcraft Community College millage proposal.
The polling place location for said election is:
44020 Cottisford Road, Northville, MI 48167

For assistance in determining the accessibility of the polling place locations and the availability of voting instructions in alternative formats such as audio and Braille, please contact the clerk's office.
Persons wishing to obtain an absentee ballot may do so by contacting the Novi Twp. clerk's office. The Clerk, or their designee, will be available in the Clerk's Office on the Saturday preceding the election, October 31, until 2:00 p.m., the deadline for requesting an absentee ballot.

For names of candidates, full text of proposals or any other information, please contact the Township Clerk's Office at (248) 231-6210.

Derwood Haines, Novi Township Clerk

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CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF PROVISION OF THE SNOW EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in accordance with Chapter 33, Article III, Division 5 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Novi, Michigan, a snow emergency shall be deemed to exist whenever: (1) freezing rain, sleet or four (4) or more inches of snow has been forecasted for the area by a newspaper circulated in the city, or by a radio or television station with a normal operating range covering the city; or (2) freezing rain or sleet has fallen or four (4) or more inches of snow have accumulated in the city.

Whenever any vehicle without an operator is found parked or left in violation of any provision of this Division, the Director of the Department of Public Services, or his designee, or the Police Department may immediately remove the vehicle or cause the vehicle to be removed to a place of safekeeping at the expense of the registered owner of the vehicle.

Failure to comply with the requirements set forth in Chapter 33, Article III, Division 5 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Novi, Michigan may also result in the prosecution for same, and liability to the extent of the penalty therein provided.

Rob Hayes, Director
Department of Public Services

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CONSTRUCTION BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Construction Board of Appeals for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on **November 17, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Mayors Conference Room Novi Civic Center 45175 Ten Mile Road to consider:

PCB15-0006 48829 CASTELLO CT

The applicant is requesting variances from the CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 11-216 (e) (8), to allow construction of an existing driveway slope of approximately 13.1 %.

CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Design and Construction Standards, Chapter 11, Section 11-216 (e) (8) requires the grade of residential and utility structure driveway approaches and driveways shall not exceed ten (10) percent.

PCB15-0007 24179 BROADMOOR PK

The applicant is requesting variances from the CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 11-216 (e) (8), to allow construction of an existing driveway slope of approximately 10.6 %.

CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Design and Construction Standards, Chapter 11, Section 11-216 (e) (8) requires the grade of residential and utility structure driveway approaches and driveways shall not exceed ten (10) percent.

The applicant's petition and all supporting materials are available for your review in the Community Development Department. Written comments regarding this case may be mailed or sent by fax to: (248) 735-5600 by **November 16, 2015**. Unsigned or anonymous comments WILL NOT be considered.

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Credit union donates 439 hours for Give Big weekend

Community Choice Credit Union put its philosophy of giving big into action during the seventh annual Give Big Weekend recently.

Each year, Credit Union employees and their families gather to volunteer and raise funds for nonprofits around metro Detroit. This year, more than 439 hours of service were given by nearly 200 volunteers.

Officials said Community Choice Credit Union launched the Give Big philosophy in 2008 as a way to give back to its members and neighbors.

Give Big Weekend 2015 included the following accomplishments:

» **Keeping neighbors warm** — More than 100 fleece blankets were made by Community Choice Credit Union team members. The blankets will be donated to South Oakland Warming Center, Safe Haven and Pathways of Michigan.

» **Running for charity** — Community Choice Credit Union sponsored The Royal Run, a walk/run event held at Inch Memorials in Northville. Members of the public, and Credit Union supporters dressed up like kings, queens, princes and princesses to raise



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funds for local charities.

» **Playing games and supporting children** — Team members visited girls at Vista Maria, a charity that helps women and children who have experienced abuse, to spend a joyous day playing board games.

» **Caring for a garden** — At Earthworks Urban Farm in Detroit, team members tended to the garden that supplies food to Capuchin Soup Kitchen.

» **Sharing a meal** — At Grace Centers of Hope in Pontiac, an estimated 120 meals were served to individuals overcoming homelessness and addiction.

Realtors lauded for contributions to industry, community

The Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors' Realtor of the Year award honors a Realtor for civic and association activity, business and educational experience and "Realtor Spirit" (professional competence and faithfulness to the principles of real estate, as well as to the laws and regulations of the State and National Code of Ethics).

GMAR's 2015 Realtor of the Year is Maureen Francis of

Signature Sotheby's International Realty in Birmingham.

For the last two years, Francis has sat on the Realcomp Shareholders task force. She's happy that the task force has been able to successfully work toward Realcomp's membership in the GLR, which will benefit Southeast Michigan Realtors



Francis



McArdle

through access to one shared database of listing information.

Francis currently serves on the Boards of Directors of both Michigan Realtors and the National Association of Realtors and she is a 2015 graduate of NAR's Leadership Academy. She has served on various committees at both the state and national levels, and she recently developed and presented a webinar for NAR on Boomerang Buyers.

Francis is an associate broker. Her designations include ePRO, SFR, PMN and she is a former SRES Designee. A strong believer in the importance of RPAC, she maintains President's Circle Sterling R status.

"I am so very honored. GMAR has many exceptional volunteer leaders who serve our industry and are committed to advancing our profession, and I am inspired by many of my peers. I truly love the opportunities that being a Realtor has given to me and my family," Francis said.

GMAR President Frank Tarala said: "Maureen Francis is most deserving of this award based on her unselfish



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contributions to our real estate world. From a national level to the local level, Maureen brings well thought out perspectives that keep moving our industry forward. Congratulations, Maureen!"

Also honored by GMAR is the Realtor Active in Politics, given to a Realtor who has encouraged, educated, identified and recruited individuals by their contribution, investment and efforts in all levels of the governmental and political arenas. GMAR's 2015 Realtor Active in Politics is John McArdle of Remerica Hometown One in Plymouth.

Over the past 27 years, McArdle has testified in Lansing on home ownership and mortgage issues and met with numerous members of congress and staff at state and federal levels to discuss topics including: importance of home ownership, mortgage issues, debt forgiveness, mortgage interest deduction and a continued smooth transfer of private property.

McArdle has served as a liaison for the I-275 communi-

ties to monitor real estate issues for Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Livonia. He fought hard alongside MR in Lansing to defeat tax on services and other affronts to private property rights and Realtors. He has long served on MR Public Policy Committee with passion and with a "street level" approach to analyzing potential legislation. These years spent dedicated to Realtors helped him form long lasting friendships throughout the State of Michigan. In May of this year, McArdle was inducted into the National Association of Realtors NAR RPAC Hall of Fame for having contributed substantially to RPAC over the years.

GMAR's CEO Duane Marsh said: "The real estate profession takes its legislative activities very seriously. Leaders have to step up to ensure that our legislative power and influence is maintained. John is one of those leaders who freely gives of his time and expertise to maintain our legislative leadership. GMAR

is indeed fortunate to have John as a member of our board."

GMAR President Frank Tarala said: "I don't think a person exists who knows more about the present and past of real estate than John McArdle. I see John as a longtime student of our business and his knowledge of the past, combined with his present-day perspectives, gives us the right voice to convey our message to those who are running for office and those elected."

GMAR provides services and support to the real estate profession and the communities served. With over 6,000 members, GMAR is the largest local Realtor association in the state. GMAR provides many benefits to its members, such as access to the Realcomp MLS, over 220 quality continuing education and designation courses per year, the largest Realtor-specific store in the area, the Tool-Shop™, Metropolitan Minute weekly newsletter and Metropolitan REALTOR monthly electronic magazine.

Knowledgeable lawyer can advise on deed restrictions

Q: We live in a neighborhood where a developer has come in and wants to split the lots, which we believe is against our deed restrictions. How do I get my neighbors to hire a capable lawyer to deal with the situation?

A: You need to tell your neighbors that Michigan law requires that deed restrictions be strictly enforced assuming, of course, that the deed restrictions have been enforced uniformly and consistently in the past. Unfortunately, many condominium associations and homeowner associations don't take those deed restrictions as seriously as they should. However, residents have been successful in stopping developers from doing something in variance from the recorded deed restrictions and you should remind your neighbors that their property values are in jeopardy. You should start a war chest fund at a local financial institution and solicit contributions to retain a knowledgeable attorney.

Q: A developer in our neighborhood has approached us about building a high rise in the middle of our single family residential area. He has promised benefits to the community and while some are in favor of it, we need to know with certainty what will happen. What do you suggest?

A: You should retain an attorney as soon as possible to examine what obstacles the developer may have to obtain his request for a variance. If, in fact, the majority of the members of the community wish to allow the developer to go ahead based on promises, make sure they are in writing, make sure the municipality incorporates that in any variance approval, and canvass your neighborhood to determine what is the true intent and construction ramifications of the development.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of "Condo Living 2: An Authoritative Guide to Buying, Selling and Operating a Condominium." He is also the author of "Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track," second edition. Visit bmeisner@meisner-law.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.



Robert Meisner

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of June 8-12, 2015, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS		
15573 Buckingham Ave	\$165,000	
16979 Georgina St	\$315,000	
16250 Madeline St	\$175,000	
31095 W Rutland St	\$255,000	
BIRMINGHAM		
1895 Birmingham Blvd	\$300,000	
736 Brookside Ave	\$335,000	
1334 Cole St	\$559,000	
395 Coolidge Rd	\$209,000	
2735 Dorchester Rd	\$310,000	
1365 E Lincoln St	\$176,000	
1283 E Melton Rd	\$217,000	
510 Graten St	\$359,000	
538 Graten St	\$368,000	
504 London St	\$535,000	
898 N Adams Rd Unit 4	\$113,000	
1035 N Old Woodward Ave	\$219,000	
1111 N Old Woodward Ave # 36	\$225,000	
1088 Southfield Rd	\$685,000	
2298 W Lincoln St	\$705,000	
807 Wallace St	\$418,000	
BLOOMFIELD HILLS		
2025 Dell Rose Dr	\$415,000	
720 E Fox Hills Dr	\$80,000	
4074 Lincoln Rd	\$310,000	
6790 Orinoco Cir	\$278,000	
2945 S Woodward Ave #34	\$301,000	
2945 S Woodward Ave #60	\$97,000	
4243 Sawgrass Dr	\$286,000	
100 W Hickory Grove Rd # A4	\$69,000	
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP		
944 Adams Castle Dr	\$600,000	

4369 Barchester Dr	\$515,000	
2295 Bedford Rd	\$215,000	
4578 Coakmaker Dr	\$410,000	
7169 Fairhill Rd	\$375,000	
1816 Harvest Ln	\$278,000	
1974 Klingensmith Rd Unit 6	\$123,000	
1731 Lone Pine Rd	\$365,000	
185 N Gienary Rd	\$565,000	
5165 Pennvalley Rd	\$778,000	
3644 Quail Hollow Dr	\$478,000	
809 Upper Scotsborough Way	\$450,000	
3767 W Maple Rd	\$533,000	
4581 Wagon Wheel Dr	\$480,000	
COMMERCIAL TOWNSHIP		
3509 Beagle Dr	\$323,000	
9131 Chaumont Dr	\$156,000	
4620 Commerce Woods Dr	\$255,000	
3067 Edgewood Park Ct	\$230,000	
5004 Greenview Dr	\$278,000	
5310 Invenary Ln	\$480,000	
2479 Rocky Top Ct	\$292,000	
3280 Royal Blvd	\$70,000	
1734 Union Cir	\$210,000	
1560 Vanstone Dr	\$220,000	
FARMINGTON		
35826 Briar Ridge Ln	\$243,000	
22447 Brookdale St	\$170,000	
24091 Tana Ct	\$200,000	
23052 Violet St	\$158,000	
22855 Warner St	\$155,000	
FARMINGTON HILLS		
22208 Averhill St	\$105,000	
28220 Brandwynne Rd	\$295,000	
29812 Briarwood Ct	\$220,000	
37671 Burton Dr	\$290,000	
28200 E Greenmeadow Cir	\$140,000	
32403 Farmersville Rd	\$223,000	
28214 Greening St	\$132,000	
35050 Hillside Dr	\$180,000	
35310 Lone Pine Ln	\$200,000	
35272 Meadow Ln	\$180,000	
35184 Muer Pl	\$250,000	

23645 N Stockton Ave	\$185,000	
25393 Ridgewood Dr	\$224,000	
21850 River Ridge Trl	\$225,000	
38255 Saratoga Cir	\$190,000	
29643 Shenandoah Dr	\$295,000	
33652 Stocker St	\$193,000	
30030 Stockton Ave	\$175,000	
32286 Tall Timber Dr	\$370,000	
34630 Valley Forge Dr	\$260,000	
29675 Vista Ct	\$178,000	
28865 W 11 Mile Rd	\$205,000	
31915 W 14 Mile Rd # 242	\$135,000	
28418 W 8 Mile Rd Unit C4	\$33,000	
32022 Wayburn St	\$200,000	
28341 Westerleigh Rd	\$204,000	
28736 Wintergreen	\$690,000	
HIGHLAND		
2261 Elkridge Cir	\$225,000	
3027 Hillside Dr	\$285,000	
2976 Tes Dr	\$180,000	
4145 Woodcock Way	\$187,000	
MILFORD		
942 Burns Rd	\$263,000	
590 Cumberland Trl	\$400,000	
113 Diponio Rossi Dr	\$355,000	
209 East St	\$174,000	
780 Forestberry Ct	\$240,000	
803 Manderly Dr	\$290,000	
1571 Morgan Ln	\$439,000	
277 Napa Valley Dr	\$321,000	
1401 S Garner Rd	\$540,000	
708 S Milford Rd	\$129,000	
4625 S Milford Rd	\$251,000	
2949 Sovereign Ln	\$147,000	
737 Telya Rdg	\$316,000	
NORTHVILLE		
22936 Poppleton Dr	\$530,000	
NOVI		
47991 Andover Dr	\$518,000	
22635 Beckenham Ct	\$500,000	
22574 Bertram Dr	\$361,000	
50624 Billenca Dr	\$643,000	

24179 Broadmoor Park Blvd	\$570,000	
30806 Centennial Dr	\$180,000	
31085 Chatsford St	\$350,000	
41791 Chesterfield Ct	\$620,000	
22643 Cranbrooke Dr	\$149,000	
1141 East Lake Rd	\$335,000	
30884 Golden Rdg	\$210,000	
27969 Middleton Dr	\$240,000	
23382 Mystic Forest Dr	\$373,000	
22616 Penton Rise Ct	\$320,000	
23483 Stonehenge Blvd	\$90,000	
23597 Stonehenge Blvd	\$90,000	
44539 Williams Dr	\$372,000	
24530 Willowbrook	\$320,000	
SOUTH LYON		
24968 Carriage Ln	\$73,000	
54888 Grenelafe Cir W	\$413,000	
820 Hidden Creek Dr	\$307,000	
619 Lyon Blvd	\$170,000	
959 Oak Creek Dr	\$249,000	
23854 Shinnecock Dr	\$430,000	
962 Westbrooke Dr	\$229,000	
58793 Winnowing Cir S	\$83,000	
SOUTHFIELD		
30131 Greenfield Rd	\$30,000	
25315 Lathrup St	\$269,000	
23637 Lee Baker Dr	\$42,000	
29284 Rambling Rd	\$35,000	
30585 Red Maple Ln	\$155,000	
25530 Southfield Rd # A204	\$65,000	
21475 Stahlin Rd	\$15,000	
24629 Tempal Ave	\$137,000	
20750 Wayland St	\$77,000	
17231 Westland Ave	\$93,000	
WHITE LAKE		
9471 Cedar Island Rd	\$227,000	
1346 Clearwater St	\$220,000	
585 Farnsworth Rd	\$150,000	
10304 Riverwood Ct	\$55,000	

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of June 29 to July 2, 2015, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses and sales prices.

CANTON		
8423 Alton St	\$158,000	
3881 Berkeley Ave	\$129,000	
40341 Chatsworth Ct	\$201,000	
212 E Canford Park	\$430,000	
336 Elmington Ct	\$380,000	
44451 Forest Trail Dr	\$230,000	
43729 Fredericksburg St	\$175,000	
45957 Graystone Ln	\$193,000	
48556 Greenwich Cir	\$363,000	
43131 Hanford Rd	\$238,000	
42493 Lilley Pointe Dr	\$92,000	
49041 Manhattan Cir	\$333,000	
1809 Mantion Blvd	\$213,000	
236 N Willard Rd	\$215,000	
48635 Oak Bridge Dr	\$220,000	
2012 Pinecroft Dr	\$145,000	
343 Princeton St	\$203,000	
6601 Raintree Dr	\$215,000	
42051 Saratoga Cir	\$178,000	
3974 Sherwood Cir	\$239,000	
42283 White Hart Blvd	\$280,000	

GARDEN CITY		
32221 Barton St	\$115,000	
31334 Bock St	\$100,000	
335 Brandt St	\$60,000	
5917 Cardwell St	\$62,000	
6408 Dillon St	\$90,000	
31344 Florence Ct	\$95,000	
32482 Kathryn St	\$107,000	
30426 Marquette St	\$106,000	
LIVONIA		
28100 S Mile Rd	\$23,000	
14156 Beatrice St	\$186,000	
14015 Brentwood St	\$150,000	
32018 Bretton St	\$181,000	
39122 Dover St	\$150,000	
15954 Edgewood St	\$255,000	
16702 Farmington Rd	\$180,000	
19907 Farmington Rd	\$110,000	
32631 Five Mile Rd	\$100,000	
18725 Flamingo Blvd	\$167,000	
14950 Garden St	\$150,000	
14942 Gay Ln	\$182,000	
17754 Golfview St	\$215,000	
35950 Hees St	\$80,000	
9183 Houghton St	\$186,000	
32814 Indiana St	\$130,000	
37773 Margaretta Dr	\$275,000	
14811 Merriman Rd	\$70,000	
36282 Northfield Ave	\$172,000	
32909 Northgate Ave	\$235,000	
19562 Norwich Rd	\$253,000	
16724 Quakertown Ln	\$266,000	

15516 Stonehouse Cir	\$271,000	
18049 University Park Dr	\$87,000	
31515 W Chicago St	\$117,000	
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If you hear these job-hunting tips, ignore them

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Job seekers are often inundated with advice from friends and family on everything from how they should search to what job they should be looking for to how to format their resumes. While the advice is usually well-meaning, it can get a little overwhelming. What's more, not all advice is good advice.

Here are common pieces of job-search advice that you may want to ignore.

'Don't waste your time on a cover letter.'

Writing a resume is a grueling process, so adding a cover letter on top of that can seem like just extra — and unnecessary — work. But a cover letter is an important part of your application package, so skipping it can mean getting skipped over by the employer.

Michele Jennae, a career coach who owns Perpetual Career Management and Perpetual Career Institute, says some people have been advised not to write cover letters because they are never read. But that's not true, she says. "I tell my clients that writing a great cover letter is like part of doing a homework assignment worth tens of thousands of dollars. Additionally, it shows that you communicate well (and) that you've done your homework; (it) personalizes you in reference to your resume; (and it) better frames your experience, qualifications, attitude and desire to work for this company."



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'Don't apply if you don't meet all of the requirements.'

What should you do if you find a job that really interests you, but you have four years of experience instead of five, or you aren't exactly proficient in Adobe Photoshop? Some people may tell you it's not worth applying, since you'll be passed up for someone who meets every requirement — but you shouldn't move on so fast.

"Many candidates don't apply for jobs unless they meet all of the requirements, and this can really hold them back," says Angela Copeland, a career coach and owner of Copeland

Coaching. "Job descriptions are a wish list that the company may or may not ever find. Fit is most important. If you have that, many companies will overlook some of their requirements."

'Just follow your passion.'

If you find something that you're passionate about, by all means, look into what it would take to pursue that passion as a career. But it may not be realistic to just quit your job without first having a game plan.

"While I'm a firm believer in doing work that you're passionate about, I say, 'Follow your passion — within rea-

son,'" says Cachet Prescott, owner of Career Cachet, an HR consulting firm that specializes in career branding, management and transition services. "In addition to seeking passion in your work, be realistic about your life circumstances, obligations and responsibilities as well, and search responsibly. Remember: Fit your career into your life, not your life into your career. Also, everything you're passionate about might not always make the best career for you; sometimes, your passion loses its luster when it becomes work."

'Apply to as many jobs as you can and see what sticks.'

If you use the "quantity over quality" approach to sending out applications, you could be wasting your time on jobs that aren't the right fit. Plus, if you're not customizing your application materials for each position for which you're applying, you're not going to get noticed by employers.

"All job seekers should approach their job-search process with a plan," Prescott says. "While you might land a job with this haphazard approach, the opportunity, position and/or company may not be the best fit for you. By putting a plan in place and strategically targeting your career marketing materials for your ideal position or opportunity, you increase the chances of landing the right fit for you."

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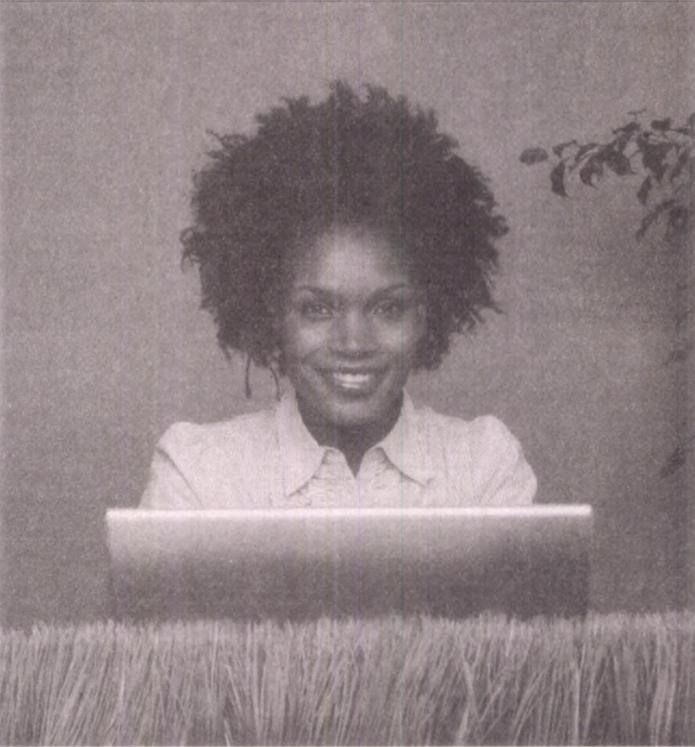
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- 1 Really dislike
 - 5 First-string athletic group
 - 10 Black mark
 - 16 Suffix with fiend
 - 19 27-Across' continent
 - 20 Elder Obama daughter
 - 21 Approached to assail
 - 22 Bakery treat
 - 23 Start of a riddle
 - 26 Carte or mode lead-in
 - 27 Seoul's land
 - 28 Engine sound
 - 29 Also include
 - 30 Erfurt article
 - 31 Spider-Man co-creator
 - 34 Declares, informally
 - 35 Spread of pureed liver
 - 37 Wish for ruler
 - 38 Riddle, part 2
 - 42 Romanov
 - 46 Very regretful one
 - 47 Pretense
 - 48 Lew of "State Fair"
- DOWN**
- 1 Pro-war sorts ("Try!")
 - 3 Triple crown
 - 4 Worn (away)
 - 9 Riddle, part 3
 - 55 Jewish holiday in spring
 - 56 Give — on the back
 - 57 Pop singer
 - 58 Times of distinction
 - 62 Informal name for Utah
 - 65 Easter entrees
 - 67 Many truck engines
 - 69 Farrow of films
 - 70 Riddle, part 4
 - 73 Beer in Bath
 - 74 Gucci or Armani rival
 - 76 "That's all there is —"
 - 77 Trials by fire
 - 79 "Hay, you there"
 - 80 Suffix with switch
 - 82 Brand of hair remover
 - 84 Prefix with tasking
 - 86 Riddle, part 5
 - 91 Moved like a kangaroo
 - 94 Stock debut. for short
 - 95 "Oh, uh-huh"
 - 96 Spanish for "other"
 - 97 End of the riddle
 - 103 "Bill" penner Jerome
 - 104 Butterlike product
 - 105 — di-dah
 - 106 Stir-fry tidbit
 - 111 Meyers or Onassis
 - 112 Leave agape
 - 113 Sun. church talk
 - 114 Sphere
 - 115 Giant in pens
 - 116 Riddle s answer
 - 123 Feline sign
 - 124 Fighting spirit
 - 125 Old major-league team
 - 126 Inert element
 - 127 N.J. hours
 - 128 Elmo's street
 - 129 "10" star Bo
 - 130 Darns, e.g.
- ACROSS**
- 44 Overdue debt
 - 45 Social reformer
 - 50 Frat "O"
 - 51 Loutish sort
 - 52 Endurance of myth
 - 53 Opposite of chaos
 - 54 Water nymph of myth
 - 59 Portion out anew
 - 60 Sports VIP
 - 61 Louisville-to-Atlanta dir.
 - 63 Houston college, for short
 - 64 "If — Would Leave You"
 - 66 Silver or gold
 - 68 Rival
 - 69 Sports VIP
 - 71 Go as low as
 - 72 What the weary get, in a saying
 - 75 Walk over
 - 78 Sedan, say
 - 81 Of sheep
 - 83 From Cork, e.g.
 - 85 "— perfect world ..."
 - 87 Fourth of a fiscal yr.
 - 88 — au vin (chicken dish)
 - 89 Shar — (wrinkly dogs)
 - 90 Russia's Trotsky
 - 91 Pleasant
 - 92 Manicure boards
 - 93 Yellowish fruit
 - 98 Red-eyed sparrow
 - 99 Tips off
 - 100 "—s Gold" (1997 film)
 - 101 Part of ERA
 - 102 Usual
 - 107 Takes off the bottle
 - 108 Check recipient
 - 109 Ulina's end
 - 110 Prayer ends
 - 112 Pin points
 - 113 Pal of Hook
 - 117 11-Down guess, briefly
 - 118 Wood for dartboards
 - 119 Hack down
 - 120 "World Cafe" aier
 - 121 Female koala
 - 122 "Fire away!"

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SUDOKU

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3				4				8
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4				5				3

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

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

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ATRIDOFGUYS CANONLY
PURIM APAT SARA ERAS
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MIA GIVESOMEONEAN ALE
VERSACE TOIT ORDEALS
PSSST EROO NAIR MULT I
EQUIVOCALREPLYTOAN
LEAPT IPO ISEE OTRA
IMPORTANTQUESTION
KERN OLEO LAH SNOWPEA
ARI AWE SER REALM
BIO THREEMENADAMAYBE
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WBAMNGOIHOBLLRTRCFESF
STNAOAIWCRMUENAPRTLFL
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Car Report

Chevrolet Spark Sizzles As Platform for Domino's New DXP Pizza-Delivery Vehicle



By Dale Buss

Domino's has been making a reputation lately as a tech company, with lots of innovations in digital ordering, including doing it by

There also are brand-reinforcing digital touches throughout, ranging from a puddle light projecting the Domino's logo on the ground to hubcaps with the Domino's logo.

And Domino's has even found a way to wrap Chevrolet dealers into this enterprise as the DXP is put to very real use, right away. Domino's arranged for Chevy dealers in the relevant local markets to service the nuances of DXP, from ovens to accessories. These dealers also will partner with franchisees to hold local launch events to introduce DXP in selected markets.

Domino's, of course, is the

fore, including the decision to fashion Domino's as a digitally savvy company for online ordering as well as a maker of tasty fare.

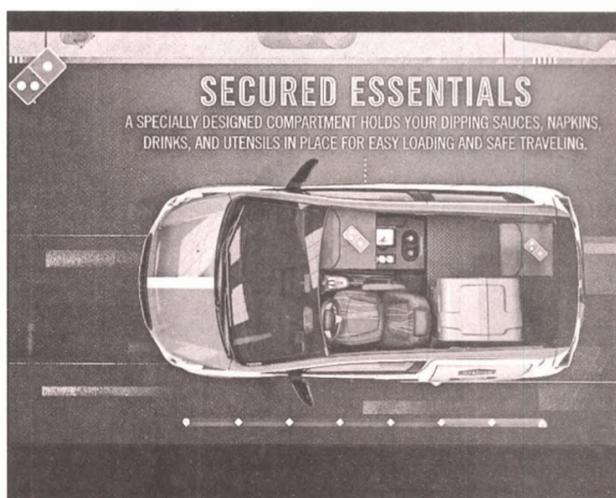
Domino's included not only General Motors but also another local company, Roush Enterprises, which is modifying the Sparks into DXP models, and Arizona-based Local Motors, which so far is best known as the creator of a 3-D-printed automobile body.

DXP's design was inspired and shaped by multiple influences including a former GM vice president as well as crowdsourced ideas provided in a contest by Local Motors.

"With all the changes that have occurred with this brand, one of the things that hasn't kept pace is our innovation within delivery vehicles," Russell Weiner, president of Domino's USA, told me. "So, what if a car was designed only for delivering pizzas?"

And, Weiner noted, the notion became "more than a branding exercise. We wanted to make sure that no one thought this was just a gimmick; this isn't us producing an Oscar Mayer Weinermobile or just a fleet of branded cars."

In fact, while Domino's initially intended to order up only 20 DXP cars as a test, instead franchisees already have ponied up between \$20,000 and \$25,000 apiece for a total of 100 of the specially modified, DXP versions of the Spark minicar. Domino's



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is covering the cost of the tooling and manufacture of the special equipment for DXP.

They're being delivered to 25 different markets across the country, including Boston, Dallas, Detroit, Houston, Indianapolis, New Orleans, San Diego and Seattle over the next three months.

Design and production of DXP took more than three years, beginning with the crowdsourcing competition and including adaptation by Ken Baker, the former GM R&D executive who worked closely with Domino's to create DXP.

Most Domino's deliveries will still be made in the personal cars of delivery drivers. But there's great reason for Domino's to try some innovations in this space as well as in the online-ordering arena where it has introduced a lot of new wrinkles recently, after spending the early part of

this decade reformulating its pizza and making other product improvements.

Pizza delivery represents roughly two-thirds of Domino's business, accounting for about 400 million pizzas a year in the United States. Drivers cover about 10 million miles each week. Previous Domino's improvements in the delivery process included creation of the industry's first 30-minute guarantee, a generation ago, as well as the corrugated pizza box and the Heatwave bag.

Pizza-ordering advances have included the Domino's Tracker app and ordering by text, Twitter and emoji, as well as Dom. "We want to see how [DXP] performs and what the consumer take is, and hopefully it will perform as well as we think it will," Weiner said. "If it does, we'll produce another round of them moving forward."



The Domino's DXP, based on Chevrolet Spark

vehicle, a modified version of the Chevrolet Spark that includes a warming oven, specialized racks for storing pizzas, the removal of all but the driver's seat, and the capacity to hold up to 80 pizzas and other menu items for large orders as well as those coming from homes.

beloved pizza giant based in Ann Arbor that has become the No. 2 company in the category after Pizza Hut. CEO J. Patrick Doyle took over from previous CEO David Brandon a few years ago and both built on his strategy for revitalizing the brand as well as brought his own bold strokes to

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