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Walled Lake district open house set for Oct. 23

All 19 of the Walled Lake Consolidated Schools will be open 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 23, for a special open house event for the community. Realtors, parents who are seeking the best educational options for their children and anyone interested in meeting and talking with Walled Lake Schools staff, students and parents, according to the district.

"We want to open our doors to our community that has supported the district for decades," Superintendent Kenneth Gutman said.

"We have amazing academics, athletics, fine and performing arts, band, orchestra and choir programs, the International Baccalaureate program, special services and so much more,"

The theme of the open house is Why Walled Lake Schools? Because We Serve Every Child, Every Day!

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Northville school officials work on emergency protocols

Maria Taylor
Correspondent

It's a situation no parent wants to think about. Maybe you've watched the news and told yourself, "That wouldn't happen here." But the fact remains that it's happened in schools across the nation, schools where nobody thought it would: an armed intruder.

This fall, Northville Public Schools are taking extra precautions to keep students safe, working with the Northville, Northville Township, and Novi police departments and the ALICE Training Institute to update school emergency protocols — specifically in regards to a violent intruder situation.

ALICE is an acronym that stands for alert, lockdown, inform, counter and evacuate. It's a set of strategies aimed at helping adults and kids proactively keep each other safe in a violent situation.

"It's research-based best

practices, and it's been adopted by a lot of other states," said Toni Koski, principal at Northville High School. "It's proven to give a better survival rate if we ever had a terrible thing happen here — an intruder causing violence."

NPS Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher said the initiative is all about training people to think on their feet.

"It's based on giving as much real-time information as possible: evacuating when you can, getting away from danger, making decisions based on where the danger is," she said.

Koski said the updated emergency procedures give staff and students more choices to react to what's going on.

First and foremost is getting out of harm's way. In the past, lock-down policies meant stu-

dents didn't have the chance to evacuate — even if the incident were all the way across the building. "If we had something happen at the gym, for example, it wouldn't make sense to have the other side of the school lockdown," Koski said. "It really gives us more tools in our toolbox, for teachers and for students."

Under the new protocol, there'll be more options for enhanced lock-down — like barricading doors to increase the likelihood of first responders getting to the scene in time. There's also an emphasis on keeping staff and students informed during the situation. Instead of staying quiet, the PA system will be turned on for announcements, so people have a chance to react in real time.

In June, NPS administrators and local law enforcement went through two intense, two-day sessions in ALICE procedures, including a lecture, hands-on training, and reacting to a sce-



Gallagher



TOM BEAUDOIN

Sushma Pandrangi helps daughter Nandini pick out books at the Northville Public Library as she prepares for the Northville Middle Schools Science Olympiad next year.

More than 100,000 straight-party votes cast in area in 2012

David Veselenak
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While the federal courts will continue to examine the issue of straight-party voting in Michigan, data from 2012 shows it's likely that many in northwest Wayne County will continue to use the method in the upcoming presidential election.

More than 103,000 ballots cast in northwest Wayne County in the 2012 presidential election were of the straight-ticket variety. The most straight-party ballots were cast in Livonia, where 24,249 ballots were cast in that election as either straight-party votes for Democrats or Republicans. Westland and Canton had 20,089 and 21,034 straight-ticket ballots cast, respectively.

On the smaller end, Plymouth Township had 7,133 straight-ticket ballots cast, Garden City saw 6,093 straight-ticket ballots cast, Wayne had 4,239 such ballots cast and the Wayne County precinct of Northville saw 425 such ballots cast.

Despite a law put in place last year banning straight-party voting, an injunction on the law was instituted by the federal court system after a lawsuit was brought forth earlier this year alleging the act of eliminating straight-party voting would hurt voters. The injunction, which was not lifted by the U.S. Court of Appeals of the Sixth Circuit or the U.S. Supreme Court, meant straight-ticket voting will be allowed for the Nov. 8 presidential election.

Livonia Clerk Susan Nash said she anticipates a similar figure of straight-ticket voting in this election now that it's allowed.

"Forty-four percent was straight-party ticket voting," she said. "I can't see why it would change. Let's go back to 2008, I'm seeing similar-type numbers."

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STUDENTS 'BUGGED' BY SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

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Balsa-wood bridges. Bugs, beetles, and biomes. Storms, sensory organs, and stars. Sound like fun topics to study on a Saturday morning in October?

For some Northville kids, the answer is a resounding yes.

With the school season back in full swing, dozens of Northville's young scientists and techies are gearing up for the 2017 season of Science Olympiad, launching dreams as they fly model planes, analyze rocks and minerals, build bridges, and blast bottle rockets in pursuit of medals: gold, silver, bronze.

Science Olympiad is an extracurricular program aimed at inspiring the next generation of scientists, health professionals, and engineers. It's a hands-on way for kids to get involved in STEM education — and have some fun while they're at it.

Ketan Tolia helps coach the Northville High



TOM BEAUDOIN

Dr. Ketan Tolia, who supports the Science Olympiad, looks forward to another exciting year for the students.

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Changes had to be made

The first round of absentee ballots is expected to go out later this week in some communities.

Westland Clerk Richard LeBlanc said he's anticipating wait times for voters at the polls to be similar to what they were in 2012. But staff has had to make many changes on the fly, as the original thought was that straight-party voting would not have been allowed in November.

After the lawsuit and subsequent injunction, he said, his staff had to make a 180-degree turn to help inform voters that they'd have that option.

"Our expectation was that we would not have the straight-party option," he said. "A lot of that stuff had become changed and now, all of a sudden, it had to be changed back."

The decision to eliminate straight-party ballots by the state Legisla-

ture included reasoning that Michigan remains one of the last states in the nation that uses it. Nine other states currently allow it.

Straight-party voting allows a voter to fill in one circle to vote for all candidates of that party on the ballot, including the presidential candidates, state Legislature candidates and down to local partisan races, such as township board of trustees.

Voters can decide to vote straight party, though they can still cast a vote for a candidate outside of that party and have it count. That's something, Canton Township Clerk Terry Bennett said, that's important for voters to know.

"But folks need to understand they can vote a straight party and they can vote individual races by exception," she said.

Northville Township Clerk Sue Hillebrand said while she sees the reasoning behind the Legislature's decision over the issue, she said voters have decided they want to keep that system through referendums.

"I've been a sup-

porter of straight ticket. It's a good system. I do understand the Legislature's interest in eliminating it. We are one of the few states that offer it," she said. "Michigan voters have overwhelmingly said they like straight-ticket voting."

Voters in Michigan have voted to keep straight-party voting twice, once in 1964 and again in 2002. The most recent law banning the practice put in place by the state is referendum-proof, as it contained a \$5 million appropriation. Laws that contain appro-

priations cannot be overturned by voters.

Nash said her work revolves around keeping voting moving forward. She's hoping this year's election will do just that.

"Our goal as a clerk is to get a voter in, to have the voting process ... all be consistent and smooth," she said. "And get people through in a timely manner."

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School team. He said the competition opens up a whole range of subjects, over and above what kids are exposed to at the middle and high school levels.

"A lot of them have gone on to college and done things there where they said they got their first experience at Science Olympiad," he said.

Teamwork key

Students compete as 15-member teams in 23 events, covering subjects like biology, chemistry, physics, earth science, computers, and building. In the human anatomy category, students might identify live specimens. For forensics, called Crime Busters, there's a "crime scene" with metal testing and maybe hair fiber analysis. Events are rotated, so kids are constantly challenged to learn new things.

"Each kid does two or three or four events," said Tolia. "They have to have skills that span all of them."

Competition season starts in March, with the top three or four teams in each region moving on to the Michigan championships, and the top two in the state going to nationals.

Northville Public Schools has made a strong showing in recent years, with Northville High School currently ranking first in the state eighth in the nation, and Hillsdale Middle School



Northville Meads Mill Middle School students Matthew Wang and Arthur Zhao look at books that will help them in their annual Science Olympiad.

fifth in the state. Meads Mill Middle School has won at the state level five times in a row and holds 2015's third-place national title.

"It's a lot of hard work," said Tolia. "It's almost like an extra subject at the high school/middle school level."

Just like the Olympics, it takes commitment.

Student views

Catherine West is an eighth-grader at Hillsdale. She's been a Science

Olympian since her days as a fifth-grader at Ridge Wood Elementary, and she's won several awards: among them, first in the state for meteorology, and 10th overall for bridge-building.

Competitions, she said, are all-day events, sometimes lasting from 7 in the morning to 6 in the evening. Then, there's the prep work. Bridge-building, for example, is all about efficiency ratio. That means lots of precision, cutting, gluing, and a whole lot of tests and experiments over the weekends leading up to tournament day.

At the competition, each team's bridge is tested with a bucket filled with sand. "You want the lightest possible bridge that can hold the most weight," explained Maureen Okasinski, Catherine's mom, who's an event coach at Hillsdale.

This year, Catherine will be competing in invasive species, food science, tower-building, and meteorology. She's not sure which category she likes best, but one thing's for certain: She's definitely planning to go into science as a career. She's passed along her love of science to her younger sister, too. Little Josette has grown up watching her study, prepare, and compete, and she'll be joining the Ridge Wood team once she reaches third grade. Josette has already picked her first topic: bugs.

Catherine and Josette were two of about 60 kids from NPS who attended a kickoff event at the Northville District Library on Saturday, Oct. 1, aimed at helping middle schoolers start their research for the upcoming year. Northville library card holders can access online resources like Gale, available online 24/7 via northville-library.org, as well as the library's print collections.

For some students, like Nandini Pandrangi, it was their first glimpse into the Science Olympiad program. Nandini is a seventh-grader from Hillsdale. She wants to be a doctor when she grows up, so she left with a stack of books on the human body.

Lokesh Gummadi, a sixth-grader from Hillsdale, headed straight for the astronomy section.

"In my elementary years, I heard about this event where you can learn about science and win medals," he said. "I really like science because I'm interested in space and astronomy." He's in his third year with Science Olympiad, and he's won his fair share of medals: second place for bottle rockets, first in the Weather or Not category, and third in Starry, Starry Night.

Like Lokesh, said Tolia, students enjoy the competitive aspect of the program — something that's not always emphasized in science as much as in, say, sports. "They love science, love to compete. We've got a core group who's really focused, really committed to competing and excelling," he said.

"I like how it's interactive, more than one school, so we can meet new people," Lokesh added. "It's fun to talk about it with friends, afterward, and reflect on what we can do better next year."

For more information on Science Olympiad, visit misciol.org.

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Oct 6, 13, 20, 27	Northville Farmers' Market	Corner of Seven Mile/ Center Streets	8am - 3pm
Oct 7	Skeletons are Alive Launch Party: music, food and fun!	Town Square	5 - 9pm
Oct 7- 8	Fall Fair Craft Show*	Community Center	9am - 8/5pm
Oct 9	Cemetery Walk*	Oakwood Cemetery	3-6pm
Oct 16	Trick or Treat Trail*	Mill Race Village	4-6pm
Oct 22	The Great Pumpkin Festival*	Maybury Farm	Noon - 5pm
Oct 29	Costume Parade	Downtown Northville	9:30am
Oct 29	Streets of Treats	Downtown Northville	10am - Noon
Oct 31	Trick or Treating	Northville Community	6-8pm
Oct 31	Fire Station Open House	Northville City Hall	6-8pm
Oct 31	Costume Contest	Community Center	7:30pm

*Requires pre-purchased ticket or event admission

Flu shots for Northville



Bob Zbanowski gets a flu vaccine from Visiting Nurse Association's Mary Nakamura during a Sept. 25 clinic at the Northville Community Center. The flu shot clinic was sponsored by the center and by 1 p.m. there were about a dozen people, mostly senior citizens, in line to get shots. The vaccines are covered by Medicare or most health insurance plans.

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school. At the middle and high schools, students will learn about the ALICE acronym, watch videos, and discuss when it's appropriate to evacuate. They'll also do several drills, where they'll practice enhanced lock-down procedures like barricading rooms.

NPS is holding a series of parent meetings to make sure everyone is up to date on what ALICE really means.

"The 'counter' piece is probably the part that is misunderstood most," Gallagher said. "It's only used as a last measure — for example, in a lock-down barricade situation, if the intruder pushes through that barricade." Then, the focus becomes more about distraction. "It takes a lot to be able to shoot a gun accurately," she said. Strategies at this point might include

At the middle and high schools, students will learn about the ALICE acronym, watch videos, and discuss when it's appropriate to evacuate.

throwing things at the person to disrupt their aim and clear a path to escape.

Koski and Gallagher said that parents have been by and large supportive of the new protocols. "With change, there is always some 'why are we doing this,' but to most, it makes sense," Koski said. "This isn't about going to pick a fight; it's about doing what's best in certain scenarios."

Parents with questions about the ALICE proce-

dures are encouraged to attend one of the parent meetings or contact their child's building principal.

Practicing for an active shooter, Gallagher said, isn't all that different from other types of emergency preparedness drills that kids do in school. "It's unlikely that we'll have a fire in our school. It's unlikely that we'll have a tornado," she said. "But we do drills and practice so we know exactly what to do, because when you're in that emergency situation, you do what you're trained to do."

That way, if people do wind up in this situation, they'll be less likely to freeze, and more likely to respond in ways that help keep themselves and others safe.

"It's really just another tool in the toolbox," added Mike Zopf, assistant superintendent for finance and operations, who helped lead the ALICE training effort. "Hopefully, we never, ever have to use this."

LEGO fun



Joshua Dreyer works on a LEGO creation during a Sept. 28 gathering at the Northville District Library for its monthly LEGO Time. The get-together allows kids to construct various LEGO creations, enter them in a contest, and then receive small prizes for their work. Joshua was working on creating two airplanes.



Kids gather at the Northville District Library on Sept. 28 for its monthly LEGO Time session.



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Livonia scout leads project to build Detroit playground

Matt Jachman
hometownlife.com

Children in Detroit need a safe place to play. That's the motivation behind Nick Stanley's drive to build a playground at a dilapidated former church complex in Detroit, which is being renovated by the Central Detroit Christian Community Development Corp.

Nick, a 15-year-old student at Livonia's Stevenson High School, is trying to raise \$50,000 for playground equipment and materials and is planning to organize and lead a community build of a playground at the former Tried Stone Baptist Church on Detroit's near north side. Nick is a member of Boy

Scout Troop 755 at First Presbyterian Church in Northville and the playground project is serving as a requirement he must fulfill as he works toward the rank of Eagle Scout.

Involved in scouting since the third grade, when he joined the Cub Scouts, Nick said he's been thinking about an Eagle project for years. When he was in the sixth grade, he started watching local news on television to keep up with current events and "realized Detroit was not like Livonia and Northville," he wrote recently to the Observer.

"When I was watching the news, I would not see any playgrounds anywhere (in Detroit). My teachers at school kept telling us how lucky we

were to be able to go out and play on a play structure," Nick wrote. "At that point, I knew what I wanted to do for my Eagle project."

Nick has a connection to Central Detroit Christian through his church, Ward Evangelical Presbyterian, which is partnering with the Detroit nonprofit to renovate Tried Stone, which has been vacant for several years. Central Detroit Christian, founded in 1993 to help rebuild the city, plans a preschool and a dental clinic, as well as its headquarters, for the site.

Nick is currently doing fundraising and working with Central Detroit Christian and a playground company. He hopes to schedule a play-



A dilapidated house sits next to the former Tried Stone Baptist Church, which Boy Scout Nick Stanley is helping a Detroit nonprofit to renovate. Nick plans to build a playground there with community support.

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ground-building event for October or early November, before the ground freezes. Families from Detroit and the suburbs are welcome to join the construction effort. Scouts from Troop 755, members of Ward, students and families from Stevenson and members of the Livonia Warriors Robotics Team are expected to help out.

The volunteer construction effort can cut the cost of a playground by about 25 percent, Nick said.

He acknowledges the goal of \$50,000 — nearly \$12,000 has been raised so far — is a tall order for a 15-year-old, but says he can rely on community groups for financial support. Nick has a website, www.cdcplayground.com, with more about his project, including photos and a video, plus a crowdfunding site, <http://tinyurl.com/jgs9j2u>, to raise money for it.



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An open letter to Trump from ‘the media’

Greetings, Mr. Trump.

In my career as a reporter, I’ve checked hundreds of “facts” for accuracy. On Friday night at your rally, as you railed against “the media” as “dishonest” and “corrupt,” I did a few more.

Fact check: I am part of the media. True.

Fact check: Am I dishonest? No. Am I corrupt? No.

But those were the allegations made by you as hundreds of people turned and jeered at me and my fellow journalists in the press corral at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi.

It’s not the first time I’ve had people angry at me for the job I do and it certainly won’t be the last, but it is the first time I’ve had a mob who doesn’t know anything about me, including my name or what stories I’ve done, glaring at me like I’m the devil’s spawn. I’m not, I promise.

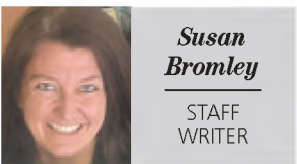
I know it’s fashionable these days to blame “the media.” I’m just confused about whether you support a “free press,” one of the rights on which this country was founded.

I’m not quite sure when or why “the media” became the scapegoat for you or anyone else. The charge is that “the media” is biased, unfair, unbalanced and now, apparently, dishonest and corrupt.

I can’t speak for all of “the media,” but I don’t think anyone else should, either. I speak for myself and here is what I can say:

On Friday night, you didn’t clarify very well why you think the media is dishonest and corrupt. You did question why news crews weren’t showing all your supporters.

I’ve seen your fans covered by media outlets



Susan Bromley
STAFF WRITER

at various events and this is where subjectivity comes in. How often should the media be showing your fans? How often should the camera be on you?

I’m sure you have preferences on what subjects the media covers, too. You didn’t want a story on your tax records, unless you would have released them yourself, for example.

And how much coverage of certain topics is too much or too little? I’ve heard complaints just this week that in the New York Times tax story, not enough explanation was given of certain tax codes and how they work.

Reporters have to make constant decisions and judgment calls. We have to filter through a lot of information and do a lot of research. We have to make calls on what is pertinent, what the reader is interested in, what will keep the reader’s attention. We face a lot of obstacles that most people never know about.

This past spring, for example, I wanted to do a story on Republican and Democrat campaign volunteers. I sought ones from your campaign, as well as from the campaigns of Ted Cruz, Marco Rubio, Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders. I wanted them from the Hometownlife area because we cover communities in Oakland and Wayne counties. I found volunteers for both Clinton and Sanders quickly, but struggled to find Republican volunteers.

After getting no response from your national campaign and state campaign workers who



Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump speaks Sept. 30 to a crowd at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi.

told me I had to go through national channels, I finally just went to your Farmington Hills campaign headquarters. When I walked in, was told I couldn’t talk to anyone inside there. So I stood outside on the sidewalk and waited for volunteers and, luckily, a few talked to me.

Again, just part of my job. But while you’re wondering why the press isn’t showing your fans, I’m over here wondering why I had to jump through hoops to give you free press. These are the kinds of challenges journalists face that most people don’t know about. Yet, if I hadn’t gone to your headquarters and stalked volunteers to get a story and instead just ran a Hillary and Bernie story, I would get accused of being “the liberal media.”

I covered your running mate Mike Pence when he came to Novi for a rally, too, so with this most recent rally, you already have two more stories than I’ve done on Hillary Clinton. Is this because I’m biased? No.

But it was you, not Hillary, who came to Novi and this is the area I cover. Still, someone will see bias in it.

Reporters do have opinions and personalities, just like everyone else.

I have certain subjects that interest me, which direct what kind of stories I want to write. My writing style determines how the story is told. What I think is the point, what I feel are the best quotes and most important information are what make it into the story.

When I attended the Pence rally, one of the random people I talked with was an 80-year-old woman who migrated here from Austria many years ago and told me she didn’t have an opinion on your proposed wall, because she remembered the Berlin Wall that divided Germany, which she called treacherous and sad. I ended the story with that quote. Someone will undoubtedly think it was biased, but what I think it is more than anything is

honest. As a journalist, that is a great quote, no matter who I support as a candidate.

Although a great deal of what I write is for me — for my own education, fascination, interest — what I do isn’t about me, it’s about the subjects and about the readers.

“The media,” however you perceive it, comes in many forms. Yes, there are liberal and conservative and moderate media that strive to keep a balance between the two extremes.

But in the end, it is up to you, as a consumer of news, to actively seek out, make choices and decipher for yourself the information that we as “the media,” provide.

Everyone has an opinion and social media makes it easy to have a forum to voice that opinion, so you have to research and find dependable, reputable news sources and re-evaluate on occasion. This is work, but work is what is necessary to be an informed, educated, responsible citizen.

You can watch and

listen to a multitude of sources on television and radio and you can read articles from a variety of sources. Reading is what I really hope more people start doing — not just because I’m a writer, but because it requires more effort and thought, just like a great country does.

Fact check: Journalism can be an underappreciated, overworked profession. The hours are crazy, the job security is shaky, the criticism from complete strangers is a regular occurrence. All true. I’m sure someone will think that my article profiling Trump fans at a Trump rally wasn’t balanced because I didn’t talk to any Hillary Clinton supporters.

This is not a complaint, this is just meant to demonstrate that I wouldn’t dedicate years of my life to this career if I didn’t have a true desire to educate, inform, entertain and help people.

I love journalism and I accept all the pitfalls that come with it, but I don’t accept blanket statements that call an entire group of people dishonest or corrupt or anything else.

The election is about one month away. When it is over, the media will still be here, reporting on a variety of stories. I hope you and all Americans will do some homework and take advantage of all the sources of news and topics available to you.

Lesson one: Stereotypes about any group, including “the media,” have never made America great and certainly won’t in the future.

Lesson two: When you know better, you do better. Stay informed.

Sincerely,
“The media.”

Susan Bromley is a staff writer for hometownlife.com who covers Novi.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Northville Woman’s Club

Long-time Detroit area on-air radio broadcaster Lisa Barry kicks off the 124th season of the Northville Woman’s Club at its opening luncheon Friday, Oct. 7, at Meadowbrook Country Club, 40941 E. Eight Mile, Northville.

Barry, who can be heard as the local host of “All Things Considered” on WEMU-FM (89.1), has co-hosted morning radio shows on a variety of different formats, including adult contemporary, country and news/talk.

A positive public speaker delivering motivational messages, Barry’s luncheon program title, “Powering Through as Positive as Possible,” launches a variety of diverse programs by the Northville Woman’s Club.

The club meets the first and third Friday of each month, October through March, at the First United Methodist Church of Northville, 777



Lisa Barry opens the Northville Woman’s Club season Oct. 7.

W. Eight Mile. Those interested in more information about the Northville Woman’s Club may contact president Maryann Cotterill at 248-344-8235.

CROP Walk

Seven area churches will join forces Sunday, Oct. 9, to raise awareness and help alleviate hunger in the local community and around the globe in the 29th annual Novi/Northville CROP Hunger Walk.

The Hunger Walk

begins and ends at First United Methodist Church (777 W. Eight Mile, Northville). Registration is at 1:30 p.m., with the Hunger Walk beginning at 2 p.m. The walk is entirely on sidewalks, with either a four-mile route or a two-mile route.

The participating churches are: Cross-pointe Meadows, Faith Community Presbyterian, First Presbyterian, First United Methodist-Northville, Holy Family Catholic, Novi United Methodist and St. James Catholic.

CROP Hunger Walk funds will benefit the overall work and ministry of Church World Service — working around the world to help those in need help themselves through refugee assistance, self-help development programs, advocacy and disaster relief.

Note that 25 percent of funds raised in the Novi/Northville CROP Hunger Walk remain in the local community. These funds are shared equally by: Northville Civic Concern, Novi Emergency Food Bank, Redford Interfaith Relief and Everyone Eats! (Spirit of Hope Church-Detroit).

To make a donation online, go to www.crop-hungerwalk.org/novimi. For others wishing to participate, contact Mary Dixon, event coordinator, at 248-348-0914.

S’mores run

The city of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department hosts the inaugural S’mores Family Fun Run 5:30-8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15, at Lakeshore Park.

Runners will follow a fun one-mile path through the trails of Lakeshore Park while grabbing s’mores supplies along the way. After the run, participants will make a variety of different s’mores, listen to live music, enjoy a hayride and games.

Cost is \$9 per person for residents and \$11 for

non-residents. To register, go to cityofnovi.org or visit the Novi Parks office inside the Novi Civic Center at 45175 10 Mile Road. For more information, call 248-347-0400.

Book tour

Author Jordan Scavone’s book “Might-E!” tells the story of a preschooler named Emma, who is shy and has trouble talking to other children.

Scavone, of Wixom, brings his book tour to the Northville Barnes & Noble at 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15. Scavone wrote “Might-E!” after earning a degree in children’s literature and theater for the young from Eastern Michigan University. Scavone will be at Barnes & Noble for a reading/signing/discussion. The store is located at 17111 Haggerty. Call 248-348-0696 for more information.

Northville Garden Club

The Northville Garden Club meets at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Oct. 10, at the Cady Inn at Mill Race Village.

Members will gather for a Pinecone and Bow Workshop in preparation for the annual greens mart. Members will be making beautiful bows and wiring pine cones to adorn the wreaths. Guests are always welcome.

For more information, contact Claire Kreher at 248-924-3486.

Star viewing

The Friends of Maybury sponsors a Star Viewing Night at Maybury State Park 7-10 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22. The Ford Amateur Astronomy Club will be setting up telescopes and will be on hand to assist the public to view the sky. Members of the public who would like to bring their own telescopes should arrive by 6:30 p.m.

Meet at the baseball field parking lot, accessible from the Eight Mile entrance. Wear warm

clothing, as it will get chilly when the sun goes down.

Free of charge and no registration required, but a Recreation Passport is required for entry to the state park. For more info, call the park office at 248-349-8390. The event will be canceled if it’s raining or too cloudy – check Friends facebook page.

Night to remember

Five Points will hold “A Night To Remember” at 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 4, to help support the Five Points of Hope Cancer Care Fund. The event will be held at Edgewood Country Club, 8399 Commerce Road, in Commerce Township.

This is an evening of people coming together to enjoy good food, purchasing fabulous and unique products, pampering themselves, bidding on silent auction items and gaming. Many product and service vendors share their special talents and receive recognition from the community.

The event is an open house environment and \$5 at the door. The first 150 guests receive a goody bag. Bring two non-perishable, non-expired products to be donated to Community Sharing and be entered into a special drawing. Go to www.fivepointsofhope.com to get more information.

Used book sale

Buy books at the Fall Used Book Sale at the Wixom Public Library, 49015 Pontiac Trail, sponsored by The Friends of the Wixom Library.

Advance sale for Friends members only (memberships available at the door.) Public sale begins from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 20, and will run 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22. Fill a bag \$5. Thousands of books and multimedia items for all ages, priced between 25 cents and \$1, plus specially priced items.

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Lots of spirit is shown by the sophomores during Northville High's homecoming assembly.

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PLENTY OF PEP IN HOMECOMING ASSEMBLY



Jack Gertley and Maggie O'Meara toss handfuls of candy to the crowd during the pep assembly.

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Northville High School students perform skits during the pep assembly.

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Connor McKee shows his orange and black spirit at Northville High School's homecoming pep assembly Sept. 30.

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Northville High students and staff pack the gymnasium for the homecoming pep assembly.

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Northville High varsity cheerleaders literally go head-over-heels as they perform during the pep assembly.

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The Northville High choir performs "The Star-Spangled Banner" at the start of the pep assembly.

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Senior Taylor Gattomi seems to be having fun at the Northville High pep assembly.

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LETTERS

Against Meijer

First off, my wife and I are 100-percent against the Meijer store and other entities being built at Five Mile and Beck. So I am thanking the Northville Record for publishing the names of our elected officials who voted for this project.

I just received my absentee ballot. I will be voting against these officials. I agree with readers Dennis and Sandy Merio that the officials who voted for this project must be voted out or recalled. We all were happy when our property values finally went back up. Now we will see them go back down due to the increased traffic and crime associated with this project. Arcadia Ridge will be hit the hardest in decreased home values, they are the closest to the new Meijer.

We moved here be-

cause of the tranquility of our area. That's gone now. It's not too late to change your mind.

Craig and Barbara Knapp
Northville Township

Move Republicans out

Recent polls show a majority of Americans think the country is headed in the wrong direction. Consider this: The majority of our states have Republican governors and state legislatures.

Michigan is one such state and here Republicans have said they do not want, like emergency manager and right to work, and brought on disasters like Flint water, Detroit bankruptcy and failing charter schools. They delayed a new bridge to Canada and repairing our roads and bridges throughout the state, all of which would have put more people to

work sooner.

The U.S. Congress, both House and Senate, are Republican majority where they have done little except trying to block everything President Obama has tried to do. So voting Republican for president would not only not change that direction, but with Donald Trump being the candidate, it would be dumb for many reasons.

Well-known Republican politicians and Republican-leaning business leaders are endorsing Hillary Clinton for president. Also newspapers that have long endorsed Republicans are endorsing Hillary or just advocating a "don't vote Trump."

Despite all this, Republican office holders are still backing Trump in the hope they will ride his coattails to victory. They aren't thinking about you or the country;

they are worried about holding their office.

You want to make a change and get things moving then vote them all out. The simple way to do that is to vote Democrat all the way.

We can still vote a straight party ticket. Republicans haven't been able to take that from us, it's still the law after 125 years here in Michigan. It works, otherwise Republicans would not want to take it away and it is what they are afraid you will do.

Chuck Tindall
Novi

Trump won debate

According to liberal media "experts," Hillary Clinton won the first presidential debate – although most of the online polls indicated Trump was the victor.

Lester Holt, the moderator, did not ask Hillary even one question

about her email scandal, Benghazi or the Clinton Foundation. Unbelievable! Of course, he knew that these topics would remind voters of Hillary's repeated irresponsibility and dishonesty.

Also, Holt interrupted Trump 41 times, Clinton seven times during the debate.

Hillary spent most of the debate attacking Trump personally, with little time explaining what she would do to help the average American – outside of the old tried-and-failed liberal bromides of massive tax increases and more government regulations.

Trump, on the other hand, emphasized reinvigorating the economy with individual tax cuts, initiating corporate tax cuts to encourage corporations to bring hundreds of billions of dollars back to the U.S. for reinvestment and millions of new

jobs, rebuilding our infrastructure and military and re-establishing border security and law and order so that law-abiding citizens could feel safe again.

A life-long registered Democrat from Pennsylvania observed, "By the end of the debate, Clinton never said a thing to persuade me that she had anything to offer me or my family or my community. Have to say that Trump had the edge this evening, he came out swinging and talked about specifics on jobs and the economy."

About two-thirds of Americans believe that our country is currently headed in the wrong direction under the Obama/Clinton policies. It is definitely time for a change.

Randy Kniebes
Brighton

‘Car Stars’ puts factory grit, auto show glam on stage

Sharon Dargay
hometownlife.com

Janet Pound has been crafting a dramatic love letter to the auto industry for nearly two decades.

What started as a monologue in the 1990s evolved into one-act play and, finally, has become a musical in two acts with 23 songs that pay homage to the state's auto heritage, the industry and the people who drive it.

"It's the grit and grime of the factory and the glitz and glam of the auto show," said Pound, a West Bloomfield writer and casting director.

"Car Stars," runs Oct. 6-9 at the Berman Center for the Performing Arts in West Bloomfield. Tickets are \$33, available at theberman.org or by calling 248-661-1900.

Pound began turning "Car Stars" into a musical about 10 years ago, after a friend shared a premonition about the work, insisting it was meant to include songs and dance.

"I lived in Pontiac at the time and I would see people walking during their break from the GM truck plant and, all of a sudden, I thought, 'You know, no one has ever honored our heritage. There is no musical. There is no one saying,

we created the strong middle class, we invented the American dream.'"

"I thought, that's what I need to do. I need to write something to honor our history. And then I'd wake up at night with tunes in my head."

She penned lyrics for her original songs and hired musicians to write most of the music that ranges from blues to rock, folk to gospel.

Phred Brown, musical director for Bruno Mars, composed three tunes.

David Regal, veteran director and recently retired teacher from the University of Detroit, is directing and John Luther of Farmington choreographed the show.

Car parts

Pound wrote the musical as two distinct acts, with part one focusing on historical figures and events, such as Henry Ford, Rosie the Riveter and the 1937 sit-down strike at General Motors in Flint. The second half looks at the agents, car dealers and models involved in the auto shows. A conveyor belt used for car parts in the first scene and a fashion show in the second connects the two acts.

"I've been going to junkyards. It's so funny, they look at me, like, who



Music director Steve Kosinski watches rehearsal. He is retired from Livonia Churchill's drama program.

are you and why are you here," she said with a laugh. "I got tire rims, a carburetor. I paid this guy to get the grills off a Jeep, a GM truck and a Lincoln. Those will be objects on the assembly line."

In addition to scouting for props, Pound is bankrolling the musical. After a few false starts over the past 10 years — a producer who didn't follow through, a director who backed out of the show — she decided to produce the material herself.

She estimates production costs around \$20,000, not counting the \$8,000 she already spent on musicians and copy-rights.

"This is my going to Europe or Hawaii money," she said. "Going to Europe would be nice, but it's not my dream.

This is my dream. I want to see this done. I'm 64 and I can't wait for anybody.

"The fact that I haven't given up is huge. I mean, seriously — 10 years. I really do believe in it, not because I wrote it, but because I think it was meant to be."

Self-taught writer

"Car Stars" is her first major stage production, although Pound has had monologues and plays produced as staged readings. Last month, she won "best artist" honors at the Trinity International Film Festival for another monologue that evolved into a screenplay, "Home Again."

"I never took a writing class, ever," she said. "Because I got married at 19, I don't have a college degree. I had three kids by the time I was 27. I didn't start writing until I was 40."

She grew up in Flint, where her father worked for Buick, and in Southfield, where she met her husband Ken, who currently teaches at Oakland Community College. They have three grown children and seven grandchildren.

Her career began with print modeling, which led to parts in commercials and industrial film. She spent her 40s working the auto show circuit as a model/spokeswoman. At the same time, she got involved in writing groups at the Purple Rose Theater and Heartlande Theatre Co.

"I did auto shows for 10 years," she said. "From there, I became a talent agent and a casting director. With all of our (film) incentives going away, work has dried up," adding that she plans to concentrate on her writing. Her dream is to see "Car Stars" on-stage in New York City someday.

In the meantime she hopes "Car Stars" will make its audience laugh, cry and learn something new.

"They say theater should do three things: entertain, educate and elicit emotion. I believe mine has all three," she said.



Narrator Henri Franklin is from Redford.



Janet Pound and cast member Peter Tocco, whom Pound describes as her "best guy friend." They have worked together for many years. "Some of the lines (in the show) came directly out of his mouth," she said, as they worked the auto shows.

The "Car Stars" cast includes Henri Franklin of Redford, Peter Tocco of Macomb Township, Allison Boufford of Livonia, Allyson Smith of Sterling Heights, Karen Kron Dickson of Berkley, Daniel Jeffries of De-

troit, Sidi Henderson of Ferndale, John DeMerell of Walled Lake, Katy Kujala of Wixom, Chevonne Wilson of Detroit and Lisa Michaels of Bloomfield Hills.

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CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, October 26, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT 18.274 FOR A RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF NOVI ZONING ORDINANCE AT ARTICLE 3. ZONING DISTRICTS. SECTION 3.1.25. TC TOWN CENTER DISTRICT. SECTION 3.1.26. TC-1 TOWN CENTER-1 DISTRICT AND SECTION 3.27 TC AND TC-1 DISTRICT REQUIRED CONDITIONS. ARTICLE 4. USE STANDARDS. SECTION 4.82 RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS. AND ARTICLE 5. SITE STANDARDS. SECTION 5.15 EXTERIOR BUILDING WALL FACADE MATERIALS TO INCORPORATE MINOR SUGGESTIONS FROM 2014 TOWN CENTER AREA STUDY.**

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing. The proposed text amendment is available for examination and review at the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Any written comments must be received by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, October 26, 2016.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS OCTOBER 13, AND OCTOBER 20, 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that PUBLIC HEARINGS will be held by the Township Board of Trustees on **Thursday, October 13, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. and Thursday, October 20, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.** at Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Rd., Northville, MI 48168. The purpose of the hearing is to review the 2017 proposed budget.

All interested residents are invited to attend. Comments and questions concerning the proposed budget will be heard at the public hearing. A copy of the 2017 proposed budget will be available for public inspection at the Township Clerk's office beginning September 30, 2016 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. and on the Township's website at www.twp.northville.mi.us.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk
Charter Township of Northville

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City council: Thumbs up to Grand River ‘road diet’ plan

Aileen Wingblad
hometownlife.com

The Farmington City Council is on board with putting Grand River Avenue on a “diet” — a plan crafted by city administrators and engineering consultants to decrease road traffic lanes and create a center turn lane, bike route and more parking.

The changes would piggy-back the Michigan Department of Transportation’s resurfacing and re-striping project for a stretch of Grand River planned for next year and would be done at no cost to Farmington.

The City Council unanimously approved a resolution Sept. 26 to support the plan, which calls for changing Grand River Avenue from its existing four lanes to three lanes — one lane in each direction and a center turn lane — from Shiawassee Road to Farmington Road. That would allow for an on-street bike lane along that stretch of Grand River Avenue, on the north side. Also being proposed is eliminating one eastbound lane on Grand River Avenue from Grove Street to Maple Street and adding approximately 13 parking spaces in its place.

The council’s endorsement was required for the combined city-MDOT project to move forward.

Kevin Christiansen, economic and community development director, said the roadway reconfiguration takes advantage of opportunity presented by MDOT’s resurfacing project and that the bike route on the north side is part of the city’s long-range vision of a “complete streets project” to accommodate motorized vehicles, bikes and pedestrians.

“We provide links when we get opportunity



Farmington plans to decrease traffic lanes on Grand River Avenue from Farmington Road to Shiawassee Road to accommodate a bike lane.

and we have the opportunity to do that now when working with MDOT. Eventually complete connectivity is what the vision is,” he said.

Councilwoman Sara Bowman said she realizes the bike route “sort of looks like a bike lane going from nowhere to nowhere at the moment, but it should be appreciated that it’s part of a bigger picture.”

“People need to hang in there while we finish some of the other projects and other master plan proposals. It’s a great start — it may be a little odd at the moment, but will make sense in the bigger picture,” she added.

Councilman Jeff Scott agreed, noting that “this road diet is a big deal for MDOT. They’re not used to giving up roadway. “We’re hoping to stretch the whole bike lane (and) walkability farther. It’s just going to take some time,” he added.

Also supporting the road diet plan is Councilman Greg Cowley, though he’s also concerned about having “nondelivery” truck traffic so close to the bicyclists riding in the bike lane, particularly as the speed limits increase heading west.

“I think you’re setting yourself up for a little bit

of trouble with big large vehicles, like big 70-foot semis, that are going to continue to use this road,” Cowley said.

Public Safety Director Frank Demers noted that Grand River Avenue is a state trunk line for truck traffic, which affects what restrictions can be imposed. Still, he said he will approach MDOT about finding out what can be done to “limit the availability of trucks on that road ... certainly it’s a conversation I can have.”

Mayor Pro tem Steve Schneemann said he’s “really excited” about the project, but also wants lower posted speed limits on Grand River Avenue — 25 mph throughout the residential stretches — to provide for greater walkability.

“That’s critical,” he said.

MDOT has jurisdiction over Grand River Avenue, including speed limits which are based on traffic volume and capacity. Earlier attempts by the city to get the speed limits lowered, particularly just west of downtown, have been unsuccessful, but Christiansen said that it’s something Farmington has not given up on.

“We certainly will continue to try and move that forward,” he said.



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Another week, another data breach. Yahoo announced last week that, near the end of 2014, it was a victim of a massive data breach. More than a half-billion accounts were compromised. Log-in information, passwords, security questions and other information was compromised. In fact, according to industry sources, this was the largest data breach in history. It seems that we are getting desensitized to data breaches and that too many of us say, “oh well” and just go on with our business. Unfortunately, we cannot do that. It is important that we take these attacks seriously and do what we have to do to protect our information. Of course, there's not one thing you can do that will 100-percent guarantee that your account won't be hacked. There are some safety precautions you can take that will reduce the risk and, at the same time, if you are a victim



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it will lessen the consequences.

The first thing everyone needs to do is to monitor their online accounts. Whether it is bank accounts, brokerage accounts or whatever, it is important that you always monitor these accounts. For example, I have signed up for alerts on my charge card; whenever my charge card is used, I am notified. You need to do the same thing. Furthermore, if there is any unusual or suspicious activity on one of your accounts, you need to take action immediately. If you get notice that there is a charge on your charge card that you are unsure of, you need to immediately contact the charge card company. Even if it's a nominal amount such as \$1, you still need to take action

immediately. You do not want to give the thieves any inroads into your account. Monitoring your accounts does not mean looking at them once a quarter. Unfortunately, you have to do it much more frequently; many times, you have to do it weekly.

To protect yourself, whether you use Yahoo or not, it is important to constantly change your password; also, don't use the same password for all your accounts. You can't just change your password once a year; you have to do it more frequently. I recognize it is a hassle and it is a pain, but in reality it's no longer optional, it's mandatory.

It also makes sense on a regular basis — particularly if you use Yahoo — to change your security questions. When cyber crooks get information, many times they also compromise your security questions, such as they did with Yahoo.

In addition, something you may wish to

consider is that many places now have some sort of log-in verification, where they'll send you a text message or even call you when someone tries to access your account from an unknown computer. In fact, Yahoo offers a service that links your cellphone to the Yahoo mobile app. You can't access your account without the phone.

If you are like most of us and use the Internet to transact business such as paying bills, doing banking or any type of financial transactions, you need to take cyber security seriously. Millions and millions of Americans have had their identity stolen and accounts compromised. If you think banks and financial institutions are on top of this, think again. After all, Yahoo just announced last week that it was hacked in 2014. We have no idea what the crooks were doing with that information for the last two years.

To say that you are no longer going to use the Internet to transact personal financial business is somewhat unrealistic. In today's world, the great majority of us have our wages directly deposited into our accounts. Receiving a Social Security check in the mail is long gone. As time goes on, more and more of our business will be transacted online. What we have to accept is that the crooks are working overtime and you and I have to make sure that we take security seriously and do what we have to do to protect ourselves. After all, the old adage is true — an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

Good luck!

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NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

Mall melee results in ejections

Two men who were fighting outside of the mall food court said they were just “playing.”

Police responded at 7:19 p.m. Sept. 16 to Twelve Oaks mall on a fight in progress reported by several mall patrons to security. Upon arrival, officers found three males sitting on outdoor tables and surrounded by security personnel. The two males that had been witnessed grabbing each other, falling to the ground, knocking a patio chair over and physically fighting said they were just “play fighting” and “messaging around.” Neither wanted to pursue charges against the other and said they are friends.

Twelve Oaks security said they wanted the pair charged with disorderly conduct. The officer advised the two subjects they are permanently banned from Twelve Oaks mall and they needed to leave immediately. Surveillance cameras caught the entire incident, which will be forwarded to the prosecutor's office for review.

McDonald's abuse

Novi police were called at about 3:07 p.m. Sept. 18 to McDonald's on Haggerty Road after a customer in the drive-through began yelling and swearing at staff because she did not receive a drink she wanted. She called the staff monkeys and left before police arrival.

Hockey and horrors don't mix

Extra patrol was requested Sept. 17 at a hotel on Haggerty Road after junior hockey players and horror movie convention guests staying at the establishment got into some altercations in the parking lot. The manager said there were also people in the parking lot tailgating and smoking marijuana. He wanted extra patrol for the duration of the weekend.

Rocked

Someone took aim at a home's window with a stone believed to have been thrown with a slingshot or hit with a bat.

A Novi police officer responded to a home on Worcester Drive after a woman who lives at the address said she discovered damage to her daughter's bedroom window the night before when putting her to bed.

The window is on the second story in the back of the house, with a wooded area separating the backyard from a house behind it. The landscaping stone that broke two panes and damaged the screen was lodged at the bottom between the screen and inner window pane.

The officer noted the level of force used would be consistent with the use of a slingshot or the rock being hit with a baseball bat. They have lived in the house for a year and have had no problems.

— By Susan Bromley

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BIERY



MARY MARTHA BYRNE 75, a resident of Staunton since 1976, passed away on Monday, September 26, 2016, at Augusta Medical Center in Fishersville. Mrs. Biery was born November 11, 1940, in East Detroit and grew up in Northville, Michigan. She was the daughter of the late Edward G. and Kathryn Jones Byrne. Mary Martha was a passionate dog lover and trainer, passing this love onto her family. She was very active in National Association of Canine Scent Work, attending a competition in Norfolk only ten days ago. She is survived by David M. Biery, her high school sweetheart and husband of over 58 years; and their children of whom she was so proud, Dr. Kathryn Biery, a Harrisonburg dentist, and husband Dr. Stephen Paulette, U.S. Navy; two sons, Capt. Michael Biery, U.S. Navy, and wife Anna; and David E. Biery and wife, Christy, longtime residents of Staunton. She was devoted to and very involved in the lives of her 15 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. There will be a private family gathering to honor and celebrate her life. If you have a good story of Mary Martha to remember and share, the family asks that you register them at www.kygers.com or mail them to Kyger Funeral Home, 3173 Spotswood Trail, Harrisonburg, VA 22801. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Riverheads Volunteer Fire Department, Chief Barry Lotts, P.O. Box 39, Mint Spring, VA 24463. The family is grateful and indebted to the staff of the Third Floor of Augusta Medical Center for their care of Mary Martha, and the entire family.



ENGLE



ALICE JANE (FULLER) was born April 3, 1936 in Detroit, Michigan, the third of seven children to Harold and Mary Fuller. She passed from this life to be with her Heavenly Father on October 2, 2016 surrounded by the warmth and love of her family. Her faith was a blessing to her and her entire family. Following a brief but determined courtship, Alice married the love of her life, Thomas Joe Engle, on July 12, 1954. Their first attempt at elopement in Indiana forced them to go back to Michigan, to “face the music” and get permission from Tom's father because at 19 he was too young to be married without parental consent. Their second attempt was successful and was the start of a wonderful life together. Despite being frequently told that they were “too young” to be married and begin a family (she was only 18, a new graduate of Cass Technical High School) they were married for over 62 years. Their journey together included five children, 15 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Alice was a woman of many passions and hobbies. Her first love was always her family, followed only by caring for others. She and Tom were founding members of Huron Valley Reformed Church in Rockwood, Michigan. She enjoyed her crafts—crocheting, basket weaving, beading, and counted cross-stitching—along with doll collecting, traveling, walking her dog Minnie, and bowling. At her peak, she was in three leagues a week and volunteered with the Milford Blind Bowlers where she forged many lasting friendships and memories. She supported her husband while he and others started Advance Concrete Products Company in 1966. For over 30 years, her home away from home was Pentwater, Michigan. She loved walking the sandy beaches of Lake Michigan and soaking in the breathtaking sunsets. Alice loved the sun and warmth of their winter home in Sandestin, Florida. They spent three months each year enjoying the bright sun and escaping the cold winters of Michigan. She was preceded in death by her sisters Phyllis, Harolyn (Kay), and Maygene, and her brother James. She is survived by her husband Thomas, her children Thomas (Mary) Engle, Jr., Woodstock, IL; Gerald (Aimee) Engle, Denver, CO; Kelly(Thomas) Paquette, Livonia, MI; Beth (Scott) Daigle, Springboro, OH; and Christy Scott, White Lake, MI. She is also survived by her 15 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Also surviving are two brothers, Charles and Herbert. Services were held at the Milford Presbyterian Church. Rev. Bryant Anderson officiated, Alice's grandson Robert Paquette co-officiated. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the charities Alice supported. These include Good Fellows, Gleaners, and Great Lakes Hospice. For further information please visit LynchandSonsmilford.com or call 248-684-6645

HOLMAN



DOROTHY JANE Age 95, a longtime resident of Northville, formerly of Livonia, passed away September 3, 2016. She was born March 10, 1921 in Southfield, Michigan; daughter of Edward and Clara (nee Fleischauer) Hooper. She was united in marriage to Joseph Holman on April 15, 1939; they spent many loving years together. Dorothy was born during the Depression Era which made life difficult for her; however it taught her valuable life lessons that she was able to pass on to her family. At a young age she chose to leave school and provide for her family. She worked hard, met her husband, and raised her family. Keeping ahead of the times, she experienced everything from home-birth to the feminist movement of teaching herself how to make cabinets for the house. Dorothy made her house a home. Dorothy was a very dedicated and strong mother. Not only did she work as a seamstress at Laphams clothing store but she made exceptional clothing for her family. She was an active member of the Auxiliary and the National League of POW/MIA Families because of the tragedy she experienced with her son Jerry, who served in the US Navy Air Force during the Vietnam War. She loved to try new things and there was never a limit of what she would try; she snorkeled in Hawaii, snow skied, roller skated, and went bowling. Dorothy was a self-taught artist who enjoyed pottery and painting. She was a sensible, kind, and loving matriarch who was truly admired by family and friends. Dorothy is survived by her children, David (Judy) Holman, Chris (Louise) Holman, Steve (Karen) Holman, and Mary Jo (Jim) Blasius; her brother John Hooper; her grandchildren, Allyson (Jeremy) Robinson, Andrew (Ashlee) Holman, Aaron (Michaela Kerrissey) Holman, Jason (Julie) Holman, James (Lisa) Holman, Christina (William) Mimikos, Alexis (Stefan) Kurek, Michael Blasius, James Blasius, Jaclyn Blasius, Joseph Blasius, and Alexandra Blasius; and her great-grandchildren, Audrey, Cooper, Alexander, Danielle, Paige, Matilda, Elliott, Liam, and Rowan. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and her son Jerry. A memorial gathering will be held Wednesday, October 12, 2016 from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. at the Northville Community Center, 303 West Main Street, Northville. Memorial contributions would be appreciated to the Salvation Army, 9451 South Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170.

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SANFORD



THOMAS A. age 79, died September 24, 2016 in Albuquerque after an extended fight with Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis. He was born and raised on a farm near Milford, Michigan and his early education took place in a one-room schoolhouse. He obtained a BS degree in Mechanical Engineering and an MS degree in Applied Mechanics from Michigan State University. He worked his entire professional career, beginning in 1960, as an engineer and manager at the Los Alamos National Laboratory in the nuclear weapons and non-proliferation programs. Prior to retiring from LANL in July 1996, he was the Project Leader of the Proliferation Information Network System (PINS). This system was used in the US nuclear nonproliferation export control program, and he assisted in the transfer of this technology to staff at the Kerchatov Institute, Moscow, Russia. In total, he had over 38 years of service with the Laboratory. Tom was an avid hunter, gardener, skier, and runner, all activities he enjoyed doing with children and grandchildren. He greatly enjoyed belonging to the Atomic City Roadrunners. He actively participated in numerous community activities in Los Alamos, including serving as a Little League umpire, working on implementing Title 9 in Los Alamos, and working with the Los Alamos Historical Society. In recognition of his many efforts, the Los Alamos Historical Society honored him with the Los Alamos History Medal award in June 2016. He was a member of the White Rock Methodist Church and involved in the current rebuilding effort of the Los Alamos Unitarian Church. Thomas is survived by his first wife of 24 years, Marilyn Stoops; and their five children, Scott (Betsy), Peter (Kristine), Michael (Lori), Dawn, and Brian (Shiela) Sanford. He is also survived by the children of his second wife of 33 years, Ruth Demuth (deceased), Katherine (Mark Johnson) Demuth, Kimberly (Fred) Glick, Mary (Anthony) Sandoval, and Hal (Monette) Demuth II. At the time of his death Tom was married to his third wife, Niña Johnson. He is also survived by his stepdaughter, Kellan Mahoney (Alfred) Chavez. Combined, he played the role of grandfather to 30+ grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren at the time of his passing. A Memorial Service will be held in Los Alamos and will be scheduled for some time in January 2017. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider donations to two organizations that he cared deeply about, namely the Los Alamos Historical Society, losalamohistory.org and the Title 1 Homeless Project for Albuquerque Public Schools, aps.edu/title-i/homeless-project. Finally, he asked that his obituary end as follows: Gather evidence, think critically, ... go VOTE! Please visit our online guestbook for Thomas at www.FrenchFunerals.com. FRENCH - University 1111 University Blvd. NE 505-843-6333

PETERSEN



GEORGE J. Age 81, longtime resident of Northville, passed away on September 26, 2016. He was born July 18, 1935 in Detroit, Michigan; son of James and Else (nee Hansen) Petersen. George graduated from Mackenzie High School in Detroit; Class of 1953. He proudly served his country with the Navy during the Korean War. George was united in marriage to Marilyn Miller on October 16, 1962; they spent 25 loving years together until her death in 1987. George worked as an engineer with Ford Motor Company, retiring after 25 years. He kept current with the automotive industry throughout the years; he had a lifelong interest in cars and motor sports. George was a member of the Danish Brotherhood of Detroit since 1977. He was very active with the club; serving as Past President and enjoying the many friendships he made. George is survived by his loving daughter, Karen (George) DeMeo; and his grandchildren, Ellie and Leyton. He was preceded in death by his wife and his parents. Private family services were held. Mr. Petersen was laid to rest next to his wife at Grand Lawn Cemetery in Detroit. Share online condolences at casterlinefuneralhome.com.

SLAGA



JOSEPH October 2, 2016 Age 81 of South Lyon. Loving husband of Patricia (Lear) Dear father of Anthony, Linda (Jerry) and Debbie (Walter). Grandfather of Jerry, Nicole, Megan, Rachel, Melissa and Daniel. Great-grandfather of Austin, Hunter, Dylan, Garrett and his soon to be first great-granddaughter. Preceded in death by parents, Joseph and Mary Slaga and brothers, Robert and John Slaga. In the late 1960's, Mr. Slaga had a business endeavor in Ann Arbor as co-owner of the 5th Dimension (a teen nightclub). Visitation 2-8 Thursday, October 6, 2016 at the O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home 41555 Grand River Ave Novi 248 348 1800. Funeral Service 11 a.m. Friday, October 7, 2016 at the funeral home. Interment St. Hedwig Cemetery, Dearborn Heights, MI. Expressions of sympathy to obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

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Hamburg Historical Museum reopening after renovations

Jennifer Eberbach
Livingston Daily

Did you know Hamburg was a significant train stop along the rails back in the early 20th century?

“The reason was very

unusual,” said Suzanne Hines, secretary and treasurer of the Hamburg Historical Society. Parents and kids will once again be able to explore moments in Livingston County history and local history buffs will regain access to timeless treasures, when the Hamburg Historical Museum, 7225 Stone St., reopens from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and then

resumes normal hours 1-4 p.m. Monday, 4-7 p.m. Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and special tours by appointment. Major renovations and repairs shut the museum down for months and now the museum is fixed up with a new flow to exhibits and a new roof that no longer leaks water onto artifacts. “It was known as a village of two railroads,” Hines said of Hamburg’s

unique history. “At the time, around 1910, the population was small and agricultural, but in the summer time, trains brought in people who vacationed on the lakes and the Huron River,” Hines said. “There were hotels and cottages built.” In the winter, rail cars came for a different reason — Zukey Lake’s ice. “On Zukey Lake, there was a large, commercial ice house that supplied

Toledo and Flint and ice to the railroad cars before refrigeration,” Hines said. Some things change a lot over time. For instance, it is fairly common knowledge that the Lakelands Trail — a multi-community non-motorized pathway — was built on the old Grand Trunk railroad. “In the 1960s, the expressway was built. People started using cars more, and trains started to die away,” Hines said.

In celebration of the past, a re-creation of 1910-era Hamburg includes model replicas of the railways, hotels, cottages and businesses — moving model trains included. It is one of the museum’s prominent features, which historical society President and Citizen of the Year Wayne Burkhardt built. Go to the museum’s website at www.hamburg.mi.us/hamburg_historical_museum.

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Novi Woods Elementary kindergartners applaud at an assembly to kick off the school's Fun Run fundraising efforts. On Oct. 26, the school will hold the fundraiser that will combine fun fitness and raising funds for the school with the Get Movin' Crew. Students have been asked to set a goal of raising \$50 each, which will be used by the school for assemblies, field trips and supplies.

NOVI WOODS BEGINS FUNDRAISING EFFORT



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Novi Woods Principal David Ascher begins a assembly Sept. 27 regarding the school's upcoming Fun Run fundraiser set for Oct. 26.

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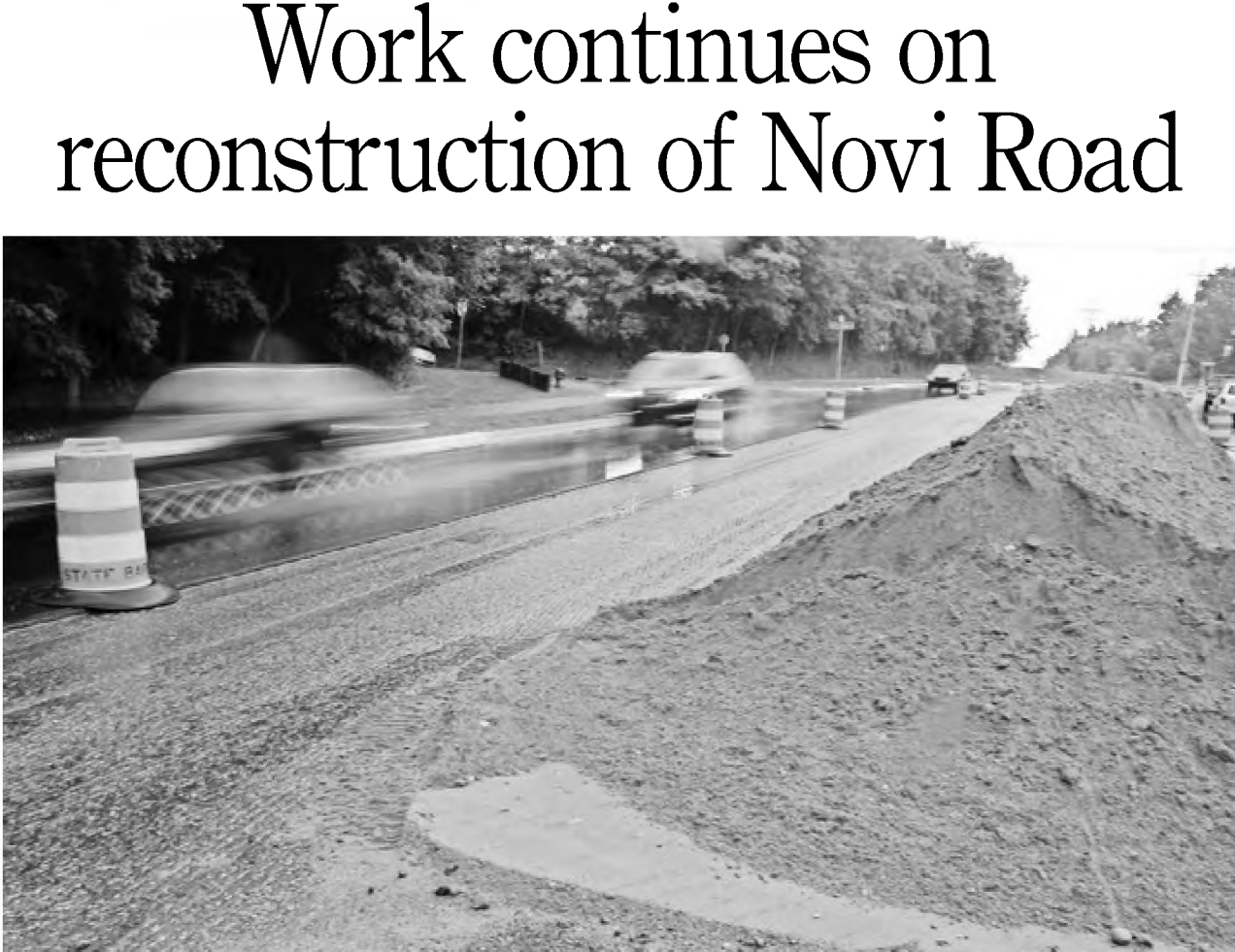


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Work continues Sept. 28 on reconstruction of Novi Road, north of 12 Mile.



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The city of Novi and its contractors continue to work Sept. 28 on reconstructing about 1.2 miles of Novi Road, north of 12 Mile through 13 Mile. The project, replacing the worn-down road surfaces, will also see new gutter and storm water drainage systems added. The work, originally intended to be finished by late September, should more likely be done by mid-October, according to the city's website. Single-lane traffic in each direction will continue throughout the project.




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William “The Gentleman” DeYonker begins his trick shot by sending the cue ball to a corner pocket.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Billiards trick shot star overcomes autism

Scott R. Daniel
hometownlife.com

The way William DeYonker makes a cue ball dance, the way he makes it seemingly defy the laws of gravity and bend its trajectory to his will, is nothing short of amazing.

Yet for the 24-year-old Madonna University student, the real magic of all his trick shots on the billiards table is how it has set him free. Diagnosed early in life with Asperger's syndrome, which is considered to be on the high-functioning end of autism spectrum disorder, DeYonker has emerged from an often lonely world.

“Over the last year and a half, since he started achieving success in tournaments,” mother Susan Blaskay said, “he has arrived. He just has to be around other people. I have no words.”

Like many people his age, DeYonker juggles a busy schedule. He carries a near full load of classes at Madonna, works a part-time job and squeezes in about 20 hours of practice time each week on the pool table.

The Livonia native, who now lives in Ann Arbor, is on track to graduate next spring with a degree in videography and broadcast cinema arts. While he's used to working behind the camera, DeYonker recently spent some time in front of it.

He competed for a national title in Atlantic City last weekend at ESPN's “Trick Shot Magic” tournament.

“I had competed in a lot of tournaments,” DeYonker said, “but

never in front of the camera. It was a little nerve-wracking.”

Because the tournament won't air until December, he can't disclose exactly where he finished.

“Let's just say I did very well,” DeYonker said.

He is currently ranked fifth in the world in “artistic pool” by the World Pool-Billiard Association. “Will,” as he is known to family and friends, would like to work for the organization one day. Until then, he has a few other goals.

“I'm going to keep on competing until I'm No. 1 in the world,” DeYonker said.

Getting to the point where he could make such a statement is an accomplishment unto itself. Diagnosed with autism at age 4, DeYonker didn't speak until he was 7 years old. Then it was with just one or two words at a time, Blaskay said.

DeYonker also displayed typical behaviors associated with the disorder, such as making little eye contact with others, being aloof and absorbed by his own inner world. He attended public school in Ann Arbor with an aide at his side. Making academic progress was challenging for DeYonker, in part because he simply learned differently than most students.

“He learned visually,” said Blaskay, a Livonia chiropractor for the past 25 years. She took it on herself to be her son's biggest advocate and learn as much as possible about autism. “Parents need to be educated about it.



William “The Gentleman” DeYonker chalks his pool cue.

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After knocking out the supports for the four balls, he quickly shoots each ball over the cue stick on the felt and sends them to the corner pocket.

William's biggest aide was us.”

Together, the family made important discoveries along the way. Like when she walked in on DeYonker watching TV with closed captioning on at 10 years old. Unable to pick up on the meaning of facial expressions, body language and social cues, he told his mother, “I understand it better if I read the words.”

“It was a very hard road,” Blaskay said of her son's education. Still, DeYonker graduated on time from Ann Arbor Huron High in 2010.

During those years, DeYonker's interest in pool came in spurts.

“The Gentlemen,” as he is now known on the professional circuit, was first mesmerized by the sport back in 2002 by watching “Trick Shot Magic” on ESPN. He took a particular interest in Mike Massey and Tom Rossman — or the “Tennessee Tarzan” and “Dr. Cue.”

DeYonker tried to imitate their shots, but quickly learned just

how difficult it was and his attention waned. Then, in 2006, he started following another top trick shot artist, Pavel Paledono. He studied his Internet videos and began practicing again.

“He made shots I had never seen before,” DeYonker said.

DeYonker hasn't put down his pool cue since. He admits the sport didn't come easy to him at first, but through practice and determination, he has made himself into one of the best.

It wasn't until 2013 when DeYonker entered his first tournament. He had thought about competing before then, but didn't believe he was ready. Getting encouragement from the world's top player, Tim Chin, helped him overcome that fear.

“In 2013, I just decided to go and compete,” he said.

He ended up placing fifth out of 13 players in the Artistic Cup 7 competition in Lake City, Fla., held by former idol Tom Rossman. Blaskay was encouraging to her son, but also a bit apprehensive.

“I had no idea how he would do,” she said. Blaskay noted that DeYonker seemed to get more comfortable as the tournament went along. “He ended up putting on a really good show and competing well.”

From there, DeYonker went on to finish sixth in the 2014 WPA World Artistic Pool Championship in Las Vegas. This July, he won an ESPN qualifier tournament to earn a ticket to Atlantic City and the finals.

“I played pretty good and made most of my shots,” DeYonker said.

He enjoys the creativity of devising his own trick shots. DeYonker believes his autism actually helps him in the sport, because he tends to think geometrically, perhaps more naturally than other players.

“Being a trick shot artist,” he said, “you've got to have a three (dimensional) mind.”

That and a little fearlessness.

“I have an instinct for doing what hasn't been explored before,” DeYonker said.

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CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 16-99.17

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF NOVI CODE OF ORDINANCES, AT CHAPTER 15, “FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION,” ARTICLE II, “FIRE PREVENTION CODE,” SECTION 15-17, “AMENDMENTS,” SUBSECTION 307, “OPEN BURNING AND RECREATIONAL FIRES,” ORDER TO ADD A PROVISIONS RELATING TO PRESCRIBED BURNS.

The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, September 26, 2016 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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Trump in Novi: I'll rebuild Detroit

He blames Dems for economic stagnation

Kathleen Gray and Brent Snavelly
Detroit Free Press

Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump played to an audience Friday in Novi hungry for change, disenfranchised from a political system that has left them with stagnant or non-existent wages and deeply opposed to four more years of a Democratic presidency.

"We have many people who made more money 18-20 years ago than they're making now," Trump told a crowd of several thousand — reportedly 6,000 — that filled about a third of the main exhibit hall of the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi. "And now, because of Obamacare, they're being forced to work two or three jobs. They're getting old, they're working harder and they're being paid less."

It was an argument — coupled with repeated attacks on Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton, the political establishment and the media — that resonated with the crowd who repeatedly hollered "Lock her up" and "USA, USA."

He spent a good portion of his speech railing against trade deals, including NAFTA, and said he's sure Clinton will approve the proposed Trans-Pacific Partnership trade deal if she's elected president. Clinton has said she does not support the TPP. And he repeated the line about how the African-American community has been destroyed and taken advantage of by Democratic policies and politicians.

"Hillary Clinton has



Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump urged supporters in Novi on Friday to turn out to vote Nov. 8.

been a disaster for so many communities, especially for the African-American community," he said to the crowd that was overwhelmingly white. "I don't think the African-American community is going to come out and vote for Hillary Clinton. They know they're being used. They know from tremendous past experience that she'll do nothing for them once the election is over. ... Why not give Donald Trump a chance?"

He also talked about rebuilding Detroit and Michigan — which has recovered 400,000 new private sector jobs since the last recession — if he is elected president.

"On Nov. 8, we're going to end the Clinton corruption. We are going to put America first. Hillary Clinton is an

insider fighting only for herself and her donors," Trump said. "I'm an outsider fighting for you. We have a movement like we've never seen before. The corrupt media, which is totally corrupt ... is working along with the political establishment and is totally panicking."

But with 39 days left before the Nov. 8 election, Trump also told his listeners that it's their sacred duty to make it the polls, noting that even if a doctor told a voter they would die by the end of November: "I don't give a damn, show up and vote on Nov. 8."

It was Trump's fifth appearance in Michigan since the Republican National Convention in mid-July. He has made a speech on the economy at the Detroit Economic Club, visited churches in

Detroit and Flint and held a rally in Dimondale outside Lansing.

Bob Cortis of Livonia arrived at the rally driving a silver SUV adorned with four American flags on the roof and "TRUMP" in large letters. Cortis said it took nearly 30 hours over four days to create the sign and install the flags on his SUV.

"We want people to look at Trump seriously," said Cortis, who often hands out Trump information at rallies and events.

Recent polls have shown Clinton maintaining a lead in Michigan, which had ranged from 3 percentage points over Trump in an EPIC/MRA poll done for the Detroit Free Press earlier this month to 7 percentage points in a poll done this week for the Detroit

News.

For Ed Mulka of Taylor, the stakes in this election could not be higher.

"After researching Hillary, he's our only chance from us becoming the New World Order. Obama wants a caliphate to populate Muslims all over the world," Mulka said. "George Soros is funding Black Lives Matter, and this is basically for the North American Union — (a conspiracy theory that would) combine Canada, South America and the United States all into one. If we lose this election, we're over."

Pat of Shelby Township who didn't want to give her last name, said Trump is her candidate because she thinks Clinton is corrupt. She is concerned, however, that Trump is too easily dis-

tracted from the big issues facing America.

"I think he needs to keep his mouth shut on all these needling things," she said. "He needs to quit bending down to her needling. He needs to leave it alone and hang up that Twitter account."

There was no mention of the Twitter controversy surrounding former Miss Universe Alicia Machado, including the middle of the night missives Trump sent early Friday disparaging the beauty queen. And he stayed away from problems in the Clintons' marriage during his speech.

Several hours before the rally, a group of about a dozen supporters of Clinton gathered at a steelworkers union hall to predict what would happen if Trump is elected president.

"Donald Trump is truly a danger to this country," said Michigan state House Minority Leader Tim Greimel, D-Auburn Hills. "He took pride in rooting for the housing crisis because he was personally profiting off it. The reality is that Donald Trump only cares about millionaires and billionaires like himself."

Ron Bieber, president of the AFL-CIO of Michigan, added that Trump "doesn't give a rip about working people," and once advocated moving high-wage union jobs out of Michigan to lower wage states in an effort to get Michigan workers to accept wage concessions out of desperation.

"Michigan can't afford a president who says 'I don't want to raise the minimum wage,' who chooses to make his suits and ties in China and Mexico," Bieber said. "Michigan needs Hillary Clinton."

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By Terry Jacoby
Contributing Writer

Mark MANDELL puts the same amount of energy, experience and dedication into a family case involving a neighbor down the street as he does a high-profile criminal case that brings him into the national spotlight.

As a family-law attorney, Mandell helps ease clients through divorces with as little financial and emotional stress as possible. He has spent the last 17 years working with clients who have substantial assets that they wish to preserve, even after a divorce, while reducing costs for everyone involved.

The former Prosecutor who taught trial advocacy skills as an adjunct professor at the Thomas M. Cooley Law School, Mandell also has extensive experience in complex criminal cases.

As a criminal defense attorney and lifelong resident of the area, Mandell has established an excellent working relationship with prosecutors and courts throughout southeastern Michigan. His knowledge of the opposition, familiarity with the court system and understanding of the local processes allows him to seek the best results possible for his clients.

Whether it's a divorce or drunk driving incident or a case involving the United States government or a high-profile voting scandal, Mandell puts integrity, credibility and

experience on your side of the criminal process.

Experience and good judgment make Mandell an asset to all of his clients. He makes realistic requests of the court that he believes have a good chance of being granted. He's not a showboat lawyer who makes wild demands on the other party that are sure to be denied by the court. He favors resolving differences amicably rather than fighting over small details.

"I don't argue, I advocate for my clients," said Mandell. "I use logic and common sense to advocate and to get a good resolution."

But when amicable discussions aren't fruitful, Mandell is not afraid to try a case in court. He's an experienced trial lawyer in both civil and criminal law and earned awards for trial advocacy during his time at the Thomas Cooley School of Law.

During a divorce, high attorney fees can only exasperate financial stress. Mandell specifically works with clients on keeping his fees low and encourages clients to go through personal types of paperwork on their own to help reduce costs.

He also gives couples an opportunity to decide what belongings each person will take from the home. "It's

not worth it to spend \$500 in fees arguing about \$25 pots and pans," he explained. "It's best for everyone to resolve things amicably."

Mandell has stepped into the court room and under the bright lights of some of the highest profile cases held in Michigan over the last decade. He has appeared on many local news outlets (Channel 7, Channel 4 and Fox 2 News) as well as nationally on CNN and MSNBC. He also has been interviewed by The Detroit News and Detroit Free Press as well as nationally in the Wall Street Journal.

He tried the biggest criminal case in metropolitan Detroit for 2010 People v. Sam Riddle and also handled one of metropolitan Detroit's largest Medicare fraud cases in the U.S. District Court Eastern District of Michigan.

Mandell also "saved Christmas" when Salem Township tried to shut down Santa Claus's annual Christmas celebration at Three Cedars

Farm.

Among other of many high profile cases, Mandell represented former U.S. Representative Thaddeus McCotter's district manager in a voting-fraud case in 2013 and also successfully defended fraud allegations in the Allen Park movie studio case against the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission in 2015.

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Partnering with Comerica Bank, for example, staff at the CFC encourage individuals and families to accomplish goals such as buying a home, improving their saving capabilities, and improving credit scores. Services include one-on-one financial coaching, education, income supports, and assessing tax return opportunities.

“We believe that everyone deserves the opportunity to live their best lives,” explains Herman Gray, president and CEO, United Way for Southeastern Michigan. “Comerica has partnered and invested in United Way and the communities we serve, specifically in our financial stability space, in order to help make that happen. The Comerica commitment to community support is a perfect partnership for the dedication United Way has to ensuring individual success.”

Take Larry Hardy for example. Hardy, a United Way client who has cerebral palsy, worked with Community Financial Center coaches

at the Wayne Metro Community Action Agency to achieve the goal of becoming a proud homeowner. *“A home purchase is a big goal,” says Genevieve Pajulio, an assets building program manager at Wayne Metro who assisted Hardy. “So we offered other types of resources – like having participant meetings and down payment assistance, and if Larry needed additional support, a financial coach was there to address any concerns.”* Since the program began in 2008, nine CWF sites have opened across Greater Detroit, as well as five CFC sites. The CFC sites focus on financial coaching, and investing and saving. Located throughout

know how challenging it can be to make ends meet. That's why Comerica decided to focus our contribution on United Way for Southeastern Michigan's financial stability work. We know that helping people learn to build a budget and save is a critical step in becoming economically self-sufficient.” United Way CEO Gray agrees. *“The hard work of our staff and volunteers – and our clients --- at CWF and CFC is creating real change in the financial outcomes of Michigan families, and it wouldn't be possible without the support of our partners like Comerica Bank,”* he says.



the southeastern Michigan region, CFCs provide free access to financial services in the clients' neighborhood. More than 9,400 individuals have participated in services offered by Greater Detroit CWF and CFC. As a result, nearly 4,500 people have achieved their goals of increasing their net worth, net income, or credit score. Additionally, more than 3,200 people have been placed in jobs. Comerica Bank Michigan Market President Michael Ritchie says he is impressed by the people served by United Way and its partners, and the effort put forth by coaches. *“The perseverance people have is amazing,” he said. “I meet people from across our community and*

To read more about the families whose lives were changed by the Community Financial Centers, please visit <http://www.liveunitedsem.org/stories/entry/i-can-do-this>. You can also learn more about becoming Financially Fit at LiveUnitedSEM.org/FinanciallyFit.



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HEALTHY HARVEST

After two awful seasons, Michigan winemakers have high hopes for grape crop

Kathleen Lavey
Lansing State Journal

Cradling a perfect bunch of deep-purple Marquette grapes in his hand, picker Ken Frambes expertly snipped it from the vine, rolled it over to make sure every grape in the cluster was free of insects and fungus and placed it into a yellow plastic tub.

This is the first harvest at Sandhill Crane Vineyards near Jackson, the beginning of the statewide grape harvest, and Michigan's 124 winemakers are in a critical place.

Bitter winters killed off some vines in 2013 and 2014. Untimely frosts and a devastating hail storm in northwest Michigan in August of 2015 wrought more havoc, forcing winemakers to buy juice from elsewhere.

This year – finally – could be different.

“Throughout the growing season, for both the plants and for the crop, it seems to be great,” said Chris Baldyga of 2 Lads Winery on the Old Mission Peninsula north of Traverse City. “But I never say it's great until you actually have the juice in the building and in the tank, because there are no guarantees in Michigan farming.”

“Great” is still not equal to pre-freeze harvest levels. Baldyga said he expects 60-70 percent

of the 2012 crop, 80 percent with luck.

The harsh winters affected wineries statewide, but it's hard to gauge the damage, said Karel Bush, program manager at the Michigan Grape and Wine Industry Council. That's because current methods measure the production of wine, not fruit. The Council expects to conduct a study this fall and winter gauging the economic impact of the grape and wine industry as a whole.

“Both of those winters were very cold for an extended amount of time,” she said. “That did, in some cases, permanent damage to the grapevines.”

Despite the ravages of weather, Bush said there has been continued investment in the wine industry, which has ballooned since the turn of the 21st century. In 2006, there were just 47 wineries in the state. Now there are 124, including a handful in the Upper Peninsula. Acreage planted in wine grapes has doubled to just under 3,000 acres.

Along with new wineries, existing ones have expanded – including adding products such as hard cider – while others have increased plantings, improved processes or added amenities at estates.

The traditional vinifera varieties of grapes – familiar names such as Riesling, Chardonnay and Cabernet Sauvignon



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Justine Melville, assistant vineyard manager, and Shelly Glase pick Marquette grapes at Sandhill Crane Winery last week in Jackson. This year's harvest is highly important as the last two have underperformed and been plagued by bad weather.

– grow well in places such as the southwest Lake Michigan shore and the Leelanau and Old Mission peninsulas.

At Sandhill Crane Vineyards, the two rough years meant there was only a small percentage of the usual harvest.

“In our particular vineyard, even in a really good year, we could have problems because we don't have any elevation and we have no lake effect at all because we're in the middle of the state,” said vintner Holly Moffatt-Balansag.

“There was one year we tried to grow cabernet franc, and it died the following winter.”



Oak barrels full of win sit in the barrel room at Sandhill Crane Winery in Jackson.

Sandhill Crane is planted with harder hybrid grapes, including the red Marquette and

Chancellor grapes and the white Vidal. About 10% of the winery's grapes are grown on site.

Others come from southwest Michigan growers.

On a late September Thursday, Moffatt-Balansag watched as the yellow crates full of hand-harvested grapes were dumped into a stainless steel crushing machine. Grape skins, pulp and juice came out the bottom. Stems spewed out the side. The crushed grapes, skins and all, were set in an open container to ferment for a week or so before going into a tank. White or rose wines skip that step.

That first batch of grapes sets a hectic two months in motion.

“This year was perfect, because we had a fairly mild winter and nice, hot summer,” she said. “We're going to be up to 100% (of previous harvests) this year.”

She's looking forward to the winter release of Sandhill Crane's first batch of Marquette, aging for two years. It will be bottled this winter.

A bountiful harvest makes for a crowded production schedule. Baldyga said its crucial to get the harvested fruit from the vine to crushing as soon as possible.

“You don't want it to be bruised,” he said. “You try to manage the speed at which the pickers are bringing you fruit so that you don't have to let it sit outside in the sun. If you let the fruit sit overnight or even for two days, you definitely lose a little bit of soul and a little bit of character from that fruit.”

2 Lads plants 23½ acres of predominantly red grapes at the estate, which usually accounts for about 75 percent of the grapes it uses for winemaking. The rest come from other farmers on the Old Mission Peninsula, Baldyga said.

In 2013, the harvest at 2 Lads plummeted to 3 percent of normal.

“We literally harvested all the fruit from the farm and made it into a field blend sparkling wine,” he said. And then they imported juice from Washington state, similar cold-climate grapes crushed and crushed across the country within 48 hours.

“You still ferment and make that wine in your cellar,” he said. “You get to put some of your signature on it.”

The hail storm last August took out fruit but also damaged grape vines, which can live for decades. The plants, with fruit maturing, put less energy into repairing vine damage from the storm.

“It was really bad timing for the plants themselves,” he said. “They overwintered in a less-healthy state than they would have.”

The harvest will continue through October and, in northern Michigan, as long as mid-November, the busiest time of the year in the wine industry.

“Fall is wonderful. It's exciting. But it's the time of year I can't go away and see fall color,” Moffatt-Balansag said. “It's all about the wine.”



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Judd to female leaders: Work together

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One thing actress Ashley Judd remembers about attending her former husband's IndyCar races are the bikini contests.

The women who competed in them were called "lollipop girls" after the sticks they held that had the race car's number at the top.

"I was disgusted with the whole thing," said Judd, who added she would internally shame the women or not speak with them. "I was not able to honor our differences and have a spacious enough mind ... about my fellow girls and women that allowed me to have a strong female-to-female alliance."

Judd spoke to more than 300 people, mostly women, during her closing



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Actress and humanitarian Ashley Judd delivers her keynote closing address at the ATHENA International Leadership Conference at the Lansing Center. On stage with Judd is her certified comfort dog, Shug.

ing keynote speech Sept. 27 at the ATHENA International Leadership Conference at the Lansing Center. ATHENA International is a non-profit organization that seeks to support, develop and honor women leaders.

Judd is known for her roles in the movies "Ruby in Paradise" and "Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood," but she is also a humanitarian and political activist.

She has addressed the General Assembly of the United Nations on the modern slave trade. She was appointed as Goodwill Ambassador by the United Nations Population Fund.

She was previously married to now-retired Indy Car driver Dario Franchitti, who won the Indy 500 three times.

The way forward for women, Judd said, is a journey toward interdependency.

"It's the pluralism and diversity of women sharing our experience, strength and hope is what I believe is the way forward," she said. "It will create a sustainable way for everyone to be able to reach their full potential."

Judd said in her journey toward this, she had to be able to love everyone, including the women in the bikini contests.

"Let go of that binary thinking, like 'they really should be doing this differently.'"

When she accomplished that, it allowed Judd to stand up for women, she said.

Most recently, Judd said she received an ovation during a conference after calling out a Saudi Arabian minister for how women are treated in his country. She also called out the host of the conference for barely having any female leaders as panelists.

Judd said she is a fierce advocate of speaking with dignity and respect.

She draws courage from attending events like ATHENA where she gets the "dynamism of female-to-female alliances where it is really OK to say 'What the heck is going on in the world?'"

Sarah Jennings, chair of ATHENA's Lansing-based Women's Interest Network, said Judd's speech was inspirational.

"I'm not sure anyone could leave here and not want to make a change," Jennings said.

Jennings said the conference was intended to encourage women to leave a legacy and give back to the community.

Her challenge to the attendees before concluding the conference: "Make sure what was ignited here does not fizzle out."



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Northville's Jack Peterson (right) looks for yardage after making a catch, pursued by South Lyon's Ryan Pederson.

Northville squeaks past gritty South Lyon team

Lions win statistical battle, but Mustangs come out on top, 24-21

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The final stat sheet couldn't have been more misleading. Visiting South Lyon ran 79 plays to Northville's 29, had 26 first downs to the Mustangs' seven and enjoyed a 387-205 advantage in total offense. But the rain-soaked homecoming scoreboard at Tom Holzer Field read: Northville 24, South Lyon 21. "Whether we win games 3-0 or 24-21, we'll take them anyway we can get them," said Northville coach Matt

Ladach, whose team improved to 5-1 overall and 3-0 in the KLAA's Central Division. "That was very tough and very gritty South Lyon team. We're very happy to get that win." Ladach is also happy he has junior kicker Jake Moody, one of the nation's best, on his side. And it was Moody's 30-yard field goal with only 6:17 remaining in the fourth quarter that provided the final margin of victory. Northville's defense then held on for dear life, as it was able to turn over the Lions on downs after they

drove to the Mustangs' 21 with less than two minutes remaining. Another glaring stat was time of possession, which was also heavily in the Lions' favor. South Lyon (2-4, 1-2) had the ball for 35 minutes, 13 seconds, compared to 12:47 for the Mustangs. The Lions demonstrated their proficiency for ball control by scoring each of their three TDs on long, 80-yard drives. "The effort was there, we just

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GIRLS SWIMMING

Northville impresses en route to county title

Mustangs have 'outstanding' meet, according to coach

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Everything fell into place Saturday for Northville at the Wayne County Girls Swimming & Diving meet held at Grosse Pointe South. The Mustangs captured nine of the 12 events, including all three relays, to unseat the defending champion Blue Devils, 482-439.5, for the team title. Rounding out the top five in the 20-school field were Salem (225.5), Livonia Stevenson (187) and Trenton (118.5). "We had an outstanding meet," Northville coach Brian McNeff said. "A lot of the girls wore their fastskin suits and were prepared to go fast, but I didn't expect the results that we got. It's amazing how the tired muscles go away when you know that you are supposed to go fast. Even those that did not P.R. today were close to their best times." Laura Westphal and Kelsey Macaddino, both figuring in four first-place finishes, were the catalysts. Westphal captured the 200-yard individual medley (1:56.34) and 500 freestyle (5:01.82), while Macaddino took first in the 200 freestyle (1:56.34) and 100 butterfly (56.81). The foursome of Sophia Tuinman, Erin Szara, Macaddino and Westphal broke the school record in winning the 200 medley relay (1:47.50). Northville's quartet of Westphal, Macaddino, Tuinman and Katelyn McCullough capped the meet with a win in the 400 freestyle relay (3:37.14). Other individual first-place finishers for the Mustangs were Tuinman in the 100 backstroke (58.39) and Szara in the 100 backstroke (1:05.55). Northville's 200 freestyle relay team of McCullough, Szara, Lulu

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Northville senior Laura Westphal figured in four first-place finishes for the Wayne County champs.



Novi senior Aahmaud Jenkins ran for 219 yards in a 38-21 win over Livonia Stevenson.

PREP FOOTBALL

Jenkins stars in Wildcats' win over Stevenson

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Novi's Aahmaud Jenkins proved Friday night that he was no ordinary understudy. The 5-foot-7, 185-pound senior running back, filling in for the injured Nathan Hankerson, rushed for a game-high 219 yards and two touchdowns as the Wildcats outgunned visiting Livonia Stevenson in a KLAA Central Division football game, 38-17. Hankerson had rushed for more than 800 yards in five games, but Jenkins was able to pick up the baton. "Aahmaud played great tonight," Novi coach Jeff Burnside said. "He's been kind of wanting to run the ball a

little bit more, but he's been such an integral part of our defense that it's been hard to let them use him over there, because he's been really great on defense. So he got us a chance to really run the ball tonight and he came up big." Novi (4-2, 3-0) jumped out to a 17-0 lead on a pair of 1-yard touchdown runs by Ian Patterson, along with a 22-yard field goal by Blake King. Stevenson (3-2, 1-2) then answered in the final 55 seconds of the second quarter to cut the deficit to 17-10 on a 24-yard field goal by Philip Vrzovski, followed by a 10-yard TD pass from Chris Tanderys to Ian Knoph, all coming within an 18-second span. But the Wildcats regained control in

the third quarter as Jenkins busted free for a 63-yard TD run, followed by senior Anthony D'Annibales' 14-yard TD catch from senior quarterback Alec Bageris to make it 31-10. With 2:52 to go, Tanderys hit Knoph on a 14-yard TD toss to cut the deficit to 14, but Novi put it out of reach with a six-play, 49-yard drive capped by Jenkins' 14-yard TD run with only 26 seconds left. Of Novi's 378 total yards, 319 came on the ground as D'Annibale contributed 66 yards on nine carries, while Patterson added 40 on nine attempts. Battling a constant rain, Bageris was a season-low 3-of-9 passing for 59

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PREP FOOTBALL

Shamrocks punch playoff ticket with easy victory

CC hammers school from Indiana for sixth straight

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Make that 26 playoff appearance in 41 seasons under Novi Detroit Catholic Central head football coach Tom Mach.

The Shamrocks made quick work of Gary (Ind.) West Side Leadership Academy at home Friday night with a 47-0 victory while improving to 6-0 and earning an automatic spot into the MHSAA state playoffs.

Catholic Central's defense, which

recorded its second shutout of the year, held the Cougars (0-6) to 58 yards total offense.

The Shamrocks, who jumped out to a 26-0 first-quarter advantage, scored all 47 of their points during the opening half.

Just six seconds into the game, CC's Matt Young recovered a West Side fumble and returned it 5 yards for a TD.

Nicholas Capatina then added TD runs of 2 and 25 yards, with Jackson Ross recovering a fumble at the West Side 14 to set up the Capatina's first TD run.

Cameron Ryan then added a 5-yard scoring run to close out the first quarter.

In the second quarter, CC's Carson Kovath, seeing his first action of the season after suffering a knee injury, scored on a 6-yard TD run to make it 33-0.

Labar Morgan, CC's top rusher with 66 yards on nine carries, added a 9-yard scoring run with 6:29 remaining.

Matt Poet's 27-yard interception return with only 5:48 to go in the first half made it 47-0 following Jacob Nichols' fifth extra point in seven tries.

The Shamrocks had three offensive possessions, while West Side had two under a running clock during the entire second half.

All of CC's 273 total yards came on the ground with Connor O'Neill adding

57 yards on seven carries.

West Side, plagued by four turnovers, got down to the CC 4, but was stopped on one of its two possessions in the second half.

The Shamrocks' top tacklers included Joe Dorigo (one solo, five assists), Max Ziegler (one solo, three assists) and Ross (two solo, two assists). Andrew Hauncher also added a fumble recovery.

CC returns to Catholic League Central Division play beginning at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 7, at Orchard Lake St. Mary's (3-2, 1-0).

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GIRLS GOLF

Novi's Hatz fires record 70 round at Hudson Mills

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The Novi girls golf team appears to be peaking at the right time and nobody seems hotter right now than Alexa Hatz.

On the heels of her school-record 70, which earned her individual medalist honors Sept. 24 at Hudson Mills, the senior also carded 38 to lead the Wildcats to a 173-186 KLAA Central Division dual match win Sept. 26 over rival Northville at Walnut Creek Country Club.

Novi finished KLAA Kensington Conference play at 11-0 and also wrapped up the Central Division dual match title with a 5-0 dual match mark.

Other scorers on senior day for the Wildcats were Kirsten Kroetsch, Abby Livingston and Leah Kiura, both with 45, and Reika Fujiwara and Lauren Henry, who shot 46 and 50, respectively.

Mariella Simoncini led Northville (9-2, 4-1) with 43, followed by Gabby Jaszczur (44), Paige Rosinski (47), Hannah Dygert (52), Megan Stein (53) and Marin Furuyama (56).

In the M&M tourney, Novi led the 11-school field with a 343 total, led by Hatz's 70, followed by Kiura (86), Kroetsch (95) and Fujiwara (95). Novi's non-scorer with Henry with 92.

Novi's reserve team also finished first out of eight teams, led by individual medalist Depina Alexander's 95.

"We cleaned up nicely at this tournament with low individual medalists for both varsity and JV and winning as a team for varsity and JV," Novi coach Megan Henry said. "It's good momentum going into the final stretch of the season."

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Novi's Alexa Hatz fired a school-record 70 to take medalist honors Sept. 24 at the M&M Invitational at Hudson Mills.

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gave up two big plays, really," South Lyon coach Jeff Henson said. "Their first touchdown they executed well, but the (Jack Burke) interception before halftime was a killer. And that was a big play (A.J. Abbott's 90-yard TD catch) on third-and-long ... their athlete was better than our athlete, unfortunately."

A 45-yard punt return by Nick Prystash led to the Mustangs' first TD off a seven-play, 50-yard drive, capped by Abe Khoury's 18-yard run up the middle. Moody converted the PAT to make it 7-0 with 9:10 left in the first half.

But despite being stopped on downs in the red zone during the opening quarter, South Lyon answered with an 11-play, 80-yard drive resulting in a Carlo Zoratti 3-yard slant pass to Chris Job for a TD with 3:54 to go in the second quarter to even the score at 7-7 (following a Michael Martinez PAT).

After quick three-and-out, South Lyon threatened again, thanks to runs of 16 and 10 yards by Zoratti, but the South Lyon QB was picked off by Jack Burke at the 15 and the senior defensive back raced 85 yards for a score with only 22 seconds remaining in the half to put the Mustangs on top again, 14-7.

"On that interception (Luke) Skillman did a great job of hurrying the quarterback and then got up and made a huge block on that return," Ladach said. "It was just guys doing the right thing at the right moment and good things happen to good people."

Northville led at halftime despite running just 17 plays to South Lyon's 36.

The time of possession continued in South Lyon's favor starting the third quarter, as the Lions marched 80 yards in 16 plays, eating up 7:21 of the clock as Zoratti fought his way 8 yards into the end zone on a keeper. Martinez drilled the PAT to make it 14-14 with 4:39 remaining in the third.

But as soon as South Lyon scored, Northville went ahead just three plays later. On third-and-12, Burke hit A.J. Abbott in stride for a 90-yard TD strike with 3:14 to go in the third quarter.

"It was third down; we had to get a big play," said Abbott, a junior wide receiver who wound up with four catches for 125 yards. "I told coach I could beat him deep easily, so I told them that and they called 'X-go' and it was great, it was a great feeling."

Before that late third-quarter series, Abbott had lobbied to have his No. 81 called more often.

"A.J. is funny," Ladach said. "He was wanting the ball on every single play and he's such a good athlete. We probably could throw it up to him all the time. We're glad he's on our team."

The Lions then responded with another 80-yard TD drive, this time on 12 plays, as Zoratti's pass landed in Job's hands in the end zone after a Northville defender tipped it. The 20-yard scoring toss and extra point made it 21-21 with only 8:57 remaining.

"South Lyon is a really stubby team," Abbott said. "They run the ball, they gut it up. It was really hard. We were playing through injuries and stuff, that's why it was hard, and the (wind and rain) conditions."

Zoratti had a big night offensively,



MARTHA MICHALAK

Northville's Nick Prystash (right), helped by blocker Jack Barnes, returned this punt 45 yards. He is pursued by South Lyon's Cliff Price (left).



MARTHA MICHALAK

South Lyon QB Carlo Zoratti (top) stretches for yardage while tackled by Northville's Abe Khoury.

rushing 19 times for 130 yards, while connecting on 12-of-27 passes for another 134 yards.

"Carlo was cramping up towards the end of the game," Henson said. "He played free safety for us all night to-night for us, too, so he never left the field. He did a great job."

Will Kelley added 99 yards rushing on 25 carries, while Job had seven catches for 81 yards.

"Offensively, I think, we're getting better every game," Henson said. "If we could just eliminate the mistakes we're making and the big plays, we'll be all right."

South Lyon was able to gash the gut of the Northville defense to the tune of 253 yards on the ground, which left Ladach somewhat mystified.

"I can't pinpoint that and I know it's coach-speak, but we'll have to look at the film and see exactly what was happening," he said. "I'll tell you one thing, it's because they (South Lyon) have tough kids, too."

Despite the loss, Henson would prob-



MARTHA MICHALAK

Northville's A.J. Abbott had a 90-yard TD catch in the third quarter.

ably throw the stat sheet in the garbage, but remained positive afterward.

"Proud of our guys' effort," the second-year coach said. "We'll learn from it and come ready next week for (South Lyon) East."

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WILDCATS

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yards.

"I think it had a little bit to do with the conditions, but I think it had a little bit to do the fact was that we were emphasizing to run the ball as well as we did," Burnside said. "D'Annibale had a couple of real good runs. We inserted him as the tailback a little bit and he had some nice, hard runs."

"We played a little safe tonight. We punted in situations. We probably would have gone for it in certain situations, but the way we were playing defense and the way we were going, we kind of pinned it on our defense tonight."

Tanderys, a senior quarterback, was 24-of-37 passing with two TDs and two interceptions for 263 yards. His leading receivers were Parker Graham (nine catches, 87 yards), Devin Dunn (six

catches, 61 yards) and Knoph (five catches, 85 yards).

Graham was the Spartans' leading rusher with 74 yards on 15 carries.

"We had a couple of blown coversages, but we kept (Tanderys) in contain and kept him in front of us, which is kind of what we do," Burnside said. "We got short drives and we created four turnovers. We didn't let him on the edge and throw downfield as much."

Drew O'Connor was Novi's top tackler, with six solo and three assists, while Chad Howell added six solo, including a sack and one assist. Patterson finished with six tackles, including two for loss and an interception. Scott Latham also picked off a pass.

Camden Gould and Devin Dunn both had seven tackles, while Nathan Micallef added six (including a sack) for Stevenson.

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BOYS SOCCER



Franklin Road Christian's Dawson Cleminte (front) gets a pat on the back from teammate Paul Alex after scoring a goal against Huron Valley Lutheran.

Franklin Road kick-starts its season

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A little teamwork will go along way — just ask Novi Franklin Road Christian boys soccer coach Paul Coombs.

The Warriors started the season 0-6-1, but have won three of their last four games.

“We were playing as 11 individual players out there the first half of the season,” the third-year Franklin Road coach said. “We have skill, but we don’t have a lot of depth. We had some skill players, but they weren’t working together.

“Then I got kind of upset with them two weeks ago, before we started to win last week, and I told them, ‘This is the most selfish team I’ve ever had to coach.’ And it’s not because we have talent, it’s because we refuse to work together. So they started passing, they started talking and some good things started happening. We’re finally moving in the right direction.”

Franklin Road’s modest three-match winning streak, however, came to a crashing halt Monday when Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Red Division leader Lutheran High Westland rolled to a 10-1 victory over the host Warriors.

Josh Lynn had the lone goal for the Warriors, who trailed 6-0 at halftime.

“We’re not going to take first place, that’s Lutheran Westland, and I don’t see anyone else beating them,” said Coombs, whose team is 3-7-1 overall and 2-4 in the MIAC Red. “But we’re fighting to try to come in second right now. If we can do well on our conference against Southfield (Christian), we should be able to nail down a second or third spot in our division.”

Franklin Road went winless in its first seven matches, with its only non-loss coming in a 1-1 tie

against Brighton Stockwell Academy.

The Warriors then recorded their first win of the season Sept. 26 at home with an 8-2 triumph in a nine-on-nine match over Milford West Highland Christian Academy as Evan Lorey scored five goals.

Jake Schinzing also scored twice, while Dennis Cleminte scored the other Franklin Road goal.

Lorey, a senior who was absent from Monday’s Lutheran Westland match to attend a baseball showcase, leads the Warriors in scoring this season with 15 goals and two assists.

“Evan’s got great speed. He can shoot with either foot and can make things happen,” Coombs said. “He can play any position that we ask of him.”

On Sept. 27, Lorey notched a hat trick and Cleminte added a goal in a 4-3 MIAC Red win over visiting Westland Huron Valley Lutheran. The victory avenged a 2-1 OT setback to Huron Valley earlier in the season (Sept. 1).

On Sept. 29, Lorey scored the lone goal on a play set up by Cleminte and Schinzing as the Warriors made it three straight with a 1-0 MIAC Red triumph at Sterling Heights Parkway Christian.

Freshman goalkeeper Jack Hensley posted the shutout.

“Jack started out the season shaky, but has improved tremendously and he’s been in goal ever since,” Coombs said.

Before the MHSAA Division 4 district tournament begins Monday, Oct. 17, at Plymouth Christian Academy, the Warriors will close their regular season with a pair of matches against Southfield Christian, as well as non-conference dates against Livonia Clarenceville and Westland Universal Learning Academy.

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BOYS SOCCER

Shamrocks, Rice settle for 0-0 deadlock

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It’s the season for debates and the only thing that Novi Detroit Catholic Central and Birmingham Brother Rice can agree on right now is that another match is needed.

That comes after the Catholic League boys soccer rivals battled to a scoreless draw Tuesday night at CC.

The rematch will come Thursday, Oct. 6 at Rice, but the first encounter between the two teams proved to be a night of missed chances.

The tie leaves CC 6-3-3 overall and 2-0-1 in the Catholic League (seven points).

“We’re still undefeated in the Catholic League, so I’m not really worried about it,” fifth-year CC Gene Pulice said. “I think they (Rice) are walking out of here with a tie feeling it’s a victory and that’s OK. We know we’ll get them on the next go-around. You dominate 80 minutes and can’t put the ball in the back of the net ... obviously, we have some work to do.”

Meanwhile, the Warriors stand 5-4-2 overall and 0-1-2 in the league (two points).

“I thought we played well. I thought we had two or three really good opportunities,” Rice coach Barry Brodsky said. “And when you come over here, it’s extremely tough to win. We needed a win to get back into league race, so we’re a little behind the eight-ball still, but at least we kept it close for the rest of the teams in the league right now.”

CC attempted a total of 13 shots, with six going on net compared with Rice’s three of five.

In the second half alone, the Shamrocks seemed on the verge of scoring, with the first big chance coming with 33:44 left, when Ryan Pierson couldn’t convert. And just 5:14 later, CC’s Noah Walter, taking a feed from Pierson, banged a shot off the crossbar.

Then, with only 2:20 remaining and the Shamrocks applying heavy pressure, Luke Goings got control of the ball in the box off a corner kick, but his attempt sailed just over the crossbar.

“When you’re playing against a team that packs it in and they play very direct, it makes life a little difficult for you,” Pulice said. “And I think the further we get, the postseason or later in the season, you’re going to find teams that play that style and you’re going to see them more often. We’re going to have to learn to deal with that in a hurry.”

Rice was not devoid of chances in the second half, either, with the first golden chance occurring when Julian Khemmoro pushed a shot just wide of CC goalkeeper Kevin Blossfeld on a two-on-one break.

The Warriors were then awarded a free kick after a CC foul with only 5:11 remaining, with the ball placed on a 90-degree angle less than 10 yards away from the net.

“The indirect free kick was pretty tough, but I think we defended it pretty well,” CC senior defender Valen-

tino Ivezaj said. “There was only five minutes left and we all dropped back, stopped the goal. We’ve got to make sure the ball doesn’t go down line, near post and first block that off. And you have to guard everybody in the middle and make sure there’s no pass in there.”

But despite being within close range, the Warriors tapped a weak shot that was unable to penetrate a wall of Shamrocks defenders.

“We had that indirect free kick with five minutes to go, that we should have put in,” Brodsky said. “That was a gift and we didn’t accept it for some reason. We would have liked to rip it, just not touch it. You want to rip it.”

One player that kept Rice on its toes was senior goalkeeper Nick Gugliemetti, who finished with six saves.

“He had a really good game,” Brodsky said. “He’s been a solid starter for three years and to get a shutout over here ... that’s our goal. But we were hoping to scrape home a goal. So he did his job but, unfortunately, we didn’t get a goal.”

A win would have been nice for the first-place Shamrocks, but it wasn’t critical in a race for first in the Central Division and ultimately a spot in the Catholic League championship final.

CC started its second round of division games at University of Detroit-Jesuit, followed by a match Tuesday, Oct. 4 at home against Warren DeLaSalle, followed by the rematch two days later against Rice.

And the Shamrocks, coming off a 4-1 non-league loss Sept. 24 at East Lansing, where Matt Sherman scored the lone goal, hope to get healthy before the state tourney begins.

“The only silver lining is that we know we’re better than them and we’ll move ahead,” Pulice said. “Our leadership has some work to do and it will work itself out in the wash. I’m not really worried necessarily about the tie. I think we’re going to be fine. I think we have a ton of injuries that are playing into our favor. Our goalkeeper Trevor (Ostrowski) is injured. Luke Goings has got a fractured foot. Jared Lee got a severely sprained ankle. We’re plagued with cramps. We’ve got groins. We’re definitely a walking wounded at this point.”

Scoring goals is the main objective moving forward for the Shamrocks.

“We’re just going to look to build out of the back better, more scoring opportunities and more shots on goal,” Ivezaj said.

Rice, meanwhile, was able to withstand CC’s late pressure and walked out of Fr. Elmer Stadium with a point.

“They were pushing forward,” Brodsky said of the Shamrocks. “When you’re at home in the Catholic League, you feel like you’ve got to win the game. When you’re on the road, it’s a little bit different because you’re a little more passive.”

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BOYS SOCCER

Mustangs zero in on back-to-back division crowns

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Junior Felipe McCarthy notched a hat trick Sept. 29 as host Northville inched closer to repeating as KLAA Central Division boys soccer champion with an 8-0 triumph over South Lyon East.

The state-ranked Mustangs (No. 7 in Division 1), who improved to 8-1-5 overall and 6-0-2 in the division (20 points), need only a point in their final two division matches to bring home the title.

Northville, which led 4-0 at halftime, also got goals from Ben McCauley, Owen Marshall, Zach Komejan, Andrew Mitchell and Andy Farcas, the last of which ended the match on the eight-goal mercy rule with only 52 seconds left.

Omar Lahbiki also added three assists on senior night, while goalkeepers Evan Treiber and Yanni Kanellopoulos combined on the shutout as Northville extended its unbeaten match streak to 11.

“I thought Ben McCauley played exceptionally well and everybody played a solid game,” Northville coach Henry Klimes said. “Everybody got to play again and team chemistry is at a high. It’s good to have the weekend off, with homecoming and all. We’re pleased with where we’re at right now towards the end of the regular season.”

The loss dropped the Cougars to 2-9-1 overall and 1-6-1 in the KLAA Central.

DETROIT CC 1, U-D JESUIT 0: Ryan Pierson scored on a direct free kick from 30 yards out Saturday, giving Novi Detroit Catholic Central (7-3-3, 3-0-1) the Catholic League Central Division victory over host University of Detroit-Jesuit.

Goalkeeper Kevin Blossfeld earned the shutout as the Shamrocks outshot the Cubs (1-2-1 Central) by a 14-7 margin.

NOVI 1, STEVENSON 1: The host Wildcats (6-2-4, 3-2-3) and Livonia Stevenson (6-3-4, 3-2-3) battled to a draw in a KLAA Central Division clash Sept. 29 at Meadows Stadium.

Novi, ranked No. 10 in Division 1, led 1-0 at halftime after Adam Dellavecchia finished a long throw-in during the 33rd minute.

But Stevenson tied the score when Christian Zapata finished a rebound off a Lucas Rea free kick in the 45th minute.

Stevenson goalkeeper Drew Padgen made five saves, while Novi’s Luke McDonald had four.

“I thought both teams goal keepers and back lines did really well avoiding major mistakes while dealing with the rough weather,” said Stevenson coach Ken Shingledecker, whose team outshot the Wildcats, 9-8.

NORTHVILLE 6, SOUTH LYON 0: Owen Marshall scored a pair of goals Sept. 27 as Northville (7-1-5, 5-0-2) remained on a roll with a KLAA Central Division victory over the host Lions (6-5-1, 1-5-1).

“Everybody played and we played well,” Northville coach Henry Klimes said. “I was pleased the way we connected passes and we did not take this match for granted. We did not want to give up points.”

Marshall’s shot to the upper corner staked the Mustangs to a 1-0 halftime lead, but it remained close do to the sterling effort of South Lyon goalkeeper Alex Sickelsteel, who finished with 10 saves.

“He was outstanding in goal for them; we could have had more,” Klimes said.

In the second half, the Mustangs broke loose on goals by Marshall (from Ben McCauley), McCauley (from Felipe McCarthy), Zach Komejan (from Brendan Kemp); and Tyler Belanger (from Louis Hamati).

“Alex and Thomas Chavez played phenomenal games against an extremely talented Northville side,” South Lyon coach Brian Elliott said.

NOVI 2, SALEM 1: Senior midfielder Amossi Bujaga converted a penalty kick with only 11:06 to play, giving the Wildcats (6-2-3, 3-2-2) the KLAA Central Division triumph Sept. 27 over the host Rocks (5-5-3, 3-2-2) at Centennial Educational Park.

Senior forward Kyle Bandyk, off an assist from Adam Dellavecchia, staked Novi to a 1-0 lead with 21:12 remaining in the first half, but Salem’s Christian Freitag answered with 22:34 remaining in the match.

Novi goalkeeper Luke McDonald made four saves in the victory.

“After a tough loss (4-1 to Northville), the team was able to regroup and get a hard fought win tonight against a strong Salem team,” said first-year said Novi coach Todd Pheiffer, whose team outshot Salem 6-5. “It was a very even game throughout with only a few scoring opportunities for both teams. I’m proud of how the team stuck together and, even though it was not our best game, they worked hard to get the win tonight.”

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Novi’s Eric Rice (right) goes for the header as he collides with a Stevenson player.

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY



Novi's front four-pack included (from left) Aric Landy, Scott Macpherson, Gabe Mudel and John Landy.

Novi rolls to easy win over Stevenson

Wildcats take top four places against Spartans

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Aric Landy was the leader of the pack as the Novi boys cross country team improved to 3-0 in the KLAA's Central Division with a 17-43 dual meet win Sept. 27 over Livonia Stevenson at Cass Benton Park.

Landy covered the hilly 5,000-meter course in 16 minutes, 49 seconds.

"Aric has been our first man before, but this is the first time that he came in

first overall in a meet," Novi coach Robert Smith said. "He was under full control for the entire race."

Novi also took the next three places: John Landy (16:50), Gabe Mudel (16:55) and Scott MacPherson (17:03). Livonia Stevenson's Jack Balint (17:11) and Nathan Ward (17:15) placed fifth and sixth, respectively.

Trey Mullins was the Wildcats' fifth scorer in seventh (17:18), while Chris Silva (eighth, 17:19) and Nate Wood (10th, 17:38) rounded out the Novi contingent.

"Our strategy was to have our pack lead the whole way," Smith said. "Stevenson could not break into our group up front. We have quite a battle for our

fifth slot. Both guys (Mullins and Silva) are hungry. This internal competition will help both of these athletes. They both respond well to the challenge."

Also breaking the 18-minute barrier for Novi were Alex Schafer (12th, 17:44) and Matt Whyte (14th, personal best 17:52).

Satvik Malapati, Matt Gamm, Kush Madhani, Jake Ryba and Divyesh Hari-ram also each established career bests.

Meanwhile, Stevenson's other three scorers were Ben Griffith, ninth (17:33); Owen Rowader, 11th (17:41); and Nathan Wilson, 13th (17:46).

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GIRLS SWIMMING

Northville splashes Lyon in first KLAA test

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Northville fired the first volley in match-up of teams that are expected to challenge once again for the KLAA Kensington Conference girls swimming and diving title.

The Mustangs captured eight of the 12 events Sept. 29 en route to a 104-82 Central Division dual meet triumph over host South Lyon Unified at East High School.

The Mustangs, who took runner-up conference honors last season to SLU, also won all three relay races.

"There is always a little extra emotion at this meet and it is usually a close one, too," Northville coach Brian McNeff said. "The girls came out strong and had some pretty good races, but South Lyon was swimming really well also. We were able to pull away at the end, but they are a really good team and it is going to be another close battle at the end of the season with them."

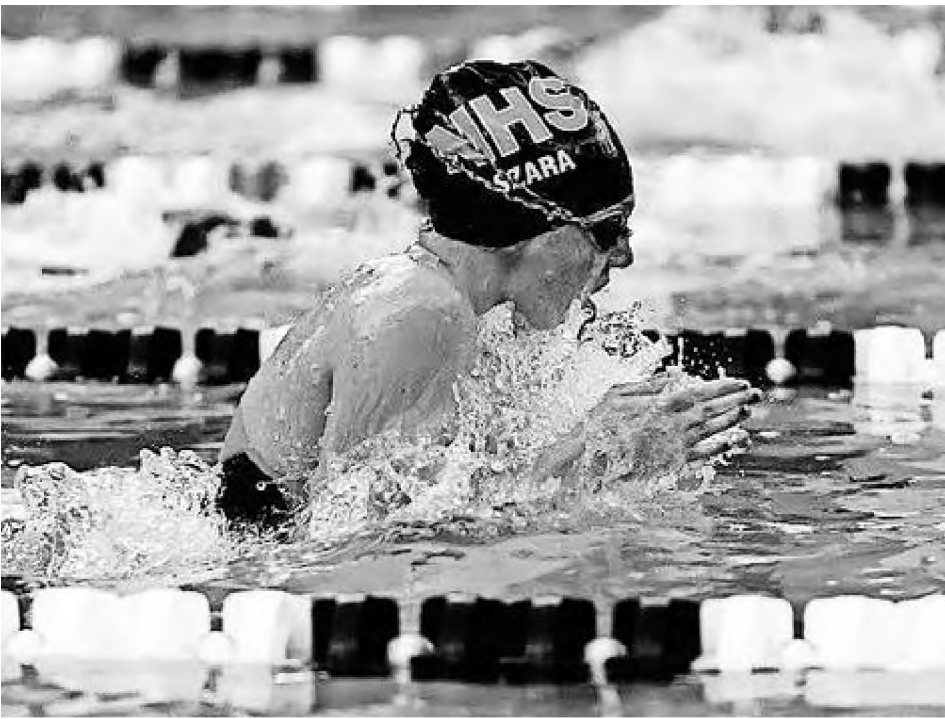
Senior Laura Westphal led the way for Northville with individual wins in the 200-yard individual medley (2:13.10) and 500 freestyle (5:10.57).

She also teamed with Katelyn McCullough, Erin Szara and Lauren Heaven for a win in the 200 medley relay (1:52.58). The foursome of Kelsey Macaddino, Nick Pumper and Gillian Zayan captured the 200 freestyle relay (1:42.28).

Other individual winners for the Mustangs were Macaddino, 100 butterfly (1:59.03); McCullough, 100 backstroke (1:00.98); and Szara, 100 breaststroke (1:08.21).

Other top-notch swims for Northville, according to McNeff, came from Sarah Aran, Claire Wan, Jenna Booher and Zayan.

"We are a little more than halfway through the season and we have figured some things out, but we also have some things that we definitely need to work on," McNeff said. "One thing we know is that we have a great second half of the meet and we don't tire easily at the end. I still don't know what our best relays are, but we will figure that out a little more this weekend at the Wayne County meet. We have a lot of hard work to do, but I really like the attitude and work ethic that our team has, which usually helps at the end of the



XIN WAN

Northville's Erin Szara took first place in the 100-yard breaststroke.

season."

South Lyon Unified slipped to 8-2 overall and 1-1 in the KLAA Central.

"It was a good meet for us," South Lyon coach John Burch said. "Northville has a lot of young talent and I thought that we kept up well with them. Northville has to be considered the favorite heading into the division and conference meets, but we will do our best to get as close to Northville as possible."

SLU was led by senior Carolyn Bischoff, who swept the 50 and 100 freestyles in 24.98 and 55.21, while Caitlyn Canadi led a one-two-three sweep in 1-meter diving (218.60 points) with Starr Bryan (211.70) and Alexis Bidwell (183.75) taking second and third, respectively.

South Lyon's other victory came from Melanie Dunnuck in the 200 freestyle (1:58.90).

"Melanie Dunnuck and Carolyn Bischoff both had very good meets for us last night, as did a lot of our younger girls," Burch said. "Also our divers really helped us in this meet. Caitlyn Canadi and Starr Bryan both were out-

standing and went season-best scores to sweep the top spots in diving."

DUAL MEET RESULTS
NORTHVILLE 104
SOUTH LYON UNIFIED 82
Sept. 29 at South Lyon East

200-yard medley relay: 1. Northville (Katelyn McCullough, Erin Szara, Lauren Heaven, Laura Westphal), 1:52.58; 2. South Lyon (Anna Smith, Avery Covert, Abigail O'Reilly, Emerson Ramey), 1:57.13; 3. Northville (Lulu Mans, Emily Guerrero, Mia Testani, Brooke Verbie), 1:58.84.

200 freestyle: 1. Melanie Dunnuck (SLU), 1:58.9; 2. Gillian Zayan (N), 2:02.77; 3. Lexi Abernethy (SLU), 2:02.87.

200 individual medley: 1. Westphal (N), 2:13.10; 2. Guerrero (N), 2:16.11; 3. Heaven (N), 2:18.03.

50 freestyle: 1. Carolyn Bischoff (SLU), 24.98; 2. Kelsey Macaddino (N), 25.86; 3. Lindsay Boals (SLU), 25.92.

1-meter diving: 1. Caitlyn Canadi (SLU), 218.60 points; 2. Starr Bryan (SLU), 211.70; 3. Alexis Bidwell (SLU), 183.45.

100 butterfly: 1. Macaddino (N), 1:59.03; 2. Heaven (N), 1:00.71; 3. Smith (SLU), 1:02.00.

100 freestyle: 1. Bischoff (SLU), 55.21; 2. McCullough (N), 1:56.01; 3. Zayan (N), 1:57.18.

500 freestyle: 1. Westphal (N), 5:10.57; 2. Dunnuck (SLU), 5:23.86; 3. Emma Phillips (N), 5:30.35.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Northville (Macaddino, Nicki Pumper, Zayan, Westphal), 1:40.82; 2. South Lyon (Bischoff, Dunnuck, Boals, Taylor Sciborski), 1:42.28; 3. Northville (Heaven, Verbie, Testani, Szara), 1:45.68.

100 backstroke: 1. McCullough (N), 1:00.98; 2. Mans (N), 1:04.3; 3. Lauren SanMillan (SLU), 1:07.12.

100 breaststroke: 1. Szara (N), 1:08.21; 2. Covert (SLU), 1:11.12; 3. Guerrero (N), 1:12.3.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Northville (Macaddino, Mans, Zayan, McCullough), 3:44.5; 2. South Lyon (Bischoff, Dunnuck, Boals, Sciborski), 3:46.96; 3. South Lyon (Abernethy, Emily Kurt, Nicole Hanshaw, Smith), 3:55.0.

Dual meet records: Northville, 6-0 overall, 2-0 KLAA Central Division; South Lyon, 8-2 overall, 1-1 KLAA Central.

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Northville finishes as runner-up at Legends

Mustangs place behind only defending state champ Seaholm

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The A2 Running Co. Coaching Legends Invitational on Saturday at Huron Meadows Metropark proved to be another litmus test for the Northville girls cross country team.

The second-ranked Mustangs made another strong showing, but two-time defending MHSAA Division 1 state champion Birmingham Seaholm held on to win the Varsity Big Schools division team title, 66-75.

Ann Arbor Pioneer, which finished ahead of the Mustangs the previous week at the Jackson Invitational, settled for third with 80 points in the 14-school field.

Pioneer's Ann Forsyth won the 5,000-meter race in 17 minutes, 28.9 seconds, while Northville placed three in the top 10: senior Cayla Eckenroth (sixth, 18:21.09), sophomore Nicole Cybul (seventh, 18:31.65) and junior Ana Barrott (ninth, 18:34.78).

"Those three run beautifully together and pushed each other throughout the entire race," Northville coach Nancy Smith said.

Northville's other two scorers were sophomore Olivia Harp (23rd, 19:27.98) and senior Emma Smith (30th, season-best 19:47.16).

The Mustangs' other two finishers were junior Anna Buettner (38th, 20:07.47) and senior Katie Chevor (40th, 20:08.18).

"It was a busy week for us with homecoming and also many of the girls recovering from a cold that went through the team, but I think we ran well despite this," Smith said. "We still need to work on getting a solid five together. We have three, but need to work on the rest over the next few weeks. In order to be successful at the state finals, we will need to have a spread of 1:00 or less from our one through five runners. The goal is to bring back our pack that has been so successful for us over the last few years."

Northville also won the JV race with 21 points as sophomore Sinclair Smith (21:38), freshman Olivia Masse (21:39) and freshman Lindsay Afsari (22:01) took the first three places while all posting career bests. Other finishers included senior Helena Bryans (fifth, 22:16) and Claire Lapinski (12th, 23:07).

Smith rested her top eight runners Sept. 27 in a 15-50 KLAA Central Division dual meet win over host South Lyon East.

Junior Rachel Zimmer placed first in 20:56, followed by freshman Emily Assemany, second (20:56); Emily Rudberg, third (20:59); Kayleigh Line, fourth (21:12); and Olivia Masse, fifth (21:42).

"They did a great job and worked together throughout the entire race," said Smith, whose team improved to 3-0 in the division. "This group represents our future and we gave them a chance to lead."

"It was a busy week for us with homecoming coming..."

NANCY SMITH
Northville coach

Ray paces Novi

Sophomore Katherine Ray took fourth individually in 19:52.64 as Novi took seventh with 175 points in the 11-team Varsity Mid-Size Schools division Saturday at the Legends Invitational.

East Lansing won the team title with 62 points, while Hudsonville, paced by individual winner Melanie Helder (18:30.43), was runner-up with 69. Wyandotte placed third with 71.

Other scorers for the Wildcats included Lauren Sedewitz, 40th (22:03.36); Addison Lentz, 46th (22:24.77); Kacy Sheehan, 54th (23:10.38); and Saranya Nistala, 49th (22:43.55).

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Mans and Zayan also finished first (1:41.51).

"We got six more state cuts, were very close on two more, broke three pool records and one school record," McNeff said. "The medley relay may be the fastest in the state up to this point, so we are really excited to see what it can do at the end."

The Mustangs' best event was the 200 freestyle, where they swept the first three places and racked up 76 points.

"We were also able to get some girls times back down to where we want them," McNeff said. "Gillian Zayan and Kelsey Macaddino are two examples of that. They haven't necessarily struggled, but were definitely not at their best. Today, they both came out and swam a great 200 and then they were able to come back in their other events and put up some really fast times."

Grosse Pointe South's Sarah McCabe was a double-winner, taking the 50 and 100 freestyles in 24.83 and 53.56, respectively, while Salem's Camille Burt was the 1-meter diving champion (369.00 points).

But the day belonged to the Mustangs.

"(Saturday) was their homecoming dance, so I wasn't sure how focused they would be, but they were great," McNeff said. "I told them yesterday that they would have a lot more fun tonight if they came home with fast times and a trophy and we did just that. I was very proud of the team today."

WAYNE COUNTY GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING MEET
Oct. 1 at Grosse Pointe South

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Northville, 482 points; 2. Grosse Pointe South, 439.5; 3. Salem, 225.5; 4. Livonia Stevenson, 187; 5. Trenton, 118.5; 6. Plymouth, 109; 7. Gibraltar Carlson, 108; 8. Detroit King, 88; 9. Wyandotte, 79.5; 10. Riverview, 73 (20 schools).

FINAL EVENT RESULTS

200-yard medley relay: 1. Northville (Sophia Tuinman, Erin Szara, Kelsey Macaddino, Laura Westphal), 1:47.50.

200 freestyle: 1. Kelsey Macaddino (N'ville), 1:56.34; 2. Tuinman (N'ville), 1:56.94; 3. Gillian Zayan (N'ville), 1:57.32; 8.

Sophia Wesniak (N'ville), 2:02.49.

200 individual medley: 1. Westphal (N'ville), 2:09.65; 3. Emily Guerrero (N'ville), 2:14.30; 7. Lauren Heaven (N'ville), 2:17.56; 8. Szara (N'ville), 2:18.05.

50 freestyle: 1. Sarah McCabe (GPS), 24.83; 2. Katelyn McCullough (N'ville), 25.01.

1-meter diving: 1. Camille Burt (Salem), 369.00.

100 butterfly: 1. Macaddino (N'ville), 56.81; 4. Heaven (N'ville), 1:01.38.

100 freestyle: 1. McCabe (GPS), 53.56; 2. Zayan (N'ville), 54.54.

500 freestyle: 1. Westphal (N'ville), 5:01.82.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Northville (McCullough, Szara, Lulu Mans, Zayan), 1:41.51.

100 backstroke: 1. Tuinman (N'ville), 58.39; 2. McCullough (N'ville), 1:59.75.

100 breaststroke: 1. Szara (N'ville), 1:05.55; 3. Guerrero (N'ville), 1:09.72; 7. Emma Phillips (N'ville), 1:12.68.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Northville (Westphal, Macaddino, Tuinman, McCullough), 3:37.14.

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PREP VOLLEYBALL

Novi keeps rolling with win over South Lyon East

Mustangs stay one game back following victory over Salem

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Claire Pinkerton finished with 23 digs and served three aces Sept. 29 as defending Class A volleyball state champion Novi rolled to a 25-15, 25-15, 25-11 KLAA Central Division win over visiting South Lyon East.

The Wildcats, who improved to 23-1 overall and 7-0 in the Central, also got nine kills and three blocks from Emmy Robinson, while junior setter Erin O'Leary finished with 35 assist-to-kills and 10 digs.

Sophia Bolden had seven kills and eight digs for East, which slipped to 12-9-2 overall and 3-4 in the KLAA Central.

Other leaders for the Cougars included Claire Crampton (12 digs, eight assists), Anna Palo (12 digs) and Kayla Gunn (nine digs).

"We played well, but were eventually overwhelmed," East coach Dennis Belaire said. "It's difficult to hang with a team who has so many student-athletes committed to play D-I college volleyball."

Mustangs cruise

Setter Rachel Holmes had 26 assist-to-kills and Hannah Grant added 19 digs Sept. 29 as state-ranked Northville (29-2, 6-1) posted a 25-13, 25-11, 25-11 KLAA Central Division victory over Salem.

Other contributors for the Mustangs included Megan Kelly (seven kills), Claire Wenrick (five kills, three solo blocks) and Emily Martin (six kills).

"Every girl played and contributed, true team effort, everyone held their own and together dominated," first-year Northville coach Julie Fiset.

Setter Rachel Watson finished with two kills, 11 digs and 14 assist-to-kills for the Rocks, who slipped to 1-6 in KLAA Central play.

Novi routs Salem

On Sept. 27, junior outside hitter Abryanna Cannon racked up 19 kills as host Novi



South Lyon East's Sydney Watson (middle) tries to hit past Novi blockers Ally Cummings (left) and Savanna Frick.

(21-1, 6-0) romped to a 25-13, 25-12, 25-12 KLAA Central Division triumph over Salem.

Setter Erin O'Leary chipped in 25 assists, while Jaeda Porter contributed five kills. Kaylee Peterson paced the defense with 12 digs.

The loss dropped the Rocks to 1-5 in the KLAA Central.

Northville stops Lions

Setter Rachel Holmes finished with 29 assist-to-kill and served two aces Sept. 27 as Northville downed host South Lyon in a KLAA Central Division match, 25-7, 25-23, 25-15.

The Mustangs, who improved to 28-2 overall and 5-1 in the division, also received top-notch performances from Emily Martin (seven kills, two

aces), Kiera Borthwick (seven kills, 11 digs), Hannah Grant (13 digs), Megan Kelly (eight digs) and Claire Wenrick (four solo blocks).

Liberty Romanik paced the Lions (10-5-1, 3-3) with seven kills, while Stephanie Kalinowski added four kills, once ace and 12 digs.

Other leaders for South Lyon included Morgan Booth (four kills, two blocks), Chloe Grimes (four kills), Emily Kalinowski (12 assists), Hannah Barton (eight assists) and Megan Mrocka (nine digs).

Larissa Dean, Samantha Halaby and Booth each hit .400.

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Northville's Bryce Quick (left) goes on the attack against Salem's Danielle Pfannes.

PREP FOOTBALL

Indiana team fills Shamrocks' scheduling void

CC forced to scramble after Ontario team bails

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When Novi Detroit Catholic Central's sixth-week football opponent from Ontario pulled out, CC athletic director Aaron Babicz was determined not to take a forfeit.

"With this being our senior night and our donor appreciation night, I had to find a game," Babicz said. "I went through all the open date boards. I found two in Michigan that were open, but I knew it was kind of slim pickings there. I checked the Ohio open date board, I checked the Illinois open date board, then I checked the Indiana open date board and they were open."

Due to a lack of players, Babicz received a text message Sept. 22 from the coach of Pauline Johnson Collegiate & Vocational of Brantford, Ontario, that read the team wasn't coming.

"They usually have 40 kids on their team," Babicz said. "Last year, we were supposed to play them, but they had a teachers strike in their province, so they couldn't play. I knew they kind of owed us a favor to come back, so that's why I was able to secure them for week six."

Gary West Side Leadership Academy, a 4A Indiana independent school with 786 students, was able to fill the void.

Making a deal

"I found them actually on them on Facebook and messaged the coach (Jason Johnson) on there, which he didn't see," Babicz said. "On Monday morning (Sept. 26), I called him and said keep an open mind. We began talking about those guys coming up here."

And although unbeaten and No. 2-ranked CC dominated the Cougars (0-6) in Friday night's non-league game, 47-0, Babicz

was able to make the four-hour trip for West Side worth its while.

"(Johnson) said he was hurting a little bit budget-wise and stuff and I wanted to help in any way possible," Babicz said. "He asked me what color our uniforms were and I said royal blue and white. They're navy blue and orange, so we're not even close. He said we have one uniform we use for every game. I didn't know what he was getting at, but he said if there was any way you could help us with a set of jerseys, I'll guarantee we'll get up there and play. We have a great relationship with adidas, which we have our school and athletic deal through. I called our adidas rep over at Top Cat Sales and, because we spend so much money with adidas, we get promo dollars back. So I was able to get them a set of navy blue uniforms with orange print and just help them."

West Side had two open dates on its 2016 schedule. Another date was filled with an Illinois opponent, Chicago Mt. Carmel.

"They were doing us a huge favor by coming to us and I thought I'd help them out in any way I can," Babicz said. "We paid for their charter bus and paid for their meal after the game."

Division shrinks

Since the Catholic League's Central Division this season is down to four football members — CC, Birmingham Brother Rice, Warren DeLaSalle and Orchard Lake St. Mary's — CC has five open dates on its schedule (not including the ninth week Catholic League Prep Bowl crossover).

This season, CC opened the season at University of Michigan stadium against Sterling Heights Stevenson and played two Ohio opponents, continuing its series with Toledo Whitmer while beginning a home-and-home in 2016 and 2017 with Cleveland St. Ignatius. The

Shamrocks' other game was against Toronto St. Michael's (Ontario) College.

One possible opponent, University of Detroit-Jesuit, a member of the Central Division in all other sports, did not play a full division schedule this year, facing only DeLaSalle and St. Mary's.

The Catholic League mandates one crossover game between its Central and AA members, along with one as well for the Intersectional 1 and 2 divisions.

But in week six (last weekend), U-D High played St. Joseph in a non-league game, while Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard of the AA hosted Pittsburgh (Pa.) Westinghouse.

Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, meanwhile, was banned for the 2016-17 school year in all sports by the Catholic League for refusing to play Brother Rice in a football crossover.

Crossover issues

U-D High currently fields varsity and freshman football teams, but does not have a JV squad. The other four Central Division schools have teams at all three levels.

"Their goal is to build their program up, so I don't think it's a matter of if, but more of a matter of when they're back to playing a full Central Division schedule," Babicz said of U-D. "The reason why they were granted those two games re-prieve was because all those other schools in the Central agreed to a crossover except for Notre Dame Prep."

Ann Arbor Richard could have filled that void, but bowed out as well.

"Once the league schedule came out and Richard saw they were playing us, they did not want to play that game, even though they agreed to play in a crossover," Babicz said. "So that kind of left me in a bit of a pinch because we had (Cleveland) St. Ignatius week four and I knew the longer I waited to find an opponent, the tough-

er that opponent would be get to that week six game.

"But when it came down to it, the big debate is competitive balance in those crossovers. But if you think about it, we're probably one of the only leagues in the state to where the smaller schools don't cross over with the larger schools. It happens in every league, whether it's the KLAA, OAA or OK Conference."

Playoff changes?

Babicz said a new playoff proposal devised two years ago by a group of members from the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association based on strength of schedule would have addressed many of the scheduling issues that plague some schools throughout the state like CC.

But that proposal failed and couldn't gain enough traction as the Michigan High School Athletic Association maintained its current automatic qualifying format to fill out its 256-team, eight-division playoff field, which is based on six wins for a nine-game schedule and five for an eight-game schedule.

Even though CC has made the MHSAA playoffs 26 of its 41 years under coach Tom Mach, scheduling remains a concern.

"Something has to change with the structure of the playoffs," Babicz said. "This six-wins, five-wins structure ... it's not helping schools, whether it's us or any other schools scheduling games. That's what's so frustrating. You see teams with soft schedules looking to get those six wins. Not that we're afraid of competition, but I bring a team like St. Ignatius to coach Mach and we're in the Central Division playing Rice, St. Mary's, DeLaSalle and also Toledo Whitmer ... that's a grind when you have to get six wins."

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THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL
Friday, Oct. 7
Salem at Novi, 7 p.m.
Northville at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Detroit CC at St. Mary Prep, 7 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 14
Novi at Northville, 7 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 16
DeLaSalle at Detroit CC, 1 p.m.
BOYS SOCCER
Thursday, Oct. 6
Macomb at Franklin Road, 4:30 p.m.
Detroit CC at Brother Rice, 5:30 p.m.
Novi at South Lyon East, 7 p.m.
Salem at Northville, 7 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 7
Universal Acad. at Franklin Rd., 4:30 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 10
KLAA South at Northville, 7 p.m.
KLAA South at Novi (Meadows), 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 11
Franklin Rd. at S'field Christian, 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 12
KLAA Lakes at Northville, 7 p.m.
KLAA Lakes at Novi (Meadows), 7 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 13
Franklin Road at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 14
S'field Christ. at Franklin Rd., 4:30 p.m.
PREP VOLLEYBALL
Thursday, Oct. 6
Novi at South Lyon, 6:30 p.m.
Northville at Stevenson, 6:30 p.m.
Franklin Road at Romeo, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 8
Northville at Marian Inv., 8 a.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 11
Novi at Northville, 6:30 p.m.
Liggett at Franklin Road, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 13
Franklin Road at Macomb, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 15
Northville at Beast of East Inv. at Lake Orion H.S., TBA.
BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY
Saturday, Oct. 8
Northville at Portage Cent. Inv., 9 a.m.
Wayne County Championship at Willow Metropark, 10 a.m.
Oakland County Championship at Kensington Metropark, 10 a.m.
Monday, Oct. 10
Detroit CC vs. U-D Jesuit, TBA.
Tuesday, Oct. 11
Northville vs. Salem at Cass Benton Park, 3:50 p.m.
Novi vs. South Lyon East at Island Lake State Park, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 15
Detroit CC at Sturgis Inv., 9 a.m.
GIRLS SWIMMING
Thursday, Oct. 6
Northville at Novi, 6:30 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 7
MISCA Meet at EMU, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 8
MISCA Meet at EMU, 10 a.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 11
Northville at Canton, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 13
Salem at Novi, 6:30 p.m.
BOYS TENNIS
Friday, Oct. 7
Division 1 regional at Novi, 8 a.m.
Friday-Saturday, Oct. 14-15
MHSAA Division 1 finals at Midland Comm. Center, 8 a.m.
GIRLS GOLF
Monday, Oct. 10
KLAA Association Tourney at Fox Hills G.C., 9 a.m.
Friday-Saturday, Oct. 14-15
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Find easy ways to be happier at work

BY MATT TARPEY
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While everyone complains about his or her job now and then, being perpetually unhappy at work is no laughing matter. Work takes up a significant portion of most people's days, so being able to stay in a good mood during that time is important.

To that end, here are five easy tips to help you stay happier at work.

Plan your day. Setting realistic, achievable daily goals is a great way to not only take charge of your own life and career path, but it can give you a satisfying sense of achievement each day.

Laura MacLeod, creator of the From the Inside Out Project, which aids communication between co-workers, says to ask yourself, "What tasks and/or projects am I expected to finish today?" Knowing what you need to do and in what timeframe gives you structure and allows you to plan your day appropriately. Happiness is connected to security — structure provides that."

Take breaks. One of the most effective ways to enhance your mood throughout the day is also the simplest — take a break and physically



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distance yourself from your work and any stress connected to it.

"Get away from your desk to have lunch or take a walk outside," says Cara Maksimow, therapist and coach at Maximize Wellness Counseling & Coaching. "Do something creative or fun during your break. Perhaps take (a) 20-minute bike ride, play a game or call a friend. Take time to recharge."

Mikaela Kiner, executive coach and founder of uniquelyHR, a human resources consulting firm for start-ups, agrees that taking breaks can

improve your mood. "As adults, we can only concentrate well for about 30 minutes," she says. "Get a cup of coffee, something to eat, or walk around the block. It's not a waste of time; you'll actually be more productive."

Own your space. If you work in an office, the very design and layout of your workspace might be bringing down your mood. Take some time to personalize your space with items that will help foster your creativity and motivate you. "You spend so much time

at work that it helps to make your space your own," says Monique Honaman, founding partner of leadership training company ISHR Group. "Hang artwork, add meaningful photos, bring in plants — essentially anything that makes your space comfortable for you."

Set boundaries. Having a lot of projects to work on isn't always a bad thing, especially if you like what you do, but be sure not to take on more work than you can handle. Remember that it's OK to say no or ask for help if you're getting

overwhelmed with requests. "Be realistic. If there's too much on your plate or deadlines are unreasonable, say so. After all, you're only human and there are only 24 hours in the day," Kiner says.

Build relationships. One of the biggest factors that plays into long-term happiness at work is the relationships you have with the people you work with. Spending eight hours a day surrounded by strangers is much less fun than spending eight hours a day with friends, or even just friendly acquaintances.

"Make an effort to build strong relationships," says Juli Smith, president of The Smith Consulting Group. "If you don't know the people that you work with that well, ask someone out to lunch and get to know them on a personal level. You don't have to be best friends, but 'breaking bread' with someone can give you a more three-dimensional view of them and vice versa."

Or, as Kiner puts it, "Work is just more fun when you have someone you can brainstorm with, vent to and confide in."

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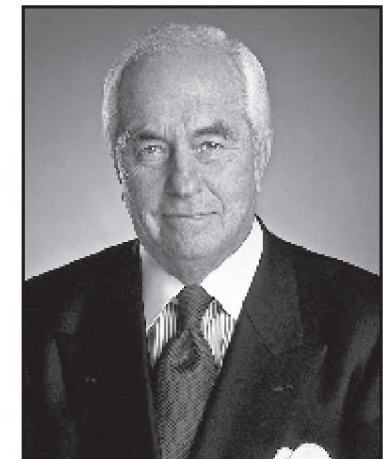


By Dale Buss

For Jaguar Land Rover, prototype new U.S. dealerships combining both brands may create some synergies that exceed the impact they would have if the brands were kept apart as they have been traditionally.

The new Jaguar of Darien and Land Rover of Darien dual-branded facility in Connecticut is owned and operated by Michigan's Penske Automotive Group, the influential auto-dealership organization that is known for doing things right.

"When you talk about separation for luxury brands, it's more about getting that separation from volume brands," Joachim "Joe" Eberhardt, president and CEO of Jaguar Land Rover North America, told me.



Roger Penske

"The brands actually complement each other quite nicely, and while they are both luxury brands, they appeal to a different target audience. Land Rover addresses capabilities, and Jaguar is more performance- and design-led."

Penske agreed. The chairman of Bloomfield Hills-based Penske Automotive Group told me, "From a retailer perspective, the combination of the two brands is something we asked for over the last few years. They saw the benefit of bringing them together because when you have scale as a retailer you can make investments in the back of the house. Now the 'kitchen' and parts and service is under one roof."

The sibling luxury brands, owned by India's Tata Group, are now undergoing a renaissance that never took place under previous British ownership and under Ford. With a massive push to rev up U.S. performance this year, Jaguar sales were up 26 percent year to date in America through August, while Land Rover brand vehicle sales were up 15 percent in the period, after having been the fastest-growing luxury brand in the US in 2015.

Jaguar Land Rover's 36,000-square-foot new facility in Connecticut is rendered in a new global design language that the company calls ARCH, which is distinguished by a modern gray rectangular facade, clean and simple lines, and dedicated Jaguar and Land Rover showrooms on the left and right respectively.

The Darien location now features

a 10-car showroom, a 25-bay service and detailing workshop and a drive-through service-reception area that offers in-lane service diagnostics. There's even a Jaguar Land Rover boutique that showcases the latest accessories, wheels and merchandise for fans of both brands.

Eberhardt and Penske — the legendary entrepreneur whose accolades include a half-century in American racing — told me that the distinguishing characteristic of the new family of dealerships will be the customer experience.

"Ultimately the facility is only the canvas and the blueprint for the retailer to do what they do best, and that's to take care of the customer in selling and servicing vehicles," said Eberhardt. "It's essential that we continue to attract the best [retailer] partners. And the combination of consistent facilities with good product is what will differentiate us."

The Connecticut store is Penske's fourth Jaguar Land Rover retail center in the U.S., while it also owns seven Jaguar and 12 Land Rover dealerships in the U.K. Jaguar Land Rover expects to complete the bulk of its ARCH



Inside the prototype Jaguar Land Rover dealership.

retail showroom remodeling in the US by 2021, with a total investment by Penske Automotive Group and other owners of about \$1.5 billion.

Eberhardt said that Jaguar Land Rover "started down the road of combining [the brands] two to three years ago. The move to new design guidelines certainly is an impetus for us to bring them together in a more significant way. We're about 60 to 70 percent there on our way to combining the brands completely, and we'll be finished in the next five to six years."

Of course, every luxury automotive brand and retailer worth its salt is touting the value of its "customer experience" these days. What will set Jaguar Land Rover apart?

"It comes down to the human capital," Penske said. "It's the people. We need to match our people to the quality of the facility and that's one thing we're trying to do across our whole network. It's not easy, but today, working in the auto business, people are starting to find out it's a great vocation. We're able to attract a lot of young people with the technology and [attract] product specialists."

Eberhardt added that "being respectful of customers' time and understanding their needs and requirements is crucial. Being reliable and a respectful partner to customers. Meaning, 'Let me know when my car is ready, get it right the first time, and give me a transparent explanation of the charges and make my life convenient.'"

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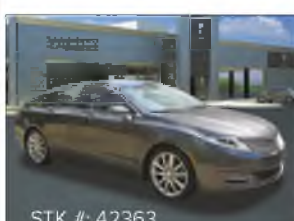
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