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Daddy Daughter Dances

The city of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department will host the annual Daddy Daughter Dances 7-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6, and Saturday, Feb. 7, at the Novi Civic Center.

Hand in Hand in Candyland is the theme for this year's event.

The price is \$14 per person for residents and \$17 for non-residents. Each couple will receive a free photo and additional packages will be available for purchase during the dance. Each child will also receive a special gift as they depart the event.

To register for either night along with the corsages and charms, go to www.cityofnovi.org or visit the Novi Civic Center at 45175 10 Mile. Spots fill up fast, so do not delay. For questions about the event, contact the Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services office at 248-347-0400.

No injuries in fire at Glens of Novi complex

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

A fire damaged 12 units at a Glens of Novi apartment building Saturday night with no reported injuries to any tenants; however, one dog has been reported missing.

The Novi Fire Department got the call at 8:25 p.m. Jan. 24 for the blaze at the apartments, located at 20953 Woodland Glen.

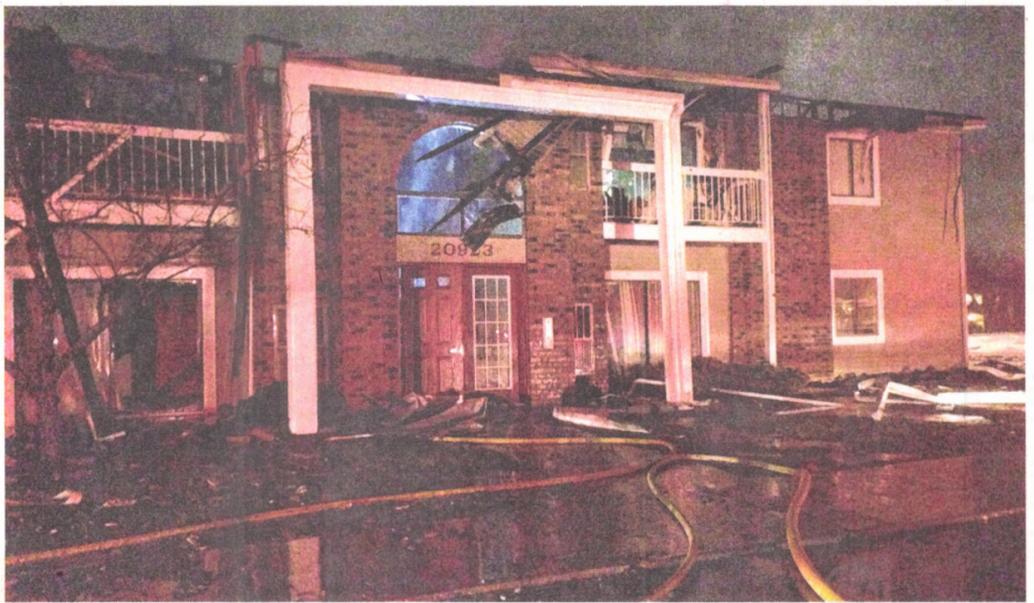
"The conditions at the time of the call were for flames and smoke coming from the roof area," Novi Fire Capt. John Martin said.

He said the first crew arrived on scene at 8:30 p.m. and was met with the same conditions as the initial call. There are a total of 16 individual units in the building, with only 12 occupied.

"There is damage to at least 12 of the 16 units. This includes smoke and water damage," Martin said.

There were no injuries to occupants or crews working at the incident, according to Martin.

The Novi Fire Department was also assisted on scene by the North-



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NOVI FIRE DEPARTMENT

ville City Fire Department with an engine and personnel. This is part of the Automatic Mutual Aid agreement that Novi has with the city of Northville to send a fire engine along with personnel to confirmed structure fires in specific areas of Novi that

border the city of Northville.

A preliminary investigation was conducted by the Novi fire marshal and Oakland County fire investigators, but no cause has been specified yet.

Martin said all the residents were able to

find temporary housing with the assistance of family, friends and the Glens of Novi management. In addition, the Red Cross was available at the scene to assist residents.

There were several pets that were in the building during the fire.

"When crews arrived and were evacuating occupants, two small dogs were immediately removed unharmed," Martin said.

However, he said during the fire, the incident commander was

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Local business says goodbye after nine decades

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer



Owner Skip Tuck (left) and Danny Callahan at Novi Auto Parts, which was bought by O'Reilly Auto Parts. Callahan managed the parts shop for 50 of its 90 years.

After 90 years serving the community, Novi Auto Parts closed its doors for the final time earlier this week, leaving behind a legacy of family, friendships and good service.

"There have been a lot of laughs and tears over the past week or so," owner Violette "Skip" Tuck said.

In 1925, her father-in-law, Walter Tuck, began the auto repair shop that over time evolved into

Novi Auto Parts. The next generation took over in 1972 after Walter's death, with his sons Harold and Don assuming the helm. Harold then retired in 1989 and, after Don's death in 1996, Skip was entrusted with the ownership.

"But now, it's time," she said. The shop on Grand River Avenue has been sold to O'Reilly Auto Parts.

Much of the same crew will stay on with O'Reilly, but Skip is moving on. She has a lot of

personal projects to attend to and friends to see, but she said she will miss the old shop.

"It will be good to know I don't have to go into work in the morning, but it's also sad in so many ways," she said. "From the longtime employees to generations of customers who became like family, it's hard to say goodbye."

She said it's the oldest business in Novi and all of the employees had been with NAP for at

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Novi's Chock teams with Bates for gold medal

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Those long training days at the Novi Ice Arena paid off handsomely Saturday for Madison Chock and Evan Bates at the 2015 U.S. Figure Skating Championships at the Greensboro Coliseum Complex.

The pair, who finished eighth representing the U.S. at the 2014 Sochi Winter Olympics, earned their first Senior Dance national title.

Leading by just 0.11 points heading into the free dance over the brother-sister team of Alex and Maia Shibutani, Chock and Bates wooed the Greensboro crowd skating to Gershwin's *An American in Paris* and scored a personal best

111.11 points to finish with 185.06.

The Shibutani siblings, who train at Canton's Arctic Edge, finished runner-up with 181.31. And to make it an all-Michigan podium finish, Madison Hubbell and Zachary Donohue of the Detroit Skating Club of Bloomfield Hills finished third.

"Tonight felt so great," the 22-year-old Chock said in a press conference afterward. "The crowd was amazing and we could really feel the energy in the rink and I think we used that really well. This was one of our best performances of the season, I would say. So it's really exciting to have done that at the U.S. Championships and we're just excited to go forward

and on from here."

Olympic gold medalists Charlie White and Meryl Davis, the six-time U.S. champs who trained at Arctic Edge, are taking the year off from competition.

"It's been a great week for us," said the 25-year-old Bates, an Ann Arbor native who graduated from the University of Michigan with a degree in organizational studies. "Filling those shoes is such a daunting task that we don't put that upon ourselves. We saw Meryl and Charlie this week, actually had a chance to have dinner with Charlie and he said right to us, 'You don't have to fulfill anything, you don't have to take over for us or



Novi's Madison Chock and partner Evan Bates won the Senior Dance title at the 2015 U.S. Figure Skating Championships.

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Wrobel seeking another term on city council

Wayne Wrobel said he will seek re-election to Novi City Council because the "continued success of Novi is important to me."

He said he has had the honor and privilege of serving the residents and business community of Novi as a member of council since 2010. "I believe I have played a role in helping Novi evolve into the city

we are all proud to call home," he said. During his four-plus years on council, he said he has worked with the mayor, fellow council members and city administration to improve both Novi's financial viability and quality of life. Those improvements, Wrobel noted, include lowering the city property tax millage rate without any cutback of existing city services; reducing Novi's long-term debt and employee legacy costs; reducing or, in some cases, eliminating senior citizen

transportation fees; improving emergency ambulance service within the city; increasing the money spent to repair or replace neighborhood roads; upgrading facilities at Pavilion Shore and Lakeshore parks; as well as procuring the David Barr Art Park for new city parkland. "Much has been accomplished during the past four years, but there is much more work to be done in the future if Novi is to remain a 'destination city,'" Wrobel said. He said he believes

it's important Novi continues to provide residents with the level of city services they expect. These include properly maintained roads, great police and fire departments, exceptional senior citizen programs, a world-class library and an extensive parks and recreation and cultural services program. "It is city council's responsibility to provide these services without increasing the citizen's tax burden," he said. In addition, the long term success of Novi

requires sustainable economic development, according to Wrobel. Council will need to continually direct the city administration to look for new creative ways to encourage new businesses to locate in Novi, as well as retaining existing businesses. "As Novi continues to grow, the challenges facing Novi will continue to become more complex," Wrobel said. "It requires a fiscally responsible mayor and city council that looks to maximize the value received for each tax dol-

lar spent, along with a vision and comprehensive plan to take Novi where we all want it to be in the future." Wrobel said his past record and experience prove that he has the desire, determination and skill set necessary to continue to work alongside the mayor and other city council members to help lead Novi into the future. "I am asking for your support and vote to reelect me to another four-year term on the Novi City Council," Wrobel said.

Red Wings Alumni



CURTIS DROGMILLER

The Novi Police & Fire Benevolent Association played hockey Jan. 24 against the Detroit Red Wings Alumni at the Novi Ice Arena. There was a 50/50 raffle during intermission and several lucky kids got the red carpet treatment and an opportunity to shoot the puck from center ice. Shown are Carl Korzeniowski, paid on-call fire lieutenant, with Darren McCarty.

Book Nook



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Novi Library Book Nook volunteer Carol Neumann organizes some shelves at the used book shop within the library Jan. 21. The Nook is open during library hours every day for browsers of books, CDs and DVDs donated or taken out of circulation by the library. It is staffed by volunteers each Monday and Wednesday through Saturday.

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anything like that." The new national champions first teamed up in 2011. The 5-foot-2 Chock, who was born in Redondo Beach, Calif., skated five years with Greg Zuerlein, while the 6-2 Bates was paired with two different partners, earning two U.S. silver and one bronze medal. Chock and Bates earned two U.S. Championship runner-up finishes in 2013 and 2014. They also took silver at the 2014 Nebelhorn Trophy, an ISU Challenger Series event, and then competed at the 2014 Skate America, where they won their first Grand Prix title. "We are Maddy and Evan," Bates said. "We've won one national championship and we're thankful for it and ecstatic about it. That's no legacy. That's just one national championship. I think it's a great start. We're ecstatic about it. Like I said, we're not thinking about a big chunk, an era like ice dancing has been in the past. In ice dancing today, it's whoever skates best that day can win based on so many factors, levels... we're just happy to have one."

Next up on the schedule for Chock and Bates is the Four Continents Figure Skating Championships, Feb. 9-15, in Seoul, Korea, followed by the ISU World Figure Skating Championships, March 23-29, in Shanghai. "We've definitely come a long way from when we first started skating together," Chock said. "That was a tough year (2011). We just kind of threw everything together. It was such a whirlwind, I don't even remember. But we've definitely learned a lot and grown together, which I think is very important. Even though we may have not had as many years together as most teams might, I think we've still known each other so long and we have great coaches and we're both really hard workers and we make it work. It's good for us and we're happy." Igor Shpilband, who coaches the skaters in Novi, knew from the start they would succeed. "They both have such drive and desire to skate and such passion," he told icenetwork.com. "They are both fighters. They went out and fought and won the national title and it is not easy."

BUSINESS

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least a decade. Manager Danny Callahan was there for 50 years. Skip said their shop was a resource for most area repair shops, do-it-yourselfers, commercial builders and developers in the city. She said the famous Indy Race Car, the Novi Special, was worked on in the NAP

machine shop. "As Novi grew, we feel we contributed much to its developing history and that we are a part of it," Skip said about the community that went from rural to nearly 60,000 residents. To all the NAP employees, customers, friends, family and to the community, Skip has two going way words: "Thank you."

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The Novi Fire Department got the call at 8:25 p.m. Jan. 24 for the blaze at the apartments, located at 20953 Woodland Glen.

FIRE

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updated by occupants that there were still two cats and two dogs inside the building. "Once the fire was determined to be under control, fire crews entered the structure to search for the remaining pets. Two cats and one

dog were rescued. Unfortunately, one dog was unaccounted for," Martin said. All pets rescued were exposed to smoke from the fire and administered oxygen. Pet oxygen masks, donated to the Novi Fire Department by the Invisible Fence Co., were used to aid the animals.

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Providence Park patient and nurse connect through blood

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

Coincidence or a blessing, it doesn't matter because ever since Patricia Klynstra received her "happy blood" from Providence Park nurse Lisa Bensmiller, she's been feeling much better.

Klynstra was at the Novi hospital for more than two weeks after fracturing her femur and losing a lot of blood during surgery. She received multiple blood transfusions, but it was the last one that really made the difference. It made it that much more special after finding out it came from a donor at Providence Park.

"She's a wonderful person and great example of someone who truly cares about their job and community," Klynstra said of Bensmiller.

Bensmiller, who donates blood every two months, said it was a strange yet happy connection when she



Providence Park nurse Lisa Bensmiller's blood donation helped patient Patricia Klynstra after she received multiple transfusions.

saw her donation go to work. She has an app on her phone from the Red Cross that alerts her to when her blood was being donated/used in the area. She received a text from the app one day at work, which noted it would be used

in Novi.

Not long after receiving that text, another nurse, who was treating Klynstra, asked Bensmiller to check the blood that was about to be given to Klynstra. When she did, Bensmiller recognized the unit

number of the blood and realized that the patient was getting her blood.

"I donate every chance I get because I think it's really important," she said of the donations, which she calls happy blood. "But to see my donation help someone in person was just great. I'm glad it helped her."

When Klynstra found out, she was surprised as well and wanted everyone to know what an example to the community Bensmiller was for donating regularly.

"It's a real service what she is doing. I'm very grateful," Klynstra said.

For Bensmiller, she will continue to donate and said others should think about it as well.

"You never know when your donation might help someone you know or a person in great need," she said.

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West Oaks readies for renovations

By **Lonnie Huhman**
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An unknown national retailer is planning to come to a project at West Oaks that will see the demolition of a portion of the existing building currently housing David's Bridal and Gander Mountain and construction of a new location.

Ross Gallentine, project manager for the applicant Ramco-Gershenson Inc., appeared Jan. 14 before the Novi Planning Commission and said the company is very excited to bring a high-end national retailer to Novi.

"There is a signed lease with the company and part of the lease agreement is that they cannot give out information of who that company is until a certain point in time," he informed the commissioners, who approved recommending the plan to Novi City Council.

The plan was approved Monday by city council.

According to Gallentine, Gander Mountain is going to downsize, David's Bridal is being moved to the east into the old Gander Mountain space and the current David's Bridal location will be torn down for the addition for the national retailer.

Novi planner Kristen Kapelanski said the planners are proposing to demolish a portion of the existing West Oaks 1 shopping center and construct an additional 17,291 square feet on the north and west sides of the existing center. The development area is adjacent to various retail and restaurant developments.

Kapelanski told the planning commission



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Novi's West Oaks Mall complex is slated to undergo renovations.

the planning review recommended approval of the plan as it generally meets the requirements of the ordinance. She said the Zoning Board of Appeals variances are required for the deficient northern and western building setbacks and to allow a loading zone in the exterior side yard.

"Staff supports these variances given the existing development of the site," she said.

The landscape review recommended approval, noting the applicant must provide a canopy tree in all proposed parking lot islands which it has agreed to do. The engineering, traffic, facade and fire reviews all recommended approval of the plan noting some items that will be addressed.

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Crash on Pontiac Trail takes life of Milford Township woman

By **Lonnie Huhman**
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A crash Monday evening took the life of a Milford Township woman after her vehicle was overturned when it was rear-ended by an alleged drunken driver.

According to the Oakland County Sheriff's department, the 44-year-old woman was killed when her 1997 GMC Jimmy was struck from behind by a 2014 Chevy Traverse driven

by a 41-year-old Farmington Hills man. There were no passengers in either vehicle.

The woman was westbound on Pontiac Trail and was preparing to make a left turn. The crash happened at 7:32 p.m. near Addington Drive. The Oakland County Sheriff's Crash Reconstruction Unit is assisting deputies from the sheriff's Commerce Township substation in investigating the crash. "After being rear-

ended, the GMC overturned and caught fire, trapping the driver," the Oakland County Sheriff's preliminary investigation concluded.

The woman's name is being withheld until a positive identification can be made. She worked for Pizza Hut as a delivery person and was about to deliver an order at the time of the crash. The Oakland County Medical Examiner ruled the cause of death a combination of

thermal burns and smoke/soot inhalation.

The driver of the Traverse was believed to be intoxicated and was transported to Providence Park Hospital by Community EMS. A search warrant was obtained and blood drawn; however the results are pending. He was treated, released into police custody and is in the Oakland County Jail pending charges. Alcohol is believed to be a factor.

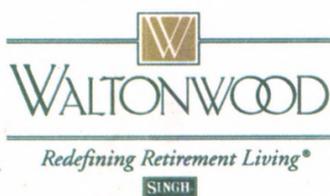


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Steve Matthews is superintendent of Novi Community Schools. He can be reached at 248-449-1204 or smatthews@novischools.net.



Donovan Neal, Hospitality House executive director, presents Kristin White, Walled Lake Western High School assistant principal, with a certificate recognizing her dedication and service to the Hospitality House.

Hospitality House recognizes Walled Lake staffer, teacher, student

Kristin White, Walled Lake Western High School assistant principal; Laura Matousek, Walled Lake Central High School teacher and student activities adviser; and Natalie Nichols, Walled Lake Central High School student leader, received certificates of appreciation recently from Hospitality House for their dedication and service.

Donovan Neal, Hospitality House executive director, said Walled Lake Central has a long history of staff and student support of Hospitality House by conducting food drives and other fundraisers. White led the way when she was a teacher at Walled Lake Central and worked with the student council and other student groups to

establish the can drive that is now a competition between all three Walled Lake high schools.

Matousek has continued the efforts and Central students challenge Northern and Western to make Hospitality House the recipient of food and funds annually.

"Hospitality House appreciates the work of Walled Lake Central and all the Walled Lake Schools' students and staff. We believe our partnership is mutually beneficial in that Hospitality House serves many Walled Lake Schools' families," Neal said. "Ms. White, Ms. Matousek and Natalie Nichols are to be commended for their passion to help those less fortunate."

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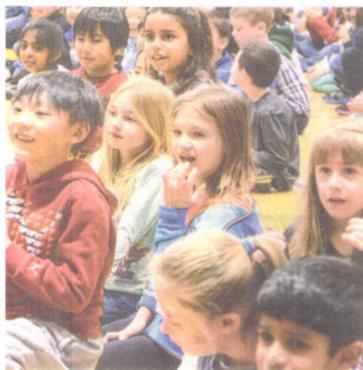
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Step eight



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Parkview Elementary School students watch a Jan. 22 assembly at their school after they completed step eight of the Leader in Me program – Find Your Voice and Help Others Find Theirs. Students offered suggestions on how they had implemented that step in their school days. Parkview will host a Leadership Day on Feb. 26 and invite students' parents and members of the community to witness how they're working the Leader in Me program into their curriculum and daily lives.

Leading the way



CURTIS DROGMILLER

Walled Lake Schools held its annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration with a theme of Never Too Young To Lead The Way: Student Leadership For Social Justice. A gathering of family, friends and neighbors celebrated love, peace, life, justice, freedom and equality Jan. 19 at W.L. Northern High School. Central High School chorale chamber member Brad Brown sings at the event.

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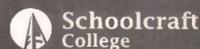
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LTU students in awe at Detroit auto show

By Nathan Mueller
Staff Writer

Jacob Lanyon and Greg VanderVoord were in awe last week as they walked around the North American International Auto Show, rubbing shoulders with some of the biggest names in the automotive industry.

The two seniors from Lawrence Technological University in Southfield got an exclusive look at the auto show during media preview week and were doing everything they could to soak it all in.

Their dream is to one day have their fingerprints on the vehicles others ogle over, but Jan. 13 was all about them doing the ogling.

"I wish I could spend a day with every car and take pictures of it and then go home and just start sketching," said Lanyon, a Lyon Township resident.

And there is nothing like an up-close and per-

sonal view that gets the heart racing.

"You have to come here and look at all the details, rub your hands along the trim and see how the reflections work," he said. "A picture is just a picture; you have to come see it to really experience it."

VanderVoord said it is a great experience having the auto show in Detroit and, unlike many students who graduate and flee the state, he wants to stay put.

"The automotive industry is the lifeblood of Detroit," he said. "It is what people think of when they hear Detroit or Michigan. They think Big Three, cars and all that stuff. I wouldn't want to leave this."

The two have aspirations to become exterior creative designers and their experiences at LTU have prepared them for the real world.

Lanyon said he had a class taught by Colin Bonathan, a designer at



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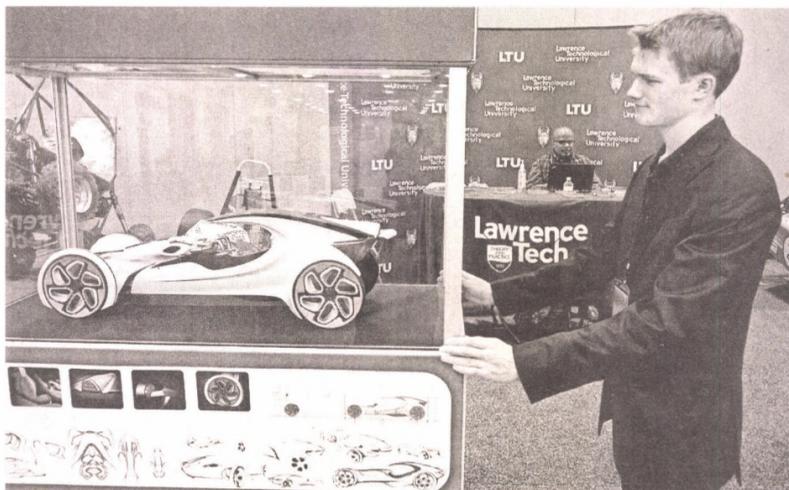
Greg VanderVoord, a student at Lawrence Technological University, said it is "pretty special" having the auto show in Detroit.

Ford Motor Co., and is well-versed in sketch, computer design and 3D.

The LTU connection also got them into the auto show.

"I'm here flirting with the fame of the game," said Lanyon, who took a picture with Ford CEO Mark Fields and "almost passed out."

To the casual observer, the vehicles don't carry



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Jacob Lanyon, a Lyon Township resident and student at LTU in Southfield, wishes he could spend more time with all the cars at the auto show.

much meaning, but to these students they are works of art.

"It's pretty special just being in Detroit and having the auto show in our back yard," said VanderVoord, of Clarkston.

"That is something other people around the country don't get and everyone here enjoys cars or they wouldn't be here."

LTU also will have a booth in the lower level of the Cobo Center dur-

ing the public show this week for those interested in learning more about the school's programs.

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The cast of W.L. Western's production of "All Because of Agatha" (from left): Meghan McNerney, Anthony Paz, Claire Murphy, Sabrina Shingleton, Michaela Kekel, Nik Berishaj, Emma Murphy, Ryan Tate, Nic Folsom, Brandon Burnet and Lindsay Scheidler.

W.L. Western performing arts presents: 'All Because of Agatha'

Walled Lake Western High School Performing Arts presents *All Because of Agatha* at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 5-7. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for students and senior citizens. Tickets are on sale now at www.wlcstickets.com and will also be sold at the door before each show.

All Because of Agatha is an ensemble cast of 10

students. The students involved in the production include: Ryan Tate, Emma Murphy, Brandon Burnett, Nic Folsom, Michaela Kekel, Anthony Paz, Sabrina Shingleton, Nik Berishaj, Claire Murphy, Meghan McNerney and Lindsay Scheidler.

All Because of Agatha, by Jonathan Troy, is filled with bright, funny dialogue

and a cast of thoroughly delightful characters, the play deals with the hilarious plight of a young couple who move into a centuries-old house, only to find that it is haunted by a distressingly capricious, mad-deniably tenacious yet undeniably appealing witch.

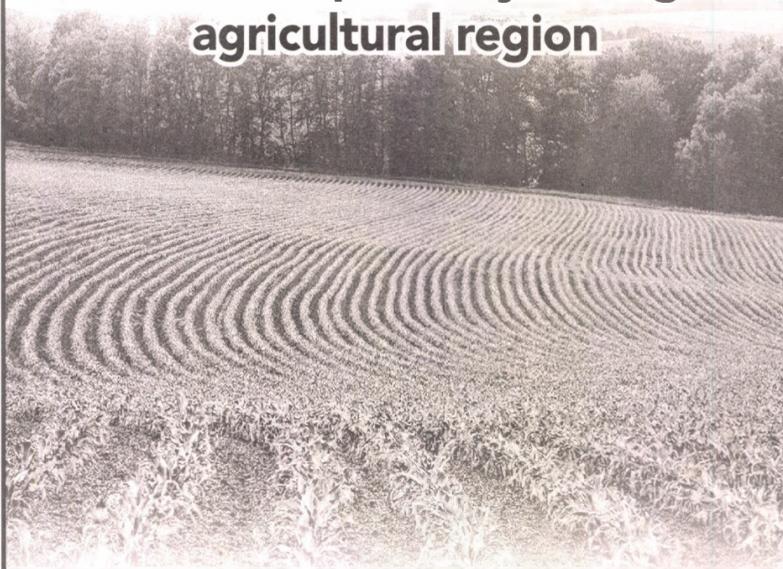
For more information on this production, go to www.wlcstickets.com.

Food collectors



At the beginning of January, students from Novi Meadows collected peanut butter and pasta for the Novi Emergency food pantry. They were able to collect about 300 jars of peanut butter and more than 900 boxes of pasta. Food pantry shelves are bare after the holidays, so it's a great time to help them restock. All buildings and grades in Novi Schools were assigned a food item to collect for the pantry, located at Faith Community Church. Fifth-graders Tiffany Smith, Ava Fleming, Leah Nuzman, Isaac Johnson, Kyle Gilger, Max Kinter and Aaryian Junnare are shown with pasta collected.

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"A Day in the Life of a Novi Student!"

Novi Community Schools Invites you to join Novi elementary schools for "A Day in the Life of a Novi Student!" and see how the 7 Habits of Highly Effective People are integrated into the culture of Novi's schools.

The events are scheduled for Parkview Elementary - Thursday, Feb. 26 (9:15-11:30 a.m.); Village Oaks Elementary - Friday, Feb. 27 (9:15-11:30 a.m.); Orchard Hills Elementary - Tuesday, March 3 (8:45-11 a.m.); Deerfield Elementary - Wednesday, March 4 (9:15-11:30 a.m.); Novi Meadows Elementary - Thursday, March 5 (8:20-10:35 a.m.); and Novi Woods Elementary - Friday, March 6 (8:45-11 a.m.).

A Growing Place open house

A Growing Place Preschool (40700 W. 10 Mile, Novi) will hold its annual open house from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 28. It will include free activities, crafts and snacks while giving prospective parents an opportunity to visit the school, meet the staff and learn about the classes and programs offered.

A Growing Place Preschool will continue to offer a Young 5's program, full and half-day preschool classes for 3's and 4's as well as pre-kindergarten sessions for children going off to kindergarten next fall.

For more information, call 248-471-2333

Leader in Me



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Volunteer Ruth Blohm-Hunter assists Deerfield Elementary School student Kennedy Gilmore in learning knitting techniques Jan. 22 during the school's celebration of its Leader in Me program. That day's event, Sharpening the Saw, allowed students to choose a number of different fun activities around the school - like cupcake decorating, building a birdhouse or puzzle playing - to show the importance of occasionally rewarding yourself while still working within a group project.

ON CAMPUSES

Marquette University

Northville's Bridget Winn and Novi's Amy Cauzillo have been named to the dean's list for the fall 2014 semester. Respectively, they are pursuing a bachelor of science degree in accounting and a doctorate in physical therapy.

University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point

More than 2,740

undergraduate students attained high grade-point averages during the fall semester of the 2014-15 academic year, including Novi's Evan Dixon, high honors. Full-time undergraduates who earned grade-points of 3.90 to 4.0 are given the highest honors designation. High honor citations go to those with grade-point averages from 3.75 to 3.89 and honor recognition is accorded to those with grade-point averages from 3.50 to 3.74.

Final Days of the January Certified Pre-Owned Sale at Varsity Lincoln

By Greg Mullin
Staff Writer

Varsity Lincoln of Novi is celebrating auto show season with great deals and a Certified Pre-Owned Sale. More than 150 Certified Pre-Owned Lincolns are on-site, ready to drive off the lot for as low as \$15,995.*

In 2014, 540 Certified Pre-Owned vehicles were delivered at Varsity Lincoln, making the dealership the number one pre-owned sales volume dealer globally.

The dealership has held the honor of highest volume sales dealer globally for 17 consecutive years.* It offers a newly remodeled showroom, indoor delivery area and service reception aisle.

This year Varsity Lincoln celebrated its 20th anniversary and won six prestigious automotive awards: the Triple Crown Award, Lincoln Leaders of Excellence, President's Award, Ford One Hundred Club, CPO Sales Leadership and Premier Club.

Hurry over to Varsity Lincoln these next three days to catch the deals:

- » Thursday, Jan. 29, 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- » Friday, Jan. 30, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- » Saturday, Jan. 31, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"I have the MKS and I love, love, love the technology in it," said Lincoln MKS owner Latanya Tarleton, who has been a customer at Varsity Lincoln for 16 years. "I get the best service here. I never have to worry about anything."

Certified Pre-Owned Lincoln vehicles come with many benefits, including:

- » A meticulous, 200-point inspection by factory-trained technicians
 - » 6-year/100,000-mile comprehensive warranty coverage
 - » Complimentary 24/7 roadside assistance
- "The warranty is key. With Certified Pre-Owned, you get



A Certified 2011 Lincoln MKZ Ultimate FWD is one of the more than 150 Certified Pre-Owned Lincolns on-site at Varsity Lincoln of Novi.

COURTESY OF VARSITY LINCOLN

the best from Varsity Lincoln," said Jere Law, Varsity Lincoln's General Sales Manager and Pre-Owned Director.

Certified Pre-Owned financing is available for as low as 0.9% APR.**

"Leasing or buying from the number one dealer in the country gives you the best selection, price and service," Law said. "Our dealership is ready to assist customers with anything, whether it is special financing or a specific request. We can handle every unique situation."

This dealership provides The Varsity Lincoln Advantage. Varsity Lincoln team members are selected based upon their unwavering focus on customer care and satisfaction.

"I have an MKZ from Varsity Lincoln; I've had it for

about a year now. It's a beautiful interior, a beautiful exterior, it handles well on the road and gives me good gas mileage!" Lincoln MKZ owner Gary Trudeau said. "I love this place. I wouldn't even consider buying a car from anybody else!"

Jason Towe told us why he got a Lincoln, stating: "I definitely love the comfort and the sportiness of the Lincoln. The cost was a big factor for me, it was actually cheaper than my last car I owned, and I feel I'm getting a better quality car for what I'm paying!"

"There are numerous benefits of purchasing a Certified Pre-Owned, including the outstanding warranty that comes with the vehicles," Law said. "The 100,000-mile free bumper-to-bumper warranty that comes alongside all Certified

Pre-Owned purchases is better than a new car warranty! Additionally, any time the vehicle is in for a service visit, you can receive a loaner for no cost exclusively at Varsity Lincoln!"

"Loaded with features, a Lincoln will satisfy any customer. Certified Pre-Owned vehicles not only provide peace of mind on the road, but also provide a combination of sportiness and luxury. Benefits include FWD or AWD, EcoBoost, Navigation, Bluetooth, SYNC, an adaptive suspension, a panoramic roof, and heated and cooled seats for comfort, just to name a few. Drivers will also enjoy peace of mind from knowing that Lincoln vehicles will hold their value. Any depreciation has already been taken on by the previous owner. Plus, ad-

vanced styling and dependability add to a Lincoln vehicle's value."

"Our customers speak for themselves and how their experience is. When you read the reviews our customers write online, you can see how happy they are, before, during and after the sale," Law concluded.

*Based on 12/2014 Total New Retail Sales, Pre-Owned Sales and Service Customer Satisfaction per Lincoln Sales Report.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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Special events offered by Novi's Older Adult Services

Don't let cold weather and a bit of snow diminish fun this winter; treat yourself to a warm meal, entertainment and friendship by attending a special event hosted by city of Novi Older Adult Services.

Tickets are on sale now for events offered throughout the winter (and spring) and are \$7 per Novi resident and \$8.50 per non-resident unless otherwise noted. Attendees must be 55 years or older. All events take place at the Meadowbrook Activity Center, 25075 Meadowbrook Road.

Hearty Party Luncheon - noon to 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12: Join your friends and neighbors for a hearty meal, laughter and barbershop performance from Harmony Town. Ticket deadline is Feb. 6.

Shamrock Smash Luncheon - noon to 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 17: Irish or not, you are invited to a wee bit o' blarney at the St. Patrick's Day celebration. Enjoy a traditional Irish meal and entertainment and let the luck o' the Irish be with you. Ticket deadline is March 11.

Take Me Out to the Ball Game Luncheon - noon to 2 p.m. Monday, April 6: Tigers fans, you're on deck. Join other loyal fans at this opening game celebration with a stadium style lunch, entertainment from Joel Palmer and then stay to watch the game and cheer the Tigers to victory. Ticket deadline is March 31.

Kentucky Derby - 4-6 p.m. Saturday, May 2: Hear the roar of the crowd and the high energy announcers at Churchill Downs as they witness the most exciting two minutes in sports. Attendees will have fun horsing around the Meadowbrook Activity Center doing Derby Day activities along with dinner and watching the big event. Ticket deadline is April 27. Resident price is \$7.50 and non-resident price is \$9. Tickets are limited and must be purchased in advance at the city of Novi Older Adult Services office located in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 10 Mile.

For more information about upcoming events and programs, go to www.cityofnovi.org or call city of Novi Older Adult Services at 248-347-0414.

Police academy begins March 4

The role of a police officer has always been of interest to the average citizen. The film industry has capitalized on this curiosity and television shows and movies about police officers are staples in the entertainment industry, but how accurate is the information they provide about law enforcement?

The creation 18 years ago of the Lakes Area Citizens Police Academy affords citizens the opportunity to learn about their local police department and take a behind the scenes look at what law enforcement work is all about. Participants also gain an insider's knowledge of the police agency, enabling them to make informed decisions on issues affecting the police and the community.

The academy is a joint venture between the Novi, Milford, Walled Lake, South Lyon, Wolverine Lake and Wixom police departments. Applications are currently being accepted for this free academy, scheduled to begin March 4. Those interested can find the application on cityofnovi.org. Participants must be 18 years of age or older and a resident of one of the participating jurisdictions.

"The Citizens Police Academy is a free program for our community

which increases the understanding and cooperation between the police and residents," Novi Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police David Molloy said. "This education, along with the relationship established with members of the police department, assists in achieving the ultimate goal of community-oriented policing - the reduction of crime through a stronger citizen partnership with the police department and community."

The 30-hour program includes practical demonstrations, hands-on exercises, as well as presentations. Participants will tour the Oakland County Medical Examiner's Office, the Michigan State Police DNA lab and the 52-1 District Court. They will also view a K-9 demonstration, receive a hands-on experience at the Novi Firearms Training Center and have the opportunity to participate in a ride-along with a police officer.

Classes are scheduled 6:30-9:30 p.m. each Wednesday, March 4 through May 13. The first class will meet at the Novi Police Training Center. The registration deadline is Feb. 20. For more information, contact Det. Sgt. Scott Baetens at 248-347-0530.

Gardeners present Magic of Lighting

The Gardeners of Northville & Novi (a.k.a. The No-No's) Monday, Feb. 9, will present Sue Grubba and "The Magic of Lighting."

Don't be left in the dark when it comes to lighting your landscaping. She will talk about using low-voltage lighting, plants and other materials to ensure your landscape is illuminated with dramatic effects. Pen and paper may be helpful for notes.

Social mixer is at 6:30 p.m.; speaker is at 7 p.m.; at the Novi High School, 24062 Taft Road (at 10 Mile), Media Forum Room 198C. Park in the staff parking lot (first driveway on Taft Road south of 10 Mile). Enter via door No. 43. Visitors welcome; \$5 donation from non-members. For more information, go to <http://gardenersnorthville-novi.org>.

Lakes Area Chamber hosting 'Frozen' event

What better way to spend a chilly Sunday afternoon in February than hanging out with your favorite character from the Disney movie *Frozen*? The Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce is teaming up with chamber member Wonderland Lanes for an afternoon of family fun that will include the chance for parents to take pictures of their children with Elsa, Anna and Olaf from the movie. Participants are encouraged to dress like their favorite *Frozen* characters.

The event will be held Sunday, Feb. 22, with check-in beginning at 1 p.m. and bowling 1:30-3:30 p.m.

The Winter Wonder Bowl (8265 Richardson Road in Commerce) will feature crazy bowling games for all ages, kid's karaoke, a 50/50 drawing and awards. The cost for ages 5-17 is \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door; for ages 18 and up the cost is \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Advance registration is available by calling the Lakes Area Chamber at 248-624-2826. The bowler registration form is also available online at www.lakesarea.com.

A coat drive will be held during the event, and participants are asked to bring clean, gently used coats and new hats, gloves and scarves to be donated to the Open Door Outreach Center in Waterford.

Veterans benefit counseling

In 2010, a nationwide Veterans Administration

survey found fewer than half of all veterans understood their benefits, including medical care, college tuition reimbursement and pension or disability payments. City of Novi Older Adult Services has partnered with the Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America to increase awareness of VA benefits and medical care for those who qualify.

Bonnie Williams, a service officer from MPVA, will host free, 30-minute, one-on-one counseling sessions 1-3 p.m. the fourth Monday of each month - Feb. 23, March 23 and April 27 - at the Meadowbrook Activity Center (25075 Meadowbrook Road). To schedule an appointment, call 248-347-0414 or stop by Older Adult Services office in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 10 Mile.

For more information about Veterans Benefit Counseling, contact Sandy Fisher, Social Services coordinator, at 248-347-0414 or sfisher@cityofnovi.org. To learn about additional older adult social and educational programs, go to www.cityofnovi.org.

New fitness classes

The city of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department offers more than a dozen opportunities to meet goals of leading healthy and active lifestyles with classes for every age and ability. Fitness classes range from beginner's gentle yoga and balance training to cardio-pumping, Piloxing and Zumba.

Classes begin throughout the month of January and are offered mornings, mid-days and evenings. For a full listing of available classes, go to www.cityofnovi.org or pick up a copy of the Engage! magazine.

Registration is going on now via cityofnovi.org and at the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department located inside the Novi Civic Center, 45175 10 Mile. For more information, call 248-347-0400.

Scrapbook for a cause at library

Kick the creativity into gear and get your paper, stickers and cardstock ready by joining the Novi Public Library from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, for 12 hours of scrapbooking fun.

To partake in this day full of craft making, each individual will pay \$30 for a six-foot table. Consultants from Creative Memories and Close to My heart will be on hand to help with any creativity needs. Crafters will get the opportunity to enjoy lunch, make and takes and giveaways. All proceeds will go toward the library to support future programming opportunities.

If you would like to participate in this scrapbooking event, call 248-869-7204 to register or go to www.novilibrary.org.

2015 State of the City Address

Novi Mayor Bob Gatt will deliver the 2015 State of the City Address on Thursday, Feb. 12, providing Novi citizens and business partners an opportunity to reflect upon the 2014 accomplishments and learn about the goals Novi will strive for in 2015. The event, in partnership with the Novi Chamber of Commerce, begins with a 7:30 a.m. breakfast at the Suburban Collection Showplace.

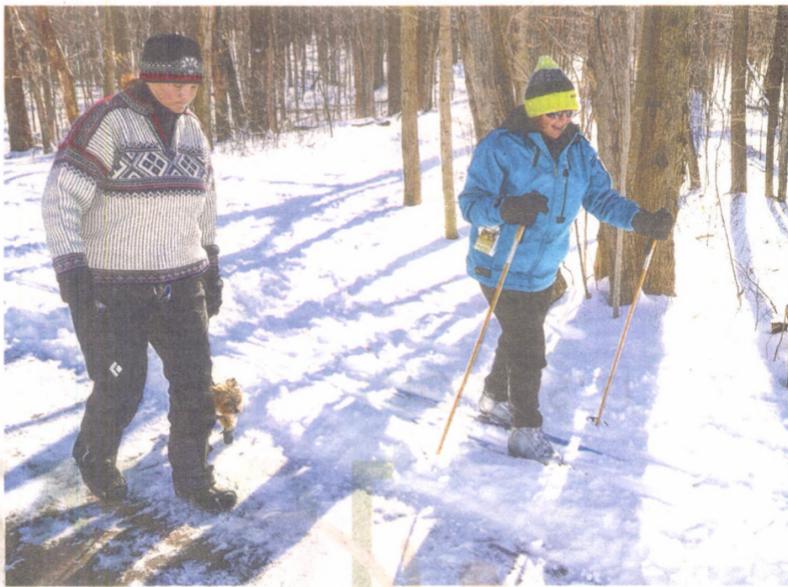
Interested parties can register online at cityofnovi.org (\$23 per person) or mail a check (\$20 per person, made payable to city of Novi) to Community Relations, city of Novi, 45175 10 Mile, Novi, MI 48375.

Contact 248-347-0416 for more information.

Novi Farmers Market continues through winter

The 2014 Novi Farmers Market was so suc-

Maybury skiing



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Marion Marks (right) of Novi skis through the woods of Maybury State Park and is joined by Northville resident Pat Seiter and dog Jack for a bit during a Jan. 13 outing. At that time there was about five inches of snow in the park for visitors to enjoy.

cessful - with hundreds of people enjoying fresh vegetables, flowers and other items throughout the summer and fall - that the market will continue through the winter with gourmet foods and artisan items indoors at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 10 Mile.

The winter market will take place twice monthly from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. the following Saturdays: Feb. 14 and 21; March 7 and 21; and April 4 and 18.

The market will showcase an expanded selection of Michigan food products, as well as selected artisans with items to complement the home. Patrons will find foods, decor and gifts for holiday entertaining.

To stay in the know about the Novi Farmers Market, including recipes, vendor features and more, like it on Facebook.

For more information, contact manager RoseAnna Twitchell at 248-347-0400 or www.rtwitchell@cityofnovi.org.

Coffee with the Superintendent

Join Novi Schools Superintendent Steve Matthews for Coffee with the Superintendent at the Novi Public Library in the Board Room 202 on: Feb. 9 (6:30 p.m.); Feb. 11 (10:15 a.m.); March 9 (6:30 p.m.); March 11 (10:15 a.m.); April 13 (6:30 p.m.); April 15 (10:15 a.m.); May 11 (6:30 p.m.); and May 13 (10:15 a.m.).

Art classes for older adults

City of Novi Older Adult Services invites those ages 50 and above to socialize, relieve stress and lift moods by taking part in the upcoming Color Your World art class series. The classes are led by volunteer Novi High School art students who want to share their love for art. No previous experience is necessary.

Pre-registration is required and can be completed online at www.cityofnovi.org, at the Novi Civic Center (45175 10 Mile) or Meadowbrook Activity Center (25075 Meadowbrook Road).

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

For more information, call 248-347-0414.

Cottage & Lake Front Living Show returns to Novi

The eighth annual Cottage & Lakefront Living Show returns Thursday, Feb. 26, through Sunday, March 1, to the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi.

"Our preseason event is designed for property and vacation homeowners or those looking to buy, build or rent to make their dreams happen this summer," said

Dawn Baker, show manager of ShowSpan, Inc. "Builders, remodelers and Realtors will be ready with ideas. Start planning for this summer's family fun and memories by researching a new cottage, looking at a fishing kayak or boat and playing in the sand at the beach."

Suburban Collection Showplace is located at 46100 Grand River, between Novi and Beck roads. Show hours are 3-9:30 p.m. Thursday; noon to 9:30 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday; and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$10; \$4 for children 6-14 and free for children 5 and under. Free cross-over admission from the Cottage & Lakefront Living Show to Outdoorama. On-site parking is available for a fee. For more information, go to www.NoviCottageShow.com or Facebook.com/NoviCottageShow or call 800-328-6550.

NORTHVILLE

UM Alumni host pro networking event

The University of Michigan Alumni Club of Greater Northville will be hosting a professional networking event for seasoned and new professionals 6:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11, at Liberty Street Brewing Co. (second floor), 149 W. Liberty Street, in Plymouth.

The featured speaker will be fellow Michigan alumni Sally Schmall, owner of the Coaching Academy. With delight and humor, she will share simple strategies to help your message resonate with others, followed by small networking/discussion groups based on career interests. A light dinner and a drink will be provided.

Cost for alumni members is \$10; \$20 for non-members. To register, go to www.umclubs.com/northville (click on "Events") or call the Alumni Association at 800-847-4764.

Hospice presentation

Hospice of Michigan presents Winter Warmth - A Reflection on Legacy at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 18, at the Northville Community Center, 303 W. Main Street. A free presentation on healing after loss, the topic explores how cherishing memories helps one begin to heal.

To register or learn more, call Margie Martin, Grief Support services manager, at 734-769-5821.

Fewer tax materials at the library

Due to budget cuts at the Internal Revenue Service, the Northville District Library will see a major reduction in the number of printed federal tax materials received for residents this year.

Only Forms 1040, 1040A and 1040 EZ will be shipped to the library.

One set of reproducible forms and one copy of Publication 17 will also be shipped. However, no instruction booklets to complete the forms will be received.

"Our staff is prepared to assist residents in finding forms and instructions online, and printing the forms needed," said Julie Herrin, library director. "The cost is 10 cents per page."

The government is asking taxpayers to file online or visit the IRS site (www.irs.gov/Forms) where forms can be downloaded and printed. To request forms and publications to be mailed, go to <http://www.irs.gov/uac/Forms-and-Publications-by-U.S.-Mail> or call 1-800-829-3676.

As in the past, free tax assistance for seniors can be found at the Northville Community Senior Center through AARP Tax-Aide, on Thursdays from Feb. 5 to April 9, by appointment; call 248-305-2851.

"We expect to see federal forms arriving at the library in early February, but we have not been told an exact date," Herrin said. "The forms we receive will be located in the copier area on the upper level of the library, where they have been located in the past."

State tax forms and publications can be found online at <http://www.michigan.gov/taxes>. The library expects to see state tax forms arriving in February.

Chamber Night at Tipping Point Theatre

Support the Northville Chamber of Commerce and the Tipping Point Theatre by attending *Leaving Iowa* by Tim Clue and Spike Manton at 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20, at the theater (361 E. Cady Street).

Newspaper columnist Don Browning is searching for the perfect spot to scatter his dad's ashes. Join him on a solo journey across the Midwest, remembering the zany vacations he took with his dad, mom and sister. Through memories of corn fields, tourist traps and sibling conflicts, he rediscovers his love and admiration for his dad. *Leaving Iowa* is a rewarding journey that goes beyond nostalgia into the very nature of families and the experiences that bind us together.

Tickets are \$32 and can be purchased at the chamber office, 195 S. Main Street, Northville. Email tracisincoc@northville.org or phone 248-349-7640, ext. 22, for more information.

Northville Chamber networking event

Join Northville Chamber of Commerce members for an informal networking event 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10, at Brick's of Northville (133 W. Main Street,



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- Do not take GRASTEK if you or your child has severe unstable, or uncontrolled asthma; had a severe allergic reaction in the past that included trouble breathing, dizziness or fainting, or rapid or weak heartbeat; had difficulty with breathing due to swelling of the throat or upper airway after using any sublingual immunotherapy before; has ever been diagnosed with eosinophilic esophagitis or is allergic to any of the inactive ingredients contained in GRASTEK.
- For home use of GRASTEK, your doctor will prescribe epinephrine if you or your child has a severe allergic reaction after taking GRASTEK. Talk to your doctor or read the epinephrine patient information.
- The first dose of GRASTEK must be taken in the doctor's office. After taking the first dose, you or your child will be watched for at least 30 minutes by a healthcare professional for symptoms of a serious allergic reaction.
- Children should be given each tablet of GRASTEK by an adult.
- You should tell your doctor about any medicines you or your child take.
- Stop GRASTEK and contact your doctor if you or your child has any of the following after taking GRASTEK: Any type of a serious allergic reaction; heartburn, difficulty swallowing or pain with swallowing, or chest pain that does not go away or worsens; any mouth surgery procedures (such as tooth removal), develop any mouth infections, ulcers or cuts in the mouth or throat.
- The most commonly reported side effects were itching of the mouth, lips, or tongue, swelling under the tongue, or throat irritation. These side effects, by themselves, were not dangerous or life-threatening.

You are encouraged to report negative side effects of prescription drugs to the FDA. Visit www.fda.gov/medwatch, or call 1-800-FDA-1088.

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18-year-old finishes third film

He's just 18, but Luke Jaden has already finished production on his fourth film, titled *King Ripple*.

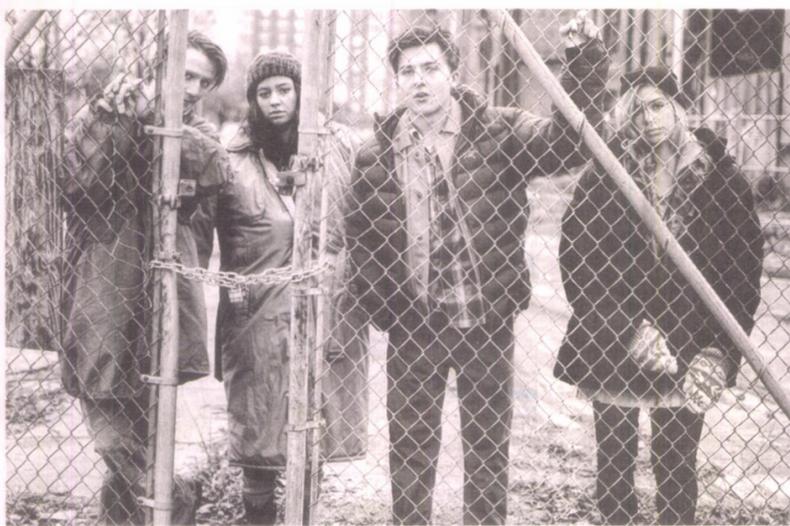
Produced by Troika (*Not Well*) and Mother and Midwife Pictures (*Papou*), the script is written by author Josh Malerman, who has achieved recent critical acclaim from his latest HarperCollins published novel *Bird Box*.

King Ripple stars Keith Stanfield (*Selma*, *Short Term 12*), Torrey Wigfield (*Lost River*), Allie DeBerry (*Cawdor*), Jaden and film newcomer Callaghan Belle. The story follows four teenagers as they travel through a desolate, urban wasteland brought forth by the very being they wish to find: King Ripple himself.

This is Jaden's first time both as a director and actor on one of his projects.

"As a director, you have to be behind the camera, paying attention to every little detail from a bird's eye view. But I couldn't do that on this project," he said. "I had to get into character, look at the acting notes and rehearse lines. On this one, I decided to take a step back."

While acting, Jaden



"King Ripple" features actors (from left) Torrey Wigfield, Callaghan Belle, Luke Jaden and Allie DeBerry.

depended much on the experience of his producers, Novi resident Michael Angelo Zervos (*Papou*) and Phil Wurtzel (*Cawdor*), both directors of feature films themselves, to help behind the camera on *Ripple*.

"I had to trust the DP and the producers," Jaden said. "They believed in me when I was behind the camera, but I had to believe in them when I was in front of it."

"Luke took a risk directing a film in which he was also expected to perform," Zervos said of his director. "The conditions of production were trying already with near freezing temperatures and all location shooting. Taking on this additional challenge could have broken a less driven individual, but Luke has never lacked the perseverance to succeed."

Jaden's previous films include *Madmen* and

Martyrs (which premiered at the African American Museum in Detroit), *Not Well* (in post-production) and *Neverlands* (in post-production).

Ripple is currently in post-production, with completion expected by the middle of 2015. For more information on the film, go to <http://MotherandMidwife.com> or on Facebook at King Ripple The Movie.

'Fiddler' production features local talent

The Broadway version of *Fiddler on the Roof* is performing at the Village Theater in Canton for two week-ends, Jan. 30 and Feb. 1 and Feb. 6-8, and will star all local talent.

Fiddler on the Roof is the story of Tevye, the father of five daughters, and his attempts to maintain his Jewish religious and cultural traditions, as outside influences encroach upon his family's lives. He must cope both with the strong-willed actions of his three older daughters who wish to marry for love and the edict of the Tsar that evicts the Jews from their village.

"This show is timeless and great for the entire family," said director Connor Rhoades, a Plymouth-Canton Educational Park graduate studying theater education at Eastern Michigan University. "I am so excited to bring such a time-honored show to Canton on its 50th anniversary."

With 18 musical numbers and a cast of more than 50 ages 6-22, Rhoades said, the show has "a little something for everyone in the family."

More than 100 performers came from all over metro Detroit to participate in auditions in November 2014, coming from as far as Ann Arbor, Novi, Madison Heights and Windsor, Ontario. Brandon Waldenmayer of Canton plays the role of Tevye.

"I'm honored to be part of such an extraordinary cast," said Waldenmayer, a junior at Eastern Michigan University double majoring in children's theater and public administration who has performed

in more than 50 shows, including as The Cowardly Lion (*The Wizard of Oz*) and Felix Ungar (*The Odd Couple*).

Rated PG, this family friendly production is a wonderful way to take the family to see a timeless Broadway-style show without spending a fortune. Audiences will be familiar with songs such as *Tradition*, *If I Were a Rich Man* and *Matchmaker, Matchmaker*.

In addition to the public performances, Forever After Productions will present two performances for local school children to attend.

"The school shows are an important part of what we do bringing this level of theater performance to young people who may not otherwise have the opportunity to attend a touring production" show producer and choreographer Debby Ash said.

Forever After Productions is a community theater company based in Plymouth. Since 2009, it has produced more than 25 full-stage musical and dramatic productions throughout metro Detroit, including at the Power Center in Ann Arbor, The Berman Center in West Bloomfield and The Village Theater in Canton.

Tickets are \$17 and are on sale for all eight performances - 7 p.m. Jan. 30, 2 and 7 p.m. Jan. 31, 2 p.m. Feb. 1, 7 p.m. Feb. 6, 2 and 7 p.m. Feb. 7 and 2 p.m. Feb. 8 - and can be purchased at www.i-heartforeverafter.com or by calling Forever After Productions at 734-547-5156. The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Read in Canton.

Take a trip across the Midwest at the Tipping Point

The Tipping Point Theater presents *Leaving Iowa* from Jan. 29 through March 8. The curtain rises at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, with matinees at 3 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. A special matinee performance has been added at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 18.

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that bind us together.

The production stars Dave Davies, David Wolber, Ryan Carlson,

Alysia Kolaszcz and Northville resident Brenda Lane. This activity is supported in part by an award from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Tickets are \$29 to \$32 for adults and \$27 to \$30 for students and senior citizens, available now by calling the box office at 248-347-0003. Tipping Point Theatre at 361 E. Cady Street, Northville; www.tippingpointtheatre.com.

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Carefully read the Medication Guide before you or your child start taking GRASTEK and each time you get a refill. This Brief Summary does not take the place of talking to your doctor about your medical condition or treatment. Talk with your doctor or pharmacist if there is something you do not understand or you want to learn more about GRASTEK.

What is the most important information I should know about GRASTEK?

GRASTEK can cause severe allergic reactions that may be life-threatening. Stop taking GRASTEK and get medical treatment right away if you or your child has any of the following symptoms after taking GRASTEK:

- Trouble breathing
- Throat tightness or swelling
- Trouble swallowing or speaking
- Dizziness or fainting
- Rapid or weak heartbeat
- Severe stomach cramps or pain, vomiting, or diarrhea
- Severe flushing or itching of the skin

For home administration of GRASTEK, your doctor will prescribe auto-injectable epinephrine, a medicine you can inject if you or your child has a severe allergic reaction after taking GRASTEK. Your doctor will train and instruct you on the proper use of auto-injectable epinephrine. Talk to your doctor or read the epinephrine patient information if you have any questions about the use of auto-injectable epinephrine.

What is GRASTEK?

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Who should not take GRASTEK?

You or your child should not take GRASTEK if:

- You or your child has severe, unstable or uncontrolled asthma
- You or your child had a severe allergic reaction in the past that included any of these symptoms:
 - o Trouble breathing
 - o Dizziness or fainting
 - o Rapid or weak heartbeat
- You or your child has ever had difficulty with breathing due to swelling of the throat or upper airway after using any sublingual immunotherapy before.
- You or your child has ever been diagnosed with eosinophilic esophagitis.
- You or your child is allergic to any of the inactive ingredients contained in GRASTEK. The inactive

ingredients contained in GRASTEK are: gelatin, mannitol and sodium hydroxide.

What should I tell my doctor before taking GRASTEK?

Your doctor may decide that GRASTEK is not the best treatment if:

- You or your child has asthma, depending on how severe it is.
 - You or your child suffers from lung disease such as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).
 - You or your child suffers from severe disease such as coronary artery disease, an irregular heart rhythm, or you have hypertension that is not well controlled.
 - You or your daughter is pregnant, plans to become pregnant during the time you will be taking GRASTEK, or is breast-feeding.
 - You or your child is unable or unwilling to administer auto-injectable epinephrine to treat a severe allergic reaction to GRASTEK.
 - You or your child is taking certain medicines that enhance the likelihood of a severe reaction, or interfere with the treatment of a severe reaction. These medicines include:
 - o beta blockers and alpha-blockers (prescribed for high blood pressure)
 - o cardiac glycosides (prescribed for heart failure or problems with heart rhythm)
 - o diuretics (prescribed for heart conditions and high blood pressure)
 - o ergo alkaloids (prescribed for migraine headache)
 - o monoamine oxidase inhibitors or tricyclic antidepressants (prescribed for depression)
 - o thyroid hormone (prescribed for low thyroid activity).
- You should tell your doctor if you or your child is taking or has recently taken any other medicines, including medicines obtained without a prescription and herbal supplements. Keep a list of them and show it to your doctor and pharmacist each time you get a new supply of GRASTEK. Ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before taking GRASTEK.

Are there any reasons to stop taking GRASTEK?

Stop GRASTEK and contact your doctor if you or your child has any of the following after taking GRASTEK:

- Any type of a serious allergic reaction
- Throat tightness that worsens or swelling of the tongue or throat that causes trouble speaking, breathing or swallowing
- Asthma or any other breathing condition that gets worse
- Dizziness or fainting
- Rapid or weak heartbeat
- Severe stomach cramps or pain, vomiting, or diarrhea
- Severe flushing or itching of the skin
- Heartburn, difficulty swallowing, pain with swallowing, or chest pain that does not go away or worsens

Also, stop taking GRASTEK following: mouth surgery procedures (such as tooth removal), or if you develop any mouth infections, ulcers or cuts in the mouth or throat.

How should I take GRASTEK?

Take GRASTEK exactly as your doctor tells you. GRASTEK is a prescription medicine that is placed under the tongue.

- Take the tablet from the blister package after carefully removing the foil with dry hands.
- Place the tablet immediately under the tongue. Allow it to remain there until completely dissolved. Do not swallow for at least 1 minute.
- Do not take GRASTEK with food or beverage. Food and beverage should not be taken for the following 5 minutes.

- Wash hands after taking the tablet.

Take the first tablet of GRASTEK in your doctor's office. After taking the first tablet, you or your child will be watched for at least 30 minutes for symptoms of a serious allergic reaction.

If you tolerate the first dose of GRASTEK, you or your child will continue GRASTEK therapy at home by taking one tablet every day. Children should be given each tablet of GRASTEK by an adult who will watch for any symptoms of a serious allergic reaction.

Take GRASTEK as prescribed by your doctor until the end of the treatment course. If you forget to take GRASTEK, do not take a double dose. Take the next dose at your normal scheduled time the next day. If you miss more than one dose of GRASTEK, contact your healthcare provider before restarting.

What are the possible side effects of GRASTEK?

In children and adults, the most commonly reported side effects were itching of the mouth, lips, or tongue, swelling under the tongue, or throat irritation. These side effects, by themselves, were not dangerous or life-threatening. GRASTEK can cause severe allergic reactions that may be life-threatening. Symptoms of allergic reactions to GRASTEK include:

- Trouble breathing
- Throat tightness or swelling
- Trouble swallowing or speaking
- Dizziness or fainting
- Rapid or weak heartbeat
- Severe stomach cramps or pain, vomiting, or diarrhea
- Severe flushing or itching of the skin

For additional information on the possible side effects of GRASTEK, talk with your doctor or pharmacist. You may report side effects to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) at 1-800-FDA-1088 or www.fda.gov/medwatch.

This Brief Summary summarizes the most important information about GRASTEK. If you would like more information, talk with your doctor. You can ask your doctor or pharmacist for information about GRASTEK that was written for healthcare professionals. For more information go to www.grastek.com or call toll-free at 1-800-622-4477.

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DENSO shows off safe-driving technology

By Nathan Mueller
Staff Writer

There is a certain level of comfort drivers feel when they close the door and hit the road.

A seat belt keeps them comfortably strapped into the seat, an airbag is positioned in such a way to reduce injury and the structure of the vehicle itself lends to a safer environment.

But what if there was something else inside your vehicle that provided the ultimate comfort? Something that could alert you of a car running a red light or hiding in your blind spot or a system that could tell you about slick road conditions.

That technology is closer to reality than previously thought – and Southfield-based DENSO Corp. is at the forefront with its vehicle-to-vehicle and vehicle-to-infrastructure technology.

“The key thing is it provides you real-time, non-line-of-sight information,” said Douglas Patton, executive vice president at DENSO. “It is really valuable technology from a safety standpoint.”

The technology gives vehicles the ability to communicate with surrounding vehicles and traffic signals, notifying drivers of hazardous situations before they happen. People can get a sample of the technology at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit next week.

It is not a DENSO-specific technology, Patton said, but one the company sees as one of its “social obligations.”

Patton noted that currently the accident rate is 5.5 percent of all vehicles. If 10 percent of vehicles were equipped with this type of technology, that number could be reduced by 1 percent. While the number may seem small, Patton said it is actually very “significant.”

The U.S. Department of Transporta-

tion’s National Highway Traffic Safety Administration is using DENSO’s technology in Ann Arbor as part of a pilot program; a report on the findings is expected this year.

There is no one answer as to how the system will notify the driver, but a heads-up display appears to be the best option.

“It’s all about getting the right information in the right place at the right time,” Patton said. “There are two ends of the spectrum. One is you have so much information, you just kind of freak out and the other is you are driving in Montana and you are sleeping because you realize there is nothing to keep you awake.”

Patton said the company is also working on technology that would provide only the information needed.

“My analogy is you are driving on I-696 and there is a semi-truck on one side and a snow plow on the other. You don’t even want your phone to ring. You want it to go to voice mail,” he said.

The world outside the vehicle

DENSO also is showcasing its vision for “smart cities” of the future and how its technology can be expanded beyond the automotive world.

The display showed how vehicles, homes and infrastructure connect and become more energy-efficient.

“We are looking at how we take the technology we have right now for the car and apply it to other areas, like inside the home or the city,” said Julie Kerr, senior manager of corporate communications. “We know (DENSO’s products) are high-quality and durable, so the next step is to see where we can apply that technology and expertise to better manage energy and better manage living.”

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Southfield supplier DENSO highlights its SmartCity concept, going beyond the automobile, at the North American International Auto Show.



Douglas Patton, executive vice president and chief technological officer for DENSO Corp., talks about the demonstration on display of his company's vehicle-to-infrastructure technology that allows cars to communicate with their surroundings.

OAKLAND COUNTY BUSINESS WORKSHOPS

Business owners and entrepreneurs who need assistance are invited to attend seminars offered by the Oakland County One Stop Shop Business Center.

Unless otherwise noted, all programs take place at the Oakland County Executive Office Building Conference Center, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road, west of Telegraph, Waterford. For pre-registration and location specifics, visit www.advantageoakland.com/business-workshops or call 248-858-0783.

CEED Small Business Loan Orientation

Feb. 11, 9-11 a.m. Many small business owners face obstacles when trying to obtain a business loan. If your business is in Oakland County and you need alternative financing, consider the Center for Empowerment and Economic Development (CEED) Small Business Loan Program (formerly CEED Micro-Loan program). Discover the requirements and process necessary to apply and obtain a CEED small business loan. This workshop is free but pre-registration is required.

Starting a Business

Feb. 12, 9-11 a.m. This workshop is designed for individuals who are at the beginning stages of starting a business. It will help aspiring entrepreneurs assess their abilities to lead and manage a company, as well as evaluate market and sales potential for their products/services. Start-up costs, financing options and business planning are introduced, along with necessary steps to getting started. This workshop is free but pre-registration is required.

Business Research: Feasibility to Expansion

Feb. 18, 6-8:30 p.m. Thinking of starting a business and want to research your business idea? Do you want to identify market trends and opportunities to grow your sales? Are you looking

for new customers or to diversify your market base? Business Research shows you ways to find your ideal customers, your competitors, perform competitive analysis and more. This workshop is free but pre-registration is required.

Government Contracting 101

Feb. 19, 9 a.m. to noon. Find out what it takes to sell your goods and services to the federal government and the state of Michigan. What makes a successful government contractor? What services and resources are available to a small business pursuing the government market? If your company is considering government contracting, this seminar will give you the insight you need. Management and key players who will support and facilitate government contracting within your company should attend. Presented by Alexander Masters, PTAC of Schoolcraft College. \$45 per person.

Team SBA Financing Roundtable

Feb. 26, 9 a.m. to noon. What's the secret to getting a business loan? Attend this free Financing Roundtable and find out how banks look at your application, what you can do to improve your chances for a loan, and how SBA loan guarantee programs can help you get the financing you need. This session is best suited to those who have good credit, a solid business idea and some money to invest in their business. NOTE: Because the SBA does not provide loan guarantees to real estate investment firms, including purchasing and rehabbing houses for resale, this type of financing is not discussed at the roundtables. This workshop is free but pre-registration is required.

Upcoming Workshop Calendar

March 5: Get a Grip on Your Business
March 10: Business Research: Feasibility to Expansion

- March 11: CEED Small Business Loan Orientation
- March 12: Starting a Business
- March 12: Break the Rules, Close More Sales
- March 17: Capital Raise
- March 25: WBE Certification Orientation
- March 26: Introduction to Quick-

- Books
- March 31: Legal Business Basics
- April 8: CEED Small Business Loan Orientation
- April 8: Business Research: Feasibility to Expansion
- April 9: Starting a Business
- April 30: Create Your Marketing Plan

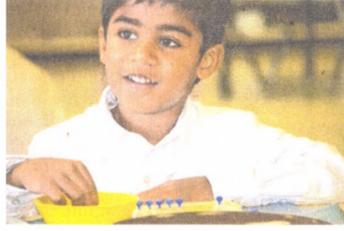


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Fireman's Ball set for Feb. 14

The Northville Township Firefighters Charity Fund presents the 12th annual Fireman's Ball from 6 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Feb. 14, at Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia.

The evening includes dinner, drinks, dancing with live music from the Killer Flamingos, a raffle and silent and live auctions. Hosted by special guest Dan Miller of WJBK-TV (Channel 2) and the voice of the Detroit Lions, all proceeds will benefit the Northville Township Firefighters Charity Fund, a 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation.

For more information, call 734-219-3961, email admin@ntffcharityfund.com or go to www.NTFFCharityFund.com.

Meet Your Legislators Breakfast

The Northville Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Meet Your Legislators Breakfast 7:30-9 a.m. Friday, Feb. 6, at Genitti's Hole in the Wall (108 E. Main, Northville). The event sponsors are Robert Law, Strategic Communications Solutions and the Detroit Regional Chamber. The event includes a buffet breakfast, provided by Genitti's. Cost is \$12 for chamber members, \$15 for non-members.

“The Meet Your Legislators Breakfast provides an opportunity for residents and the business community to meet their state officials, hear about committee work and future legislation that may affect the Northville community,” said Traci Sincock, associate director of the chamber.

Presenters include state Sens. Patrick Colbeck, 7th District, and Mike Kowal, 15th District, and state Reps. Kathy Crawford, 38th District, and Kurt Heise, 20th District.

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Local company creates web program designed to simplify online car sales

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Purchasing a car should be like purchasing anything else, according to Yuval Moed, who says the Internet should be able to play a role.

That's why the CEO of Verishow, a company based in Farmington Hills with research firms in Israel, and his team came up with a web-based program to allow customers to interact more intimately with sales people.

"We basically allow them to engage with customers using video chat and comprising content sharing," he said. "They want to engage with them. They want to try and sell online."

While the service is similar to other services such as Skype, this technology has a simple interface, is easy to use and does not require installa-



Yuval Moed, CEO of Farmington Hills-based Verishow, at his booth at the North American International Auto Show at Cobo Center in Detroit.

DAVID VESELENAK

tion of programs on a hard drive. A demonstration is available at Verishow's booth at the

North American International Auto Show, running through Jan. 25 at Cobo Center in downtown De-

troit. Moed, who lives in Israel but has several ties to southeast Michigan,

said the program will allow other features besides video chat, including the ability to share documents, photos and videos to display vehicles for sale. Customers do not need to install any software and could use computers, mobile phones and tablets that meet system requirements.

The company began in Israel, but moved to Farmington Hills later. Moed, who graduated from the University of Michigan with an MBA, brought his company to Michigan after working with several associates. His wife also comes from Huntington Woods.

The move to the web is important, Moed said, especially for young buyers who do online research before heading to a brick-and-mortar dealership.

"When you shop for a car, you first go online

and do all your research," he said. "You don't walk into a dealership before you know all this stuff."

The system could take a customer all the way through the purchase of a vehicle, to collecting information from the consumer if they've made a selection, Moed said.

It was tested in several area dealerships and received a strong response, Moed said. Since opening his booth at the auto show, he said there have been several dealerships expressing interest in using the software. He hopes to have the system be more widespread later this year.

"Some of the largest auto dealerships have stopped by already today to talk to us," he said.

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Auto show put focus on Cadillac brand

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

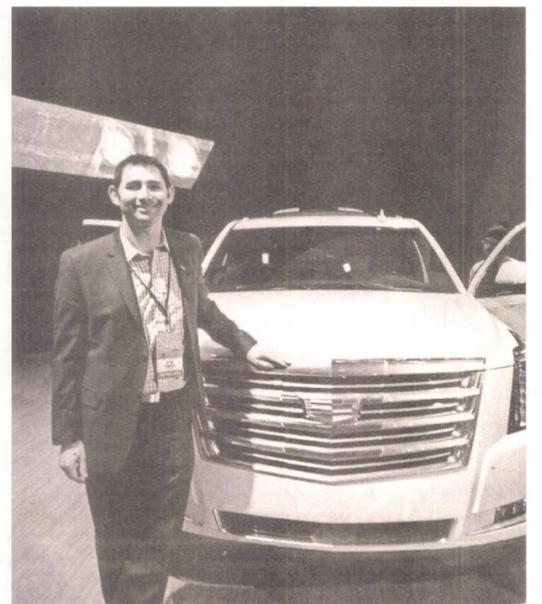
Dan Pierce of Novi was proud to show off some new Cadillacs at the North American International Auto Show. "We're here to talk a little bit about the Cadillac, some of the new brands," said Pierce, a 1995 North Farmington High School graduate who works for Cadillac Communications. "Detroit in particular is a great place for us to introduce vehicles."

He and colleagues were busy during the Detroit auto show. "It's the toughest yet the most exciting and fun couple of weeks you could have in the industry," said Pierce, who grew up in Farmington Hills and earned his two bachelor's degrees from

the University of Missouri. "We're just excited to be able to show off our cars."

He described the 2016 Cadillac CTS-V, the highest performance Cadillac ever built. "It has 640 horsepower and a top speed of 200 miles per hour," Pierce, 37, said. He and a Cadillac product specialist who detailed vehicle specifications were at a University of Missouri alumni gathering Jan. 15. Pierce tipped his hat to Rod Alberts, executive director of the Detroit Auto Dealers Association and NAIAS and also a business school graduate of the University of Missouri.

Missouri native Alberts is a resident of Bloomfield Hills. He and other auto show organizers like the show's draw of thousands of media, including foreign, as well as the public. "For us, it's a perfect combination of getting



Dan Pierce of Novi, with Cadillac Communications, shows off an Escalade at the North American International Auto Show.

JULIE BROWN

the word out," Pierce said.

He's a big fan of both cars and his alma mater, so the meet-and-greet with alumni was fun.

"It's been great to be able to combine both of them," Pierce said.

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ALBERS, HENRY L.

Age 83, passed away January 24, 2015. He was born on August 5, 1931 in Lansing, son of the late Grant Bertha Albers. Henry was a proud Air Force veteran serving in the Korean War. He was known for his larger than life personality and his big hearted, generous nature. Henry was a very young 83 year old. He loved life and most of all, loved spending time with his family. He was an avid hunter and fisherman and enjoyed snowmobiling. He is survived by his loving daughters: Vicky (Bill) Finn and Kelly (Mike) Kuzma. Henry is also survived by his grandson, Sam; his sister, Sally Nichols; his sister-in-law, Carolyn Albers and his nieces and nephews. Visitation will be held on Friday, January 30 from 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. with a funeral service on Saturday, January 31 at 11:00 a.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon.



BEDARD JAMES RAYMOND

Age 72, of New Hudson, Michigan, died on January 25, 2015 in Apollo Beach, Florida. Born on May 14, 1942 in Detroit, Michigan, James is survived by his wife of 31 years, Carole F. Bedard and daughter Jacqueline Good (Scott), brothers Bradford (Shirley), Duane (Jo Ann), and Gary (Ruthy) and six step-children, 12 grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren. James was the owner of Bedard Shade Tree Co. since 1969 and always loved the tree and landscape business. His wish was that the business continue on and will now be run by his family members. He was a faithful member of the Cross of Christ Lutheran Church and an avid Classic Car enthusiast. Funeral Service will be held from Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, 24155 Griswold Rd., South Lyon, on Monday, February 2nd, at 10 AM. Friends may visit at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty Street, Milford on Sunday, February 1st, from 1:00-8:00 p.m. Memorial donations may be made to Cross of Christ Lutheran Church. For further information, please call 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com.

BOYD, MITSUE A.

Age 90, of Hartland, formerly of Northville, passed away January 15, 2015. Share condolences at casterlinefuneralhome.com

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COUCH, RONALD ALBERT ERNEST

36 year resident of Novi, passed peacefully January 18, 2015 in Glendale, Arizona. Born in England, April 23, 1924. A WWII Veteran of The Royal Air Force. Immigrated to Canada in 1956 and to the U.S. in 1964. A Film Editor with Pinewood Studios, London, CBC Ottawa, NBC Cleveland and WKBD Detroit. He is survived by one brother in Scotland; seven children, and eight grandchildren who will miss him dearly. Interment at Glen Eden in Livonia. Please donate to a charity of choice in lieu of flowers.

JACKSON, DOUGLAS B.

Age 89, of Alma, MI, formerly of Hazel Park, Detroit, and South Lyon, passed away at Masonic Pathways in Alma on Jan. 22, 2015. A Masonic and Church Memorial Service for Douglas will be held on Sun., Feb. 1 at Doig Chapel, Masonic Pathways in Alma at 2:00 P.M. Douglas was born on August 13, 1925 in Highland Park, MI to Claude and Blossom A. (Sayre) Jackson. He owned a Mobil gas station, sold insurance, was a car salesman and was the office manager for Colonial Acres in South Lyon. Douglas was a Staff Sgt. in the 8th Air Corps during WWII. He belonged to the Presbyterian Church, the Masons where he was a Past Master of Archival Lodge #546 and the V.F.W. Surviving Douglas are his two sons, John A. "Andy" (Donna) Jackson of Westland, MI and Bradley D. (Leslie) Jackson of Bellingham WA; three grandsons, Robert (Lauren) and Jeffrey (Tiffany) Jackson, Jason (Ines) Johnston, three great granddaughters and two great grandsons. Preceding Douglas in death are his wife Martha "Pat" and a brother, Sidney Jackson of Traverse City. A Commandry Memorial Service will be held for Douglas on Saturday, Feb 7 at 11:00 a.m. at White Chapel Cemetery in the Mausoleum. Memorial contributions may be made to Masonic Pathways, 1200 Wright Ave., Alma, MI 48801. The family is being served by the Dewey Funeral Home of Alma.

JISKRA, JUSTINE "JUTY"

Age 95, of Livonia, formerly of Cadillac, passed away January 23, 2015. Share condolences at casterlinefuneralhome.com



May peace be with you in this time of sorrow.



MAXWELL, RUSSELL LEE

Age 83 of South Lyon, passed away on January 15, 2015. Russell was a loving and devoted husband to his wife, Constance. He is survived by his children, Robert Maxwell, Richard (Kathie) Maxwell, Sharen (Steve) Gustafson, Karen (Les) (Steve) Cynthia (Joe) Scott, Nancy (Kevin) Kingslien, Sharon (Lew) Horn and, Diane (Jeff) Thibodeau. He was the dear grandfather of 17 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Mary Russell proudly served his country in the United States Air Force. He was an active volunteer in the Plymouth-Canton community. He was a lifetime member of the Plymouth Lions Foundation serving as a two-time, past president. He also served as Vice President and President of the Yankee Air Museum. Russell was an active volunteer with the Plymouth-Canton High School sports.

ROGERS, KRISTINA M.

Age 39, passed away January 22, 2015. She was born on June 18, 1975 in Detroit, daughter of Rachel and the late Douglas Heikkinen. She is survived by her beloved husband, Jeff; her loving children: Brandon, and Marissa, her step-children: Jeffrey and Jody and her step-grandchildren: Jayden and Blake. Kristina is also survived by her mother, Rachel Heikkinen; her siblings: John (Jackie) Heikkinen and Julie (William) Lazzaro and her loving aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, brothers-in-law, sister-in-law and many friends. Visitation was held on Sunday and a funeral service was held on Monday at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. She was laid to rest in South Lyon Cemetery. Donations may be made to the Rogers Family. www.phillipsfuneral.com

SMITH, ROBERT C.

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STEPHENSON, MARVIN "CARL"

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VanNOORD, GERALD L.

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May 26, 1944-January 20, 2015 L. J. Griffin Funeral Home Northrop Sassaman Chapel

Oakland County's 30 deals total \$171 million of foreign investment

Oakland County attracted \$171 million of foreign direct investment in 2014, prompting the county's business development team to expand its global search for companies looking to locate in the county.

The business development team has trips planned to Canada, China, France, Germany, Japan and Taiwan in 2015. Oakland Deputy County Executive Matthew Gibb will be joining Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder on a trade mission to China in August. The team will also be attending the 2015 SelectUSA Investment Summit in Washington, D.C., in March as it partners with the Michigan Economic Development Corp. in the Michigan booth.

"Clearly Oakland County is a multi-national investment destination," said L. Brooks Patterson, county executive. "More than 25 percent of our total investment for 2014 is from international investors. They come from around the world, make significant financial commitments and create hundreds, if not thousands, of jobs. This international investment is a perfect hedge for U.S. investment. They play off each other extremely well."

Among the significant international deals that came to Oakland County in 2014 is Hirata Corp. of

America, headquartered in Indianapolis with operations in Wixom and a subsidiary of Hirata Corp. of Japan. The company designs and manufactures advanced robotic production facilities, primarily for the automotive and semiconductor industries. The company plans to expand into a larger facility in Lyon Township, investing up to \$2 million and creating 39 jobs.

More than 40 countries are expected to SelectUSA, which is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Commerce and is held to encourage international investment in the United States. The attendee list is limited to 2,400 people and not everyone who applies is granted access to the two-day event.

"We applaud the Department of Commerce for organizing such an important event as SelectUSA and appreciate the opportunity to partner with the Michigan Economic Development Corp. to sell potential investors on our state," said Irene Spanos, who directs the county's Department of Economic Development & Community Affairs. "We are excited about the event."

The county has long prided itself on the international diversity of its business investment. More than 1,000 international firms from 38 countries have business

locations in Oakland County. In 2014, more than two international businesses a month either expanded or located in Oakland County.

Thirty companies invested a total of more than \$171 million - more than a quarter of the \$639 million total business investment in the county for the year. The investment created 1,941 jobs.

"We are focusing on companies who have expressed a desire to locate in the United States - automotive, tech and medical device companies," Spanos said. "Michigan is at the western end of the Eastern Time Zone, which makes it attractive to many businesses. It's our job to sell them on our many assets and Oakland County's strategic location."

Spanos said Faurecia, a French tier one auto supplier in Auburn Hills, established an office in Oakland County about 15 years ago and staffed it with two employees. The company now has 700 employees.

"We've been doing this for 20 years," Spanos said. "Companies get everything they need here from what their business needs to what their family needs. We travel the world in search of these companies. And when they get here, we partner with them."

Governor emphasized positives in address, but still much work to do

Gov. Rick Snyder gave a passionate and positive speech (Jan. 20) where he highlighted attainable goals that focused on the people of Michigan. The governor emphasized positives which include entering 2015 with the lowest unemployment rate in 12 years! That number is great to see, but it doesn't mean that the work on Michigan's recovery is done. There is still much to do and by working with our constituents and the governor, we can continue on the course of making an even stronger state for our children and grandchil-



Kathy Crawford
GUEST COLUMNIST

dren. Michigan's success is about the success of its local communities and providing a voice to all residents has to be a priority.

Snyder also highlighted his ideas for 2015. I applaud him for discussing realistic goals that put people first and create a stronger, more efficient government for Michigan residents. A few of his ideas especially stood out to me. Drug

abuse, senior and family issues and skilled trade training are issues that have a direct impact on the 38th District and I look forward to exploring them further, as well as hearing your input on these important topics.

The governor highlighted the prescription drug abuse problem in Michigan that has been a large issue in Oakland County. I think everyone agrees it is important we find practical and effective solutions to help people. As a member of the House Committee on Health Policy, I look forward to working on policy that can address

this issue.

Seniors and children are two groups that often have their needs overlooked. As a member of the House Committee on Families, Children and Seniors, it is a priority that they are heard and protected in our state. Snyder recognizes this as well and his 2015 goals include making services for both children and seniors easier to obtain.

Finally, the governor's focus on increasing Michigan's skilled trade workforce struck a chord. Michigan has a large number of skilled trade jobs that are going unfilled. The state has

already made great strides to increase vocational training and create partnerships with community colleges to help fill these jobs.

As a member of the Workforce and Talent Development Committee, I look forward to working on policy that will continue to increase Michigan's skilled workforce. Creating an environment for strong job growth and economic prosperity involves budgeting for our priorities in Michigan, making compromises and remembering that Michigan residents are who we work for. Michigan is

already a better place to live and work than it was five years ago.

It is easy to go from bad to good, but to go from good to great is where the really hard work starts. That is where Michigan is now and I promise to listen to you, the people who trust in me, to take Michigan from good to great!

Kathy Crawford is the 38th District state representative for the cities of Novi, South Lyon, Walled Lake and the Oakland County portion of Northville and the townships of Lyon and Novi. She can be reached at 517-373-0827 or kathyrcrawford@house.mi.gov.

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OUR VIEW

Be prepared for times the temperature approaches zero degrees

This winter has been a cold one. It took some thermal underwear and an extra pair of socks to keep warm with temperatures in single digits recently and the wind chill hitting minus-20 degrees.

Part of the joy of living in Michigan is that it is a four-season wonderland. Cold weather is great for area ski hills making snow and for the fishermen who want to set a shanty over a favorite fishing hole.

But the cold is dangerous and everyone needs to be smart when sending kids out the door or going out themselves.

The Michigan State Police agency offers these tips to stay safe in cold weather.

» Stay indoors, if possible. If you must go outside, wear protective gear — such as hats, mittens and gloves — in addition to a warm coat. Always protect your lungs with a scarf.

» Watch for signs of frostbite, which include loss of feeling or pale appearance of fingers, toes or face.

» Watch for signs of hypothermia, which include uncontrollable shivering, memory loss, drowsiness and exhaustion.

» Understand the hazards of wind chill. As wind speed increases, heat is carried away from a person's body more rapidly and could lead to severe hypothermia.

» Remove clothing if it gets damp or wet. Wet clothing can make you more prone to hypothermia.

» Weather-proof doors and windows to trap heat inside your home.

» Check heating units. Poorly operating or damaged heating units can release carbon monoxide gas. Test carbon monoxide detectors for proper operation and battery life.

» Check on family, friends and neighbors who are at risk and may need additional assistance.

» Watch pets closely and keep them indoors when possible. Animals can suffer from hypothermia, frostbite and other cold weather injuries.

» Check and restock your emergency preparedness kit. If you don't have a kit, make one.

» Minimize travel. If travel is necessary, keep a full tank of gas and an emergency preparedness kit in your vehicle. Put warm clothing — such as gloves, blankets and hats — in your kit in case you become stranded.

If you are going to head out, don't forget to check road conditions. The MSP encourages drivers to go to www.michigan.gov/roadconditions and www.michigan.gov/drive. If you are stranded, do not leave your vehicle. Stay with the vehicle and wait for help.

Like it or not, these bitter cold days are part of what make Michigan special. And remember, the days are getting longer and spring really is less than two months away.



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Fighting the cold and the wind, Carrie Alsheskie walks toward the warmth of the Novi Public Library recently. The temperature at the time was 3 degrees.

COMMUNITY VOICE

Is "Deflategate" being overblown or is it serious and who do you think will win the Super Bowl?

This question was asked at various Novi locations.



"I don't look at it as such a big deal. I think the Patriots will win."

Tom Mason
Library Pub in Novi



"I think it's a big deal, but I am rooting for the Patriots. It will be close."

Nate Mihelcic
Novi Enterprise-Rent-A-Car employee



"I think if it's deliberate it should be addressed, but it sounds like the coach and players didn't know about it. The NFL should probably wait until after the Super Bowl to investigate. I do think the Patriots will win."

Evan Gerish
Tony Sacco's in Novi



"I don't think it's a big deal. I think Seattle will win because of their defense."

Chad Walters
Tony Sacco's in Novi

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Novi Auto Parts bids farewell

In 1925, my father-in-law, Walter Bauer, began an auto repair shop that evolved into Novi Auto Parts. In 1972, upon the death of Walter, his sons Harold and Don took over leadership of NAP. Harold retired in 1989 and, after Don's death in 1996, I was entrusted with the ownership. But now, it's time. After a lot of soul-searching and 90 years and two generations of family ownership, I'm sad, yet excited, to announce the sale of Novi Auto Parts to O'Reilly Auto Parts.

O'Reilly Auto Parts was founded in 1957 and now operates in 42 states. They have grown and have been successful based on a business philosophy of friendly and efficient service. They hope to earn your confidence and continued business on that basis.

We want to thank all of you for the trust and confidence you have placed in us and for the opportunity to serve you for so long. It has truly been an honor and a privilege.

Business will continue as usual in the transition. The store will continue to operate in its current location and you may call the familiar NAP number, 248-349-2800. The sale should be final Jan. 20, and we want to make sure you, our loyal customers, are taken care of in the process. The gang — Danny, Jim, Pat, Dale and Dave — will be staying to give the same fine service you have grown to expect.

I'm the only one leaving and I don't think I did anything that important around here anyway. I shall miss you all.

I cannot express adequately in words how grateful I am for the business you have trusted to us and for the opportunities you have given us. We are the oldest business in Novi, so over the years we have worked with most of the repair shops, do-it-yourselfers, commercial builders and developers in the city. As Novi grew, we feel we contributed much to Novi's developing history and that we are a part of its history. I hear that the famous Indy Race Car, the Novi Special, even had work done in our machine shop.

Thank you for your business, for your friendships and for providing for the livelihood of several generations of NAP employees. A company is the sum total of all its employees and you, as a community of faithful customers, have supported the people who made Novi Auto Parts possible. We are all grateful.

'Skip' (Violette) Tuck
NAP owner
Danny Callahan
manager and 50-year employee

Principal's stance in lawsuit unbelievable

Last month, the *Novi News* published a story about a lawsuit that was filed against our Novi school district. The lawsuit and the response by the defendants (the Novi Community School District, our superintendent,

principal and two teachers) are public record.

The lawsuit by the parents of a 13-year-old autistic student alleges that their son was sexually abused by a student who is one foot taller than their son and weighs more than 200 pounds. They allege the abuse occurred almost daily during class at Novi Middle School. The lawsuit further alleges that at least five staff members were aware of "inappropriate touching" between the students and ineffectively told them to stop. As a result, their son (the victim) has suffered from suicidal thoughts, self-hatred, fright and shock, denial of social pleasures and enjoyments, shame, feelings of despair, helplessness, isolation and severe anxiety. Their son's therapist reports that he was subjected to threats and intimidation by the 6-foot-4 student who abused him and remains terrified of the abuser to this day.

In contrast, the recent official response to the lawsuit by the defendants actually states that "any and all injuries suffered by (the autistic student) is/are the result of (his) own conduct/consent/conduct." It appears to me that our superintendent and our administration actually blame a minor with autism for being sexually abused under their watch. Unbelievable!

Daniel Dubay, M.D.
Novi

STAFF COLUMN

How 'sweet' it is figures in products' success

Let's talk about chocolate and cars — because these days, they're related.

No, I am not thinking about an Easter parade, with a basket of chocolate in hand, or the August Dream Cruise of classic cars. But I am thinking about two products that, over the years, traditionally have been designated as sweet, but now share in a much wider buffet of possibilities.

Recently on Twitter, a photo appeared of what was called chocolate, along with the question: Would you eat chocolate made by a 3-D printer?

If you answer that question with another query — "Milk chocolate or bittersweet?" — then you are either a chocoholic or a techie, meaning someone who embraces technology.

My response to the first question also would take the form of another. To paraphrase Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*, "Would chocolate made by any other means than on the stove still taste as sweet?"

Others may choose to paraphrase Gertrude Stein in her 1922 book by saying, "A piece of chocolate, is a piece of chocolate, is a piece of chocolate ..."

But chocolate, like cars, is noteworthy for more reasons than its taste — consider its texture, its creaminess, the quality of its ingredients.

How all that would play out through a 3-D printer boggles



my mind's limited knowledge of technology.

With cars, there are countless elements as well that make for a "sweet" ride — the suspension, size of the tires, color and chrome, size of the trunk space, heated leather seats and the time it takes to go from 0 to 60. I could go on at some length, but a Lawrence Technological University student interviewed at the auto show pretty much summed it up.

"You have to come here and look at all the details, rub your hands along the trim and see how the reflections work. ... A picture is just a picture, you have to come see it to really experience it," Jacob Lanyon of Lyon Township told reporter Nathan Mueller.

The "here" that Lanyon spoke of is the North American International Auto Show at Cobo Center in Detroit. Lanyon was part of a delegation of LTU students participating in the show.

Those students — and other designers and engineers who dare to dream — are the future of the auto industry. And here's the other link between chocolate and cars.

Consider this question: Would

a car still have as good a ride if it were made by a 3-D printer instead of on an assembly line? And, for heaven's sake, would you even consider it safe to ride in one?

This is not a joke and after reading a story by Jay Grossman about a company called Local Motors (www.hometown-life.com), apparently it's not far-fetched.

The company makes an electric car in three phases, the first of which involves a 44-hour stretch of "printing" the car.

There are other technological things that go into making chocolate — and cars. For chocolate, there is powdered cocoa, Dutch cocoa, white chocolate and sugar-free.

For cars, there is "green" technology, such as advances in battery storage and the use of other alternative fuels, not to mention driverless cars.

As far as I am concerned, engineers can forget the driverless cars. There is something that would be lost without the hands-on experience of driving.

But as for the rest, whether we're discussing 3-D printing of chocolate or cars, the end product of a sweet experience is what will determine the success of any new process.

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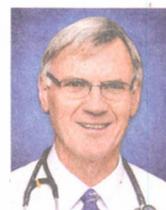
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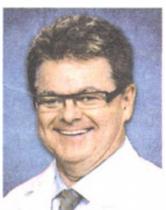
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CC rebounds, skates circles around Rochester United

Shamrocks snap winless streak with 6-0 win

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer



Rochowiak

"I just think we had a rough period," said CC senior forward Evan Rochowiak, who finished with two goals. "The team and the passion wasn't all there and I think tonight we showed a lot more passion, a lot of hard work and I thought it was a good team effort."

Rochowiak's last goal came during CC's last victory, Jan. 9 against University of Detroit

Jesuit. During that four-game winless stretch, the Shamrocks tied Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook (1-1), fell twice to Culver (Ind.) Military Academy (4-0 and 3-1) and lost to Birmingham Brother Rice (3-1). Rochester Unified, featuring senior forwards Max Harper and Marshall Henry with a combined 118 points, came into the match-up with a glittering 15-0-1 record.

"We came out to play, for sure," Rochowiak said. "We knew Rochester was going to be a good team. We heard a lot of hype about them and we made sure we gave them our



DENNIS BARNES

Catholic Central's Andrew Lane makes a pass in front of Rochester United's Trey Ebinger during Friday's clash of top-ranked Division 1 teams.

best game."

After CC senior goalie Spencer Wright denied Harper on a breakaway just 1:40 into the game, the Shamrocks went on

to dominate the opening period, scoring three quick goals within a span of 1:18.

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Northville motors by Novi in thriller



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The Mustangs' Matthew Schafer was runner-up in the 500 freestyle and fourth in the 200 freestyle against Novi.

Final outcome not decided until 400-yard freestyle relay

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

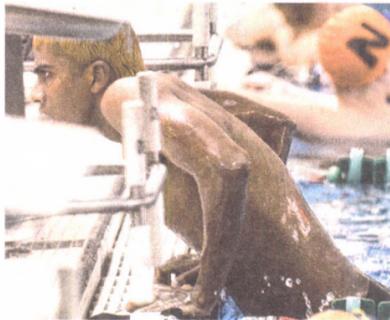
This was no ordinary dual meet as boys swim rivals Northville and Novi went tooth-and-nail for 12 events Jan. 22 in a meet that wasn't decided until the final relay.

After being outscored 12-4 in the last individual event, the 100-yard breaststroke, host Novi trailed 90-82 needing to go first and second in the 400 freestyle relay to pull out the win.

But the visiting Mustangs held on by garnering a second and walked out with a thrilling 94-92 KLA Central Division triumph.

"We were able to take control in the breaststroke and that was the whole deal," said Northville coach Rich Bennetts, whose team is 6-1 overall and 2-0 in the division. "We fought. We came into a hostile environment and we knew they (Novi) were a really, really good swim team. My guys showed a lot of heart. We made a lot of mistakes tonight, but they just kept fighting."

Despite the loss, Novi coach Brent



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Novi's Siddhardha Kareddy leaps out of the pool after winning the the 200-yard freestyle in the 94-92 dual meet loss to rival Northville.

Pohlonski continues to be encouraged by his team's performances so far this season.

"This is what it's all about," said Pohlonski, whose team is 4-2 overall and 0-1 in the KLA Central. "You get a meet with your rival and it comes down to the

last relay and everybody is swimming great. That's the best part. It was close, but both teams were swimming great. If you had told me two teams go 3:18 and 3:19 in the last (400 freestyle) relay ... we didn't go that fast last year until (Kensington) conference meet."

Northville individual winners included James Xue, 200 individual medley (2:04.47); Kirk Maibach, 100 freestyle (state meet cut 48.86); Trevor DeGroot, 500 freestyle (4:58.62); and Chris Geng, 100 breaststroke (1:03.58).

The Mustangs also captured the 200 medley relay as Maibach, Geng, Xue and Nirek Sharma were clocked in a state qualifying cut of 1:41.89.

"We had a lot of things that didn't go our way," Bennetts said. "We got destroyed on the diving board, but we just kept fighting. We don't have a ton of talent, but we have a ton of heart and I'm real proud of them."

"We had some kids that swam really well. Trevor DeGroot, a freshman who has come on real, real strong the last

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Novi rips Spartans to stay in first place

Sinawi downs former team in 74-45 victory

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

A close, compelling boys basketball game gradually evolved into a slow-motion train wreck Friday for Livonia Stevenson.

Spartans sophomore guard Ian Knoph's steal and layup with 3:45 left in the second quarter gave his team a 21-20 advantage over visiting Novi, but the Wildcats re-charged their batteries at halftime before running away with a 74-45 triumph.

The game marked the return to Stevenson of former head coach Brandon Sinawi, who took over the reins at Novi during the off-season.

Stevenson struggled at both ends of the court following an encouraging opening 12 minutes.

The Spartans' offensive troubles were reflected in the fact that their co-leading scorers - Knoph and Noah Campbell - tallied just seven points each.

Defensively, the hosts had a difficult time slowing down the Wildcats' inside-outside tandem of guard Max Yanke (17 points) and 6-foot-6 post player Naji Ozeir, who pumped in 19.

Novi improved to 8-2 overall and 5-0 in the KLA

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ED WRIGHT

Stevenson's Jalen Webber battles Jaylen Dixon for a rebound Friday night.

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On guard: Moorman to play U.S.

Wisconsin commit chosen for Under-19 team vs. Canada in International Bowl

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

David Moorman is getting a head start on the 2015 football season. The 6-foot-5, 290-pound senior all-state offensive lineman from Northville High was one of 16 players added recently to the 52-man U.S. Under-19 National Team that will face Team Canada in the International Bowl on Saturday, Feb. 7, at the University of Texas at Arlington's Maverick Stadium.

The University of Wisconsin commit will also sign his NCAA letter of intent with the Badgers during a press conference held Wednesday, Feb. 4, in conjunction with the all-star game.

The game, which will be televised live on ESPN3 beginning at 2 p.m., features some of the top recruits for 2015 from schools such as Ohio State, Alabama, Oregon, Michigan State, Southern Cal and Notre Dame.



Northville offensive lineman David Moorman will play Feb. 7 in the International Bowl for the U.S. Under-19 team at Arlington, Texas.

Moorman was one of three Michigan players selected, joining Detroit Cass Tech running back Mike Weber (Ohio State) and Southfield cornerback Tyson Smith (MSU).

Moorman's high school coach Matt Lach was contacted via email about Moorman's availability. He filled out an application and did an interview over the phone with one of the U.S. coaching staff members.

"They asked me why I wanted to play for my country and what I'd bring to the game," Moorman said. "They asked if I was OK with playing guard instead of tackle. They asked me some

other questions and it went over well. I was fortunate to get an invitation to it and I accepted."

Moorman will fly Monday, Feb. 2, to Dallas. And during National Signing Day, he'll take part in a press conference at AT&T Stadium, home of the Dallas Cowboys, where some of the players will announce where they'll be signing.

"It should be a good atmosphere," Moorman said. "They made a highlight video for us. It will be pretty cool."

Moorman committed last May to Wisconsin, but following the Big Ten championship game,

head coach Gary Andersen bolted for Oregon State.

Wisconsin athletic director Barry Alvarez, who coached the Badgers in their New Year's Day bowl victory against Auburn, hired Pittsburgh's Paul Chryst to replace Andersen.

The 49-year-old Chryst, a Madison native, played quarterback at Wisconsin (1986-88) under Alvarez and was offensive coordinator for Brett Bielema (now head coach at Arkansas). The new Badgers coach met Moorman and his family for the first time last Friday for a home visit.

And despite the coach-

ing change at Wisconsin, Moorman didn't waver about his commitment.

"It was a great visit," Moorman said of Chryst. "He's a really down-to-earth guy and I just want to go there and play for him."

Moorman, meanwhile, turned down official visits from Purdue, Penn State and Illinois. Other potential suitors such as Michigan and Michigan State stayed away.

"If they did, it wouldn't have changed anything either," Moorman said. "I want to play at Wisconsin and it can't get much better than that. I thought about it with my family. It would have been cool to check them out, but Wisconsin is the place I want to be. I want to show with my commitment and kind of be a leader for my class, so I decided not go on other visits and stay committed 100 percent to Wisconsin."

Moorman believes he fits the Badgers' style of offense.

"Five or six guys on the line, run the ball and throw when you have to," he said. "I'm excited for that and that's what I love to do. I can't wait."

And Moorman can't wait to lace up the pads for the International Bowl, where he'll be thrust into a different position.

"I played guard a little my freshman year," he said. "I've been a tackle ever since my sophomore year, but whatever they want me to play. It will be awesome because in college they want me to be able to switch from guard to tackle. I think it's better for me to diversify my game a little bit, so I'll play guard."

SPORTS ROUNDUP

ODP trio chosen

Three area players participate this week in the 2015 U.S. Youth Soccer Olympic Development Program Girls National Training Camp at Seminole Soccer Complex in Sanford, Fla.

More than 200 players were selected from the 1999, 2000, 2001 age groups to represent each of the four U.S. Youth Soccer Regions.

Among the 1999 Region II pool players are Isabel Nino (Northville), a goalkeeper for the Michigan Hawks and Michigan Rush club teams, and Bethany Kopel (Novi), a goalie with the Michigan Jaguars.

Meanwhile, midfielder Alexa Morello (Northville), a member of the Michigan Hawks, was in the 2001 Region II pool.

Training was led by U.S. Soccer staff coach and Marantha Baptist University coach Jeff Pill, who has more than 40 years of experience in the sport and has worked with the women's national teams at both the youth and senior levels. Numerous college coaches also attended the National Training Camp throughout the week, as well as U.S. Soccer scouts, including U.S. Soccer Technical Director April Heinrichs.

Smith nominated

Northville High's Nancy Smith is among eight finalists for the National High School Athletic Coaches Association National Coach of the Year for cross country.

Smith, who guided the Mustangs to a third-place finish in the 2014 MHSAA Division 1 state finals and a state title in 2013, was recently honored as 2014 Central Sectional Coach of the Year by the National Federation of State High School Associations.

The National Coach of the Year awards banquet will be Saturday, June 20, during NHSACA convention at the Kahler Grand Hotel in Rochester, Minn.

Smith was selected for this national honor by the Michigan Interscholastic Track Coaches Association based on her longevity, service to high school athletics, honors, cham-

pionship years and winning parentage.

The nominees and finalists are evaluated by experts using a sport-specific rubric to assign points in each category. The NHSACA is the oldest in the nation and has been recognizing national coaches of the year since 1978.

N'ville Runners

Start 2015 by joining a local running group, the Northville Road Runners, which meets for runs/walks each Tuesday and Thursday evening, as well as each Saturday morning.

Go to www.NorthvilleRoadRunners.org for meeting times and venues. Additional information can be found on Facebook.

The club sponsors the annual Northville Road Runner Classic each July at Maybury State Park and is involved in giving back to the running community by supporting and volunteering at local races.

For more information, email Gary Haf at run_gh@yahoo.com.

Wings alumni

The Detroit Red Wings Alumni Association will take on the United Cerebral Palsy of Detroit Pucksters in a charity hockey game Saturday, March 21, at Viking Arena in Hazel Park.

The event will begin at 4 p.m. with a hockey exhibition featuring the Michigan Sled Dogs, followed by the Wings-UCP Pucksters game at 6 p.m.

Admission is \$10 or \$30 per family (maximum five). Youths 5 and under get in free. An afterglow pizza party includes a \$10 donation.

There will also be a 50/50 drawing and Chuck-A-Puck contest to win prizes. Doors open at 3:30 p.m. to bid on silent auction items.

UCP/Detroit is a local nonprofit advocacy organization representing people with disabilities and their families in metro Detroit.

Tickets can be purchased at the door or by contacting Tamara Kincaid at 248-557-5070, ext. 117. You can also email tkincaid@ucp-detroit.org.

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Friday, Jan. 30
 Salem at Northville, 7 p.m.
 Novi at S. Lyon East, 7 p.m.
 Inter-City at Franklin Road, 7 p.m.
 Detroit CC at U-D Jesuit, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 3
 Northville at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
 South Lyon at Novi, 7 p.m.
 Brother Rice at Detroit CC, 7 p.m.
 Franklin Rd. at S'field Christian, 7 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 6
 Novi at Northville, 7 p.m.
 Franklin Rd. at Oak Christian, 7:45 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL
Friday, Jan. 30
 Franklin Road at Inter-City, 5:30 p.m.
 Northville at Salem, 7 p.m.
 S. Lyon East at Novi, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 3
 Stevenson at Northville, 7 p.m.
 Novi at South Lyon, 7 p.m.
 S'field Christian at Franklin Rd., 7 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 6
 Novi at Northville, 5:30 p.m.
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PREP WRESTLING
Thursday, Jan. 29
 Plymouth, Oxford at CC, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 31
 N'ville at Observeland Inv. at Churchill H.S., 9 a.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 4
 N'ville, Novi at KLAAs crossover, TBA.

Detroit CC at Bedford, TBA.

Saturday, Feb. 7
 KLAAs Tourney at Howell, TBA.

BOYS SWIMMING
Thursday, Jan. 29
 Northville at W.L. Western, 6:30 p.m.
 Salem at Novi, 6:30 p.m.
 Detroit CC vs. Brother Rice at Livonia Rec. Center, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 5
 Salem at Northville, 6:30 p.m.
 Novi at Stevenson, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 7
 Northville at Wayne Co. Inv., noon.
 CC, Novi at Oakland Co. Meet at Lake Orion, noon.

PREP BOWLING
Thursday, Jan. 29
 Detroit CC vs. Divine Child at Classic Lanes, 3:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 30
 (at Town 'N Country Lanes)
 Novi vs. Canton, 3:30 p.m.
 Northville vs. Plymouth, 3:30 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 2
 Detroit CC vs. DeLaSalle at Sterling Lanes, 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 3
 (at Novi Bowl)
 Novi vs. Salem, 3:30 p.m.
 Northville vs. Wayne, 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 4
 (at Canton's Super Bowl)
 Northville vs. John Glenn, 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 5
 Detroit CC vs. U-D Jesuit at Bowl One, 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 7
 Mercy Tourney at Drakeshire, 10 a.m.

Sunday, Feb. 8
 Novi Tourney at Novi Bowl, 10 a.m.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS
Monday, Feb. 2
 Northville vs. Livonia Blue at Churchill H.S., 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 7
 Northville at Canton Inv., 9 a.m.

PREP SKIING
Thursday, Jan. 29
 Novi vs. W.L. Northern, Marian at Alpine Valley, 4 p.m.
 Detroit CC vs. Howell at Mt. Brighton, 6 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 5
 SEMSL Alpine Valley Division Championships, 9 a.m.

SEMSL Alpine Valley Division Championships, TBA.

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Catholic Central grapplers split on collegiate tour

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Novi Detroit Catholic Central's wrestling team embarked on its college tour last weekend against a pair of state-ranked opponents and came away with a split.

On Friday, nationally-ranked Lowell came away with a 39-22 win over the Shamrocks in a warm-up to the Michigan-Wisconsin Big Ten dual match at U-M's Cliff Keen Arena.

CC, ranked No. 2 in Division 1, then bounced back Sunday in Mount Pleasant to upend Remus Chippewa Hills, ranked No. 4 in Division 3, in a prelude to the Central Michigan University-Northern Iowa match, 49-16.

The Shamrocks (15-3), got pins from Trevor Zdebski (130 pounds) and Tyler Morland (189 pounds), a major decision from Myles Amine (160) and decisions from Stone Moscovic (103) and Aaron Rehfeldt (112) in the loss to Lowell, ranked No. 2 in Division 2 by MichiganGrappler.com.

Moscovic and Rehfeldt avenged earlier losses this season to Lowell's 103- and 112-pounders.

"This match was bitter-sweet," CC eighth-year coach Mitch Hancock said. "We won two matches maybe on paper we weren't supposed to down low, but we lost two matches we expected to win up top. We win those two matches up top and it's a seven-seven split. I'm pumped for Rehfeldt and Moscovic. I thought they did a great job in both duals and are starting to gain some momentum."

Catholic Central captured 10 of 14 matches in the victory over Chippewa Hills, including bonus points in eight of those matches.

CC's Tommy Herrmann won by technical fall over No. 6-ranked Mike Felix at 125, while Rehfeldt capped a strong weekend with a pin against No. 10 Kayden Ellis at 112.

Other winners for CC, which jumped out to a 29-0 lead, included Moscovic (103),

who won on a pin, along with Joe Lyon (119), Zdebski (130), Amine (160), Conor Cox (171), Tyler Morland (189), Nick Giese (215) and Nick Jenkins (285).

"The boys got after it today," said Hancock, who wrestled at CMU. "We are a pretty good team on top, we just have to score more take-downs to get ourselves more opportunities to score on top. I'm proud of the way these guys responded after Friday night's loss."

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Warriors deal CC 3-1 setback

Brother Rice's Pyc gets game-winner in MIHL divisional test

By Marty Budner
Staff Writer

Brother Rice veteran head coach Lou Schmidt wasn't necessarily looking for a win to keep league-leading Catholic Central within shouting distance in the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League standings.

Rather, Schmidt simply was searching for a strong, hard-working, tournament-like effort against Rice's arch-rival and the state's top-ranked team – and he got it.

Brother Rice broke a 1-1 tie with a pair of third-period goals Wednesday and skated to an emotional 3-1 triumph over CC at the Oak Park Ice Arena. It marked Rice's first win over CC in at least two years.

"It's a really good rivalry and it brings out the best in each team," Schmidt said. "CC is definitely one of those teams that's on the top every single year and they've had our number, no question about it."

"For us to come out and play like we did today was a good step forward for our team. I'm just happy for the boys and I thought they played hard. The league is great, but just look at the competition (in the MIHL)."

"To be honest with you, I didn't even think (about the league standings) as we went into the game," he added. "For us, to kind of get ourselves ready, we need to play hard against the best team. I thought today was good."

The loss was Catholic Central's third straight. After having won their first 10 games, the Shamrocks are now 0-3-1 in their last four, including a tie against Cranbrook Kingswood, a pair of losses to Culver (Ind.) Military Academy.

CC, the state's top-ranked Division 1 team, still leads the MIHL standings with a 7-1-1 record for 15 points. Cranbrook Kingswood (6-0-1-1) is second with 14 points and Rice (5-2-0) stayed in third with 10 points.

"(Rice) wanted it more than we did. It was simple," CC head coach Danny Veri said. "They won the loose puck battles. They won the corner battles. They got every rebound. They got 90 percent of the second pucks in that



Catholic Central forward Brian Kearns (14) tries to gain control of the puck during Wednesday's MIHL clash against Birmingham Brother Rice at Oak Park Ice Arena.

MARTY BUDNER

game. "But not to make excuses for our guys, I think Culver took a lot out of them," he added. "They had to bring everything that had to play Culver and I don't think they had it in them tonight."

The teams were scoreless after a fast-paced first period.

Catholic Central senior Evan Rochowiak broke the ice with a wicked wrist shot from the left face-off circle just seconds into the second period. He was assisted by senior captain Mitch Ossowski and senior assistant captain Ryan Burnett.

It took Rice five minutes to counter. Senior defenseman Will VanderVeen poked the puck into the net off a goal-mouth scramble to tie the game.

Brother Rice senior forward Brendan Pyc netted what proved to be the game-winning goal less than a minute into the final period. He jammed the puck in from the side of the net off assists from senior Joey Vassallo and junior Nick Bowman.

Catholic Central's offense responded with a strong effort after Rice took the lead, only to be held off the board

by a pair of great saves by Warriors goaltender Nicholas Macina.

The senior goalie stopped CC junior Nick Macari from point-blank range shortly after Rice broke the tie. A few minutes later, Macina, with his team on the power play, made a huge save off a short-handed shot by Shamrocks junior Brian Kearns.

"We're in a tough stretch right now and that's what we want as a program. That's how we get better," Veri said. "That's why for us to ever think for one second that we're not going to lose – regardless of the talent we have – that we're naive. It just isn't possible."

"On top of that, every team when they play us, they bring everything they got," he added. "They want to beat us and it shows. You saw how excited (Brother Rice) was. That's good for them and good for the league when we have this parity."

CC outshot Brother Rice by a 28-27 margin. The Shamrocks played a good portion of the game shorthanded as they were saddled with a pair of five-minute hitting-from-behind penalties.

Turner's goal gives Novi OT victory against Bears

Northville upends Lions in Saturday matinee, 7-1

Ryan Turner precisely picked the right time to notch his first goal of the season.

The senior defenseman scored with 1:21 into overtime Saturday to give Novi a 5-4 boys hockey victory over Berkley Unified in a battle of Division 2 state-ranked teams at Berkley's Ice Arena.

The Wildcats, ranked No. 3, improved to 11-5-1, while the Bears, ranked No. 5, slipped to 10-3.

Berkley jumped out to a 3-1 first-period lead on goals by Zach Leonard (unassisted at 11:52), Jacob Tomlinson (from Kevin Jurvis at 15:20) and Ian Melrose (unassisted at 16:17).

Novi's Alec Wells countered at 15:40 of the same period from Nik Tewilliager and Brendan Wexler.

The Wildcats then scored three times in the second period to take a 4-3 lead. Wells notched his second of the afternoon (from Wexler and Jimmy Hole at 4:15); Alex Cai scored on a power play (from Jake Cyr and Hole at 8:26); and Brad Hofelich (from Tewilliager and Bryan Fegert at 10:42) scored.

Berkley's Max Dooley then scored a short-handed goal with 8:55 left in the third from

Melrose to send the game into OT.

Novi goaltender Josh Richardson made seven saves, while Michael Schwanke had 21 for the Bears.

NORTHVILLE 7, SOUTH LYON 1: On Saturday, the Mustangs (12-2-2, 6-2-1) unloaded for a total of 51 shots to beat South Lyon Unified (3-11-1, 1-7-1) in a KLA Central Division clash at Novi Ice Arena.

Northville jumped out to a 2-0 first-period lead on Kyle Abraham's power-play goal (from Brett Ridener and Kyle Vann) followed by a Riley Brass goal from Sam Bradley and Zac Osier.

The Mustangs added three more goals in the second period to take a commanding 5-0 lead – Jack Sargent on a power play (from Jack Meacham and Alec Morgan); Cam Layne (from Morgan and Grant LaLonde); and Layne again (from Sargent and LaLonde).

In the third period, Kevin O'Connell scored unassisted and Vann made it 7-0 on a power play from Brendan Hicks and Nick Strom.

Chance Boutin, who had to make just six saves, had his shutout bid spoiled with four minutes remaining when South Lyon's Spencer Stanley scored unassisted.

"We did a really good job of getting bodies to the net," Northville coach Clint Robert said. "We were looking for secondary scoring and it was great to see that six of our seven goals were either crashing bodies to the net off screens, deflections or rebounds."

South Lyon goalie Justin Zabinski made 44 saves.

NORTHVILLE 3, FRANKLIN 3: On Jan. 21, goalie Matt Monendo made 33 saves as host Livonia Franklin (6-5-2, 0-3-3) continued to play spoiler gaining a Kensington Conference crossover draw against the No. 7-ranked Mustangs (11-2-2, 5-2-1) at Edgar Arena.

Franklin's Chase Willis scored with only 2:29 left off assists from Trevor Lassaline and Kolby Dewhirst to earn the tie.

Franklin jumped out to a 1-0 lead at 5:29 of the opening period on Brendan Whitney's short-handed goal from Justin Makowski and Willis.

Northville then tied it at 15:56 on Jack Meacham's goal from Alec Morgan and Nick Strom.

After a scoreless second period, Morgan scored unassisted just 52 seconds into the second period, but Lassaline countered for the Patriots with 6:36 left on an assist from Whitney.

Meacham then notched his second of the night with 5:35 to play from Morgan and Kevin O'Connell to make it 3-2, but Willis answered just 3:06 later.

Northville goalie Kevin Onofrio, getting the start after starter Chance Boutin went home ill, made 24 saves.



Catholic Central goaltender Spencer Wright (center) made 20 saves to post the shutout against Rochester United.

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Rochowiak went top shelf at 11:03 assisted by by Mitch Ossowski and Alex Kruetzer, followed by a pair of Ossowski goals, the first coming at 12:11 (assists by Andrew Lane and Brian Kearns) and the second at 12:29 (from Kearns and Ryan Burnett).

Rochester United had a hard time flushing the puck out of its own end during the first 17 minutes.

"As much as us struggling, give CC credit," Rochester United coach Craig Staskowski said. "They're big, they're strong. They're very good at cycling the puck. To be honest, I thought our defense did a good job having body position."

"The first three goals they scored in the first period were all transition. It's something we talked about, but we haven't played a team that came into the zone they way they did."

CC successfully fought off four Rochester United power-play efforts during the second period, running its streak to 32 minutes dating back to the Rice loss.

And with just 14.8 seconds left on a four-on-four, the Shamrocks struck again on Kruetzer's goal from Burnett to make it 4-0 entering the third period.

The Shamrocks, (11-3-1), then added two more goals in the final period, with Rochowiak scoring at 11:02 from

Kyle Mulka and Luc Krasicky followed by Nick Macari's goal from Mulka and Lane at 11:16.

"We had a pretty good process," Veri said. "You run into slumps. We had our chances in all those games, but those two games with Culver were pretty tough to score on. We had a little more intensity in practice yesterday. We worked hard around the blue paint and around the net and it showed. They worked hard today. I think they wanted to prove something today."

Wright proved stellar as he turned away all 20 Rochester shots.

"He was a rock star tonight," Veri said. "He was good. I think he wanted to prove himself. I think he was mad at himself that last (Brother Rice) game letting that second one in. I think he wanted to prove it."

The one negative was penalties, as CC took a total of eight, but the Shamrocks were sharp killing them, including a five-on-three Rochester United power play late in the third period.

"We're pretty disciplined, but for whatever reason the last two games we seem to collect mail at the penalty box," Veri said. "They work at it and we work on it enough that they know what they're doing. And sometimes it's the goaltender, right? If you get a good goalie and guys get in shooting lanes, it makes it easy to kill a penalty."

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Gold Bracket champs



CHRISTIE NOLES

The Force Volleyball Academy National 16s finished first among 48 teams in the Gold Bracket in the Winter Bump Volleyball Classic held Jan. 17-19 at Myrtle Beach, S.C. Team members include (front row, from left) Abby Laurentius, Livonia Ladywood; Caroline Audette, Birmingham Marian; Rachel Holmes, Northville; and Kiera Borthwick, Northville; and (back row, from left) coach Angela Kalczyński, Julia Caravias, Bloomfield Hills; Sammie Noles, Northville; Bryce Quic, Northville; Andrea Williams, Birmingham Groves; and Audrey Kohl, West Bloomfield.

Showdown: Novi earns first-place 77-65 win vs. Salem

Hankerson, Ozeir pave way in KLAAC Central test

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

In a game of runs and spurts, Novi had a few more in its boys basketball KLAAC Central Division first-place showdown Jan. 20 against visiting Salem.

The host Wildcats trailed 33-28 at halftime, but came out with a 10-0 run to start the third quarter and wound up shooting 63.6 percent from the floor during the second half to earn a 77-65 victory.

With its sixth straight victory, Novi improved to 7-2 overall and 4-0 in the division.

For Novi coach Brandon Sinawi, the halftime message was direct.

"We talked about playing with some hustle and some determination," he said. "We came out really flat in the first half, I thought, getting outstuffed, outworked for extra baskets, extra rebounds. That's all we talked about. I challenge my kids every time at halftime, whether we're up or whether we're down, to do something better than we have before. Salem turned it over and we turned it into points and that was big."

Salem (7-3, 3-1) committed turnovers on its first three possessions to start the second half and the Wildcats turned them into six quick points and added two more baskets without an answer to make it 38-35.

"It kind of set the tempo a little bit for us and got us in the game and got us in a rhythm," Sinawi said.

Salem, however, came up with a 10-2 run of its own and regained the lead, 45-42, with 2:49 left in the third quarter on Jon Swift's basket.

But the Wildcats responded with another 10-point run and wound up outscoring Salem 24-12 in the third to gain control, 52-45.

The Rocks were unable to get closer than four the rest of the way, with the dagger coming with 3:14 left when Novi junior point guard Kam Hankerson, who led all scorers with 24 points, converted a steal into a dunk to make it six-point cushion, 64-58.

Naji Ozeir, a 6-5 junior forward, added 20 points and a team-best 12 rebounds for the Wildcats. A majority of Ozeir's points came off the pick-and-roll with the 6-3 Hankerson, who also dished out six assists.

"(Brad) Dotina had a tough night and Max Yanke (nine points) had a tough night, but other guys stepped up," Sinawi said. "Kameron is a special talent. He necessarily hasn't been our leading scorer, but he does so many other things right - rebounding, defending and blocking shots."

Novi shot a blistering 21-of-33 in the second half using its bread-and-butter play.

"And Naji does what Naji does," Sinawi said. "He's scoring inside and he's an outside threat at times. He's doing the little things to put us over the top. And tonight both had top-notch performances and I'm proud of them."

Jakob Lenders and Jake Stropes each scored 14 to lead Salem, while Allante Wheeler and Swift contributed 13 and 11, respectively.

"That's a good basketball team and they definitely have a lot of weapons," Salem coach Bob Brodie said of the Wildcats. "One guy is down a little bit, the next guy picks him up. They hurt us all around tonight, especially in transition. They got a lot of run-out baskets on us because we didn't get back real well. They beat us on the glass. They beat us two-to-one on the boards. They got a nice ball club."

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Northville 6-foot-7 center Ryan Roberts (middle) feels some pressure from South Lyon East's Trent Willenborg (left) and a teammate in Friday's KLAAC Central clash.

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CC grounds Pilots at buzzer

Marchie's layup does in DeLaSalle, 63-61

Novi Detroit Catholic Central won in dramatic fashion Friday night at home to notch its first Catholic League Central Division boys basketball victory of the season.

Tyler Laurentius made a pass to Ike Marchie, who finished with a layup at the buzzer to give the Shamrocks a 63-61 triumph over visiting Warren DeLaSalle.

C.J. Baird led CC (4-5, 1-2 in the Central), with 22 points. The sophomore forward connected on three 3-pointers and was 5-of-6 from the foul line.

Marchie, a senior center, added 14 points, while Laurentius, a junior guard, chipped in 10.

CC outscored the Pilots 23-19 during the final quarter.

"I'm really proud of how we responded to the tough overtime loss Jan. 16) loss at Brother Rice," said CC coach Bill Dyer, whose team was 19-of-27 from the foul stripe. "I'm extremely happy for our team, who has been working so hard in practice. We fought back from behind late and we were

fortunate to make plays down the stretch in order to win at the buzzer."

Kevin McKay, who made 9-of-11 free throws, paced DeLaSalle (7-4, 2-1) with a game-high 28 points, while Josh Winowlecki and Jack Ballantyne added 11 and 10, respectively.

The Pilots connected on 21-of-25 free throws (84 percent).

NOVI 61, ROCHESTER 45: Senior Max Yanke scored 17 points Monday and the host Wildcats (9-2) made a 41-24 halftime advantage hold up in a non-conference win over the Falcons (0-9).

Junior center Naji Ozeir added 11 points for Novi, which withstood a 15-4 Rochester run in the third quarter. The Wildcats, who have won eight of their last nine, were 9-of-15 from the foul line.

R.J. Kelley (16), Hunter Schattler (14) and Ivan Bavrazc (11) all scored in double figures for Rochester, which was 0-for-3 from the free-throw line.

NORTHVILLE 64, S. LYON EAST 42: Senior guard David Morrissey scored a game-high 22 points Friday as the Mustangs (7-4, 2-3) pulled away in the final quarter to beat host South Lyon East (4-5, 2-3).

Senior center Ryan Roberts and sophomore guard Kevin Morrissey chipped in with 14 and 11 points, respectively, for Northville, which led 36-30 after three quarters.

The Mustangs then outscored the Cougars 28-12 in the fourth quarter, going 10-of-10 from the foul line.

"This has been a wild couple of weeks for our team and we're so proud of how they've hung together and kept working to get better," Northville coach Todd Sander said. "It's nice to see them get rewarded twice this week."

Trent Willenborg and Dorian Watson scored 16 and 13, respectively, for the Cougars.

FRANKLIN ROAD 61, GREENHILLS 45: Joshua Betcher and Joshua Bause, pair of 6-foot-6

juniors, each posted a double-double Friday as host Novi Franklin Road Christian (4-6, 2-3) downed Ann Arbor Greenhills (5-4, 2-3) in a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division game.

Betcher finished with 17 points and 10 rebounds, while Bause added 10 points and 13 boards.

Junior guards Austin Hearn and Gavin Harris chipped in 15 and 13 points, respectively, as the Warriors led 29-17 at halftime and 46-29 after three quarters.

Rawson Scheinberg and Armaan Dhaliwal paced the Gryphons with 13 and 12 points, respectively.

Both teams shot 43 percent from the foul line - Franklin Road (6-of-14) and Greenhills (7-of-16).

NORTHVILLE 51, SOUTH LYON 36: On Jan. 20, the Mustangs (6-4, 1-3) broke their three-game losing streak with a KLAAC Central Division win over the host Lions (1-8, 0-4).

Senior guard David Morrissey paced Northville with a game-high 21 points, while sophomore Kevin Morrissey and junior Justin Zimbo each added eight points. Juniors Nick Wilds and Michael Minick contributed six apiece.

"Balance was the key for us," said Northville coach Todd Sander, whose team led 13-3 after one quarter. It was nice to get the first one and hopefully can propel us in the right direction."

Northville connected on 4-of-5 from the line. Josh Remstad and Nick Flynn each tallied eight points for South Lyon, which made 9-of-10 free throws.

FRANKLIN ROAD 70, PCA 51: On Jan. 20, junior guard Austin Hearn finished with 18 points, 10 rebounds and seven assists as Novi Franklin Road Christian (3-6, 1-3) rolled to the MIAC Blue Division victory at Plymouth Christian Academy (2-6, 1-3).

"It was Austin's best all-around game. We've been waiting for it," said Franklin Road's Glynn Blackwell, who notched his first victory in three tries as the Warriors interim coach. "The team goes off his energy when he plays with that intensity."

Joshua Betcher, a 6-foot-6 junior center, led the Warriors with a game-high 24 points to go along with eight rebounds. Joshua Bause, another 6-6 junior, posted a double-double with 11 points and 11 boards.

PCA, unable to recover from a 35-14 halftime deficit, got 14 points from Luke Yakoer and 12 from Michael Slater.

The Eagles made 14-of-17 free throws, while Franklin Road was 8-of-10.

Wolfpack rule tourney



The Northville Wolfpack, a seventh- and eighth-grade girls basketball team, finished 4-0 to capture a tournament held Jan. 10 at the MAAC Sports & Fitness facility in Clio. The Wolfpack defeated the Ortonville Lady Mustangs, Livonia Hawks, Madison Heights Greg Grant and Ann Arbor DSO en route to the title. Team members include (front row, from left) Tara Beason, Chloe Zulcosky, Ava Burrows and Jenna Lauderback and (back row, from left) coach Steve Grant, Nicole Martin, Julia Straky, Hannah Grant, Jane Berry, Morgan Thompson, Ellie Thallman and assistant coach Steve Thallman.

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WILDCATS

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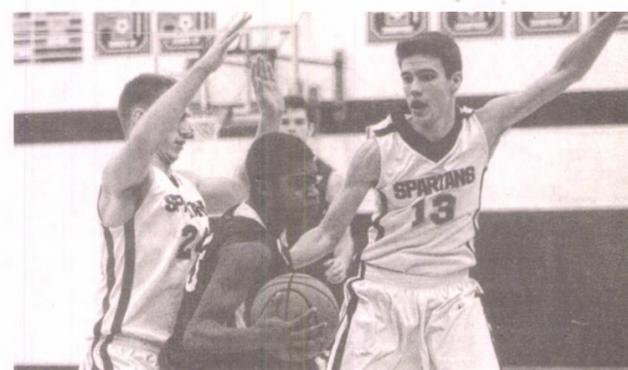
Central Division, while the Spartans slipped to 4-6 and 2-3, respectively. The game marked the mid-point of the season for both squads.

The Wildcats took full advantage of the Novis familiarity with the Stevenson roster.

"I haven't seen them play in a long time, but I know what they can do and how to guard them," Sinawi said. "We knew Noah (Campbell), Jalen (Webber) and Jacob Dollar are their scorers, so we tried to take them out of the game and my guys accomplished that."

Sinawi said his team is a pleasure to coach because when one player is off the mark, another will step up and fill the void.

"We really don't have one go-to guy this season," Sinawi said. "We have different guys stepping up every game. Max, who is a senior captain, is very, very efficient when he wants to be and he definitely was tonight. Naji missed too many short shots, but he had a good game."



Livonia Stevenson's Hyder Mansour (left) and Andrew Bambach apply a trap to a Novi guard.

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Stevenson's early catalyst was senior guard Nolan Bradford, who pumped in four quick points to help the Spartans build a 13-11 lead after one quarter.

A rim-rattling dunk by Novi's Kam Hankerson capped a 5-0 second-quarter run for the visitors, giving them a 16-13 lead.

But Stevenson didn't back down the rest of the half and actually cut its deficit to 35-29 on Campbell's layup to open

the third quarter. Novi, however, knocked down 10-of-16 field-goal attempts in the third compared to 3-of-14 shooting for Stevenson, which led to the game getting out of hand for the entire fourth quarter.

Senior forward Brad Dotina was solid throughout for Novi, scoring 12 points to go with five rebounds. Ozeir led both teams with 14 boards.

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East's Bird difference maker as Northville girls edged

Northville girls basketball coach Todd Gudith will be glad when South Lyon East's Gabi Bird finally graduates.

That's because the 6-0 senior forward headed to Central Michigan University was at it again Friday, scoring a game-high 20 points to lead the host Cougars to a 45-44 KLAAC Central Division win over the Mustangs.

Junior Peyton Jones added 17 points for the victorious Cougars (7-3 overall, 4-1 KLAAC Central Division).

"Bird is obviously a tough cover," said Gudith, whose team slipped to 8-3, 3-2 KLAAC Central. "There's a reason why she is a Division I player. She and Jones obviously provide most of the offense for them."

Freshman guard Mariah Modkins and senior forward Emily Maresh each tallied 11 for Northville.

East tallied the game-winning basket with only 18 seconds left following a Northville turnover. The Mustangs then missed the go-ahead shot just before the final buzzer.

"Our kids played really hard; it certainly wasn't because of a lack of effort," Gudith said. "The effort was really good. There were a lot of plays throughout the game that could have made a difference. We kind of have to learn it's the little things throughout the game to get better at, especially when it comes down to a situation late in the game like that."

Northville was 4-of-5 from the foul line, while East was 6-of-14.

STEVENSON 46, NOVI 45: Senior Arryn Dochenez scored 20 points and sophomore Grace Lamerson added 11 Friday as host Livonia Stevenson (4-7, 2-3) turned back the Wildcats (5-5, 1-4) in overtime in a KLAAC Central Division game.

Freshman guard Ellie Mackay led the Wildcats with 20 points, while Alex Felice and Carson Garguilo each added 10. Allie Lipson also grabbed a team-high 12 rebounds.

Novi made 14-of-55 shots from the floor (25.4 percent) and 13-of-21 free throws (61.9 percent).

The Wildcats led 18-17 at halftime and 29-28 after three quarters before Stevenson sent the game into OT at 40-40.

BAPTIST PARK 74, FRANKLIN ROAD 71: Eighth-grader Alexis Johnson scored a game-high 30 points and grabbed 10 rebounds Friday, but it wasn't enough as Novi Franklin Road Christian (7-4, 3-2) fell to host Taylor Baptist Park (4-5) in a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division game.

Johnson also had four assists and four steals, while senior guard Katherine Larabell contributed 18 points and nine rebounds. Junior forward Hannah Rayburn added 11 points.

Mikayla Thompson paced the victorious Wildcats with 29 points, while Hope Bates and Mikaylah LaPlante each finished with 12.

Franklin Road, which trailed 37-35 at halftime and 59-51 after three quarters, made 11-of-14 free throws.

NORTHVILLE 65, SOUTH LYON 16: On Jan. 20, the Mustangs (8-2, 3-1) got off to a hot start and steamrolled its way to a KLAAC Central Division victory over visiting Lions (1-9 0-4).

All 10 players scored for the Mustangs, who led 22-1 at halftime and 34-7 at intermission.

Sophomore forward Jessica Moorman led the way with 22 points, while freshman guard Kendall Dillon chipped in nine to lead Northville.

"Jessica did a great job of finishing around the rim and that resulted in her 22 points, which she did in just three quarters," Northville coach Todd Gudith said. "We had no letdown after an emotional game Friday with Novi (36-31 win) and everybody came ready to play."

Emily Heinrich paced South Lyon with eight points.

The Lions shot 4-of-11 from the foul line, while Northville was 10-of-15.

SALEM 41, NOVI 27: On Jan. 20, Lasha Petree tallied 11 points as the host Rocks (6-4, 4-0) pulled away in the final quarter to beat the Wildcats (5-4, 1-3) in a KLAAC Central Division contest.

Shara Long added nine points and nine rebounds for Salem, which led 17-16 at halftime before outscoring Novi 11-7 in the third quarter and 13-3 in the decisive fourth.

Freshman Ellie Mackay paced the Wildcats with seven points to go along with seven rebounds.

Novi shot only 8-of-35 from the floor (22.8 percent), including 2-of-12 from beyond the arc. The Wildcats were 9-of-15 from the foul line (60 percent), while committing 15 turnovers.

FRANKLIN ROAD 47, PCA 31: On Jan. 20, junior Hannah Rayburn scored 14 points to go along with four assists and five steals to lead host Novi Franklin Road Christian (7-3, 3-1) to a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division victory over Plymouth Christian Academy (3-7, 1-4).

The Warriors who led 22-12 at halftime, also got 12 points, 11 rebounds and five steals from eighth-grader Alexis Johnson. Senior guard Katherine Larabell added 10 points.

Franklin Road won despite going 5-of-15 from the foul line.

Alyah Pries scored a game-high 15 points for the Eagles, who made 5-of-9 foul shots.



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Salem's Lasha Petree (right) tries to take the ball inside against Novi defender Alex Felice.

CC swimmers deal Stevenson rare defeat

State champion Walsh leads way with two state cuts

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Stanford University-bound Jack Walsh figured in three first-place finishes Jan. 22 as Novi Detroit Catholic Central handed Livonia Stevenson its first home dual meet setback in six years, 111-75.

CC, coming off a first-place finish at the East Grand Rapids Invitational and a third at the Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Invitational, improved to 4-2 overall.

"It's always fun to swim Stevenson," CC coach Shannon Dunworth said. "They have a very rich swimming tradition with highly accomplished swimmers and coaches."

Walsh, who as a junior was the MHSAA

Division 1 state champion in the 100-yard backstroke and runner-up in the 200 individual medley, showed his versatility by winning the 100 butterfly (52.45) and 100 breaststroke (1:01.67), both state meet qualifying times.

Walsh also teamed up with Matt Loniewski, Christopher Vela and Grayson Arnold for a first in the 200 medley relay (1:42.21)

Other CC first-place finishers included Arnold, 50 freestyle (23.37); Robert Vance, 1-meter diving (241.65 points); and Chris Barron, 100 backstroke (58.57).

Stevenson (4-1), last year's Division 1 state runner-up, was led by Alex Lee, who figured in four first-place finishes.

The senior swept the 100 and 200 freestyle events in 50.13 and 1:49.09, respectively. He also teamed up with Jackson O'Dowd, Eric Ferrara and Matt LaPorte for a victory in the 200 freestyle relay (1:34.45).

The Spartans' foursome of Lee, Adam Goeddeke, Eric Ferrara and O'Dowd also captured the 400 freestyle relay in a state qualifying time of 3:23.15.

Stevenson's other two individual winners were O'Dowd in the 200 IM (1:57.64) and LaPorte in the 500 freestyle (4:53.84). Both were state meet qualifying times as well.



Walsh

200-yard medley relay: 1. Catholic Central (Jack Walsh, Matt Loniewski, Christopher Vela, Grayson Arnold), 1:42.21; 2. Catholic Central (Chris Barron, Daniel Long, Charlie Walsh, Logan Mills), 1:48.25; 3. Stevenson (Adam Goeddeke, Brian Smith, Benjamin LaPorte, Parke Wasielewski), 1:50.40.

200 freestyle: 1. Alex Lee (LS), 1:49.09; 2. Eric Ferrara (LS), 1:52.68; 3. Matt LaPorte (LS), 1:53.0; 4. Ethan Bezzina (CC), 1:54.3; 5. Tommy Wladuck (CC), 1:56.71.

200 individual medley: 1. Jackson O'Dowd (LS), 1:57.64 (state cut); 2. Jonathan Lee (CC), 2:04.83; 3. Long (CC), 2:07.2; 4. C. Walsh (CC), 2:11.9; 5. B. LaPorte (LS), 2:19.92.

50 freestyle: 1. Arnold (CC), 23.37; 2. Goeddeke (LS), 24.43; 3. Mills (CC), 24.75; 4. Connor Mullaly (CC), 25.46; 5. Chris Clark (CC), 26.18.

1-meter diving: 1. Robert Vance (CC), 241.65 points; 2. Brendan Connolly (CC), 194.85; 3. Connor McCliment (CC), 160.80; 4. Jacob Hall (LS), 122.70; 5. Victor Huang (LS), 104.10.

100 butterfly: 1. J. Walsh (CC), 52.45 (state cut); 2. O'Dowd (LS), 53.88 (state qualifying time); 3. C. Vela (CC), 58.82; 4. Wasielewski (LS), 59.96; 5. C. Walsh (CC), 1:00.29.

100 freestyle: 1. Lee (LS), 50.13; 2. Loniewski (CC), 51.12; 3. Arnold (CC), 51.82; 4. Ferrara (LS), 51.88; 5. Wladuck (CC), 53.76.

500 freestyle: 1. M. LaPorte (LS), 4:53.84 (state cut); 2. Bezzina (CC), 5:04.91; 3. Lee (CC), 5:06.8; 4. Dan Vela (CC), 5:17.16; 5. B. LaPorte (LS), 5:17.89.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Stevenson (O'Dowd, Ferrara, M. LaPorte, Lee), 1:34.45; 2. Catholic Central (Wladuck, Mills, Bezzina, Jimmy Connor), 1:40.6; 3. Catholic Central (Clark, Ethan Makjian, Mullaly, Joe Long), 1:43.63.

100 backstroke: 1. Chris Barron (CC), 58.57; 2. Wasielewski (LS), 59.81; 3. C. Vela (CC), 1:00.41; 4. Loniewski (CC), 1:00.59; 5. Goeddeke (LS), 1:01.54.

100 breaststroke: 1. J. Walsh (CC), 1:01.67 (state cut); 2. D. Long (CC), 1:02.67; 3. Connor (CC), 1:05.38; 4. Smith (LS), 1:08.04; 5. Joey Ferracchio (LS), 1:14.44.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Stevenson (Lee, Ferrara, Goeddeke, O'Dowd), 3:23.15 (state cut); 2. Catholic Central (Arnold, Loniewski, Bezzina, J. Walsh), 3:24.66; 3. Catholic Central (Lee, C. Vela, C. Walsh, Wladuck), 3:27.62.

Dual meet records: Catholic Central, 4-2 overall; Stevenson, 4-1 overall.

DUAL MEET SUMMARY
NOVI CATHOLIC CENTRAL 111
LIVONIA STEVENSON 75
Jan. 22 at Stevenson

Bowling: Novi girls lose 23-7 vs. Wayne

The Novi girls bowling team couldn't make it two in a row Monday as Wayne Memorial earned a 23-7 KLAAC Central Division victory over the Wildcats at Super Bowl in Canton.

Novi (2-8, 2-5) won the first Baker set, 134-124, but lost the second, 164-133 and totals, Wayne (7-3, 6-1) won both regular games, 856-599 and 723-675.

The Wildcats won three single points in the second regular game by Heather Gregory (154-144), Megan Hartmus (153-119) and Megan Hrit (160-140).

On Jan. 22, Nicole Kilikevicius led the way as the Novi earned six singles points to edge Plymouth, 16-14, in a KLAAC Central Division encounter at Vision Lanes in Westland.

Novi (2-7, 2-4) took both Baker sets, 126-118 and 152-105, while narrowly falling in the both regular matches, 705-704 and 686-665.

Kilikevicius captured both of her singles matches, 173-158 and 194-182, while Lauren Wahrman (159-120), Hartmus (136-111) and Emily Jennings (109-77) also earned points.

The loss dropped Plymouth to 1-8 overall and 0-6 in the division.

Wildcat boys fall

Wayne Memorial (6-4, 5-2) overcame a 10-0 deficit Monday to record an 18-12 win over the Novi boys (0-10, 0-7) in a Central Division match.

The Wildcats took both Bakers, 179-168 and 157-140, along with totals, but could not score again until Peter Koomen (192-141) and Scott Pryson (154-148) each captured second regular game singles matches. Novi lost both regular games, 1,047-768 and 902-762.

On Jan. 22, Plymouth (4-5, 2-5) earned the 23-7 KLAAC Central victory over Wildcats (0-9, 0-6) at Vision Lanes.

Novi captured the first Baker game, 212-154, while dropping the second, 178-154, but won on totals, 373-313. Plymouth took both regular games, 1,019-784 and 817-689.

Pryson secured Novi's long point in singles needing to finish with six straight strikes in a 223-221 victory.

Novi boys skiers stay unbeaten in double-dual

The Novi boys improved to 4-0 in South-eastern Michigan Ski League action with a double-dual meet Alpine Valley Division win over Orchard Lake St. Mary's, 32-44, and Walled Lake Western, 21-70.

In the Jan. 21 slalom, Mitch Goodman and Jack Grove posted the best times for the Wildcats as they beat St. Mary's, 16-22, and Western, 10-31.

Andrew Jamison and Goodman then posted

the top giant slalom times Jan. 22 as Novi won 16-22 over the Eagles and 11-39 over the Warriors.

Meanwhile, the Novi girls stand 2-2 after falling to Livonia Ladywood/Bloomfield Hills

Sacred Heart, 20-59, while defeating Western, 33-44.

In the slalom, Elaine Hamilton and Claire Krueger were Novi's top finishers as the Wildcats fell to Ladywood/Sacred Heart, 10-33, while edg-

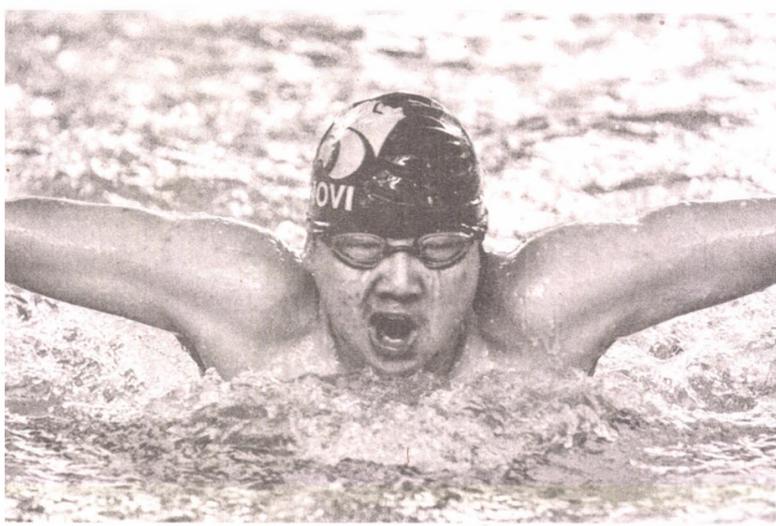
ing Western, 16-20.

Rachel Casaccia and Tori Engler, meanwhile, posted Novi's best times in the giant slalom in a 10-26 loss to Ladywood/Sacred Heart and a 7-24 victory over the Warriors.

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couple of weeks, had a great meet. We had a lot of guys with some good swims, but he probably stands out to me that really helped our cause tonight."



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Novi's Alan Yu springs into action during the KLAAC Central Division dual meet against Northville.

Novi, meanwhile, captured seven races, including two relays.

Leading the way for the Wildcats was Siddhardha Kareddy, who figured in four of those first-place finishes.

Kareddy captured the 200 freestyle (1:49.84) and 100 butterfly (54.12). He also teamed up with Ryan Katulski, Arthur Shi and Alexander Yuan for a first in the 200 freestyle relay. The sophomore also anchored the Wildcats' victorious 400 freestyle relay (state cut 3:18.94) which also included Katulski, Shi and Toraki Maehata.

"We're swimming great right now. I'm just so happy," said Pohlonski, whose team was tied 78-78 after 10 events. "Our guys really stepped up tonight. We had a lot of best times, but unfortunately came up a little short. But it's hard to be disappointed with how hard we swam. We got four state qualifying times tonight. Last year, we only had one individual who had a state cut at this time last year. We didn't even get a relay team qualify until the (Oakland) county meet and here we are with our 400 free relay qualified."

Other individual winners for Novi included Katulski, 50 freestyle (state cut 22.27); James Ciolli, 1-meter diving (222.40 points); and Phillip Billiu, 100 backstroke

(57.06).

"Ryan Katulski had a great night with two state qualifying times," Pohlonski said. "I'm just so happy how my guys competed and how much time we dropped. And, of course, you've got to give props to our divers. They always keep us in it. They're amazing."

Northville outscored Novi by a combined 26-6 in the 200 IM and 500 freestyle, while Novi

beat the Mustangs 34-14 in diving, 100 butterfly and 100 backstroke.

"You got a ton of respect for that (Novi) team," Bennetts said. "They're dangerous. We've seen this coming for a while. We're fortunate to get out of here with a win. You've got to give Novi all the credit in the world. They're a well-coached team and (Pohlonski) had a great lineup against us tonight.

They swam better than I thought they would and that's a testament to how hard they're working. It's preview of things to come in February and we'll be going at each other again."

DUAL MEET SUMMARY
NORTHVILLE 94, NOVI 92
Jan. 22 at Novi H.S.
FINAL HEAT SCORING
200-yard medley relay: 1. Northville (Kirk Maibach, Chris Geng, James Xue, Nirek Sharma), 1:41.89 (state

cut); 2. Novi (Phillip Billiu, Narayan Manivannan, Joey Berman, Toraki Maehata), 1:45.13; 3. Northville (Larry Zhao, Yash Bajaj, Troy Stacer, Shane Boran), 1:45.53.

200 freestyle: 1. Siddhardha Kareddy (Novi), 1:49.84; 2. Trevor DeGroot (N'ville), 1:51.03; 3. James Popyk (Novi), 1:52.54; 4. Matthew Schafer (N'ville), 1:52.63; 5. Mark Kaminski (Novi), 1:52.91.

200 individual medley: 1. James Xue (N'ville), 2:04.47; 2. Geng (N'ville), 2:07.8; 3. John Duan (N'ville), 2:09.22; 4. Brian Son (Novi), 2:10.47; 5. Joel Kotyk (Novi), 2:11.48.

50 freestyle: 1. Ryan Katulski (Novi), 22.27 (state cut); 2. Maibach (N'ville), 22.31 (state cut); 3. Fred Schulz (N'ville), 23.36; 4. Billiu (Novi), 23.39; 5. Bradley Huang (Novi), 23.68.

1-meter diving: 1. James Ciolli (Novi), 222.40 points; 2. Nathan Pellerito (Novi), 208.50; 3. Trey Richman (Novi), 170.45; 4. Christain Field (N'ville), 157.40; 5. Thomas Rys (N'ville), 122.25.

100 butterfly: 1. Kareddy (Novi), 54.12 (state cut); 2. Xue (N'ville), 54.9; 3. Arthur Shi (Novi), 57.14; 4. Son (Novi), 58.92; 5. Stacer (N'ville), 59.37.

100 freestyle: 1. Maibach (N'ville), 48.86 (state cut); 2. Katulski (Novi), 49.03 (state cut); 3. Schulz (N'ville), 50.71; 4. Zhao (N'ville), 51.2; 5. Maehata (Novi), 51.23.

500 freestyle: 1. DeGroot (N'ville), 4:58.62; 2. Schafer (N'ville), 4:58.65; 3. Berman (Novi), 5:07.82; 4. David Alameddine (N'ville), 5:08.98; 5. Popyk (Novi), 5:15.91.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Novi (Katulski, Shi, Alexander Yuan, Kareddy), 1:31.95; 2. Northville (Kaminski, Bajaj, Geng, Schulz), 1:34.88; 3. Novi (Huang, Maxwell Williams, Andrew Kilponen, Popyk), 1:35.84.

100 backstroke: 1. Billiu (Novi), 57.06; 2. Zhao (N'ville), 57.69; 3. Maehata (N'ville), 58.53; 4. Arthur Greenlee (N'ville), 1:00.62; 5. M. Williams (Novi), 1:00.63.

100 breaststroke: 1. Geng (N'ville), 1:03.58; 2. Bajaj (N'ville), 1:05.28; 3. Manivannan (Novi), 1:05.92; 4. Roman Grossi (N'ville), 1:06.03; 5. Huang (Novi), 1:07.22.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Novi (Katulski, Shi, Maehata, Kareddy), 3:18.94 (state cut); 2. Northville (Xue, Kaminski, Schulz, Maibach), 3:19.84 (state cut); 3. Novi (Billiu, Berman, Yuan, Popyk), 3:29.71.

Dual meet records: Northville, 6-1 overall, 2-0 KLAAC Central Division; Novi, 4-2 overall, 0-1 KLAAC Central.

City of Northville Final Statement of Objectives 2015 Wayne County Community Development Block Grant Funds	
The Northville City Council approved the following Community Development Block Grant projects for the 2015 Program year:	
Allen Terrace Improvements	\$33,305
Senior Center Programming	6,861
Program Administration	4,463
Total Estimated Allocation	\$44,629

Sherry Necelis,
Housing Director
Publish: January 29, 2015

NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
January 28, 2015

The Northville Public Schools (also referred to as the District or NPS in these documents) will accept sealed bids for:

Cooke School Door Replacement Project - 2015

Drawings will be available for this project on January 28, 2015. The drawings, specifications and bidding documents will be made available on line at: www.bid4michigan.com or www.northville.k12.mi.us. **There will be a pre-bid meeting on February 3, 2015 at 3:30PM at Cooke School 21200 Taft Road Northville, MI 48167.**

Sealed bids should be submitted to Mike Zopf, Assistant Superintendent Northville Public Schools, 501 W. Main Street, Northville MI 48167. Bids are to be submitted no later than **3:00PM Wednesday, February 11, 2015.** The District will not consider or accept a bid received after the date and time specified for bid submission. Bids will be publicly opened immediately following the close of receiving bids. No oral, email, telephonic or telegraphic proposals shall be considered.

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids in whole or in part; or for reasons of establishing uniformity, delivery time or preference, to award the contract to other than the low bidder.

The contents of RFP and Bidder's (also referred to as Contractor in these documents) Proposal will become contractual obligations, if a contract ensues. Failure of the Bidder to accept these obligations will result in cancellation of the award. Award of a contract by the District is subject to the Contractor executing a Contract, which shall incorporate the contents of this RFP and the Contractor's Proposal and final approval if the same by the District's legal counsel.

In compliance with MCL 380.1267, the bid shall be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner or any employee of the bidder and any member of the board, or the superintendent of the school district. Additionally, the bid shall be accompanied by a sworn and notarized affidavit that represents and warrants that the bidder, including its officers, directors and employees, is not an "Iran Linked Business" within the meaning of the applicable Michigan Public Act No. 517 of 2012, and that in the event bidder is awarded a contract as a result of the RFP, the bidder will not become an "Iran Linked Business" at any time during the course of performing under the contract. The Board shall not accept a bid that does not include these sworn and notarized disclosure statements.

Certified check or Bid Bond must accompany each proposal by an approved surety company in an amount not less than 5% of the proposal amount. All bids shall be firm for at least sixty (60) days from the date of opening of bids. Length of time required for completion shall be specified in the bid. All bids submitted must meet or exceed all specifications herein.

Bids are to be submitted on the District's Bid Proposal Form, signed by the Bidder, in a sealed envelope and clearly marked. Two (2) copies of the Bid Proposal Form should be addressed to the attention of:

Mike Zopf, Assistant Superintendent
Northville Public Schools
501 W. Main Street
Northville, MI 48167

"Cooke School Door Replacement - BID"

One (1) copy of the bid form should be retained for your files. Any questions regarding bid requirements should be referred to Michelle Kerns (248) 921-3929 if you have questions regarding the project specifications contact David Mielock from Mielock Associates at (248) 349-2708.

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NOTICE - CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
Structural Firefighting Gear

The Charter Township of Northville will receive sealed proposals for **Structural Firefighting Gear (SFG)** according to the specifications of the Charter Township of Northville.

Sealed proposals will be received until **10:00 A.M. prevailing Eastern Time, February 27, 2015** at which time proposals will be opened and read. Proposals shall be addressed as follows:

Charter Township of Northville
OFFICE OF THE TOWNSHIP CLERK
44405 Six Mile Rd.
Northville, MI 48168-9670

All proposals must be signed by a legally authorized agent of the proposing firm.
ENVELOPES MUST BE PLAINLY MARKED

"Structural Firefighting Gear"
AND MUST BEAR THE NAME OF THE PROPOSER

The Township reserves the right to accept any or all alternative proposals and award the contract to other than the lowest proposer, to waive any irregularities or informalities or both; to reject any or all proposals; and in general to make the award of the contract in any manner deemed by the Township, in its sole discretion, to be in the best interest of the Charter Township of Northville.

Sue A. Hilebrand, Clerk
Charter Township of Northville

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Home Builder Association taps new leaders for 2015

Home Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan (HBA) has announced its leadership team for 2015. The 2015 Executive Committee includes:

» President — **Norman Finkelstein**, Norwood Homes, Ltd., Farmington Hills
» First Vice President — **James Clarke**, Robertson Brothers Company, Bloomfield Hills

» Treasurer — **William Phillips**, Windham Development, Inc., Bloomfield Hills

» Secretary — **Lawrence Cohen**, Cohen-Homes.com, LLC, Franklin

» Immediate Past President — **Paul Aragona**, Aragona Properties, Clinton Township

» Vice Presidents — **David S. Compo**, Compo Builders, Inc., Novi; **Rino Soave**, Infinity Homes Corporation, Livonia;

Robert M. Tedesco of Silverado Homes, Birmingham; **Ben Templeton** of Templeton Building, Birmingham; Associate Vice President — **Katie Hallett**, TK Design & Architecture, Howell; CEO — **Michael C. Stoskopf**.

President Norman Finkelstein has developed subdivisions and condominium homes in southeastern Michigan for the past 26 years. His company, Norwood Homes, Ltd., specializes in land development, condominium conversions, custom homes, remodeling, brokerage and corporate relocation services. The company's mission is to provide quality home ownership to as many families as possible.

"We are fortunate to have Norm leading our team for 2015," said Michael Stoskopf, HBA's CEO. "He has been a valuable asset to this organization for many years and we are counting on his expertise to guide us through the coming year."

Finkelstein also serves as president of HomeAid Southeastern Michigan and on the Board of Directors of the HBA Charitable & Educational Foundation.

The Executive Committee is responsible for furthering the building industry's relationship with municipal and county governments and providing representation in the state and national associations. In addition, the Committee assists in overseeing HBA's mission to provide education, information, programs, net-

working, political action and all other activities that advance the building industry, while making the American dream of home ownership a reality for Michigan families.

Headquartered in West Bloomfield, Home Builders Association of SE Michigan (HBA) and Apartment Association of Michigan (AAM) are trade associations representing 800 builders, remodelers, multi-family property owners, developers and suppliers to the single family and multi-family residential construction industry. HBA is affiliated with the Home Builders Association of Michigan in Lansing and the National Association of Home Builders in Washington, D.C.



Finkelstein



STEPHEN CANTRELL

The Home Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan focuses on residential construction

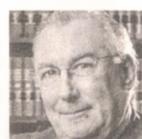
Check with lawyer on foreclosure, don't just vacate premises

Q: I understand there has been a shortening of the redemption period under certain circumstances. I am living in a home now where there has been a foreclosure and I am kind of worried. Can you help me?

A: I think you were referring to a bill that became effective on June 19, 2014, in Michigan which changed some of the procedures to shorten the redemption period after a nonjudicial foreclosure. This legislation also eliminates the mediation provisions of the statute that applies to parties to the National Mortgage Settlement. You are best advised to consult with an attorney as soon as possible to ensure that your rights are being protected and don't vacate the premises until you are required by law to do so.

Q: I am entering into a lease transaction as a lessee with a landlord who says he does not want to accept responsibility for any repairs to keep the place habitable and he wants to put that provision in the lease. Is that legal or reasonable?

A: You have asked a delicate question because it may not be reasonable, but it may be legal if the landlord complies with a Michigan statute which allows landlords to shift the responsibility for repair to the lessee under certain circumstances. The relevant Michigan statute provides lessees with a specific protection arising from the existence of a residential lease for habitability, and in addition to any other protection provided by the common law. Therefore, a landlord's failure to comply with the requirements to maintain the unit in good repair would be considered a breach of the terms of the lease between the parties unless the lease has a term of at least one year and the parties have agreed to modify these obligations. These obligations are that the premises and all common areas are fit for the use intended by all the parties and to keep the premises in reasonable repair to comply with applicable health and safety laws of the state and the local unit of government where the premises are located unless the tenant causes the problem. I would suggest that you contact a good real estate lawyer before entering into this type of transaction.



Robert Meisner

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Sept. 2-5, 2014, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS

16156 Locherbie Ave \$410,000

BIRMINGHAM

1255 Bird Ave \$612,000

1099 Canterbury St \$395,000

1638 Hazel St \$262,000

1376 Humphrey Ave \$560,000

2852 Manchester Rd \$604,000

885 N Old Woodward Ave \$230,000

286 Pleasant St \$435,000

711 Rivenoak St \$832,000

327 Southfield Rd # 15 \$220,000

2298 W Lincoln St \$668,000

1286 Willow Ln \$1,500,000

35300 Woodward Ave # 504 \$148,000

BLOOMFIELD HILLS

1165 Ivyglen Cir \$370,000

776 Kingston Ct \$74,000

1999 Long Lake Shore Dr \$670,000

2442 Mulberry Sq # 40 \$79,000

6078 Rocky Spring Rd \$365,000

67 Scenic Oaks Dr S \$1,300,000

6804 Spruce Dr \$220,000

1225 Stuyvesant Rd \$559,000

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

2755 Ayershire Dr \$649,000

2627 Bradway Blvd \$800,000

1021 Dowling Rd \$435,000

1861 Hunters Ridge Dr \$285,000

3500 Sunnydale Rd \$523,000

3805 W Maple Rd \$420,000

4559 Wabek Forest Dr \$440,000

COMMERCE TOWNSHIP

209 Annison Dr \$175,000

2490 Baltimore Ct \$278,000

1913 Cheshire Ln \$476,000

5669 Strawberry Cir \$60,000

FARMINGTON

32020 Grand River Ave \$60,000

Unit 27 \$169,000

32297 Leelane \$140,000

FARMINGTON HILLS

25538 Arden Park Dr \$225,000

36780 Chesapeake Rd \$283,000

31711 Dohany Dr \$155,000

29190 Earth Ln \$182,000

29202 Earth Ln \$101,000

28312 Green Castle Rd \$186,000

33531 Heirloom Cir \$70,000

38741 Lancaster Dr \$133,000

29215 Marvin Rd \$283,000

30790 Misty Pines Dr \$164,000

28145 Parkhill St \$263,000

21415 Parklane St \$278,000

29738 Pine Ridge Cir \$142,000

34016 Rhonswood St \$73,000

27634 Wellington St \$305,000

24749 Westmoreland Dr \$177,000

25465 Wykeshire Rd \$226,000

FRANKLIN

26450 Carol Ave \$495,000

HIGHLAND

2150 Elkridge Cir \$295,000

179 Gailles Ct \$323,000

3259 Jackson Blvd \$195,000

3778 Taggett Lake Dr \$205,000

MILFORD

2375 Bridle Trl \$230,000

1190 Eagle Nest Ct \$340,000

2425 General Motors Rd \$254,000

707 Pointe Ct \$309,000

NORTHVILLE

20755 Normandy Ct \$635,000

47945 Ravello Ct \$1,230,000

43475 Scenic Ln \$425,000

43491 Scenic Ln \$448,000

48867 Veneto Dr \$155,000

48868 Veneto Dr \$182,000

NOVI

43050 12 Oaks Crescent Dr # 6066 \$180,000

50873 Almasi Ct \$490,000

41418 Cornell Dr \$208,000

40848 Coventry Rd \$360,000

39560 Kartar Ln \$85,000

40755 Ladene Ln \$253,000

25695 Laramie Dr \$515,000

44471 Midway Dr \$315,000

24429 Olde Orchard St \$107,000

42195 Park Ridge Rd \$220,000

22351 Peachtree \$134,000

45700 White Pines Dr \$440,000

SOUTH LYON

24873 Carriage Ln \$95,000

21111 Greenbriar Ln \$375,000

23805 Griswold Rd \$110,000

57248 Hidden Timbers Dr \$263,000

57837 International Dr \$375,000

1086 Paddock Dr \$260,000

58906 Peters Barn Dr \$395,000

22821 Spy Glass Hill Dr \$420,000

58678 Winnowing Cir 5 \$76,000

SOUTHFIELD

28075 Fairfax St \$59,000

25559 Farmbrook Rd \$35,000

21570 Hidden Rivers Dr 5 \$40,000

19480 Hilton Dr \$149,000

16115 Hilton St \$180,000

18162 Melrose Ave \$68,000

28815 Murray Crescent Dr \$170,000

28588 Regent Ct 5 \$52,000

23895 Wendy Ln \$158,000

WHITE LAKE

9640 Cooley Lake Rd \$108,000

9105 Huron Bluffs Dr \$255,000

314 Lakeside Dr \$320,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Sept. 22-26, 2014, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON

1485 Brookdale Dr \$255,000

6622 Brookshire Dr \$265,000

44236 Candlewood Dr \$255,000

1692 Christopher Dr \$112,000

41699 Glade Rd \$206,000

44746 Glengarry Rd \$305,000

39641 Hillary Dr \$135,000

42819 Lilly Pointe Dr \$82,000

2037 Premier Ln \$395,000

4089 Radcliff Dr \$140,000

448 Robyn Dr \$157,000

48200 Royal Pointe Dr \$310,000

42254 Saratoga Cir \$166,000

4435 Southbridge Dr \$145,000

49565 Taft Ln \$469,000

43598 W Arbor Way Dr \$110,000

1535 W Lakeview Ln \$300,000

6340 Wedgewood Rd \$179,000

GARDEN CITY

31234 Florence St \$100,000

32990 Florence St \$100,000

32683 James St \$105,000

LIVONIA

14800 Arcola St \$74,000

18111 Deering St \$127,000

32621 Five Mile Rd \$60,000

14532 Garden St \$130,000

18447 Glengary Dr \$350,000

29870 Greenland St \$221,000

34425 Grove Dr \$190,000

17505 Hizmet St \$105,000

19387 Ingram St \$152,000

37206 Ladywood St \$170,000

8928 Louise St \$180,000

19630 Merriman Ct \$95,000

29849 Minton St \$134,000

34610 Munger Dr \$150,000

34887 Pembroke Ave \$325,000

18354 Pershing St \$134,000

17575 Rexwood St \$194,000

16240 Ronnie Ln \$170,000

34635 Sarah Beth Ln \$100,000

36035 W Chicago St \$162,000

NORTHVILLE

19608 Aqueduct Ct \$118,000

15461 Bay Hill Dr \$565,000

44861 Broadmoor Cir 5 \$415,000

42202 Farragut Ct \$180,000

16741 Lochmoor Cir E \$315,000

17654 Parkshore Dr \$758,000

42926 Richards Ct \$129,000

18161 Shoreline Ct \$650,000

20141 Silver Spring Dr \$123,000

46735 Timberlane St \$370,000

15576 Tron Dr \$810,000

411 Yerkes St \$171,000

PLYMOUTH

46551 Barrington Ct \$310,000

10880 Chestnut Dr \$190,000

12016 Landers Dr \$466,000

9040 N Haggerty Rd \$94,000

641 S Harvey St \$180,000

585 S Sheldon Rd \$300,000

9305 Saddlebrook Ct \$547,000

REDFORD

9570 Brady \$90,000

11780 Columbia \$98,000

17445 Delaware Ave \$80,000

20387 Fox \$56,000

18288 Indian \$48,000

25002 S Sylbert Dr \$83,000

14850 Seneca \$130,000

8890 Woodbine \$67,000

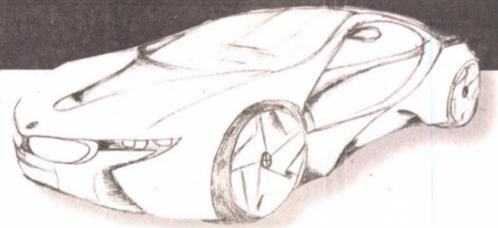
WAYNE

37550 Michigan Ave \$265,000

5037 S Hubbard St \$38,000

Car Report

To Big Game Or Not To Big Game? Auto Brands Going Separate Ways This Year



By Dale Buss

What's going on here? For a start, the most common explanation by the automakers that have

A lot has been made of NBC's late closing of inventory for Big Game ad spots. But really, you can just blame it all on automakers: At least a half-dozen car brands that have been reliable Big Game advertisers during the last few years have decided, this year at least, to bow out.

- BMW, promoting its i3 EV electric car;
- Kia, tapping James Bond actor Pierce Brosnan to promote the new Kia Sorento;
- Lexus, which just released its second Big Game ad, showing the new Lexus NX compact SUV making some noise;
- Mercedes-Benz, which is teasing "The Big Race," its fourth-quarter tortoise vs. hare Big Game spot, with a faux sport talk show starring Jerry Rice and a microsite promoting a Big Race viewing party contest.

inspirational themes under the "To Be a Dad" umbrella with athlete-celebrities ranging from Amy Purdy to Muhammad Ali.

And, presumably, Fiat Chrysler will return with at least one of its brands, continuing a run that has produced a string of memorable, and often remarkable, Big Game ads stretching back to the Eminem "Born Of Fire" spot in 2011.

Audi was the latest to join the Big Game holdouts, saying that it won't participate in Big Game advertising this year for the first time in seven years. An Audi spokesman paid homage to the power of Big Game advertising by reminding Automotive News that the brand led the luxury car segment into the game and pioneered in areas including the use of the first hashtag in a Big Game ad.

Now Audi feels that it can maintain its incredible marketplace momentum of the last several years without a Big Game ad in 2015 even though, the spokesman said, after the Big Game "year after year, we've continued to see record levels of awareness and showroom traffic with national consideration numbers showing significant spikes post-game."

This sort of argument also helps explain why Chevrolet, lately a major Big Game advertiser, is taking the year off, as are the other General Motors brands. Buick and GMC introduced significant new and revised products last year, and sales are doing well.



Nissan celebrates dads in Big Game teaser.

Last year at this time, Chevy was ramping up the launch of its most profitable product, a new heavy-duty version of the Silverado pickup truck. "It made sense" then to pound the Big Game with truck spots, as GM returned to the Big Game in 2014 after a year's absence. Chevrolet CMO Tim Mahoney told USA Today. This year, by contrast, significant Chevy introductions such as the new-and-improved Volt mostly won't come until the second half of the year.

Honda US CMO Mike Accavitti echoed that theme in remarks to USA Today about why Honda has bowed out of the Big Game this year. "The timing wasn't right," he said.

Arguably, Volkswagen these days could really use the kind of boost in visibility and goodwill that it has gotten annually from its Big Game ads, which have effectively used humor (remember "Little Darth Vader"?) to underscore the

accessibility and relevance of the VW brand. Last year, VW sales in the United States took a beating after three solid years of gains.

But to a large degree VW's annual horribilis in the US last year was the result of a lack of a significant new-product introduction until late in the year. And once Volkswagen debuted the new-generation Golf and GTI subcompacts last fall, sales began to spurt forward again—and the nameplates won the 2015 North American New Car of the Year Award at the Detroit auto show last week.

Consider the attention that has rained down on VW lately because of the popularity of the new Golf and the third-party honors it has received. How many more Golfs would Volkswagen actually sell in the US this year even by applying its trademark humor in a Big Game spot?



Toyota features NFL dad Kurt Warner in pre-Big Game effort.

bowed out this year: In 2015 at least, even the world's biggest marketing stage just didn't fit their "product launch cadence" in a way that would justify the estimated \$4.5 million price tag for 30-second spots this year.

While there were 11 automotive brands advertising in the game last year, there will still be at least six in this year's Big Game:

- Nissan, which is returning to the Big Game for the first time in 18 years and commissioning popular YouTube creators to produce short films under the #WithDad theme, such as Roman Atwood's ball-filled video; and
- Toyota, which continues the good fatherhood message by exploring

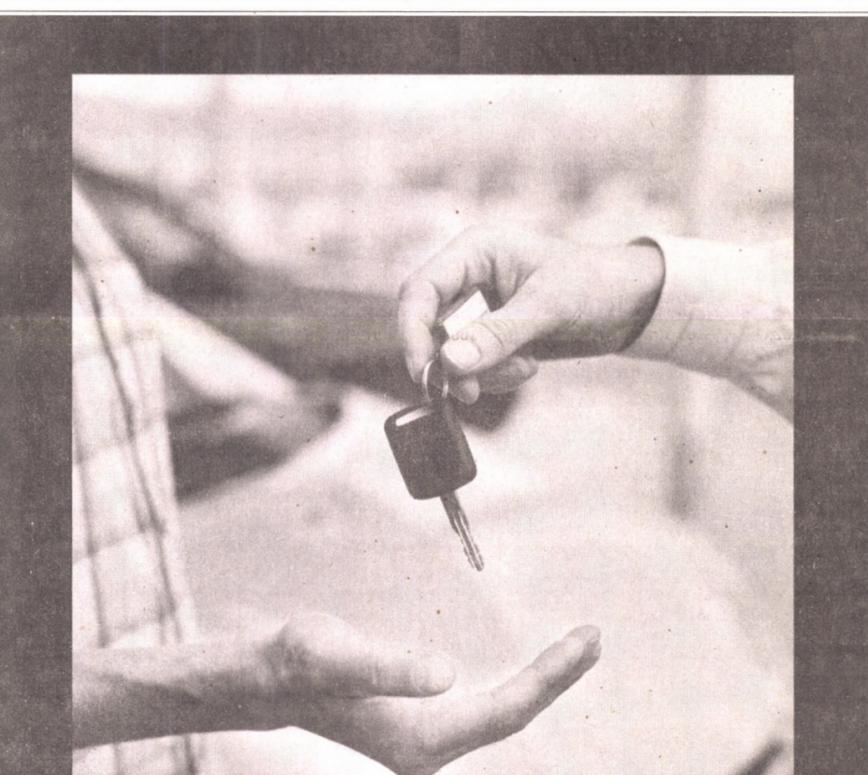
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