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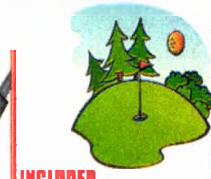
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## Church won't survive road plan

### First Free Will Baptist in roundabout's way

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It wasn't too long ago that the Rev. Henry Shafer, while in the hospital in July, first learned that his church, the First Free Will Baptist Church of Novi,

would have to move from its location on the southeast corner of 10 Mile and Napier to make room for a new roundabout.

"They call it eminent domain," Shafer said during a Sept. 14 interview at the Novi Public Library, where Road Commission for Oakland County representatives met to answer the public's questions on the planned project.

"Once they sign the papers,

there will be a push through," Shafer said.

Officials allegedly told him not to even bother to hire an attorney to fight it, he said.

"We don't like it," Shafer said. "(The road commission) said that there's nothing we can do about it."

The east side of the intersection, where the church is located, is in Novi; the opposite side is in Lyon Township.

Right now, church members have no idea where they will hold services. They are scouting for a new location.

Francesca Shafer, the pastor's wife, also isn't happy. "They want to have meetings," she said. "They are telling us that we have to go. It's not an option."

Finding another place is difficult and costly, she said. To

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Nikki Brueger holds a photo of her daughter, Ally Brueger, who was shot to death July 30 in Rose Township.

## Northville Township OKs Meijer

**Joanne Maliszewski**  
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A raucous, standing room only crowd booted, howled and occasionally applauded as Northville Township trustees approved by a slim margin Sept. 15 a plan for Meijer as anchor for the proposed mixed-use Village at Northville at Five Mile and Beck.

Approval of the planned unit development concept plan, with a 170,000-square-foot Meijer, came in a 4-3 vote. The approval, however, carries a number of conditions for Meijer and Southfield-based developer Redico, which has a letter of intent to purchase the 53 acres of the former Scott Prison property. The center would abut the township's community park on Five Mile.

Conditions the township board asked the developer and Meijer to meet include: reduce open hours for Meijer to coincide at least with the nightly hours of a theater; increase open space by 20 percent; increase security; and make architectural design improvements of the Meijer facade to comply with an upscale center and community.

Supervisor Bob Nix, Treasurer Margorie Banner and trustees Marv Gans and Fred Shadko voted for the project, while Clerk Sue Hillebrand and trustees Mindy Hermann and Samantha Heath opposed the plans. Board members who supported the plan said they felt they had to do what is best for the township. Those who opposed the PUD took issue to a large degree with plans for the Meijer. Hermann and Heath said they recognized the strong opposition to the store.

Anticipating a loud and angry crowd, township officials had a police officer standing near the door to the board auditorium, while residents struggled to find parking with many leaving their cars in nearby neighborhoods.

Residents spoke for two hours and even cajoled trustees for suggesting that a Meijer be placed in a center that has been billed as "high-end" and "upscale." Concerns about increased traffic and potential crime associated with the big box grocery store dominated the comments.

Finally, as booing, clapping and random accusations were shouted at trustees, Nix stopped the comments and asked, "Why do you want to impugn our integrity?" He later asked residents why they believe board

*"We have nothing now. We don't have her, there won't be a wedding, there are no grandchildren ... it's the worst thing that could ever happen to me. Nothing else really matters."*  
NIKKI BRUEGER

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## MURDER ON THE MIND: The hunt for Ally Brueger's killer

**Susan Bromley**  
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**N**ikki Brueger believes everyone has a special person in life.

Her special person, her daughter Ally, has been taken from her — killed seven weeks ago while running in broad daylight in Rose Township.

Now her grieving mother is pleading with the public to help find the killer. A reward for information leading to an arrest and conviction in the case has reached \$7,500.

"Losing her is incomprehensible to us," Brueger said Monday afternoon at the Rose Township home she shares with husband Frank and, until the end of July, also with Ally. "She was our only child and my best friend. My husband uses the word

assassinated because she was shot four times. He's a Vietnam vet and his comment was that he made it through the war and, 40 years later, our daughter is assassinated two miles from our home. This was the route she ran and she never told me that she ever had any problems with anyone."

Alexandra Brueger, 31, was shot in the back four times around 2:30 p.m. July 30 as she ran in the 11000 block of Fish Lake Road.

The quiet gravel road has homes scattered among long stretches of woods. It looks like any other beautiful, peaceful country road, except a homicide occurred here. Now there are sneakers tied to trees, memorializing Ally, a dedicated runner for the past 10 years, who

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move to some venues would cost about \$1 million.

Church member Frances Ferguson said that her husband Wandell Ferguson was pastor at the church for 32 years. He died 13 years ago.

"We don't know where we will be having church," Ferguson said. "The church found out that the road commission was going to come and take our property."

The feisty Ferguson said, "I still say that it ain't over until it is over."

Shafer found a number of Biblical passages, as well as personal hu-

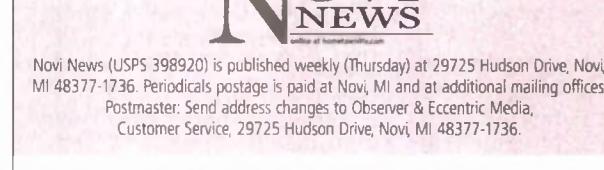
mor, to console the congregation — for example, in describing the number of members.

"We are running around 600, but we are only catching about 40," he said with a chuckle. "The church is not a building. The church is a congregation."

On a religious note, he quoted Romans 8:28: "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him."

There's another perspective in the round-about situation.

"Eminent domain isn't something that we like to invoke," county road commission design engineer Jeff O'Brien said. "It is something of last resort."



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**Accidents**

The church members are well aware of the number of accidents that occur on that corner, which they say are weekly. One accident occurred when they were huddled for Bible study. Another car plowed into the church's pavilion. Ferguson said a medical flight helicopter has also landed there to transport an accident victim to the hospital.

Members said they were told accidents that might occur in the round-about won't be as serious as the accidents that happen there now.

Lyon Township Supervisor Lannie Young was also on hand at last week's meeting and knew about the church's situation.

"Roundabouts are much safer when it comes to serious injury," Young said. "We have built three in Lyon Township and we have had no serious injuries since we put them in. There's fender benders because people aren't familiar with them. Roundabouts move traffic more fluidly."

Lyon Township is following the road commission's recommendations. "They own our roads," Young said.

Lyon Township currently has three roundabouts: Grand River/Lyon Center Drive; Lyon Center East/Grand River; and New Hudson Drive/Pontiac Trail. With three existing roundabouts in the New Hudson area, some have already coined it "Roundabout New Hudson."

New Hudson is a hamlet, a postal designation, within Lyon Township, "an unincorporated little town," according to Young.

Basically, drivers need to slow down, Young said. "The Michigan State Police sets the speed limits for all the main arteries in the state," he said.

He has been to Lansing to question why the speed limit on the roads are so fast, 50 mph, for example, on parts of

10 Mile. "They told me that the roads are meant to move traffic," he said.

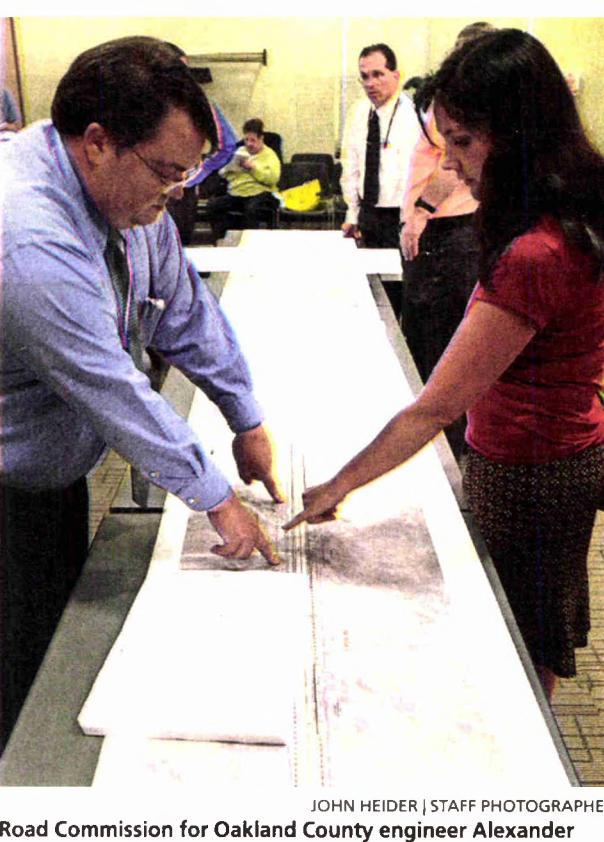
The project includes paving the gravel section of Napier Road from Nine Mile to just north of 10 Mile, as well as construction along 10 Mile from Cooperwood Drive to Napavine Drive, with a significant reduction of a hill on 10 Mile to improve sight distance and enhance safety.

The \$5 million project is funded with a mix of federal and local dollars.

"Local funding is shared by RCOC, Lyon Township and the city of Novi," said Cindy Dingell, a spokeswoman for the RCOC.

**Friends**

Church-goers weren't the only ones at last week's forum to get in-



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Road Commission for Oakland County engineer Alexander Rucinski talks to Napier Road resident Rebecca Whitmore.

formation. Novi residents and friends Helen Glechauf and Marsha Garback sat at the east meeting room of the Novi Public Library talking about how, with detours, they will be able to head west to South Lyon and Lyon Township to visit friends next year while the new roundabout at 10 Mile and Napier roads is being constructed.

"We need an explanation," Glechauf said on why they attended. "School will still be in session."

The women joked that they might need a helicopter to get around all of the expected traffic.

"The detours will require the closure of 10 Mile and Napier in the spring," O'Brien said.

The detour for the Napier Road closure will be Grand River to Beck Road to Eight Mile Road and back to Napier and vice versa. The detour for the 10 Mile Road closure will be Griswold Road to Eight Mile Road to Beck Road and back to 10 Mile Road and vice versa.

The detours are suggested for through traffic and trucks. Individuals may seek alternate routes.

About 18,500 vehicles pass through this intersection daily.

"The traffic will increase, based on development and the paving of Napier Road between Nine Mile and 10 Mile roads," Dingell said.

"Pave it and traffic shall come."

The initial focus of the project will be on the 10 Mile/Napier intersection, with the goal of opening 10 Mile as quickly as possible, Dingell said.

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members are "idiots."

Still the verbal onslaught continued. Residents described Meijer as a low-end retailer that draws crime and traffic. They also accused the township board of failing to complete due diligence on the plan. Others claimed that the overall mixed-use plan lacked innovation.

Redico's \$120 million plans for the acreage include a Meijer, a movie theater, hotel, 78 townhomes with price tags in the mid-\$300,000, retail shops in a walkable setting, a gathering site for events, a gas station and bank as well as a multi-tenant building.

The PUD approval impacts a number of the township's plans, including the need for the final decision to be made by Dec. 31, according to a state requirement. It also impacts the township's need to demolish the former Northville Psychiatric Hospital on Seven Mile, potential road improvements, a gas well owned by DTE, as well as contamination on the site.

The state sold the former prison property to the township for \$1 in 2012. The sale came with the caveat that it be sold for development by Dec. 31 or used for a public purpose. The price Redico would pay for the acreage has not been disclosed, but the township would receive a large portion of the proceeds, anticipated at about \$5 million and earmarked to tear down the buildings at the former psychiatric property, which the township owns.

Township officials also spoke of the need for services that could be provided with a grocery, retail, hotel and other amenities to continue to draw major corporations to the MiTech development on the east side of Beck Road. Bringing in research and development and high-tech companies can provide needed tax revenues for the Northville community, Nix said.

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logged 10 miles every day, even before working 12-hour shifts as a registered nurse at Providence Park Hospital in Novi.

**'Everyone a suspect'**

Michigan State Police Lt. Michael Shaw said there was evidence at the scene that indicates Brueger likely knew her killer.

"There are a lot of things at the crime scene that points us to that she knew who this was," Shaw said. "I can't expand on that, but there is not enough evidence that we can rule out a random event. We think it's someone she knew, but we can't say for certain that she didn't get into an incident with a vehicle in a road rage type of event, either. We have to be careful to not narrow the focus."

For now, after receiving about 75 tips and interviewing approximately 100 people that knew Ally, he emphasized that "everyone is considered a suspect" in this case, which presents a difficult challenge due to the rural environment in which there are a lack of witnesses and no surveillance cameras.

While there are no known witnesses to the actual crime, Ally was often seen by neighbors running on Fish Lake Road in the days and weeks leading up to her death. She had moved back in with her parents in April after what her mother said was an amicable break-up with a boyfriend of 2½ years.

Nikki says neighbors who saw Ally on her daily runs said she often had her head down and it made them think she was not paying attention to her surroundings, but that is an incorrect assumption. On the contrary, while her music-loving daughter ran with earbuds in, she was very observant and would bring home in her hat baby birds, which they would feed with eyedroppers. Nikki shows a picture of a baby turtle near a heart-shaped rock that Ally took while on one of her runs.

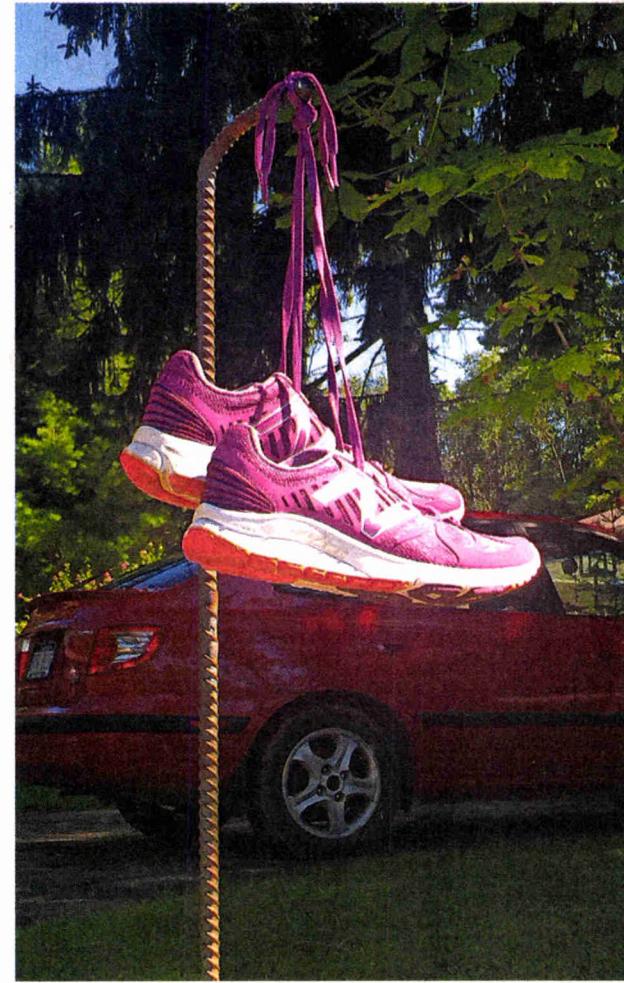
**Kind, compassionate person**

Ally's soft-spot for animals was just another part of her kind, caring, compassionate personality, her mother said. Nikki points to Zeus, a white boxer/American bulldog mixed breed that the Brueger family rescued at Ally's urging in January.

"She went out that Saturday to run and she never came back and this poor dog doesn't understand," Nikki said. "When he came to us in January, he had separation anxiety issues and even though Ally was living somewhere else, she would come and visit often because she liked to spend time with us and the dog. When she moved back and she would leave for work or to go on runs, I would tell him, 'Ally's going, but she'll come back.' But she didn't come home from that run and her car is out there and she's not in it and she's not in her room. She's missing and he doesn't understand."

Ally's parents don't understand, either.

Nikki said their daughter rarely drank, didn't smoke and didn't use drugs. Brueger wasn't raised with any particular religious beliefs, as her mother wanted her to choose her own spiritual path. In 2009, as



The running shoes of Ally Brueger hang in the front yard of the Rose Township home she shared with her parents until she was killed two miles away July 30 while running on Fish Lake Road.

**A dark place**

There is no future family for Ally now and it is a bleak future for the family she has left behind.

"We have nothing now," Nikki said. "We don't have her, there won't be a wedding, there are no grandchildren ... it's the worst thing that could ever happen to me. Nothing else really matters. I could die now and I'd be with her."

Ally's mother often finds herself now in what she calls a dark place. The death of her child is a preoccupation of her mind and, without answers, she returns again and again to that dark place, unable to move forward.

"She was a nurse; she must have known she was dying," Nikki said. "She didn't run with her phone that day because it had rained that morning. Was she worried about us, knowing we'd be worried when she didn't arrive home? You wonder what went through her mind and it's maddening. You can't go forward until you understand what happened."

She calls the police when she thinks of things that might be important to the investigation, but says they have not reached out to her for a month. Her husband attended the Rose Township board meeting last week in which Shaw had little news to share with a room packed full of frightened residents seeking answers.

**Someone knows**

At least one person out there knows the answer and Shaw believes it is very likely that dark secret has been shared.

"One good thing for us, but bad for criminals, is that they don't keep their crimes to themselves," Shaw said. "This person has already confessed or shown remorse. Someone knows."

The MSP has sought help with this case from its behavioral science department, as well as behavioral science analysts with the FBI. While Shaw declined to describe a profile of the killer at this time, the police are asking the public to be on the lookout for changes of behavior in possible suspects, including a change in appearance, quitting a job, a sudden move, break-up of a relationship, showing remorse or someone who may have

sold a white car suddenly for well below the value. A white or light-colored four-door car was seen in the area around the time of the shooting and police continue to consider this a crucial tip. Shaw notes that usually when information about a suspect vehicle comes out in a case, someone will come forward to say the vehicle they drive matches the description and they were in the area. In this case, no one has come forward, making the unknown vehicle that much more suspicious.

Investigators are currently in the process of executing electronic search warrants for telephone records, a lengthy process, for Ally's phone as well as other phones. They are also just trying to get to know Ally as a person.

"She was very private," Shaw said. "It makes it difficult to see how far she reaches out, living in Rose with her parents and driving to work as a nurse in Novi. The advent of social media is huge. There are thousands of people on a Facebook page you've never seen in your life, but you make the wrong one upset and it is someone you would have to investigate."

Although seven weeks have passed without a suspect named, the case is far from being cold. The Michigan State Police has a similar clearance rate to the national average of 60-65 percent, meaning that about six out of 10 homicides are solved, although the length of time varies for

resolution.

"This one will definitely take a little longer," Shaw said. "Every case is so, so different. As long as we get tips and leads, we'll keep working it. We consider it a cold case when there are zero leads and zero tips. We have a lot of tips and leads. It's not even close to being cold."

**Pushing down fear**

Nikki knows the public is afraid, just as her daughter was as she ran from her killer, but she hopes they will be brave in the face of evil, as Ally was — not freezing in fear.

"She pushed her fear down and I am asking people to push their fear down as well," Nikki said. "If you have information about what happened to our daughter, you can make an anonymous tip. You might think it is insignificant, but the littlest thing might be the thing that is most relevant."

Police have increased the reward money in the case to \$7,500 total — \$5,000 from the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and \$2,500 from Crime Stoppers — in the hopes of more leads.

In the meantime, a mother in Rose Township grieves in a very dark place.

"Everyone has a special person, whether your spouse, your son or daughter, a sibling, even a fur baby, like Zeus," Nikki said. "And I am asking the public to stand in my shoes and think about their special per-

son and if this had happened to their special person and how, if someone had information on it, you would want them to speak up. Ally was my special person."

Ally felt likewise about her mother. Nikki, who has eagerly shown many things that were special to her special person, now brings out a card her daughter gave her several months before her untimely death. The front of the small card reads, "I am a part of all that I have met."

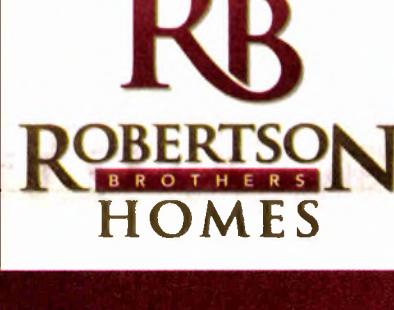
Inside, a printed message reads, "I am lucky to know you," followed by a personal message in Ally's scrawl: "You're my favorite human."

Nikki has been strong in a two-hour conversation about her only child, but tears come to her eyes as she says she still feels her daughter's presence.

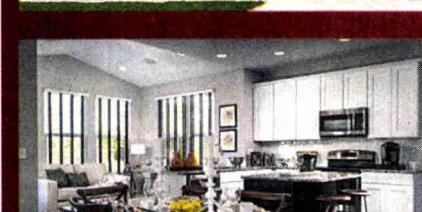
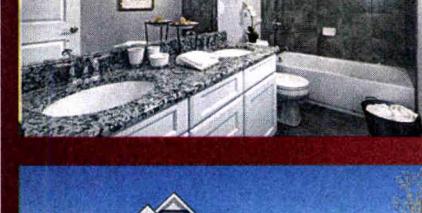
"There is no explanation for taking someone's life," she said. "Regardless of who and why, there is no reason. But I want to know who and why and I want justice."

Someone took her away from us, from her friends, from the rest of our family, from Zeus and she had the rest of her life to live. She was 31, the same age I was when she was born, and I don't want her to be another gun statistic in this violent culture we live in right now. We know her life mattered to the people that she touched."

Anyone with any information related to the death of Ally Brueger is asked to call 855-MICH-TIP or 800-SPEAKUP.



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## CC graduate from Northville dies in crash

**Christopher Haxel**  
Lansing State Journal

The victim in a fatal crash Monday on Interstate 96 was an 18-year-old Michigan State University student, police said Tuesday.

Mitchel Kiefer of Northville was a freshman studying neuroscience, according to the university's online directory. University spokesman Jason Cody was not immediately able to confirm his enrollment.

Kiefer was a 2016 graduate of Detroit Central Catholic High School, where he played goalie for the hockey team.

Kiefer was driving westbound on I-96 around 8 a.m., when his car was rear-ended near Dietz Road, causing it to cross the median, where it collided with a truck hauling an empty horse trailer traveling

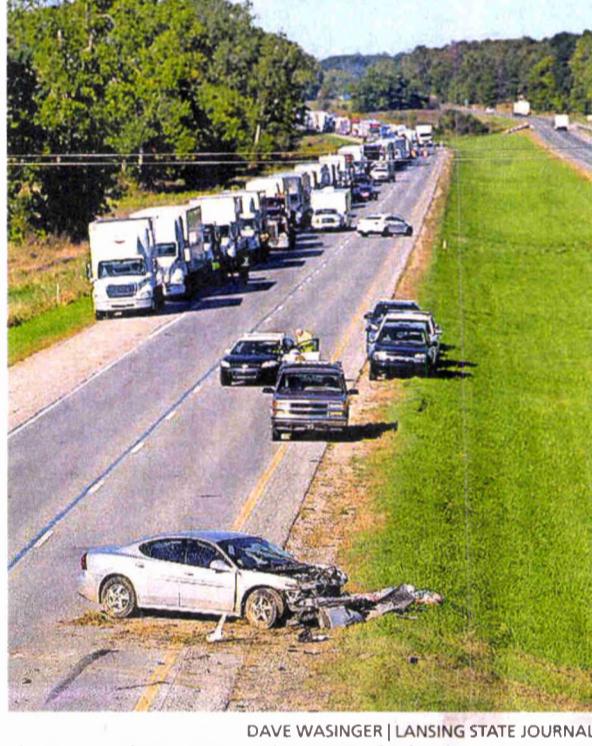


This photo of Mitchel Kiefer was tweeted by the Catholic Central hockey team.

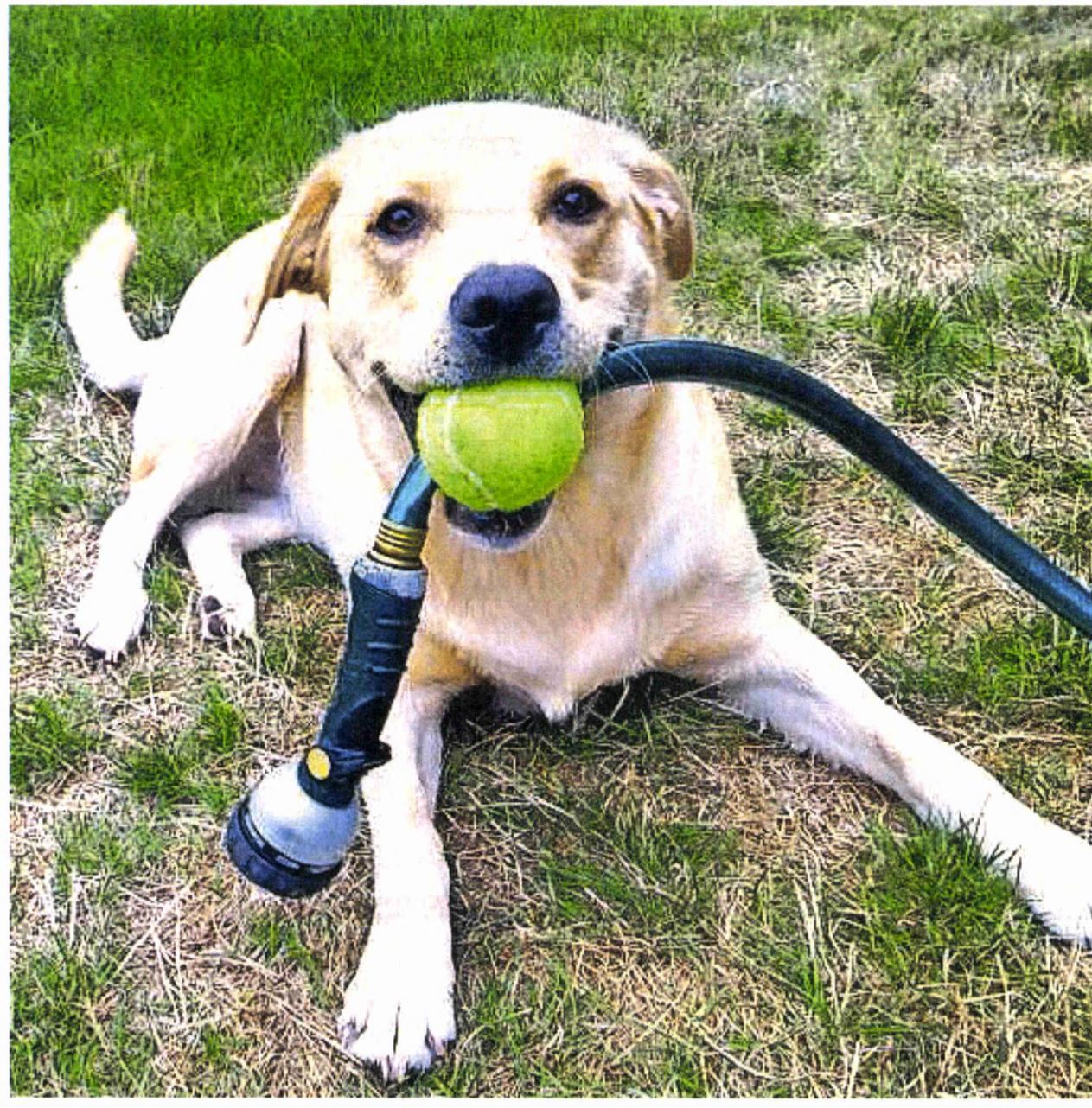
eastbound, Detective Sgt. Greg Harris, a spokesman for the Ingham County Sheriff's Office, said Monday.

The driver who caused the initial collision in the westbound lanes was transported to the hospital for minor injuries and the driver of the truck was treated at the scene, Harris later wrote in an email.

The sheriff's office said the accident is still under investigation.



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First responders arrive on the scene of a fatal three-car crash Monday on I-96 near Williamston. Authorities shut down traffic as they investigated the crash.



JENNIFER WARD

A Novi woman won some free Better Made chips in the company's cute pet photo contest.

## Novi woman wins Better Made contest

What an ultimatum to have to face - "Play or get sprayed." Roxie looks serious in this photo, as she not only clenches her favorite tennis ball, but also the garden hose to show that she means business! Roxie is a fun-loving dog that knows how to get her way with her owner, Jennifer Ward of Novi, who submitted the August 2016 winning Better Made Snack Foods pet photo.

For winning, Ward will receive a sampler box

containing 15 bags of different delicious Better Made products. Contest photos may be submitted online through the contest page on the Better Made website, [www.bettermadesnackfoods.com](http://www.bettermadesnackfoods.com), emailed to [info@bettermadesnackfoods.com](mailto:info@bettermadesnackfoods.com) or mailed to Better Made Pet Photo Contest, 10148 Gratiot Avenue, Detroit, MI 48213.

Remember, Better Made encourages people to send in their most outrageous and/or cutest

pet photo they can of their favorite pet, be it a dog, cat, rabbit, bird, orangutan, frilled lizard, etc., and the funnier or cuter the better!

"Our family has been eating Better Made for years and our company orders in Better Made from the website often," Ward said. "I receive the Better Made newsletter and thought I would send in Roxie's photo. She loves the taste of Better Made almost as much as I do. Thank you so much

for choosing Roxie's photo."

Founded in 1930 in Detroit as Cross and Peters, Better Made continues to develop and provide a wide variety of snack foods, including assorted regular and flavored potato chips and potato sticks, gourmet popcorn, pretzels, beef jerky, tortilla chips, pork rinds, wearables and more. The family-owned company uses locally grown potatoes and trans fat-free cottonseed oil.

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# Construction closures planned for M-5 ramps

**David Veselenak**  
hometownlife.com

Thought major road closures in the western suburbs were finished? Think again.

The Michigan Department of Transportation announced last week that the ramp to northbound M-5 from various freeways such as Interstate 275 and I-696 will close for several weeks as crews complete the construction that began in May with I-275 from Five Mile in Livonia to the I-96/I-696/M-5 interchange in Oakland County.

The northbound M-5 ramp to 12 Mile in Novi is closed for about three weeks so crews can do sawing concrete patching and replace it. Ramps closed include the one from westbound I-696, westbound M-5 and northbound I-275.

MDOT says the detour for this closure will be westbound I-696/I-96 to Beck, then eastbound I-96 to northbound M-5. During the closures, MDOT says the only available ramp access to northbound M-5 will be from eastbound I-96.

In addition, Haggerty over the interchange in Oakland County will be closed from Grand River to just south of 12 Mile from Saturday morning through 5 a.m. Monday morning. Motorists are advised to use Meadowbrook as a detour.

The northbound ramp closures will come a week after a portion of southbound M-5 reopened after being closed for several months. Traffic was recently reintroduced in those lanes south of 13 Mile in Novi, which prohibited access to eastbound M-5 and eastbound I-696. Northbound I-275 reopened to traffic Aug. 30 after being closed just shy of two months.

The closure of the northbound M-5 ramps signals the last portion of the \$75.1 million project, which has been taking place since May.

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Gerry and Maddy Dakin of Brighton search names on the replica Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall on display at the Island Lake State Recreation Area.

**Memorial replica makes stop in Livingston County**

A replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., was open for public viewing over the weekend in Livingston County.

The memorial was part of the third annual car and motorcycle show hosted by the Howell-based Michigan Disabled American Veterans Chapter 125 at the Island Lake State Recreation Area in Green Oak Township. The replica arrived Friday afternoon and was able to be viewed through 2 p.m. Sunday.

In addition to the memorial, the weekend vehicle show included food, music, speakers, a ceremony for prisoners of war and those missing in action, vendors and merchandise. All proceeds from the event will help support Michigan veterans.

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial in the nation's capital is a two-acre national memorial that honors U.S. service members who fought in the Vietnam War.



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Work continues Aug. 26 on I-275's northbound stretch north of Five Mile. The northbound portion of the freeway reopened Aug. 30.



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# Eighteen reasons to visit Pumpkinfest

**Terry Jacoby**  
Correspondent

One of South Lyon's most popular events, the annual South Lyon Area Pumpkinfest, is for many the unofficial start of fall. The 2016 schedule of events is full of long-time favorites and some new activities.

Now in its 32nd year, Pumpkinfest begins Friday and runs through Sunday in downtown South Lyon. What started out small, with events like a potato sack race held at the middle school, has become a "must see and do" event for area residents, according to Kathleen Swan, one of the organizers.

"It's really grown over the years with many changes, both big and small. Six years ago, it was moved to the current downtown location, where it's really thrived," Swan said. "We have a very defined footprint in the downtown area and that limits us a bit to how much we can change, but we continue to make changes to help the event evolve and improve."

The three day event attracts more than 55,000 visitors.

Presented in October 2010 in Minnesota, the world's largest pumpkin weighed more than 1,800 pounds. In honor of that giant pumpkin, here are 18 reasons to attend South Lyon's Pumpkinfest 2016.

**1. Local flavor.** New this year is a craft-beer only menu in the biergarten featuring local favorites Witch's Hat Brewing Co., Drafting Table Brewing Co., River's Edge, Draught Horse Brewery and Northville Winery & Brewing Co. "Each one is a special beer just for Pumpkinfest," Swan said.

**2. For the dogs.** Started in 2005 by former Detroit Tigers pitcher Milt Wilcox and his son Brian, Ultimate Air Dogs is returning to Pumpkinfest. Folks can bring their family dog down to the pool and see how athletic they are — or aren't. Shows are scheduled throughout Saturday and Sunday, with the finals at 4 p.m. Sunday. "Dogs fly off a stage and catch things diving into the pool and everyone just loves it," Swan said. "The dogs compete and then meet in the finals. It's really cool. Ultimate Air Dogs also bring competition dogs."

**3. Always evolving.** Swan said working on making Pumpkinfest better and more entertaining for everyone is a year-round job: "This



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Twins Justin (left) and Jason Barber and Daniel Wedge get their photo taken at the pyramid of pumpkins at last year's Pumpkinfest. This year's festival opens Friday.



Cathi Wilcox of Ultimate Air Dogs throws a toy for Slash, a Belgian malinois, as he launches 25 feet into a swimming pool

year's event ends Sept. 25 and, within a few

weeks, we will be sitting down and looking at what

was good, what was bad and what can we change

to make it better next year."

**4. Variety of music.** Friday night will feature Motown music, while Saturday rocks to hits of the '80s. Sunday will be for country music fans.

**5. Giving back.** Sunday's cover charge for the beer tent will be donated to Operation Injured Soldier and War Dog Memorial. "We feel it's important to help support these very worthwhile charities," Swan said. "We are a nonprofit, so all money raised goes right back into the community. On Saturday, we also are going to raise money for Blessings in a Backpack."

**6. Gone fishing.** "The kids are going to be really excited to see that the gold fish are coming back," Swan said. "There is a lore or myth that the gold fish you get at Pumpkinfest never die. Usually they only last a few weeks, but Pumpkinfest gold fish live forever." Kids play a game and winners are awarded gold fish — just be prepared to buy a lot of gold fish food.

**7. Pass the pie.** The popular pie-eating contest has returned and will be held at 1 p.m. Sunday for two different age groups (7-11 and 12-17).

**8. South Lyon has talent.** Can you sing? Prove it. Back by popular demand is the karaoke contest for singers ages 9-14. The event will take place 2-3 p.m. Saturday on the family stage. Winners receive gift cards and ribbons are given to others.

**9. Best and biggest.** What would a Pumpkinfest be without pumpkins? Bring your largest pumpkin, vegetables, sunflowers and corn stalks and enter them to win ribbons and prizes.

Judging will happen 7-8 p.m. Friday in the Veterans Lot on Pontiac Trail. Items will be weighed during setup and displayed Saturday and Sunday.

**10. Traditional feel.** Swan said one of the suggestions organizers have heard from residents is for the inclusion of more traditional and family events, such as the pie eating contest and pumpkin contest. "What we try and do is listen to what the public is saying they want and then try and find room to have these type of events," she said.

**11. Who doesn't love a parade?** The annual parade begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, rain or shine. This year's theme is "Halloween Heroes."

Popular spots to watch the parade include anyplace along Pontiac Trail, from Lyon Trail Subdivision to West Liberty Street; along West Liberty Street, between Pontiac Trail and South Warren Street; and along South Warren Street, south of West Lake Street.

**12. Water sports.** Yes! The dunk tank is back! Rumor has it that many of South Lyon's popular and not-so-popular high school teachers will be participating. So here is a chance at payback for all that homework.

**13. Born to run.** Saturday morning kicks off with the annual 5K run down Pontiac Trail. The run starts at Millennium Middle School. Packet pickup and race-day registration starts at 8:30 a.m. at the white tent in the northwest corner of the parking lot. The race starts promptly at 9:50 a.m.

**14. Art and crafts.** The craft show inside Millennium Middle School will feature a variety of handmade items made by Michigan artisans. Items available range from jewelry to yard ornaments, candles and cooking products. There will be an hourly raffle drawing to win prizes donated by the 100-plus crafters.

**15. Fruits and vegetables.** South Lyon's Farmers Market will have extended hours the weekend of Pumpkinfest! Make sure to visit the market along Lafayette, in downtown South Lyon, for produce, plants, food products and crafts from local vendors.

**16. Community.** Pumpkinfest is more than just parades and pie and pumpkins. It's about community and enjoying the beautiful downtown area and meeting up with friends and neighbors in your hometown.

**17. Get your vibe on.** For the eighth year in a row, Vibe Credit Union is proud to sponsor the South Lyon Area Pumpkinfest. "It's so much fun to see friends and families come together to enjoy great entertainment and activities," said Tiffany Miller, South Lyon branch manager. "Just like Vibe Credit Union, there is something for everyone."

**18. Out of (web) site:** Shelley Oliveira organizes an incredible website that is pumpkin packed with everything you would ever want to know about Pumpkinfest. For all the details and information, check out [www.southlyonpumpkinfest.com](http://www.southlyonpumpkinfest.com).

## Novi Community School District - Novi, MI SECTION 00 11 13 - ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for the Novi Community Schools' Bid Package #7, Consisting of Village Oaks Elementary School Addition & Remodeling Project will be received until 11:00 A.M. Local time on Wednesday, October 12, 2016 at the Novi Community Schools' Educational Services Building located at:

25345 Taft Road  
Novi, MI 48374  
ATTN: Mr. Steve Barr, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Operations

Bids received after this time and date will not be considered or accepted and will be returned to the bidder unopened. Faxed proposals will not be accepted.

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

101: Earthwork / Site Utilities	103: Selective Demolition
104: Concrete Footings & Foundations	105: Concrete Flatwork
106: Masonry	107: Steel
108: Carpentry / General Trades	109: Roofing / Sheet Metal
112: Caulking	114: Aluminum Windows / Entrances / Glass & Glazing
115: Metal Studs / Drywall / EIFS	116: Hard Tile
117: Acoustical Treatments	118: Carpet / Resilient Tile Flooring
120: Painting / Wall Covering	128: Prefabricated Casework
140: Plumbing	142: HVAC
143: Electrical	149: Fencing

Bidding documents prepared by TMP Architecture, Inc. will be available for public inspection at the main office of the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, Inc., 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI 48335; the Dodge Plan Room; Construction Association of Michigan (CAM); Reed Construction Data; and Builders Exchange Lansing.

Bid Documents will be available beginning at 12:00 P.M. on Tuesday, September 20, 2016 via the following:

- Bidders may obtain one (1) set of 1/2 size bidding documents at the office of the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, Inc., located at 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI 48335.

- Bidders may download bid documents from Gradebeam.com, free of charge, by contacting the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith at (248) 427-8400 to obtain log in information for access to the project documents.

There will be a Pre-Bid Meeting held on Wednesday, September 28, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. at the Novi Community Schools' Educational Services Building, located at 25345 Taft Road, Novi, MI 48374. The meeting will be held in the Board of Education Meeting Room. The meeting is not mandatory, but is highly recommended. Attendees desiring to visit the building, will have the opportunity to do so after the meeting.

All bids should include 2 copies (1 original, 1 copy) of the Proposal Pricing Form (Section 00 41 26), Proposal Execution Form (Section 00 42 00), and the Iran Economics Sanctions Act Affidavit. The Proposal Execution Form provides a space for the bidder to disclose any familial relationship as required by Section 1267 of the Revised School Code, as amended, MCL 380.1267, and this form must be signed and notarized in order for the bid to be accepted. The Iran Economic Sanctions Act Affidavit form may be found in section 00 42 10 of the Bidding Requirements & General Conditions Manual.

Each bid must be accompanied by a Bid Security in the amount of five (5) percent of the amount of the bid, payable to Novi Community Schools, as a guarantee that if the proposal is accepted, the bidder will execute the contract and file the required bonds within ten (10) days after notice of award of contract.

If awarded a contract, the successful bidder may be required to furnish a Performance Bond and Labor and Material Payment Bond in the amount of 100% of the contract price. Novi Community Schools reserves the right to reject any or all bids received, to waive any informalities and irregularities in the bidding, and to accept a bid other than the lowest bid.



Michigan's first Starbucks Reserve is opening in the spring at 101 N. Old Woodward in downtown Birmingham.

## Birmingham to get state's first Starbucks Reserve

**Jay Grossman**  
hometownlife.com

Starbucks Reserve coffee is coming to Birmingham.

A Starbucks spokesperson confirmed the company plans to open a Starbucks at 101 N. Old Woodward in Birmingham that will be the first in Michigan to carry Starbucks Reserve coffee. The new store is more than twice the size of the existing Starbucks across the street on Old Woodward, and will offer customers plenty of premium coffee choices.

"It's going to be a larger store with more space and it's at a better location," said Karleigh Wolber, a supervisor at the Birmingham Starbucks. "We're going to have more food options and we're going to have a clover machine that will provide our customers with more coffee choices. We'll also have more space for laptops."

### NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

#### Dirty laundry

Novi Police responded at about 8:28 p.m. Sept. 7 to the Super Wash Coin Laundry on Pontiac Trail for a disturbance.

The laundry owner said a white female was disrupting other customers and causing issues.

He said the woman began to yell racist things at other customers.

After he informed her he was calling the police, the woman left in a black Jeep, from which he obtained the license plate number.

The laundry owner said the woman has come in before just to use the bathroom and has shouted similar things at customers.

He has called the police multiple times, but she has left before their arrival every time.

The owner was advised to call again when she enters the business and was also advised on steps to take to trespass the subject.

#### Self-made bartender

A man unhappy with the strength of the drink a hotel bartender made him attempted to make his own and got belligerent with employees.

Novi police officers responded at 5:18 p.m. Sept. 2 to the Hotel Baronne on Novi Road on reports that a male customer had tried to fight with staff.

Employees told police that the male checked into the hotel around 4:16 p.m. and seemed like he was on some sort of drug.

He went to his room and then arrived at the bar and asked for a very strong drink. The bartender refused to serve him such a strong drink, so he asked for a vodka cranberry instead.

Unhappy with what he received, he slammed the drink down and attempted to get behind the bar to make his own drink.

He was moved to the

The new store opens in the spring.

The first Starbucks Roastery Reserve and Tasting Room opened in Seattle in 2014, offering customers more space, a larger breakfast and lunch menu, more baked goods, a line of premium coffee choices and its own roastery.

"This location will have our full Starbucks menu of handcrafted beverages and food and will not be a Reserve-only store," Wolber said. "Additionally, this store will offer an exceptional collection of exclusive, small-batch arabica coffees available in select Starbucks stores around the world, roasted at our Starbucks Roastery Reserve and Tasting Room in Seattle."

Because of the premium selections, customers can expect to pay more for their coffee. A 12-ounce cup of coffee at the Starbucks Reserve in Manhattan sells for

\$4.

The new store will occupy the former Cosi space at the northwest corner of Maple and Old Woodward, in downtown Birmingham. Landlord Brian Najor said he expects the store to be a popular draw.

"It's kind of a unique use for that space, and it's a perfect location," said Najor. "We're adding a premium retailer to a prominent space, and I really think it will be a nice addition for Birmingham. And besides, I'm a big Starbucks fan so I plan on spending a lot of time there."

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#### Pikachu, I see you

Two males were arrested for shoplifting two \$50 flashlights and a \$10 Pokémon piggy bank from Walmart.

Novi Police responded at 8:36 p.m. Sept. 3 to the store on Ingwersol Drive after a Walmart loss prevention officer saw the males in the camping section playing with the flashlights and saw one of them select two and place them in a Walmart bag that he grabbed from behind the counter.

They walked away and then also took a Pikachu piggy bank and put it in the same bag. They left the store without paying and the Walmart employee brought them back in.

When the officer questioned the males, they admitted to the theft and understood it was wrong.

The suspect who put the flashlights in the bag said he had no intention of stealing them, but had an impulse when he saw the Walmart bag.

He said he knew it was a crime and was remorseful. They were both able to post \$100 bond and were released with citations.

— By Susan Bromley

# Friday highlighted school district's importance

The evening of Friday, Sept. 16, the Novi Community School District demonstrated why community schools are such a powerful force.

At 5 p.m., Novi High School students were joined by school board President George Kortlandt and trustees Bobbie Murphy and Willy Mena, plus district and school administrators and parents, to officially open the new Fitness Room at Novi High School. The new Fitness Room represents several years of planning and investment from our district and the community. Our community supported a capital projects bond proposal in May 2014 with the promise that money would be used to benefit students in the district.

The Fitness Room is tangible evidence that the promises made in the bond proposal are being fulfilled.

While the Fitness Room grand opening was taking place, the Novi Athletic Boosters were holding their 10th annual Tastefest, a community celebration of food and fun. Tastefest provides an opportunity for parents and children to explore local restaurant fare and for children to enjoy bounce houses and games.

Tastefest is a fundraiser for the Novi Athletic Boosters, but it also serves as a wonderful community event that brings the citizens of Novi together.

Finally, the football game itself brought people together. Most importantly on this evening, coach Burnside created an opportunity for one of our young men to have the experience of his lifetime. This young man has been the football team's "hydration manager" for his four years at Novi High



**Steve Matthews**

SUPER TALK

School. Coach Burnside knew how special it would be if he could actually get into the game for at least one play.

Throughout the week leading up to the game, coach Burnside, the football coaches and the football team had practiced a play specifically designed for this young man. And Friday night, this young man ran onto the field to the roar and delight of the crowd.

The young man has Down syndrome, yet he is seen as one of our students. He is not judged by his disability, but is viewed as an important part of our student body. He is one of us!

And that captures the nature of community school districts. We welcome and value every child who comes to our doors. The students who participate in pom pon or the band or the student who may have Down syndrome are equally important in our school district.

The community comes together through events like Tastefest and celebrating new facilities because the community understands that, through community schools, students are embraced, challenged, encouraged and motivated to become contributing members of our society.

**Steve M. Matthews, Ed.D., is**

**superintendent of the Novi**

**Community School District. He**

**can be reached at**

**smatthews@novischools.net.**

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF LYON NOTICE OF ADOPTION ZONING MAP AMENDMENT NO. 176-16

A ZONING ORDINANCE REGULATING THE DEVELOPMENT AND USE OF LAND HAS BEEN ADOPTED BY THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF LYON BOARD OF TRUSTEES. THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF LYON ORDAINS:

**Part I. Title.** This Ordinance shall be known as the "Hasenclever Farms Planned Development Ordinance".

**Part II. Purpose.** The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend the Charter Township of Lyon Zoning Map for the rezoning of approximately 42.85 acres of property which is located in Section 32 of the Township, located on the north side of Eight Mile Road and west of Griswold Road, to change the use of the property from R-1.0, Residential-Agricultural to PD, Planned Development.

**Part III. Amendment.** The Zoning Ordinance and the Zoning Map of the Charter Township of Lyon is hereby amended as follows:

A. The legal description of the subject property being rezoned to Hasenclever Farms PD is as follows:

Land situated in the Charter Township of Lyon in the County of Oakland in the State of Michigan:

**Parcel 1**  
Part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 32, Town 1 North, Range 7 East, Lyon Township, Oakland County, Michigan more fully described as commencing at the North 1/4 corner of said Section 32; thence 88 degrees 48 minutes 51 seconds East, 521.96 feet along the North line of Section 32; thence South 00 degrees 18 minutes 41 seconds West 700.20 feet; thence North 89 degrees 22 minutes 45 seconds West 19.14 feet to the Northeast corner of Lyon Trail East Condominium, Oakland County Condominium Plan 1289; thence South 00 degrees 18 minutes 41 seconds West, 876.34 feet along the East line of said Lyon Trail East; thence South 89 degrees 09 minutes 56 seconds East, 368.11 feet along the North line of said Lyon Trail East to the point of beginning; thence North 52 degrees 49 minutes 49 seconds East, 300.28 feet; thence North 02 degrees 18 minutes 06 seconds East, 299.84 feet; thence South 88 degrees 59 minutes 34 seconds East, 99 feet; thence South 00 degrees 17 minutes 01 seconds West, 1557.59 feet; thence North, 89 degrees 09 minutes, 30 seconds West, 347.86 feet; thence North 00 degrees, 16 minutes, 44 seconds East, 1073.14 feet to the point of Beginning.

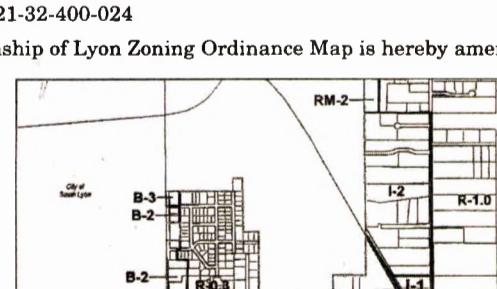
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**Parcel 2**  
Part of the West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 32, Town 1 North, Range 7 East, Lyon Township, Oakland County, MI, described as follows: Beginning at a point on the Southerly line of Section 32, which bears West 1396.44 from the Southeast corner of Section 32; thence along the South line of Section 32, West 138.36 feet; thence North 00 degrees 07 minutes 36 seconds West 375.00 feet; thence West 300.40 feet; thence South 00 degrees 11 minutes 08 seconds East 375.00 feet to a point of the South line of Section 32; thence along the South line of Section 32, West 138.36 feet; thence North 00 degrees 12 minutes 54 seconds West 2631.95 feet to a point on the East/West 1/4 line of section 32; thence along the East/West 1/4 line of

Section 32, South 89 degrees 55 minutes 49 seconds East 582.12 feet; thence South 00 degrees 05 minutes 51 seconds East 2631.23 feet to the point of beginning.

Tax Parcel Number 21-32-400-024

B. The Charter Township of Lyon Zoning Ordinance Map is hereby amended as follows:



Charter Township of Lyon  
Oakland County, Michigan

Case No. AP-16-30  
Hasenclever Farms

Proposed Planned Development

MCKENNA

From R-1.0 to PD

**Part IV. Effective Date.** Please take notice that this Ordinance was adopted at a regular meeting of the Charter Township of Lyon Board of Trustees held on September 6, 2016. This Ordinance is effective seven (7) days after the date of publication. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the Township Clerk.

Michele Cash  
Township Clerk

58000 Grand River Avenue

New Hudson, MI 48165

(248) 437-2240

## LETTERS

**Restore Victorian Festival**

I loved the what seemed like early amusement rides for kids: the twirling apple, something like an Irish Mail that the kids had to pump and pull, the Ferris Wheel that looked like it was made out of a giant erector set, a parachute ride and I understand there was something that the kids pulled a rope for movement. These rides looked and felt very traditional.

Years ago in the hey-day of the Victorian Festival, the kids met in front of six different stores and played a different game in front of each one: jacks, top spinning, pick-up sticks, bubble gum blowing, pie eating and hoop-rolling. Each of those stores had prizes for the Victorian games in front of their store and the kids followed the pied pipers, the adults who led the games, from one game venue to the next.

Then the blow up bounce-house toys came and the kids no longer followed the pied pipers of town and the Victorian games went away. Blow-ups are for birthday parties and the traditional type amusement park rides were much more in keeping and unique with a traditional/historical theme.

The Victorian parade route went through the Historic District, not crammed into a small part of the downtown where people couldn't see because they were 20 rows deep and pushing into the street. The marching band couldn't even fit behind the buildings on Mary Alexander Court, nor would people want to watch the parade in the alley. Watching the parade from front yards certainly gave it the Victorian flavor. If you were going to shorten the parade, why not shorten the route a little from Rodgers to Linden rather than cut it in half?

Years ago the booths on Center Street were all nonprofit groups: food and games for the kids, duck ponds, cake walks, fishing for prizes, painting fans, face painting, Punch and Judy puppet shows and, of course, Dr. Rudy – the delight of all kids. Friday night, it was so packed you could hardly move. Everyone who worked at a booth had to be dressed in Victorian clothes. Main Street was open for the parade and Saturday for vendors. This year, the only thing packed were the restaurants in town.

In the past, every organization made an elaborate picnic basket and they were auctioned off and Sunday was picnicking at Mill Race — the green was packed with families picnicking. More Victorian games took place, like potato sack races, hat judging contests, and, of course, the duck race.

Walking home one day behind a family, I overheard them saying what an amazing town this was and how great it would be to live here and be a part of it all. I am so grateful that our family grew up experiencing a wonderful festival.

The Dickens and the Renaissance festivals in Holly are alive and well because they stayed the course with a unique theme. Northville had something very unique and maybe the lack of volunteering is part of the reason the scope of the festival has dwindled, but if we don't stick to a unique focus, we won't have a festival at all. Heritage festivals already exist elsewhere: Northville is the only city that has had a true Victorian Festival.

**Carole Jean Stockhausen**  
Northville

**Glad for Meijer**

I was at the meeting of the Northville Township Board of Trustees Sept. 15, but did not have an opportunity to speak. Had I spoken, I would

have shared these thoughts.

I have been a resident of Northville Township for 31½ years. In that time, tremendous change has taken place.

Most of the speakers at the Sept. 15 meeting were, probably unbeknownst to them, following a long-standing tradition in our community: Now that my house is built and I live here, close the door behind me and don't allow any more development.

I can remember resistance to the paving of Six Mile west of Sheldon, resistance to the Meijer at Haggerty and Eight Mile, resistance to numerous subdivisions built west of Northville Road, etc. The argument has always been the same: increased traffic, loss of open green areas, increased need for police, fire protection, schools.

Traffic will increase at the intersection of Five Mile and Beck, regardless of how the northwest corner is developed. Plymouth Township continues to develop the south side of the road and subdivisions continue to be built west of Beck. To halt development based on potential traffic problems is inconsistent with the township's reactions to development concerns of the past. Were we to halt development based on traffic, there would be no subdivisions west of Sheldon Road.

I was surprised by the extremely negative reaction to the placement of a Meijer in the development. Born and raised in Grand Rapids, I have been shopping at Meijer since I was literally in the womb. The Grand Rapids area supports numerous Meijer locations and, to the best of my knowledge, Meijer has been a very cooperative and supportive member of their community.

The west side of our township is underserved by shopping; have the occupants west of Sheldon given any thought to

the relief of traffic to those of us residing in the east part of the township?

Further, it is apparent that Meijer is interested in having a store near Five Mile and Beck. If they are shut out of the Northville side of the street, what would stop them from building on the south side of Five Mile? Plymouth Township may be happy to have the tax revenue, while we would have only the benefit of shopping located in close proximity to those living on the west side of Northville Township with no control over traffic patterns, size of the store or green space.

I was happy to hear the board passed the development with the inclusion of greater green space. In general, I am in support of the proposed development, although I look forward to some tweaks. I thank the Northville Township Board of Trustees for their fine representation of our entire community.

**Robin Schleh**  
Northville

**Kiwanis Club thanks**

On behalf of the Northville Kiwanis Club, I'd like to thank everyone involved with our charity pancake breakfast this past weekend. We were thrilled with the community participation and look forward to continuing this event as part of the Northville Heritage Festival for years to come.

A special thank you to all of our volunteers, as well as the Northville Chamber of Commerce, Red Olive Restaurants for donating pancake mix and sausage, Guernsey Dairy for donating milk and Edward's Cafe & Caterer and Brick's of Northville for their assistance in the days leading up to the event.

Additionally, thank you to the Main Street League for help with donating all of the extra food and drinks to those in need following the breakfast. It's the support of local businesses and organizations like these that help make this such a wonderful community.

The Northville Kiwanis Club is a service organization that works to benefit the children of Northville and the surrounding communities. We meet for lunch at noon the first and third Wednesday of each month at Northville Sports Den. Guests are always welcome and encouraged to join us.

**Dan Ferrara**  
president, Northville  
Kiwanis Club

**Restore 'Victorian' name**

Coinciding neatly with my eldest son's mid-September birthday, Northville's annual Victorian Festival also shares a similar vintage; nearly a quarter-century for the festival, he having just attained 26.

Needless to say, the Victorian Festival figured prominently in his birthdays growing up. It was a given that when friends came over to help him celebrate, they would invariably wander downtown — as though that larger community event was part and parcel of the birthday festivities — and enthusiastically take in the refreshingly clean, old-fashioned offerings: the come-one, come-all parade, Dr. Rudy's Medicine Show, the Punch & Judy puppet theater, pony rides, food tents, a dunk tank, bands plying their music on a stage in the middle of Center Street, etc.

I was in attendance and in opposition of the planned development at Five Mile and Beck. While your body copy touched on the outrage, I think your headline was not in keeping with the feeling of Northville.

Board may have OK'd, but citizens are furious. And the "well-oiled machine" is laughable. Makes me sad that when citizens engage in their civic duty to hold representatives accountable for keeping the wishes of citizens in mind, that they defer to a "machine" argument.

The whole thing was just sad.

**Kim Dunne**  
Northville

**Let's use more coal**

Our current administration's agenda to protect the environment is superseding the needs of the people. We have been burdened with overzealous regulations by the Environmental Protection Agency and this has forced many of our coal-fired power plants to be shut down and ruined the majority of the industry. We have made extensive strides to reduce the emissions from coal and our air quality is at some of the best levels we have seen.

Michigan faces energy prices that are at least 20 percent higher than in other parts of the country. Eliminating the use of coal-fired power plants in our state is narrowing our options for energy considerably. However, supporting our fossil fuels would not only create many new jobs, but it would also provide all of us with more affordable energy while helping to secure our energy independence as a state. It seems to me like a win-win.

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# 'Sexy vegans' star in calendar to aid Sasha Farm

**Sharon Dargay**  
hometownlife.com

According to Debra Levantrosser's calendar, 2017 will be the year of the sexy vegan and rescued farm animal.

Levantrosser, owner of Shimmy Shack food truck, recently launched the "2017 Sexiest Vegans in Michigan" wall calendar. Sold through Shimmy Shack's website and at the truck, the calendar includes photographs of vegans, both men and women, with farm animals at Sasha Farm, an animal sanctuary in Manchester.

Shimmy Shack released its own calendar in 2015 and 2016, but this is the first time it has partnered with Sasha Farm. Fifty percent of profits from the sale of the 2017 calendar will go to the animal sanctuary and another 10 percent will be donated to the Jim Ward Scholarship at the Center for Creative Studies. Ward, who died last year, was a partner in the food truck, which is based in South Lyon.

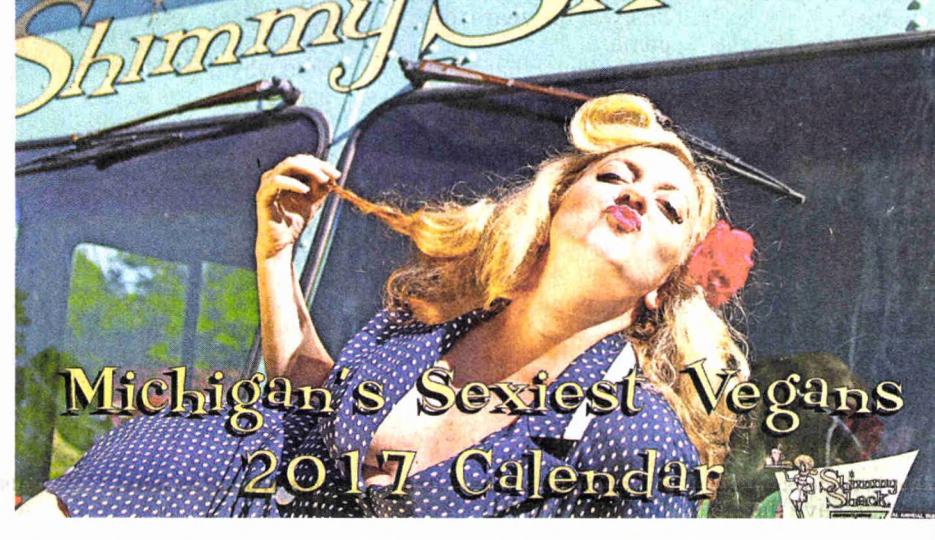
"Sasha Farm's values match our values. We believe animals have personalities and deserve love. To us, eating a pig is the equivalent of eating a dog. If people got to know pigs, they'd see pigs have personalities, just like dogs, and the same with cows," Levantrosser said. "We like what Sasha Farm does and how they do it."

Levantrosser also hopes the calendar also puts a face on veganism. Vegans follow a plant-based diet that excludes animal products such as dairy foods. They also may refrain from using items, such as leather shoes or purses, that contain animal products.

"We believe veganism is often misunderstood and misinterpreted," Levantrosser said. "We're trying a multitude of ways to reach



Vegans and their four-legged friend model for the 2017 calendar at Sasha Farm.



The cover of the 2017 Michigan's Sexiest Vegans Calendar

people, to show that vegans are fun, sexy, smart and we thought the calendar was an additional way to reach people, to visually show and highlight great people we have in southeast Michigan who are vegans.

"I think vegans are often seen as strange, hippies, liberal and, while some vegans may be those things, not all of us are. We're very diverse. There have been stereotypes attached to vegans and those are the stereotypes we're trying to break."

Vegans were selected for the calendar through an application process

via social media. Applicants indicated how long they have been vegan, explained why they wanted to be in the calendar and identified their favorite Shimmy Shack menu item. Levantrosser said the models ranged in age from 18 to 50-plus.

"We even have a centerfold of nudes — just their backs — but it's a very cool photo of seven women on a big bale."

The calendars cost \$18. Find a list of Shimmy Shack events and buy the calendar at [shimmyshack.com](http://shimmyshack.com).

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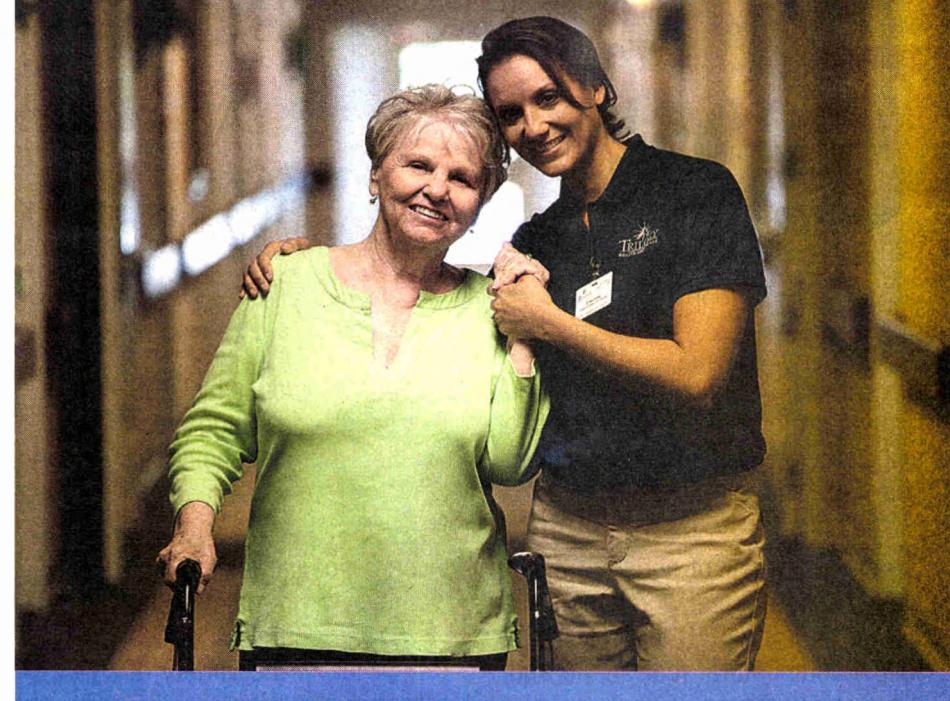


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# Resident showcases memorabilia in exhibit

**Jennifer Eberbach**  
Livingston Daily

Wouldn't you love to own shark teeth from Steven Spielberg's "Jaws" or an agent's uniform from a "Men in Black" film?

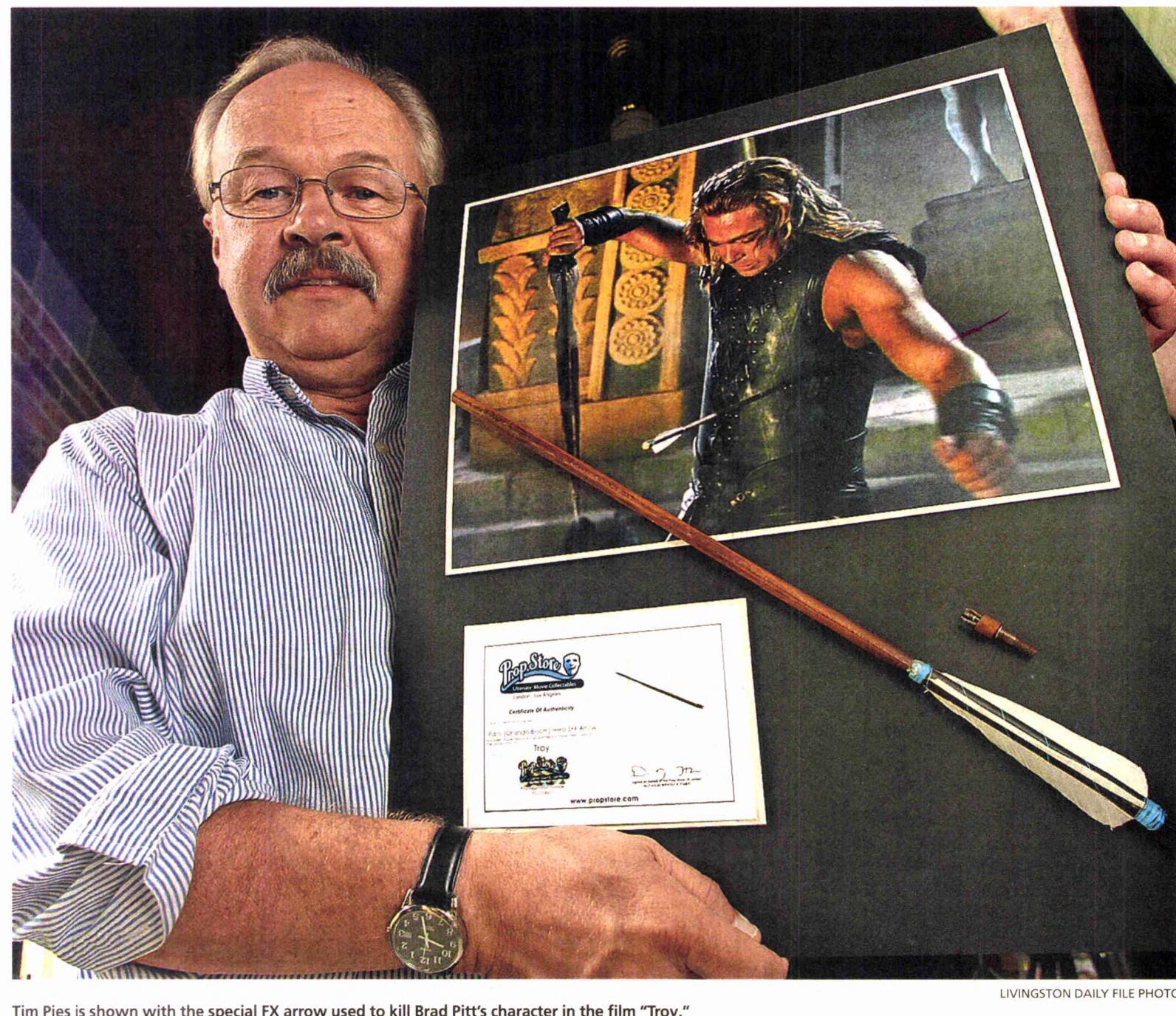
It is rare to find a bigger film and television prop buff outside of Hollywood than Hartland Township resident Tim Pies. The happily obsessed collector has amassed enough props, posters, photographs and background information to throw an art gallery exhibit, which is held at Concordia University in Ann Arbor each year.

"My collection at home is inspiring — and I rotate them, move them out and look at them, research them, and study them hard and long," Pies said. "It's almost like I drift off. There is a soothing quality. It's a little bizarre."

He spends his free time three or four days a week cruising the internet for his next buy.

"I try to stay on top of it, because when a bottle of synthetic 'True Blood' comes up for sale, there aren't many others," he said.

Pies has plenty of props that millennials can relate to, from contemporary movies and television shows — a bloody butcher's apron from "The Walking Dead" or a distressed usher's uniform with bullet holes from Quentin



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Tim Pies is shown with the special FX arrow used to kill Brad Pitt's character in the film "Troy."

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### CODY



**WILFRED FRANK JR. (BILL or JUNIOR)** Age 91, of Suomi Location (Negaunee, Michigan) died on September 6, 2016 of heart failure. He was born on May 31, 1925 in Suomi Location to Wilfred Frank Cody Sr. and Thyne Dagmar (Lemberg) Cody. He was married to Julie Venita Cody for 63 years, until her death in 2012. He was preceded in death by his sister Pauline Scanlon and brother Frank Cody, and survived by sisters Kathi (Scott) Sanders, and Janice (Duane) Emmons. Bill Cody served as a Navy Seabee during World War II in the Philippines, then resided in the lower peninsula of Michigan in the Plymouth/Livonia/South Lyon areas until he retired from Burroughs and moved back to the UP of Michigan. He was a lifelong hunter and outdoorsman; deer season was a very sacred time for him each fall. Nothing was more fun for him than riding his four-wheeler through his property in the UP, except perhaps for dancing during his younger years. He and Julie had been spending the winters with their son David in Santa Fe, Texas, for a number of years to avoid the cold winter season. Bill and Julie had four sons: William James and his wife Dianna Cody (of South Lyon, MI), Randall Scott (deceased), Steven Ray (deceased), and David Mark Cody (of Santa Fe, TX). He is also survived by two grandchildren, Adam Joseph Cody (Rosanne) and Justin Scott Cody, and four great-grandchildren Anthony, Christian, Alec and Mackenzie Cody and one great-great-grandchild Axel Cody. A memorial service celebrating his life will be held at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (6847 US Highway 41S, Marquette, MI 49855) on Friday, September 30, 2016 at 12 noon. Lunch to be served afterward. His remains will be interred at Bakala Cemetery in Gwinn, MI. For more information please call Dave Cody at 832-285-2744 or William Cody at 248-921-3295. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St Pauls. His favorite Bible verse John 5:24 New King James Version (NKJV) Life and Judgment Are Through the Son 24 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life."

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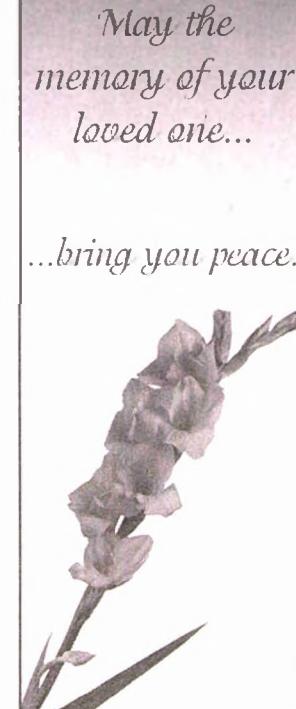


**MARIA** of Highland Twp died September 13, 2016. A dedicated mother, she is survived by her children Megan and Michael, many family and dear friends. Visitation 10 a.m., Memorial service 11 a.m. on September 24, 2016 at St. George's Episcopal Church, 801 East Commerce St., Milford

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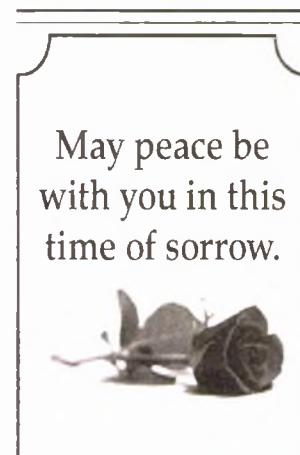


**PATRICIA J.** Pat's battle with ovarian cancer ended on September 17th, while surrounded by her loving family at her home in South Lyon. Pat was 64 years old at the time of her passing. Born on April 21, 1952, in Detroit, Pat was the second child of Thomas J. Hebbard and Erma I. (Easterday) Hebbard, both of whom preceded her in death. Pat was a 1970 graduate of Franklin High School in Livonia and was employed for over 25 years at Sears in Novi before retiring in 2014. She particularly enjoyed gardening, maintaining her award-winning front yard at her home, and attending services at the First United Methodist Church of South Lyon. She is survived by her devoted husband, Ross; her children, Kevin (Stephanie), Brian, and Kristin (Jeff) Campbell; grandchildren, Corinne, Jessica, and Alexis; and a grandson, Connor. Pat is also survived by her sister, Judy (Lou) Ayres, and niece Sharon (Rick) Kwolek. A memorial service will be held on Sunday, September 25, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. with the family receiving friends beginning at 1:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 640 South Lafayette, South Lyon. Donations may be made to the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition, Arbor Hospice, or a charity of your choosing in Pat's memory.

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### PEARSON

**WILLIAM J.** Of Milford, MI, age 81, died September 13, 2016. Services were held at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Brighton, MI; call 810-231-0200 or visit [www.borekjemmings.com](http://www.borekjemmings.com).



Tarantino's film "Inglourious Basterds" — but he has a big soft spot in his heart for vintage films and TV shows.

A Nautica bathrobe he owns was a backup prop for the television show "Breaking Bad." Actor Danny Trejo wore one just like it in a scene where he is laying on a bed, smoking a cigarette.

Pies, a professor at the college, presents his exhibit, "Setting the Scene: Film Props and Costumes," will be on display through Oct. 2 at Concordia University's Kreft Center Gallery, 4090 Geddes Road in Ann Arbor, and he will give a gallery talk at an opening reception from 7-9 p.m. Friday. The gallery is open from noon to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays and from 1-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

A number of items in his collection are bona-fide "hero" props used on screen by main characters, like one of Columbo's original ID cards and a special-effects arrow from the movie "Troy," which Orlando Bloom's character uses to kill Brad Pitt's character.

Other props are better described as set dressings, like an alarm clock used in Alfred Hitchcock's "Psycho" and an Asian figurine from "I Love Lucy."

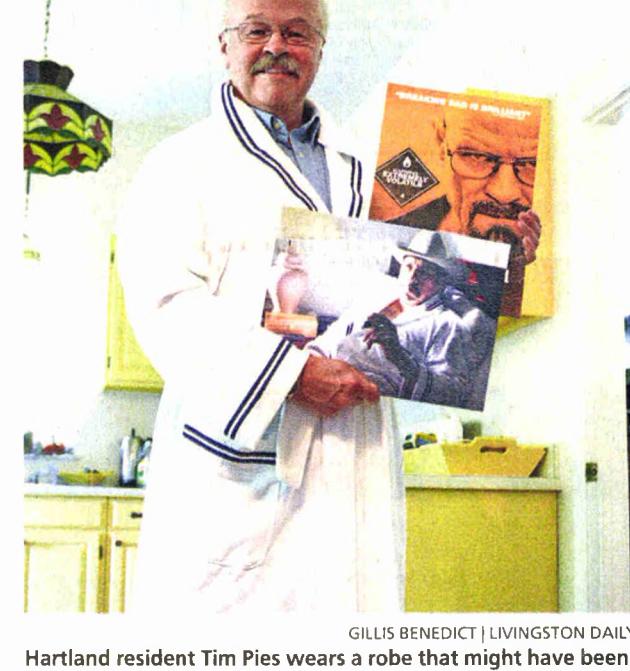
Another back-up prop of significance is a copy of the suicide letter from the film "Shawshank Redemption," which was penned by supporting character Brooks Hatlin and read by leading actor Tim Robbins' character, Andy Dufresne.

"Andy Dufresne's is folded and mine is not folded, so I know it was a back-up," Pies said.

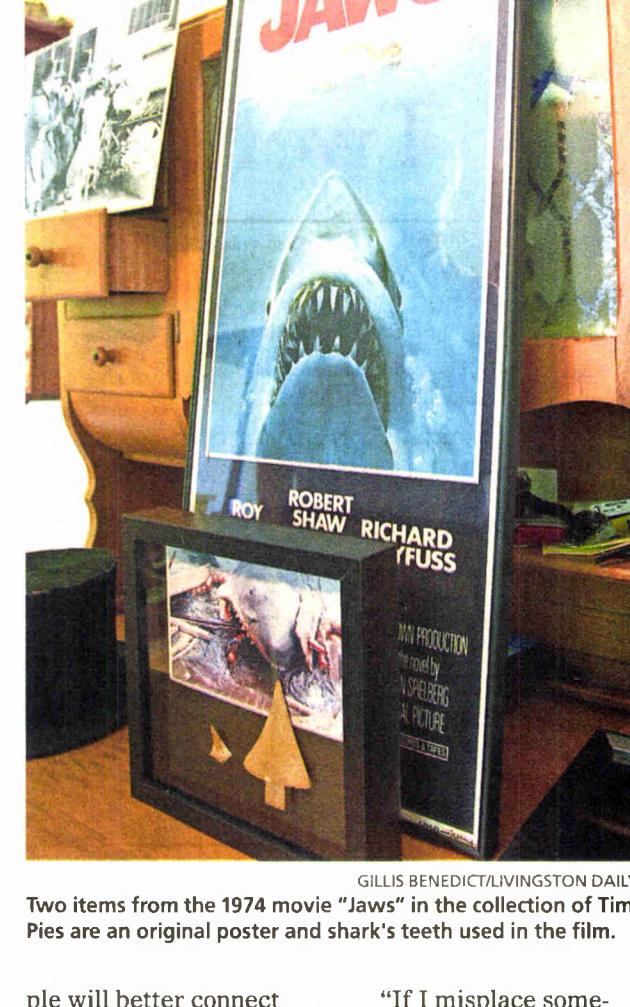
He loves a golf putter featured in an episode of television show "The Honeymooners" so much — it is his favorite right now — that he keeps it nearby while sleeping. When actor Jackie Gleason's character smashes a golf club in one episode of the show, the putter rests safely in his golf bag. Pies found a picture of Gleason swinging a club and the putter is in the photo, and he will display that photo in the exhibit in order to put it into context for visitors to the gallery.

"There is only one putter, and I have it. It's all beat up, and there is a line in the show when someone says to Jackie Gleason, 'You'll be able to do well with those borrowed clubs,'" he said.

He hopes young peo-



GILLIS BENEDICT | LIVINGSTON DAILY  
Hartland resident Tim Pies wears a robe that might have been worn by actor Danny Trejo in an episode of "Breaking Bad."



GILLIS BENEDICT | LIVINGSTON DAILY  
Two items from the 1974 movie "Jaws" in the collection of Tim Pies are an original poster and shark's teeth used in the film.

ple will better connect with the history of film and television.

"We don't seem to care as much about vintage, maybe because we have all this computer-generated stuff. But the art of special effects is way different now," he said. "We can learn from the real artists who used props and real special effects, not green screens."

When asked if he would ever sell his prop collection, Pies said that would not happen until after he is long gone.

"If I misplace something, I panic," he said.

Plus, his family always knows what to buy him for Father's Day and other occasions. His daughter has showed dad her love with a bottle of plasma from "The Incredible Hulk" and a box of candy from the Tim Burton's film "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory."

On his wish list is "anything from 'Ben Hur,' but I can't even touch that stuff because it's too expensive," he said.

# Police: Naked man cited for indecent exposure

**Laura Colvin**  
hometownlife.com

An 84-year-old Milford man was cited for indecent exposure after a mail carrier told a neighbor she thought she saw a naked man standing behind a garage "holding his genitals" and asked the neighbor to investigate.

According to a report, police were summoned to an apartment building in the 200 block of Canal just before 1 p.m. Sept. 14, when the neighbor confirmed the man was indeed basking in his birth-day suit in an area facing the Huron River.

When police arrived, the man had donned a pair of shorts, but later

admitted he was naked earlier and goes outside in the buff about twice a week, police said. Officers noted the location frequented by the man is in plain view of potentially hundreds of people who pass by in canoes and kayaks every day.

After asking a series of questions and determining the man was men-

tally competent, officers contacted family members who live in the village. The family members reportedly said the man had recently been kicked out of a nearby senior living facility for stealing, as well as for harassing women by following them around the building making sexual comments.

He was cited for indecent exposure, a misdemeanor.

## Drunken driving

A 21-year-old Milford man was cited for second-offense drunken driving after an officer reportedly spotted him speeding on South Milford Road near Heritage Drive just after midnight Sept. 15.

The man blew a preliminary breath test of 0.10 percent. The legal limit for driving in Michigan is 0.08 percent. The man had a previous conviction for drunken driving in 2012. Police were seeking a warrant for operating while intoxicated, second offense.

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# Rotary to host Tour de Ville bicycle event

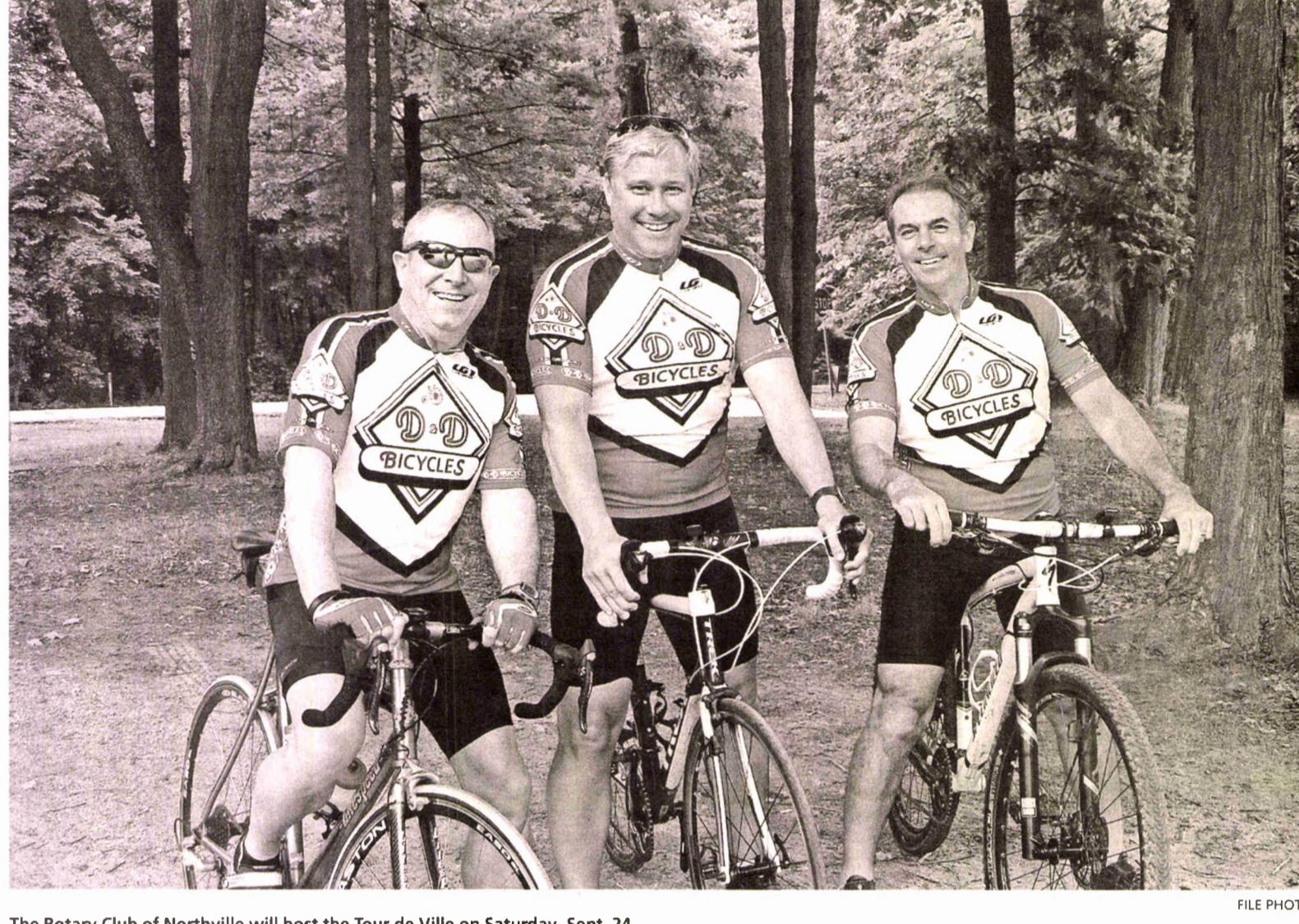
Following traditional fall events like Heritage Festival, the Northville Rotary Club will host the annual Tour de Ville on Saturday, Sept. 24.

Registration takes place at the Village Workshop, 455 E. Cady Street, across the street from the historic Ford Water Wheel plant. Club member and event chair Michael Vetter promises this year's ride will "be even more fun-filled" than years past.

The Tour de Ville starts at 7 a.m. and includes 10-, 30- and 75-mile long routes beginning and ending at Village Workshop. Riders can still register at [www.tourdeville.org](http://www.tourdeville.org) or the day of the event.

The bike ride is not a race and is a family-oriented event encouraging riders of all levels, but especially families, to spend quality, healthy time together while raising money to improve the lives of others in need. A new offering this year is a mountain bike route featuring trails in nearby Maybury State Park. All routes will begin and end on the historical Hines Drive from Northville.

All riders will receive a light breakfast, rest stop beverages and energy snacks, a hardy lunch, tote bag, event T-shirt and some swag. Cycling jerseys will be available for purchase and there



FILE PHOTO

The Rotary Club of Northville will host the Tour de Ville on Saturday, Sept. 24.

will be some door prizes.

The Northville Rotary Club has been serving the community and promoting harmony and

goodwill throughout the world for 90 years. The third annual 2016 Tour de Ville Bike Ride is the major fundraising event

for the Rotary Club. In its first two years, Vetter said, "We attracted over 900 riders and raised over \$30,000" for char-

ities and causes such as the Rotary International Foundation, Kids Against Hunger, local scholarships, student ex-

change programs, Little Free Libraries, Shelter Box, local food banks and Life Remodeled.

## Seniors need to be selfish when considering requests

I recently gave a talk to a group of retirees. We talked about a number of issues that affect retirees, including outliving your resources. We also talked about a variety of the challenges that retirees face today that they didn't necessarily face 30 or 40 years ago. As we were talking about the challenges during retire-



**Rick Bloom**

MONEY MATTERS

ment, one woman asked me what I thought was a major issue in retirement that many retirees have not thought of or planned for. I thought I would

share my thoughts regarding this question with you.

When it comes to retirement, there is no doubt that there are a number of challenges that people face. Considering that we never know how long we are going to live and what expenses — particularly health care costs — we will

incur, outliving resources is probably the major concern that retirees have. I believe one of the challenges that retirees do face today — and as far as I'm concerned, one of the more difficult challenges — is dealing with families. One issue that wasn't that prevalent in the past and is very much front and center today is while you are retired, how much financial assistance do you provide your children and grandchildren?

I cannot tell you how many times either dealing with clients or in talks that I give that the issue of financially helping children and grandchildren enters into the equation. The natural instinct for most people is to financially help their children and grandchildren, but that does not mean it's the right thing.

Whenever I sit down with a retiree and the issue of financially assisting children or grandchildren comes up, I feel I always have to be the bad guy and bring up a variety of issues that they may have ignored. This is one of the more difficult conversations to have because, in reality, you're telling the retiree that they have to be somewhat selfish and put their interest ahead of their children or grand-

children. For many people, this is very difficult. I always tell them that their top priority is to make sure that they have the financial wherewithal to protect themselves, no matter what the future may bring. In a situation where someone has sufficient resources to take care of themselves for the rest of their lives, then helping a child or grandchildren is not a problem. The problem develops when there are not sufficient resources. In those situations, as difficult as it may be, I always tell the individual that they are not in a position to help. I know this is not the answer they want to hear, but as far as I'm concerned, a retiree cannot jeopardize their retirement for others. After all, if the retiree runs out of resources, then what? As I've said many times in the past, we live in the greatest country in the history of the world, but there's nothing worse in this country than to be old and poor. That is why I encourage retirees, before they help others financially, to make sure they have sufficient resources and a cushion to cover unexpected expenses. What I try to get the retiree not to do is to automatically say yes, that they will provide that financial assistance.

What I want that retiree to do is to re-look at their financial situation and, as difficult as it may be, to not let emotions dictate their decisions, but let the numbers dictate.

More and more seniors are being asked to assist their children and grandchildren, whether it is helping the grandchild with their college education or helping a child start a business. Although it is admirable to help someone financially, you cannot put your retirement at risk. If you run out of resources, where will you be able to go? In many situations, you will not have any alternatives and the result could be a severe cutback in your lifestyle.

I hate to be the one to tell a grandparent that they should not help a grandchild. However, someone has to be able to discuss these issues in an honest and upfront way. Therefore, if you're retired and are asked to help someone out financially, my advice is think selfishly and only offer financial assistance if you have the resources to protect yourself, no matter what the future brings.

Good luck!

*Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is [bloomassetmanagement.com](http://bloomassetmanagement.com).*

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To the qualified Electors of the Township of Northville, County of Wayne, notice is hereby given that **Tuesday, October 11, 2016** is the last day to register to vote or change your address for the **General Election** to be held on **Tuesday, November 8, 2016**.

You may register to vote at any Secretary of State Branch Office or County Clerk's office during their normal business hours or at the Township Clerk's office; Monday – Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Electors may also register to vote by mail by completing a Michigan Mail-In Voter Registration Application, (forms are available at the local Clerk's office or the Secretary of State's website [www.michigan.gov/sos](http://www.michigan.gov/sos)).

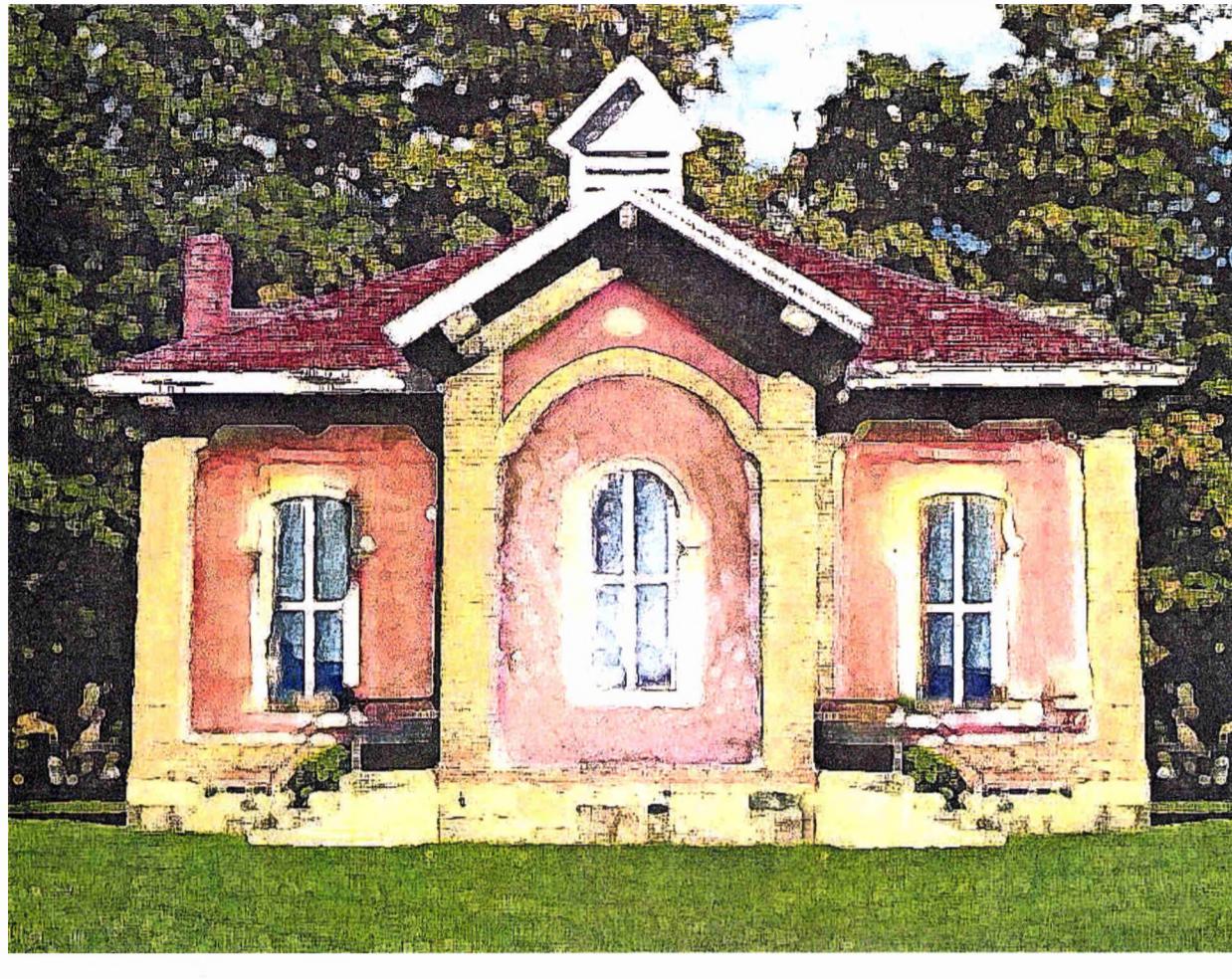
Please note that a person who registers to vote by mail is required to vote in person unless they have previously voted in Michigan (MCL168.509t.), are at least 60 years of age, disabled as defined by law, or temporarily living overseas.

The full text and a sample of the November 8, 2016 General Election ballot may be obtained at the Northville Township's Clerk's department and a sample of the ballot can be found on the township's website: [www.twp.northville.mi.us](http://www.twp.northville.mi.us). After September 23, 2016.

**Offices to be decided at the General Election** are President and Vice-President, Rep in Congress – 11th District, Rep in State Legislature – 20th District, State Board of Education, Regent of the Univ of Michigan, Trustee of Michigan state Univ, Governor of Wayne State Univ, County Prosecuting Attorney, County Sheriff, County Clerk, County Treasurer, County Register of Deeds, County Commissioner – 9th District, Township Supervisor, Clerk Treasurer and Trustees, Justice of the Supreme Court, Justice of the Supreme Court – Incumbent, Judge of the Court of Appeals – 1st District – Incumbent, Judge of Circuit Court, 3rd Circuit – non-incumbent, Judge of Circuit Court, 3rd Circuit – incumbent, Judge of Probate Court – incumbent, Judge of District Court – 35th District – incumbent, Community College Board of Trustees, Local School District Board Members, Northville Public & Plymouth/Canton Schools, Board Member Northville District Library, and **to vote on the following 2 Proposals:** 1. County: A proposal authorizing the Regional Transit Authority of Southeast Michigan (RTA) to levy an Assessment; 2. Intermediate School District: Regional Enhancement Millage Proposal for the Regional Educational Service Agency (RESA).

Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk  
Charter Township of Northville

## NEWS BRIEFS



The Thayer School open house is set for noon to 3 p.m. Sunday.

#### Cemetery walk

With new characters and new stories, the annual Northville Cemetery Walk, set for Oct. 9, is about having fun this year. This year's theme "Unsung Heroes" celebrates people who helped make Northville great. Organizers searched the entire cemetery, determined to find never told stories, to share. The new stories showcase the history of Northville during the 1800s as characters tell their life stories.

The Cemetery Walk will be at Oakwood Cemetery, across from the Northville Library on West Cadry Street. Tours are 3-6 p.m. The Art House will be open with refreshments.

The Novi Concert

Band Brass Quintet play in the Art House during the Cemetery Walk. Everyone who follows old-time baseball will recognize this band as it plays numbers like "Blue Grass Brass," "Yankee Doodle," "On Top of Old Smokey,"

"Battle Hymn of the Republic" and "The Man on the Flying Trapeze."

Tickets are \$10 for members, \$15 for non-members, \$18 on the day. Tickets are available at Knightsbridge and Mill Race in person or online at [archives@millracenorthville.org](http://archives@millracenorthville.org) or by calling 248-348-1845.

#### Nature Center presentation

The Friends of Maybury State Park and the Northville District Library Youth Department

will be sponsoring a Howell Nature Center presentation on Michigan mammals Wednesday, Oct. 26, at the Northville Community Center.

It's the fifth year the two groups have jointly sponsored a presentation by the Howell Nature Center. The program will run 4:15-5:15 p.m. and is open to all ages.

Registration begins Oct. 1 and it typically fills up quickly.

For more information, call the library at 248-349-3020.

#### Thayer open house

The Friends of Northville Township Historic District Commission will hold its annual Thayer School open house from noon to 3 p.m. Sunday,

Sept. 25, to allow residents to view the inside of the 1877-built one-room brick schoolhouse.

It is one of the oldest buildings in the township and one of the few remaining 19th century structures. Restoration of the schoolhouse has begun thanks to donations from community partners and friends.

The Thayer School open house is free to the public, though donations are appreciated. There will be hot dogs, doughnuts and cider to share and attendees are welcome to tour the Thayer's cemetery, where township founders are buried. Reservations are not necessary. Thayer School is on the corner of Six Mile and Napier roads in Northville.

## Livonia Symphony to kick off season Oct. 1

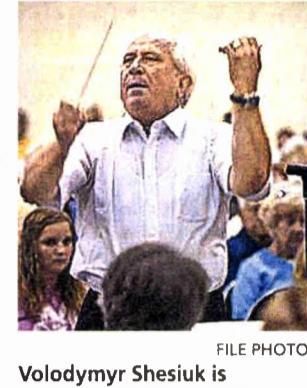
The Livonia Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of conductor Volodymyr Shesiuk, opens its 44th season at 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1, at Clarenceville High School's Louis Schmidt Auditorium with "Unforgettable Musical Hits." The concert is in memory of former Mayor Bob Bennett, who died last year.

Selections include Simon and Garfunkel selections, Duke Ellington selections, a "Star Wars" medley, "Jurassic Park" highlights, "Raiders of the Lost Ark," "Die Fledermaus Overture," "William Tell Overture" and "The Phantom of the Opera" by Andrew Lloyd Webber. Tickets are available at the Livonia Civic Center Library or at the door the day of the event. Tickets are adults \$20; students ages 5 years and up are \$10. Group rates are \$15 each of groups of 10 or more by calling 313-538-2536.

New this year is a bus shuttle from the Livonia Senior Center. Seniors can sign up for this service at the Livonia Senior Center.

The annual Christmas program will be held Dec. 3, with "Spirit of the Season" featuring Angie Hahn's Academy of Dance performing "Nutcracker Ballet" excerpts by Tchaikovsky. Other favorites include "Santa Claus is Coming to Town," Anderson's "Sleigh Ride," "The Bells of Christmas," "Festive Sounds of Hanukkah" and "Christmas Song" by Torme.

On Feb. 15, the symphony will perform "Classical Postcards," featuring violinist Svetlana Tsivinskaya: "La Gazza Ladra Overture" by Rossini and "Violin Concerto No. 1 in G mi-



FILE PHOTO  
Volodymyr Shesiuk is conductor for the Livonia Symphony Orchestra.

nor and Symphony in D minor" by Franck.

The season closes May 6 with "Musical Treasures," featuring Patricia Fisher, xylophone soloist. The program includes "Light Calvary" by von Suppe; "Procession of the Nobles" by Rimsky-Korsakov, "Fete Polonoise" by Chaubrier; "Tambourin" by Kreisler; "Xylophonina" by Green; "Magnificent Seven" by Bernstein; "Billy the Kid" excerpts by Copland; and "Cowboys Overture" by J. Williams.

Special events planned for this season include Southern Soiree at Laure Mano, from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21, featuring dinner, concert and silent auction. On Sunday, March 12, the symphony will hold the Shamrocks & Tea featuring lunch, music and a raffle at the Livonia Marriott from 1:30-4:30 p.m.

The annual Garden Party Luncheon will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, May 20, at Laurel Manor featuring lunch, music and a garden-themed silent auction.

Tickets for all concerts are available at the Livonia Civic Center Library and at the door on concert day.

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# Great Lakes becoming popular destination for cruise ship vacationers

**Kathleen Lavey**  
Lansing State Journal

The Pearl Mist isn't like any other ship in the Port of Muskegon this late-summer afternoon. Sleek and white and six decks tall, the 335-foot, 210-passenger cruise ship is the picture of luxury next to working vessels and historic military craft.

Two days into a week-long cruise that started in Chicago, passenger Jill Hoose of Texas offered rave reviews.

"We've been on 26 cruises and I've enjoyed this one so much," she said. "There's not such a rush, rush, rush feeling. There are not 3,500 people standing in lines."

She was on her way back to her cabin after spending the morning sightseeing in downtown Muskegon. The Pearl Mist is in its third season of Great Lakes cruising. Muskegon just finished its first full season as a port of call.

Michiganders likely will see more cruise ships like the Pearl Mist on the horizon.

"We have two cruise lines invested in the Great Lakes quite heavily at the moment," said Stephen Burnett, executive director of the Great Lakes Cruising Coalition. They include Pearl Seas Cruises, owners of the Pearl Mist, and Victory Cruises, which operates the Victory I, a ship that can accommodate about 200 passengers. Would-be travelers can book both of them and two other ships through the Ann Arbor-based Great Lakes Cruise Co.

Plantours, based in Germany, is expected to bring its 400-passenger

ship the Hamburg to the Great Lakes next season, Burnett said.

"We believe that the potential for the Great Lakes is as high as 30 ships cruising during a season, which is basically from May to October," Burnett said.

The Great Lakes region also is among three finalists for the honor of cruise destination of the year, bestowed by Seatrade Global, an international cruise-industry trade organization. Other finalists are the Baltic region and the Asian city-state of Singapore. The winner will be announced Sept. 22. The Seatrade Global judging panel is made up of cruise industry executives.

What you won't see in Great Lakes cruising: Behemoth ships with 5,000 passengers and their own on-board amusement parks. Those ocean-going vessels are simply too big to fit through the canals and locks that connect the ocean and lakes. They also don't fit the Great Lakes vibe.

Instead, think compact ships with luxurious amenities and a low crew-to-passenger ratio.

"We are a boutique industry," Burnett said. "There are probably 60 to 70 ships worldwide that fall into that category and more of those ships are now being built."

Typical passengers on Great Lakes cruise ships are a little older than ocean-going cruisers and often have many thousands of miles of travel behind them, said John Keereweer, Pearl Seas representative.

"The people attracted here are very well-trav-



The Pearl Mist, a Great Lakes cruise ship, is docked in Muskegon Lake.

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eled," he said. "They're not on a cruise for the glitz and glamor of shows, not for the casinos. They're interested in history and culture."

Fees in 2017 for a seven-night cruise range from \$4,980 to \$6,630 per person, double occupancy; 11 nights in the Great Lakes and Georgian Bay costs from \$7,520 to \$10,900.

Keereweer said some passengers may choose the Great Lakes because of concerns about the safety of international travel at the moment. Others welcome a fairly new travel opportunity.

"They want to see what's in their back yard," he said. "A lot of people over the summer have come up here to get away from the heat."

For many, it's a first-ever trip to the inland seas that contain 20 percent of the world's fresh water supply and an introduction to Great Lakes history and lore.

The Pearl Mist made its first voyage in 2014. There's plenty of outdoor space and panoramic views from the top deck, which features a covered lounge area and sunny spots equipped with comfy white rocking chairs. There's a small library aboard the ship and two large lounges on different decks equipped with comfortable chairs and sofas and huge windows to allow water views.

Live entertainment is scheduled daily, sometimes from local bands in ports of call.

The ship's dining room is furnished with round tables and sumptuous floral centerpieces. The ship offers open dining instead of timed seating and the dining room can accommodate all of the passengers at once. Local produce and fish are often on the menu. Lobster is likely to show up for at least one of the day's meals, said Akin Akgulen, hotel director on the ship.

Capt. George Ciortin, who is Romanian, has worked on larger, ocean-going ships. He was so excited about the Great Lakes assignment that he brought his wife and daughter along.

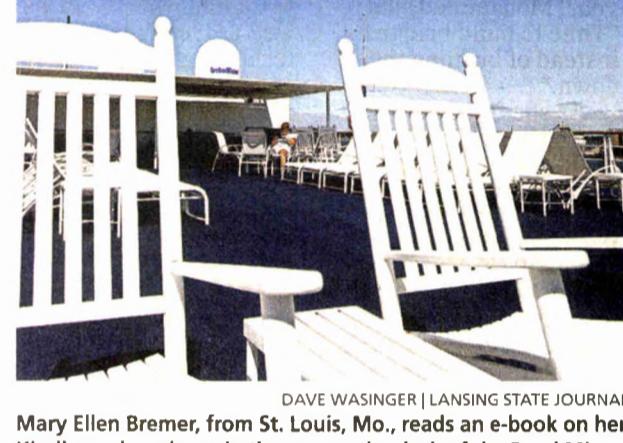
"It's something I was anxious to see," he said. "It's quite beautiful everywhere I've been."

Burnett said laying the groundwork for a Great Lakes cruise industry has been years in the making.

"When we started this initiative, I would travel with a road map and a marine chart," he said, convincing cruise operators that the Great Lakes were a worthwhile destination.

His work also includes helping potential port cities develop the capacity to move passengers on and off the ships and point them to attractions.

Muskegon scrambled to do that last season, when the Pearl Mist stopped for the first time



Mary Ellen Bremer, from St. Louis, Mo., reads an e-book on her Kindle as she relaxes in the sun on the deck of the Pearl Mist, a Great Lakes cruise ship.



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A dinner menu sits on a plate aboard the Pearl Mist Great Lakes cruise ship.

because its usual port, nearby Holland, was unavailable.

Two decades ago, when Muskegon was redesigning its waterfront, a county administrator envisioned a future with cruise ships and created a suitable spot at Heritage Landing. Several years ago, chamber of commerce officials contacted Pearl Seas to let it know the city was willing and able to serve as a port.

This year, it's on the regular schedule. Trolleys shuttle passengers downtown to visit the Lakeshore Museum Center, the Hackley & Hume historic site, which includes the restored homes of two 19th century lumber barons, and citywide public art or the beach.

Great Lakes ports include big-city cool in Toronto, Chicago and

Milwaukee. Burnett also said he sees plenty of potential in Detroit.

"The poor city has had a bad rap because of all the stuff that has happened there, but when you fly over it in a helicopter and look down and look at it as a cruise port, there are few places on the Great Lakes that compare," Burnett said.

Downtown attractions within easy reach of a ship include Greektown, the Motown Museum, the Detroit Institute of Arts and other museums, Burnett said. Pearl Mist passengers also have the option of visiting the Henry Ford and Greenfield Village in nearby Dearborn.

"The amount of attractions around the Great Lakes are what we call an itinerary planner's dream," Burnett said.

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### CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, October 26, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT 18.278 FOR A RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF NOVI ZONING ORDINANCE AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS: ARTICLE 2, "DEFINITIONS" SECTION 2.2, "DEFINITIONS;" ARTICLE 3, "ZONING DISTRICTS," SECTION 3.1.11, "B-2 COMMUNITY BUSINESS DISTRICT;" ARTICLE 3, "ZONING DISTRICTS," SECTION 3.1.12 "B-3 GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT;" ARTICLE 3, "ZONING DISTRICTS," SECTION 3.1.18 "I-1 LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT;" ARTICLE 3, "ZONING DISTRICTS," SECTION 3.6.2 "NOTE TO DISTRICT STANDARDS;" ARTICLE 3 "ZONING DISTRICTS," SECTION 3.32 "GENERAL EXCEPTIONS;" ARTICLE 4 "USE STANDARDS," SECTION 4.46 "PET BOARDING FACILITIES;" AND ARTICLE 7 "ADMINISTRATION, APPEALS, AND ENFORCEMENT;" SECTION 7.4 "PLOT PLAN" IN ORDER TO FIX INCONSISTENCIES AND ANACHRONISMS, AND TO AMEND NOVI'S PET BOARDING ORDINANCE.**

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, October 26, 2016.

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Novi Planning Commission  
Michael Lynch, Secretary  
Published: September 22, 2016

# Peace Day message: Share love, not fear

**Julie Brown**  
hometownlife.com

When Khadega Mohammed was in first grade, she thought the world was perfect. She soon asked a classmate if she could sit down.

"No," was the reply. "You're black."

At 8, Mohammed thought her complexion wasn't pretty. "I discovered my skin color in America causes fear," the Plymouth Salem High School senior, now 17, said.

"This is supposed to be the melting pot," the Canton teen said in describing a journey of unity during a Sunday, Sept. 18, Peace Day observance in Plymouth's Kellogg Park. "These lessons must burn in our memory. What you say can change this land."

She was born in Sudan and lived in Saudi Arabia. Mohammed entered an interscholastic competition to compose her unity poem/prayer for the observance. She worships at the Muslim Community of Western Suburbs in Canton.

"Begin with what's within. Unity begins with you," Mohammed said. "Time to build bridges instead of burning them down."

As she finished that afternoon in Kellogg Park, she got hugs and good wishes. "Islam calls us to speak up for people," Mohammed said. "Islam itself means peace. We are seen as the enemy of this country, but we are not. The word is United States, so why are we not united?"

She's been called a terrorist. "But there's also a lot of room for change," said Mohammed, who will pursue international relations in college. "It's beautiful to see."

This is the third year of the Peace Day Observance, said Randy Short, pastor of Living Peace Church of Plymouth. Themes at stations around Kellogg Park included working to address bullying, domestic violence, human trafficking and treatment of immigrants and refugees.

The day's observed locally the Sunday closest to the United Nations International Day of Peace of Sept. 21. On refugees specifically from Syria, Short noted, the international community vets them through U.N. camps.

"They don't know which country they're going to," said Short, a Westland resident. "Just imagine you've lost ev-

erything. You have to start a new life." The Christian call is "to be an active participant in that process. I think it needs to be an educated conversation. I think the education and conversation can reduce that fear," he said, agreeing it's similar to when black families started to move into once-all-white communities.

He added Syrian refugees are then vetted by their new country "so we're making decisions based on truths rather than fears."

## 'Broken relationships'

The bullying, domestic violence and human trafficking issues are also key, Short noted. "Broken relationships have a hidden effect" and the focus shouldn't be punitive, he said, as it influences how people interact.

He advocates for not judging on ideology but on relationship. Short was pleased to have Singh Sabah of Michigan, a Sikh house of worship in Canton, with them, as well as Geneva Presbyterian Church of Canton and Muslim Community of Western Suburbs.

As prayers concluded in Kellogg Park, Short said, "Engage in a conversation with someone you normally don't converse with."

Inderpal Talwar of Canton, a member of Singh Sabah, said, "I think it's something we all should practice. We should have more peace days." His house of worship participated last year and he's also active in the local Interfaith Community Organization.

"I think it just gets everybody to know each other," said Talwar, who has sons ages 10 and 15. "It's a great opportunity to intermingle with other faiths. I would say all faiths are pretty much similar" in wanting "what's best for the children."

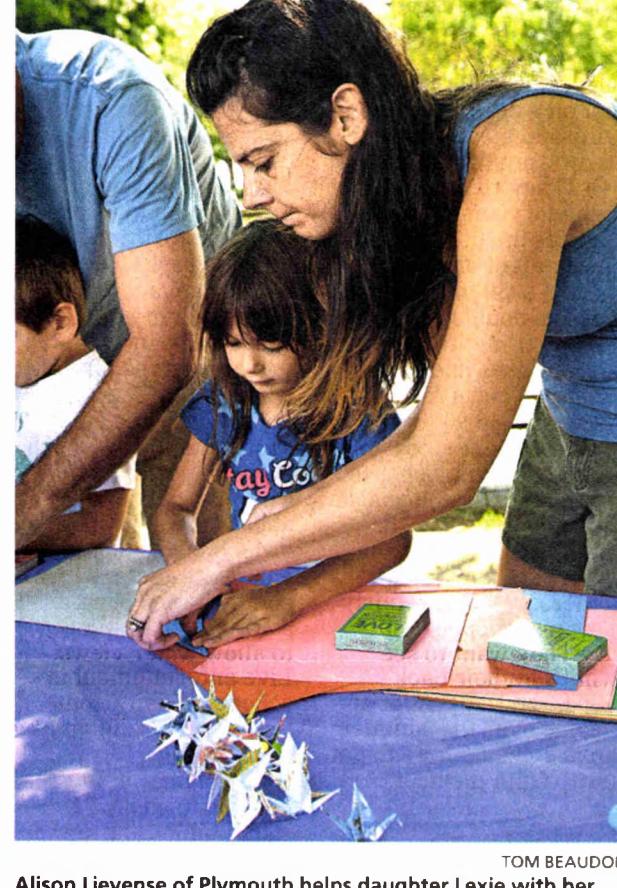
He's lived in Canton since 2001. "I feel that Canton-Plymouth is a great community. It's a great place to raise kids," Talwar said.

Pastor Short has been with Living Peace Church about two years. It's been in Plymouth a little more than that and in the region since 1951.

"I think the never-ending voice of God is still there," he said, noting his Church of the Brethren has focused on peace back to the 1600s.



Members of the Sikh congregation in Canton sing a beautiful song whose main theme is "In Your Grace, we experience ultimate Peace!" during the Peace Day observance Sunday in Plymouth.



Alison Lievense of Plymouth helps daughter Lexie with her origami, a symbol of peace.



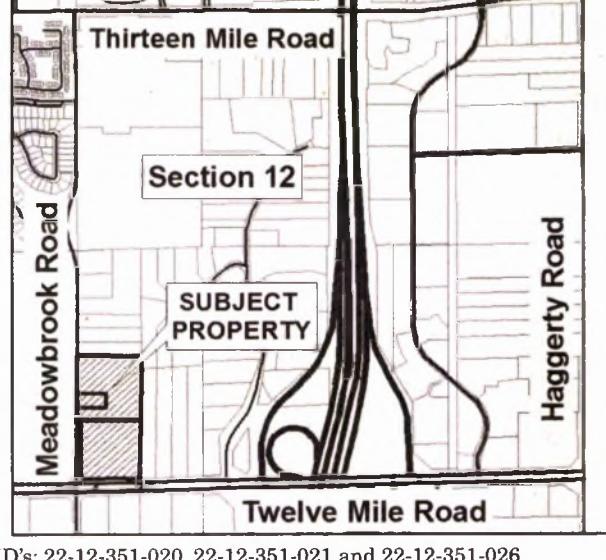
Khadega Mohammed, 17, of Canton shares her message of unity. "I discovered my skin color in America causes fear," the Salem High School senior said.



Living Peace Church members Connie Ellstrom and Jane Gannon come out in support of the peace effort Sunday in Plymouth during the Peace Day observance.

## CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, September 28, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **BEACON HILL JSP 15-08 FOR PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN WITH PHASING, SITE CONDOMINIUM, WETLANDS PERMIT, WOODLANDS PERMIT, AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN APPROVAL**. **THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS CURRENTLY ZONED RA (RESIDENTIAL ACREAGE) WITH A PLANNED REZONING OVERLAY ASSOCIATED WITH A ZONING MAP AMENDMENT, FROM RA (RESIDENTIAL ACREAGE) TO R-4 (ONE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) AND B-3 (GENERAL BUSINESS).** The subject property is approximately 21.13-acres and is located on the northeast corner of Twelve Mile Road and Meadowbrook Road (Section 12). The applicant is proposing a 39 unit single family residential development with frontage on and access to Meadowbrook Road, 10,500 square feet of commercial space with frontage and two access drives on 12 Mile Road, and an open space/park area at the corner of the intersection, and commits to building vehicle and bicycle parking for a trailhead to be dedicated to City. The commercial development proposes retail, a drive-through restaurant, and drive through bank.



Subject Parcel ID's: 22-12-351-020, 22-12-351-021 and 22-12-351-026

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be made to the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during the City's regular business hours, Monday thru Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., and must be received by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, September 28, 2016.

Novi Planning Commission  
Michael Lynch, Secretary

Published: September 22, 2016

## City of Novi Public Hearing Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS FOR THE CITY OF NOVI WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2016 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE NOVI CIVIC CENTER, 45175 TEN MILE ROAD, NOVI, MI TO CONSIDER:

**Phillips Sign & Lighting, Inc. (PZ16-0039), 39575 WEST TEN MILE ROAD SUITE 201, SOUTH OF TEN MILE ROAD AND WEST OF HAGGERTY ROAD, PARCEL # 50-22-25-226-016.** The applicant is requesting a variance from the CITY OF NOVI Code of Ordinance Section 28-5(3) to allow construction of one additional wall sign of 65 square foot on the north elevation. This property is zoned OS-1 (Office Service One).

**Metro Detroit Signs (PZ16-0040), 43345 CRESCENT BLVD. NORTH OF GRAND RIVER AVENUE AND EAST OF NOVI ROAD, PARCEL # 50-22-14-351-063.** The applicant is requesting a variance from the CITY OF NOVI Code of Ordinance Section 28-5(3) to allow installation of one additional wall sign on the west elevation at 35.2 square feet. This property is zoned TC (Town Center).

**Metro Detroit Signs (PZ16-0042), 43575 WEST OAKS DRIVE, NORTH OF I-96 AND WEST OF NOVI ROAD, PARCEL # 50-22-15-200-101.** The applicant is requesting a variance from the CITY OF NOVI Code of Ordinance Section 28-5(2) to allow installation of an oversize wall sign of 79 square feet. This property is zoned RC (Regional Center).

**Walsh College Novi Campus (PZ16-0044), 41500 GARDENBROOK ROAD, SOUTH OF I-96 AND WEST OF MEADOWBROOK ROAD, PARCEL # 50-22-14-451-024.** The applicant is requesting a variance from the CITY OF NOVI Code of Ordinance Section 28-5(2) to allow construction of one oversize ground sign at 73.125 square feet and Section 28-5(3) to allow a second 42 inch high directional sign at 44.4 square feet. This property is zoned I-1 (Light Industrial).

**Out N Out Quality (PZ16-0045), 24831 GLENDA STREET, NORTH OF TEN MILE AND EAST OF TAFT ROAD, PARCEL #: 50-22-22-301-028.** The applicant is requesting variances from the City of Novi Zoning Ordinance Section 4.19.e.1 and 4.19.e.5 to allow construction of an 850 square foot attached accessory use garage, 620 square foot over allowable required. Accessory square foot exceeds house square footage by 174 square feet. Existing detached garage to be demolished. This property is zones R-4 (Single Family Residential).

**S14 Development LLC (PZ16-0046), NO ADDRESS, SOUTH OF I-96 AND WEST OF BECK ROAD, PARCEL #: 50-22-17-226-021.** The applicant is requesting a variance from the CITY OF NOVI Code of Ordinance Section 5.4.2 to allow absence of required loading area. The property is zoned B-2 (General Business).

**Metro Detroit Signs (PZ16-0047), 43443 GRAND RIVER AVENUE, SOUTH OF GRAND RIVER AVENUE AND WEST OF NOVI ROAD, PARCEL #: 50-22-22-227-029.** The applicant is requesting a variance from the CITY OF NOVI Code of Ordinance Section 28-5(3) to allow installation of one additional wall sign at 55 square feet. A single wall sign is allowed by right. This property is zoned TC-1 (Town Center-1).

Published: September 22, 2016

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# Retired educator continues her work with blind children

When Kathy Donagrandi was a teenager, she took a volunteer job at a camp for children with special needs.

She came home after the first day and told her mother, "It was awful. It hurt my heart." Her mother said she didn't have to go back.

But the next day, she did.

"There was something about those children that I realized," she said. "They were children. They were different, but they were like the children in my neighborhood."

That realization — that children with special needs are children first — has shaped the Farmington Hills resident's life. She earned bachelor's and master's degrees in teaching students who are visually and mentally impaired from Eastern Michigan University and then spent 44 years working in special education at Livonia Public Schools.

She started out transcribing students' assignments into braille so the students could read them and students' brailled homework into print so the teachers could grade it. She retired in January 2015 as administrator of student services.

About a year later, she became the newest volunteer at Seedlings Braille Books for Children in Livonia.

As a retiree, Donagrandi could have volunteered anywhere.

"There are so many places that want your time and your money," she said. But she chose Seedlings, she said, not only because of her life's passion, but because of founder/direc-



Kathy Donagrandi of Farmington Hills arrives at Seedlings with books she's brailed at home. She's accompanied by granddaughters Emma and Anna.

tor Debra Bonde.

As a member of Seedlings' board from 1988-95, including time as president, Donagrandi knows Bonde runs a well-managed nonprofit. Of every \$1 donated, 91 cents goes into book production, not overhead costs. "All the money goes where it should go," she said.

Donagrandi spends five to six hours a week applying braille on clear tape next to the print in baby board books. She takes pleasure in knowing that the blind students she taught, now all grown, have books in braille they can read to their children.

Donagrandi remembers when her blind students didn't have braille books for pleasure reading, because they cost too much or their parents didn't know where to find them.

Seedlings, which Bonde started 32 years

ago, changed all that by selling books at an average price of only \$10 a book, about half the cost to produce them, and publishing a catalog where parents and grandparents could select books to give as gifts to blind children.

Children who are visually impaired need to have books just like sighted children do, Donagrandi said: "It's freeing for them not to have to depend on someone reading to them."

Donagrandi and Bonde met during Seedlings' early years when Seedlings' office was in Bonde's basement in Detroit. Donagrandi helped Seedlings find its first Livonia home after space became available in the old Bentley High School.

Besides serving on Seedlings' board, Donagrandi participated in fundraisers and helped spread the word about Seedlings. She often

makes a donation to have a book inscribed in someone's name to honor or remember them. Now, some of those people do the same for others.

Donagrandi said she always knew she'd come back to Seedlings to volunteer after retiring. "There was no organization I would be more comfortable with," she said.

Bonde said she is grateful Donagrandi is continuing her life's work with the blind at Seedlings, which distributes braille books — half of them for free — to visually impaired children in 75 countries. "Without our corps of dedicated volunteers like Kathy, we would not be able to give the gift of literacy to these precious children around the globe," she said.

For more information about Seedlings, go to [www.seedlings.org](http://www.seedlings.org) or call 734-427-8552.

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## Schoolcraft College launches student app

**David Veselenak**

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Android. Turner said it's been downloaded several thousand times as the new school year begins.

Patrick Turner has seen plenty of students at Schoolcraft College looking down at their phones as the school year begins. One more option to look at on their phones is now a part of their college experience.

Schoolcraft College recently launched a new app designed to be a portal for students access important information, register for classes and, for those unfamiliar with the school's layout, maybe even help get them around the Livonia campus with a map that identifies what each building is.

"We have a lot of folks that end up in various buildings," said Turner, the college's vice president and chief information officer. "Now they can just use their phone and walk themselves right over."

Students can also access their course schedule, check their grades and keep up with news postings and athletic updates from the school with campuses in Livonia and Garden City. Many of the more detailed features, such as paying a student's bill, requires them to log in with their Schoolcraft College credentials.

The app is a free download on the Apple App Store and on the Google Play store for

"He was pretty blown away by that," he said.

While the app launched in early August, Turner said his office wants to continue adding to it, including additional educational resources

that students use on a regular basis. Tighter integration with Blackboard, a program used by educators during classes, is just one of the goals in the coming months for the app.

And keeping it updated is important, Turner said, because the lifestyle of today's student will continue to push toward mobile.

"It's going to become an increasingly important tool for educators to meet students in their lifestyle," he said. "The sky's the limit on how this technology can enhance the learning experience."

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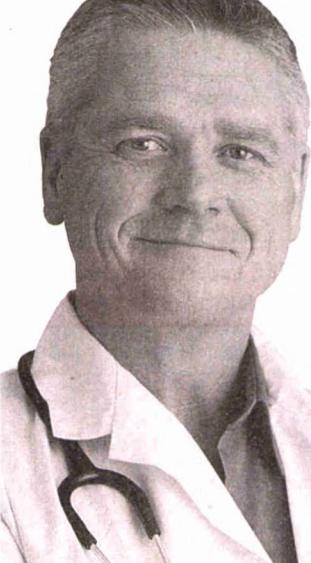
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# Eat your veggies: Mom launches 'Nosh Pit' food truck

**Sharon Dargay**  
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Karen Kahn Schultz was between jobs, a single mom temporarily relying on food stamps to make ends meet, when she began cooking vegetarian meals from scratch at home.

"You know how you eat well on 50 bucks a week? You cut out the cheese, do nothing from boxes. If you do vegetables, greens, you can live well on 50 bucks a week. That was my cooking transition, at a time when I had no money. That's when I started making my own sauce, my own breads."

Six years later, Schultz has parlayed her cooking and baking skills, her graduate business school knowledge of strategic management, a knack for problem-solving and a whole lot of research and persistence into one of the area's newest food trucks, Nosh Pit Detroit, whose tagline promises "no bologna sandwiches."

She and her business partner, Stefan Kudek of Redford, serve vegan and vegetarian soups, sandwiches and desserts, with some gluten-free options, from the bright green food truck that, since its grand opening late last month, has been booked at numerous events throughout southeast Michigan, from a bat festival in Clinton Township to South Lyon's Pumpkinfest to a horse farm celebration in Plymouth.

Nosh Pit Detroit has entered the food service industry at a time when the popularity of food trucks has exploded.

"I was in Columbus (Ohio) for the sixth annual food truck festival. There were over 80 trucks," said Chris Ramos, founder and CEO of Detroit Custom Coach, an Oak Park company that designs and builds only food trucks. "Southeast Michigan is opening up and a lot of cities want to be on board. A lot of corporations are inviting trucks in. They see the value of having a different kind of lunch."

## More licenses

In Oakland County, where Nosh Pit Detroit is licensed, a total 59 food truck plans were submitted to the county's health and human services department in the past nine months, compared to 43 in 2015.

"You can see how much it has increased in the last two years. We're already doing more than we did in all of 2015," said Tony Drautay, Oakland County environmental health administrator. He said the county has issued annual licenses for a total 215 food trucks.

"It's very popular



Karen Kahn Schultz talks with customers during the grand opening of Nosh Pit Detroit food truck.

right now and a lot of people try to pursue it," he said.

He's not sure how many try and fail, how many submit plans but don't follow through, how many buy a truck but run short of cash.

Schultz and Kudek were determined to avoid those pitfalls, although they encountered a few speed bumps along the way. It took them more than two years to get Nosh Pit Detroit on the road after Schultz floated the idea in early 2014 during a monthly potluck cooking club they both attend. By that time, Kudek was working as a baker, after being laid off from his job in the music industry. Schultz had bounced back from unemployment and had been working for Waste Management for a couple of years. She had married and currently lives in Troy with her husband Eric, her two teenage children and her grandmother.

"Time after time the best food was from Stefan. He does the cooking at home and took cooking classes in France," Schultz said. "We were sitting in his kitchen and I said, would you ever start a food truck? And he said, I'd love to start a food truck. I said let's find out how we can do that."

She quickly discovered there was "no single resource" to find all of the answers.

## Getting started

Almost as soon as they began research, her husband's work took the family to Israel for several months. Before she left, they talked about a menu and came up with a business name. Kudek took a course at FoodLab Detroit and, when Schultz returned home, she went to food truck rallies, approached food truck owners, watched television shows about food trucks and read food truck-related books. She quit her job to work on the food truck concept full time and wrote a proposal to Hebrew Free Loan, hoping for \$30,000

to \$50,000. Members of Snacktics, the potluck cooking club, co-signed for the loan. Meanwhile, she sold her house in Royal Oak, where she had lived as a single mom for several years.

She wishes more food truck owners had been willing to talk with her. She and a handful of other industry insiders are talking about starting a group to communicate with each other and to answer questions from startups.

"It needs to happen. You can't have a whole bunch of restaurant owners reinventing the wheel every single time and that's what's happening," she said. "I'm lucky to have so many friends helping me. I ran into one of my professors from business school, who went through my business plan and all my numbers. Another blessing is Hebrew Free Loan hooked me up with a mentor. I've been emailing and meeting with Eric Ersher, the owner of Zoup! He has been awesome."

## Catering

Kudek, the chef, mostly is responsible for the sandwiches and soups and Schultz, the CEO, bakes desserts and has handled licensing and financial requirements. She took food safety classes and earned her food safety manager certification, a requirement for the food truck, and they began catering private events last year while awaiting word on the loan. When it came through in April, Nosh Pit Detroit was ready for a truck and licensing.

Schultz found a vehicle through Craigslist. It had been stored in a barn in Howell.

"I got it from a guy who got it from another guy who was going to turn it into a food truck, so it came with a sink," she said.

After its engine was repaired, Schultz headed for Detroit Custom Coach. The company builds new food trucks, upgrades existing trucks — as it did for Nosh Pit



Karen Kahn Schultz is in the driver's seat of her new food truck.

other food trucks, because all we're doing is grilling. Other food trucks have fryers and burners. We're keeping it simple."

## STFU vs. mobile unit

She applied for a mobile food unit license, meaning that Nosh Pit Detroit's truck must return to a kitchen every day. The other kind of license, a special transitory food unit (STFU), allows a food truck to operate independently, like a restaurant on wheels.

"I really rely on that kitchen for the mobile unit, but I don't have to have everything inside the truck. As long as I can have enough tongs and soup ladles to last the whole trip, I don't have to be constantly washing. The STFUs need 10 times as much water, because they are going to wash their own dishes."

Schultz and Kudek cook their soups, prep ingredients for sandwiches and bake desserts in the off-site kitchen they rent. They reheat soups such as their spicy tomato "Shakshuka," in crock pots on the truck. They assemble sandwiches as customers order them and currently offer six selections, including lentil sloppy joes and a grilled cheese made with marinated mushrooms and banana

jam. Desserts — beet cupcakes, macaroons and three varieties of Schultz's vegan cookies -- round out the menu..

Schultz had hoped to become the first kosher vegan/vegetarian food truck in southeast Michigan, but after meeting with rabbis, calling synagogues and touring several kitchens, hasn't found exactly what she needs to serve items from her truck that are prepped in her commissary.

In the meantime, Nosh Pit Detroit is concentrating on serving customers "good food, good healthy food," Kudek said.

"We're refining the menu as we go along. We're doing the Pumpkinfest in South Lyon and I've got a pumpkin soup I make. I'm going to try that," Kudek said. "I like cooking new things. I don't want to get too set on the menu."

For a list of upcoming events, go to [noshpit-detroit.com](http://noshpit-detroit.com) or go to its page on Facebook.

Planning to start a food truck business? Check out [foodlabdetroit.com](http://foodlabdetroit.com) and [detroitcustomcoach.com](http://detroitcustomcoach.com). Get a planner packet from Oakland County at [oakgov.com/heath](http://oakgov.com/heath) or for Wayne County, go to [waynecounty.com/hhs/foodlicensing.htm](http://waynecounty.com/hhs/foodlicensing.htm).

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SHARON DARGAY  
The menu board at Nosh Pit Detroit food truck.

Detroit — and facilitates customers with plans and interior layouts that are submitted to health departments.

"Requirements are pretty specific. They (the county) want to know who your food sources are, how you're cooking each item, what equipment you're using. They need spec sheets on every single piece of equipment," Schultz said.

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<b>September 15, 2016 – REGULAR MEETING</b>	
<b>CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHLVILLE</b>	
<b>BOARD OF TRUSTEES</b>	
<b>DATE:</b> Thursday, September 15, 2016	
<b>TIME:</b> 7:00 p.m.	
<b>PLACE:</b> 44405 Six Mile Road	
<b>CALL TO ORDER:</b> Supervisor Nix called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.	
<b>PRESENT:</b>	
Robert R. Nix II, Supervisor	Marv Gans, Trustee
Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk	Symantha Heath, Trustee
Marjorie F. Banner, Treasurer	Mindy Herrmann, Trustee
	Fred Shadko, Trustee

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

- Agendas: A. Regular Agenda and the Consent Agenda items: Approved
  - Appointments, Presentations, Resolutions & Announcements: A. Reappoint Dorothy Mack to the Beautification Commission -Approved
  - Brief Public Comments: Numerous residents had questions and comments for the Board of Trustees regarding the proposed development of the former Scott Prison Property.
  - New Business: B. The Village at Northville Planned Unit Development – Concept Plan approved with Conditions
  - Public Hearing: A. Set Budget Public Hearings for October 13 and October 20, 2016 – Approved
  - B. Open Public Hearing for Brownfield Redevelopment Plan (Former Scott Correctional Facility Property) – Opened
  - New Business (continued): A. Brownfield Redevelopment Plan (Former Scott Prison Property) – Approved
  - C. Public Safety – Fire – Refurbish Ladder Truck – Approved
  - Unfinished Business: None
  - Ordinances: None
  - Check Registry: A. In the amount of \$2,153,680.49 for the period of 8/6/16 – 9/2/16. – Approved
  - Board Communication & Reports: A. Robert R. Nix, II, Sue Hillebrand, Marjorie Banner, Marv Gans, Symantha Heath, Mindy Herrmann, Fred Shadko, and Chip Snider.
  - Any other business for the Board of Trustees: None
  - ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 10:23 p.m.
- A draft of the minutes will be available September 27, 2016.

Respectfully submitted:  
Sue A. Hillebrand, M.M.C.

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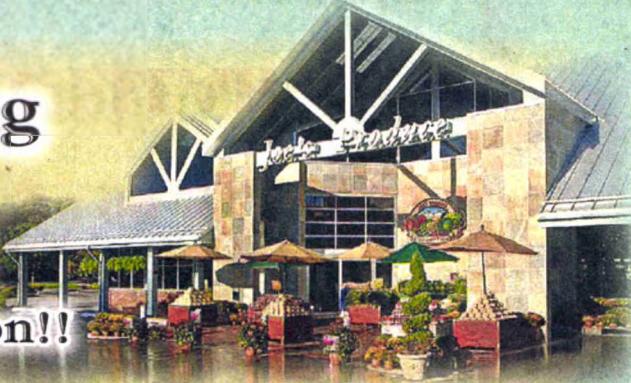


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PREP FOOTBALL

## Shamrocks upend St. Ignatius in OT

Tom Morelli  
Correspondent

Play after play for 48 minutes, Novi Detroit Catholic Central and Cleveland St. Ignatius went after each other like two bulls butting heads, with neither side willing to flinch in Friday's dramatic interstate standoff.

Considering that both teams have won 11 state titles and are renowned for their powerful running offense, this was clearly a match-up for the ages.

Not to mention the longevity that goes all the way to the top, as Shamrocks head coach Tom Mach and the Wildcats' Chuck Kyle have spent a combined 70-plus years at the helm of these two storied programs – and that's no bull.

And like a good old-fashioned rodeo, it's not necessarily about how quickly the bull can make for a mad dash ahead,

but rather the strong cerebral approach a matador takes in taking control of the situation.

CC junior linebacker Matt Young fulfilled that role in overtime, as he ended an offensive charge from St. Ignatius on fourth down by intercepting quarterback Patrick Ryan's pass to preserve a 28-21 victory.

"It was just getting back to my drops and watching the quarterback's eyes," Young said. "Once I saw him unleash that ball, I wanted to get it so bad. There was one play left in overtime and you have to finish the game."

The Wildcats won the coin toss and chose to go on defense first to begin the extra session, which saw the host Shamrocks (4-0) score on the first play from scrimmage, courtesy of fullback Cameron Ryan's score off the right side from 10 yards out.

One of the biggest challenges St. Ignatius (3-1) faced in the game was its lack of ball control against a stingy CC defense that allowed just 311 total yards, while producing four interceptions and a lost fumble.

Patrick Ryan threw interception on the opening drive of the first quarter to senior defensive end Jack Morris, which gave the Shamrocks a short field to set up their first scoring drive.

Following a 5-yard gain by Cameron Ryan, senior tailback Nick Capatina busted loose up the left side for a 14-yard score at the 8:06 mark to give CC a 7-0 lead.

It wasn't until the second quarter that the Wildcats were able to return the favor, thanks to a fumble recovery by defensive lineman Joseph Gibbons to

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SCOTT CONFER  
CC's Jack Morris stretches toward the goal line against St. Ignatius tackler Matthew Wiegandt.

A NIGHT TO REMEMBER



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Wildcats wide receiver Traveon Maddox Jr. (right) begins to celebrate as teammate Robby Heil nears the end zone Sept. 15 during Novi's game against South Lyon East.

## Novi senior Heil gets his special TD

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There might be no crying in baseball, but in football it's the cool thing to do.

Early in the second quarter of Novi's varsity home football game Friday against South Lyon, there wasn't dry eye in the house as players from both teams and bleachers, along with fans and coaches, arose in unison and cheered wildly when No. 24, Novi special-needs senior Robby Heil, ran in for a 36-yard touchdown.

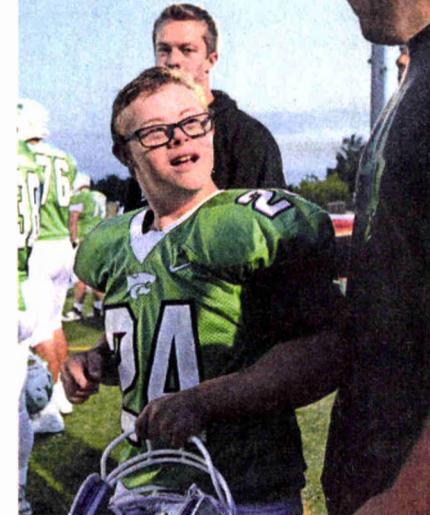
After the untimed, scripted play came with 10:59 left in the first half,

players from both teams mobbed Heil in the end zone.

It was an emotional scene, to say the least, as 5-foot-5, 150-pound Heil, who Novi head coach Jeff Burnside affectionately calls his "hydration engineer," took a handoff from quarterback Alec Bageris and rambled into the end zone.

"Robby went the wrong way," Burnside said with a laugh. "He was supposed to come left but, fortunately, me as the coach, I thought all week in practice right, right, right ... just because sometimes you're a right-hand-

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Robby Heil gets some congratulations for his touchdown effort from some teammates and fans on the sidelines of Friday night's game.

PREP FOOTBALL

## Hankerson runs wild in Novi victory

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When Novi football coach Jeff Burnside was informed that Nathan Hankerson had broken the school single-game rushing record in Friday's 42-14 home victory over South Lyon East, he reacted:

"Did he really? Wow, that's outstanding."

After three straight 100-yard plus games, the 5-foot-11, 190-pound Hankerson shattered Emanuel Jackson's mark of 240 when he finished with 276 yards on just 20 carries with three touchdowns as the Wildcats evened their season record at 2-2 with the KLAAC Central Division win.

"We couldn't stop Hankerson and we thought we had a pretty good defense game plan," said East coach Joe Pesci, whose team fell to 0-4 overall. "He got downhill and, holy cow, he's a load. He got moving and we did a poor job of tackling."

Hankerson averaged a whopping 13.8 yards per carry.

"There were some great holes," Hankerson said. "I knew if I could get the job done, I could have a great game."

Hankerson scored on TD runs of 62, 47 and 39 yards, with the last one coming with 10:14 remaining to make it 42-7.

"The last touchdown was great," Hankerson said. "Traveon (Maddox) had a great block and, once I got to the edge, I don't think they would catch me. I was glad I could get the job done tonight."

Novi senior wide receiver Anthony D'Annibale also got the job done with six catches for 79 yards. He connected with quarterback Alec Bageris on TD passes of 6 and 29 yards during the second quarter to put the Wildcats ahead, 21-7.

The Wildcats' first TD came with 4:51 left in the first quarter, when Drew O'Connor blocked Bryant Walker's punt attempt, scooping it up at the 10-yard line and running into the end zone.

East tied the game at 7-7 just seven seconds into the second quarter, when Shane Patterson caught a 9-yard TD pass from quarterback Chris Kaminski.

But Novi scored the next five TDs to put the game out of reach before Patterson scored again with 3:42 remaining in the final quarter on an 11-yard run.

South Lyon had 326 yards total of offense as Kaminski completed 10-of-23 passes for 121 yards and one interception (by Tyler Van Kirk). Zeek Lipsey was the Cougars' leading ball carrier, with 79 yards on four carries, while Patterson added 44 on six attempts.

"We moved the ball at times, but a couple of turnovers, couple of penalties," Pesci said. "It kind of kills the momentum when you get some sacks and pressures on the quarterback and it got us kind of out of our flow."

Ryan Welch paced Novi's defense with six solo tackles, while Scott Latham, Ian Patterson and Chad Howell each added a sack.

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## PREP FOOTBALL

# Mustangs shut down Salem rushing attack, 31-21

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Northville put the clamps on Salem junior running Andrew Davis, holding him to only 59 yards in 16 attempts Friday, and preventing the Rocks from making it three victories in a row.

The host Mustangs, who rushed for a season-best 199 yards, earned a 31-21 KLAA Central Division football victory, while improving to 3-1 overall.

"I think it's just like every other week, our kids play together," Northville coach Matt Ladach said. "We got a bunch disciplined guys that are doing everything they can to play within the framework of our offense and defense. They're just doing their jobs to the best of their abilities."

Abe Khoury led Northville's rushing attack with 108 yards on 10 carries, including a 40-yard TD run in the third quarter and a 24-yard scoring run in the final quarter.

Antonio Washington added 55 yards on nine carries, including a 4-yard TD run in the second quarter as the Mustangs built a 14-7 lead. Quarterback Jack Burke, who was 8-of-19 passing for 49 yards, added a 21-yard TD run in the first quarter.

Jake Moody added a 29-yard field goal in the third quarter as the Mustangs led 24-7.

"Both Abe Khoury and Antonio Washington ran the ball hard," Ladach said. "Abe broke a couple of big runs. His runs helped seal our offense. It was good to get some good running plays like that, because we've struggled in that



Northville's Antonio Washington (left) finds an opening against Salem with help from blockers Jackson Weaver and Jordan Grew (right).

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category over the last couple of weeks."

Davis did score two touchdowns, one on a 4-yard run in the first quarter to put Salem (2-2) on the board. In the fourth, he caught a pass from junior quarterback Ryan Young and finished off a 29-

yard TD play to complete the night's scoring.

Young had a strong night moving the ball through the air despite the loss, completing 17-of-32 passes for 259 yards. His favorite targets were Mason Phillips (seven catches, 113 yards) and Davis (four catch-

es, 80 yards).

He also scored on a 19-yard run early in the fourth quarter to slice Northville's lead to 24-14.

Northville's defense was led by Ryan Doroudian, who had 11 tackles, including two sacks. Nate Holloway and Trenton

Guthrie added eight and six tackles, respectively, while Luke Skillman had an interception.

Trevor Genaw had an interception for the Rocks, who lost despite outgaining the Mustangs in total offense, 313-248.

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Ryan Leckner and Jacob Waranauckas both had five solo and one assisted tackles for East. Alex Ludden, Dylan Curcio and Alvin Jarrett each collected a sack.

Meanwhile, the Wildcats racked up 410 yards total offense, led by Hankerson's 276 on the ground.

"This is only his second year playing football at all," Burnside said. "We recruited him from basketball and said, 'You could be a really good tailback' and, luckily, he listened to us and we got it taken care of. The progression from last year to this year — outstanding. He worked his tail

*"There were some great holes. I knew if I could get the job done, I could have a great game. ... I was glad I could get the job done tonight."*

**NATHAN HANKERSON**  
Novi running back

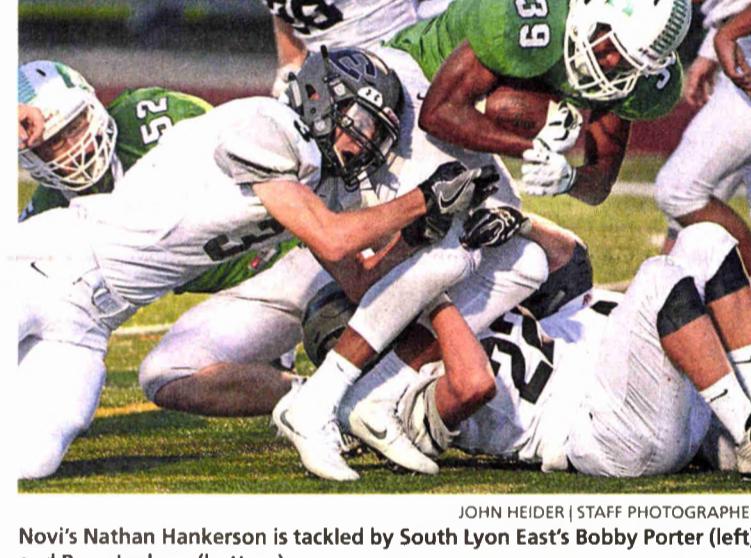
off in the weight room, really dedicated himself to it and that's why he's running the way he is right now. He's got track speed, yet is strong enough now to break through arm tackles."

For the season, Hankerson has 719 yards in just four games.

"I'm excited to get the win," he said. "I'm excited to celebrate with my team and we're ready to take on South Lyon."

On Friday, Sept. 23, Novi plays at South Lyon, while East hosts Northville.

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Novi's Nathan Hankerson is tackled by South Lyon East's Bobby Porter (left) and Ryan Leckner (bottom).

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## HEIL

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ed team. I said the student section is over here and we should be running it that way. We practiced it pregame to the left, but he reverted back to practice time and he went right. But it was all right, it was good."

Heil's mother Debbie, who is undergoing her second bout with cancer, joined the Novi and East players in the end zone for the celebration.

"I can't even talk about in words or I'll start crying again," she said during half-time. "Coach Burnside was the one that made this happen and I'm just so blessed that he was able to talk to the South Lyon coach (Joe Pesci) and make this happen. Did you see South Lyon people stand up and have banners of (No.) 24?"

East also presented Robby with a signed No. 1 jersey with all their names on it. And although the Cougars came out on the wrong end of a 42-14 final, it was all good.

"Jeff called me last week just to kind of put it out there and we had a pretty good plan on how about going about doing it," Pesci said. "It was just kind of something that we were honored to be a part of. It was just really special for Robby and just everybody here. Our players, I told them about it yesterday. They embraced it. They wanted to give him a No. 1 jersey and everybody signed it. So we did that once he scored. What a cool moment for him and his family. We were just honored to be a part of it and help celebrate something like that."

Burnside feels indebted to East and Pesci for making it happen.

"I'm so glad the East kids were here," Burnside said. "Coach Pesci over there, an outstanding human being.



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Robby Heil gets a big hug from his mother Debbie after scoring a touchdown Sept. 16 during Novi's home football game against South Lyon East.

Very classy kids. They came up with the idea of giving Robby a signed jersey. It was better than I could have even imagined. It was just outstanding."

Senior running back Nathan Hankerson, who rushed for a school-record 276 yards in the Novi victory, was also caught up in the excitement of the TD.

"The team loves Robby, just a great moment for him, the team and Novi in general, just nice to create that moment for him and his family," he said. "We practiced that play 10-15 times to get that right. We knew we didn't want anybody to touch him and we just wanted to get him in the end zone. It made it a great night."

Heil, who became an Eagle Scout earlier this year, appeared ready for the moment as well.

"We practiced it Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday," he said after the game. "The boys did a good job. They said, 'Let's go Robby.'"

Burnside had informed Heil's father Chuck of the plan earlier in the week, but Debbie didn't get an inkling what was going to occur until the night before the game.

"He was talking about it all week long and I told Robby you've got to help Anthony (D'Annibale) with his plays because he's hurt," she said. "And I said, 'Robby, they need you as water boy' because I did

not know this was happening. I was surprised when I found out last night when my son came home. My son (Charles) came in from college (Michigan State) on a bus to go see his brother."

Heil came to Burnside's program as a freshman and has been a fixture ever since.

"Debbie emailed me and said Robby helped out with the (youth league) Novi Bobcats," Burnside said. "Any way we can get kids to be a part of the program, get a chance to feel Friday nights ... absolutely we're going to do it."

"Every year, we've given him a little more responsibility and every year he does great. I'm hoping we can keep him

next year. Technically, he's a senior, but I hope we can keep him next year, because he actually helps out a ton."

Burnside said Heil makes his day go a little easier when he's around.

"We just want to give back a little bit," Burnside said. "Use the game for what it should be for, which is create memories and do some good. He's just a wonderful kid. If only our kids could attack the day with his joy and enthusiasm, we'd be a lot better off and the world would be a better place."

After the game, South Lyon East players individually hugged Debbie and Robby Heil as they exited the field.

"It's incredible," Debbie said. "Talk about class. To have an opponent come together and make this play happen. I've always said it takes a community to raise a child and you can tell this community in Novi and South Lyon, it really raised a wonderful child. Robby is wonderful, I'm very blessed. We're very blessed in a community like this."

Not only did the touchdown create a moment that Heil will never forget, but it also served as a big thank you to Debbie for her work in the Novi football program.

"She's done everything from fundraising, she takes sideline pictures, she helps with team dinners," Burnside said. "She's one of those type of people that will do anything for anybody. She has helped us out immensely behind the scenes and making sure all our kids have a great experience in the football program. She's just been a workhorse."

Meanwhile, Debbie really didn't see the TD, but knew something had just happened. It was all a blur.

"I really didn't see him," she said. "I was just crying and I had two players hugging me."

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## GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

# Northville rules Elite Division at MSU Invite

Barrott leads Mustangs

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Northville girls cross country coach Nancy Smith hopes winning Friday's MSU Spartan Invitational in East Lansing will once again prove to be a good omen.

The Mustangs came away with the Elite team title, leading the 41-school field with 204 points with Battle Creek Lakeview (229), Centerville, Ohio (237), Birmingham Seaholm (245) and Beaver Creek, Ohio (255) rounding out the top five.

"The team was excited to win and it was a great gauge on what we have to do between now and the state finals and was a great confidence booster for them," Smith said. "The last time we won the Spartan Elite was in 2013, when we went on to win the (MHSAA Division 1) state title. The girls have this on their mind and I expect us, from this point forward, to see them compete even harder and pull our pack together more if we want to continue to excel."

Lakeview's Maggie Farrell was the individual winner on the Forest Akers 5,000-meter course in 17 minutes, 33 seconds, while Northville junior



Both the Northville varsity and JV teams came away with Spartan Invitational titles.

NANCY SMITH

Ana Barrott posted a career-best 18:41 to finish 10th.

"Ana had her best race of her career and showed how strong and determined she is," Smith said. "Every day at practice, Ana gives 110 percent and it is finally starting to show up."

Teammate Cayla Eckenroth placed 20th overall in 18:58,

while Nicole Cybul (49th, 19:28), Olivia Harp (53rd, 19:40) and Emily Assemann (92nd, 20:24) rounded out the Northville scoring contingent.

Northville's non-scorers were Katie Chevoor (139th, 21:01) and Anna Buettner (164th, season-best 21:15).

"We went into the meet to test out our training up to this

point, with hopes of being in the top three, and were a little surprised to see it all come together and show how strong we are," Smith said. "Freshman Emily Assemann, running in her first Spartan Invite, showed what a great addition she is to the program and I'm excited to see what the rest of the season brings for her. New-

## BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

# Novi nips Northville by a single point

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Not much continues to separate the Novi and Northville boys cross country teams.

The two teams that finished second and third in last year's MHSAA Division 1 state finals went at it again tooth-and-nail Sept. 13 at Cass Benton Park, with Novi pulling out a 27-28 dual meet victory in the KLAA Central Division opener.

Northville, runner-up to Rockford in last year's finals, won last year's dual match-up, while the Wildcats, third in Division 1 a year ago, beat the Mustangs in the KLAA Kensington Conference and Division 1 regional meets.

Northville's one-two punch of senior Ben Cracraft and sophomore Nick Couyoumjian captured the first two spots in the 5,000-meter race with times of 16:27 and 16:36, respectively.

But Novi took the next four places, led by Aric Landy (16:43), John Landy (16:46), Scott MacPherson (16:59) and Gabe Mudel (17:04).

Northville's next two finishers on the 80-degree plus afternoon were Evan Ferrante (seventh, 17:11) and Peter Bejin (eighth, 17:12), making it an 18-18 score.

But Novi's Trey Mullins proved to be the all-important fifth man, as he rallied with 400 meters to gain the ninth-place finish in 17:21. He proved to be the difference as he cleared Northville's Jacob Blackmore by 10 seconds to secure the victory.

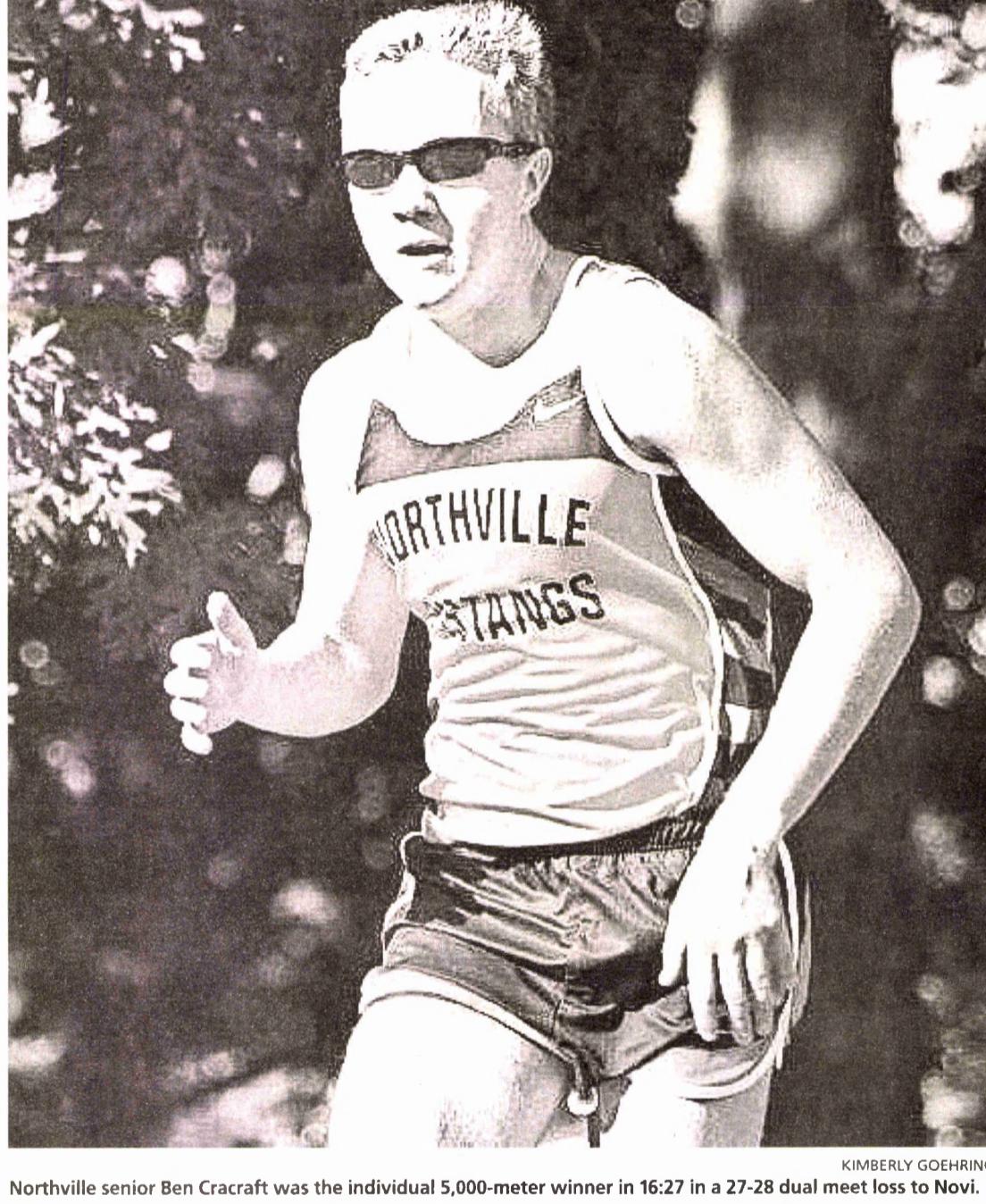
"It is very difficult to win when the other team takes the first two places," Novi coach Robert Smith said. "Mathematically, if a team goes one-two-three, it is an automatic win. We desperately needed our top pack to come in before their third guy. Aric, John, Scott and Gabe did just that. Running in a pack gives us the confidence and synergy to overcome adversity."

Mullins was able to get help from teammates Nate Wood (11th, 17:45), Alex Schafer (12th, 17:55) and Chris Silva (13th, 17:58), all of whom were in the hunt for that fifth and deciding place.

"Trey found another gear and passed Blackmore on the final downhill of the course," Smith said. "He continued his charge up the final hill to the finish line. Trey and I talked ... about the importance of him beating their fifth man. He ran a perfect race to execute that plan."

Alex Jund (14th, 17:58) and Brandon Liu (15th, 18:00) rounded out Northville's top seven.

"It was a great dual meet," Northville coach Chris Cronin said. "Last year, it was probably the best dual meet of the year. Who knows, maybe we will hold that honor again this season. When Northville and Novi get together in cross, it's always going to be a battle."



Northville senior Ben Cracraft was the individual 5,000-meter winner in 16:27 in a 27-28 dual meet loss to Novi.

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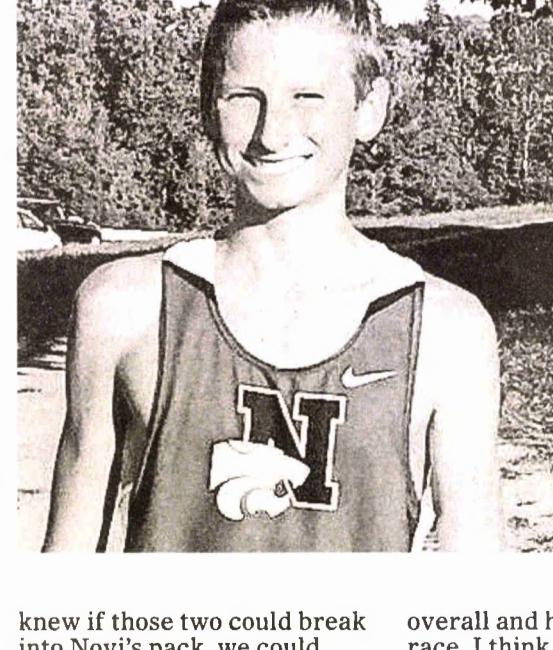
Coach Smith is a legendary coach and he always has his team ready to go. We know that; therefore, our focus is always strong for Novi. The fact that both teams are consistently among the state's finest only fuels the rivalry's intensity."

Cracraft followed the pre-race script for the Mustangs, jumping out to an early lead and winning comfortably by 11 seconds over his teammate Couyoumjian.

"Ben's performing at such a high level and, when it comes to consistency, he is one of the best I've ever coached," Cronin said. "Nick ran perhaps the best tactical race of his career. We know what he can do and today he ran a smart, focused 5K. Taking the first two cards was critical today if we wanted to have a chance and Nick and Ben really did their jobs."

But Novi's pack of four helped erase the one-two finish by Cracraft and Couyoumjian, while Ferrante and Bejin garnered the next two spots in seventh and eighth.

"Evan and Peter Bejin ran tough races," Cronin said. "We



Novi's Trey Mullins took the all-important fifth-place finish to earn the win over rival Northville.

knew if those two could break into Novi's pack, we could control the race. That being said, Novi had a game plan and they executed it to perfection. Pack running makes a huge difference in our sport and Novi showed that today. It's how they earned the win. Jacob Blackmore was 10th

overall and he had a solid race. I think we can bring him up into the Ferrante and Bejin group over the next three or four weeks and that could make us a formidable squad."

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comer Nicol Cybul, experiencing her first Spartan Invite, realized the level of competition and ran a tough race after getting her heel stepped on 100 meters into the race and ran with her spike partially off."

Northville also captured the JV race with 98 points, getting top 20 finishers from Emma Smith, third (20:48); Taylor Gattoni, fifth (20:58); Emily Rudberg, 15th (21:18); and Kayleigh Line, 18th (21:22). Rachel Zimmer was 58th (22:02).

**Novi girls ninth**

In the 40-school MSU Spartan Invitational Green Division, Troy captured the team title with 79 points. Holland West Ottawa (93), Cadillac (131), Livonia Churchill (190) and Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern (219) rounded out the top five.

Novi, ninth overall with 365 points, was led by Katherine Ray, who placed 11th in 19:33.

The Wildcats' other four scorers included Michelle Jecmen, 21st (19:56); Jessica Lypka, 98th (21:40); Lauren Sedewitz, 111th (21:54); and Addison Lentz, 140th (22:18).

Harrison Township L'Anse Creuse's Karenna Duffey took first individually in 18:44.

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## BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

# Novi takes fourth at MSU Invite

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The competition was stiff, to say the least, Friday as the Novi and Northville boys cross country teams both earned top 10 finishes in the MSU Spartan Invitational in East Lansing.

Louisville (Ohio) captured the 41-school Elite Division title with 158 points. Saline (195), Grand Rapids Christian (229), Novi (244), Centerville, Ohio (265) and Northville (306) rounded out the top six.

"Running in the Elite Division allows us to gauge our strength in comparison to other top schools," Novi coach Robert Smith said. "It simulates the state meet experience."

Corunna's Noah Jacobs was the individual winner on the 5,000-meter Forest Akers course in 15 minutes, 13 seconds.

Novi all-state runner Gabe Mudel earned 26th overall in 16:19, putting him on the awards platform for the second straight year.

"Gabe ran a nice race," Smith said. "He is returning to form."

Other scorers for the Wildcats were Aric Landy, 41st (16:34); John Landy, 43rd (16:38); Trey Mullins, 74th (16:58); and Chris Silva, 76th (17:00).

The Landy twins chopped off eight and six seconds, respectively, from their season bests.

The Wildcats' non-scorers included Nate Wood (145th, 17:43) and Nathan James (171st, 18:01).

Northville senior Ben Cracraft also earned a podium finish, taking 22nd overall in 16:15, followed by Nicholas Couyoumjian, 40th (16:33); Peter Bejin, 44th (16:38); Jacob Blackmore, 88th (17:06); and Evan Ferrante, 130th (17:30).

The Mustangs' non-scorers were Brandon Liu (175th, 18:03) and Alex Jund (190th, 18:18).

**Shamrocks seventh**

Ty Buckley's 12th-place finish helped Novi Detroit Catholic Central take seventh in a field of 24 Division I schools Saturday in the Duane Raffin Festival of Races at Springfield Oaks in Holly.

White Lake Lakeland, led by individual winner Drew Wenger (17:07), captured the team title with 109 points, followed by Saugatuck (130), Ann Arbor Pioneer (160), Macomb Dakota (180), Plymouth (183), Lake Orion (197) and CC (202).

Buckley was clocked in 17:43, followed by teammates Mark Borek, 21st (18:00); Andrew Clark, 51st (18:46); Ben Racine, 60th (18:53); and Mitchell Horn, 68th (19:00).

CC's non-scorers were Ryan Whinnery (87th, 19:18) and Brennan Koehler (136th, 20:15).

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## PREP VOLLEYBALL

# Northville captures Bedford Invitational title

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The Northville volleyball team turned in another impressive performance Saturday by winning the Temperance Bedford Invitational, capped by a 25-13, 25-20 win over the host Kicking Mules in the final.

The state-ranked Mustangs (No. 5 in Division 1) improved to 19-1 overall, also posting a 25-15, 25-18 semifinal win over Monroe following a 25-11, 25-14 triumph over Grosse Ile in the quarterfinals.

Northville also earned pool play wins over Grosse Ile (25-15, 25-13), Grosse Pointe North (25-21, 25-23) and Tecumseh (25-12, 25-14).

Oakland University commit Emily Martin, a senior outside hitter, had a big day with 46 total kills and 28 digs, while Kiera Borthwick finished with 22 kills, four solo blocks, eight ace serves and 17 digs.

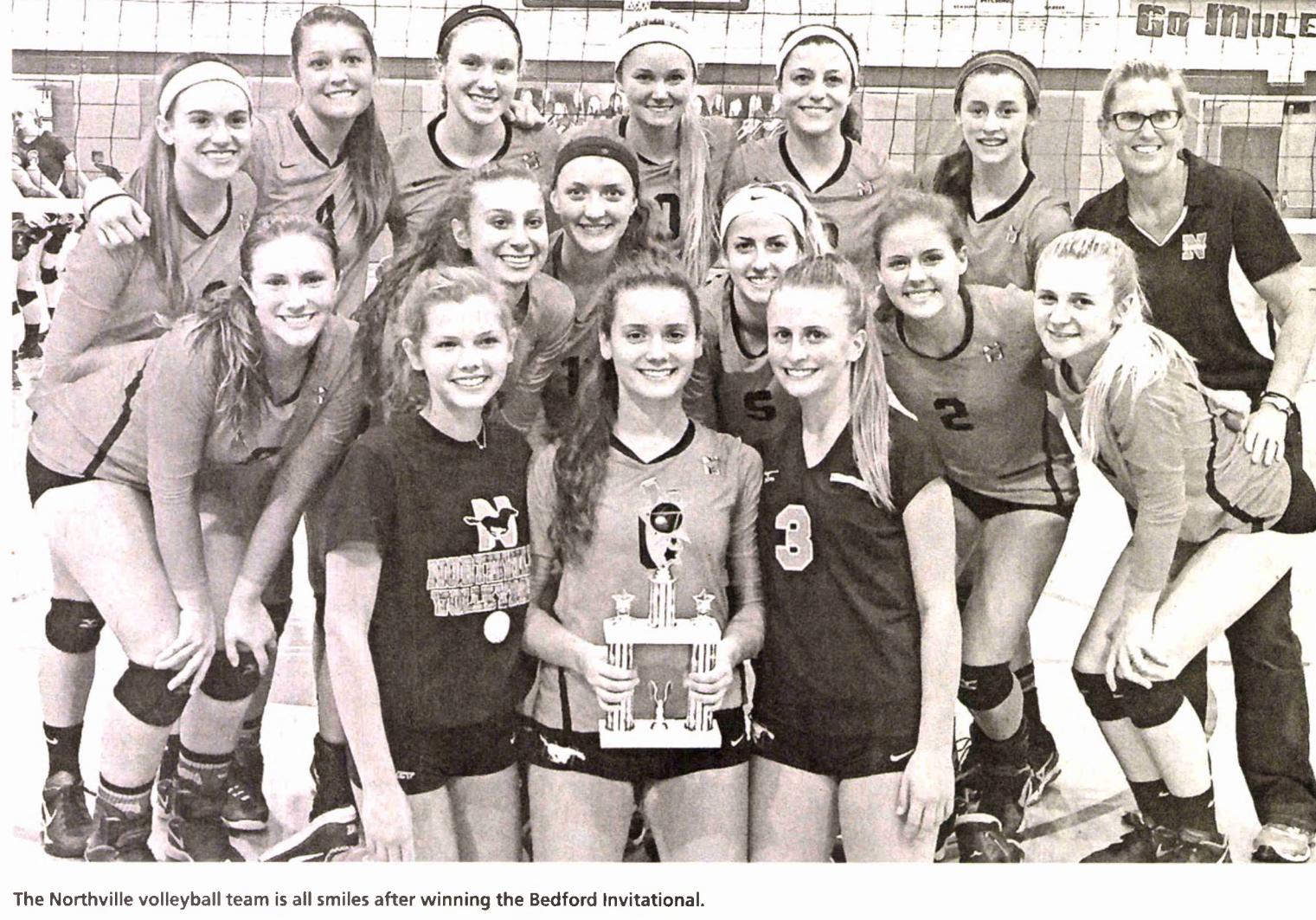
Other leaders for the Mustangs included setter Rachel Holmes (148 assist-to-kills, 14 digs); Hannah Grant (31 digs); Bryce Quick (23 kills); Claire Wenrick (22 kills); Jessica Hogan (14 kills); Brianna Marcoux (13 kills); and Ally Zayan (17 digs).

**Novi routs Stevenson**

Abryanna Cannon and Ally Cummings combined for 26 kills to power state-ranked Novi to a 25-12, 25-13, 25-12 KLAA Central Division triumph over visiting Livonia Stevenson.

Cannon, a junior transfer from Traverse City Central committed to Notre Dame, finished with 13 kills, while the senior Cummings, a Valparaiso University commit, also had 13 as the Wildcats (No. 2 Division 1) improved to 12-1 overall and 3-0 in the KLAA Central.

Other contributions came from junior setter and University of Michigan commit Erin



The Northville volleyball team is all smiles after winning the Bedford Invitational.

O'Leary (25 assist-to-kills, six aces) and Kaylee Peterson (four digs, 100 percent serve receive).

The loss dropped Stevenson to 1-10 overall and 0-3 in the KLAA Central.

**Mustangs sweep East**

Setter Rachel Holmes had 28 assist-to-kills and seven aces Sept. 15 as Northville cruised to a 25-6, 25-13, 25-16 KLAA Central Division triumph at South Lyon East.

Emily Martin led with nine

kills, while Bryce Quick had four solo blocks and five kills. Hannah Grant paced the defense with 15 digs.

The Mustangs improved to 14-1 overall and 3-0 in the KLAA Central, while the Cougars slipped to 1-2 in the division.

On Sept. 13, Holmes served six aces and collected 28 assist-to-kills as Northville used a balanced attack to take down visiting Salem in a division encounter, 25-10, 25-21, 25-7.

The Mustangs also got a strong outing from Emily Mar-

tin, who finished with a team-high seven kills to go along with two solo blocks and seven digs.

Quick and Claire Wenrick both added five kills, while Kiera Borthwick chipped in four.

Grant contributed eight digs to lead the defense.

The loss dropped the Rocks to 0-2 in the Central.

**Novi clips Cougars**

Ally Cummings finished with a team-best 15 kills and setter Erin O'Leary had 32

assist-to-kills as defending MHSAA Class A state champion Novi earned a 25-18, 25-15, 25-13 KLAA Central triumph Sept. 13 at South Lyon East.

Claire Pinkerton paced the defense with 13 digs as the Wildcats improved to 11-1 overall and 2-0 in the Central.

The loss dropped the Cougars to 1-1 in the KLAA Central.

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## BOYS SOCCER

# Mustangs top Spartans, take Central Division lead

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One goal was enough as Northville took over sole possession of first place in the KLAA's Central Division with a 1-0 boys soccer victory Sept. 15 at Livonia Stevenson.

The Mustangs, ranked No. 9 in the latest Division 1 statewide coaches poll, improved to 5-1-4 overall and 3-0-1 in the division thanks to Owen Marshall's early second-half goal from Mario Plachta.

Northville goalie Evan Treiber made one save to post the shutout.

"The big difference is that we scored early in the second half and that hurt Stevenson a bit, because they had to try

and advance the ball more and keep moving forward," Northville coach Henry Klimes said. "We're a possession-oriented team, keep the ball on the ground, more shorter passes, whereas Stevenson was playing a more direct, percentage game. Their goalie was kicking long and they were hoping to flick one on. They were playing the counterattack. Two different styles of play."

Stevenson goalie Drew Padgen (six saves) crashed the Northville box in the waning seconds and was able to get a header, but the Spartans couldn't convert as they fell to 3-3-2 overall and 1-2-1 in the KLAA Central.

"We played well enough to

win, but you have to score goals to win games and we scored zero this week," said Stevenson coach Ken Shingledecker, whose team was outshot 9-5.

**NOVI, SOUTH LYON 0:** Kyle Bandyk's natural hat trick propelled the Wildcats (4-1-3, 1-1-2) to a KLAA Central Division triumph Sept. 15 at home over the Lions (4-3-1, 0-3-1).

Bandyk scored twice in the opening half with 38:43 and 34:21 remaining, both assisted by Eric Rice, to make it 2-0.

The senior scored again with 33:58 left in the match (assisted by Andy Lee), while Taemin Kim (assisted by Michael Jecmen) and Taiga Shiodawa (assisted by Albi Popaj) scored goals in the final 11 minutes to put the match out of reach.

Novi outshot South Lyon 15-2, as Luke McDonald made two saves for the Wildcats in the posting the shutout.

South Lyon keeper Alex Sicklestel wound up with 15 saves.

**DETROIT CC 2, EISENHOWER 1:** Noah Walter's goal in the 50th minute proved to be the difference Sept. 15 as host Novi Detroit Catholic Central (4-2-2) knocked off Utica Eisenhower (6-2) in a non-league match.

The Shamrocks took a 1-0 lead in the first half on Justin Savona's goal from Matt Park, but the Eagles tied it just three seconds before the half ended on Nino Evola's goal.

Park also assisted on the game-winner as CC outshot Eisenhower, 34-5.

**NORTHVILLE 7, SOUTH LYON EAST 0:** The Mustangs (4-1-4) were hitting on all cylinders Sept. 13 as they put the brakes on upset start South Lyon East (2-5-1, 1-1-1) in a KLAA Central Division encounter.

"We finally put it all together," said Northville coach Henry Klimes, whose team improved to 4-1-4 overall and 2-0-1 in the KLAA Central. "We made passes all over the field and were connecting because we got a little wider. We attacked with high pressure."

Northville jumped to a 4-0 halftime lead against the host Cougars (2-5-1, 1-1-1), who were coming off a shocking 2-1 win at Livonia Stevenson for their first-ever KLAA Central victory in 72 matches.

"We knew what was at stake and, after they beat Livonia Stevenson, we were not going to take them lightly," Klimes said. "East played us tough in the first 10 minutes and I was happy with the defense."

Ben McCauley led the Mustangs with a pair of goals, while other contributions came from Owen Marshall (one goal, two assists); Andre Farcas (three assists); Gabe Chimenti (one goal); Zach Westenberg (one goal); Louis Hamati (one goal); and Omar Labhki (one assist).

Westenberg's goal was a thing of beauty on a laser-like shot from 25 yards out, according to

Klimes.

Goalkeepers Evan Treiber and Yanni Kanelopoulos combined on the shutout.

**NOVI, STEVENSON 0:** In a KLAA Central Division match Sept. 13, host Livonia Stevenson (3-2-2, 1-1-1) and the Wildcats (3-1-3, 0-1-2) battled to a scoreless draw.

Stevenson goalkeeper Drew Padgen made three saves, while Novi's Luke McDonald did not have a stop on frame.

"I thought we were excellent defensively," Stevenson coach Ken Shingledecker said. "Drew made two key saves for us."

Novi had eight shot attempts to Stevenson's four.

"We had a goal called back in the last minutes on a foul in the box and a possible breakaway with 10 minutes left, where Novi took a professional foul that could have been big opportunity for us," Shingledecker said.

**SALINE 1, DETROIT CC 0:** Matt Kocibelli's goal in the 45th minute proved to be the difference Sept. 13 as the host Hornets (6-3-1) turned back Novi Detroit Catholic Central (3-2-2) in a non-league encounter.

Ryan Nichols assisted on the game-winner, while goalkeepers Nolan Krause and Quinn Fox combined on the shutout.

CC junior goalkeeper Trevor Ostrowski stopped a penalty kick.

The Shamrocks outshot Saline, 11-7.

On Sept. 10, CC routed visiting Temperance Bedford, 9-1.

## SHAMROCKS

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instantly put them in the red zone.

On the third play of the drive, running back Mark Bobinski (20 carries for 79 yards) tied the game on a 5-yard scamper with less than three minutes until halftime.

That score brought out the competitive juices of the two teams, as they went tit-for-tat in an exciting closeout of the second quarter.

Sophomore quarterback Austin Brown (3-of-8 passing for 111 yards) wasted little time in getting the ball downfield on CC's next possession, connecting with wide receiver Chris Jakubik off a post pattern for a 75-yard score.

"We run it down people's throats and it opens up some pass plays," Brown said. "On that 75-yarder, I didn't even open my eyes. I threw it blindfolded and hoped that Chris caught it and made a good play for a touchdown."

A timely hit by defensive end Jackson Ross on Patrick Ryan jarred the ball loose on the ensuing drive, before fellow lineman Jack Debacker scooped it up to give the Shamrocks another short field.

Any hopes for CC to take a two-touchdown lead were dashed on the first play, as Brown's pass was picked off in the end zone.

The Wildcats used their passing game to go the distance, with Patrick Ryan completing 6-of-9 passes on the



SCOTT CONFER  
Catholic Central running back Nicholas Capatina splits the line in OT vs. St. Ignatius.

drive, which ended on a 5-yard rollout pass to tight end James Leyden for the game-tying score with 23 seconds left until intermission.

The third quarter belonged to St. Ignatius, which began to see some impressive results with its running game.

After forcing the Shamrocks to a three-and-out, the Wildcats began a 13-play, 65-yard drive that saw Bobinski and Ryan (14 carries for 69 yards, 12-of-24 passing for 115 yards) split the workload in the backfield.

A 3-yard dash off right tackle by Bobinski gave St. Ignatius its first lead of the game, 21-14, with 2:39 left in the third.

CC punted the ball to begin the final quarter, only to get it back due to a contact with the kicker penalty called against the Wildcats to put the offense at midfield.

The Shamrocks moved the ball downfield in chunks with their running game before opting to go to the air after three consecutive runs by Cameron Ryan. On third-and-five, Brown connected on an out route with Morris from 16 yards out to put CC back in the mix with 6:57 to go.

Leading the ground game for the Shamrocks was Capatina (18 carries, 59 yards) and Cameron Ryan (12 carries, 58 yards).

Senior defensive back Matt Harding and junior defensive lineman Tyler St. Clair both nabbed an interception for CC, while William Butler and Morris combined for a sack.

Leading tacklers for CC include Isaac Darkangelo (5 solo, 11 assists); Tyler Morland (12 assists); and Young (three solo, eight assists).

## THE WEEK AHEAD

**PREP FOOTBALL**

**Friday, Sept. 23**

Novi at South Lyon, 7 p.m.

Northville at S.L. East, 7 p.m.

**Saturday, Sept. 24**

Detroit CC vs. Brother Rice at Berkley (Hurley Field), 7 p.m.

**Friday, Sept. 30**

Stevenson at Novi, 7 p.m.

South Lyon at Northville, 7 p.m.

Johnson (Ont.) at Detroit CC, 7 p.m.

**BOYS SOCCER**

**Thursday, Sept. 22**

Baptist Pk. at Franklin Road, 4:30 p.m.

Detroit CC at DelaSalle, 5:30 p.m.

Novi at Northville, 7 p.m.

**Saturday, Sept. 24**

South Lyon at Franklin Rd., 5 p.m.

Huron Valley at Franklin Rd., 4:30 p.m.

Novi at Salem, 7 p.m.

Northville at South Lyon, 7 p.m.

Brother Rice at Detroit CC, 7:30 p.m.

**GIRLS SWIMMING**

**Thursday, Sept. 22**

Novi at South Lyon East, 6:30 p.m.

Stevenson at Northville, 6:30 p.m.

**Saturday, Sept. 24**

Novi at Mott Invitational, 6:30 p.m.

**Saturday, Sept. 24**

Novi vs. St. Ignatius, 9 a.m.

Northville at Salem Inv., noon.

**Thursday, Sept. 29**

Opponent TBD at Novi, 6:30 p.m.

N'ville at South Lyon East,

## BOYS TENNIS

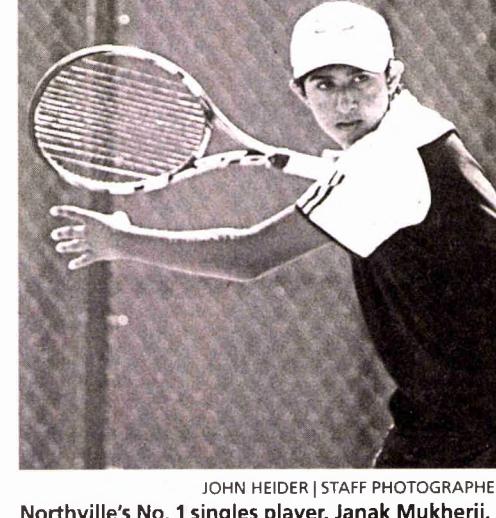
**Brad Emmons**  
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Novi was pushed to the limit in last week's KLAA Central Division boys tennis showdown against rival Northville.

The Wildcats, defending KLAA 'A' tourney and MHSAA Division 1 state co-champions, had to rally for a 6-3 dual match victory over the Mustangs and went on to clinch the division title outright Sept. 13 when their 'B' squad beat Livonia Stevenson.

"It was a very close contest between two schools that always have a good, competitive match ... the final result really came down to a matter of points."

**JIM HANSON**  
Novi boys tennis coach



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Northville's No. 1 singles player, Janak Mukherji, gets ready to uncoil for a forehand.



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Novi's Alex Wen won his match at No. 1 singles in three sets over Northville's Janak Mukherji.

throughout. I am very proud of how our team fought their way back into the match. We had to play some excellent tennis in those decisive third sets in order to win."

DUAL MATCH RESULTS

NOVI 6, NORTHVILLE 3

Sept. 12 at Novi

**No. 1 singles:** Alex Wen (Novi) defeated Janak Mukherji, 7-5, 3-6, 7-5. **No. 2:** Sid Amarnath (Novi) def. Arvind Kalyana, 6-2, 4-6, 6-3. **No. 3:** Daniel Yu (Novi) def. Ryan Gallagher, 4-6, 6-4, 6-0; **No. 4:** Samir

Rajani (N'ville) def. Thomas Rolfe, 6-1, 6-2.

**No. 1 doubles:** Aditya Chitta-Robert Chen (Novi) def. Stephen Freeman-Giuliano Daniels, 6-4, 6-7 (8-10), 7-6 (7-4). **No. 2:** Venkatesh Nagalla-Tim Tanaka (Novi) def. Nishan Chava-Andrew Quinn, 3-6, 6-3, 6-3; **No. 3:** Jimmy Dales-Michael Ying (N'ville) def. Akash Ray Nayan Makim, 7-6 (7-4), 5-7, 6-3; **No. 4:** Trevor Kelterman-Charles Gao (N'ville) def. Chris Kwederis, Ryan Krawiec, 6-2, 5-7, 6-4; **No. 5:** Andrew Lu-Robert Xu (Novi) def. Pranav Doppalapudi-Sikhar Kesamuni, 3-6, 6-3, 6-3.

**Dual match records:** Novi, 5-0 overall; 4-0 KLAA Central Division; Northville, 4-1 KLAA Central.

**NOVI 9, SALINE 0**

Sept. 14 at Saline

**No. 1 singles:** Alex Wen (Novi) defeated Tyler

Stachler, 6-2, 6-1; **No. 2:** Sid Amarnath (Novi) def. Cam Tressler, 6-0, 6-1; **No. 3:** Daniel Yu (Novi) def. Ethan Shell, 6-0, 6-3; **No. 4:** Thomas Rolfe (Novi) def. Chavez Rodriguez, 6-3, 2-6, 10-6 (super-breaker).

**No. 1 doubles:** Aditya Chitta-Robert Chen (Novi) def. Landon Shell-Michael Barba, 6-0, 6-1; **No. 2:** Venkatesh Nagalla-Tim Tanaka (Novi) def. Michael Wolfe-Sammy Sabo, 6-4, 7-5; **No. 3:** Akash Ray Nayan Makim (Novi) def. Connor Krager-Alex Mah, 6-2, 6-1; **No. 4:** Chris Kwederis-Ryan Krawiec (Novi) def. Jackson Jost-Johnathan Roberts, 6-1, 6-1; **No. 5:** Prajwal Konarur-Sai Aburi (Novi) def. Nathan Makowski-Caleb Gilmore, 6-4, 6-3.

**Novi's dual match record:** 7-0 overall.

**NOVI 7, LIVONIA STEVENSON 0**

Sept. 13 at Novi

**No. 1 singles:** Cade Bunton (LS) def. Robert Xu, 6-1, 6-2; **No. 2:** Jeff Della Mora (LS) def. Andrew Lu, 6-3, 6-7; **No. 3:** Nitin Kinra (Novi) def. Scott Findlay, 6-3, 6-0; **No. 4:** Jooho Lee (Novi) def. Jacob Redd, 6-4, 7-5.

**No. 1 doubles:** Sanjit Johri-Nikhil Yadati (Novi) def. Josh Maj-Alec Said, 6-1, 6-4; **No. 2:** Prajwal Konarur-Sai Aburi (Novi) def. Steve Dunne-Tom Dunne, 6-1, 6-2; **No. 3:** Dilan Patel-Abhi Tetali (Novi) def. Tom Andrews-Abe Alrabadi, 6-1, 6-0; **No. 4:** Dwaipayan Saha-Saketh Aaankni (Novi) def. Kevin Dunne-Caleb Williamson, 6-3, 7-5; **No. 5:** Isaac Jeong-Max Krawiec (Novi) def. Peter Akel-Brian Stemen, 6-2, 6-2.

**Dual match records:** Novi, 6-0 overall, 5-0 KLAA Central Division; Stevenson, 2-4 overall, 2-3 KLAA Central.

## GIRLS SWIMMING

## Northville swims to double-dual victory

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Senior Laura Westphal figured in four of Northville's eight first-place finishes Sept. 15 as the host Mustangs won a double-dual meet against Brighton, 106-80, and Walled Lake Northern, 139-47.

Westphal captured individual firsts in the 200-yard individual medley (2:13.41) and 500 freestyle (5:09.11). She also teamed with Sophia Tuinman, Erin Szara and Kelsey MacCullough for a victory in the 200 medley relay (1:50.33).

The foursome of Lulu Mans, Gillian Zayan, Katelyn McCullough and Westphal also won the 200 freestyle relay (1:42.16).

The Mustangs were also able to avenge last year's 96-87 setback to Brighton.

"We had a really good meet tonight," said Northville coach Brian McNeff, whose team improved to 3-0 overall.



"The girls were pretty excited to swim this meet. I think they wanted to get some revenge on Brighton from last year. It wasn't going to be easy, though. Brighton has another strong team and, even though they were missing one of their top swimmers, we knew it was still going to be close. Luckily, our girls swam well and we were able to come away with the victory. We had some really good swims tonight by Erin Szara, Jordan Baal and Katelyn McCullough."

Other Northville individual

wins came from McCullough, 50 freestyle (25.86); Lauren Heaven, 100 butterfly (1:00.42); Tuinman, 100 backstroke (59.37) and Szara, 100 breaststroke (1:07.17).

"There were definitely some tired swims, but that is to be expected at this point in the season," McNeff said.

"The girls are working extremely hard at practice and it is starting to show. We have another really tough week next week with (Birmingham) Seaholm, (Livonia) Stevenson and the Rock Mauer Invitational. Seaholm will be the toughest team that we have faced in a few years, so it will be good to see how we stack up against them."

**DUAL MEET RESULTS**

Sept. 15 at Northville

**TEAM SCORES:** Northville 106, Brighton 80, Northville 139, Walled Lake Northern 47.

**FINAL EVENT RESULTS**

**200-yard medley relay:** 1. Northville (Sophia Tuinman, Erin Szara, Kelsey MacCullough, Laura Westphal), 1:50.33.

**200 freestyle:** 2. Tuinman (N), 1:57.82; 4. MacCullough (N), 2:02.97; 5. Emma Phillips (N), 2:05.07.

**200 individual medley:** 1. Westphal (N), 2:13.41; 3. Lauren Heaven (N), 2:19.07; 5. Emily Guerrera (N), 2:20.1.

**50 freestyle:** 1. Katelyn McCullough (N), 25.86; 4. Lulu Mans (N), 26.2; 5. Brooke Verble (N), 26.96.

**1-meter diving:** 5. Paige Jensen (N), 130.05 points.

**100 butterfly:** 1. Heaven (N), 1:00.42; 3. Jordan Baal (N), 1:05.37; 4. Mia Testani (N), 1:05.69.

**100 freestyle:** 2. Nicki Pumper (N), 56.91; 3. Gillian Zayan (N), 56.94; 4. Phillips (N), 56.11.

**500 freestyle:** 1. Westphal (N), 5:09.11; 4. McCullough (N), 5:24.2.

**200 freestyle relay:** 1. Northville (Mans, Zayan, McCullough, Westphal), 1:42.16; 3. Northville (Testani, Szara, Guerrera, Verble), 1:47.89.

**100 backstroke:** 1. Tuinman (N), 56.97; 4. Pumper (N), 56.91; 5. Mans (N), 1:04.15.

**100 breaststroke:** 1. Szara (N), 1:07.17; 4. Guerrera (N), 1:13.4.

**400 freestyle relay:** 2. Northville (Pumper, Mans, McCullough, Tuinman), 3:49.04; 3. Northville (Heaven, Emilie Chen, Phillips, Zayan), 3:55.8.

**Northville's dual meet record:** 3-0 overall.

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## GIRLS GOLF

## Novi tops South Lyon in division dual meet

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Alexa Hatz took medalist honors with 39 as Novi improved to 4-0 in the KLAA's Central Division with a 176-194 girls golf victory victory Sept. 13 over host South Lyon at Cattails Golf Club.

Other scorers for the Wildcats included Lauren Henry (42), Abby Livingston (43) and Reika Fujiwara (52). Novi's non-scorers were Madison Murphy and Anna Bernstein with 55 and 56, respectively.

South Lyon, which finished 1-4 in the KLAA Central, was led by junior Elizabeth Harding's 42, followed by Sophie Yergin (49), Kendall Skore (51) and Mya Price (52). The Lions' non-scorers were Julia Vess (59) and Ashley Barber (61).

### Mustangs take ninth

Northville scored 392 to place ninth Sept. 15 in the Ann Arbor Invitational held at Forest Lake G.C.

Toledo St. Ursula (Ohio) took first place on a tiebreaker in the 12-school field with 317, followed by Monroe (317), Ann Arbor Huron (324), Saline (326), Midland Dow (328) and Brighton (351).

Top scorers for the Mustangs included Sufna Gill, tied for 22nd (93); McKenna Ruppert, tied for 35th (98); Taylor Rathwell, tied for 39th (100); Megan Stein, tied for 41st (101); Maddie Stach, tied for 43rd (103); and Natalie Falotico, tied for 49th (108).

Mariella Simoncini took medalist honors with 39 as the Mustangs posted a team total of 173 to beat Livonia Franklin (193) and host Livonia Churchill (194) in a KLAA Kensington Conference crossover match Sept. 14 at Whispering Willows.

Other scorers for the Mustangs, who improved to 6-0, were Gabby Jaszcuz (42), Hannah Dygert (45), Kanon Furuyama (47), Paige Rosinski (47) and Marin Furuya (48).

Franklin (3-3) got 44 from Sofia Wygonik, while Paige Peterson paced Churchill (1-5) with 46.

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## GIRLS SWIMMING

## Birmingham Marian deals Novi first loss of season

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Gabby Granata, Lauren Sielicki and Lauren Biglin led the way Sept. 15 as the Birmingham Marian girls swim team handed host Novi its first dual meet setback of the season, 114-69.

The Mustangs, who finished fourth in last year's MHSAA Division 2 state finals, captured 10 of the 12 events as Granata, Sielicki and Biglin each figured in four first-place finishes.

The loss dropped Novi to 6-1 overall.

Granata captured the 200-yard freestyle (2:00.14) and 100 butterfly (1:00.01), while Sielicki took the 50 freestyle (25.94) and 100 backstroke (1:01.54). Biglin was first in the 200 individual medley (2:15.76) and 100 freestyle (55.32).

Marian's other individual first came from Rebekah Irwin in the 500 freestyle (5:24.04).

Meanwhile, the Mustangs' 200 medley relay team of Sielicki, Irwin, Anika Fassett and Mary Kate Nodland won in 1:54.21, while the 200 freestyle relay foursome of Granata, Nodland, Biglin, Kailyn Swan-

tek won in 1:42.58.

Marian's 400 freestyle relay quartet of Granata, Biglin, Swantek, Sielicki also captured first in 3:44.87.

Novi's lone two individual firsts came from McKaela Hill in 1-meter diving (184.73 points) and Hanna Dong in the 100 breaststroke (1:15.41).

**DUAL MEET RESULTS**

BIRMINGHAM MARIAN 114, NOVI 69

Sept. 15 at Novi

**200-yard medley relay:** 1. Marian (Lauren Sielicki, Rebekah Irwin, Anika Fassett, Mary Kate Nodland), 1:54.21; 2. Novi (Danielle Gordon, Danielle Gordon, Linda Weng), 2:00.39.

**200 freestyle:** 1. Gabby Granata (BM), 2:00.14; 3. Samantha Kasparian (N), 2:14.26.

**500 freestyle:** 1. Lauren Biglin (BM), 2:00.01.

**100 backstroke:** 1. Gabby Granata (BM), 1:01.54; 2. Danielle Gordon (BM), 1:01.49.

**100 breaststroke:** 1. Hanna Dong (N), 1:15.41; 2. Claire Turkey (N), 1:16.62.

**400 freestyle relay:** 1. Marian (Granata, Biglin, Swantek, Sielicki), 3:44.87; 3. Novi (Idalia Moore, Gordon, Maynor, Maynor), 3:59.1.

**200 individual medley:** 1. Lauren Biglin (BM), 1:54.26.

## Realtor of Year Zalewski lauded

Realtor of the Year Debbie Zalewski was recently recognized by the Southfield-based Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors.

"I get great joy from seeing my colleagues grow, succeed, and prosper. This industry has given a tremendous amount to me and I love being able to give back," said Zalewski.

The GMAR Realtor of the Year award honors a Realtor for civic and association activity, business and educational experience, and professional competence/faithfulness to the principles of real estate.



Zalewski

The Realtor of the Year is also honored for adhering to the State and National Code of Ethics.

Zalewski, the 2016 Realtor of the Year, is with Real Living Kee Realty of Troy. She is heard on "Money Matters" on CKWW, AM 580. She can also be seen on the premiere episode of "Keeping It Real Estate" on WBRW out of Romeo.

Zalewski is a member of the Sunrise Network Group (SNG) Circle of Senior Services Networking Group (COSS), and has been a member of the Habitat for Humanity Women's Build Steering Committee for the past three years. She has assisted with park cleanups, helped seniors, and hosted Leader Dogs for the Blind events.

"She brings great passion, enthusiasm, and energy to everything she does," said Brenda Lee Szlachta, state president for the Michigan Women's Council of Realtors.

Zalewski has been a licensed Realtor for 24 years and holds an associate broker's license. Educational designations include the Performance Management Network (PMN), Short Sales & Foreclosure Resource (SFR), and Senior Real Estate Specialist (SRES). In 2012, she was recognized nationally with a Diamond Elite Premier Service Award.

Zalewski is the 2016 GMAR president, and served as president elect and financial secretary previously. Other positions include: 2016 NAR direc-

tor, 2016 RPAC trustee, 2015 Michigan Realtors Big Data PAC, 2015 Realcomp II Board of Governors, 2016 Women's Council of Realtors (WCR) National Steering Committee, 2015 WCR Region 2 vice president, WCR National Nominating Committee, 2014 WCR president of the Michigan State Chapter, 2013 WCR president elect, 2012 WCR state governor, 2009-11 WCR president, Rochester Chapter.

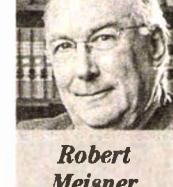
GMAR CEO Duane Marsh said, "Debbie has proven her top-level status as a leader in the real estate profession time and again. We are proud to honor her as GMAR's Realtor of the Year."

Zalewski is a certified Real Estate Prelicense Instructor and teaches with NCI, LLC.

## Appraisal: Can we sue?

**Q:** We are investors who purchased undeveloped lots in a planned residential community. Our lender was recommended by the developer and the bank secured the services of a local appraisal company. Do you think we have a cause of action because the mortgage company and the appraisers grossly inflated the value of the property?

**A:** Based upon a similar case out of North Carolina where the plaintiffs were pursuing the mortgage company under the Mortgage Lending Act of the State claiming that



Robert Meisner

lender had a fiduciary duty of good faith and fair dealing and that the appraisers breached their duty when they allegedly prepared faulty reports for the bank, the court basically said that the plaintiffs in that case purchased the parcels without consulting any appraisers independent of the loan process such that any misrepresentation about the properties values would have been made by the developer and not the bank. In that particular case, the Mortgage Lending Act of the State did not apply because the properties were not purchased for personal family or household use but were investment properties and because the appraisers were employed by the lender, the court found they had no duty to the plaintiffs and that their information was not relied on. Obviously, this is a difficult legal matter which calls for you retaining a knowledgeable real estate attorney.

**Q:** Our condo project has just entered into a major project to repair the roofs, but won't give me a copy of the bids or contracts. The roofers that are being hired are using my deck to repair the roof and won't clean up the damage. They are also trying to get into my gas line and claim that I have to be there. I am without hot water, etc. What can I do?

**A:** Simply stated, you need a lawyer to assert your rights. The board must provide you with access to their contracts, they should not undermine your ability to obtain your utilities and cannot tear up your property without giving you adequate notice and compensation. The longer you let it go on without recourse, the more aggressive the association will probably be knowing that you are afraid to take action against it.

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.

## REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

### Investors

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne will have an open forum. Investors will answer questions and offer a market update. Meetings are 6-9 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the Red Lobster on Eureka in Southgate.

Members are free; guests \$20, which will be applied to membership. The Red Lobster is next to 7-Eleven near Trenton Road. Call Bill Beddoes at 734-934-9091 or Wayde Koehler at 313-819-0919.

### Short sales

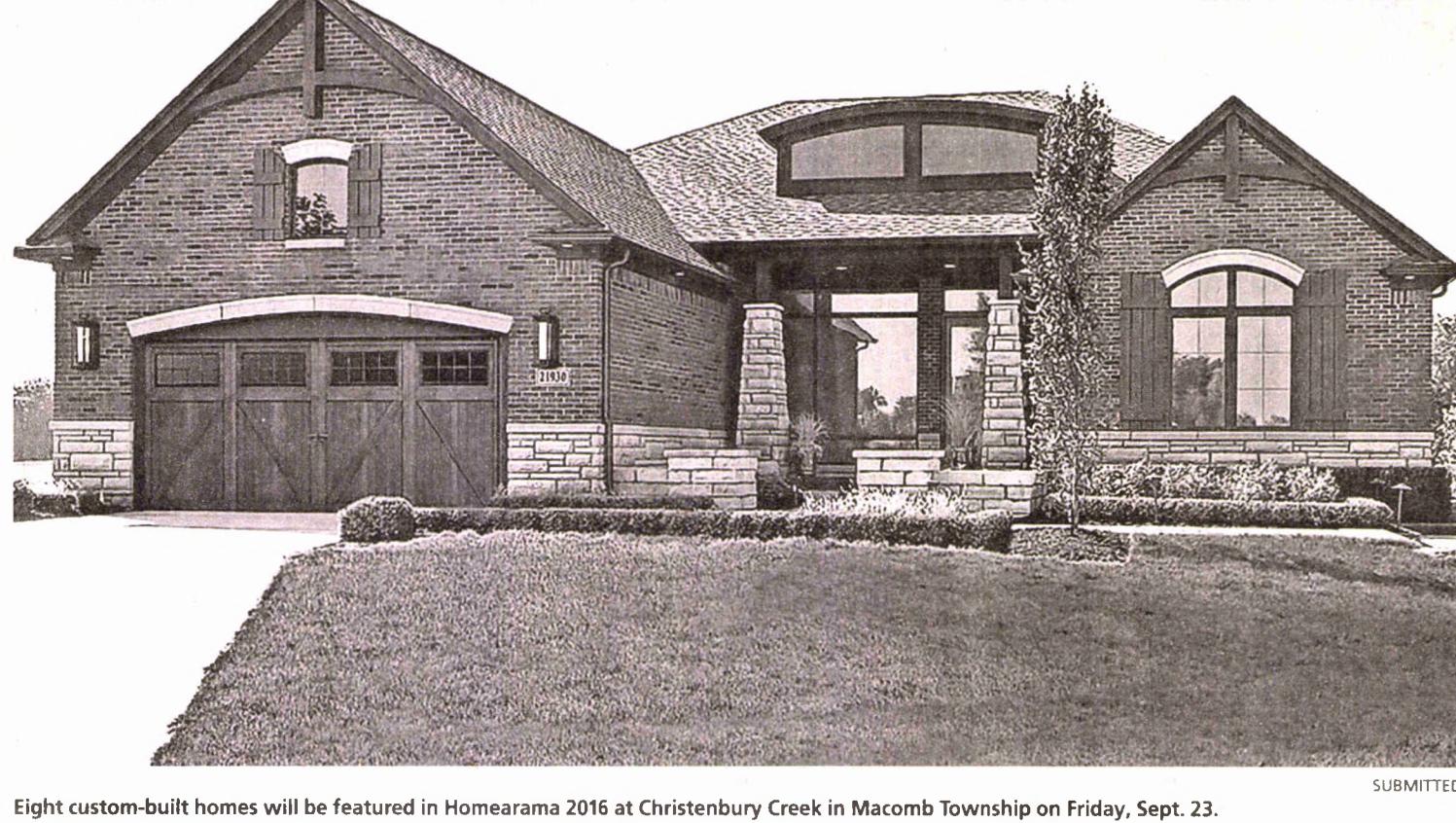
If you owe more than what your house is worth, you may be interested in a free informational seminar on short sale procedures.

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

Call 248-782-7130 or email june.quantum@gmail.com.

### Free foreclosure tours

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



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Eight custom-built homes will be featured in Homearama 2016 at Christenbury Creek in Macomb Township on Friday, Sept. 23.

## HOMEARAMA OPENS DOORS FRIDAY

The eight custom-built new homes featured in Homearama 2016 at Christenbury Creek in Macomb Township will be open for public viewing beginning at 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 23. Christenbury Creek, a new home community being developed by Arteva Homes, is located at 49758 Card Road, south of 23 Mile Road, in Macomb.

Homearama 2016 is a public service activity of the Home Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan. The event's theme is "Bringing the Dream Home" and visitors will experience many affordable ideas that can be incorporated into their own homes. Guests will receive a Homearama Plan Book at the event featuring floor plans and other details on the homes.

"Homearama is a recognized symbol of excellence in the housing industry, show-

casing some of the most beautiful homes and communities in the area," said Michael Stoskopf, CEO of HBA. "The event offers something for everyone. Many will come looking for the right builder or for fresh decorating and interior design ideas and some will also be looking to buy a home. Homearama is also a great event for those who just want an entertaining experience and the opportunity to see what their dream home might one day look like."

The homes feature the latest in building trends, technology and interior design. The developer, Arteva Homes, is also the builder of two of the Homearama showcase homes. Other builders, each featuring two homes, include Lassale Homes, Sunset Homes and Vitale Companies. The homes, as shown, range

in price from \$449,000 to \$749,500. They include ranch, colonial and split-level home styles.

Homearama 2016 will be open to the public from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday through Sunday, Sept. 23-25, Thursday, Sept. 29, through Sunday, Oct. 2, and Thursday through Sunday, Oct. 6-9. The event features free on-site parking.

Advance tickets for use on one day during the run of the program may be purchased online for \$10 per person or at the gate for \$12 per person. There is no charge for children 15 and under when accompanied by an adult. A portion of the proceeds from the public event will benefit HBA's Charitable & Educational Foundation, the American Red Cross and the Chippewa Valley Educational Foundation.

In addition, a charity pre-

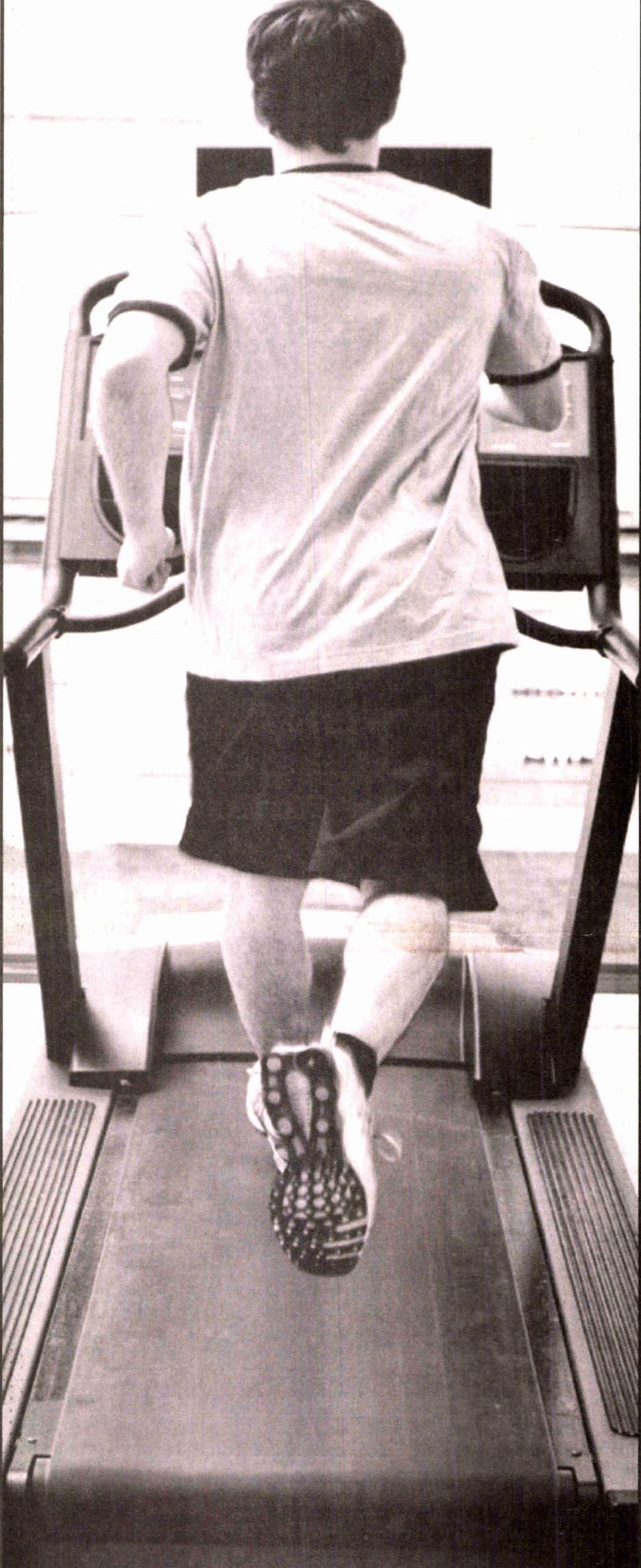
view prior to the public opening of the event was held to benefit the Children's Hospital of Michigan Foundation pediatric cancer research.

For more information and to purchase tickets, go to www.HomearamaHBA.com or call 248-737-4477.

Headquartered in West Bloomfield, Home Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan is a trade association representing more than 800 builders, remodelers, multi-family property owners, developers and suppliers to the single-family and multi-family residential construction industry. HBA is affiliated with the Home Builders Association of Michigan in Lansing and the National Association of Home Builders in Washington, D.C. Membership nationwide includes more than 175,000 individuals and companies.



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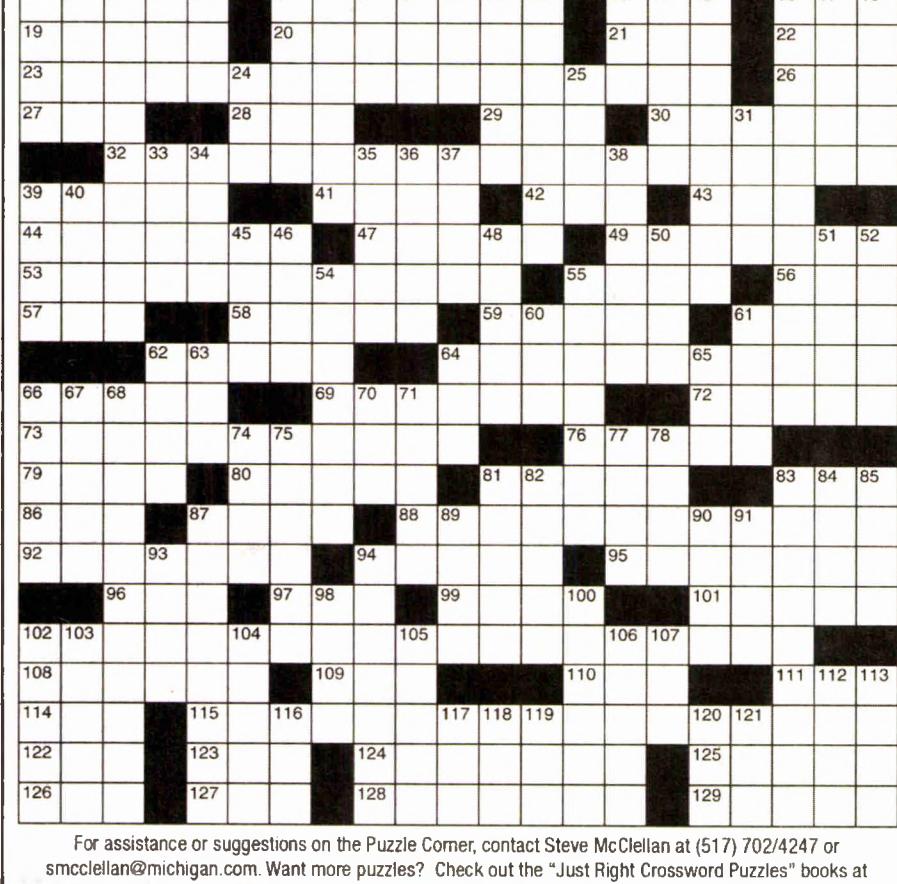
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## THURSDAY PUZZLE CORNER

### CROSSWORD PUZZLER

ACROSS	53 Friend of Peter Pan	94 Singer Griffith	3 Hunting (for)	46 Actress Olivia	83 Puts in peril
1 "Seinfeld" actor Alexander	55 Pulitzer-winning William	95 Fail, as a business	4 Acorn maker	48 Instigate	84 Signs flashed by Churchill
6 Per normal procedures	56 Guevara in "Evita"	96 Partner of hither	5 Oklahoma-to-Iowa dir.	50 Grimm brute	85 Bronte heroine Jane
13 Lemon drink	57 Work unit	97 Old name of Tokyo	6 Jazzed (up)	51 Play lazily, as a guitar	87 Darkly evil
16 "The Big Bang Theory"	58 Lyle Lovett's "If I Had..."	98 DeLise and DiMaggio	7 Rage silently	52 Smell, e.g.	89 —Chinese
19 Surfing site	59 Wii or Xbox aficionado	101 Discontinue	8 Suffix with form	54 Rainbow mnemonic	90 Fictional Finn
20 Actress Dillon	61 It's ere noon	102 Observing one's curfew, idiomatically	9 Title for Churchill	55 Old-style emblem with a motto	91 That's — hadn't heard"
21 24-hour time	62 Spock player Leonard	108 Brown and simmer	10 Parisian "a"	11 "Ta-ta!"	93 TV's Anderson
22 Pilot's fig.	64 "Isn't that adorable!"	109 Italy's cont.	12 Big battle on the ground	12 Hazy stuff	94 Abstaining individual
23 1998 film with Joseph Fiennes as the Bard	66 Novelist Joyce Carol —	110 Beseech	13 Big whoop	60 Wonderment	98 "Carpe —!"
26 Stew morsel	69 Bad pun	111 With	14 Boat hoist	61 Hazy stuff	100 Overcome
27 That ship	72 Words on a help-desk sign	65 Down, car tank topper	15 Visor	62 Neighbor of S. Dak.	102 Bit of hardware with a crosspiece
28 Tennis divider	73 Neonate	114 Suffix with fact	16 18th-century British explorer	63 Alternative to "equi-"	103 — Heep (Dickens villain)
29 Poem form	76 Hit the roof	115 1983's Best Picture (and this puzzle's theme)	17 Make dim, as with tears	64 Baler input	104 Strapped
30 1987 Dustin Hoffman film	79 Gucci rival	122 China's Chou En —	18 Commence	65 See	105 Hidden treasure
32 Whom you might have had your first kiss with	80 — board (séance tool)	123 Academic email ender	24 Hit skit show, in brief	111-Across	106 Runs across
39 Pallid	83 First lady?	124 Become flat	25 Onion cousin	112 Like many Netflix flicks	107 Links letters
41 Beige shade	86 Formal promise	125 Big blood line	31 See 113-Down	67 Alphabet sequence	113 With
42 Otherwise called, briefly	87 1976-81 skit series	126 Albeit, briefly	33 Buffalo group	68 Walkie-talkie, e.g.	31-Down, "Don't go anywhere"
43 Magnate Onassis	88 What the Promised Land is said to flow with	127 Bread variety	34 Dark black	70 Old British rule in India	116 Deplore
44 Dodged, as a duty	92 Double nature	128 Backs out	35 City SSW of Jacksonville	71 U.S. leader #44	117 Marshy area
47 "L'il" Al Capp character	93 Gerbils, e.g.	129 Stroll along	36 Asteroid path	74 Birds of myth	118 Carpe ending
49 Gerbils, e.g.	94	DOWN	37 Comic Nora Moola maker	75 Mulling spice	119 Yule quaff
		1 Joke around	39 "... — forgive those who ..."	77 Boxing place	120 Hit forcefully
		2 Sore feeling	40 "Fer —!" ("Def!")	78 Cancel out	121 Battle call
			45 Mild yellow cheese	81 Big name in lightweight metals	
				82 Be too frugal	



For assistance or suggestions on the Puzzle Corner, contact Steve McClellan at (517) 702/4247 or smcclellan@michigan.com. Want more puzzles? Check out the "Just Right Crossword Puzzles" books at QuillDriverBooks.com

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**Here's How It Works:**  
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

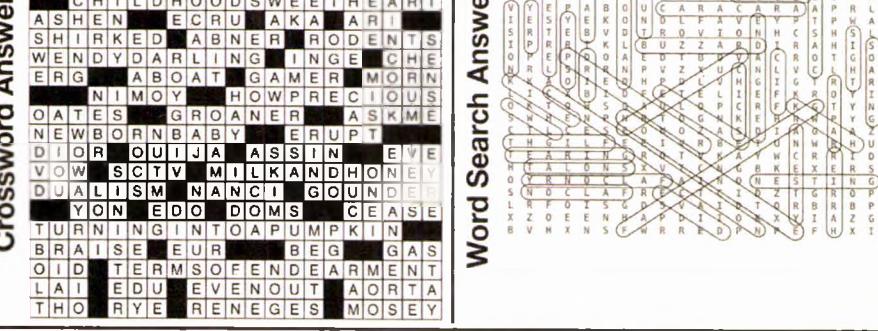
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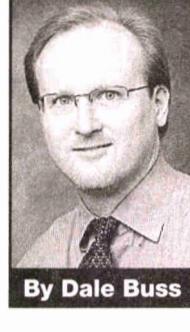
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## Car Report

# KIA RIDES DIVERSE LINEUP, QUALITY BLITZKRIEG TO UNPRECEDENTED GROWTH IN SALES AND BRAND EQUITY



By Dale Buss

Kia has come out from the shadows of its larger sibling and has established itself as a leader in the mainstream of the US auto market in areas ranging from product quality to advertising appeal.

Even as overall auto sales were booming in the United States last year, Kia established one of the best growth marks with its best annual sales ever, nearly 626,000 vehicles, good for nearly an 8-percent gain from the previous year. That was merely 135,000 units short of US sales for its longer-established sibling, Hyundai, in 2015.

In 2016, Kia has picked up

where it left off, with sales rising for the year to date through August even as some big general-market rivals, including General Motors and Ford, began showing year-to-year declines.

"Despite signs that industry-wide sales may have peaked in 2015, Kia is up nearly four percent through August on the strength of double-digit year-over-year increases for Rio, Forte, Sportage and Sorento," said Michael Sprague, chief operating officer for Kia Motors America.

Indeed, the diversity of Kia's lineup has been one key for its continued gain in market share, as its small cars have withstood the segment-wide downdraft that has afflicted most other segment nameplates in 2016 and as Kia's Sportage and Sorento SUVs have posted stronger sales as well. Even the Kia Sedona minivan is enjoying a mini-boom.

"So much of this business is about

product, and since 2009 our brand has undergone a complete transformation of every vehicle, and we've introduced new ones," Sprague recently told me.

Another huge factor in Kia's ability to resist the growing headwinds in the US, and continue its growth story, is its stunning rise to the top of the industry in product quality. Not long ago looked down upon along with Hyundai as exemplars of relatively poor quality, Kia in 2016 managed to rank highest in initial

quality of any brand in the important J.D. Power annual awards.

Kia's performance marked the first time in 27 years that a non-premium brand topped Power's rankings. The brand's achievement put it atop not only other enviable general-market brands, such as Hyundai, which finished No. 3, and No. 4 Toyota, but also ahead of premium marques that typically lead the field in the J.D. Power evaluation, including No. 2 Porsche and No. 5 BMW.

"In 2001 we were dead last in the US in perceived

quality, and people were writing the brand off," Sprague said. "The company has made a very determined effort since then to fix quality." It helps that "for the millennial generation, we're a completely new brand."

It also helps that, as Sprague put it, "we're raising awareness for the brand and making sure the brand is right." Among other messages emphasizing Kia quality and utility is one about fun.

That was exemplified, for instance, by Kia's decision to advertise a mid-size sedan, Optima, in the most recent Super Bowl even though many Americans now are headed straight for the crossovers and SUVs on the showroom floor. The ad starred Christopher Walken demonstrating the sophistication and refinement of the 2016 version of the car – after a humorous episode in a

man's "Walken" closet.

And later this year, Kia brought back its animatronic hamsters to promote Soul, its fast-growing crossover that the brand introduced in 2009. Its record exemplifies Kia's booming growth: Back then, the brand sold only 35,000 Souls; in 2015, Soul sales in the US were 146,000 units.

Most recently, Kia launched a new campaign starring former pro-football stars Bo Jackson and Brian Bosworth for the Sorento SUV in a Tecmo Bowl-themed campaign. The former nemeses help Kia "play on technology in terms of blending the old video game graphics with the new advancements in the Sorento, illustrating just how far Kia has come and how advanced this SUV truly is," said Colin Jeffery, chief creative officer for agency David&Goliath.



Soul is an important vehicle in the Kia lineup.



Brian Bosworth and Bo Jackson star in Kia's new football-themed campaign.

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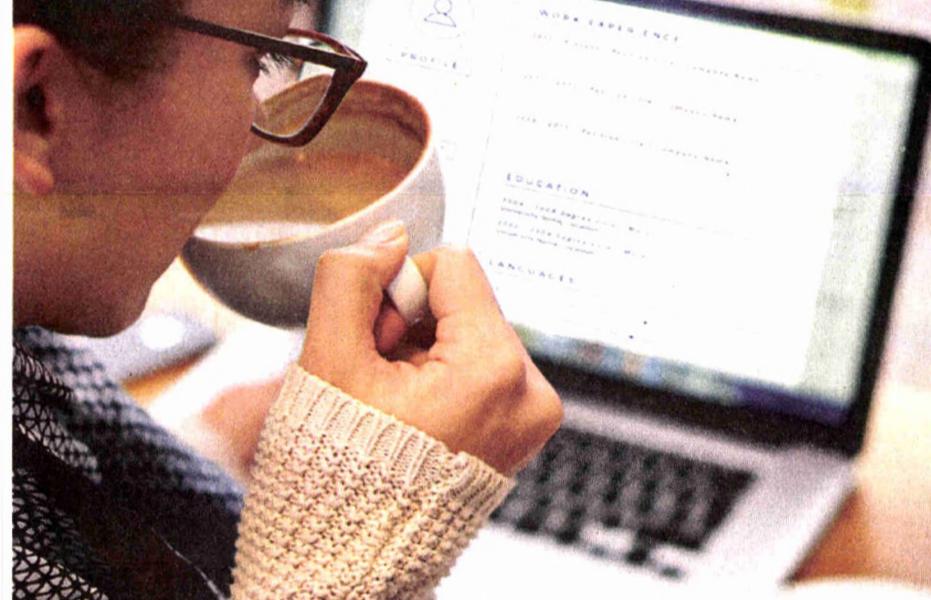
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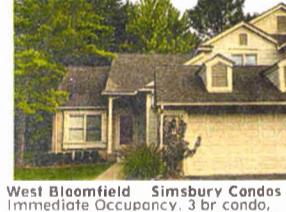
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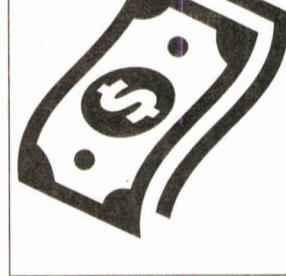


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