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By Lonnie Huhman

Staff Writer

With a double yes vote on both

increase dedicated to maintain

public safety and 0.30 mills for

shared services, Northville Town-

With an overall budget of \$36

million, the 2015 Proposed Budget

and Financial Plan were officially

released on Sept. 30 and the first

ship is moving forward on a new

existing service levels within

balanced budget.

Corn maze open

The Maybury Farm Corn Maze is open through Nov. 2.

Operated by nonprofit Northville Community Foundation, the 10-acre corn maze is located at the historic Maybury Farm. A trip to the corn maze begins with a hayride. Passengers will be dropped off at the maze entrance, where they will have to weave their way through very tall corn.

In addition, they can locate a total of eight wooden animals that are hidden throughout the maze. Complete this challenge and you can enter to win four tickets to this November's Ringling Bros. and Barnum & **Bailey Circus Built** to Amaze.

Once completed, another hayride awaits participants to take them back to the farm, where cider, doughnuts and snacks will be available.

Group tours and bonfires for 15 or more are available.

For more information, visit www.northvillecommunityfoundation.org or the Maybury Farm Facebook page.

Township moves forward with balanced budget for 2015



Neumaier

yes vote on the millage proposals

sent the message to township officials that the community wants to see continued high quality services.

of two public hear-ings was held last

week on Oct. 9.

Northville

Township Finance

Neumaier said the

Director Marina

"This approval reflects the public's confidence in the con-

tinued commitment to provide quality and dependable services by the dedicated staff of this township," she said This is what the budget pro-

posed to do. 2015 Budget highlights

include: » Water /Sewer and Solid

Waste Fund operations totaling \$15 million.

» Government expenditures totaling \$21 million.

» The reduction of three addi-

tional full-time staff positions in 2015. The township's overall workforce has now been reduced by 18 full-time positions (or 14%) since 2008

» The 2015 budget establishes the 2014 millage rate at 8.6564 mills, an increase of 1.549 mills from the 2013 rate. As approved by the voters - this increase includes 1.25 mills dedicated specifically to support public safety operations and 0.30 mills is ded-

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An autumn tradition



Historic cider mill attracts customers from all over

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

It's mid-season at Parmenter's Northville Cider Mill and the doughnuts and cider couldn't taste any better.

A trip to this historical cider mill is a tradition for many in the metro Detroit area.

"One of the nice things about the changing of the seasons from summer to fall is we get to welcome people who have been coming here for generations as well as newcomers from all over. It's a fun time," said Parmenter's co-owner/manager Rob Nelson.

Touted as "The Oldest Continuously Operating Business in the City of Northville," the cider mill opened in late August for the season and will stay open until Nov. 23. This leaves plenty of time to get over there for the doughnuts, which are made daily with fresh ingredients, and cider, which is being pressed at least twice a week.

There are also caramel apples, apple



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Parmenter's employee Melva Jones puts together a pack of apples for some customers on Oct. 7. Parmenter's staff and visitors are enjoying the fruits of a bumper crop of apples this year. Most of the Northville cider mill's apples come from the Grand Rapids area.

butter, pumpkin butter, maple syrup and a lot more for sale. A bumper crop of tasty apples are the highlight this year. The cider is great at this time of the season as the team of pressers and makers are in full swing with their work.

There's also the winery/brewery, which has a growing array of selections ever since it opened. This part of Parmenter's has also become popular since it was opened by Nelson and his wife Carina. They started making their own wine more

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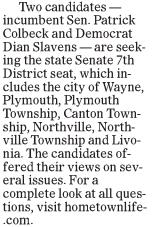
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Senate hopefuls draw differences in campaigns



State and local roads and bridges are in deplorable shape. As a member of the Legislature, how would you address the issue? Explain where you believe the money should come from.

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Colbeck Slavens

already spends 53 percent more per mile than the national average. Road funding solutions focused on raising taxes would only send good money after bad. I have developed a path to fix our roads that doesn't require tax increases. Readers can see it at MorninginMichigan.com.

While I continue to pursue full implementation of this plan, please note that I have already been successful obtaining over \$5 million in state funding to address the Ford Road/I-275 traffic safety issue.

Slavens: I agree our roads are in need of serious and systemic repair. The solution should be balanced and come with equal contributions from individuals and businesses, as the House package I voted for did. But the Senate has tinkered with the bills and, as it stands now, want the package to hinge almost completely on individual tax hikes with no truck weight limit fines or fees or other earnest contributions from the business community. I supported a transportation plan that included some tax shifts

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Mustangs royalty



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Gracie Goble and Jake Beason are crowned Northville High's 2014 homecoming queen and king at halftime of Friday night's game. The two were selected by the student body. The Mustangs also shined on the field, defeating rival Novi to hold onto the coveted Baseline Jug. See today's sports section for more on the big game.



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icated for Shared Services, which includes parks and recreation, seniors and youth services.

» Total general government expenditures totaling \$21 million are estimated to increase overall by less than 2% from 2014.

Neumaier said the overall message and vision of the budget can be best described as "measuring success by success.'

"Having the vision to set the framework for the overall fiscal management of the township and the courage to stay on course," Neumaier said of the budget's goals.

A second public hearing will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 16. The budget will most likely be adopted at that time and the fiscal year would begin in January.

To see a copy of the plan visit township website at www.northvillemich.com

Allen Terrace residents seeking more help



JOHN HEIDER I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Allen Terrace resident Dave Davis tries out the old stationary bike. Allen Terrace seniors are hoping to get an update of their old, and barely-functioning exercise equipment.

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

A group of Allen Terrace residents are again employing the public's aid to help them modernize parts of their facility. With much of the money for the senior living community being devoted to bigger upgrades, things like the exercise room get ignored.

According to a group of residents, there are two areas that could be updated by the Northville Housing Commission, but funds don't seem to be in the budget or are not important to the commission.

"The benefits for the residents would be greatly enhanced with a new television for our activities room," said resident Hazel Kelliher. "Professional movies as well as home movies are

shown on the television and the quality is very poor due to the age and technology of the old equipment. A new television would allow the presentation of informational instruction for the residents as well as the movies and other things.'

Secondly, she said the equipment in "our so called exercise room is out of date and not in good condition."

"For the safety of the residents I am apprehensive," she said.

Fellow resident Susan Davis agreed and said many times the treadmill will stop midstride. She said it's dangerous. In addition, the exercise bike is old and uncomfortable.

"We would like to use the equipment, but it's just not usable at this point," Davis said. Located on High

Street near downtown Northville, Allen Terrace is a senior living community. The facility is owned by the city of Northville.

Several Allen Park residents previously reached out for help with the computer room and received help from local company Vision Computer Solutions, for which they were very grateful. Now they turn again to the community.

"It's unfortunate we have to look for donors, but that's where things are at right now," said Allen Terrace resident Tony Rizzo.

Anyone that can help can reach out to Kelliher at hjkdancer@aol.com or by phone at 352-208-5366.

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than five years ago and they have been expanding ever since, including adding a microbrewery this past year.

All of our grapes and apples are brought in from the west side of Michigan. We then do all the pressing in the cider mill and fermenting and bottling in the winery building. Every bottle is filled and labeled by hand," said Nelson. The beer is also brewed, bottled

and sold by hand as well.

Parmenter's opened in 1873 and much of how things are done have remained relatively the same over the years with updates and modernization coming every now and then to assure the same, great taste of its products and the fun that goes along with each visit.

The cider mill is located at 630 Baseline Road in Northville and can be reached by phone for special orders at 248-349-3181.

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Employee Barbara Williams tosses the freshly fried donuts into a sweet spice mixture during an Oct. 7 production run. Williams has been a Parmenter's employee for a bit more than 20 years.



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Walkable Novi committee, was at the ribboncutting

"This is a big step forward for the city's pathway system. The Metro Connector Trail fills a major gap in the city's pathway system,' Mutch said. "The I-96 freeway has been a huge barrier for anyone wanting to go north or south in the city on foot or on bike. Walkers and bikers now have a safe dedicated crossing over I-96 at Meadowbrook Road.'

According to Novi officials, all of the hard surface and structure items for the pathway are now complete. In an update, city officials said over the next few weeks the contractor will be putting the final touches

on the grading and begin restoration along the entire route. Motorists should still expect temporary daytime lane closures during this restoration phase.

Mutch said this connector also enables bikers to reach the I-275 Metro Trail south of the freeway and the M-5 Metro Trail north of the freeway.

"Some residents are already using these pathways for commuting to work or for recreation,' Mutch said. "Long term, this connector will allow residents to access regional trails planned in surrounding communities."

What's next?

There are several pathway projects in this year's budget, according to Mutch. One closes the gap on the east side of Meadowbrook Road from

Slatkin tells Fox Run his life of 'Conducting Business'

Grand River to the Metro Connector Trail. Another fills the last sidewalk gap along the south side of $1\overline{3}$ Mile between Haggerty and Pavilion Shore Park, a distance of two miles. A third planned project will provide a pathway along Eight Mile from Beck to the entrance of Maybury State Park.

In addition, Mutch said there are other sidewalk gaps being completed by private developments in various locations around the city.

"Long term, the city still needs to provide a similar pedestrian and bike-friendly crossing of I-96 for residents on the west side of the city," he said. "The city is working on finding a cost-effective solution to that challenge."

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be done before winter. Novi Public Services defines a lane drop as occurring when one through lane is merged into another. The one between Westminster Circle and Shorebrooke Townhouses, where there is a transition from two southbound lanes to one lane and then back to two southbound lanes, is the perfect example.

This project will address the last remaining lane drop along this area of Haggerty, south of 10 Mile.

Over the past few years, several other lane drops along this busy road have been addressed to alleviate traffic backups and allow smoother rides. These include the city of Novi-funded project in 2007 that eliminated three lane drops between Nine Mile and Eight Mile roads and one on the west/Novi side and two on the east/Farmington Hills side of Haggerty. All involved widening the roadway from a threelane to a four-lane section.

Last summer, there was another expansion project that saw the widening of Haggerty to eliminate another lane drop on the east side.

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By Cal Stone Staff Writer

What profession do these duties describe: father, mother, psychologist, teacher, referee and many other roles to more than 100 people; CEO; a visiting team leader; production supervisor; and a social butterfly?

If you were at Fox Run Oct. 7 listening to Leonard Slatkin speak, you learned those are just some of his duties along with, as he says, "wielding the baton, score reading and the ability to listen" - as an orchestral conductor.

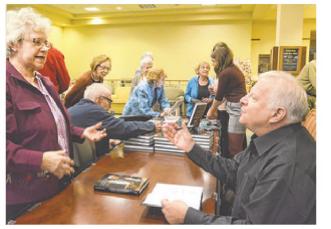
The Novi retirement community held a 70th birthday party for the Detroit Symphony Orchestra music director, serving up 250 pieces of birthday cake, while he served up stories from an impressive career.

'My birthday is actually Sept. 1, but I've been celebrating ever since,' Slatkin said.

On his first visit to Fox Run, Slatkin spoke for around 45 minutes to 150 or so residents, many who regularly attend DSO concerts at Orchestra Hall in Detroit.

'Conducting **Business'**

Slatkin has plenty of stories from a career that spans nearly 50 years, much of it detailed in his 2012 autobiography Conducting Business. "That was mostly written for the music lover – not just musicians



JOHN HEIDER | STAFE PHOTOGRAPHER

Fox Run resident Alice Gorgas says hello to Detroit Symphony Orchestra Music Director Leonard Slatkin during his Oct. 7 appearance at the Novi retirement community.

- for people to understand those of us in this profession," he said. "Get to know what we do – how do you study, how you become a conductor, working in an opera house, traveling and recording."

His career is so busy, in fact, that he says it probably took a year and a half to write the book. For someone who became a conductor at age 23, trying to limit one's highlights is a chore in itself.

Career dreams

"I always had dreams of doing it (conducting), but I was afraid," Slatkin said. "My father (Felix Slatkin) was a fine conductor and we were a very competitive family. He passed away when he was 47 and I got out of music for a while. I came back into the fold – at

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that point, I was 19 or so and seriously began contemplating a career." Slatkin, who was born

in Los Angeles, then studied at The Juilliard School and Aspen before taking over the reins of the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra. Flash forward to 2014 and the Bloomfield Hills resident now divides his main conducting duties between the DSO (for seven years) and the Orchestre National de Lyon, France.

He has also held principal guest conductor positions with the Royal Philharmonic, Los Ange-

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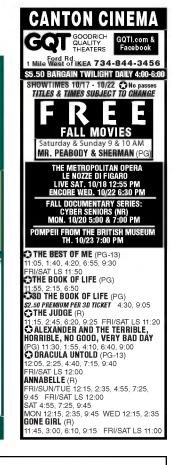
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les Philharmonic Orchestra at the Hollywood Bowl, Philharmonic Orchestra of London and the Pittsburgh Symphony

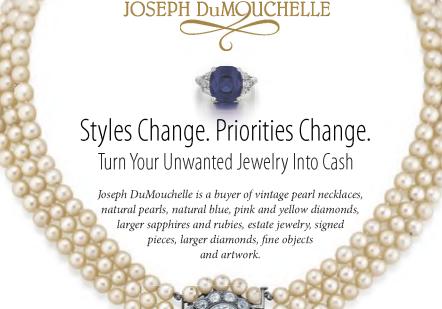
There is one question that he's often asked which he says used to be extremely difficult to answer, but is now quite easy: What is your favorite work to perform?

Cindy McTee's," he said. "She's my wife and a fine composer. She's also in the room with me right now as we speak."





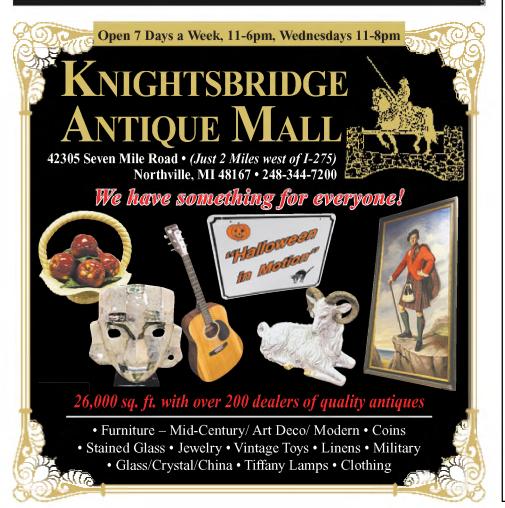
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NHS music program hits the high notes

Long before the school year began, Northville High School's music department made beautiful music. The 252-member marching band and color guard perfected football halftime performances. The jazz ensemble electrified Labor Day weekend's Detroit International Jazz Festival. One of only six Michigan high school bands selected to perform on this prestigious stage, "2014 marked the school's unprecedented 40th year of participa-tion in the world's largest free jazz festival," reflected Mike Rumbell, director of both the jazz ensemble and band.

During September's Northville Victorian Festival, the marching band's vitality ignited the parade route. TrebleMakers (10-voice women's ensemble) and BackBeat (nine-voice men's group)

entertained Northville third graders and Mill Race Village visitors. Their choreographed Victorian-era songs were complemented by their distinctive Victorian attire.

Last week was Spirit Week at the high school, which sparked enthusiasm for Homecoming. The marching band, under the direction of Rumbell and Johanne Ray-Hepp, kicked off Spirit Week with a rousing march through the school. Friday's pep rally showcased the Homecoming Court, the band, drum line, TrebleMakers and BackBeat. Prior to the evening football game, the marching band led the parade through town. Just before kickoff, choir students sang the national anthem. The band provided another dynamic halftime performance, and the football team crowned the evening with a 45-14 victory over rival Novi.

Passports and immunizations are not required for "NHS World Tour", the 460-person choir program's fall concerts. Vibrant melodies of many styles, languages and cultures will fill the school's auditorium at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 21 and Wednesday, Oct. 22. Tickets for this global celebration can be purchased for \$7 from choir director Mary Kay Pryce at prycema@northvilleschools.org. Choir directors Beth Richert and Mark Krempski will also lead the school's nine choirs/ensembles on this lively musical journey. Follow the music program at northvillehighschoolchoirs.weebly.com. One-third of NHS

students are in the music



KATY BAETZ-MATTHEWS

Northville High School's a cappella groups TrebleMakers & BackBeat brightened the pep rally with unique vocal vitality. Back row (from left): Nate Svoboda, Alex Thomas, Jack Kallas, Jack Baligian, Carly Bins, and Conner Elliott. Middle row (from left): Maddie Green, Patrisia Vekima, Laura Khoury, Heather Donnelly, Camille Tish, Claire Matthews, Maria Cholack, Isabel Rocha, and Frances Master. Front row (from left): Nathan Lane, Louie Hamati, and Hoon Oh. Andrew Schafer is not pictured.

program, which keeps it Michigan's largest high school music program. The revered choir program remains one of the largest and most honored in the state. As individuals and as a group, band

members continue to earn top honors and critical recognition.

Community support is crucial to the continued vitality of the program. Music Boosters' \$50 raffle tickets are available through Dec. 18. A total of 12 tickets will be drawn at random on or before Dec. 18. If enough tickets are sold, cash prizes for this annual fundraiser will range from \$100 to \$5,000. Contact the parent of a music student for tickets, or Kathleen Schafer (Music Booster fundraising chairperson) at kschafer@mi.rr.com.

Music program families are encouraged to purchase and display NHS music lawn signs. Go to nhs.northvilleschools.org/; click on Activities on the left side; then click on Boosters, Music on the drop-down menu. Deadline is Oct. 31.

Crazy hair day



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Amerman Elementary School fifth-grade student Mallory Hart, with streaks of purple and pink in her hair, was one of many students on Oct. 8 who participated in the school's Crazy Hair Day. The day of fun hairstyles was part of its Spirit Week activities

Lunch with dad



Eric George takes a photo of himself and his son, Evan, during the Oct. 9 Dads Dine and Dash at Northville's Winchester Elementary. Fathers of Winchester pupils were welcomed that day to join their kids for lunch at the school. About 50 dads were at the noon lunch.



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Q&A: Five seeking three school board seats

Cook

There are three open seats on the Novi Board of Education being sought by five candidates: incumbent Ann Glubzinski; Willy Mena, who was recently appointed by the board to fill a vacant term; and Paul Cook, Chris Harpenau and Robert Peurach. The position on the seven-member board is a six-year term. The following are each of their responses to a questionnaire from the Novi News as well as a brief personal profile. Due to space limitations, not all of the responses are printed here, but the complete Q&As can be found online at www.novinews.com

What new programs or policies, if any, would you like to see implemented in the district?

COOK: I would like to see a Gifted and Talented program implemented at the elementary school level. This will get these students with like-minded students and keep them engaged through their critical development years. Children at this age usually have an interest in science and math and this is the perfect time to focus on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) to build the foundation and their interest does not fall off. At the same time more cooperation and resources are needed for our remedial students. The achievement gaps seen in our school need to be minimized by bringing these students up and not bringing our high achievers down. Gaps need to be measured by student achievement and not categorized by demographic.

GLUBZINSKI: I am not advocating for any specific new programs or policies to be implemented in the District. It is appropriate to continuously review our programs and policies and determine whether they still fit with the District's mission, vision and goals. When new opportunities arise I will review them to determine if they fit with the District's strate-



Glubzinski

Peurach

Harpenau Mena

gic objectives and if the necessary financial resources are available before supporting their implementation.

HARPENAU: I believe the biggest improvement we can make is continued growth in our current programs. Those include the areas of social justice, the Leader in Me and student growth. Giving every student a voice, but also listening to our staff and community as we grow as a district. The Leader in Me program needs support to allow our students to learn and demonstrate how to be good leaders in their school and community. And the area of student growth includes many items, including continued transparency in learning and teaching using such tools as the Atlas Rubicon curriculum map. We should also look at ways to offer accelerated courses for higher potential students at an early age.

MENA: During the June 26 2014 meeting, the school board passed a resolution allowing the Superintendent to circumvent the board and extend the contracts of any administrator that he has evaluated as being effective or highly effective. I believe this is bad policy. Board members represent the community and (among other things) serve as a check and balance to administration, teachers and staff. I feel that this decision was inappropriate, and I will seek to have it overturned.

PEURACH: The Board needs to address the financial dilemma that is being placed upon each

public school system by our State lawmakers. We must put in place programs to effectively market the benefits of our Novi school system to our parents and prospective parents in order to protect our student enrollment from the competition created by the influx of charter schools and private schools into our surrounding area. We must also keep our parents advised as to the financial issues facing our community school district and enlist their aid in reaching out to our State Legislature, impressing upon our lawmakers the need to develop a better funding program for our community schools.

biggest issues you'd like to address as a

is failing to meet its goals of one years' growth for all students in one years' time. Novi is a great school district, but according to current measurements, we are failing to meet this goal with 30% of our students. Our district needs to first define and consistently use a metric that makes sense. Once that metric is defined, plans need to be presented and implemented to improve that number up in the next one, three and five years.

2. Rankings show the Novi School district as one of the tops districts in the state. These metrics are based on data for the secondary schools. Much focus has been placed on maintaining this high standard for secondary education and

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it is feared that the primary schools that feed the system

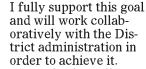
are not keeping pace. More emphasis and concern needs to be

place in bringing improving the quality of education in the lower grades. This can be done through Differentiated Instruction and finding teachers that can and are willing to make a connection with students to spark and fuel an interest in learning.

3. Communication and community involvement are the backbone to great schools systems. Unfortunately, it is easier to find information on committee's and organizations that drive policy in our neighboring districts than it is in the Novi system. We need systems and process to be implemented to achieve a high level of parental involvement in areas that concern citizens, like Academically Talented, School Lunch Nutrition and Curriculum just to name a few.

GLUBZINSKI: 1. Student Achievement - The District has 2 goals related to student achievement: "The Novi Community School District will ensure that each student will make no less than one year's growth in one year's time. And, the Novi Community School District will ensure that all students achieve at a high level. (There will be no achievement gaps.)" I will take an active role in monitoring the District's progress towards achieving these goals.

2. Resource Allocation – The third District goal is: "The Novi Community School District will evaluate and enhance opportunities for students while maintaining a minimum 10% fund balance."



3. School Funding -Novi does not control our revenue sources and has some expenses which are mandated by the State. I will advocate for equi table and sufficient funding for the District.

HARPENAU: 1. Novi Schools face a continued need for financial oversight as we want to deliver a first class education in an ever tightening budget. And recently the voters of Novi elected to issue \$70+ million in bonds and there needs to be close monitoring to ensure that our excellence is sustained.

2. We have great programs, facilities, staff and administration and we need to guarantee the long term viability and search for areas where continuous improvements can be made. My experience allows me to bring these new perspectives and accountability to the Board.

3. Lastly, our district continues to grow and accurate needs and forecasting are required. We want our city to continue to be a desirable place to live and our premier standards for education make this a reality. A part of what makes Novi schools great is the leaders that develop within the programs offered in our classrooms from K-12 and beyond.

MENA: 1. Attract new **Businesses and Families** to Live in the Novi School District: School funding is dependent on the state. School districts with growth in student enrollment get more financial support from Lansing. I will challenge our administration to partner with the city to find unique ways to market our community.

2. Smaller Class Sizes in all Elementary

Schools: Despite huge budget cuts over the past five years, Novi features some of the LOWEST elementary class sizes in all of Oakland County. The district averages 22 1/2 students per class, grades K-4. I will continue to fight to keep them at this level. This is important because national and local studies prove that reduced class sizes help to increase student achievement.

3. Shared Government Services: We need to work with city officials and neighboring school districts to eliminate duplicated services and put the savings back into the classroom.

PEURACH: 1. Establishing and implementing a budget that effectively allocates funds to best serve the interest of our children:

2. Maintaining the excellence of our public schools notwithstanding the increased competition arising from the influx of charter, cyber, and private schools into our surrounding area; and

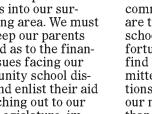
3. Reaching a mutually satisfactory agreement in connection with the Board's ongoing contract negotiations with our school employees.

If elected, I will closely scrutinize our upcoming budgets to insure that the money is spent to maximize our children's educational opportunities. I will also use my best efforts to negotiate contracts with our administrators, support staff and teachers that will put us in a position to retain the high quality employees that we currently have and to attract those candidates for employment that will continue the tradition of excellence our schools have achieved.

See the Novi News endorsements in this race on the Opinion page, A14.



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What are the three school board member?

COOK: 1. Our district



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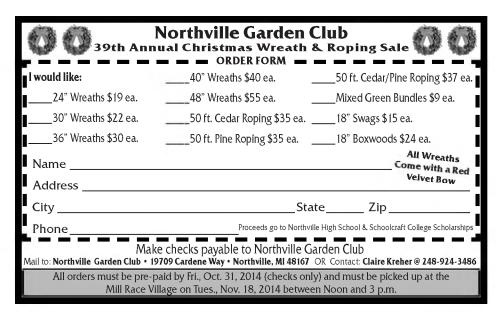
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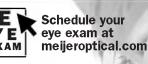
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SYNOPSIS **OCTOBER 9, 2014 – SPECIAL MEETING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

DATE:	Thursday, October 9, 2014			
TIME:	7:30 p.m.			
PLACE:	44405 Six Mile Road			
CALL TO ORDER	: Clerk Hillebrand called the mee	ting to order at 7:30 p.m.		
ROLL CALL:	Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk	Marv Gans, Trustee		
	Marjorie F. Banner, Treasurer	Mindy Herrmann, Trust	ee	
	Fred Shadko, Trustee			
ABSENT:	Robert R. Nix II, Supervisor	Symantha Heath, Truste	e	
PLEDGE OF ALL	EGIANCE:			
1. Budget Study Session – The proposed budget was presented and discussed.				
2. Public Hearin	lg:			
A. Budget Public Hearing – Opened				
4. Brief Public C	Comments: None			
5. ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.				
A draft of the minutes will be available October 21, 2014				
Respectfully subr	nitted:			
Sue A. Hillebrand	, M.M.C.			
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> Northville: 20401 Haggety Rd. (248) 349-2700

Trick or Trucks



Why stop with traditional trick or treating? Get some extra miles out of Halloween costumes at the Trick or Trucks event 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 23, on the Novi Civic Center Campus, 45175 10 Mile. The event, hosted by the city of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department, features a variety of large vehicles that children are drawn to, such as fire trucks, construction equipment and more. Attendees will have the opportunity to explore the vehicles, interact with operators and receive Halloween treats. Crafts and refreshments are also included. The event is open to those and 3 and older and is \$8 per person. Registration is going on now at www.cityofnovi.org or the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services office, located inside the Novi Civic Center. The registration deadline is Tuesday, Oct. 21. For more information or to add a vehicle to the event, contact Cristin Spiller, recreation supervisor, at 248-347-0474 or cspiller@cityofnovi.org.



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Deadlines: Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. for Thursday papers lioliday deadlines are subject to change.

BEHRMAN, HOWARD H.

Age 98, of Plymouth formerly of Northville, passed away October 8, 2014. Please share online condolences at



BETTS JR., H. GLEN of Rotonda West, Florida, passed away on Saturday, October 4, 2014 at Consulate Health Care of Port Charlotte, Florida. Born on June 12, 1927 in Nashua, New Hampshire, he had been a resident of Rotonda West, Florida since 2000, after residing in the Village of Milford since 1959. Glen served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, after which he excelled as a heavy equipment mechanic in Detroit, before beginning a 25 year career as Maintenance Supervisor at the Wixom Ford assembly facility, from where he retired. Most recently, Glen was a member of several veteran and fraternal organizations including the American Legion Post #113, and was a life member of the V.F.W. Post #10476 both in Rotonda West. In Milford, Glen was a member of American Legion post 216 and a previous member of Milford's Masonic Blue Lodge. Glen loved working on his lawn and for many years rode his bicycle to Kensington Park and home After retirement, Glen again. could be seen every morning with his wife, Marion, at Main Street Art, cleaning and sorting before opening time. Glen was preceded in death by his loving wife, Marion, in 2013 and daughter, Marcia Bowman in 2009. Survivors include two daughters, Patricia (Skip) Hintz of Rotonda West, FL, Janice (Geoff) Schrock of Dade, FL; one son, H. Glen (Linda) Betts, III of Milford, MI; five grandchildren, Robert, Jill, Bethany, Kristin, and Bryon Glen; and wonderful eight greatgrandchildren. A memorial service will be held on Sunday, October 26, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. at the American Legion Post #113, 3436 Indiana Road, Rotonda West. Inurnment will be at White Chapel Cemetery, beside Marion. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Legion Post 216 or 113 or Tidewell Hospice in memory of H. Glen Betts.

HOCK, GEORGE E. Age 83, of Cadillac died peace-fully in Munson Medical Center, Traverse City following an unex-

pected stroke Sunday, October 5, 2014. He was born April 18, 1931 in Harper Hospital in Detroit the fourth of five sons born to William Louis and Mabel May (Campbell) Hock. He was named after two favorite uncles, George Hock and Edward Hock. He married Carol Cool November 7, 1998 in Cadillac. George moved to South Lyon with his family in 1942. He graduated from South Lyon High School in 1950. He served in the U.S. Army stationed in Germany during the Korean War. He remembered his military service fondly. George had a great love of life. He loved playing hockey and baseball with his brothers and neighbor friends as a young man. George worked for the Huron Clinton Metropolitan Park Authority as a heavy equipment operator for 19 years. He also owned his own janitorial service in Romeo and Almont. He loved history, Detroit Tiger Baseball and oil painting. George had many hobbies over the years including collecting toy construc-tion equipment, N gauge railroad trains, model airplanes and sailboats. He had a great sense of humor and loved silly practical jokes. Most important to him was his wife Carol and how happy she made him and how much fun they had together. Also, the love for his dogs could not be equaled. You rarely saw George without his dogs. George is survived by his wife, Carol: children: Debra (James) Kranz of Cass City, Wendy Haley of Cleveland, TN; Lisa Nelson of Cadillac; grandchildren: Angela (Stuart) Ridpath, Brandon Nelson, Adam Kranz, Lydia Haley, Audrey Haley, Melissa Haley, Kathryn Haley; great grandchil-dren: Grace Ridpath, Haidyn Nelson, Jack Ridpath, Owen Ridpath: brother, James (Shari) Hock of Kalamazoo; many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his brothers: William Hock. Donald Hock, and Robert Hock Funeral service held 1:00 p.m. Thursday, October 9, 2014 in First Covenant Church, Cadillac with Rev. Greg DuBois officiating. Interment will be in Maple Hill Cemetery, Cadillac. Military honors under the direction of Cadillac Area Honor Guard and the U.S. Army. Memorials may be made to First Covenant Church or Wexford County Humane Society. Family and friends may share memories, prayers and stories with the family at www.kranzfuneralhom

RYBICKI, BARBARA J

age 76 passed away October 11, 2104. She was born in Dearborn; daughter of the late Joseph and Jean Jeske. Barbara is survived by her loving husband James Rybicki and her children: Dennis (Dorne), Timothy (Soraya), Jim and Laura (David) Wagner. Also survived by seven grandchildren and her brother Richard (Mary) Jeske. Arrangements entrusted to PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME. www.phillipsfuneral.com

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RYBKA, IRENE É.

98. of Alpena, died Age Wednesday, October 8, 2014 at Hillman's Haven. Irene was born August 12, 1916 in Cheboygan, MI to James and Myrtle (Tebo) Gallaway and spent most of her life in the Detroit metro area. She had been in the Alpena area for the last four years. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and dear friend to many. Irene drove a school bus for many years and was a dedicated advocate for those students on her bus. Her last days were at Hillman's Haven and she was extremely grateful for the wonderful caregivers there and also the wonderful caregivers from Hospice of 1 Michigan. Surviving are four children: Susan (John) Luce of Rockaway Beach, OR, (Carita) Rvbka of Walter Morehead, KY, Dr. Elaine Smith MI, Timothy Alpena, (Elizabeth) Rybka of Washington state, seven grandchildren: Brian, Tracy, Walter, Fenton, Elyse, McKenna, Barrett, seven great-grandchildren, a sister, Almeda Lima of Florida, and two brothers, Ed Gallaway of Detroit, MI, and Richard (Mary Jane) Gallaway of Pinckney, MI. She was preceded in death by her husband, Walter in 1985 and three siblings, James, Dorothy and Lloyd. Family and friends will gather Saturday, October 11, 2014 at Phillips Funeral Home & Cremation Service, 122 W. Lake, South Lyon, MI from 4:00 p.m. until the time of the Memorial Service at 5:00 p.m. Inurnment will be at South Lyon Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Huron Society, St. Jude Humane Children's Hospital or the charity of your choice. On-line condolences may be registered at www.mcwilliamsfh.com

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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Wixom book sale The Friends of the

Wixom Library are sponsoring a fall used book sale Oct. 16-18 at the library (49015 Pontiac Trail). Times are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday (fill-a-bag for \$5 day). Thousands of books and multimedia items for all ages, priced between 25 cents and \$1, plus specially priced items

Vintage book sale

The Friends of the Novi Library will hold a vintage book sale Monday, Oct. 20, in the East Meeting Room of the library. The sale is offered to Friends members exclusively from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and is open to the public 1-8 p.m. There are more than 250 vintage books, of which 40 were published before 1900. They include classics, history, fiction, poetry, arts, youth and textbooks. Cash or check only.

Art classes for older adults

City of Novi Older Adult Services invites those 50 years and above to socialize, relieve stress and lift moods by taking part in the upcoming Color Your World art class series. The classes are led by volunteer Novi High School art students who want to share their love for art. No previous experience is necessary. Pre-registration is required and can be completed online at www.cityofnovi.org, at the Novi Civic Center (45175 10 Mile) or Meadowbrook Activity Center (25075 Meadowbrook Road).

Classes are held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Saturday at the Meadowbrook Activity Center. There is no cost to register, but a \$3 supply fee will be due to the instructors at each class. The schedule includes:

Saturday, Oct. 18: watercolor painting; learn brush techniques, wash techniques

Saturday, Nov. 15: colored pencils; learn shading techniques and blending techniques Saturday, Dec. 13: oil

gine Theater to present the annual Addicted to Movies ... Not Drugs event from 10 p.m. to 6

a.m. Monday, Nov. 3. Hosted by Emagine Theater, located at Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk, this event offers Novi students in seventh through 12th grades access to all the food, soft drinks, pizza and movies they can handle. Members of the Novi Youth Council, Novi Fire and Police Departments and Emagine Theater will be on hand to supervise the event. Proceeds will go towards local anti-drug initiatives

The purpose of the event is to provide an opportunity for students to engage in fun activities. The students are reminded of the reasons to choose not to use drugs and alcohol throughout the evening.

The permission slip is available online at www.citvofnovi.org and payment may be made at the city of Novi Treasurer's Department, located at the Novi Civic Center (45175 10 Mile). Tickets are \$10 per student.

Library, Fox Run team up and present authors

The Novi Public Library, Fox Run Resident Life Department and Fox Run Y.O.U. (Your Own University) have partnered to bring people together to talk about books and hear from the authors who created them from noon to 2:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 27.

For \$18, the community will hear the Sandra Novacek share the memoir of her husband Charles Novacek in Border Crossings; learn about Dr. John Finley's experience serving as the Detroit Red Wings team physician from 1957 to 2003 in Hockevtown Doc; hear stories from sports columnist Bob Duff in Original Six Dynasties: The Detroit Red Wings; and enjoy the love story Nothing But a

Smile by Steve Amick. The event will be located in Fox Run's Belmont Clubhouse (41200 Fox Run Road). To reserve a spot, contact the Novi Library Administration Office at 248-869-7204. Seating is limited to 200 attendees; book selling and signing will be available. Tickets are selling fast and carpooling is encouraged due to limited parking.

ris. Music and lyrics by Bill Francoeur.

" Sleepy Hollow is a spooktacular, must-see for the fall season and Halloween," said director Barbara Bllom of Novi. "The scene is set in a small 1800s farming community called Sleepy Hollow in New England. The audience will tap their toes to such lively tunes as Brom Bones and Katrina, Won't You Let Me Walk You Home. Many interesting characters are introduced including a nervous school master, a lovely maiden, townspeople, an ardent suitor and, of course, a horse."

This is a Main Stage production at the stateof-the-art and handicapaccessible Village Theater at Cherry Hill for one weekend only, Oct. 16-18. Showtimes are 7 p.m. Thursday; 10 a.m. Friday for school age groups and others; 7 p.m. Friday; and 2 and 7 p.m. Saturday.

Tickets are \$15 each by calling the Village Theater Box Office (734-394-5300 or 734-394-5460); online (www.canton-mi.org/ villagetheater); at The Summit on the Park; and at the door (the box office opens one hour prior to show-time). Group tickets are available for groups of 15 at \$13 each.

Visit www.spotlight onyouthmi.com or e-mail: soy@mi.rr.com for more information.

Clothing recycling program

For Walled Lake residents, recycling unwanted clothing is now as easy as a walk to the curb with the free curbside collection program offered by Simple Recycling.

The program is simple and convenient since pickup occurs on the same day as recycling service, collection bags are provided and replacement bags are left each time full bags are set out for curbside pickup.

While the focus is on recycling clothing, Simple Recycling will also accept shoes, accessories, toys, books and small home goods in working condition such

BRISBIN, JEAN S.

Age 58, of Novi, passed away October 11, 2014. Obituary and online condolences at www.casterlinefuneralhome.com





MILLER, **JAMES DALE**

Husband of the late Beverly (Fensch) Miller and longtime resident of South Lyon, died October 6th, 2014 after a long battle with cancer. Born July 8th, 1942, in Detroit, MI, he was the son of the late Glen Miller and Flora (Brown) Miller. He is survived by his son Ken (Sue) Miller and daughter Lori (Jerry) Quimby, grandchildren Brandon, Travis, Trenton, and Caiden. Jim was a machinist by trade and had worked at local Roy A. Hutchin's Company for 50+ years. When he wasn't at work, he could usually be found in his garage tinkering with his latest "creation". Jim was long known for his caring attitude and sense of humor. He touched the hearts of many and was a true blessing to all who knew him. A celebration of his life will be scheduled at a later date.

PERRY, IVA M. Age 89, October 13, 2014. Ar-

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VERMILLION, BRADLEY

Age 51. Lost his long battle with cancer peacefully in his home on October 7 with his family by his side. Bradley is the beloved son of Nancy Sue and the late Charles Vermillion. He is the loving husband of Nancy Marie. The caring father to Mackenzie (Michael), Matthew, and Madeline. He is also survived by his siblings Greg (Linda), Jeff (Cathy), Chari (Tim), and Scott along with numerous (Linda) family members and loving Visitation was held Frifriends. day, October 10 and a Funeral Service was held on Saturday, October 11 at PHILLIPS FU-NERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. Bradley was laid to rest in South Lyon Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made in Bradley's name to the American Cancer Society. Please visit www.phillipsfuneral.com.





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call 248-347-0414. **Civilian pistol safety** class

The Novi Police Department will be offering a Civilian Pistol Safety Class from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1, at the Novi Police Department Training Center, 45125 10 Mile. The course fulfills both the classroom and shooting requirements to obtain a Michigan Concealed Pistol License.

Registration forms are available online at www.cityofnovi.org and at the Novi Police Department. Completed registration forms and the \$150 course fee (cash or money order), may be returned to the Novi Police Department. Class size is limited, and all participants are subject to a criminal background check.

After lunch, participants will move to the Novi Firearms Training Center to complete the course. Students must bring their own equipment, including a personal handgun, 100 rounds of ammunition, safety glasses, shooter's earmuffs or ear plugs, a pen or pencil, a baseball cap and wear loose comfortable clothing to participate in the course. Participants must be 21 years old and do not have to be a Novi resident to attend.

For more information, visit www.cityofnovi.org or contact Sergeant Michael Warren at mwarren@cityofnovi.org or 248-921-9843.

Addicted to Movies ... Not Drugs

The Novi Youth Council is partnering with the Novi Fire and Police Departments and Ema-

This program is made possible by the Friends of the Novi Public Library.

Novi Farmers Market extends season

The Novi Farmers Market has been extended through Oct. 25. The market is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Saturday at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 10 Mile.

In addition to Michigan-grown seasonal fruits and vegetables, market patrons will also find specialty foods to inspire their inner foodie, stock their pantries and entertain family and friends.

The Novi Farmers Market is held rain or shine. In the event of inclement weather, the market will relocate into the Novi Civic Center's atrium.

Vendors interested in participating in the market should call 248-347-0400 or email rtwitchell@cityofnovi.org for more information.

Locals part of spooktacular musical

More than 40 children, ages 5-18, including Northville's Brooks Spencer as Farmer Van Veen, have worked feverishly to present a spooktacular musical to audiences of all ages! Children and families love this whimsical musical version of the Sleepy Hollow classic written by Washington Irving. This version is set to music and was written with a young audience in mind. Book by Vera Moras kitchen ware and tools.

Residents who live in communities not serviced by the Simple Recycling program are encouraged to donate unwanted clothing to their favorite charity or thrift shop. A list of local organizations, including those that offer pickup, is available on the RRRA-SOC website.

Tech Talk classes this fall

Tech Talk classes. offered by city of Novi Older Adult Services, are designed just for those 50 and above who want to sharpen technology skills or learn new methods. Each class will cover specific topics relevant to current technology.

The cost for each class is \$15 per resident and \$18 per non-resident. Pre-registration required and available online at cityofnovi.org or in-person at the Older Adult Services Office located inside the Novi Civic Center, 45175 10 Mile Road.

Classes are held 6:15-8:15 p.m. each Wednesday at the Novi Civic Center. Upcoming topics include:

Oct. 22 - iPhones and iPads. Oct. 29 - All about apps (applications). Nov. 5 – What do I do with this smart phone? Nov. 12 and 19 – iPhones and iPads.

To learn about additional programs designed for those 50 and older, visit www.cityofnovi.org

NORTHVILLE

'Halloween Soup' at the Marquis

The Northville Marquis Theatre will present Halloween Soup live on stage during the month of October. The Halloween-themed show is ap-

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propriate for children aged 3 and over, and is not scary.

Showtimes are 7 p.m., Friday, Oct. 24; 11 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 25; 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, 18 and 25; and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 12, 19 and 26

Tickets for all performances are \$9 each. Group rates and reserved seating for groups of 20 or more. Birthday parties and Scout Days available.

For more information call the Marquis Theatre at 248-349-8110 or visit www.northvillemarquistheatre.com or

facebook.com/MarquisTheatreNorthville-Mi.

Blues @ The Elks

Plymouth-Ann Arbor Elks Lodge No. 325 in Plymouth will present Blues @ The Elks the second Tuesday of each month in partnership with the Detroit Blues Society and Jazz @ The Elks the last Tuesday of each month. The Lodge is located at 41700 Ann Arbor Road, in Plymouth Township. The events run 7-10 p.m.

Jazz @ The Elks is a \$10 donation at the door, which includes hors d'oeuvres. On Oct. 28, Barbara Ware with the Cliff Monear Trio will perform.

For more information

Your Invitation to

call 734-453-1780 or visit www.plymouthelks 1780.com.

Crafters/vendors wanted

The seventh annual Bizarre Bazaar will take place Saturday, Nov. 8, at the First United Methodist Church of Northville. Organizers are looking for crafters, vendors, and entrepreneurs to participate. This event could allow your business to grow and also help women in third world countries start a business with a micro-loan from a Village Bank.

For details and to reserve your space, email fumcbazaar@gmail.com or find the event on Facebook.

Sprucing up Maybury



Cesar Alvarez (left) and Ben Bulat, both Ford Motor Co. employees, volunteer their time at Northville's Maybury State Park.

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HOLY SPIRIT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL www.hsrcc.net at the corner of Winans Lake & Musch Rd. 810-231-9199 Fr. John Rocus, Pastor Weekend Liturgies Saturday 4:00 p.m. Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. e visit our Shroud of Turin Display and Book & Gift Sh

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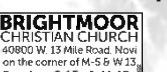
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MILFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Pastor Bryant Anderson 238 N. Main Street, Milford MI (248) 684-2805 www.milfordpc. Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m. School age 3 thru 5th grade (buth Group 10 am - Grades 6-teritade of erec worship A heritage of area worship since 1836

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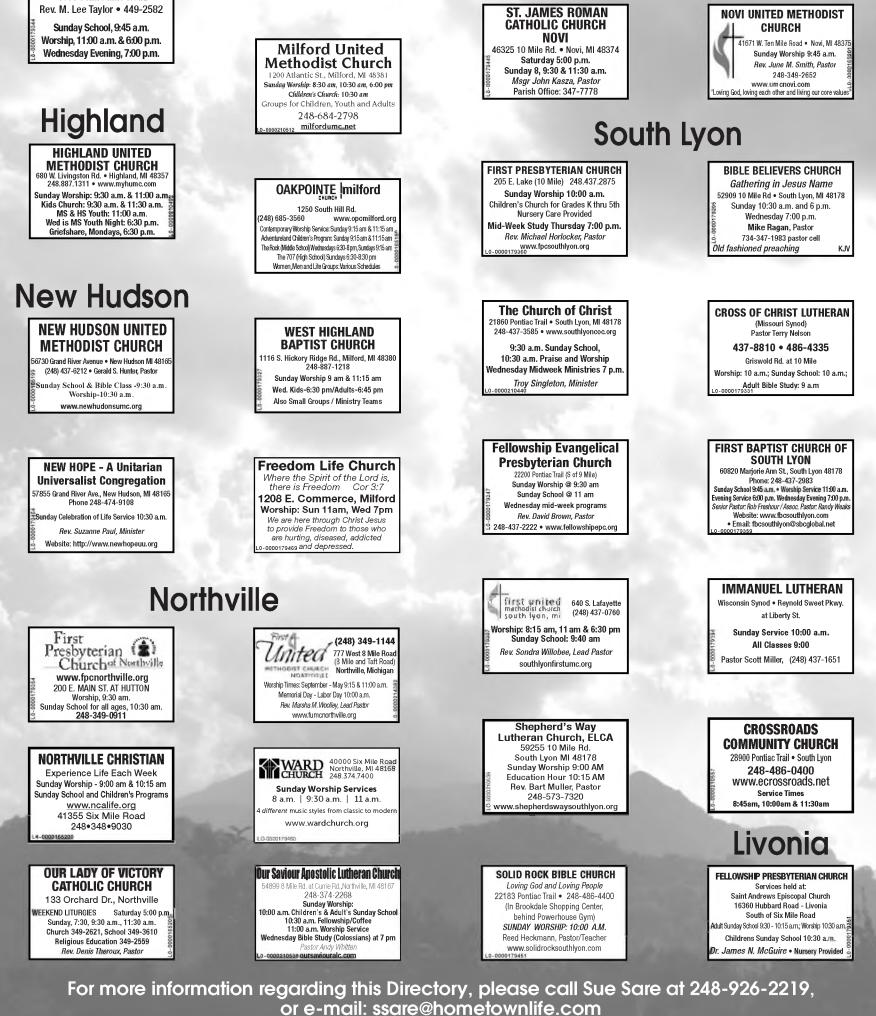
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HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL 40700 W. Ten Mile Rd. • 248-427-1175 Sunday Worship 7:45 am & 10 am Healing Service Wednesday 11:45 am Rev. Ann Webber, Rector

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Our Lady of Victory students learn about fire safety

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

Having a plan in case of emergency was the main theme of the presentation by the city of Northville Fire Department to students at Our Lady of Victory School.

"We try to emphasize home safety and the importance of fire emergency and exit plans," said firefighter John Lapenta, the department's director of public education.

Each October, the department visits schools within the city of Northville to teach safety while also having some fun. This is part of "The Great Escape" program, where families are instructed on the development of home fire escape plans.

OLV is always very

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Our Lady of Victory School teacher Sarah Roe gets outfitted in firefighter gear along with student Brendan Smith by city of Northville firefighter John Ponte during a Fire Safety Month presentation.

receptive to the lessons. "We talk a lot about safety and its importance. The students have really taken the information in and used it," said Karen Gessler, principal at Our Lady of Victory.



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Firefighter John Lapenta addresses an assembly at OLV.

One example of putting it to use was during a recent event in the last month that had the school evacuated because students smelled smoke and reported it to their teachers. The fire department responded and it was later discovered that a neighbor had been burning something and smoke was sucked into the school's HVAC system.

"I was really impressed with how they reacted," Gessler said. Much of this reaction can be traced back to the visits by firefighters and lessons they talked about.

Lapenta told the students about the need for a plan that will allow their family to get out safely in case of a fire. There needs to be at least two exits, with one meeting place outside, in order to account for everyone. He said always stay low because the smoke will be higher. He also said fire detectors should have their batteries changed twice a year.

"This is a great program, because it gets them talking about safety here at school and at home with their families," Gessler said.

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For starters, it was based on a bad premise. Republicans essentially claimed that the tax cut would cause businesses to hire people they didn't need. This, of course, didn't happen.

But did it actually hurt our state's economy? I think so. My theory is that it took a significant amount of money out of Michigan's economy.

Had there been no tax cuts, the money in question would have been mostly spent by the state government here in Michigan. With the tax cuts, much of this money was either sent out of state or put into savings. For corporations, the tax cuts would often end up as profits distributed to shareholders worldwide. Local business owners had increased profits from tax savings. While some of the money would be spent locally, they would also save some of it, taking it out of circulation in our state.

Over all, so much of the tax cut was taken out of circulation in Michigan that it hurt our recovery and helped keep our unemployment rate among the worst in the nation.

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Snyder campaigns at local chambers of commerce

By David Veselenak Staff Writer

Joan Larson remembers the first time she saw Gov. Rick Snyder several years ago in Oakland County.

The Royal Oak resident said she attended a dinner and Snyder made an appearance with his wife before he won the 2010 election. Larson decided to make the drive Friday to Livonia to see him speak again, something she said she was pleased to do.

"Absolutely marvelous," she said. "Down to earth, common sense. (He's) what Michigan needs."

Snyder spoke at Schoolcraft College as a part of a combined breakfast event for the Livonia and Greater Farmington Area chambers of commerce at a packed room at Schoolcraft College's VisTaTech

Center.

Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey introduced Snyder to the audience, thanking him for his stop.

"We are very proud of our magnificent city and it's great to have you here as a visitor," he said. "We hope you are enjoying a safe stay."

Snyder, who is running for re-election this November against Democratic challenger Mark Schauer spoke about several issues, including the need for more vocational and technical skilled workers. He said he'd like to see more encouragement to those looking for a career path that a trade or technical skill training can be viable in addition to a fouryear degree.

"We need to make sure Michigan is the best in the country of doing that," he said. "That's our key economic advantage. "If you want to create jobs, the place that has the best talent and skills is going to win."

Snyder said the Livonia and Farmington areas have proven to be successful in economic development, with unemployment figures ranging between 4-5 percent, well below the national average.

That success, he said, will hopefully extend to other areas around the state.

"It's a strong economic engine," he said. "It's great to see the progress going on and by success happening here, it will spread to surrounding areas."

Road repair

The issue of road repair in Michigan was the first question posed by Livonia Chamber of Commerce President Dan West after Snyder's speech. Snyder said it's



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Gov. Rick Snyder addresses a packed room at Schoolcraft College's VisTaTech Center.

an issue that he hopes is picked up again after the November election in the lame-duck session. "We need to get it for a line for the formation of the formatio

done. I've been calling for it for a couple of years," he said. "We're only a handful of votes away."

He said an example he

uses in speaking with people is the \$148 million reconstruction of Interstate 96 through Redford and Livonia, which reopened to traffic a few weeks ago after being closed for nearly six months.

"That's an example of the kind of roads we can do," he said.

Louise Sherwin got her tickets to attend the event through the Farmington chamber of commerce. The Southfield resident said she enjoyed Snyder's talk and said she hopes things continues to move forward with making sure the middle class could continue with success.

"Continue the availability of jobs and good housing for the middle class," she said.

Both Snyder and Schauer are scheduled to appear in their lone event together, a town hall forum, at 6 p.m. today at Wayne State University. The forum will be broadcast live on Detroit Public Television in the area and made available online.

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Democrats bring members of Congress to town for rally

By David Veselenak Staff Writer

The Democratic crowd inside UAW Local 182 Hall in Livonia erupted in cheers after hearing another candidate planned a write-in campaign for the 11th Congressional District, taking more votes away from the Republican nominee.

Speaking at a rally for candidate Bobby McKenzie, U.S. Rep. Sander Levin told a crowd he received news current U.S. Rep. Kerry Bentivolio had planned to file as a write-in for the race, even after being defeated in the primary by challenger Dave Trott earlier this summer.

Levin, along with his brother, U.S. Sen. Carl Levin, U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow, U.S. Rep. Dan Kildee and former U.S. Rep. David Curson held



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Jasper Catanzaro greets Sen. Carl Levin. Catanzaro is running for state representative in the 38th District.

a campaign rally Thursday at the UAW building in Livonia for McKenzie, who is running against Trott in the 11th Congressional District.

"We have over 200 volunteers right now. We have one of the most aggressive field operations in the country," McKenzie said. "It is a grassroots insurgency. Things are trending well.

"This is the year. If we're going to win, this is the year."

It was the second campaign rally to take place Oct. 9 in Livonia; the Republican Party held a rally at Laurel Manor for various candidates, including Trott and U.S. Senate candidate Terri Lynn Land. Former presidential candidate Mitt Romney made a stop to campaign for area Republicans, bringing several big political names to the city in one day.

Some current officer holders at the event, including Stabenow, made mention of the other political event in town that day and their stance on the auto industry bailouts from several years ago.

"While Mitt Romney is just across the way for Terri Lynn Land and Bobby's opponent and everyone else who thought we should let the auto industry go ... I can't imagine a House member that would feel the same way or stand



next to somebody who would believe that," she said.

Levin talked about the 11th District's odd shape, one he said was gerrymandered by Republicans, which contains several western Wayne County communities before heading north of Eight Mile to Oakland County. The Oakland **County portion stretches** across the county from Milford to Troy and splits some communities, including tiny Clawson in southeast Oakland County.

"They cut Clawson into two pieces," he said. "So when you're a member of Congress, you and I are going to bump up into each other."

McKenzie said he knows he will not expect to have more campaign funds to work with than Trott, something both campaigns have agreed on: An email Thursday from the Trott campaign indicated Trott had nearly \$1.1 million cash onhand, while McKenzie had just more than \$68,000 entering the third quarter.

McKenzie said it was important for voters to see his record over the years and compare it to Trott's, a lawyer whose law firm conducted foreclosures.

"Trott is certainly going to outspend me," he said. "But for the last 18 years, I've been trying to make the world a better place and Dave Trott has been taking away people's homes."

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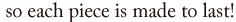


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Northville library event celebrates hard work of Friends

The Friends of the Northville District Library are celebrating the ninth annual National Friends of Libraries Week, Oct. 19-25, with an ice cream social called Sundaes on Sunday.

The event, which takes place 1-4 p.m. Sun-

day, Oct. 19, in the library's Carlo Room, will feature cookies and ice cream.

The Friends sponsor this fun and festive event for all of the library supporters, members and interested neighbors who would

like to indulge in a yummy treat, socialize and find out more about the Friends organization.

The Friends is an advocacy group that supports the library through volunteer efforts and fundraising throughout the year.

You may find members running the Used Book Sale, minding the Gift Store, assisting with the Summer Reading Program, arranging events and throwing thank you parties for library staff. The Friends is an

enthusiastic group with many talents, but mostly ordinary folks with a desire to promote reading, learning and curiosity and to make it accessible to everyone. Organizers say this is

a happy event where they can all share the joy of their successes and anticipate the year ahead and all its opportunities. The entire community

is invited to attend Sundaes on Sunday, which is a free event.

Pumpkin picker





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Shelly McGuire lugs a good-sized pumpkin to her cart during the Oct. 9 Northville Farmers Market. The market will continue to run each Thursday through October and is located at the northwest corner of Seven Mile and Center Street. The market is run by the Northville Chamber of Commerce. For more information, visit http://www.northville.org.

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Five vie for three seats on Schoolcraft College board

Breslin

Five candidates are running for three seats on the Schoolcraft College board of trustees Nov. 4. The candidates are incumbents Brian Broderick, Joan Gebhardt and Terry Gilligan and challengers Robert Breslin and Howard Petty. The seats are for six years each.

Following are the candidates' responses to questions from the Observer:

Why are you running for the Schoolcraft College board?

Breslin: In general, I want to reduce or eliminate college tuition so that students can start their lives without student loan debt. Additionally, I want to see SC launch courses that support Pure Michigan Talent Connect that offers a variety of programs to obtain skills needed in the present job market. I want those programs/ courses complementing jobs our local community employers require today.

Broderick: I want to continue to give back to my community. Schoolcraft is a vital resource for all in western Wayne County. Stability in leadership and a vision in how the college can succeed are hallmarks of the current leadership team in place now and must continue into the future.

Gebhardt: Schoolcraft College Trustee is a nonpaid, non-partisan position, but it is a way that I can give back to the community that has given my family and me so much.

Gilligan: I think I bring a unique perspective to the Board that no other member does. Coming from a buildingtrades background I can assist in the scrutinizing of perspective contractors doing work at the College as well as developing curriculum and programs to prepare students for employment with the various trades looking for employees.

Petty: To help students and the community.

What do you see as the biggest issue facing Schoolcraft and how would you resolve it?

Breslin: I believe SC College has lost sight of students being their cus

ROBERT L. BRESLIN

Age: 74.

Residence: Northville. Occupation: Retired member of management, Ford Motor Co. (41 years). Education: B.S. Industrial Management from Lawrence Institute of Technology (now Lawrence Technological University), pre-grad

studies at University of Detroit College of Engineering, post-graduate studies at Central

Michigan toward Master's Program, University of Tennessee's Quality Institute, and Wright State University's Quality Program.

Family info: Married 54 years with four adult children and six grandchildren, three of which are in college with the other three in high schools.

Community service: Volunteer at St. Al's food pantry and South Oakland Shelter for homeless; volunteer Thayer Corners Northville Twp.; volunteer at SC,. worked concession stands for Financial Aid to Athletics; volunteer Homeowners association and past social chairperson; active Catholic Central's Alumnae gatherings; treasurer of the Northville Democratic Club; and past school Board member in Wayne-Westland District (appointed for special program during early 70's).

Elective offices: Never ran in a public election. I've only held elected positions in political or social clubs.

BRIAN D. BRODERICK

Age: 48.

Residence: Plymouth Township. Occupation: Executive director, Michigan Association of Non-public Schools. Education: M.P.A. Wayne State University; J.D. University of Detroit School of Law; B.A. University of Notre Dame; Catholic Central High School.

Family info: Wife Donna, son Jim (14), daughter Katherine (11).

Community service: Volunteer on various projects through Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Parish, Detroit Catholic Central, Notre Dame Club of Detroit and Irish Lawyers Society; CYO Coach

Elective offices: Schoolcraft College trustee since 1995.

JOAN GEBHARDT

Age: 65.

Residence: Livonia. Occupation: Retired teacher, principal and county commissioner.

Education: Bachelor of Arts, Eastern Michigan University; Master of Arts, Educational Leadership, Eastern Michigan University; Additional Post-Graduate Work, Wayne State University.



Fred; family includes son Steven, daughter Jennifer, son-in-law

Community service: Past Chair of Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, Board Member of Growth Works (a nonprofit organization helping youth and families), American Association of University Women of Livonia, League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County, Teacher Education Committee at Madonna College of Education.

Elective offices: Schoolcraft College trustee since 2007, Wayne County commissioner 2008-2012, precinct delegate since 2000.

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TERRY GILLIGAN

Age: 51.

Residence: Livonia.

Occupation: Business Representative, Pipefitters, Steamfitters, H.V.A.C. and Refrigeration Service Local 636.

Education: Some College, along with graduation from Pipefitters Local 636 Appren-

ticeship program. Family info: Married 26 years, two children, Joseph 22 years. Allyson 21 years.

Community service: Schoolcraft College Trustee last two

years, former L.I.A.L. assistant and head coach. Elective offices: Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees (two

years)

HOWARD PETTY

Age: 60.

Residence: Livonia. Occupation: Professor, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

Education: B.S., Manchester College, N, Manchester, IN; Ph.D., Harvard University, Cambridge, MA; Fellow, Stanford University, Stanford, Calif.

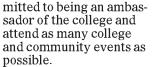
Family info: Married to Leslie Isler Petty. Sons: Aaron Petty, Federal Prosecutor, Dept. of Justice, Washington, D.C., and Lt. in USAF JAG Office; Daniel Petty, Cyber Security Expert, Google Inc., Palo Alto, Calif.; Ian Petty, Financial Analyst, Calypso Technology Inc., San Francisco. Community service: Saint Andrew's Society. Elective offices: None.

and the University of Toledo are great examples of ways to improve the educational value that we offer at Schoolcraft. More opportunities for students to obtain a fouryear degree without ever leaving the safety and convenience of our campus must be explored.

Petty: The College has built two new buildings and a fitness center in the last three years; it has also hit students with a 3-percent tuition hike. The board should freeze new construction and tuition. The College should improve links with businesses, including enhancements in job training, especially advanced manufacturing training

What do you see as the role of a board member?

Breslin: As a member of board, it's my responsibility to direct the school administration with respect to expansion, maintenance and usage of the school facilities. To listen to staff recommendations for programs, while acting as a check and balance for those programs being practical for our college. To be a liaison and goodwill ambassador to the community, while making efficient use of all revenue. Broderick: The most important role of a Trustee is to select a leader who can hire an administrative team to run the college successfully. Over the years Schoolcraft College Trustees have done just that. Additionally, a Trustee represents the interests of community in the college by setting policies, approving an annual budget and taking all the necessary steps to ensure the residents of the district that the College is run efficiently and effectively. Gebhardt: We hire and evaluate the president. We establish millage, tuition and fee rates, while approving the budget. The board awards purchase orders, contracts, ratifies labor agreements and sets policy and procedures. In addition, I am also com-



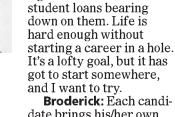
Petty

Gilligan: Our role is to hire and fire (if necessary) the President. Balance the budget. Set tuition rates. Approve contracts that are brought before us. Most importantly be a voice of the community.

Petty: The Board should be a part of the College, not separate from the College. By being involved on campus, the Board can better administer the campus. What makes you the

best candidate?

Breslin: I'm objective in thinking and I listen. I bring to SC an urgency to reduce costs. I'm a team player with the best interest of our customersstudents paramount in my decision making. My



Gilligan

date brings his/her own unique qualities. Support for my candidacy is support for continuity in leadership, a vision to make Schoolcraft the best community college in the state and a passion for education and all that it promises each and every citizen in the Schoolcraft College district

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Gebhardt: I am the best candidate because of my experiences in public education and my government service. I have the educational training, experience in education and have served in leadership roles. My experience as a Wavne County Commissioner and Chair of SEMCOG has provided me with experience in elected leadership roles. Being the parent of former Schoolcraft students has been invaluable!

Gilligan: We currently have a very good makeup of diverse candidates that work very well together, but I feel with my building trades background I bring a perspective to the Board that no other candidate can. I am also the only current board member or candidate that has a child currently attending Schoolcraft College.

Petty: As the only conservative running for Trustee, I will help balance the Board and make it more representative of our community. I can relate to students, faculty and administrators because I have 30 years of experience at Wayne State and University of Michigan. I have experience in business and fundraising. I bring a new perspective and talents to the Board.





Gebhardt

Franco and granddaughter Lindsay.



Broderick

Wayne State University

tomers. I think the SC growth is great, but shouldn't be on the back of student tuition. Raising tuition 3 percent this year is unacceptable! We should do everything to reduce cost, and I don't see Schoolcraft doing that. SC is an inexpensive community college in southeast Michigan! But, it also is one of the largest tax-based community colleges, and could do more for its customers.

Broderick: The biggest issue facing higher education, particularly community colleges, is the amount of money and time spent on remedial education because students are not adequately prepared to succeed when they exit the K-12 level. This will always be a role for community colleges We must be proactive in our relationship with K-12 school districts and administrators so there is a clear understanding of the expectations at the college level and more effort to prepare teachers to make sure students are "college ready."

Gebhardt: Our biggest issue is balancing the budget. With less state

faced with reduced revenue, while college operating costs increase. I have voted no for the past several increases. We must resolve to keep our costs down.

Gilligan: The biggest issue we face every year is balancing the budget. In these times of shrinking revenue from the State, decreased property tax revenue, and the need to keep tuition rates low, we struggle to keep Schoolcraft College the safe, clean, and great educational value it is today. We are continuously searching for ways to cut costs and still offer a great college for our students.

Petty: Finances are the biggest issue facing Schoolcraft College and its students. State and local revenues are declining. The number of college-age students is also declining. Therefore, the College must be attractive to students in both curriculum and cost.

In what ways can Schoolcraft College improve?

Breslin: SC is centrally located in one of the largest growth areas in the state, surrounded by

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neurs. We have manufacturing, assembly, robotics, hotels, restaurants, every kind of retail businesses, etc. in our area. I want those owners/managers to assist in program development for our students with direct practical job application.

Broderick: Schoolcraft is an outstanding institution that serves the community well. The college can always improve on "selling" its reputation and brand as a rigorous academic institution that will improve your life and give students opportunities.

Gebhardt: We must always strive to improve. We must stay current to the needs of the business community and train our students for this everchanging world of work. We want our students to be the best trained because with an associate's degree (or baccalaureate in Culinary Arts) or to transfer to a four-year university, they can get a good job.

Gilligan: The recent partnerships formed with

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Menchie's cuts the ribbon



Members of the Northville Chamber of Commerce helped the owners of the new Menchie's celebrate their grand opening with a ribbon cutting ceremony Oct. 11. Owners Anant and Urvashi Patel (front center) opened the store Oct. 4. The store, located at 17911 Haggerty Road (at Northville Village), sells frozen yogurt and sorbet with plenty of toppings. For more information, visit www.menchies.com.

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Disaster loans available for August storm, flooding victims

The presidential disaster declaration for several counties in Michigan affected by severe storms and flooding Aug. 11-13 covers Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties, which are eligible for both Physical and Economic Injury Disaster Loans from the Small Business Administration. Small businesses and most private nonprofit organizations in the following adjacent counties are eligible to apply only for SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans: Genesee, Lapeer, Livingston, Monroe, St. Clair and Washtenaw.

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HOW TO APPLY

Applicants may apply online using the Electronic Loan Application (ELA) via SBA's secure website at https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/. To be considered for all forms of disaster assistance, applicants should register online at www.DisasterAssistance-.gov or by mobile device at m.fema.gov. If online or mobile access is unavailable, applicants should call the FEMA toll-free Helpline at 800-621-3362. Those who use 711-Relay or Video Relay Services should call 800-621-3362. The toll-free telephone numbers will operate from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. (local time) seven days a week until further notice.

Additional details on the locations of Disaster Recovery Centers and the loan application process can be obtained by calling the SBA Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955 (800-877-8339 for the deaf and hard-of-hearing) or by sending an e-mail to disastercustomerservice@sba.gov. The filing deadline to return applications for physical property damage is Nov. 24. The deadline to return economic injury applications is June 25, 2015.

whether the business suffered any physical property damage.

Interest rates are as low as 2.063 percent for homeowners and renters, 2.625 percent for nonprofit organizations and 4 percent for businesses with terms up to 30 years. Loan amounts and terms

NOVI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

A ribbon-cutting ceremony for the grand opening of the fourth Dr. Quinn Weight Loss center took place Oct. 9 in the Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk complex. Dr. Christopher Quinn, owner and Jenna Quinn, general manager, are holding the ribbon.

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are set by the SBA and are based on each applicant's financial condition.

NEWSMAKERS

Karin Schmitz

The Board of Directors of the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants announced the recipients of the 2014 awards, including Novi's Karin A. Schmitz for Professional Ethics Task Force: Outstanding Task Force. The Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants is a diversified, professional, member-driven organization serving more than 17,000 CPAs and affiliated professionals throughout Michigan. Visit MICPA's website at www.micpa.org.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF NORTHVILLE

The City of Northville Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing to receive public input on a variance requested by the property owner at 534 W. Dunlap Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167. The applicant requests a dimensional variance to Section 18.22 Temporary Structures in order to install a membrane storage structure (fabric hoop house) on a seasonal basis, on the premises zoned R-1B, First Density Residential District, parcel number 48 002 02 0414 000. The membrane storage structure is proposed to be located on an existing concrete slab of a previous garage.

The public hearing will be held on Wednesday November 5, 2014, at 7:30 p.m. at the City of Northville Municipal Building, Council Chambers, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-449-9902. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comment on the variance request. The variance application is available for review at the City of Northville Building Department during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, local prevailing time. Written comments pertaining to the proposed variance request will also be received at the above address.

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Rolland Stapleton, Chairperson Board of Zoning Appeals

NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING

CITY OF NORTHVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION PROPOSED 2014 MASTER PLAN

Pursuant to the Michigan P.A. 33 of 2008, notice is hereby given that the City of Northville Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, November 4, 2014, beginning at 7:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as may be heard, at the City of Northville Municipal Building – Lower Level Meeting Room, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-349-1300.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive public comments on the Proposed City of Northville Master Plan. The Master Plan is a long range policy plan for land use that helps guide the City officials when making development decisions. Contents of the Master Plan include:

- Introduction
- Background Studies
- Goals and Policies
- Future Land Use Plan
- Zoning Plan
- Action Plan

The Master Plan is not a zoning map and does not change the zoning of individual properties.

A copy of the complete Master Plan is available for public inspection at the City of Northville 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, during regular business hours of Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Written comments may be sent to the City of Northville Planning Commission, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167.

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POLICE BRIEFS



Northville police released this image of a black Jeep Patriot stopped at East Main Street in the middle of downtown. Police say a man riding in the Jeep stole one of the decorative skeletons from downtown.

Another skeleton stolen

According to North-ville City Police, just before midnight Friday, Oct. 3, a black Jeep Patriot stopped at East Main Street in the middle of downtown and a white male suspect (16-22 years old) exited the passenger rear door and stole a decorative skeleton. It was designed as a Northville High School rower.

After reviewing the security video, police said it shows the suspect and two others stopping earlier that night to take a photo with the skeleton. Later on the vehicle stops at the spot and the suspect exits the vehicle and grabs the skeleton.

Two other skeletons, placed near Dr. Demray's office, were also stolen by unknown suspects. The value of the three is more than \$1,000.

DVDs stolen from a vehicle

A Farmington Hills man told Northville Township Police that four movies were taken from his unlocked vehicle sometime during the

evening of Oct. 2. He told police he made stops at Qdoba and Trader Joe's. The thefts may have occurred some time during those stops. The case remains

open.

Hit and run

A Jimmy John's delivery driver reportedly struck another car while exiting the Hampton Inn on Haggerty Road. The victim called Northville **Township Police after** being struck. The victim, a 58-year-old man, said he was attempting to turn left into Hampton when he was clipped by a vehicle with a Jimmy John's sign.

Police reported finding red paint on the victim's white car. A 'be on the lookout' was issued and the police later caught up with a car matching the description at the Jimmy John's on Six Mile Road in Livonia. White paint was found on the car, but the driver said he didn't think he hit anyone.

He was arrested for failing to stop and identify at the scene of an accident.

There's still time to donate clothes



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Judy Ingram helps sort out some of the donated clothing at the Northville Plaza Mall center at the northeast corner of Seven Mile and South Main. The clothes closet, open to any Northville resident in need of apparel, will remain open through Friday, Oct. 17, and is run in conjunction with Northville Civic Concern and the Main Street League.

Northville Township **Request for Statement of Qualifications Demolition of Former State of Michigan Psychiatric Hospital Buildings**

Project Background Information

The Charter Township of Northville (Township) is requesting Statements of Qualifications from contractors who meet the qualifications stated in the Scope of Work described under Paragraph A. The Township is seeking a contractor to provide all labor, material and equipment necessary to abate, demolish, and remove all of the above and below grade structures and parking areas at a property located at 41001 W. Seven Mile Road, Northville, Michigan (Project). This property is known as the former State of Michigan Psychiatric Hospital and is owned by the Township. The site is approximately 232 acres and has 17 buildings that are one and two stories and 1 building that is nine stories totaling approximately 900,000 square feet in size built in the late 1950s and early 1960s.

Sealed copies of Statements of Qualifications shall be submitted no later than <u>Tuesday</u>, November 25, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. local time, in an envelope clearly labeled as "Statement of Qualifications" Document for the Demolition of former State of Michigan Psychiatric Hospital to the following address:

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF PROVISION OF THE SNOW EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

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

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

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

> Rob Hayes, Director Department of Public Services LO-0000217108 3X

Northville Township Attn: Ms. Sue Hillebrand Township Clerk 44405 Six Mile Road Northville, MI 48168-9670

Late responses will not be accepted. Questions regarding the procedures for submitting qualifications should be directed in writing to Thomas A. Casari, at tcasari@twp.northville. mi.us.

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OPINION

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

OUR VIEWS

Hwang, Kalass, Mazurek best for school board

Voters residing in the Northville Public School district will have some tough decisions to make when they head to the polls or fill out their absentee ballot.

The race for the three open seats on the board of education features four solid candidates, all of whom are passionate about the district and their willingness to serve the students of Northville.

Among the four are current School Board President Jim Mazurek, who is running for his second term, and current Board Trustee Ann Kalass, who was appointed to the board back in January to fill a vacancy. She is seeking her first full four-year term. Also in the race are Roland Hwang and Scott Frush, both of whom sought the



Kalass

Hwang

open seat back in January, but were overlooked

for Kalass. All four are qualified to serve on the board. In fact, Northville voters should consider themselves very fortunate to have such an excellent slate of candidates. It really is a no-lose type of situation.

But, alas, only three will earn seats. Such is the nature of elections. That being the case, we believe voters should choose Mazurek, Kalass and Hwang. During his first term



Mazurek, who is a Novi resident, has proven to

on the

board,

be the kind

of leader

needed to

Mazurek

steer the board through a number of tough issues, including getting the public to embrace the desperately-needed technology bond as well as implementing a tough redistricting plan. He always comes to meetings prepared and is very knowledgeable about the issues impacting public education.

Kalass, who is a Northville Township resident, has been the CEO of Starfish Family Services since 2007. She brings a great deal of knowledge about public education to

the table. She also has a unique perspective dealing with a superintendent and staff because she also serves a similar board working for Starfish. She has two daughters currently attending the high school. During her time on the board, she has been an astute learner and always does her homework. She has shown herself to be a valuable member of the board.

This is the third time Hwang has sought a seat on the school board. In addition to being bypassed by the board back in January, he also narrowly lost the election two years ago. Rather than be dejected by those results, Hwang volunteered to be a member of the school district's curriculum committee, where he has been a valuable

member. His credentials are also more than solid. In addition to being an attorney for the state of Michigan, Hwang is a longtime adjunct instructor at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor.

Hwang, an Asian American, would also bring some diversity to the board. The reality is Northville has a large Asian community, and that is reflected in the students of the district. His ethnicity should not be an overriding concern, but it is certainly a benefit. He is adamant that the district should be producing students who can compete in an everchanging global economy. He is particularly concerned about the STEM subjects of science, technology, engineering and mathematics. In our opinion,

Hwang has the right background and professional experience, and he has demonstrated his desire to promote public education in Northville. He has paid his dues, and is ready to be a member of the board of education.

Frush is also a great candidate. A Northville Township resident, he has two young children just starting out in the district, and is determined to make sure they obtain the best education possible. His financial acumen would certainly be a benefit to the board, especially at a time when public education funding is such a hot button issue and is always a challenge for local districts like Northville.

However, in our view, voters should choose Jim Mazurek, Ann Kalass and Roland Hwang.

We must retain our library's legacy for future generations

4, the Northville District Library will ask voters to renew its current operating millage of .2 mills for seven years. This is a tax renewal, not an increase. The .2 mills represent approximately \$450,000 in library operating revenue that is critical to maintaining current services, programming and hours.

The Northville library has been a cornerstone of our community for 125 years. Its storied history spans three centuries dating to 1889 when village resident Mary Lapham was named chairman of Northville's library organizing committee. President of the Ladies Library Association. Lapham donated the library's first 250 books and eventually its facility-the little New School Church on South Wing Street. The church served as the community's library for more than 70 years before it was moved to Mill Race Historical Village in 1964. After relocating to several sites within the city — including the lower level of the current city hall — the library found a permanent home when Northville voters in 1994 approved district library status, a dedicated millage and passage of a bond issue for construction of the current facility.



In the nearly 20 years since the current building was constructed, the Northville District Library has met the needs of a growing community. Since 2000, the library has seen a 49% increase in library cards issued, a 206% increase in materials checked out and a 77% increase in the youth summer reading participation. More than 500,000 materials are borrowed each year from eBooks (15,000 titles are available) to CDs, DVDs, books and periodicals. Databases offer patrons 24-hour access to a myriad of online sources. All this – and much more-is available to residents with a library card. Support of this important millage renewal affirms Northville's commitment to an educated and enlightened citizenry, and retains our library's legacy for future generations. Please vote "yes" on November 4th. Your library is worth it.

LETTERS

Roth makes board endorsements

For the past 12 years, it has been my pleasure and privilege to serve on the Northville Public Schools Board of Education. I have chosen not to seek re-election

On Nov. 4th voters will have the opportunity to elect three individuals to the Northville Board of Education. I unequivocally endorse Jim Mazurek and Ann Kalass for two of those positions.

For the last four years, I have worked on the board with Jim Mazurek. He is an enthusiastic, positive supporter of Northville Public Schools. I can speak from personal experience that every decision Jim makes is guided by asking the question: "What is in the best interest of students and NPS?" He brings a diverse background which provides needed perspective to the board decision making process. He has proven himself to be hard working, thoughtful, and committed. He does not have any political agenda and is motivated by moving the District forward. Voters should give him their support. I have also worked with Ann Kalass since her appointment to the board one year ago. Ann has immersed herself in studying school issues and comes to each meeting prepared to work. She is a very thoughtful and pragmatic decision maker. Her work experience provides unique and helpful insights which have been extremely valuable in the decision making process. Like Jim, Ann does not have any political agenda, but makes decisions based on pragmatism and moving the district forward. She has been an excellent addition to the board, and deserves your vote as well. A seat is also being sought by Roland Hwang and Scott Frush. I have not had the opportunity to work with either gentleman. Mr. Hwang has previously sought a seat on the board of education. Based upon the board's current composition, I believe that Mr. Hwang's skill set will add greater value to the board's decision making process. After each attempt to obtain a board seat, Mr. Hwang has continued to stay involved by working with the district on curriculum issues. This experience will help him bring a district wide perspective to board service. This is a critical component for good decision making by board members. I'd like to take this opportunity to encourage everyone to participate in the upcoming election.

WHAT DO YOU **THINK?**

We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. Letters should be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content. Submit letters via the following formats. Email: kkuban@hometownlife.com

Web: www.hometownlife.com

change to school funding but I guess a promise to do something may be encouraging after the Republican-based government cut the per pupil funding by \$147 per student.

Another important issue is whether Heise is a participant in the practice "sneaking" these bills through the legislature to prevent a vote by Michigan citizens?

You are correct in one point – Heise's car is faithfully hooked to the Snyder train and that is the reason he won't get my vote.

In closing I guess this is a Republican area and you probably have to endorse a Republican candidate. I just wish you would at least asked him about his vision on how the roads should be funded? If you do contact him also please ask him for an explanation why after taxing all the senior retirees in Michigan over the last three years the job creation didn't occur as planned? James E. Rafalski Northville

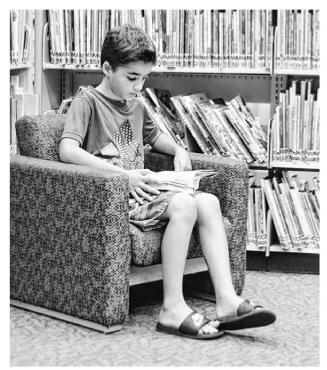
benefits for new teachers. How is that trying to attract the brightest and the best to teaching? Since you took office, "Mr. Accountant," Northville and Plymouth-Canton schools have lost \$36 million in funding. What "accountant" would call that an increase? Talk to any school superintendent in Michigan, and they are not working with increased per pupil funds since you took office. You may be an accountant, Mr. Snyder, but your ads seem more like another desperate Republican politician trying to cook the books at election time.

Steve Lawrence Northville Township

Colbeck listens to constituents

Our son was the victim of a large cyber bully attack at Northville High School. A bogus Twitter account was set up using his name. 4,685 followers (students from other districts followed account) and 148 Tweets. I can not even begin to put into words the hurt and devastation this caused our family. During the process, we found loopholes in the law, as well as injustice against the

Michele Fecht is the chairperson of the Committee to Support the Northville District Library Millage Renewal. She welcomes your feedback at mmfecht@aol.com



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Julian Ajluni peruses a book at the Northville District Library over the summer.



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Ken Roth Northville

Questioning Heise endorsement

I read you endorsement of Kurt Heise for state representative. Your criteria seems thin at best to endorse him. It seems your negatives in the article outweigh any of the positive issues? Why did you neglect the one major issue in Michigan that needs resolving which is the funding for roads and bridges. I don't know if establishing "coffee hours" is that redeeming of an accomplishment considering the work schedule of our state legislators. I an not going to hold my breath on any revolutionary

Snyder claims are 'desperate'

Is our self proclaimed "accountant" governor, Rick Snyder, trying to cook the books? First he blames Jennifer Granholm for what happened under the George Bush economy. It was her sad misfortune to have to try and deal, here in Michigan, with the collapse of the economy under Republican "trickle down" policy. Now that the country has experienced 55 consecutive months (a record) of private sector job growth under President Obama, the "Nerd" is trying to take credit for job improvement under President Obama. If Mr. Snyder's hero, Mitt Romney, had been elected president, and he had "let Detroit go bankrupt" and we were experiencing the massive unemployment that would have resulted in Michigan, would our "accountant" governor be taking credit for that?

The national unemployment rate in August of this year was 6.1-percent, and the Michigan unemployment rate was 7.4percent. Our "accountant" governor told us that if he taxed my pension, raised my homestead property taxes, passed a right to work for less law, and redistributed the money to his CEO friends, that they would certainly use it to create jobs in Michigan. Not so much, huh? The Wall Street Journal listed Michigan as one of the 10 worst states for retirement security.

Gov. Snyder, your cuts to education are real. When you took office from Jennifer Granholm, per pupil spending was \$7,316, and in 2013-14 it is \$7,076. You did shore up teacher retirement funds, because it is required by law, but you eliminated future retirement health care victim. For change to happen, we must stand up and demand change.

We contacted various public officials and politicians. State Senator Patrick Colbeck listened to our story and agreed, changes need to be made. He spent quite a bit of time with us and with our son. He is working on a new policy regarding bullying and cyber bullying in Michigan schools. From the very beginning, we feel that Senator Colbeck truly cares about his constituents, as well as the entire state of Michigan. He is accessible and truly listens to his constituents, even those not old enough to vote.

It is refreshing to find a politician who is straight forward, honest, and one who is not afraid to say "this is wrong, we must fix it." He is the real deal and we are lucky to have Senator Colbeck represent our district. My family will vote for Senator Colbeck.

Matt and Susie McKillop Northville

Strong leader needed

Michigan needs a strong leader who is going to stand by its side these next few years. That is why Terri Lynn Land is the right candidate for U.S. Senate.

She has made a pledge to stand with Michigan and help us continue to move forward by making a commitment to our values here in Michigan.

Her dedication and leadership has been proven also from when she was Secretary of State here in Michigan for eight years. She wants to stay true to Michigan.

This is not what Gary Peters, who is also running for Congress wants to do. Peters has been all over the place and often not taken a stance on an issue. He is also always flip-flopping his stances on different issues, which shows me that he is not a confident leader. We need a strong leader here in Michigan. Not a cowardly one

Liam Houlihan Farmington Hills

State Senate 15th District candidates share views

Incumbent Mike Kowall, a White Lake Republican, faces Democratic challenger Michael D. Smith of White Lake in the state Senate 15th 15 race for a fouryear term. The district includes Commerce Township, Lyon Township, Milford Township, Northville, Novi, Novi Township, Orchard Lake. South Lyon, Walled Lake, West Bloomfield Township, White Lake Township and Wixom. The district is slightly different this election with Highland, Rose and Holly townships being redistricted to the 14th. Candidates responded to more questions than space allowed in print. Visit hometownlife.com for even more information on the candidates.

Why are you seeking this elected position? Mike Kowall: I hope

to continue standing up for hard-working constituents to make our state an even better place to live, work, and raise a family. We have accomplished so much over the past four years, but I do not believe now is the time to let our foot off the gas.

Michael D. Smith: Citizens deserve to be represented by someone who will listen and fight for everyone, regardless of their class, gender, orientation, community, beliefs or age. They deserve someone who will work to rebuild Michigan's infrastructure and roads; promote sustainable educational funding; and who will work to restore manufacturing jobs in West Oakland County. If elected, I will listen to your concerns and will work tirelessly, day in, day out, to be your voice in Lansing.

Why are you best qualified for this position?

Kowall: My experience as a small business owner and local elected

official provides me with the background needed to govern effectively. I believe Lansing needs more common sense something I bring to the table.

Smith: I have seen firsthand how legislation that is enacted has negatively impacted municipalities and citizens. I feel I have the education and experience, along with the understanding and compassion as a concerned citizen, homeowner and father that will fight for all working families. I will be a voice for all people and I am ready to fight for a strong economy, quality education, healthy environment, better mental health funding, and equality for everyone.

What is your single top priority if elected, and how would you address it?

Kowall: Jobs and the economy. Unemployment, down significantly from the 14 percent mark just a few years ago, remains high. We must focus on creating the environment for businesses to grow and thrive.

Smith: We need to strengthen the economy through legislation that will promote growth in small businesses and in the emerging sectors. We need to provide incentives for businesses to move to Michigan. We need the manufacturing sector to expand, innovate and thrive again. We need to fix our infrastructure while strengthening our middle class by fostering an environment that creates jobs.

Do you feel our state is moving in the right direction? Why or why not?

Kowall: The foundation for Michigan's resurgence has been laid in the last four years. Now it's our duty to build on those reforms to continue Michigan's improving economic climate to make our state attractive to find a good-paying job and raise a family. I believe we must budget with common sense priorities (roads/infrastructure, public safety and education).

Smith: No - we are heading in the wrong direction with the continued attacks on women and pensions and right to work (for less). We continually see how the leaders in Lansing are not listening to the residents and continue to circumvent the democratic process and enact legislation that is backward thinking. I believe we should have protections for sexual orientation and I believe in equality for all and equal pay for an equal day's work

What can/should be done to address Michigan roads? How would this be paid for?

Kowall: The bottom line is Michigan's infrastructure is deteriorating rapidly from a serious lack of investment. We are left with two options, invest now or put off a huge bill that we will stick our kids with later. Over the summer, I was pleased to report news of \$4.35 million in state grants to go to fixing roads in my district, but we still have much left to do. We are working on new proposals to be unveiled in November.

Smith: We need to fix our crumbling infrastructure and roads. We need to re-evaluate the weight restrictions on our roads since Michigan is the only state in the nation that allows trucks to use our roads while carrying loads of 164,000 pounds while other states limit truck weight to less than half that amount or 80,000. I think there needs to be greater parity in weight restrictions and taxation and an evaluation of the wholesale tax.

Do you see a need to address school funding? How? Why or why not?

Kowall: We have invested over \$1 billion more into classrooms over the past few years and our increased investments will continue. In fact, in 2015 I plan to convene a work group of local educators, administrators, parents and students to look at funding and to ensure we're providing a turnkey career or college-ready education to graduating high school seniors. Smith: Yes - because

we need to stop the continued cuts and provide sustainable funding to public education. We need to provide our children with the tools necessary to compete in the global economy through equal access to a quality education. We need to focus on Science. Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (S.T.E.A.M) programs and vocational options to be better prepared after graduation to succeed in obtaining a job in Michigan

Do you see any areas where the state should allocate additional funding (not including anything mentioned previously)? Where? Why?

Kowall: Yes, I believe we must budget with common sense priorities. This means focusing on roads/infrastructure, public safety and education. We must have a small social safety net to offer a hand up to those in need, but not a handout

Smith: I believe we need to better fund mental health, advocacy of the disabled, environmental research, parks and recreation services, Medicaid, unemployment benefits, job placement programs, and other programs to help students and seniors. We need to get people working again and invest in

MIKE KOWALL

Residence: White Lake Years in community: In district since 1980 Age: 62

Contact information: www.mikekowall.com or mikekowall@comcast.net Party affiliation: Republican

Profession: State senator

Education: Graduated from Henry Ford High Kowal School in Detroit and later attended Oakland Community College

Relevant community/political involvement: Elected to the Michigan Senate in November 2010. Served in the Michigan House of Representatives from 1998 to 2002 and most recently was the supervisor of White Lake Township. Before joining the Legislature, was president of Accurate Woodworking, Inc., a family-owned business, and served on White Lake Township Planning Commission for nine years.

MICHAEL D. SMITH

Residence: White Lake

Years in community: Whole life, except for time in college

Age: 33 Contact information: P.O. Box 1107 Union Lake, MI 48387, 248-563-2621, smithformisenate@gmail.com, www.smithformisenate.com, acebook.com/ smithformisenate, twitter.com/MSmith4Senate15



Smith

Party affiliation: Democratic Profession: Deputy city clerk

Education: Grand Valley State University, bachelor of science in liberal studies, emphasis in leadership ad diversity; Oakland University, master of public administration; Oakland University, post master certificate in local government management. Relevant community/political involvement: Elected as a precinct delegate since 2008. Elected and served as Walled Lake school board member from 2011-13; member of Oakland County Democratic Party and Michigan Democratic Party.

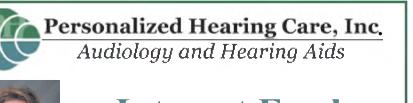
job training for the unemployed to respond to the changing needs in the emerging sectors like the medical field and vocational training.

Do you see any areas where the state should allocate less funding (not including anything mentioned previously)? Where? Why?

Kowall: When I took office, in January 2011, the State of Michigan was facing a \$1.5 billion budget deficit – now, in 2014, our budget is balanced and we have over \$500 million in the state's rainy day fund. This is a \$2 billion budget turnaround in just three years. However, I still believe we can and will find more efficiency

within state government that will reduce costs and benefit taxpayers. I look forward to working with my colleagues to implement more meaningful reforms

Smith: I think we should cut the salaries of appointees and all of the high level employees of the government. We need to work together and take cuts just like everyone else. We need to evaluate how our tax dollars are spent and look at waste and cut waste in departments. We need to be more open with our citizens and rather than spending money on new furniture we can spend money on books for classrooms.





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dog." Tia Maria was one of 25 dogs – Maltese, poodles and terriers included – that participated in the dog show held Sept. 27 on Fox Run's campus in Novi. The dogs are pets of Fox Run residents and staff.

As each dog and dog owner were called, their dog was walked around a circle. An emcee announced the dog's name, its breed and a fun fact about its breed. Dogs participated in easy obstacles as they walked around the circle.

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Eva Barnes' dachshund, Tia Maria, is the One Hot Dog winner of Fox Run's dog show.

Best Name, Cutest Couple, Even Cuter in Doggy Clothes and Most Likely to Chase the Mailman. Beth Conway Bob

Beth Conway, Bob Luther and Marge Fountain judged the dog show. Retired pastor Vic Mesenbring gave a blessing over the pets to end the event and all the dogs had their official photos taken next to a bright red fire hydrant at Fox Run.

Carol's Upholstery celebrates 20 years in Novi, new location

Before Pinterest and recycling old furniture was on-trend, Carol's Upholstery, which opened in 1992 in Novi, was building a business by keeping quality-made used furniture functional and beautiful through repair and re-upholstery.

As Carol's Upholstery begins its 23rd year in business, the shop has moved to a new and larger location at 46587 Grand River, between Taft and Beck, next to the Harmon Sign company.

"After more than 20 years in the same location, it was time to give our customers a new



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experience," co-owner Carol Morrissey said. "Our customers can now more easily and comfortably browse fabric samples in our expanded showroom and view before and after photos of our past work."

To celebrate, Carol's Upholstery is holding an open house through the month of October. The public is welcome to stop in during business hours, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m to noon Saturday, to visit the shop and register to win prizes, including gift certificates to local restaurants and re-upholstery service discounts.

Its grand reopening celebration will take place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1. Prize winners will be drawn during the celebration and, if not pre-



Ann Ray, co-owner of Carol's Upholstery in Novi, visits its workroom to look at a job adding new fabric to a piece of furniture. Carol's recently moved west to 46587 Grand River.

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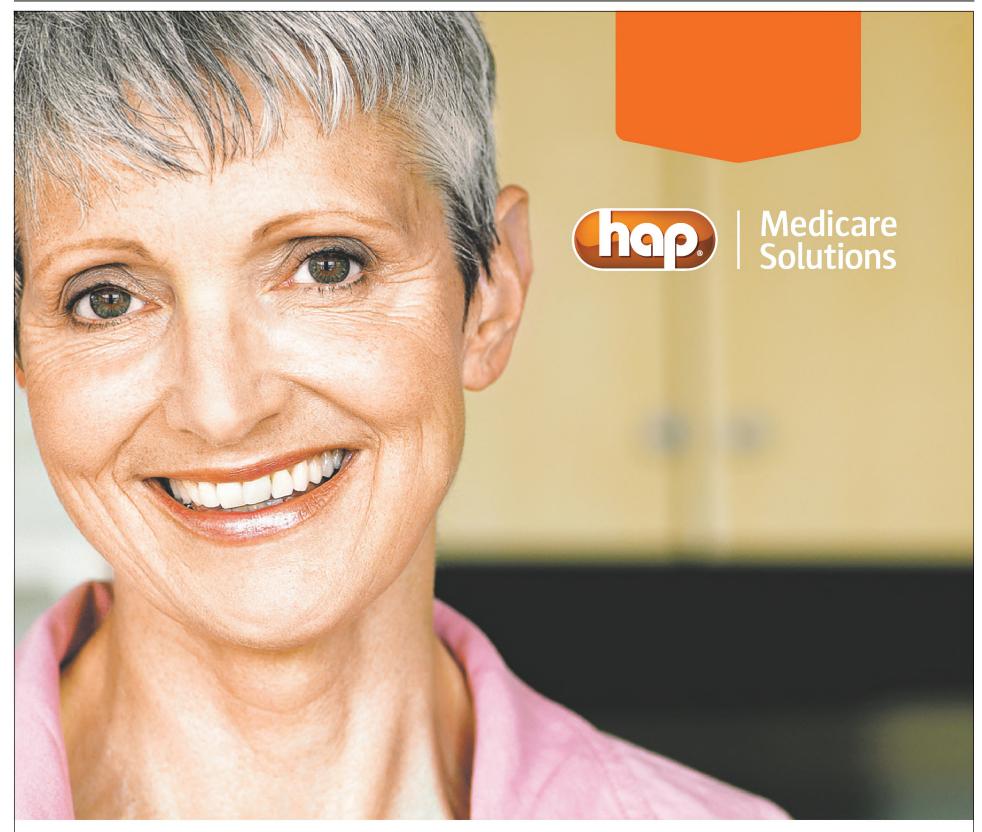
Morrissey and Ann Ray opened Carol's Upholstery in 1992 after working together at Ray Interiors, a full-service furniture store in Farmington owned by Ray's father. Ray Interiors served Detroit-area residents from 1963 to 2003.

"I started working for my dad when I was 13 years old. He gave me the opportunity to learn the furniture industry from the inside out, from mass manufacturing to custom work," Ray said.

Morrissey worked as a custom upholstery seamstress at Ray Interiors and continues that work today, as well as planning the fabric pattern and layout for each piece of furniture

'We live in a disposable society and that includes furniture. If you truly want furniture that endures, you've got to look for pieces with a sound structure," Ray said. "That includes hardwood frame and steel spring system. Fabric can always be changed and cushion fill replaced. Through reupholstery, a quality piece of furniture can last for generations. That's why we do what we do."





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Novi spikers stave off Northville

KLAA Central Division champions get tested in four sets

By Brad Emons Staff Writer

KLAA Central Division volleyball champion Novi got severely tested Oct. 9, courtesy of rival Northville.

But the state-ranked Wildcats were able to hold off a stiff challenge by the upstart Mustangs to secure a 22-25, 25-22, 25-21, 25-21 victory to improve its overall record to 28-4-1.

"I was very proud with our ability to find our composure in this match," said Novi coach Jen Cottrill, whose team improved to 9-0 in the KLAA Central. "There is always a lot of excitement and energy when playing Northville and we came out a little rattled and did not take care of our serve and pass game."

Novi was led by junior Victoria Iacobelli, who finished with team-high 15 kills and 20 digs.

Other standouts for the Wildcats included Erin O'Leary (38 assists, eight kills), Jordan Massab (30 digs) and Olivia Bradford (seven kills, four blocks).

"After game one, I thought that our freshman setter Erin O'Leary did a great job of distributing our offense and finding a way to get senior middle blocker Olivia Bradford involved," Cottrill said. "It was a very tight game with a lot of rallies and we stayed very disciplined and won a lot of those long rallies." Emily Martin paced Northville (17-11-2, 4-5) with 19 kills and 17 digs, while Kiera Borthwick added 26 digs and 23 good passes off serve-receive.

Other standouts for the Mustangs included Katie O'Malley (13 kills), Emily Hogan (14 digs, 20 assists), Rachel Holmes (28 assists), Makenna Strunk (eight kills) and Bryce Quick (four blocks).

"Novi's defense and fastpaced efficient offense is very impressive," Northville coach Amanda Yaklin said. "It was a bummer to not win the match, especially after taking the first set, but our young team gained priceless, high-level experience. I'm proud of the

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Novi's Victoria Iacobelli (middle) tries to hit through the Northville middle block, which includes Olivia Boisineau (17).



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Novi's Emanuel Jackson is swallowed up by a tide of Northville tacklers, including Chase Cosey (90), Matt Komorous (71), and Lee Moore (42), during Friday's Baseline Jug battle.

Jug-gernaut: Mustangs take down Novi, 45-14

Schnepp, Zimbo spur big 2nd-half Northville surge

By Brad Emons Staff Writer

All the pieces fell into place Friday night for the Northville football team.

The Mustangs didn't have a chance to win the KLAA Central Division, but they made sure rival Novi didn't get a piece of the title with a dominating second-half display en route to a 45-14 vic-

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The final statistics bore things out as Northville improved to 5-2 overall and 3-2 in the Central, while stopping Novi's three-game winning streak. South Lyon and Livonia Stevenson share the crown at 4-1.

"We played really well tonight," said Northville coach Matt Ladach, whose team outgained the Wildcats in total yardage, 449-181. "The players were really dialed in. We gave our best effort, without a doubt." Also at stake was the coveted Baseline Jug, which Northville retained for the sixth straight year.

"This rivalry brings out the best in both teams and I just feel real proud that our players were able to come out on top and play the way that we did," Ladach said.

Northville junior quarterback Justin Zimo ran for 160 yards on 19 carries and scored on touchdown runs of 43 and 34 yards. He was also

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JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Northville's Ryan Roberts (right) and Novi's Joey Haddad wage a battle at the line of scrimmage during Friday's Baseline Jug game.

Novi netters rule regional; Johnston tops Wang

By Brad Emons Staff Writer

Novi has won every boys tennis tournament on its schedule this season.

The only thing left is the coveted MHSAA Division 1 state championship, which gets underway Friday at the Midland Community Center.

Last Friday, the Wildcats repeated as regional champions by capturing six of eight flights while scoring 30 out of a possible 32 points.

"It was a battle out there," Novi coach Jim Hanson said. "We played well and hopefully we can continue it into the weekend. That's the goal."

Novi will be joined in Midland by fellow KLAA Central Division member Northville, which scored 24 to finish runner-up in the regional. Novi Detroit Catholic Central and Walled Lake Northern finished third and fourth with 16 and 14, respectively.

Northville will be led

by regional singles champion Connor Johnston, who upended defending Division 1 state champion Tim Wang in straight sets, 6-2, 6-4, in a rematch of last year's No. 1 flight final.

Wang, a senior headed to Columbia University, won three of four meetings between the two state finalists a year ago, but Johnston, a junior, has the upper hand so far this season, 2-1.

"Tim made a number of



Johnston

Connor puts pressure on you," Hanson said. "He'll extend the points. Tim went for

forehand errors, but

some winners, but even though he lost the first set, he was still in the match and actually he was up 4-3 (second set), if I was not mistaken.

"Those matches are fun to watch. You've got two kids that know each other's game backwards and forwards. It's a hotly contested battle out there and the player that plays the best at the end is going to win and that's what happened. Connor played better than Tim on a given day."

Novi, meanwhile, swept the next three singles flights in straight sets against Northville as Koushik Kondapi defeated Oliver Daniel at No. 2 (6-1, 6-0); Alex Wen bested Andrew Schafer at No. 3 (6-0, 6-1); and Andre Liu downed Stephen Freeman at No. 4 (6-1, 6-0).

In doubles, the Wildcats reached the finals in all four flights, with Maxx Anderson and Daniel Yu (No. 1), Ryan Fernandes and Aakash Ray (No. 2) and Robert Chen and Aditya Chitta (No. 3) all earning straight set wins in the finals.

The only hiccup came at No. 3 doubles, where Catholic Central's Andre Hijaouy and Duggan Dolowy, the third seeds, pulled off an upset 6-3, 6-2 win over Novi's Sai Gotur and Abhishek Subash, the top seeds, following a 6-2, 5-7, 6-1 semifinal win over second seeds Jonathan Bi and Evan Simoff of Northville.

After being edged out 30-29 a year ago for the state crown by Ann Arbor Huron, Novi appears to be the favorite heading into Friday.

"Hopefully we can get the No. 2 singles (Kondapi) as one or two (seed)," Hanson said. "At No. 3 (Wen) and 4singles (Liu) and No. 1 doubles (Anderson-Yu), we should get the one seed, I would think. No. 3 doubles (Gotur-Subash), hopefully a lower seed, a four, five or six possibly. And at No. 2 (Fernandes-Ray) and No. 4 doubles (Chen-Chitta), I would think we'd get the number one or two seed."

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LOCAL SPORTS

CC breaks long Catholic League drought

Late score by Chavez yields A-B Division title

By Brad Emons Staff Writer

The 22-year wait is over

The last time Detroit Catholic Central won a Catholic League boys soccer title was the same year Jay Leno took over as the new host of NBC's The Tonight Show and George H.W. Bush was in the midst of a presidential re-election campaign against Bill Clinton.

It was 1992 and CC was still located in Redford, not Novi.

'We knew it was 22 vears," said CC coach Gene Pulice, whose team rallied from a goal down Oct. 8 during the final 11 minutes to beat Warren DeLaSalle for the A-B Division title, 3-2.

Junior forward Anthony Chavez headed home the game-winning shot into a wide-open DeLa-Salle net with only 3:31 left on a play to give the Shamrocks the victory in a match played at Pontiac Notre Dame Prep.

Austin Smith started the play when he gained possession of the ball on

the sideline and directed a pass near the top of the 18-yard box. That's where Pilots goalkeeper Jacob Townsley, along with one of his defenders, and CC's Paul Wiedmaier, collided simultaneously

The ball somehow squirted over to a wideopen Chavez, who let the ball bounce once before making no mistake by tapping it lightly home with his forehead.

"Paul (Wiedmaier) did most of the work, got it at the 18 and just went up for the ball," Chavez said sheepishly afterward. "I thought, 'Just put the ball in the net.

With the win, Catholic Central ends the regular season at 13-4-4 overall.

"We persevered, we came back, the guys really fought hard," Pulice said. "We had a couple guys who went down and I got a chance to talk to some guys that were going in. I gave them some words of wisdom to spread throughout the team. They carried out their instructions very well. Our guys that were on the field received them very well. And we came out on top.

Wiedmaier opened the scoring just 1:04 into the match, on a perfectly time header off a corner kick from Noah Kleedtke, to



Catholic Central players celebrate their first Catholic League soccer title since 1992.

put CC ahead 1-0.

But DeLaSalle tied it just 2:51 left in the half on Aleks Vuhaj's penalty kick following a foul in the box that was guestioned by the CC coach.

"He (the official) said we went over the back, so he gave them a PK for that," Pulice said. "He did give the motion to play on, which if it's a clear PK, there is no motion to play on. There's no play on it if you're going to give him a PK. And then because it didn't work out, he gave them a PK. That is not right. If he's going to give him a PK, you blow the

whistle extremely hard right then, it's a PK, no questions asked. So I did go off the deep end. I got a yellow (card). You've got to get what you can take sometimes, then I shut my mouth after.'

DeLaSalle's Vince Manzo broke the 1-1 stalemate when he fired a shot top shelf over CC goalkeeper Peter Kirouac after gaining possession of a loose ball inside the 18-vard box

Then with only 15:20 left, a DeLaSalle forward was whistled for an obvious handball in the box.

Kleedtke was called upon to take the PK, but his shot directed just inside the left post was stopped by a sprawling Townsley.

but Chavez's goal gave the Shamrocks the lead for keeps and the coveted title.

"It means a lot to us," the junior said. "It's a good win for the soccer program and hopefully we'll keep moving into the playoffs and make a run.'

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appeared primed for trip

into a 20-minute overtime

and possibly a shootout,

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into the upper left to make it a 2-2 deadlock.

Meanwhile, DeLaSalle coach Reid Friedrichs watched the game turn before his very eyes late in the second half. 'They just started

throwing balls forward, serving big, long balls and we couldn't handle it,' said Friedrichs, whose team dropped to 14-3-4 overall. "We played well, made some good adjust-ments at halftime, came out and scored a goal. Had a crossbar, had a breakaway. Should have gone up 3-1 a couple of times and didn't. Then, with 10 or 15 minutes left, they just started throwing balls forward in desperation and it worked for them because they got a couple of goals off it.

Pulice, meanwhile, called the game "a bit of a roller-coaster.

'Once we got down, I knew that we had to do something early and not wait until the end." he said, "so we made a couple of changes, made some personnel changes and, the next thing you know, we started putting pressure on them.

CC hopes to use the victory as a springboard to next week's tough Division 1 district tournament that features top 10ranked teams Livonia Stevenson, Northville and host Novi.

"I know that our guys have the strength and the heart to do well," Pulice said. "There are moments that we lapse and we have to play a full 80 minutes. That's the difference between the guys at the top and guys in the middle. So if we can play a full 80 minutes, we're going all the way.'



Franklin Road routs Pontiac Academy

assist for the Warriors, who scored all eight of their goals in the first half against a nine-player Pontiac Academy squad.

Freshman Sam Lyon also had an assist, while goalkeeper Daniel Weaver posted the shutout.

NORTHVILLE 1, W.L. CENTRAL 0: Garret Weaver tallied the game-winning goal with only three minutes remaining Oct. 8 to give the state-ranked Mustangs (10-5-3) a KLAA crossover victory over visiting Walled Lake Central (9-7-1). Senior Alec Morgan's corner kick started the game-winning play and senior Grant Tyburski won the ball in the air, which mant of kond Weaver a winiscribe ventually found Weaver, a junior who headed home the game-winner. Senior goalkeeper Alec Melucci made one who are ranked No. 7 in Division 1. **NOVI 4, PINCKNEY 0:** Amissi Kajinake scored twice Oct. 8 as the host Wildcats (12-3-3) downed the Pirates (10-6-2) in a KLAA crossover Novi's Ignacio Brarda opened the scoring at the 10-minute mark off a great one-touch split pass from Andy Lee and the Wildcats made it 2-0 just two minutes later when Kent Maidens scored off a give-and-go from Brarda.

Just 1:30 into the second half, Kajinake knocked home a Kent Maidens rebound to make it 3-0. Kajinake then took a Maidens through ball and rocketed a shot to the near corner with 22 minutes remaining to close

out the scoring. "I think it was the best we have played all year," said Novi coach Brian O'Leary, whose team outshot Pinckney, 12-8. "Our organiza-tion, both defensively and offensively, was outstanding and our ball movement was areat."

Novi goalkeeper Sam Sheeran made five saves to earn the shutout.

PARKWAY 4, FRANKLIN ROAD 3: Quang Le's goal with only three minutes remaining Oct. 9 enabled Sterling Heights Parkway Christian to beat Novi Franklin Road Christian (11-4, 9-3) in a match between second-place teams in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference's

Red Division. The victorious Eagles (9-3 MIAC Red) got their first three goals from Ben Turner, including a rebound off his own a penalty kick to make it 1-0 before the Warriors answered right back when Micah Charlick booted the ensuing kickoff 60 yards for an unassisted score. It was 2-2 at halftime as Tanner Spires scored from Charlick. The Warriors took a 3-2 second half lead on Charlick's free kick before Parkway answered on goals by Turner and Le. Matt Lorey, who stopped Turner initially on the penalty kick, stood out in goal for the Warriors.

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Northville boys out-race rival Novi for division title

Mustangs' depth proves too much for 'Cats in dual meet By Brad Emons Staff Writer

It was no ordinary dual meet when boys cross country rivals Northville and Novi collided Oct. 7 at Cass Benton Park.

Not only did it feature two teams ranked in the top 10 in Division 1, but the KLAA Central Division title was also at stake.

Novi's Joost Plaetinck captured the 5,000-meter race in a personal best 16:04, but it was the Mustangs' depth that prevailed as they captured six of the next seven places en route to 22-37 victory and another division title.

"Northville versus Novi is always a great race," said Northville coach Chris Cronin, whose team finished 5-0 in the KLAA Central. "When I moved over and started coaching the boys in 1999, (coach) Bob Smith and the Wildcats were on an amazing run. We've had the upper hand in recent years, but we respect Novi's program and we knew they'd come ready to race today."

Northville, ranked as high as No. 2 in the state rankings, was coming off an impressive victory at the Portage Invitational.

Northville's Conor Naughton was just two seconds behind Plaetinck in 16:06, followed by teammates Jason Ferrante, third (16:20); Nick Noles, fourth (16:23); Kenny Goolsby, sixth (16:58); Ben Cracraft, seventh (17:00); and Sam Kremke, eighth (17:02).

Naughton, a junior, now moves up to third all time on the Northville leader board, while Ferrante and Noles, both seniors, rank fifth and sixth, respectively, as they ran their final races at Cass Benton.

"The key to our race was Goolsby, Cracraft and Kremke, who finished sixth through eighth and locked down the race for us," Cronin said. "Cracraft and Kremke kept a charging Wildcat pack at arms length, while Goolsby came from behind in the last mile to move ahead of four Novi runners. I gave Goolsby the nickname 'Jet' because his kick is so explosive. He literally takes off



Just two seconds separated Northville's Conor Naughton (left), who was runner-up, and Novi's Joost Plaetinck, who took first.

early in the race," Novi coach Robert Smith said. "It almost worked for us. At the one-mile mark, the meet was just about even and we were still right there with just a little more than a mile to go. It was really exciting to watch. Northville had to really dig down to beat us. In my opinion, this loss will give us confidence. We gave them quite a race."

The Wildcats got a fifth from Nathan Hall (16:45); a 10th from Scott MacPherson (17:02); and an 11th from John Landy (17:03). Rounding out Novi's contingent was Sahisnu Malapati (12th, 17:08) and Adam Ditri (13th, 17:15).

"I was very proud of the way our guys tried to match up with the Northville runners," Smith said. "I thought we did an outstanding job of sticking to our race plan. We knew it was going to be a hard-fought battle. The meet was actually quite close.

"The Novi-Northville cross country rivalry is something we look forward to all year, every year. Both teams seem to rise to the occasion. It is always friendly, yet fiercely competitive. There is nothing but mutual respect for each other." gave it our best shot, but we just could not hang with them. Chris Cronin is a great coach and he has his guys primed for a strong finish to the season."

Cronin was pleased with the way his team responded when the race got tight.

"In a dual meet, it's all about positioning," he said. "I knew our big three would run well. I have to give credit to Novi's Plaetinck. He simply out-ran us today. Hats off to that young man for an impressive win."

Shamrocks repeat

On Saturday, Novi Detroit Catholic Central scored 26 points to capture the Sturgis Invitational for the eighth straight year and the 21st time since going to the meet in 1980.

The Shamrocks were followed by the host Trojans (49), Coldwater (68), Battle Creek Harper Creek (95), Niles (146) and Three Rivers (164).

Scott Smith led CC by placing third in 16:26, followed by Bailey Hobson, fourth (16:34); Avery Felty, fifth (16:44); Mark Borek, sixth (16:44); and Ben Racine, eighth (16:58).

Novi spikers bump off second-ranked Bedford

By Brad Emons Staff Writer

The Novi volleyball team raised some eyebrows Saturday by sweeping all five matches, including a 24-26, 25-18, 15-11 victory over No. 2-ranked Temperance Bedford in the finals, to win the Saline Invitational championship.

The Wildcats, who improved to 33-4-1 overall, have now moved up to No. 4 in the latest Class A rankings by the Michigan Interscholastic Volleyball Coaches Association.

"Bedford is probably the most respected volleyball program in the state and it meant a lot for our team and program to beat a team of that caliber," Novi coach Jen Cottrill said.

Novi reached the final

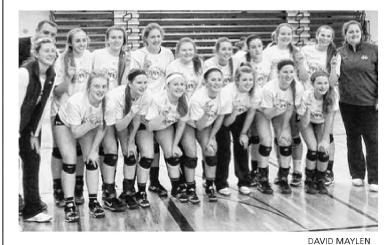
with a 27-25, 26-24 win over the host Hornets after defeating Brighton (25-23, 25-14), Flat Rock (25-13, 25-10) and Wixom St. Catherine of Siena (25-9, 25-12).

Erin O'Leary, a freshman setter, finished the day with a total of 107 assist-to-kills, 11 kills, 14 aces serves and 17 digs.

Junior outside hitter Victoria Iacobelli chipped in with 44 kills and 26 digs, while senior middle blocker Olivia Bradford added 23 kills and 12 blocks.

"I thought that our blocking and defense was the best that it has been the entire season and Erin O'Leary did a fantastic job of getting our attackers one-on-one opportunities to score," Cottrill said.

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The Novi volleyball team upended Temperance Bedford to win the Saline Invitational title Saturday.

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attitude and effort my team put forth to make a solid showing.

"The number of unforced errors came down and all of our stats improved across the board from the first time we played them in the division. That is a move in the right direction."

Both teams came together to raise money to help the fight against breast cancer and were able to raise \$808 with T-shirt sales, gate money and a raffle for baskets donated by both schools. They gym was filled with the support of the drum line and a pink out by spectators. "It was a high-intensity match in a fantastic environment," Yaklin said. "Both teams got up for the game; long exciting volley after volley."

continuing to work hard to check those off as well." The loss dropped Stevenson to 1-7 in the Central.

Mustangs seniors win

On Oct. 7, Northville celebrated a successful Senior Night with a 25-13, 25-16, 23-25, 25-7 Central Division victory over visiting South Lyon East.

The Mustangs, who improved to 17-10-2 overall and 4-4 in the division, honored seniors Makenna Strunk (12 kills, six digs), Emily Hogan (20 assists, three aces), Liz Hansell (eight aces, six blocks) and Olivia Boisneau (two kills).

Emily Martin led the Northville attack with 13 kills, while Emily Bowers added four blocks. Setter

and you cannot out-run a jet."

Novi, which placed third at Oakland County, has captured six of eight meets this season and has been ranked as high as fifth in Division 1.

"Our plan was to not let Northville get away from us Novi finished 4-1 in the KLAA Central.

"Northville is a very, very good team," Smith said. "We Brendan Canavan (11th, 17:09) and Alex McLaren (15th, 17:28) rounded out the Shamrocks' top seven.

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Novi clinches title

On Oct. 7, the Wildcats (24-4-1, 8-0) became undisputed champion of the KLAA Central Division for the fifth time in six years following a 25-20, 25-12, 25-17 win at Livonia Stevenson.

Victoria Iacobelli led Novi with 13 kills and 15 digs, while Jordan Massab added 20 digs and four aces. Erin O'Leary contributed 26 assists and five kills.

"It was certainly rewarding to clinch the KLAA Central Division with two games remaining on our schedule," Cottrill said. "It is a very competitive division with a lot of talented teams. It was one of our team goals and it is nice to be able to check it off as completed. It is a great confidence builder, yet we still have many goals we would like to achieve and are Rachel Holmes added 13 assists.

Kiera Borthwick was 23of-24 on serve-receive. She had six digs, along with Marcy Hein.

"All four seniors had a solid game and the entire team battled to make it a memorable night," Yaklin said.

On Oct. 2, host Salem beat the Mustangs in a KLAA Central match, 25-19, 24-26, 23-25, 25-13, 15-13, as Strunk and Martin had 19 and 18 kills in a losing cause.

Setters Holmes and Martin finished with 22 and 20 assists, respectively.

Borthwick also had a team-best 23 digs, while Martin added 22. Strunk and Holmes each added 11 and 10, respectively.

Strunk was 22-of-23 on serve-receive, while Borthwick was 17-of-17.

"What a five-set battle," Yaklin said. "I'm proud of the team for being tough for all of the sets. Perhaps we will get to see Salem again in districts."

Lady Mustangs bring home KLAA Central Division crown

By Brad Emons Staff Writer

A one-two-three finish Oct. 7 enabled Northville to make it clean sweep of its KLAA Central Division girls cross country schedule thanks to a 17-46 dual meet win over rival Novi.

The Mustangs, last year's MHSAA Division 1 state champion, improved to 5-0 and earned its fifth consecutive Central title, paced by individual winner Cayla Eckenroth, who covered the hilly 5,000meter Cass Benton Park course in 18 minutes, 50 seconds.

Emma Herrman and Hailey Harris finished second and third with times of 19:10 and 19:24, respectively.

Herrmann is now tied for fourth on the Northville record board with Gina McNamara (now running at Michigan), while Harris ranks 10th on the Cass Benton course.

Novi's Hannah Longeran placed fourth, but Northville garnered the next four places: Taylor Gattoni (20:28), Rachel Zimmer (20:41), Katie Chevoor (20:46) and Mirai Kobayashi (20:53).

Novi's Jacalyn Schubring took ninth (20:55), while Northville's Helena Bryans was 10th (21:01).

"The girls ran an awesome meet today against hometown rival Novi," Northville coach Nancy Smith said. "They basically were running against themselves and the record board to take the win. Each of



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Northville's Hailey Harris placed third against rival Novi at Cass Benton Park.

them ran with guts and determination today and I'm so proud of them."

Other Novi finishers included Jessica Lypka, 11th (21:08); Yash Patil, 14th (21:55); Shailey Fozdar, 19th (22:09); Kacy Shaheen, 22nd (22:26); and Addison Lentz, 23rd (22:36).

The Wildcats competed without No. 3 runner Hadley Peterson and No. 5 runner Heather Blair. "Overall as a team, I felt that the meet went well," Novi coach Marsha Reid said. "Missing these two girls gave our young athletes a chance to step up and step into a varsity role. It also continues to challenge the sometime pecking order of what takes place in a meet. The girls were able to move up and some had all-time PRs. Northville continues to be a tough foe and is running really well during some difficult times for them."

Lonergan sets PR

On Friday, Lonergan set a personal best of 18:48.6 to win the Ann Arbor River Rat Invitational held at Willow Metropark in New Boston.

Saline paced the 15-school field with 26 points, while Novi was runner-up with 92 and Milford third with 107.

Other Novi scorers were Lypka, 18th (20:29.8); Fozdar, 27th (20:53.2); Shaheen, 34th (21:06.0); and Patil, 39th (21:09.4).

Blair (40th, 21:10.2) and Lentz (52nd, 21:32.0) rounded out the Wildcats' top seven.

"Hannah Lonergan set the tone of the meet for the girls and the rest of our varsity stepped up to the plate and all ran PRs," Reid said. "It gave us some much-needed confidence going into the conference and regional meet. We relied on all sophomores and freshmen to carry us and it paid off well."

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THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL Friday, Oct. 17 Plymouth at Northville, 7 p.m. John Glenn at Novi, 7 p.m. Sunclay, Oct. 19 DeLaSalle at Detroit CC, 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24 Howell at Novi, 7 p.m. Northville at Grand Blanc, 7 p.m. BOYS SOCCER DISTRICT TOURNEY DRAWS DIVISION 1 NOVI H.S. (Meadows Stadium) Thursday Oct. 16: Walled Lake Central-North Farmington winner, 5 p.m.; Northville Vest Bloomfield winner, 5 p.m.; Northville West Bloomfield winner, 5 p.m.; Northville Vest Bloomfield winner, 5 p.m.; Northville Autor 20 South Stadium) Thursday, Oct. 18: Championship final, noon (Winner advances to the regional semifinals 5 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 21 at Westland John Glenn vs. Temperance Bedford district champion.) VOLLEYBALL Thursday, Oct. 18 Northville at Beast of East Inv., 8 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 21 St. Catherine at Franklin Road, 6 p.m. KLAA crossover at Novile, 6:30 p.m. KLAA crossover at Novile, 6:30 p.m. KLAA crossover at Novile, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23 Roeper at franklin Road, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25 KLAA Tournament, TBA. CROSS COUNTRY Thursday, Oct. 16 Kensington Conference Meet at Huron Meadows Metropark, 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 17 MIAC Meet at 0ak. Christian, 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17 Catholic League Championships at Kensington Metropark, 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 25 Division 1-4 Regional meets at Willow Metropark, 8 a.m. GIRLS SWIMMING Thursday, Oct. 26 Novi at Stevenson, 6 p.m. Salem at Northville, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 21 Birm. Groves at Novi, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 23 Novi at S Lyon East, 6 p.m. Stevenson at Northville, 6:30 p.m. BOYS TENNIS Friday-Saturday, Oct. 17-18 (MHSAA Championships) Division 1 at Bedford Valley, 10 a.m. GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY Friday, Oct. 17 Novi at Birm. Marian, 4:15 p.m. TBA – time to be announced.

Novi girls place runners-up at regional golf tournament

By Brad Emons Staff Writer

Looking for a darkhorse at the MHSAA Division 1 girls golf state finals?

Look no further than Novi, which posted a solid round of 344 to finish runner-up Oct. 9 in the regional tournament at Dunham Hills.

The Wildcats will be joined Friday and Saturday in Battle Creek by regional champion Farmington Hills Mercy, which carded a fourplayer total of 335, and third-place finisher Northville, which shot 356

It will be Novi's fourth trip to the state finals since 2009. The two-day tourney, which features 15 teams vying for the title, starts Friday at Bedford Valley Golf Course.

"I think it's possible that if everyone has a good day, that we can challenge to win that," Novi coach Deb Harris said. "Dearborn's going to be there and we've beaten them before. We've beaten Mercy before. There's a lot of good teams and if we can just put our best round together, we can do it. Our best finish at states is ninth and I feel confident we can do better than that. I think we can win this.

Novi's top four region-



LOCAL SPORTS

The Novi girls golf team is headed to the Division 1 finals after finishing second at the regional.

al finishers included senior Katelyn Henry, fifth (83); sophomore Alexa Hatz, seventh (84); senior Madison Kroetsch, ninth (86); and freshman Abigail Livingston, 16th (91). Junior Maya Grandstaff added a 93 to finish 21st.

"Katelyn's just been steady all year, she's broken school record after school record with her team and individually," Harris said. "She's just doing a phenomenal job.

'Madison also has done a great job. She's averaging 86 with her 18-hole average. She's been just a great leader. The team is really going to miss both of them. They are very, very good."

Another senior, Claire

Kalina, was a regional alternate.

"Claire has just been pushing and pushing to make these kids better," Harris said. "She is right there within a half-a-point of their averages. She's been playing very well after coming off some illness. She's been there to make the other kids better. They knew she was pushing to get back to the top. We're going to lose a lot with those three (seniors).²

Brighton's Jennica Long was the only player to break 80 on the challenging Dunham Hills course as she garnered individual medalist honors with a 79.

"It was tough, as it always is," Harris said of the regional course. "It was in great shape considering it's fall and leaves are falling. I thought it was a very good venue to make sure the teams came out versus a course that's wide open where an average team could have a good day and maybe knock a good team out. I really liked it; I like Dunham Hills. I thought it was very good course."

Although unable to defend their regional title, the Wildcats accomplished their main goal.

"I told a couple coaches prior to it being over that I thought it would take 345 or better to qualify and we shot 344,' Harris said.

Wildcats, Wang bring their KLAA 'A' game

By Brad Emons Staff Writer

Novi proved once again that it's the cream of the crop when it comes to boys tennis in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association.

The Wildcats, last year's Division 1 state runner-up and favorite to win it all this year, captured eight of nine flights Oct. 7 to win the 12-team 'A' tournament, which featured the first-, secondand third-place teams from each of the KLAA's four divisions.

Wand Novi, which has captured all four 'Â' tournament titles since the KLAA adopted the format in 2011, scored a team-high 35 points.

Northville, which blocked the Novi domination with a win at No. 2 doubles, was runner-up with 24. Grand Blanc (18), Walled Lake Northern (13) and Plymouth (12) rounded out the top five.

"As a team I thought that was one of our best showings of the year, so hopefully we'll continue to play like and even a touch better," Novi coach Jim Hanson said.

The Wildcats swept all four singles titles, led by defending Division 1 state champion Tim Wang, a senior who avenged a dual-meet defeat last month to Northville junior Connor Johnston, 6-1, 3-6, 6-2.

Novi's other three singles players – Koushik Kondapi (No. 2), Alex Wen (No. 3) and Andrie Liu (No. 4) – all captured their flights handily in straight sets.

Wang, meanwhile, rolled through the first set against his nemesis Johnston, who was the No. 1 singles state run-

DIVISION 1-REGION 4 BOYS TENNIS TOURNEY Oct. 10 at Novi M.S. TEAM STANDINGS (top 2 qualify for state finals): 1. Novi, 30 points; 2. Northville, 24; 3. Novi Detroit Catholic Central, 16; 4. Walled Lake Northern 16; 5. Walled Walled Lake Northern, 16; 5. Walled Lake Central, 4; 6. Brighton, 3; 7. (tie) Howell and White Lake Lakeland, 2 ner-up a year ago. And just like their last meeting, Johnston came back to win the second set to even the match going into the third.

"I knew (Johnston) played a lot better in the second set than he did in the first, so I just wanted to trust my competitive nature and trust that my will win would take me through the third set,' said Wang, a nationally-

ranked USTA junior player headed next year to Columbia University. "I kept telling myself, 'Be patient.' I was hitting the right shots, but a lot of them didn't fall through. But I

was playing the right way, so I wasn't really too worried about that."

Wang, getting an early break of serve, was able to regroup in the third set and never let Johnston back in it before closing out the match.

"(Johnston) was hitting great shots in the second set," Wang said. "He had a rhythm going. It was all about who could dictate. It was close, came down to the wire and I happened to get the win today, so I'm happy about that.

Johnston, who also a nationally-ranked junior player, is more than a formidable opponent for Wang, to say the least.

'It's his craftiness, it's his grit that makes him tough," Wang said. "He's so quick, he can do so much with the ball from awkward positions. It's tough. He makes you stay on your toes, but you just got to be patient and that's what I did today."

"(Wang) just kept coming at me. He was more aggressive," Johnston said. "He played better than me in the third set. That's all it came down to."

KLAA ASSOCIATION 'A' BOYS TENNIS TOURNAMENT RESULTS Oct. 7 at Plymouth H.S. TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Novi, 35 points; 2. Northville, 24, 3. Grand Blanc, 18; 4. Walled Lake Northern, 13; 5. Plymouth, 12; 6. (tie) Canton and Walled Lake Western, 7 each; 8. Pinckney, 5; 9. (tie) Brighton and Livonia Stevenson, 4 each; 11. Livonia Churchill, 3: 12. Walled Lake



By Brad Emons Staff Writer

After a one-year absence, the Northville girls golf team is returning to the MHSAA Division 1 state finals

Farmington Hills Mercy carded a four-player total of 335 to win the regional title Oct. 9 at Dunham Hills Golf Course. The Marlins will be joined by second-place Novi (344) and thirdplace Northville (356) as automatic team qualifiers for the finals, which are set for Friday and Saturday at Bedford Valley Golf Course in Battle Creek.



Members of the Northville girls golf team headed to the Division 1 state finals are (from left) Jen Kowalczyk, Allison Zwarka, Katie Childers, Alyse Clevenger and Madison Berman. top five finish," Balagna said. "She just continues to do her thing and carry this team. I know how happy she was that the team made it rather than just her as an individual. It was has been such a great year for her. This is just a great way to finish her senior year.

Rounding out Northville's scoring contingent was junior Alyse Clevenger (90), sophomore Jen Kowalczyk (91) and junior Allison Zwarka (93). Senior Madison Berman contributed a 97. "Alyse and Jen came up huge today for us," Balagna said. "They both put together solid rounds. Alyse was so focused on the course, it was fun to watch. Her tempo and swing was the best I have seen in a long time for her. Jen struggled a bit on the back nine, but her front nine was great and that is what kept her in it. "Allison and Maddy have been solid all year. Last time out Allison struggled, so I know she really wanted to play well today. Maddy keeps working hard. She had a rough front side, but battled back for a very respectable score."

Northville, under firstyear coach Jeff Balagna, cleared fourth-place Brighton (371) by a comfortable 15 strokes for the final qualifying spot.

"I knew going into the tournament we had a chance," Balagna said. "I didn't think we could compete with the likes of

Mercy and Novi. Those two teams are very good, but I thought we had a real good shot to finish third. We played really solid all day. I can't say enough about these girls and how focused they stayed all day on the course. We came in with an average of 354 and we fired 356 today, so it just shows you how they played their game and stayed within themselves."

As she has done all season, Katie Childers, who was an individual state qualifier as a junior, led the Mustangs with an 82. The senior fied for second place with Mercy's Erica Heath and Julia Shaw, while Brighton's Jennica Long took individual medalist honors with a 79.

"What can I say about Katie Childers? Another

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION **ORDINANCE NO. 14-100.43**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE NOVI CITY COUNCIL HAS ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 14-100.43 TO AMEND THE CITY OF NOVI CODE OF ORDINANCES, AT CHAPTER 28, "SIGNS," SECTION 28-7, "ALLOWED IN ALL DISTRICTS," SUBSECTION (a)(11), IN ORDER TO REVISE REGULATIONS RELATING TO TEMPORARY SIGNS INSTALLED IN WINDOW AREAS.

The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, October 6, 2014 and the provisions of the ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its adoption. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., prevailing local time

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CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION **ORDINANCE NO. 14-182**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE NOVI CITY COUNCIL HAS ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 14-182 TO AMEND THE CITY OF NOVI CODE OF ORDINANCES, AT CHAPTER 21, "NUISANCES," ARTICLE II, "RELATED TO PROPERTY," IN ORDER TO ADD A NEW DIVISION 12,"OBSTRUCTIONS IN PUBLIC WAYS."

The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, October 6, 2014 and the provisions of the ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its adoption. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., prevailing local time.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING **CITY OF NORTHVILLE**

The City of Northville Planning Commission has prepared draft text amendments to add new regulations to the Zoning Ordinance. The following text amendments are proposed regarding the placement of air conditioner condensers and permanently mounted electrical generators:

Section 18.24 Air Conditioning Condensers and Emerging Electrical Generators

The proposed text amendments will be considered at a public hearing conducted by the Planning Commission on November 4, 2014 at 7:30 pm at the City of Northville Municipal Building - Lower Level Meeting Room, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-449-9902. The purpose of the hearing will be to receive public input on these proposed changes. The complete text of the draft amendments can be reviewed at the City Hall during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Written comments will also be received at the above address.

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This will be the 13th trip to the state finals for Northville since 2000.

"I'm overjoyed for the girls," Balagna said. "These five girls, along with Elizabeth McGowan, have worked so hard all season and they deserve this reward. This is a very special group of young ladies.

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(WLW, 00, CC), 6-1, 6-1.
No. 1 doubles: Maxx Anderson-Daniel Yu (Novi) def. Janak Mukerji-Jason Wang (N'ville), 6-4, 6-0; semifinals: Anderson-Yu def. Zach Wurtz-Ethan Curtis (Brighton), 6-0, 6-0; Mukerji-Wang def. Hussian Ali-Justin Pawloski (WLN), 6-2, 6-2.
No. 2 doubles: Ryan Fernandes-Aakash Ray (Novi) def. Nick Chatas-Umais Rao (N'ville), 6-4, 6-4; semifinals: Fernandes-Ray def. Tyler Fueling-Jordan Kilgren (WLN), 6-1, 6-1; Chatas-Rao def. Andirus

Fueling-Jordan Kilgren (WLN), 6-1, 6-1; Chatas-Rao def. Andirus Gobis-Ryan Conway (CC), 6-2, 6-3. **No. 3:** Andre Hijaouy-Duggan Dolowy (CC) def. Sai Gotur-Abhishek Subash (Novi), 6-3, 6-2; Hijaouy-Dolowy def. Jonthan Bi-Evan Simoff (N'ville), 6-2, 5-7, 6-1; Gotur-Subash def. Issac Savag-Brandt Williams (WLN), 6-0, 6-1. **No. 4:** Robert Chen-Aditya Chitta (Novi) def Yannis Bi-Victor Lee

(Novi) def. Yannis Bi-Victor Lee (N'ville), 6-1, 6-3; semifinals: Chen-Chitta def. Owen Babington-Evan McDonald (WLN), 6-1, 6-0; Bi-Lee def. Ryan Burke-Tommy Dooley (CC), 6-4, 7-5.

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Hunter Li (GB), 6-2, 6-1; semifinals: Kondapi def. Matt Decker (Ply.), 6-0, 6-1; Li def. Oliver Daniel (N'ville), 6-1, 6-2. def. Oliver Daniel (N'ville), 6-1, 6-2. No. 3: Alex Wen (Novi) def. Andrew Schafer (N'ville), 6-2, 6-1; semifinals: Wen def. Charlie Hou (Ply.), 6-0, 6-2; Daniel def. Adam Burau (GB), 1-6, 7-6 (7-3), 6-3. No. 4: Andrie Liu (Novi) def. Ben Walters (GB), 6-2, 6-4; semifinals: Liu def. Athul Rao (Canton), 6-1, 6-1; Walters def. Deven Patel (Ply.), 6-2, 6-4. No. 1 doubles: Maxx Anderson-Daniel Yu (Novi) def Ison Wange-Ianak

Daniel Yu (Novi) def. Jason Wang-Janak Mukherji (N'ville), 6-0, 6-1; semifinals: Anderson-Yu def. Hussian Ali-Justin

Paguloski (WLN), 6-1, 6-2; Wang-Mukherji def. Sam Lall-Trevor Shick (GB), 5-7, 7-5,

No. 2: Nick Chatas-Umais Rao (N'ville) No. 2: Nick Chatas-Umais Rao (N'ville def. Ryan Fernandes-Aakash Ray (Novi), 6-4, 4-6, 6-4; semifinals: Chatas-Rao def. (GB), 2-6, (7-6 (7-3), 6-2; Fernandes-Ray def. Jordan Kilgren-Tyler Fueling (WLN), 6-0, 6-1.

6-0, 6-1. **NO. 3:** Sai Gotur-Abhishek Subash (Novi) def. Evan Simoff-Jonathan Bi (V'ville), 6-2, 6-2; semifinals: Gotur-Subash def. Brett Peterman-Alex McKenzie (GB), 6-2, 6-2; Simoff-Bi def. Isaac Savage-Bradt Williams (WLN), 6-0, 6-0. **NO. 4:** Robert Chen-Aditya Chitta (Novi) def. Victor Lee-Yannis Bi (N'ville), 6-2, 6-2; semifinals: Chen-Chitta def. Evan McDon-ald-Queen Babington (WLN), 6-1, 6-0:

ald-Owen Babington (WLN), 6-1, 6-0; Lee-Bi def. Davi Sadavisan-Josh Messing

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No. 5: Anurag Koduri-Vamsi Nimma-gadda (Novi) def. Hoon Oh-Robert Hong (N'ville), 6-2, 6-3; semifinals: Koduri-Nimmagadda def. Kalen Patel-Sam Adams (WLN), 6-1, 6-2; Oh-Hong def. Adam Sorbacki-Jani Hadaraali (Plv.) 6-3, 6-1 Sochacki-Ani Hadagali (Ply.), 6-3, 6-1

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION **ORDINANCE NO. 18.270**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE NOVI CITY COUNCIL HAS ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 18.270 TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 97-18 AS AMENDED, THE CITY OF NOVI ZONING ORDINANCE, AMENDING SECTION 1905 OF THE I-1. LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT AND SECTION 2303A OF THE OST, PLANNED OFFICE SERVICE TECHNOLOGY DISTRICT TO PERMIT AND REGULATE ABOVE GROUND STORAGE TANKS.

The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, October 6, 2014 and the provisions of the ordinance shall become effective seven (7) days after its publication. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, $4517 ilde{5}$ W. Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., prevailing local time.

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Maryanne Cornelius, City Clerk

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION **ORDINANCE NO. 14-104.09**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE NOVI CITY COUNCIL HAS ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 14-104.09 TO AMEND THE CITY OF NOVI CODE OF ORDINANCES, AT CHAPTER 21, "NUISANCES," ARTICLE II, "RELATED TO PROPERTY," DIVISION 1, "LOT CLEARING," IN ORDER TO REVISE THE ADMINISTRATIVE FEE FOR GRASS/WEED MOWING BY THE CITY ON PRIVATE PROPERTY AND CLARIFY THE PROPERTIES TO WHICH THE REQUIREMENTS ARE APPLICABLE.

The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, October 6, 2014 and the provisions of the ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its adoption. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., prevailing local time

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St. Mary's deals Shamrocks fourth loss

By Brad Emons Staff Writer

Earning a trip to the postseason just became a little harder for Novi Detroit Catholic Central's football team.

The Shamrocks could muster only 209 yards total offense Saturday night in a 21-11 Catholic League Central Division setback against host Orchard Lake St. Mary's.

With the loss, CC falls to 3-4 overall and 1-2 in the Central. The Shamrocks now need to win their final two games of the season just to be considered as an at-large to fill out the field in Division 1.

St. Mary's (6-1, 3-1) opened the scoring with a 10-play, 69-yard drive, capped by Pierce Bauer's 1-yard touchdown run. Brandon Adams converted the first of his three extra points with 7:00 left in the first quarter to make it 7-0 for the Eaglets

With 8:57 left in the

second quarter, CC's Cole Gingell booted a 27-yard field goal to cut the deficit to 7-3.

St. Mary then responded with a 15-play, 72yard TD drive as Adams scored on a 2-yard run with 1:52 left in the half to make it 14-3.

After a scoreless third quarter, St. Mary's Ross Moore intercepted a CC pass near midfield and returned it to the Shamrocks' 17. Three plays later, Justin Myrick scored on a 3-yard TD run with 8:30 to play in the game to make it 21-3.

The Shamrocks put together a seven-play, 65-yard drive, resulting in a Jarod Luomala 12-yard TD pass to Alexander Bock with only 2:02 remaining. Luomala than ran for the two-pointer to cut the deficit to 21-11.

But St. Mary's recovered the ensuing onside kick to close out the victory.

Luomala was 6-of-12 passing for 105 yards, while Nicholas Giese ran for 54 yards on eight carries. The Shamrocks had 104 on the ground and 11 first downs, while losing one fumble.

St. Mary's had 246 total yards, including 202 on the ground, with Myrick rushing for 88 on 20 attempts. Quarterback Brandon Tabone was 2-of-6 passing for 44 yards.

CC's leading tackler was senior linebacker Jordan Jenkins, who finished with four solo and 11assists. Senior defensive back Tyler Laurentius added four solo and five assists to go along with an interception in the third quarter.

Philip Schmitz was in on seven tackles, while Daniel Wick also recovered an Eaglets fumble in the fourth quarter.

The Shamrocks return to Central Division action at 1 p.m. Sunday at home in their Boys Bowl matchup against Warren DeLa-Salle (4-3, 1-2), which is also fighting for its playoff life.



Catholic Central's Tyler Laurentius (right) tries to elude St. Mary's tackler Kahlee Hamler after intercepting a pass.

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4-of-10 passing for 42 yards, including a 27yard TD strike to Jack Meacham with 3:30 left in the third quarter to make it 24-7.

Not to be outdone was senior running back P.J. Schnepp, who turned in his best outing of the season, rushing for a game-high 173 yards and three TDs.

"This is the biggest game of the year by far, the biggest game that we're guaranteed,' Schnepp said. "It's Novi, rivalry game, homecoming, Baseline Jug, keep that jug, huge game."

The 5-foot-11, 185pound Schnepp let his movers and shakers, the Mustangs' massive offensive line, do all the dirty work.

"I think I just really trusted the line up front," Schnepp said. "And they played a great game. They got a great push off fired up. They came ready to play and that's what they did. We just executed and got back to the basics, just having fun and playing our game.' The first half was a defensive stalemate for the most part, but Northville was able to put to-

gether a nine-play, 68yard TD drive culminating in Schnepp going airborne from the 1 with 8:59 left in the second quarter to make it 7-0 following Jake Moody's PAT.

The Mustangs, who held Novi to four first downs in the opening half, got the ball back on their own 14 and ran 18 plays to go along with five first downs to set up another score just before halftime.

Despite being out of timeouts after Novi's Ian Patterson sacked Zimbo for an 11-yard loss with under a minute left, Northville was able to rush its kicking unit onto the field as Moody hurried in and booted a 37yard field goal as time expired to make it 10-0 at intermission.

"It was huge," Ladach said. "When we got into that second-and-long situation, coach (Joe) Rohrhoff and I said, 'Let's just get two run plays in a row, let our field goal team come on and kick The timing and thing was perfect and the execution was perfect." After scoring 50 points in last week's win over previously unbeaten South Lyon, the Wildcats had just 98 yards total offense at the half to Northville's 155.

running back Matt Sabo left the game during the first half with an injury.

'That kind of complexes things," Novi coach Jeff Burnside said. "Matt got a pretty good pop on the hip. It limits everything the heck you can do. He's got a lot of speed. He should be OK, but he has a real bad hip pointer. We'll see from there.'

On the second play of the second half, Novi's Tyler Cehelnik jarred the ball loose from Zimbo and Patterson recovered at the Northville 30.

Six plays later, junior Emanuel Jackson scored on a 1-yard TD to cut the deficit to 10-7 with 9:24 left in the third.

But it was all Northville from that point as Mustangs went up 24-7 after three quarters thanks to Schnepp's 3yard TD run, followed by Zimbo's 27-yard TD toss to Meacham.

The Mustangs scored again on the first play of the fourth quarter, a Zimbo 43-yard keeper, before n answer 2-yard TD run with 10:25 to go to make it 31-14. Northville, however, scored two more TDs in the final four minutes on a Schnepp 6-yard run, followed by a Zimbo 34-yard quarterback draw with only 1:07 left – to seal the win. "They kept us close,"

Burnside said of his defense. "It's 10-0 at half. We got it to 10-7, but that big (Northville) offensive line kind of wore on us finally. We asked way too much out of our defense tonight. With the offense, we had to go perform and we just struggled tonight. We put way too much pressure on the defense and eventually got worn out."

Northville had 22 first downs, 21 by rushing, to Novi's total of eight first downs. "I don't know how

many third downs they had there, but they kept getting third-and-shorts, barely make it, then do it again," Burnside said. "They'd take three or four plays and get 10 yards.'

With Sabo out, Burnside had to rely solely on the efforts of Jackson, who was limited to a quiet 80 yards rushing on 16 attempts and only 149 all-purpose yards. The previous week against first-place South Lyon, Jackson ran wild for 240 on the ground and wound up with 410 all-purpose yards.

"We had to try to another one of our other tailbacks in," Burnside said. "It kind of takes us out of it a little bit. We struggled obviously. We got Emanuel going a little bit later, but it was a little too late by that point."

Jack Ernst led Northville's stellar defense with six tackles, including five solo, and a late interception, which led to the Mustangs' final TD. Lee Moore added five tackles, while Kevin Bak had two tackles for loss.

Patrick Wojtylo paced Novi's defense with 18 tackles, including 13 solo, while Cehelnik added seven

Both the Wildcats (3-4, 3-2) and Mustangs will now turn their attention to hosting a Kensington Conference crossover Friday.

The Mustangs will face Plymouth, while Novi plays Westland John Glenn.

"The (KLAA) South Division is extremely tough and we're going to have our work cut out for us, so we got to get focused right away for the next game," said Ladach, whose team is one win away from a playoff berth. "I'm very confident in our young men that we will."

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Novi girls find their field hockey groove

By Brad Emons Staff Writer

It's been quite journey so far this season for the Novi girls field hockey team.

After splitting a pair of games Sept. 19-20, in Mt. Lebanon, Pa., the Wildcats have gone 5-0-2 and stand 5-0-4 in the Division 1 Michigan High School Field Hockey Association.

Pennsylvania power North Allegheny pulled away in the second half for a 5-1 victory over Novi in that road opener. The Wildcats, however, came back the next day for a 5-0 triumph over host Mt. Lebanon.

"North Allegheny is the top team in the area and consistently plays for the state title," Novi coach Kevin Kilgore said. "We were told that we gave them the best game of their season so far. We did some good things

through the midfield, but had a hard time finishing inside the offensive 25yard line. Great experience playing top competition.

"Against Mt. Lebanon, we made a few positional changes. Those changes really paid off. We played great defense, moved the ball quickly and efficiently through the midfield and finished well inside the offensive circle."

The Wildcats most recent win came Friday against Ann Arbor Huron, 3-2, as Natalie Trainor scored two goals, while Amanda Minissale added another against against the defending Varsity Division 1 champions.

"At halftime we identified stick-to-stick passing and dropping hard to defense as things we wanted to focus on in the second half," Kilgore said. "We firmed up our defense and locked them

out from scoring in the second and got a great goal by Minissale to go up 3-2. She sent a rocket from the top of the circle beating the goalie stick side. It was just beautiful." On Oct. 7, Novi won

against visiting Dexter, 3-1, as Trainor finished with a goal and assist. Julia Ghannam and Morgan Statetzny each added goals.

Just a day earlier, Novi bested visiting Grosse Pointe South, 4-1, as Annie Fisher scored twice, while Minissale contributed a goal and assist. Natalie Richardson also scored, while Willow Guenther collected two assists.

NOVI 1, PIONEER 1: On Oct. 2, the host Wildcats tied Ann Arbor Pioneer as Minissale scored the Wildcats' lone goal from Fisher

"This was one of the best games of the year," Kilgore said. "Everything seemed to be working. We had great communication, wonderful use of clean receptions and guick passes. Coming out of half time we wanted to keep the pressure on Pioneers defense."

CITY OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF ADOPTION **ORDINANCE NO. 09-15-14**

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The ordinance was introduced for first reading on September 15, 2014 and was adopted by the City Council on October 6, 2014. The ordinance shall become effective on October 17, 2014. The complete text of the ordinance is available for public inspection at the Office of the City Clerk, 215 W. Main St., Northville, Michigan, 48167, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. or on the City's website at <u>www.ci.northville.mi.us</u>.

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Realtor organization addresses mortgage credit issues

National Association of Realtors President Steve Brown delivered remarks about the ongoing obstacles to mortgage credit facing creditworthy buyers in September at the Bipartisan Policy Center's 2014 Housing Summit, Housing America's Future: New Directions for National Policy.

Brown, co-owner of Irongate Inc., Realtors in Dayton, Ohio, joined housing leaders and experts at the conference, including Julian Castro, secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Carole Galante, commissioner of the Federal Housing Administration, and current and former U.S. Sens. Kit Bond, R-Mo., Johnny Isakson, R-Ga., and Mel Martinez, R-Fla.

"Homeownership is not a Republican or Democratic talking point, it's an aspiration that all Americans share," said Brown. "I'm pleased to be a part of the BPC's summit, which is an opportunity for experts and policy makers from both sides of the aisle to come together and discuss housing policy in a bipartisan manner.'

Brown discussed impacts of the new Ability-to-Repay rules on the current lending environment and emphasized how restrictive pricing policies at the FHA and the Federal Housing Finance Agency make home-



ownership prohibitively expensive for some first-time and traditionally underserved buyers relative to prime offer rates.

FHA's high annual mortgage insurance premiums and insurance requirement for the life of the loan pose significant challenges to qualified buyers who are being priced out of FHA or the market altogether, according to the NAR.

In a letter to FHFA, Brown raised concerns about the agency's proposal to increase its guarantee fees and the upfront loan level price adjustments

charged to borrowers. The increases would disparately impact individuals with shorter credit histories and lower down payments and as a result, shut middle class Americans out of the housing market, according to the NAR

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Court rules on building nuisance issue

Q: I live in the country and my neighbor constructed an indoor horse riding arena adjacent to the boundary line which has caused increased noise, traffic, dust and odor from the building and I think it has diminished the value of my property. Do you think it constitutes a nuisance?

A: In a similar case out of Idaho, the

Supreme Court there suggested that the building's size and proximity to the boundary, in and of themselves, does not constitute a nuisance. The court reasoned that if the arena was constructed in accordance with all relevant zoning ordinances and served



Robert Meisner

a useful purpose, there was nothing wrong with it. That it was not aesthetically pleasing did not make it a nuisance. The court reasoned, however, that the cumulative effects from its operation such as increased noise, traffic, dust, and odor might constitute a nuisance supporting the remedy of its removal or the imposition of reasonable restrictions. Accordingly, your neighbor should be careful in how he uses the building

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Car Report

Fiat Is Counting On Bigger 500X To Mainstream Brand in U.S.



Now that he has introduced the Fiat 500X at the just-concluded Paris auto show, Fiat brand CEO Olivier Francois will have a huge stake in the success of one of the largest modern Fiats. And as he worked on his speech recently in

By Dale Buss

preparation for the unveiling, Francois didn't back away from the importance of the vehicle that will share underpinnings with the new Jeep Renegade and will be built on the same production line in Italy.

"The name of the game is growth," Francois told me at Fiat Chrysler U.S. headquarters in Auburn Hills, "and with this car, we grow in size and in ambition. Why? Because we want to grow in appeal of the Fiat brand — appeal to more people in the United States. We'll be going from small cars and those that are ultra-small for the U.S. market to one that potentially appeals to lots of Americans."

Indeed, it's hard to understate the importance of the 500X to Fiat in the United States, where it will debut next spring after initial launch in Europe. Fiat sales have climbed resolutely if not spectacularly in the American market since the merged company reintroduced the once-sunny Italian brand to the United States in 2011.

Sales of the new 500L somewhat have offset a slump in the basic 500 for the year to date through September. Sales of the regular Fiat 500 were up by 29 percent in September but, for the year, declined by 8 percent, to 26,616 units, Chrysler recently reported. On the other hand, while sales of the 500L were off by 40 percent during September alone, for the year they have



Fiat 500 has been the brand's workhorse, but 500X will broaden the lineup.

advanced a smart 137 percent, to nearly 9,000 units.

As Francois observed, Fiat sales of about 60,000 units a year in North America already have given it about a 60-percent share of the tiny-car market that also includes Mini, Smart and others. After a year, he said, Fiat had achieved the same U.S. sales volume as Kia required five vears to achieve and that Mini couldn't reach until its seventh year in the market. Meanwhile, he said. Fiat already "overindexes in share of mind and share of attention in the U.S. and totally over-indexes compared against its share of market, its share of advertising and share of voice."

"But it still just occupies a niche," Francois allowed. "We're doing well but we're clearly limited by the product concept and package." The Fiat 500 and 500L "are never going to be the main car of a household, but will be a second, third or fourth car in a family."

And Francois and his associates want so much more for the brand. Their goal is to transform Fiat gradually into a broader small-car brand in the United States just as it is a staple in the European market, to become a substantial and yet fun presence in that crucial segment in America while Chrysler expands into a more substantial middle-market force and Fiat Chrysler's other brands crowd their own newly refined spaces.

The 500X, a small crossover



The 500L has been selling well in 2014.

with a hatchback and offering 4×4 capabilities, is being counted on to start moving Fiat in that direction.

"The 500X is a potential main car," Francois argued. "This is finally a Fiat that can be mainstream, with the roominess and space and powerful engine that is required. We just have to do this without losing the fun and the edge of Fiat. We can't switch off the fun and sexy persona and go supermainstream or boring.

"That's the mission. We don't want Fiat to lose its edge."

Interestingly, 500X shares the same mechanical platform as the Jeep Renegade, which will be the first Jeep made in Italy and will be a global vehicle but counting significantly on the United States market. Jeep's challenge in marketing a vehicle under the iconic American brand – but made in Italy – will be about as interesting as Fiat's efforts to establish a broader footprint in the American smallcar market.

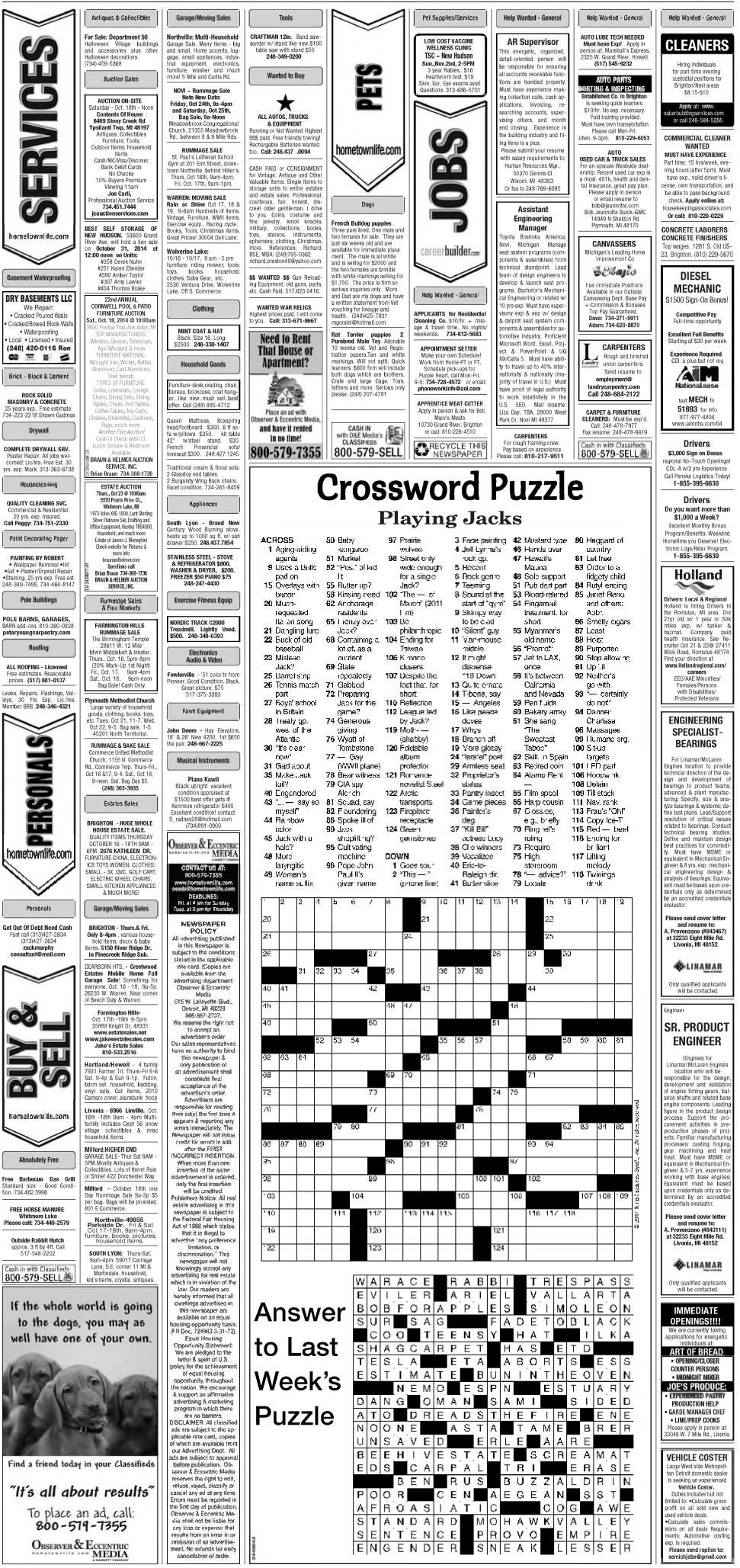
Ian Fletcher, an IHS Automotive analyst, told Automotive News that 500X is a "cute, urban vehicle with off-road capabilities," while Renegade is the "rugged" off-roader expected from Jeep. "They're almost like the male and female version of the same model, although I expect the two models to please both men and women," he said.

The strength of 500X will be its design, Fletcher told the publication, while the main attribute of Renegade will be its functionality.



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Job search errors you're probably making

By Rachel Farrell Special to CareerBuilder

Over the years, hiring managers have born witness to every hiring, interviewing, resume, cover letter and negotiation mistake there is.

You know what these blunders are. We've told you several times. Yet you (and hundreds of other job seekers) continue to make common job search mistakes.

From those who see your mistakes over and over, here are 11 common job search mistakes to avoid and some of them may surprise you.

1. You don't keep your options open

"Candidates tend to think that if they interview for a job they will get an offer, so they do not apply and interview for multiple positions," says Joanie Spain, director of public relations and career services, School of Advertising Art, a graphic design college. "They wait until one plays out completely, putting their job search on hold until knowing for sure they didn't get the offer."

"By having many more irons in the fire, you diversify the risk and disappointment that is inevitable when any single opportunity disappears," adds Roy Cohen, author of "The Wall Street Professional's Survival Guide: Success Secrets of a Career Coach."

"You also present yourself as a more passionate and energetic candidate. You're in the 'zone' a point where you're in the flow of information and ideas and that makes you more valuable."

2. You turn up your nose at job descriptions

"Entry-level candidates are reluctant to apply for a position unless the job sounds like their 'dream job' or they have all qualifications listed," Spain says. "Rather than going on an interview to get more information, they base decisions about applying on the job description alone. They fail to see that all interview experience is good experience, or that, until there is an offer on the table, there is no decision to make."

3. You haven't perfected the thank-you note

"Don't be too verbose with a thank-you note after an interview. Sending out a version of "War and Peace" can come across as desperate and needy for a job. However,

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sending a one or two sentence thank-you note comes across as flippant, not well thought-out and potentially shows indifference regarding the job to the employer," says Mike Barefoot, senior account manager at Red Zone Resources, a recruitment firm. "We encourage candidates to keep them to four to eight sentences."

4. You don't check your references

"Always give out references that you've pre-screened. We sometimes see candidates give out references that were never checked with and the references feedback isn't always kind," Barefoot says. "Also, make sure they're predominantly managers. An occasional colleague is okay, but contemporaries and friends really don't carry that much weight in helping you land a position."

5. You have a messy briefcase

"A messy briefcase can imply the person is unorganized, messy and unprepared, and that their work will be less than optimal," says Ronald Kaufman, author of "Anatomy of Success." "Someone who is neat, clean, organized and prepared in all areas conveys they're serious about getting a job and working."

6. You have a bad attitude

"Poor attitudes come through in telephone calls and in interviews. If you are not positive, why would a potential employer want to hire you?" asks Weinstock. "It may take some time, but by being positive, by doing all the right things, by seeing each position as an opportunity, it will happen."



7. You include too much work history

"Many job seekers over 40 think that they have to take their work history back to their first job out of college," says Cheryl E. Palmer, career coach and resume writer. "All that is needed is the last 10-15 years of your work history."

8. You take "no" as a final answer

"No" usually only means "no" for that position, says Bruce Hurwitz, president and CEO, Hurwitz Strategic Staffing, LTD.

"If you are rejected for a job you should send a thank-you note, thank the employer for the opportunity, and wish them well. No one does that. When the next opening comes around, he'll remember you," says Hurwitz.

9. You lack tact

"Be determined without being pushy. Calling or emailing to ask about the status of your resume or interview can be a double-edged sword," says Rod Hughes, director of communications, Oxford Communications. "A tactful follow up can place you top of mind with the hiring manager, while incessant calling or emailing can push your resume right off the table."

10. You don't search for yourself on the Internet

"Your would-be employer is probably going to look you up online, so you should know what is out there," says Amanda O'Brien, vice president of marketing, Hall Web Services. "Clean up what you can, check your privacy settings on social networks and if it is something you can't get down off the internet, you may want to consider talking to the company about it."

11. You have a 'death by bullets' resume'

"Bullets are great but they need context. Keep them to one line, focused on a result and include a figure like a fact, percentage or number," says Adriana Llames, author of "Career Sudoku: 9 Ways to Win the Job Search Game." "Or, put the information in a short summary of the position."

"Many applicants mistakenly believe they will be an appealing candidate if they explain they will accept any type of job offer at any because they have been laid off, unemployed for an extended period of time, have children in college, or are having difficulty making the mortgage payments," she says. "Even if all of those circumstances are true, candidates need to craft a different message, focusing on how they can benefit the employer by saving them money, streamlining processes, creating additional sources of revenue and bringing overall value to the company."

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