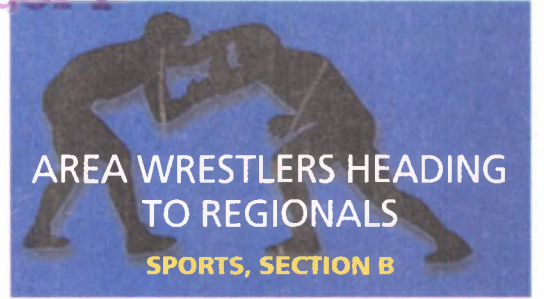




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Bowl-A-Thon to benefit Novi Youth Assistance

The 33rd annual Bowl-A-Thon, sponsored by Providence Park Hospital, will be held 1-4 p.m. Saturday, March 7, at Novi Bowl (21700 Novi Road).

The goal is to raise \$25,000 and all monies raised are used in the community through Novi Youth Assistance. NYA is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization and all donations are tax-deductible.

The event includes free bowling, pizza and refreshment and prizes will be awarded.

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City officials review progress, look ahead at economic goals

By **Lonnie Huhman**
 Staff Writer

Last year was a good one for the city of Novi and it's setting a plan to help make this year another good one.

The Novi City Council has adopted the 2015 Economic Development Goals and Strategies.

"This year, the goals have been narrowed to focus on the improvement and efficient delivery of internal processes," said Lauren Royston, Novi's Economic Development director.



Royston

The goals comprise a working document that is subject to update based on input from city council and the city manager. They include:

- » Promoting development that grows the local economy by streamlining procedures and eliminating any process that does not add value to the community and developer.

» Listening to existing businesses or industry could be approached that would aid in the existing businesses' growth or diversifying the local economy.

» Attracting new businesses that enhance and diversify and complement the economic profile of the city.

» Creating a team of 20 local business professionals or business owners who have experience in financial management, products or marketing, to serve as mentors and experts to en-

hance innovation, entrepreneurship and support for small business.

In the past year, Royston said setting goals and utilizing different strategies have had success in a variety of areas.

"2014 continued the trend of another great year for business growth for Novi," she said.

One strategy for this year is to enhance retention, expansion and attraction efforts to grow the economic vitality of the city,

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Partners at Novi's Diamond Jim Brady's - Mary Brady (left) and Executive Chef Sharon Juergens - toast their eatery's 60th anniversary. The restaurant is located in the north end of Novi Town Center.

60 YEARS OF FANTASTIC FOOD

By **Lonnie Huhman**
 Staff Writer

After 60 years of great food, service and memories, 2015 marks a momentous anniversary at Diamond Jim Brady's in Novi.

"It is an honor to carry on the restaurant's fine tradition and take Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro Bar into its 60th year. It is such a rarity to approach six decades in the restaurant industry," said Mary Brady, owner and certified executive chef.

"Our guests and devoted staff have certainly made it possible," she added.

She said her father-in-law, restaurateur and original owner Jim Brady, was ahead of his time and a visionary. He opened his first bistro Dec. 31, 1954. Now described as "Progressively American. Casually contemporary," Diamond Jim Brady's has become a metro Detroit favorite.

Over the years, Brady worked at making the restaurant successful. The original Diamond Jim Brady's was on Seven Mile Road in Detroit. Since then, the restaurant changed locations from Detroit to Southfield, at the Prudential



The kitchen at Diamond Jim Brady's remains busy well after the lunch rush.

Town Center. In 1991, it moved to the Novi Town Center, succeeding for 19 years.

"He saw a lot of potential in Novi, so he brought the restaurant here to stay," Mary Brady said.

In 2010, the bistro was temporarily closed to make way for a Super Walmart, but it soon opened back up in its current location. One upgrade is the added heated outdoor room that has eliminated longer waits.

But nothing has changed over the years as far as great food and service. The consistent quality is continuing to be led by Brady, along with part-

ner and Executive Chef Sharon Juergens, who met her at Schoolcraft College's culinary arts program.

They have kept the old favorites like the original 60-year-old Jim Brady's Chili recipe while introducing new cuisine that has quickly become in demand, such as the Beef on Weck sandwich, Scottish Salmon, as well as the new Crispy Flat Breads that include prosciutto, goat cheese, fig jam and arugula, to name a few.

Both agree that having one of them present and working at the restaurant at all times

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Governor appoints Law 52-1 District Court judge

By **Philip Allmen**
 Staff Writer

Months after then 52-1 District Court Judge Dennis Powers resigned from his position on the bench, a permanent replacement has been named.

Gov. Rick Snyder announced last week he appointed former state Rep. David Law to fill the vacancy. Michael Batchik had been filling the position on an interim basis.



Law

Law served two terms in the state House from 2005-08, representing the Commerce and West Bloomfield area. The Republican currently is a trustee on the Commerce Township board.

"Law brings a wide breadth of knowledge to the court," Snyder stated in a release. "I am confident he will do great work as a district judge and serve the people of Oakland County fairly."

After two terms as a legislator, Law made an unsuccessful run for Oakland County prosecutor, losing to Democrat Jessica Cooper.

As a state representative, Law has sponsored 18 laws, including the local Jessica's Law that requires mandatory sentences and tracks child sexual predators; one that eliminates the statute of limitations on conspiracy to commit murder cases; and the Airport Security Bill to increase penalties for contempt of court.

Law was arrested in 2005 while driving home from the baseball All-Star Game in Detroit. He later pleaded no contest to drunken driving.

Law has been with the attorney general's office since 2009, where he worked as an assistant attorney general. He served in the children and youth division representing the Department of Human Services. He earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Notre Dame and a degree from the Detroit College of Law.

The 52-1 District Court is located in Novi and handles misdemeanor crimes in southwest Oakland County.

The judgeship is an elected position and the term is set to expire in November 2016. Rob Bondy and Travis Reeds are the other two judges at the local district court.

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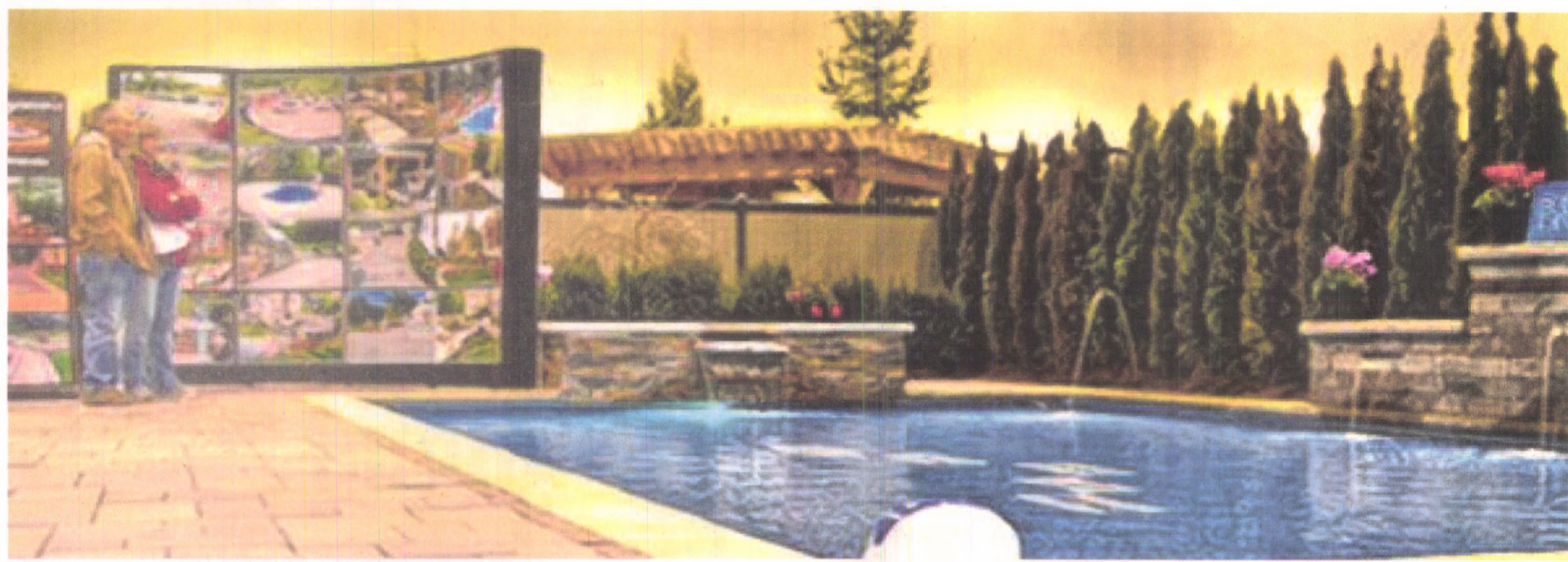
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Cottage & Lake Front Living Show



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. Suburban Collection Showplace is located at 46100 Grand River between Novi and Beck roads in Novi. 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 crossover 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](https://www.facebook.com/NoviCottageShow) or call 800-328-6550.

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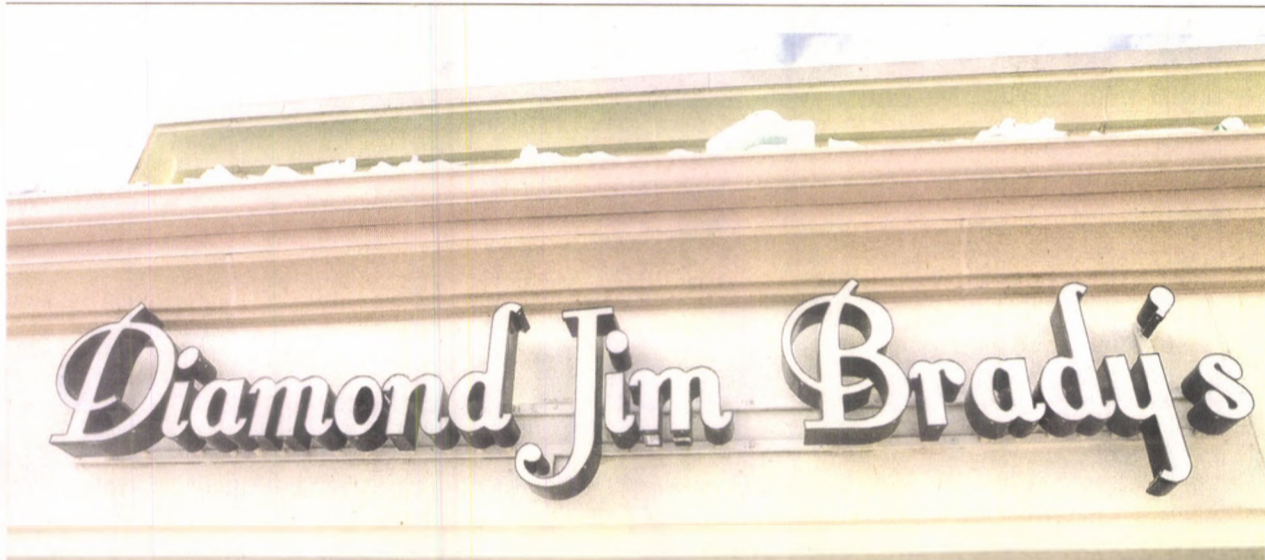
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Diamond Jim Brady's in its current and second location in Novi Town Center.

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BRADY'S

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has been a key to their success.

"We want our patrons to be comfortable and feel like they are with family and friends when they come here," Juer-gens said.

Diamond Jim Brady's

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something Royston said the city has been successful with in the past.

Last year, Novi welcomed 62 new businesses, adding more than 450,000 square feet of taxable value to the tax rolls, she said. The city also maintained its presence as a "retail magnet"

when long-time Michigan based restaurant Buddy's pizza and Chicago favorite Garrett's Popcorn Shops joined the ranks.

Last year also saw the announcement that Harman Becker, a global automotive audio and infotainment company, would consolidate facilities and move its North American headquarters to Novi. Royston said this decision further

supports the direction of growing and attracting high-technology companies to Novi.

Another part of that strategy is reaching out to local businesses. The city made visits to 100 businesses in 2014 in an effort to grow and support existing companies.

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Stunningly Ordinary



The work of Northville Arts Commissioner and Northville Art House volunteer Amy Fell-Burford of Novi has been accepted into the University of Michigan Hospital's Gifts of Art Program. The goal of the program is to bring beauty to the health care environment. Fell-Burford's solo exhibit, *Stunningly Ordinary*, is currently on display in the main lobby of the hospital. Her work explores and celebrates the beauty of everyday objects. The photo is titled "Ball Jars." All is work is oil on canvas. *Stunningly Ordinary* runs through April 5.



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Mayor Bob Gatt: State of Novi is strong

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Leading with optimism and well-placed humor, Novi Mayor Bob Gatt delivered his fourth State of the City presentation Feb. 12 in a speech that one can't deny is based in the reality that the Novi is in a "strong" place.

With television shows from the past playing a key role in his pre-speech video, which was shown at the breakfast presentation held at the Suburban Collection Showplace, Gatt again emphasized how the city is doing well in many areas and looking to get better.

"Today is the one time each year we come together and take stock of where we've been, where we stand and together create a vision for our future," he said in his opening to the crowd composed of local business leaders, residents, students and others who all play a big part in the community.

Looking back, Gatt said he sees a community that has weathered difficult times and survived to be even better. From great city services to schools, he said, Novi is strong.

Helping making this happen is a variety of community involvement.

He cited some examples of past leadership from former Mayors Lou Csordas and David Landry in having the foresight to help the city prepare for and survive tough economic times as to some of the reasons why he stands now feeling good about his town.

Turning to the lessons from TV, he said that, like the Lone Ranger, the public safety department



Novi Mayor Bob Gatt gives his State of the City address Feb. 12 at the Suburban Collection Showplace.

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is a trusted friend and working to be better. In the past year, Novi has seen crime go down in areas by working to improve public safety using strategies like the "data driven approaches to crime and traffic safety."

In one of the initiative's targeted areas, Nine Mile and Haggerty roads, crime was reportedly down 68 percent and traffic crashes reduced by 41 percent in 2014. Around Pontiac Trail and Beck Road, targeted crime was reduced by 51 percent and traffic crashes by 7 percent.

From there, he listed each city department - from Public Services to Communication to Business Development - as well as local schools and services as prime reasons why Novi was in a

good place. Examples cited ranged from the city building a new water storage tank in order to reduce rates, community development helping attract more than 60 new businesses last year and Novi becoming more diverse to having a group of highly ranked high schools within its community.

This year's Spirit of Giving award was presented to Twelve Oaks mall General Manager Dan Jones. Gatt said Jones and the mall have been great partners for a long time in its support of the community.

"The state of the city is strong," Gatt said in closing.

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Teamwork



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The Novi Fire Department joined a large group of responding firefighters Feb. 16 at a blaze at the Kingstowne condos in Commerce Township. The fire, which started at the housing units near Pontiac Trail and M-5, was fought by first responders from White Lake, Walled Lake, Novi, West Bloomfield and Farmington Hills. The blaze was begun, reportedly, when a contractor hit a gas main, igniting the fire.

NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

Disorderly conduct

A homeless man was cited Jan. 15 for causing a disturbance and smoking inside Providence Park Hospital.

Novi Police responded to Tim Hortons about a man sitting inside the shop and not ordering. Upon arrival, police reported the man appeared to be highly intoxicated. He was taken to the hospital, where he was yelling obscenities and later found smoking in a restroom.

Ring theft

Macy's of Novi reported to police a number of rings missing after conducting an inventory check.

The police report was filed Jan. 29, but the inventory was done two

weeks earlier. An investigation was conducted, but there are no leads as to the whereabouts of the 10 rings and who may have taken them.

iPhone 6 stolen

A Novi High student had his cellphone stolen and then later sold to a local store.

The student's mother reported the theft Jan. 15 to police and said she located the phone through "Find my iPhone" at a local cellphone store. A follow-up with the store indicated someone had sold the phone for \$150 in cash, but a new employee failed to take any personal information from the seller. There are no leads on a suspect.

Marijuana possession

A driver was cited for marijuana possession after trying to make a right-hand turn through the wrong lane.

Novi Police spotted the driver Jan. 17 attempting to make a right-hand turn on 12 Mile by driving through a left-turn area meant for traffic on the other side of the road. Police reported they were going to make a "Michigan left" when the driver was observed entering the do-not-enter area. He told police he was confused.

A check on the man turned up he had a warrant out of Troy and during a search a baggie with two grams of marijuana inside it was found in his pocket.



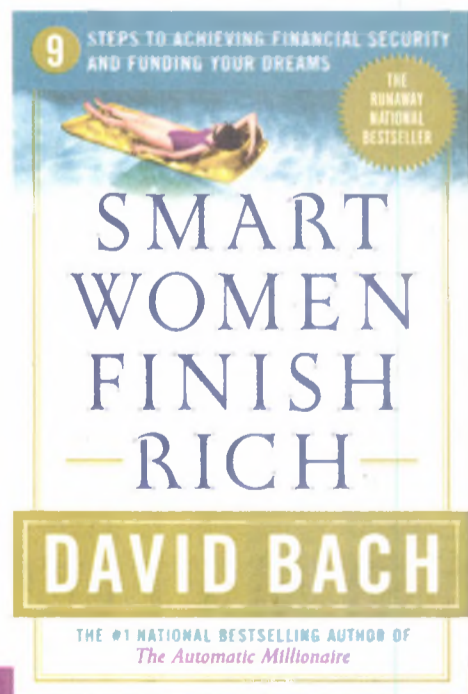
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Walled Lake student named Top Youth Volunteer in Michigan

Caleb White, a Clifford Smart Middle School seventh-grade student, was recently named one of Michigan's top youth volunteers of 2015 by the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, a nationwide program honoring young people for outstanding acts of volunteerism.

As a state honoree, White will receive \$1,000, an engraved silver medallion and an all expense-paid trip in early May to Washington, D.C., where he will join the top two honorees from each state and the District of Columbia for four days of national recognition events. During the trip, 10 students will be named America's top youth volunteers of 2015.

"Caleb is one of the most caring individuals, young or old that I have ever met," said Brian Kaplan, Clifford Smart Middle School principal. "In the year and a half we have known him at Smart, he is all about helping others, all of the



Kenneth Gutman, WLCSD superintendent, interviews Caleb White, Clifford Smart seventh-grader, during a recent taping of the superintendent's podcast.

time. It is incredible to hear him speak about his ideas. The sky is the limit for this young man."

White hands out boxes of food, toiletries and warm garments to the homeless on the streets of Detroit each year

during the Christmas season and last August threw a back-to-school party that provided 800 children in need with backpacks stuffed with new school supplies.

White's desire to help others originated at the age of 6, when he was driving to the circus with his family when he saw a homeless man sleeping on the side of the road and wondered why he wasn't sleeping in a house. When White learned the man didn't have a home, he wanted to do something to help, so he decided to put together holiday boxes and distribute them to homeless people. During the 2014 holiday season, White passed out 150 boxes and 100 winter coats.

Last summer, White heard from a pastor who had to cancel an annual back-to-school party for kids in need due to lack of funds.

"I certainly did want to help," White said.

He knew he needed to get a

lot of support for this project, so he sent an email to Dan Gilbert, chairman and founder of Rock Ventures and Quicken Loans Inc. Much to White's surprise, Gilbert responded and copied the CEOs of his family of companies, asking them to help as well.

White was called in for a meeting where CEOs, directors and executives from all over Detroit came to discuss his project.

More than 100 volunteers showed up Aug. 23 to treat 800 children in need to a fun-filled day. Local barbers cut hair, a nail salon gave girls manicures and there was plenty of food and lots of games to play.

Most importantly, White made sure that every child left with the supplies needed to start the school year.

"I am a boy with lots of new friends," he said, "who feels thankful for the opportunity to bring a smile to people's faces."

Walled Lake Middle School Football Boosters set fundraising goal

The WLCSD's Middle School Football Boosters are on a mission to raise \$24,000 by May 1 to save the middle school football program for the 2015 school year. The four Walled Lake middle schools are Clifford H. Smart, James R. Geisler, Sarah Banks and Walnut Creek. The boosters from all four schools are collaborating to raise the funds necessary to continue the program.

As a result of budget reductions last year, the middle school football program was eliminated at the end of the 2013-14 school year. As a result of determined and dedicated parents' fundraising efforts, the seventh- and eighth-grade football athletes at the district's four middle schools enjoyed a 2014 football season that was fully funded by parent and community donations.

"We will do everything we can to raise this money to save the middle school football program," boosters President Maurice Wiggins said. "We know funds are tight, but we also know how important it is for our children to learn the fundamentals before they get to high school and what they learn in middle school about safety, sportsmanship and team work is invaluable."

Wiggins said that there are several community football teams in the Walled Lake Schools' boundaries; however, many families cannot afford the financial and/or time commitments of those programs. The middle school program allows for students to stay after school for practice and families pay a one-time "pay to participate" fee to cover any sport within that calendar year.

The boosters scrambled this past fall to raise the funds throughout the football season with many parents donating additional money to make sure the coaches were paid. Funds must be raised again this year to pay for coaching staff, uniforms and transportation. For the 2015 season, the district has asked that the funds be raised by May 1 for annual budgetary purposes, as well as KLAA scheduling, football helmet reconditioning and other time sensitive preparations.

"Football, like all of the athletic offerings at the middle school, is an integral part of the education process," athletic director Brian Swinehart said. "We hope that all of us can work together to provide our students that chance to learn valuable life lessons through the experience of

being a member of a football team."

Although not all students have signed up for the 2015-16 fall football program yet, rough estimates show that 80 students per school or 320 students total could be impacted by the loss of this program, according to Swinehart. That number also includes the fall cheerleading programs at each school.

The boosters are hosting several events to raise money before the May 1 deadline, including:

» 5-9 p.m. Feb. 25: Dickey's BBQ Commerce will donate 15 percent of sales to the football program

» 1-4 p.m. March 8: Wonderland Lanes Bowling Fundraiser and Silent Auction

» 5-9 p.m. March 25: Dickey's BBQ Commerce will donate 15 percent of sales to the

football program

» April 25: Golf Outing Fundraiser at Brentwood Golf Club

In addition, the boosters are selling banner signs to hang at the football fields throughout the football season as well as accepting silent auction donations and hole sponsorships. To make a donation to the middle school football program, go to <https://wlcscd.revtrak.net/tek9.asp?pg=products&grp=106> or go to www.wlcscd.org and click on the news story about the MS Football Booster Fundraisers.

"It's a tight timetable, but we hope we can appeal to the entire district to support our efforts," Wiggins said. "Ideally, we hope to raise enough to self-support the program for years to come."

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W.L. Foundation for Excellence receives \$2,000 donation from Enviro-Clean

The Foundation for Excellence-Walled Lake Schools received a \$2,000 donation at the February school board meeting from Enviro-Clean, the district's contract custodial service. The foundation will utilize this contribution to increase and enhance innovative educational opportunities within the district through the funding of its 2016 grant program.

"Enviro-Clean's donation punctuates its dedication in making a difference in the education of the Walled Lake District's 15,000 students," said Michelle Bianco, foundation executive director. "The expanse of Enviro-Clean's support includes the foundation's annual golf scramble, 2015 Tuition Expedition 50/50 Scholarship Raffle and the district's recent millage renewal and 2013



Pictured (from left) are Dr. Sheryl Kennedy, Geisler principal and foundation trustee; Michelle Bianco, foundation executive director; Natasha Henry, Enviro-Clean contract manager for WLCSD; John Thompson, Enviro-Clean director of educational services; Dan Koster, Enviro-Clean president and founder; and Matt Koster, Enviro-Clean V.P. of finances and sales.

Safety, Security and Technology Bond."

John Thompson, Enviro-Clean director of Educational Services, said it is Enviro-Clean's priority to not only provide an optimal learning environment through its services, but to be an integral member of the

school district in support of the educational process and achievement.

The Foundation for Excellence grant program affords faculty the opportunity to apply for funding in technology, literacy, leadership and community throughout the district's 19 schools.

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Science is more than just learning at Novi High School

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

The Novi High School Science Club is not just about learning – it's also about fun with friends.

The club, made up of members from each grade, recently met to do a project involving building a boat out of plastic cups, sandwich bags and straws. Each team then put its boat in the tub of water and filled it with coins. The goal was to see whose boat could hold the most coins before tipping over.

It wasn't necessarily about winning, but more about having fun and sharing laughs in the process.

"We try to make the projects as fun as possible," senior and club officer Dong Hyun (Andy) Kim said.

His fellow club member and classmate Sneha Rajen seconded him: "This isn't about competition, it's about a no-pressure, casual atmosphere where we can hang out with our friends."

The club has 20 or so members that attend each month. All levels of science knowledge are welcome; it's more of a social club. It raises funds to be able to buy supplies for the projects.

Teacher/club coordinator Kristen Jones said many of the projects members do are not part of the regular curriculum, which makes them different. They usually center on engineering challenges because that enables the projects to be hand-on and fun at the same time.

"The students have a good time with the differ-



Novi High Science Club members work on creating a boat during a Jan. 15 meeting (from left): Hannah Dong and Alice Yang, both freshmen, and junior Hyunji Chon. The trio were attempting to build a boat out of a Ziploc bag, paper cup and rubber bands that would float and, hopefully, carry a lot of pennies.



Novi High School student Bashir Shahidi tries to see how many pennies his Ziploc bag and paper cup boat can support before it sinks during a Jan. 15 meeting of the school's Science Club. The club presents fun, science-based competitions for its members during monthly meetings.

ent projects and it gives them time to socialize,"

Jones said of the club. The next challenge

will be the egg drop. More fun to come for the NHS Science Club.

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SCHOOL BRIEFS

'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.).

ABWA offering grant, scholarships

The mission of the American Business Women's Association, a national nonprofit organization, is in part to provide opportunities for women to help themselves grow personally and professionally through education. As a testament to their collective mission, the Novi Oaks Charter Chapter of the ABWA has announced it will offer one grant and two scholarships this year for the education of local students.

The Bettie Archer Johnson Scholarship is offered to students of Madonna University and interested students should contact the financial aid office at Madonna for more information. Two other opportunities include the Novi Oaks' Impact Scholarship (\$1,000) and the Novi Oaks' Outright Grant (\$1,500).

To apply, interested parties should send name, email address and phone number to Education Chair Karen Kolc at kkolc@yahoo.com, with the subject line "Impact Scholarship" (applications must be completed online by March 31 at www.sbmef.org) or "Outright Grant" (applications must be completed online by June 1 at www.sbmef.org).

Festive Northville Cabaret spotlights student talent

"Let every student who wants to perform have a chance to take the stage."

With that philosophy, Northville High School's vocal music department prepares to host its annual Cabaret at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28. An evening of dance, instrumental and vocal performances by more than 20 individuals or small groups will fill the school's cafeteria. Light refreshments, unique decorations and a crew of enthusiastic students will add to the festive event, suitable for all ages. Advance reservations are recommended.

For tickets (\$15 each) and information go to nhsCabaret2015@gmail.com.

College costs workshop

A free workshop on funding your child's college education will be hosted 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24, at Northville District Library.

The speaker will be Robert Hoger, certified college planning specialist with Novi-based Michigan College Funding LLC. He will be discussing such topics as how to send your kids to the school of their dreams without going broke; how to increase

your eligibility for aid; how to find scholarships and grants you've never even heard of.

Admission is free, but seating is limited by the size of the room; call 248-662-1300 to reserve your seats.

Northville High School information session

Come and discover what it means to be a Mustang by taking part in the Northville High School Community Information Session 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22. Tour the state-of-the-art, technology-equipped high school with student leaders as your guides.

Meet with academic department chairs and representatives from athletic teams, student clubs, and music and art programs, as well as current students, administrators and parents.

While the session is geared toward incoming freshmen for the 2015-16 academic year, families with students of all ages, as well as community members, are welcome to attend.

Northville High School is located at 45700 Six Mile. For more information, call 248-344-3800 or go to <http://nhs.northvilleschools.org/>.

Four Mustangs finish in the top 100 on the MMPC

Four Northville students – Timothy Wu, eighth grade; Krithik Vallem, ninth grade; Yannis Bi, 11th grade; and Parth Shah, 11th grade – have placed in the top 100 in the state in the Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition. They are all invited to an Awards Banquet on March 21, where they will announce the top 50

100 Days



Deerfield Elementary kindergarten students celebrated the 100th day of school Feb. 11. It was a little delayed after two snow days, but just as much fun, according to teacher Cindy Lyon. The students enjoyed centers revolving around the number 100. Shown is Jackie Bailey with her 100th Day glasses.

students who will receive scholarships ranging from \$250 to \$2,500.

The competition is sponsored by the Michigan Section of the Mathematical Association of America to encourage students to develop their interests and abilities in mathematics.

Part I of the MMPC is open to all students in

Michigan high schools. This exam consists of 40 multiple-choice questions involving topics from high school mathematics. From over 6,000 participants in Part I, the top 1,000 students are invited to take Part II of the MMPC. On Part II of the exam, students work on five challenging problems and write their

solutions providing full justification and proof of their claims.

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.

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NOTICE CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE FOR SERVICE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES PSLU15-0002

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the applicant Ascension Brewery is requesting Special Land Use approval at 42000 Grand River Ave, parcel 50-22-23-226-023. The applicant is requesting approval for use of a portion of the parcel for service of alcoholic beverages in accordance with Section 2525 of the Novi Zoning Ordinance. A public hearing will be held on Friday, March 6th, 2015 at 1:30 PM in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Rd, Novi to consider the request. Plans are available for review at the Community Development Department in the Novi Civic Center.

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be made to the Community Development Department, 45175 Ten Mile Rd, Novi during regular business hours which are Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. These comments should be directed to Tom Walsh and must be received prior to March 6th, 2015.

Please contact Tom Walsh with any questions at (248) 347-0415.

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CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF MEETING OF BOARD OF REVIEW

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Review shall convene in its first session at 9:00 a.m. EST, **Tuesday, March 3rd, 2015** in the Novi Assessing Department at 45175 W. Ten Mile Road for the purpose of reviewing and correcting the assessment roll.

Notice is further given that the second session of the Board of Review will meet for the purpose of hearing and considering assessment appeals in the Novi City Council Chambers at 45175 W. Ten Mile Road on **March 9, 10 and 12, 2015**.

All appearances before the Board will be by **appointment** only.

If you or your representative wants to appear in person, the appointment must be made on or before **5:00 p.m. EST, Friday, March 6, 2015**. Appearances before the Board of Review are limited to five (5) minutes or less. **Petitions are available at the Assessor's Office or at www.cityofnovi.org**

NO APPOINTMENTS WILL BE GIVEN UNTIL A PETITION IS RECEIVED BY THE ASSESSING DEPARTMENT.

Letters of protest will be accepted on or before 5:00 p.m. EST, **Wednesday, March 11, 2015**. **Postmarks will not be considered.** When submitting a letter of protest for the Board of Review consideration, you must attach a completed petition along with any supporting information.

All agents protesting values on property, other than their own, **MUST HAVE** written authorization from each property owner they are representing.

Persons on fixed or limited income may be eligible for a reduction in property taxes due to poverty. Applications are available at the Assessing Department, or at www.cityofnovi.org

BOARD OF REVIEW SCHEDULE

Monday, March 9, 2015 - 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Council Chambers
Tuesday, March 10, 2015 - 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Council Chambers
Thursday, March 12, 2015 - 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Council Chambers
Located in the Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road Novi, MI 48375.

Any questions should be directed to the Assessing Department at (248) 347-0485.

MARYANNE CORNELIUS, MMC
CITY CLERK

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City of Novi Public Hearing Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Zoning Board of Appeals for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, March 10, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Council Chambers Novi Civic Center 45175 Ten Mile Road to consider:

CASE NO. PZ15-0001 HOMEWOOD SUITES 50-22-14-376-018

The applicant is requesting variances from the CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Sections 3.1.23D to allow construction of a five story extended stay hotel with a reduced north yard setback of 10 ft. and a reduced rear (east) yard setback of 6 ft., Section 5.4.1 a variance from the required loading zone, and Section 4.19.2 F to allow dumpster located within the parking setback. The property is located north of 11 Mile Rd and east of Town Center Rd (Section 11).

CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES; Section 3.1.23 D requires off-street parking lots with a minimum side and rear yard setbacks of 20'. Section 5.4.1, within the OS districts, loading space shall be provided in the rear yard or in the case of a double frontage lot, in the interior side yard, in the ratio of five (5) sq ft per front foot of building up to a total area of three-hundred sixty (360) sq ft per building. Section 2503.2.F requires dumpster located no closer to the property line than the minimum parking lot setback established in the Development Standards Section for the district in which it is located.

CASE NO. PZ15-0002 CHARNETH FEN 50-22-10-400-021

The applicant is requesting a variance from Section 28-6(2) to allow the placement of a twenty-four (24) sq ft off-premises sign for an attached condominium subdivision. The property (sign) is located on the southeast corner of side of 12 1/2 Mile Rd and Novi Rd.

CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 28-6(2) allows off-premises advertising signs in the RM-1 Zoning District.

CASE NO. PZ15-0003 WOODBURY COMMERCE PARK 39750 GRAND RIVER

The applicant is requesting a variance from CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 28-5(2)a.1.i and 28-1 to allow an oversize ground sign of 60 square feet (30 square feet allowed) located on the existing "V" shape ground structure. The property is located north side of Grand River Ave. and west of Haggerty Rd.

CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 28-5(2)a.1.i allows a maximum area of 100 sq. ft. and Section 28-1 where a sign has two (2) or more faces, requires the area to be calculated for each face of the sign toward the total square footage permitted.

CASE NO. PZ15-0004 45674 CIDER MILL RD

The applicant is requesting variance from the CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 3.1.5 to allow construction of a new addition with a reduced rear yard setback of 32.5 ft. (35 ft. required). The property is located north of 10 Mile Rd and east of Beck Rd.

CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 3.1.5 requires that a structure within an R-4 zoning district have a minimum rear yard setback of 35 ft.

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ON CAMPUS

University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

Novi's James McCusker (business) was named to the dean's list for the 2014 fall semester. The list and eligibility criteria, as well as other listings of UW-Eau Claire student honors and awards, can be found online at www.uwec.edu/news/people/honors.htm.

Marquette University

Northville's Bridge Winn has graduated with a bachelor of science (accounting) degree.

Northern Michigan University

Two local students satisfied their degree requirements in December 2014, earning baccalaureate degrees: Northville's Sarah Marquardt (BS biology/physiology) and Wixom's Rachel Storck (BA art and design; summa cum laude).

Michigan Career and Technical Institute

The Michigan Career and Technical Institute graduated 154 students - including Leah White (culinary arts) of Commerce, and Samantha Skeens (health careers) of Novi - Jan. 31.

Bowling Green State University

The university celebrated its 281st graduation Dec. 19-20, 2014. Of the 965 candidates - including Northville's Austin Esqueda (bachelor of arts) - 15 were doctoral degrees, 134 were master's degrees, 73 were associate degrees and 725 were bachelor's degrees. Among the undergraduates, 125 graduated with honors, signifying grade-point averages of at least 3.5.

Undergraduate students who have been named to the fall semester dean's list for achieving grade-point averages of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale include Northville's Briana Combs (College of Arts and Sciences), Mackenzie Logan (Education & Human Development), Briana Shumake (College of Arts and Sciences) and Novi's Jessica Jarvis (Education & Human Development), Christopher Paul (Education & Human Development) and Kelly Savela (College of Arts and Sciences). To be chosen, undergraduate students must carry no fewer than 12 letter-graded credit hours per semester.

Concordia University Wisconsin

Northville's Marisa Hahn (senior, mathematics-secondary education) was named to the fall honors list for the 2014-15 academic year. Northville's Alyssa Moulds (junior, biology) made the fall honors list for the first semester of the 2014-15 academic year. To be eligible for either honor, students must achieve a minimum 3.50 GPA.

Count Day



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Village Oaks Elementary School kindergarten teacher Jennifer Lessway leads her charges out for their lunch and then recess Feb. 11. Novi schools on that day compiled their pupil population numbers for the state of Michigan's Student Count Day, which is used in figuring out how much each district receives in education funds. On that day, Village Oaks had 474 students, about average for the school.

Madcap



Village Oaks Elementary School students have some hilarious fun with a puppet theater presentation Feb. 13 by a duo from Madcap Productions.

BRIEFS

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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.

Novi Kindergarten Roundup

In September, the Class of 2028 will officially begin their educational career at Novi Schools. Registration paperwork is now available in all elementary offices. If you have a student or know someone who has a child who will be turning 5 prior to Sept. 2 and is within the Novi Schools attendance boundaries, have them call the school office: Deerfield (248-449-1700); Novi Woods (248-449-1230); Orchard

Hills (248-449-1400); Parkview (248-449-1220); and Village Oaks (248-449-1300).

If you are unsure which elementary school your student will attend, please call the Educational Services Building at 248-449-1200 for assistance.

Also, save the date, April 16, for kindergarten parent meetings at Novi K-4 elementary schools.

Northville now accepting early kindergarten registration

Northville Public Schools is now accepting kindergarten enrollment for fall 2015. If you have a child who will be 5 years of age on or before Sept. 1, schedule an enrollment appointment to register your child using the appropriate school link below and complete the online pre-enrollment process prior to your scheduled appointment.

Staff from the district's Office of Student Data will be available at your child's school on these dates to meet with you, review the necessary documentation and finalize your child's enrollment:

March 2-5 Amerman

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f4ca5ad2ca0ff2-amerman>

March 9-12 Ridge Wood <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094eacaf22a3fa7-ridge1>

March 16-19 Moraine <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094eacaf22a3fa7-moraine1>

March 16-19 Winchester <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094eacaf22a3fa7-winchester1>

March 23-26 Silver Springs <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094eacaf22a3fa7-silver1>

March 23-26 Thornton Creek <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094eacaf22a3fa7-thornton1>

Enrollment forms and information regarding which documents you will need to bring to your scheduled appointment are listed on the district website at <http://www.northvilleschools.org/node/584>. If circumstances prevent you from being available to meet on the dates listed above for your child's school, contact the school's main office. If you are unsure about which school your child will be attending, view the Attendance Boundary Map at

<http://www.northvilleschools.org/node/251>.

Meet "SPARK" author

Author Dr. John Ratey describes "SPARK" as a groundbreaking exploration of the connection between exercise and the brain's performance that shows how even moderate exercise will supercharge mental circuits to beat stress, sharpen thinking, enhance memory, and much more. The book will change the way you think about your morning run or for that matter, simply the way you think.

Meet the author at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 28 at Novi Middle School. Registration is required; visit novilibrary.org or call 248-349-0720.

Parents and caregivers are encouraged to read "SPARK" in advance of the author event. To borrow a copy of the book, visit the Novi School library or the Novi Public Library. Copies are also available for purchase at Barnes & Noble, Northville.



ENTRY BLANK

Hey, Northville! *It's Time to Pick Your PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARDS*

We Need Your Input On the Best Places To Shop... Best Places To Eat... Best Place For Great Service, This is NOT scientific! It's a fun, readers poll. Join in on the Balloting!

Drop Off or Mail In to: People's Choice Awards - Northville Record, 29725 Hudson Dr., Novi, MI 48377

Only one entry per person per week, 18 years or older. Please fill out form completely. Partial Ballots may be disqualified.

FOOD OUTLETS

- Best speciality coffeehouse _____
- Best place for breakfast _____
- Best Sunday brunch _____
- Best fast food restaurant _____
- Best family restaurant _____
- Best place for soup _____
- Best salad bar _____
- Best place for burgers _____
- Best place for hot dogs/coneys _____
- Best place for subs _____
- Best place for ice cream _____
- Best place for chicken _____
- Best quality dining restaurant _____
- Best place for desserts _____
- Best Italian restaurant _____
- Best place for seafood _____
- Best oriental restaurant _____
- Best Tex-Mex restaurant _____
- Best place for pizza _____
- Best place for steak _____
- Best place for barbecue ribs _____
- Best wine selection(restaurant) _____
- Best beer selection(restaurant) _____
- Best place for romantic dinner _____
- Best after work meeting place _____
- Best sports bar _____
- Best Mediterranean food _____

BEST SERVICE PROVIDERS

- Best hair salon _____
- Best place to bank _____
- Best real estate company _____
- Best auto service _____
- Best oil change shop _____
- Best collision shop _____
- Best insurance (agency) _____
- Best veterinary service _____
- Best travel agency _____
- Best child care service _____
- Best house painter _____
- Best landscaping company _____
- Best health/fitness company _____
- Best waitress/waiter (include restaurant) _____
- Best tanning salon _____
- Best accountant _____
- Best chiropractor _____
- Best doctor _____
- Best dentist _____
- Best eye care _____
- Best dance studio _____
- Best fitness provider _____
- Best pet supply store _____
- Best art gallery store _____

BEST RETAIL STORES

- Best pharmacy _____
- Best bakery/baked goods _____
- Best floral shop _____
- Best grocery store _____
- Best party store _____
- Best jewelry store _____
- Best lumber yard _____
- Best beer selection (store) _____
- Best wine selection (store) _____
- Best children's wear _____
- Best men's wear _____
- Best women's wear _____
- Best resale/consignment shop _____
- Best sporting goods _____
- Best antique store _____
- Best hardware/home improvement store _____
- Best home décor _____
- Best yoga studio _____

All Entries Must Be Received By March 6



Restoration manager Ralph Koehler of Livonia (from left), Joe Kosek of Westland and Gene Blanchard of West Bloomfield look at how to remove a spoiler from the wing of a TG-3 glider that's being restored at the Yankee Air Museum. SUE MASON

Volunteers take on task of restoring WWII glider

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

There's a good reason Joe Kosek still carries the certificate he received when he completed advanced glider pilot training in November 1943 – on the back is his pilot's license to fly a single-engine plane and helicopter.

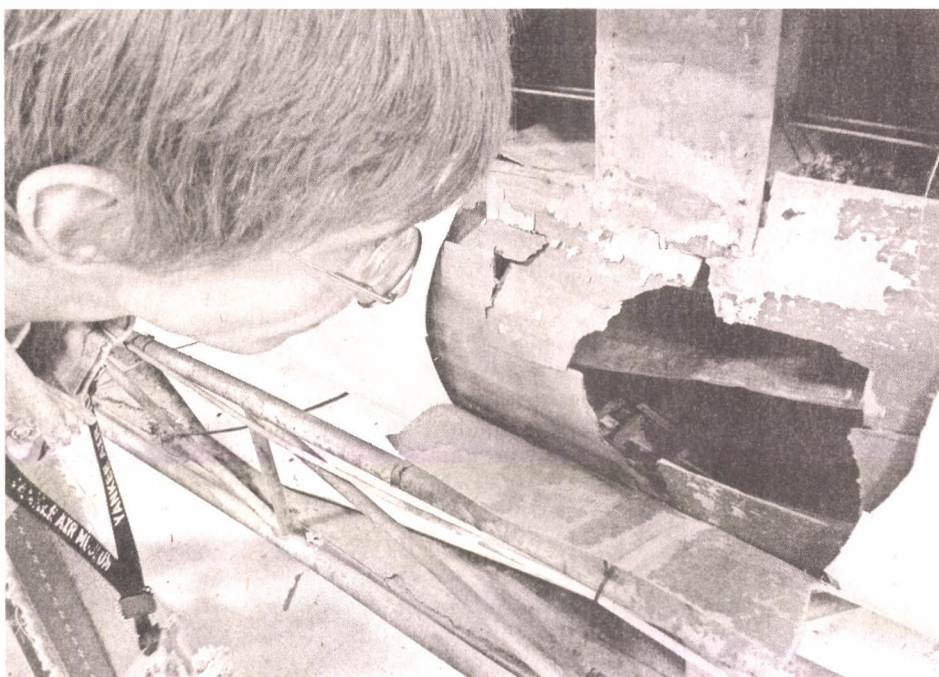
But at age 90, it's not likely he'll climb into the cockpit of a glider anytime soon, especially the TG-3 he's helping to restore at the Yankee Air Museum.

"I was 18 years old and a glider pilot in the Pacific," the Westland resident said. "I had 230 hours of training before I went overseas."

Kosek saw action in places like Burma and New Guinea and was in the Philippines waiting for the invasion of Japan when the war ended. Along the way, he was awarded three Bronze Stars.

But war stories are taking a backseat to restoring the two-seater TG-3, which was used to train glider pilots like Kosek. The goal is to have the glider restored to its World War II specs in time for the 2017 opening of the National Museum of Aviation and Technology at Historic Willow Run.

"We want to put it back to its original condition and paint it as it looked in World War II – silver with a blue star on the fuselage," said Tony Pequeno, who works in artifacts and restoration management at the air museum. "It's a very, very big project. It sat on a trailer in a warehouse in St. Ignace for more than 20 years. There's a lot of damage to the wings."



Chris Aldridge of Livonia looks at the damage done to the interior of the starboard wing of the TG-3, which was stored for more than 20 years on a trailer in a warehouse in St. Ignace. SUE MASON

A new home

Paul Fullerton, manager of the Mackinac County Airport in St. Ignace, donated the vintage 1943 Schweiser TG-3 glider. MSA Delivery Service brought it by tractor trailer to the museum last September. It had been flown, but had spent more than 20 years stored on the trailer in a warehouse in St. Ignace.

"The original transportation frame for the glider isn't ideal for storage," said Chris Aldridge, who is handling the archival drawings for the plane. "There's been decay over the years and we have a structural failure of the wing. It wasn't stored well and that's taken a toll on the plane."

The glider is made of spruce, mahogany, pine and balsa wood and covered with linen. Kosek and fellow volunteers Chris Curran of Allen

Park, Ralph Koehler of Livonia and Gene Blanchard of West Bloomfield are working on it three days a week – Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

They have the cloth covering, spoiler and aileron removed from the topside of one wing. It will need new struts that are spaced about a foot apart along the 27-foot long wing, a new spoiler and a new Dacron polyester skin that will be hand sewn on and then shrunk by heating it to 225 degrees.

Pequeno estimates it will take six months to do and it could take even longer for the other wing, which "is in worse shape." That's why volunteers are being sought to work on the plane.

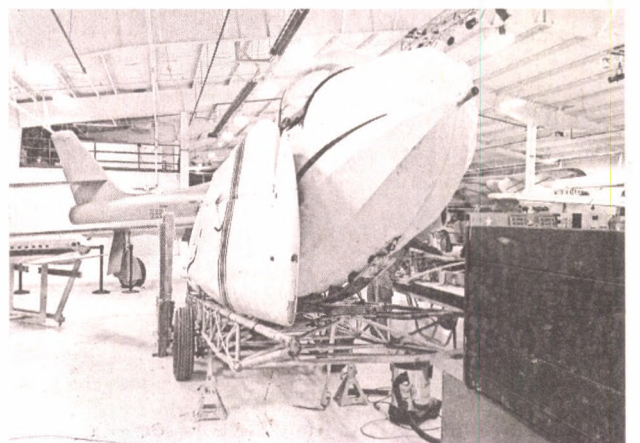
The museum is looking for volunteers that are skilled in carpentry work, plus RC modelers who do such work on a smaller scale. Bob Catalano, who works with Pequeno in collections,

had new volunteers in last Wednesday. They took the second wing apart and have caught up with Kosek's team, he said.

Many of the volunteers are World War II veterans. Many helped build the museum's World War I French SPAD biplane using the original blueprints, but this restoration is an even bigger project and considering their ages – Blanchard said he's the baby at age 88 – "We're going to need backup on this project," Blanchard said.

Curran is the "youngster" of the volunteer group. He's been a museum member for 20 years and operates out of the machine shop, welding and fabricating parts. He's been working on scraping paint off the metal parts on the wing's main spar, getting them ready to be taken off and sandblasted.

"I worked on the



The fuselage and starboard wing of the TG-3 sit on the trailer that was used to transport it. SUE MASON

SPAD and the SPAD pedal car. I did the fabricating and painting," he said. "This is what I love to do. Airplanes and history are my greatest loves in life. What better way to put the two together than to come here and help?"

The goal is to do both wings at the same time. Koehler sees Kosek as being a mentor for the new recruits. He "has the most knowledge about the plane."

"We have no idea how long this is going to take," he added. "We need young people who are responsible and willing to work."

Documenting the work

Charlie Henley of Westland has been assigned to document the restoration. He already has snapped more than 100 photographs since work began in late December. He also maintains a log book of what's being done.

"After my wife died, I needed to find something to do," he said. "I'm having a ball out here. I was assigned to take photos for the collections department a year ago."

When the men are finished with the glider, it will be flyable like the SPAD, but it will never feel the wind over its wings. It will be in the air, however, suspended from the ceiling of the new air museum that is being built in a portion of the former Willow Run bomber plant.

People interested in helping with the restoration of the TG-3 can call Catalano at the Yankee Air Museum at 734-483-4030.

"Our current volunteers have really stepped up to the plate and have done an awesome job," Catalano said. "We haven't seen the volunteers this excited about a project in a long time."

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734-674-2332

The Novi Twp. Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed township budget for the 2015-16 fiscal year on March 10 at 7:30 pm at 44425 Chedworth Ct. A copy of the budget is available for public inspection at 44020 Cottisford. Individuals with disabilities requiring assistance may contact the clerk at (248) 231-6210.

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Valentine's Day lunch



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Friends Marilyn Hewitt (left) and Helen Laidlaw share a smile during the Feb. 12 Valentine's Day luncheon at the Novi Senior Center. Attendees got to sample a few sweet desserts, compete in trivia for raffle prizes and listen to a singing group, the Harmony Town Chorus.

Seniors enjoy dancing, socializing at party

By Aileen Wingblad
Staff Writer

In Farmington Hills, Valentine's Day is about more than chocolates and flowers, Cupid and hearts. It's also the time to tear up the dance floor with the rumba, tango, waltz, cha cha and more at the Costick Center's annual Valentine Party.

Some 130 seniors — many dressed in sparkling red or bright pink in keeping with the holiday theme — turned out for the party, which included lunch, entertainment by North Farmington High's Northern Lights, a 50/50 raffle and, of course, dancing to the tunes of the Mike Wolverton Band.

"It's fantastic," said Terry Bee of Belleville, a professional dance teacher who attended the event with his valentine, Marnie Britcher of Canton.

Britcher said she, too, was having a wonderful afternoon. "Awesome dance floor, awesome people, everybody is so friendly, awesome food — I say it's a 10 out of 10," she said.

Carol Plotnick of Southfield also gave the event rave reviews. "It's just fun. And I love dancing. It's good for you and it felt good," she said, taking a break after "cutting a rug" with Edwin Olepa moments earlier.

Olepa traveled from Dearborn Heights for the dance. "I like the band, the people — everybody's very sociable," he said. Just before spotting Plotnick, the 83-year-old said he was "still looking" for a dance partner — noting that he's partial to Mexican tunes and polka music.

Some, like Karen Carter of Farmington Hills, were content to just sit



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Married 67 years, Novi residents Harry and Clair Levy enjoy a slow dance together.



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Novi residents Meilang Ying and his wife Yi Ying Zhang have attended the annual Valentine's Day party at the Costick Center several times.

back and watch others hit the dance floor. "I come out to the Costick Center all the time," she said. "It's a chance to get out, enjoy the rest of the community and have fun."

The dance, she said, was a great reason to "take myself out for Valentine's Day."

"And it's wonderful — taking myself out and being catered to at the same time," Carter said, smiling.

Sister Mary Jane Kleindorfer, 85, a resident of Sisters of Mercy next door to the Costick Center, didn't need a partner to enjoy the music and didn't let her

walker slow her down, either. Grinning widely, she boogied to the beat, leaving no doubt that nuns can dance, too.

"I'm having a lot of fun. I love line dancing," she said.

White Lake resident Joanna Folland, 68, and her date, Russell Vanderbilt of Westland, 71, couldn't agree on who was the better dancer — each saying the other was tops.

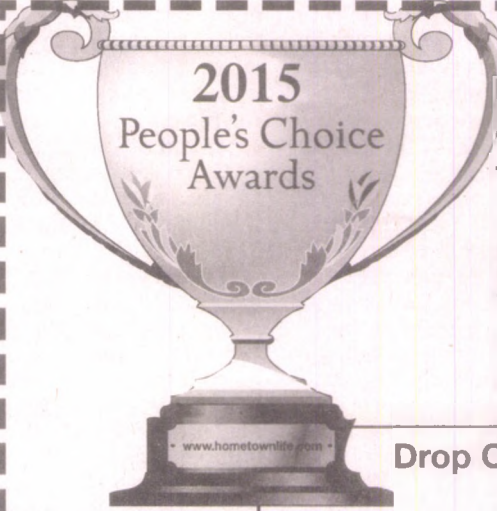
"She's really good — a lot better than I am," Vanderbilt said.

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Valentine's Day party



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Beverly Peters (left) samples dessert fare from Cathy Mitchell at the Feb. 11 Valentine's Day party at the Northville Community Center. Those attending got a few chocolate desserts to try out while listening to live music.



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Beware the dangers of drowsy driving

Adequate sleep is essential for your mental health.

Typically, one spends one-third of one's life sleeping. It is very important to be aware of sleep hygiene and sleep disorders due to their connection with "drowsy driving."

There are various forms of sleep problems that include insomnia, sleep apnea, narcolepsy, night terrors and others. Drowsy driving can be caused by any of these. Of course, medication effects or side effects, work shift changes, jet lag and the like, also can contribute to the problem of hazardous driving while drowsy.

Recently, information from AAA Motor Club of Michigan referred to its study of highway



The AAA report ... reveals an alarming number of snoozy drivers.

safety with emphasis on asking motorists to "wake up."

The AAA report told how a lot of research reveals an alarming number of snoozy drivers. For example, it said that 28 percent of drivers reported being so difficult that they had eyes opened while driving in

a given 30-day period.

The survey reported that one out of three motorists ages 19-24 reportedly driving dangerously drowsy the prior 30 days. Drowsy driving is dangerous because it slows reaction time, impairs vision, and causes lapses in judgment. This is similar to driving drunk. Furthermore, many drivers underestimate the problem of driving while extremely tired and they overestimate their ability to deal with it, according to the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety. It added that we know that people can't reliably predict when they are going to fall asleep, and a very fatigued driver may fall asleep for several seconds without even rea-

lizing it.

Quick fix

Interestingly, in China there is a practice along the highways at pull-off convenience stores, rest areas and truck stop diners in which hot peppers are routinely given out free of charge to drivers. Hot peppers seem to temporarily stimulate focusing and increase attention. But a bigger problem is that many drivers become chronic drowsy drivers and believe that this is an acceptable state of affairs because they have been experiencing it for a long time. It's as if they believe they are good at driving drowsy.

The first line of approach to most problems is awareness. Be

aware that drowsy driving is extremely prevalent, is extremely dangerous, and often mistakenly perceived as just the way one has come to experience driving. As awareness of the problem increases, the chances for intervention become possible.

Diagnosing the cause

For starters, a clinical assessment by a primary care physician can easily be done to try to determine if your drowsy driving is due to medication effect, a work routine, changes in work shifts or characteristics of one of the several sleep disorders. These can be diagnosed and treated.

The warning signs of

drowsy driving can include yawning repeatedly, feeling as though your head is heavy, wandering thoughts, inability to recall the last few minutes traveled, and hearing the rumble strips when your car has veered off lane and is headed for the cement highway barrier. I could add that another big warning sign is hearing yourself shriek "wake up" when you reach that point just after wakefulness ends and just before sleep begins.

Len McCulloch is a diplomate of the American Psychotherapy Association. His 200 Our Mental Health columns, written over 15 years, are archived at www.farmlib.org. McCulloch can be reached for consultation at 248-474-2763, ext. 22.

Be smart: Get the lowdown on loans

Borrowing money can help you manage your way out of a tight spot, but doing so without knowing all the facts can make your finances even tighter in the long run.

"When faced with a financial emergency, most people don't think through how borrowing money might affect them down the line," said Susie Irvine, president and CEO, American Financial Services Association Education Foundation. "With so many options available, it's relatively easy to get a loan, but the impact on your credit and what it actually costs you over time can vary a great deal."

Two common forms of small-dollar borrowing are traditional installment loans and payday loans. Understanding how each loan works can help you make the right decision for your financial situation.

Traditional installment loans are used for various purposes, such as meeting family emergencies, purchasing home furnishings or consolidating other debts. These loans are generally short-term. Most traditional installment loans range from \$500 to \$3,500, with the borrower paying equal installments at regular intervals over a determined number of weeks, months or years. A typical monthly payment is around \$125. With regular payments of principal and interest, the borrower has a clear road map out of debt.

Payday loans are repaid in a single balloon payment at the end of the loan period. This payment is usually due in less than 30 days, most commonly 14 days. Payday lenders do not assess ability to repay, relying instead on a postdated check or on similar access to a borrower's bank account as their assurance that the loan will be repaid.

- Courtesy of Family Features

IS AN INSTALLMENT LOAN RIGHT FOR ME?

When deciding whether to obtain an installment loan, consider the benefits and responsibilities. According to the American Financial Services Association Education Foundation, an installment loan:

- Obligates future income.** You'll be required to set aside a certain amount of future income for loan payments.
- Requires discipline.** Borrowing wisely means not borrowing more than you can handle. Don't let the thrill of buying or having a sum of cash obligate you to more than you can afford.
- Makes it possible to meet unexpected expenses.** The ability to borrow and make affordable payments can be helpful if an emergency arises that requires extra money.
- Allows you to obtain products and services now and pay for them later.** A loan can provide an opportunity to purchase bigger-ticket items and use them right away.

KEYS TO CREDIT SUCCESS

The American Financial Services Association Education Foundation offers this advice to help ensure that your interests are protected when you borrow money: **Budget your money.** Provide your monthly spending plan when you meet with creditors. It will help them make a responsible decision about the amount of credit you can afford. **Shop, shop, shop.** Compare the costs of credit from different creditors. Shop for credit like you would shop for anything else.

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Learn about identity theft

Novi Community Education will present a seminar by Rebekah Wiles, special agent of the FBI, 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, March 24, at Novi Middle School (Room 502). It will cover Identity Theft: What it is, how to prevent it, and what to do if you're a victim.

Reserve a spot for you and a friend by registering online for \$15 per person to cover a facilities fee.

Watch cancer documentary at Providence

Cancer: The Emperor of All Maladies, a special documentary executive produced by Ken Burns and directed by Barak Goodman, will tell the comprehensive history of cancer, from its first description in an ancient Egyptian scroll to the gleaming laboratories of modern research institutions.

Based on the bestselling book by Siddhartha Mukherjee, the six-hour documentary interweaves a sweeping historical narrative with intimate stories about contemporary patients, and an investigation into the latest scientific breakthroughs to help defeat cancer.

The film comprises three episodes that will air on Detroit Public Television (Channel 56) at 9 p.m. March 30-31 and April 1.

The public is also invited to join DPTV and St. John Providence for two screenings of the film at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 5, and Tuesday, March 10, at Novi's Providence Park Hospital. The screenings are free, but registration is required due to limited seating. For more information or to RSVP, call 866-501-3627.

Free health lectures

Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease will be discussed by Emad Shehada, M.D., pulmonary and sleep medicine, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 24. Do you suffer from chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, asthma, bronchitis or emphysema? If so, attend to learn about common breathing problems and how to "catch your breath."

Hip and knee pain will be discussed by Joseph Salama, M.D., orthopedic surgeon, 6-7 p.m. Thursday, April 2. Don't have time for the pain? Learn about advanced treatments that may offer relief from your hip and knee pain, including information on medications, nutrition and exercise.

Both lectures will be held at Novi's Providence Park Hospital in the Outpatient Building (facing Grand River Avenue), Conference Room A. Park and enter by the Heart Institute entrance. For more information or to register, call 888-751-5465.

Navigate 2015's economy

Prepare for transitions and potential heightened volatility in 2015 with the LPL Financial Research Outlook 2015: In Transit with timely advice and investment insights to help you navigate an economic backdrop shifting to the latter stages of the business cycle.

Presented by Jeremy Olen of LPL Financial 7-8:45 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19, at the Novi Public Library (45255 W. 10 Mile), the seminar will include a comprehensive perspective on the markets and the economy — and the many factors that will influence them in the year ahead.

Coffee and desserts will be served as well. Register at www.center4fm.com or call 248-449-2800.

What's on your bucket list?

Looking for ways to ensure 2015 is a great

Focus Hope



City of Novi Older Adult Services employee Sandy Fisher (left) and intern Morgan Dalrymple check out a box of Focus Hope food for needy clients during the Feb. 10 distribution at the Novi Civic Center. Residents who meet eligibility can get a box of food at the once-monthly event through the Detroit-based charity. Residents must be 60 years or older and have no more than \$1,265 monthly income to qualify. For more information, contact the city's Older Adult Services office at 248-347-0414.

year? Creating a bucket list is a good way to start. A bucket list, whether big, small or random, notes things you most want to do, goals you want to achieve and dreams you hope to fulfill while making the most of life experiences. Achieving bucket list items initiates conversations, revitalizes direction and provides a feeling of self-satisfaction.

"The beauty of creating a bucket list is actually the process of putting items in writing," said Karen Kapchonick, Novi's Older Adult Services manager. "Putting things in writing seems to hold us more accountable for achieving them."

Novi citizens ages 55 and older are encouraged to share their bucket list items via www.cityofnovi.org, at the Older Adult Services Office (45175 10 Mile) and at the Meadowbrook Activity Center, 25075 Meadowbrook Road. Novi's bucket list will be on display through April 30.

Those who add to the list will be entered into a drawing for gift certificates. Success stories will be shared in a future edition of the *Enhance* newsletter, online at www.cityofnovi.org and at both the Older Adult Services Office and Meadowbrook Activity Center.

For more information, contact Kapchonick at 248-347-0414 or kkapchonick@cityofnovi.org.

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.

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 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 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.

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.

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.

Novi Farmers Market continues through winter

The 2014 Novi Farmers Market was so successful — 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. 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: 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.

Baby Boomer conference coming to Oak Pointe Church

Attention Baby Boomers: get ready to re-fire, not retire when Oak Pointe Church hosts a conference Saturday, April 18, in conjunction with the city of Novi and other surrounding communities.

While plans are still a work in progress, Boomer University-Dream Again will encourage boomers in transition, or thinking about transition, in life to dream again.

Issues of the heart and soul will be discussed along with life issues, such as moving from success to significance. Other topics from various speakers will address the milestones of reaching the half-time part of life; financial planning, health screenings and many more.

The coordinating pastor of the conference, Chuck Gaidica, says this

will truly be an inspirational and informative day.

"There are nearly 10,000 baby boomers retiring each day in America," said Gaidica, who recently joined the staff at Oak Pointe Church-Nov. Gaidica has changed his life and wants to share with fellow Baby Boomers some of his story; the great things and also pitfalls of making a career and life change while enjoying life as a boomer.

Also, dozens of information tables will be set up to encourage and help guide boomers to think or dream about "What's next in life?" Maybe change careers, learn to fly an airplane, strengthen your marriage, get involved volunteering, go on a mission trip, get a bad knee fixed or cruise the Mediterranean.

Boomer University-Dream Again will have something to offer you and your boomer buddies, including live music and a major fun factor. While the conference plans are not complete, the details will be announced soon. For more information, contact Gaidica at 248-912-0043, ext. 316.

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 pre-season 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 crossover 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.

Become a hero – give blood during Red Cross Month

During Red Cross Month in March, the American Red Cross reminds eligible blood donors that it doesn't take a cape or superpowers to be a hero. By donating blood, donors can become a hero for patients in need. Donors with all blood types are needed, particularly those with types O negative, A negative and B negative.

To learn more about donating blood and to schedule an appointment, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit redcrossblood.org or call 800-RED CROSS (800-733-2767). Upcoming local blood donation opportunities include:

Novi – 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. March 4, Ricoh Professional Services (26800 Meadowbrook); 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. March 7, Corrigan Record Storage (45200 Grand River Avenue), and 7:30 a.m. to 7:15 p.m. March 13, Providence Park Hospital (47601 Grand River Avenue)

Northville Township – 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. March 14, Amerman Elementary (847 N. Center Street)

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TO GRASS ALLERGY SEASON*

GRASTEK should be started at least 12 weeks before the season. Talk to an allergy specialist now about whether GRASTEK is right for you.

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GRASTEK is grass allergy immunotherapy in a tablet. It may help you gradually build tolerance so you become less sensitive to grass pollen.



Made from small amounts of natural Timothy grass pollen, GRASTEK treats the grass allergies that cause eye and nose symptoms. Starting treatment early may give your body time to become less sensitive to grass pollen in preparation for the allergy season. It's recommended that you start taking GRASTEK at least 12 weeks before the grass pollen season. Make an appointment with an allergy specialist soon. **To find a doctor near you, go to grastek.com/thinkspring.**

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Important Safety Information about GRASTEK

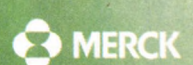
- GRASTEK can cause severe allergic reactions that may be life-threatening. Stop taking GRASTEK and get immediate medical treatment right away if you or your child has any of the following symptoms after taking GRASTEK: trouble breathing; throat tightness or swelling; trouble swallowing or speaking; dizziness or fainting; rapid or weak heartbeat; severe stomach cramps or pain, vomiting, or diarrhea; severe flushing or itching of the skin.
- 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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years of age (16 with parental consent in some states), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements. For more information, visit redcross.org or on Twitter at @RedCross.

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2015 Reel Michigan Film Festival deadline

The Fifth Annual Reel Michigan Film Festival will be held in Historic Downtown Northville on June 20 and entry deadline is April 17.

As part of the Arts and Acts Festival in downtown Northville, the Reel Michigan Film Festival 2015 will feature a diverse collection of Michigan-made short films beginning at 5 p.m. followed by a question-and-answer with filmmakers.

Reel Michigan is now accepting Michigan-made or Michigan-themed short films, less than 20 minutes long. Reel Michigan welcomes all genres, from student films to the experimental. The entry form is available at <http://northvilleartshouse.org/special-events/reel-michigan/>.

Grief support workshops

In effort to help those grieving the loss of a loved one, New Hope Center for Grief Support will have several eight-week workshops throughout metro Detroit. The workshops are offered at no cost and will be presented by trained facilitators.

Each session will begin with a presentation on one aspect of grief followed by small group

participation. Attendees will be placed in groups according to their loss (i.e. spouse, parent, child ect.) and given the opportunity to share their feelings and challenges as well as the necessary tools to cope with difficult emotions.

The upcoming workshops are:

» Northville – Ward Presbyterian Church (40000 Six Mile Road, Northville) beginning Feb. 23 from 7-8:45 p.m. for eight consecutive Mondays (no session April 6).

» Howell – Howell United Methodist Church (1230 Bower Street, Howell); beginning March 24 from 7-8:45 p.m. for four consecutive Tuesdays.

» Farmington Hills – Faith Covenant Church (35415 W. 14 Mile Road, Farmington Hills); beginning March 10 from 7-8:45 p.m. for eight consecutive Tuesdays (no session April 7)

» Livonia – Holy Cross Lutheran Church (30650 Six Mile Road, Livonia); beginning April 9 from 7-8:45 p.m. for eight consecutive Thursdays.

For additional questions or to register for a workshop please call New Hope at 248 348 0115 or email griefhelp@newhopecenter.net.

Woman's Club meetings

Inspiring people of the Great Lakes region to integrate nature into their daily lives will be the focus of the Feb. 20 program of the Northville Woman's Club by Julia Liljegren, regional education advocacy manager of the National Wildlife Federation's Great Lakes Regional Center. The program will be at 1:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church of Northville.

Liljegren will discuss the NWF's backyard certification program designed to help homeowners create gardens that attract beautiful wildlife including birds, butterflies and other creatures.

Drumcommunity



Lucy Charles (right), 4, and her sister Daphne, 2, enjoy a moment of making rhythmic noise at the Feb. 12 Drumcommunity event at the Novi Public Library. Kids of all ages got to grab a drum, cymbal or wood block and make some music under the direction of Lori Fithian.

It also helps restore habitat in commercial and residential areas. Since 1982, the NWF Great Lakes Regional Center in Ann Arbor has been a leader in protecting the Great Lakes for the wildlife and humans that depend on this invaluable resource.

The next program of the Northville Woman's Club on March 6 will be a preview of the Diego Rivera & Frida Kahlo in Detroit exhibit opening March 15 at the Detroit Institute of Arts. The Northville Woman's Club will conclude its 2014-15 season on March 20 with

the program, The J.L. Hudson Story, complete with a catered Maurice salad luncheon.

Those interested in more information about the Northville Woman's Club or attending its programs should contact Lorraine Andaray at 248-349-9463.

Chamber Night at Tipping Point Theatre

Support the Northville Chamber of Commerce and the Tipping Point Theater 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.

"Since this production is a memory play so much of it takes place in flashbacks in the son, Don's, memory. This allows for an opportunity to see the backstory of the characters. It also allows for more freedom and creativity in the characters and scenes," said director Beth Torrey. "Audiences can expect to laugh a lot and also be touched by this story. It is also extremely relatable to all who hasn't taken some kind of family road trip at some point in their life."

Leaving Iowa runs 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.

Tickets are \$29 to \$32 for adults and \$27 to \$30 for students and senior citizens and are available now by calling the box office at 248-347-0003.

Barnes & Noble presenting authors

Michigan author Paul Flower wrote a suspense novel, *The Redeeming Power of Brain Surgery*, set in Michigan that has been dubbed "rural noir" by reviewers. He has a book signing 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, at the Barnes & Noble (1711 Haggerty, Northville).

Some call it agile, some call it lean. Richard Sheridan and his team call it joyful – and it produces results, business and otherwise. Six Inc. magazine revenue growth awards, invites to the White House, speaking engagements around the nation, numerous articles and culture awards and so much interest they are doing a tour a day of his Menlo Software Factory.

Sheridan visits Barnes & Noble March 18 for a storytelling event. Sheridan will offer a discussion and Q&A followed by a book signing. RSVP is not necessary, however recommended. For more information, please contact Gayle Townsend at 248-348-1274.

Brief Summary



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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 heart 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 ergot 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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Shop wisely for life insurance

Q: Dear Rick: I'm in my late 50s, married and currently employed. I plan to work for another 10 years. I invest in my company's 401(k) plan and I also have a decent-sized portfolio outside of my retirement



Rick Bloom

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account. Twenty-five years ago, when my children were infants, I pur-

chased a \$1 million term policy. I just received notice that the term policy is going to expire in a few months. My two children have both graduated college and are on their own. My wife also works and, if something happens to me, there are plenty of assets to protect her. Do you think I need to buy additional life insurance?

A: There is no need for you to purchase life insurance. After all, your kids are on their own and, if something happens to you, there is enough to protect your wife.

Too many people believe that life insurance is an automatic and that everyone needs it. We're all going to die, so we need life insurance, right? The answer is absolutely not.

Life insurance is not an investment. Like all types of insurance, life insurance is a means of covering risk. The question is when you pass away do you have the resources to protect those who are dependent upon you? If the answer is yes, then there is no need to purchase life insurance.

All too often, life insurance is sold as an investment. Many insurance salespeople like to show all sorts of charts and graphs as to how your money grows in a life insurance policy. Unfortunately, these graphs and charts for the most part are inaccurate and many times contain unrealistic expectations. The only people who consider life insurance an investment are those selling it.

For those who need life insurance, my recommendation is to consider term life insurance. Term life insurance is the simplest and least expensive type. With term life insurance, you are buying coverage for a period of time - five, 10, 20 or even 30 years. If you die during the time period, then your beneficiaries collect.

One last note regarding term insurance. Most people don't need insurance their entire life. The greatest need for insurance is when you have a growing family. That is why term insurance is so valuable, because it allows you to cover your insurance needs at a much more affordable cost than any other type of insurance.

Good luck.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is www.bloomassetmanagement.com. If you would like him to respond to your questions, please email rick@bloomassetmanagement.com.

Tax help



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Tax-Aide volunteer Gary Erne (right) helps Lynn Creith with his 2014 tax filings Feb. 9 at the Novi Public Library. The free service will continue to be offered until tax filing day, April 15, at the Novi Civic Center. Appointments are needed and can be arranged by calling 248-347-0421. The help, not meant to be exclusive to seniors, is meant for filers who are in middle- to low-income households.

SBA launching new tool for entrepreneurs

The Small Business Administration will launch a first of its kind tool on the federal agency's website that will allow entrepreneurs looking for a small business loan to get matched with a SBA lender. This new tool, called LINC (Leveraging Information and Networks to access Capital), will have small business owners fill out a simple online form of 20 questions and connect them with lenders within 48 hours. By directly connecting with prospective borrowers, the agency will be able to provide more guidance and ensure more capital is reaching our nation's entrepreneurs.

Prospective borrowers may immediately go to <https://www.sba.gov/tools/linc>.

After filling out the form, a borrower's answers will be blasted out to every lender in that borrower's county, as well as to other lenders with a regional or national reach. Once lenders have reviewed the information that matters most to them, they'll respond within 48 hours, all this for no fees or commitment. This option will untether entrepreneurs from the one neighborhood bank, using technology to get their foot in the door at any of a number of institutions and improve their access to capital.

LINC will roll out in waves. It will begin by connecting small business owners with non-profit lenders that offer free financial advice and specialize in micro lending, loans in the Community Advantage program, and real estate financing. In the longer-term, the SBA look to add more traditional banks that offer an even wider array of financial products.

Taste of Northville registration underway

The Northville Chamber of Commerce is now accepting registrations for the annual Taste of Northville Business Showcase Event, presented by Community Financial Credit Union, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 14, at Northville High School.

The showcase will feature interactive exhibits from retail, service and nonprofit businesses at this fun family-themed event. This year's theme will celebrate the "Wearing of the Northville Green" (St. Patrick's Day). The early bird registration

fee of \$175 (chamber members' discount) includes booth space, table, chairs, set up assistance and four tickets to the event.

Business participants are encouraged to provide promotional giveaway items, along with their company literature. Event attendees vote on awards for the Best Restaurant/Caterer, Best Business and Best Theme displays.

The Business Showcase application form is available on the Chamber of Commerce website (www.northville.org) or can be obtained by contacting the chamber at 248-349-7640.

BabyFirst network now on Bright House

BabyFirst, the TV network devoted to delivering high-quality child development programming to tots and their parents, has launched on Bright House Networks' digital basic tier. The launch adds 2.5 million Bright House Networks customers in Detroit, Indianapolis, Central Florida, Tampa, Birmingham and Bakersfield to BabyFirst's distribution, which now stands at more than 50 million U.S. homes, in English and Spanish (through SAP).

Bosch fund grants \$10K to Friends of the Rouge

Friends of the Rouge, a local nonprofit organization serving the Rouge River watershed, was recently awarded \$10,000 from the Bosch Community Fund.

"These much-needed funds will support general operations and our hands-on education and public involvement programs in 2015," said Aimee LaLonde-Norman, executive director for Friends of the Rouge.

Bosch awarded the grant in honor of the site expansion at Bosch's Technical Center in Plymouth Township. Groundbreaking for this project was in August; expected completion is in November.

"Bosch's affiliation with Friends of the Rouge has been important because we share the same value of environmental sustainability," said John Mirsky, VP of technical and engineering services for Robert Bosch LLC. "Friends of the Rouge does important work in the watershed. We have given them access to aquatic sampling in Seely Creek, which borders our property, and they have helped us lead on-site, volunteer habitat restoration projects."

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Friends of the Rouge oversees several core program areas including:

» The Rouge Education Project is a partnership with local schools in which Friends of the Rouge provides science education/water quality monitoring programming for students in grades K-12

» River Restoration activities that provide residents, businesses, and municipalities with training about riparian corridor management (best practices for land use), as well as hands-on installation and maintenance experience

» Rouge Rescue is one of the largest annual river cleanup events in the nation and engages nearly 2,000 volunteers of all ages in trash removal, woody debris management, native plantings, invasive plant removal and other stewardship activities

» Volunteer Monitoring efforts provide critical data about the health of the river and engage hundreds of volunteers each year in hands-on monitoring of aquatic insects, frogs and toads and fish to assess and track the health of the river, as well as the qual-

ity of habitat in/around the river

Founded in 1986 in response to a demonstrated need to restore the Rouge River, Friends of the Rouge is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization which promotes restoration and stewardship of the Rouge River ecosystem through education, citizen involvement and other collaborative efforts, for the purpose of improving the quality of life for the people, plants and animals of the watershed. To learn more about FOTR, go to the-rouge.org.

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Haas Lake co-founder, teacher and activist dies

By Diane Gale Andreassi
Staff Writer

South Lyon resident Ruth E. Rickard, 92, made a mark as a teacher, community volunteer and co-founder of the popular Haas Lake RV Campground in New Hudson.

Mrs. Rickard, with her husband Clayton and his best friend Dallas Fletcher and his wife Virginia, started the campground in 1971. The recreational area is still owned by their descendants.

Mrs. Rickard worked diligently with Active Faith Community Services and at her church, First United Methodist Church of South Lyon. She also taught for Novi Community Schools, where she began a special education program, her son Gary Rickard said.

She died Feb. 7.

Awards abound

Her dedication to community work didn't go unnoticed. She was



Rickard

the Home-town Hero Volunteer of the Year in 2003; Senior Citizen of the Year through the Great-

er South Lyon Chamber of Commerce in 2007; Oakland County Teacher of the Year in 1984; and was on the board of trustees at Active Faith Community Service.

She also volunteered as a Girl Scout leader.

"She was a great mom, a wonderful citizen and she made a lot of contributions to make people's lives better," Gary Rickard said. "She was the person who was willing to help out. She had a wonderful life. She was well-loved."

Mayor Tedd Wallace wrote an entry about Mrs. Rickard in the Phillip's Funeral Home on-line guest book.

"A pillar of South Lyon has fallen," Wallace wrote. "Ruth was so kind and giving. Please let it

be known that I do hereby proclaim that Feb. 14, 2015, is Ruth Rickard Day in South Lyon, MI. I regret I'm out of town."

Mrs. Rickard taught early elementary grades with a focus on special education. She attended Michigan Normal, which later became Eastern Michigan University. She married Clayton when they were both 20 years old and she followed her husband around the country while he was in the U.S. Army.

"Mom was with him whenever it was possible," Gary Rickard said. "That was a great adventure of their lives. They saw the United States from one end to the other at the various training areas."

When she couldn't be with Clayton, she was working at the Willow Run bomber plant outside Belleville, her son said.

Teacher of teachers

Mrs. Rickard went on to earn her bachelor's degree in 1968 and her

master's degree in 1975. She became a teacher and a mentor for 19 student-teachers during her career. She often visited the school, Orchard Hills Elementary School in Novi, where she taught at for 23 years. Mrs. Rickard also taught in South Lyon and in New Hudson, where she worked mostly as a substitute teacher in long-term assignments.

"Mom went back on a regular basis for a lot of activities at the school," Gary Rickard said. "She was well-loved. She was very remarkable."

Mrs. Rickard was also involved during the early days of Active Faith, offering free services for the disadvantaged of the South Lyon Community Schools and "was a key contributor," her son said.

"She helped raise a lot of money to get the building that they're in," Gary Rickard said. "She worked all the garage sales and activities to raise money, like the camp-out at Haas Lake.

She raised tens of thousands of dollars for Active Faith."

She also launched a tutoring program for the children of Active Faith clients and worked diligently at making it thrive.

"She was always an active mom," Gary Rickard said. "What she was most proud of was her work with Active Faith and with the church, of course. She never sought out attention for what she did."

Led by example

Active Faith annually recognizes a volunteer who goes above and beyond with a prize named the Ruth Rickard Award to encourage volunteers to imitate her dedication to the organization.

Mrs. Rickard is survived by her son Gary and his wife Ruth J.; son-in-law Tim Reed and daughter-in-law Gina Rickard; grandchildren Nathan (Shannon) Reed, Alison (Eric) Walker, Anna Rickard and Debra

Jane Rickard, great-grandchildren Arabella Reed, Clayton Reed, Jacob Walker and Evan Walker; and sister-in-law Eileen Rickard.

She was preceded in death by her husband Clayton, daughter Sue Ellen Reed and son Alan Rickard.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Active Faith Community Service, 401 Washington St., South Lyon, MI 48178 or to the First United Methodist Church of South Lyon, 640 S. Lafayette, South Lyon, MI 48178. Funeral arrangements were handled by Phillip's Funeral Home.

"She had been a great mom and a great example to all of us," Gary Rickard said. "Her mission on this planet was over. It was kind of her time to be with my dad, my sister and my brother. We're going to celebrate her life and not dwell on her passing."

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RELIGION CALENDAR

Send calendar information to cstone@hometownlife.com by noon Monday to be included in Thursday's publication. The calendar is also available online at www.hometownlife.com.

Brightmoor Christian

Location: M-5 and 13 Mile, Novi.

Contact: 248-668-7014 or CelebrateRecovery@brightmoorcc.org.

Web: www.brightmoorchurch.org.

Celebrate Recovery

Time/Dates: 7 p.m. Mondays. Details: Worship, teaching or testimony and open-share recovery groups. Organizers

offer the principles and tools to bring healing for the hurts, deliverance from life-controlling habits and freedom from the hang-ups that keep us from developing strong and healthy relations with God and others. Enter at Door D on the south side of the building. No cost; free child care is available for children birth through fifth grade. Pre-register.

Church of the Holy Family

Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road.

Contact: 248-349-8847 or [visit holyfamilynovi.org](mailto:holyfamilynovi.org).

Mass Schedule

Time/Day: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Sunday, 9 a.m.

Monday through Friday, 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday; 4:30 p.m. Saturday; 6:30 p.m. Saturday (Spanish).

Holy days: 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment.

Priests: the Rev. Bob LaCroix, pastor, and the Rev. Beto Espinoza, associate pastor.

AA: 8 p.m. Wednesdays.

Crosspointe Meadows

Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile.

Contact: 248-669-9400, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or [visit crosspointemeadows.org](mailto:visit.crosspointemeadows.org).

Sunday worship: 11 a.m.

Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all ages.

Details: Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship experience.

Destiny Worship Center

Location: Ridge Wood Elementary School, 49775 Six Mile, Northville.

Contact: DestinyW3C@gmail.com or [visit www.DW3C.org](http://www.DW3C.org).

Emmanuel Lutheran

Location: 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia.

Web: www.emmanuel-livonia.org.

Contact: 248-442-8822.

Sunday worship: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Youth group: 7 p.m. Wednesdays.

Special Needs Ministry:

Contact Judy Cook, 248-442-8822.

Women's Coffee Break Bible Study:

10-11:30 a.m. Mondays - "Everybody's Normal Till You Get to Know Them" by John Ortberg

Adult Bible Class:

11 a.m. Sundays - "Seeing Grey in a World of Black and White" by Adam Hamilton

Ash Wednesday Worship: 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Feb. 18, 11 am and 7 pm

Bible Studies: "WHY? Making Sense of God's Will" by Adam Hamilton; 9:30 and 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sundays, beginning Feb. 22; 10 a.m. Mondays (Women's Coffee Break); 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Wednesdays.

Faith Community Presbyterian Church

Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile.

Contact: 248-349-2345 or [visit www.faithcommunity-novi.org](http://www.faithcommunity-novi.org).

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

First Baptist Church of Northville

Location: 217 N. Wing.

Contact: 248-348-1020.

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Oct. 28, 1942-Feb. 13, 2015
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ARRINGTON, MARY KATHERINE (KAY)

Formerly of Detroit. Age 92, passed away peacefully on February 12, 2015. Survived by Thomas Russell Arrington (Carol), Doris Kay Arrington, Samuel Dee Arrington, Jennie Lynn Zehnpenfennig, Donna Fay Baker (Donald), Ellis Sue Anderson (David), and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Predeceased by sister, Edna Wristen. A private family service will be held at a later date.

CALLAN, DENNIS

Dennis was born April 7, 1937 and passed away January 20, 2015. Dennis was married to Marlene Callan and had two daughters, Kim Creany and Coni Callan. Along with daughters Dennis had six grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

May peace be with you in this time of sorrow.



May you find peace in this time of sorrow.



COOK, CECELIA F.

Age 93, of Portage, formerly a lifelong resident of Wixom and New Hudson, passed away peacefully February 12, 2015. She was born in Wixom, Michigan on August 30, 1921; daughter of Charles and Josephine (nee Hopkins) Westervelt. Cecelia grew up on a large farm in Wixom and graduated from New Hudson School. She was united in marriage to Thomas E. Cook on April 8, 1941; they spent 42 loving years together until his death in 1983. Cecelia was a devoted homemaker; her family meant everything to her. She was a wonderful cook and baker. She enjoyed traveling; visiting places like Alaska, Italy, Hawaii, and the Panama Canal. She was an avid reader, who also enjoyed crafting and crocheting. Cecelia and her husband shared a love for both flower gardening and vegetable gardening. Cecelia is survived by her loving children, Clinton Cook of New Hudson, Carolyn (Frank) Sajdak of Schoolcraft, and Gerald (Bonnie) Cook of Northville; her grandchildren, Kevin (fiancee Jennifer Wah) Sajdak, Kelly (John) Bartelt, and Karen (Neil) Plohr; her great-grandchildren, Samantha, Cassidy, and Jack. She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; and four brothers. The Funeral Service was held Monday, February 16, 2015 at Casterline Funeral Home of Northville. She was laid to rest at Wixom Cemetery in Wixom, Michigan. The family would appreciate memorial contributions to the charity of the givers choice.



DIENHART H. KATHRYN "KAY" (NEE MARBURGER)

Passed from life to death at the grand age of 93 on February 10, 2015. Preceded in death by her husband Robert V. Dienhart. Loving mother of Robert F. (Jean), William, Mary, John, Nancy Harders (David Robertson), Margaret "Peg", James (Angie), and Thomas. Further survived and loved by her grandchildren Robert S., Michael (Cindy), Chad (Hyun-Ji), Ryan (Donna), Melanie (Jeremy) Erghott, Derek (Melissa), Kyle (Emily) Harders, Anna, and Daniel and great-grandchildren Kevin, Lauren, Chase, Ryder, Lucas (Erghott), Violet (Erghott), Jason (Harders), and Tyler (Harders). Kay loved to travel and has bicycled in Europe, sailed the Yangtze River, and zip lined across the treetops while birding in Costa Rica. She loved reading and learning, delighted in art and in history, loved animals (especially her little dog Sparky), and bird watching. She spent long hours enjoying the variety of birds that visited the feeders in her yard. She loved colorful surroundings as seen in the variety of flowers in her yard, in the periodically changing pictures that adorned the walls of her home, and her favorite color to wear - red. She had a sparkle in her eye, a ready laugh, and could find humor in life's situations. She was a marvelous woman, a loving mother and grandmother, was very much the heart of the family and will be missed. A Funeral Mass will be held at Good Shepherd Catholic Church, N88 W17658 Christman Rd, Menomonee Falls, WI on Friday, February 20 at 11 AM. Memorial gathering will begin at the church on Friday from 10 AM until the Mass. In lieu of flowers please make memorial contributions to the Milwaukee Art Museum, Humane Animal Welfare Society- Waukesha County, or the charity of your choice.



GILLIS, JUDITH R.

Age 71 of Canadian Lakes formerly of South Lyon, passed away Saturday, February 14, 2015 at her home with her family by her side. She was born July 9, 1943 in Detroit, the daughter of Harry and Marie (Sims) Saunders. Judie graduated from Cody High School in Detroit in 1961. She then attended the Detroit Medical Center Nursing Program where she earned her Licensed Practical Nurse Certificate. Judie married Dennis Gillis on March 28, 1970 in Detroit and together they raised their family in the South Lyon area. She began her nursing career in the hospital setting and later expanded her talent and experience in numerous areas of the medical field. Judie was a lifelong nurse working for 50 years in the industry. She enjoyed all aspects of nature, boating and gardening. Judie was also an avid antique collector. She was a thoughtful and caring person that will be greatly missed by all who knew her. Judie is survived by her husband of nearly 45 years, Dennis Gillis of Canadian Lakes; two sons, Devin (fiancee Alice) Gillis of Redford and Loren Gillis of Royal Oak; two brothers-in-law; a sister-in-law; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Harry Saunders. A memorial service is being planned for a later date. Memorial contributions may be made in Judie's name to any local hospice of the donor's choice. Arrangements and care entrusted to the Dagggett-Gilbert Funeral Home in Big Rapids. Share a memory or leave a condolence for the family at www.dagggett-gilbertfuneral-homcom

GRIFFIN, LOYS J.

June 13, 1933 - February 13, 2015. Arrangements by: PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME. www.phillipsfuneral.com



HAMILL, THOMAS RUE

Thomas Rue Hamill died peacefully at his home in Huntington Woods on February 13, 2015. He was born November 7, 1950 in Royal Oak to Treva (Powell) and Robert Hamill and grew up in Royal Oak and Berkley before the family moved to Highland in his early teens. He graduated in 1969 from Milford High School where he was a member of the track and football teams, attended Oakland Community College and served for four years in the United States Coast Guard. Tom was a trim carpenter by trade working on numerous high-end homes throughout Oakland County. A true Renaissance man, Tom was a guitar maker, boat builder, sailor, ice boater, artist and musician. He designed and built his own home in Davisburg, built and raced a trimaran sailboat, changed the sport of ice boating with innovative hull design and started a band in his late 50s with friends and family members that met weekly and brought him endless joy. He also spent many happy days at his cottage in the Leelanau peninsula. He was a member of the Huron Valley Tribal Council and lived his philosophy of doing right by others. His kindness, wisdom and calm demeanor gained him friends of all ages throughout the world. He is survived by his wife of 16 months, Mary Robertson, step-daughters Francesca and Alyssa Zino, father Robert Hamill, brother Rick (Chris) Hamill, sister Robin Hamill, sister Jane (Jeff) Harnack, niece Lauren Harnack, nephew Travis (Becca) Hamill and great-nephew Nic Hamill as well as many other loving relatives. He was predeceased by his mother Treva Hamill. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Feb. 21 at 11 a.m. at The First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak, 837 Hendrie Dr., Royal Oak with the family receiving visitors at 10 a.m. Memorial contributions may be made by noting "Tom Hamill Scholarship Fund" on the memo line of checks payable to Milford High School, 2380 S. Milford Rd., Highland, MI 48357, Attn: Scholarship Committee. The family is being served by Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com

HAPIAK, MARY ANN

July 6, 1931 - February 6, 2015. Arrangements by: PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME. www.phillipsfuneral.com

McNULTY, FRED

January 15, 1953 - February 5, 2015. Arrangements by: PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME. www.phillipsfuneral.com

STALLARD, DELORES ELAINE "SALLY"

A long time resident of Milford and teacher in the Huron Valley School System, died on February 12, 2015 after recently being diagnosed with cancer. She was 81 years old. She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard W. Stallard, in 1992 and a sister, Helen Poole. She is survived by her daughters, Amy (Steven) Wolff and Lori (Richard) Thompson; grandson, Adam Wolff; granddaughter, Emily Wolff; nephew, Gary (Barbara) Kline and their family; granddogs, Gracie and Lucy and many dear friends. A Memorial Service will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty Street, Milford, on Sunday, February 22, at 1p.m. Friends may gather from 12 Noon until the time of service. Memorials may be made in her name to Autism Society of America or to the Milford Township Library. For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

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RELIGION

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Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays.
Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first Saturday of every month.

First Church of the Nazarene

Location: 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile.
Contact: 248-348-7600 or visit dfcnazarene.org.
Sunday Schedule: 9:30 a.m. Classic worship service, Adult Bible Fellowship classes and Children's Sunday School; 11 a.m. Contemporary worship service with Kids Church, Teen Worship Service and Adult Bible Fellowship classes. Cafe is open from

9:15-11 a.m.; 6 p.m. Evening Traditional Service.
Thursday: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group and Bible Study.
Tuesday: 9:25 a.m. Women of the Word Bible Study — the Books of Ruth and Esther
Wednesday: 5:30 p.m. family dinner; 6:30 p.m. Caravan Scouting program for ages 4 through fourth grade; Club 56 for fifth and sixth graders; Surge Youth Group, Bible Study with Pastor Troy Ogle; and Little Critters for preschool age.

First Presbyterian Church of Northville

Location: 200 E. Main.
Contact: 248-349-0911 or visit www.fpcnorthville.org.
Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. (for all ages).

First Presbyterian Church

Location: 205 E. Lake St. (corner of Wells and 10 Mile), South Lyon.
Contact: 248-437-2875.

First Presbyterian Church

Location: 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington.

First United Methodist Church of Northville

Location: 777 W. Eight Mile, Northville.
Contact: 248-349-1144 or www.fumcnorthville.org.
Sunday Worship (September-May): 9:15 and 11 a.m.
Sunday School (September-May): 9:15 a.m. Nursery 12th grade; 11 a.m. Nursery-sixth grade.

WEDDING



Patricia Hart Eichholtz and Adam Patrick Roark

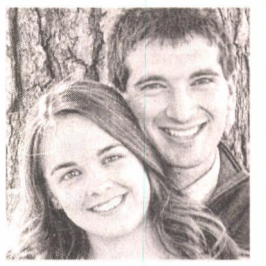
Eichholtz-Roark

Patricia Hart Eichholtz and Adam Patrick Roark, married Friday, Sept. 12, 2014, in the Cathedral of the Assumption, Louisville, Ky.

ENGAGEMENT

Burke-Crood

Michelle Caitlyn Burke and Aaron Alexander Crood are engaged to be married.



Michelle Burke and Aaron Crood

She is the daughter of Patrick and Cindy Burke of Jackson. She graduated from Albion College and earned a master's degree in science from Case Western Reserve.

He is the son of Terry and Lori Crood of Novi. He also graduated from Albion College and is employed by Ernst & Young.

A wedding has been set for June 26 at Beacon Hill Golf Club & Banquet Center, Commerce Township.

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Worship: 10:30 a.m.
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 Church office: (248) 684-0895
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Bible Study: Sunday 9:45 am
Nursery Available
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Awana: 3 yrs old thru 5th grade (Sept-March)
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 248-437-3585 • www.southlyoncc.org
9:30 a.m. Sunday School,
10:30 a.m. Praise and Worship
Wednesday Midweek Ministries 7 p.m.
 Troy Singleton, Minister
 LO: 0000219772

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 (Missouri Synod)
 Pastor Terry Nelson
437-8810 • 486-4335
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Worship: 10 a.m.; **Sunday School:** 10 a.m.;
Adult Bible Study: 9 a.m.
 LO: 0000219772

Milford United Methodist Church
 1200 Atlantic St., Milford, MI 48381
Sunday Worship: 8:30 am, 10:30 am, 6:00 pm
Children's Church: 10:30 am
 Groups for Children, Youth and Adults
 248-684-2798
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1208 E. Commerce, Milford
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 LO: 0000219863

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 22200 Pontiac Trail (S of 9 Mile)
Sunday Worship @ 9:30 am
Sunday School @ 11 am
Wednesday mid-week programs
 Rev. David Brown, Pastor
 248-437-2222 • www.fellowshippepc.org

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 60820 Marjorie Ann St., South Lyon 48178
 Phone: 248-437-2983
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. • Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m. • Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.
 Senior Pastor: Rob Freshour / Assoc. Pastor: Randy Weeks
 Website: www.fbcsouthlyon.org
 Email: fbcsouthlyon@sbcbglobal.net
 LO: 0000219782

Northville

First Presbyterian Church of Northville
www.fpcnorthville.org
 200 E. MAIN ST. AT HUTTON
Worship: 9:30 am
Sunday School for all ages: 10:30 am.
 248-349-0911

First United Methodist Church - Northville
 (248) 349-1144
 777 West 8 Mile Road (8 Mile and Taft Road) Northville, Michigan
Worship Times: September - May 9:15 & 11:00 a.m.
 Memorial Day - Labor Day 10:00 a.m.
 Rev. Marsha M. Woolley, Lead Pastor
www.fumcnorthville.org

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Sunday School: 9:40 am
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 59255 10 Mile Rd. South Lyon MI 48178
Sunday Worship 9:00 AM
Education Hour 10:15 AM
 Rev. Bart Muller, Pastor
 248-573-7320
www.shepherdswaysouthlyon.org

CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHURCH
 28900 Pontiac Trail • South Lyon
248-486-0400
www.ecrossroads.net
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Church 349-2621, School 349-3610
Religious Education 349-2559
 Pastor Andy Whitten
 Rev. Denis Theroux, Pastor
 LO: 0000219829

Our Saviour Apostolic Lutheran Church
 54899 8 Mile Rd. at Currie Rd. Northville, MI 48167
 248-374-2268
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 9:45 am Children's & Adult's Sunday School
 10:30 am Fellowship/Coffee
 11:00 am Worship Service
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OUR VIEW

Make a change to fight heart disease

Wearing red in February is much more than a fashion statement. It's a symbol of awareness and a call to action to join the American Heart Association's campaign against heart disease.

Feb. 6 was National Wear Red Day with Go Red For Women with folks wearing red to show support for the fight against the No. 1 killer of women - heart disease. But don't let it stop there. Take the time to educate yourself, as well.

According to the American Heart Association, one in three women dies of heart disease and stroke each year. The AHA notes that 80 percent of cardiac events can be prevented with education and lifestyle changes.

Janice Cosby-Bridges of Northville is this year's Go Red chair for the Detroit-area campaign. Cosby-Bridges is the chief marketing officer for Ascension Health Michigan and passionate about this cause. She reminds everyone: "You don't need to have heart disease to support Go Red."

"I'm asking you to help me raise awareness, stop the denial, reduce our risk factors and help fund research to find a cure," she said. "This cause is personal to me, because it's affecting our mothers, daughters, sisters and friends."

Go Red is more than a



"This is a fight I don't like to lose," four-time undefeated world boxing champion Laila Ali told the crowd of 600-plus Feb. 6 on National Wear Red Day. Ali was talking about heart disease, the No. 1 killer of women. "My new opponent is optimal health," Ali said at the American Heart Association's Go Red for Women Luncheon, held at the Detroit Marriott. "We are in control of our health; we can change the outcome of our life through nutrition and exercise." At the event were (from left) Lenox resident Shelley Ottenbacher, Novi resident Lou Martin and Troy resident Lisbeth Murphy.

catchy phrase, it's a reminder of how we need to fight heart disease. What does it mean to

Go Red for Women? The American Heart Association says it best:

G: Get your numbers: Ask your physician to check your blood pressure and cholesterol.

O: Own Your Lifestyle: Stop smoking, lose weight, exercise and eat healthy. It's up to you. No one can do it for you.

R: Raise Your Voice: Advocate for more women-related research and education.

E: Educate Your Family: Make healthy food choices for you and your family. Teach your kids the importance of staying active.

D: Don't Be Silent: Show your support with a donation of time and money.

Go to GoRedForWomen.org to learn about how to reduce your risk, facts about cardiovascular disease and for a list of local education and fundraising events planned this month in the metro area.

St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile Road, Livonia, is hosting two events this month to help women prevent heart disease.

» Ladies Night Out, from 5:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19, will include health screenings, massage, prizes, vendors and a presentation by Dr. Satish Madiraju, vascular medicine and endovascular medicine. The event takes place in the South Auditorium.

» Dr. Syamasundera Zampani will discuss preventing heart disease from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25, in the North Auditorium at St. Mary Mercy.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Make development fair to all

At a recent Novi City Planning Commission meeting, a representative from Pinnacle Homes presented a rezoning plan for the southwest corner of Beck Road and 10 Mile from R-1 to R-3. This zoning change would directly affect three subdivisions (Andover Pointe 1, Andover Pointe 2 and Echo Valley) and would indirectly affect Edinborough subdivision.

There were a few letters in support of the project; however, eight of the 10 letters were from sellers of property on that corner. These individuals will be paid top dollar for their property, while the dozens of opposition letters that were read will gain nothing. In fact, they will be losing. Numerous surrounding homeowners expressed their heart-felt concerns to the planning commission.

Novi residents of the surrounding subdivisions aren't asking for the world; they just have a few concerns that will arise and want a win-win for all parties involved. The developer is proposing to take out more than 1,600 trees between the subdivisions. While they will be replacing more than 400, they will be placed in the middle of Valencia South (the new sub) and benefit only the new homeowners. The developer could move the proposed subdivision northeast at no cost and then create a wooded natural barrier between the new and existing subdivisions, which would benefit everyone and ease the transition. The barrier already exists between the said properties.

The other concern that has not been researched by the developer or the city is the water table issue. When the development at 10 Mile and Wixom was built, it changed the water table in Andover Pointe 1 and 2. Numerous neighbors had hundreds of thousands of

dollars in damage to their property. My next-door neighbor had to raise his basement eight inches because of the flooding, costing them alone around \$100,000 in damage. We all have wells and septic systems which will be impacted; again, no research has been done. When they built Valencia North across the street, abutting neighbors had wells damaged from the vibration of the construction.

We are hoping the city of Novi and the developer can address our few concerns and turn this into a development that is fair to all.

Marti Anderson
Andover Pointe #1
president

Issues with Valencia South sub

At the Novi Planning Commission's Feb. 11 meeting, Pinnacle Homes, a Novi home construction company, presented a development plan for the southeast corner of 10 Mile and Beck roads. It would change the zoning there from R-1 to R-3 for those lots in the project which border the Andover Point and Echo Valley subdivisions.

While some letters were read by the commission in support of the project, most of those were from people who were selling their land at huge profits to enable the development. On the other hand, there were dozens of letters from residents of the nearby subdivisions which opposed the zoning change for numerous reasons. Many residents spoke to the commission expressing their opposition.

While the developer has cited the Valencia North subdivision as an example of the quality work the company does, he failed to acknowledge that the lots in Valencia North, which are next to the Greenwood Oaks subdivision, are 160 feet in depth, whereas the average depth of the lots in proposed Valencia South bordering Echo Valley is 142.6 feet, with

some as short as 134 feet. Even with the offer by the developer to provide 50-foot rear setbacks on those lots, the giant new homes would be unreasonably close to the nearby residences, creating a "big foot" effect. This raises a huge question about fairness to long established residents of the city.

Residents are asking that the project be redesigned with a conservation easement or dedicated woodland area established between the existing subdivisions and the new development. This would soften the transition between our established homes and the new development. It would also make those new development lots more attractive to new buyers.

Let's hope the city of Novi doesn't have to endure another arduous zoning change fight as another developer attempts to impose intensified zoning right next to large lot subdivisions. Let's hope that the Novi Planning Commission in postponing action will be willing to meet with nearby residents and the builder/developer to discuss alternative plans. If they do, a potential new plan could be achieved which would benefit everyone. Then the planning commissioners will be carrying out their true function as representatives of all the people with regard to property development.

John A. Kuenzel
Echo Valley Civic

Association president

Fix our roads

In Lansing, the idea being kicked around is to use the funding from the revenue that is sent to school district and cities to fix all our roads and bridges - and not by increasing taxes on gas, as previously planned. Rather than increase tax on gas, the state would cut spending to schools districts and cities.

I agree and this is why: The plan would increase gas by 19 cents per gallon, which means we would be paying 41 cents in taxes per gallon of gas. On an average, filling up you would be paying \$3.80 per 20 gallons (\$76) or \$6.08 per 32 gallons (\$195), if you have a SUV like me.

On the average, I fill up three times per month. That would mean \$18.08 per month for average driving. So in a year's time, at normal fill-ups, I would pay \$216.96 more in gas tax. This is normal drive time, not taking in account during the summer, when I drive more and burn more gas.

No thank you! I would rather pay the millage the local city would have to increase to make up the difference the state would take from the city tax revenue. Take the last safety 3.5-mill tax our city asked from the residents. It increased my taxes only approximately \$100 per year, but 3.5 mills brought the city \$666,000 per mill or

\$2,331,000 per year.

Would I rather pay the city tax increase of \$100 or the gas tax of \$216.98? I pay the city taxes, save \$116.98 and plus get to claim the millage tax on my income taxes, saving even more. We would also have less auto repair and our vehicles would last longer.

I am for getting our roads and bridges fixed, they are the worst. Our past governors, Democratic or Republican, and the state House and Senate have over kicked the can down the road until the can is rusted out and can't be kicked no more. When our economy was doing better, the politicians couldn't agree on a plan and now our infrastructure is one of the worst in any state our size with this many cars and trucks using our highways.

But we also need some laws on the books to control the weight limits the trucks are carrying over our roads. This will also bring in extra revenue from fines and special weight permits.

We now have a governor (whether you like him or not) who wants and will get them fixed. If it ends up increasing our gas tax to get it done, so be it, not that I will like paying more gasoline tax. We have to agree the money has to come from somewhere. I would say if we are going to increase the gas tax, let's do it smaller and increase the tobacco tax also. We will be saving lives two

ways, better roads, less accidents and healthier drivers.

Call your state representative today and suggest that since the can can't be kicked down the road any more, they need to work with the governor and pass a bill that will get our roads and bridges fixed. Besides, this will boost our employment in the state and pump much-needed dollars into the Michigan economy.

It's a win-win situation in getting and keeping Pure Michigan better!

Al Buckner
Garden City

Leader needed

The letter writer from Commerce Township laments the Republican victories in the last election and lists six reasons why they won. She misses the mark on all of them. For her to claim that "voter suppression" and "difficulty to vote in nearby areas" as reasons is absurd on its face.

The real reason the Democrats got trounced is their support for Obamacare. Every poll shows the public rejection of same. There is no "burden" on the Republicans. The people have spoken. Her desire to "improve the lives of all U.S. citizens and to keep our country safe and respected throughout the world" should be directed to President Barack Obama.

We need a leader. We do not have one.

Mack Tario
Southfield

COMMUNITY VOICE

What does the cold weather have you thinking about?

This question was asked at the Novi Public Library and in downtown Northville.



"A vacation, somewhere warm. Not Boston."
Heather Oldford
Wixom



"Going south, somewhere nice and warm like the Caribbean or Florida."
Eric Hansor
Novi



"Warm, tropical beaches!"
Maureen Altermatt
Novi



"Staying inside as much as possible."
Rick Jacoby
Novi

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Locally owned No.VI Coffee and Tea set to brew

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

The owners of the new No.VI Coffee and Tea missed their old hangout so much they decided to open up their own shop, which brings back the things they loved about the old place and adds some new details, making it even better.

"We (six owners of the new shop) all met here," co-owner Duane Day said of the new shop at the northwest corner of Beck Road and Grand River Avenue, near Halo Burger.

Day said for about a decade Caribou Coffee "ruled at the corner of Beck and Grand River here in Novi."

It was a great place for coffee and to meet up with friends. It was a place for "regulars" to hang for a good part of each morning, he noted.

He said they discussed politics, religion, science, philosophy and other issues of the day with the shop becoming a place for a variety of diverse people encompassing many professions, from many walks of life, to meet, chat and perhaps debate issues of the day.

However, he said the Caribou chain was purchased by Peet's Coffee, which lasted about a year and then closed. Day believes Peet's shut down most, if not all, of its Michigan



Business partners and friends gather at Novi's soon-to-open No.VI Coffee and Tea at its Grand River and Beck. From left are Ralph Richardson, Alex Brodrick, Duane Day, Tom Smith, Doug Necci and Robin Hoag. The shop, in the former Caribou Coffee location, is set to open by the end of the month.

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locations. After trying out other locations as a hangout, a number of former Caribou customers got together to discuss how

they might start their own coffee shop at this very successful location.

"No.VI Coffee and Tea was born," Day said.

The name represents the number of owners and the community they love.

The goal was to bring back the best of Caribou, with décor reminiscent of the old place, but as an independent shop. They will also have their own No.VI blend sourced from local roasters. Most all of the food items will be locally sourced, Day said.

Inside the shop there are two gas fireplaces, comfortable seating and a lot of space. Day said their goal is to have great food and coffee in a great place to hang, chill, meditate, study, meet friends, make new friends and once again discuss the issues of the day.

The shop's mission statement is, "This is our coffee shop. This is your coffee shop. This is a community one-of-a-kind place to go, place to be, place to meet coffee shop."

The shop is located at 47490 Grand River Avenue and phone number is 248-308-2879. They also have a Facebook page and the website is <http://www.novicoffee.com/>.

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Should Black History Month continue to exist?

Should Black History Month still exist? The short answer is no.

You may be surprised that an African-American woman would say such a thing, but let me explain. I believe that Black History Month should no longer exist because I believe that black history should not be limited to one month out of the year. Simply put, black history is American history. Therefore, black history should be fully integrated into American history. When this is done, there would not be a need for a nationally celebrated Black History Month.

I don't believe we are there yet as a country.



Eboney R. Hughes
GUEST COLUMNIST

Unfortunately, there are millions of Americans who are unaware of the brilliant past and present African Americans who have changed the complexity of this great nation with their bravery and intellect, but they should be aware. It seems that all many Americans may know about black history is slavery, the Civil Rights Movement, Martin Luther King, Rosa Parks and now President Barack Obama. It is clear to me that black history is

so much more. Black history is American history. Learning about proud African Americans – from Sojourner Truth, an abolitionist and women's rights activist, to Lewis Latimer, an inventor who many argue invented the modern day light bulb, to Benjamin Banneker, a brilliant scientist, mathematician and astronomer who invented America's first clock and whose discussion of relativity predates Albert Einstein theory of relativity – is essential to learning the truth about our American culture. All are important Americans who we should all know about. These are not just African-American

heroes; they are American heroes. There are so many contributions from African-American doctors and lawyers to scientists and researchers who have helped elevate this great country to where it is today and many of us know nothing about them. That is an American tragedy in and of itself. American history needs to be more diverse to include all of its contributors, in all areas of history. This is neither a black issue nor a white issue, this is an American issue. Americans need to know about the history of their country's people. When we are limited in our knowledge of history,

we are ignorant of the potential of our great country. Black History Month should not be singled out one time a year; it's too important for just one month. Black history should be taught in our schools for every American to learn. While things are changing and black history is slowly being integrated in some of our history books and being taught in public schools across America, there is still a disconnect. Unfortunately, our schools are still teaching lessons of Thomas Edison's invention of electricity without discussing Latimer, as well as lessons about Susan B. An-

thonny without teaching lessons about Truth. And there is no way we as Americans should discuss Einstein, without discussing Banneker. If there is truly going to be an integration of black history into our American history, then and only then should Black History Month no longer exist. But until that day arrives, there is definitely still a need.

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Doctor Committed to Preventing Sports Injuries in Young Athletes



Each day, hundreds of thousands of young athletes head out to fields, ice rinks and gymnasiums to practice and compete in a wide variety of sports. There is no doubt that sports are a great way for kids and teens to stay healthy, as well as to learn important leadership and team-building skills. At the same time, parents are increasingly concerned about the role of injuries in sports. With so many children involved in athletics, and at younger ages and highly competitive levels, injuries have become a genuine concern. Dr. Jeff S. Pierce, Medical Director of Michigan Sports & Spine Center, specializes in sports injuries, pain management, and treating all types of musculoskeletal and spinal injuries.

Seeing too many injuries in young athletes in his medical practice, Dr. Pierce is committed to injury prevention and educating his patients and the public about the rapid increase in youth sports injuries and the necessary steps to help reverse the trend.

One way Dr. Pierce is making an impact is for local ice hockey players. The safety challenge in ice hockey lies in the conflict that we are creating new ways to develop bigger, faster and stronger athletes while trying to keep safety a priority. Unfortunately, severe injuries are still common despite multiple rule changes every year. After hearing about a safety feature that will help prevent injuries, won't change the game as it's played and is cost effective, he knew it would be a game changer and a win-win for everybody. Dr. Pierce is heading the effort in Michigan to get the Look-Up Line™ in every ice rink.

The Look-Up Line™ or "warning track" (created by Tom Smith, a Boston Bulldogs hockey player who suffered paralysis from hitting the boards), a 40-inch-wide bright orange line or band on the ice along the boards. It is the same safety concept as the warning track in baseball that the MLB implemented way back in 1949. It is a preventative approach, reminding hockey players to pick up their heads and make proper bodily adjustments when they are near the boards. This is just one of the ways Dr. Pierce is working to prevent youth injuries.



Dr. Jeff S. Pierce's reputation has made him the physician of choice for professional athletes, weekend warriors and for many entertainers while in the Detroit area, who have dubbed him "Doc Rock". With so many professionals trusting Dr. Pierce for medical care, you can trust him, too. His philosophy is that all patients are VIPs (Very Important Patients). If you are seeking care for sports injuries, back/neck pain, or any musculoskeletal or spine injuries; come experience the VIP care by calling 248-680-9000. You can also follow Dr. Pierce's blog for more information and articles on injuries, pain management and living a healthy, active lifestyle: www.michigansportsandspine.com/blog.

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Vinyl records big part of The Park record show

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Vinyl record collectors, whether reliving Bruce Springsteen-inspired glory days or embracing Daft Punk's electronic futurism, can likely find a turntable treat simply by visiting a Plymouth-Canton school.

Despite the decline of old-school music stores, vinyl's resurgence has made a record show by student radio station WSDP-FM (88.1), The Park, one of the hippest places for area music collectors to find the right groove.

Like a revived classic, The Park's seventh annual record fair returns 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, to the Salem High School cafeteria, where collectors can find thousands of vinyl records, CDs, import-only releases, T-shirts, posters and other collectibles.

"I would say probably most of the music is vinyl," said station manager Bill Keith, a Salem grad who earned a telecommunications degree from Michigan State University and worked for a country radio station before returning 24 years ago to The Park.

Keith has a theory about vinyl's comeback. "Vinyl has a warmer sound to it," he said, and the packaging gives musicians more room for



Annie Wellman (from left), Tori Brown and Caitlin Flora are part of WSDP-FM (88.1) The Park.

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artwork, lyrics and credits. "It's a bigger palette for the artist to work on."

Record show details

The Park, a Plymouth-Canton student radio station since 1972, raised about \$2,000 last year from its record fair. Potential vendors, who pay \$30 to reserve an eight-foot table to display their collections, may call Keith at 734-416-7732.

As many as 50 vendors are expected; WSDP has its own space, too.

Patrons pay just \$3 for admission, though collectors can pay \$5 to start shopping at 9 a.m. among music genres such as classic rock, hip hop, electronic, country and indie rock. Students from Canton, Plymouth and Salem high schools get in free with their student

identification.

Annie Wellman, a 12th-grader and station program director, said she has bought a KISS action figure, vinyl records of *The Sound of Music* and a Christmas soundtrack by Alvin and the Chipmunks and old VHS movies.

"I got *Fried Green Tomatoes* last year," said Wellman, whose music taste ranges from indie

rock to European pop.

Power of vinyl

Tori Brown, a 12th-grader and station promotions manager, said she enjoys the camaraderie among music lovers who gather in one spot to buy, sell and talk music, regardless of their favorite genre. Shoppers looking for vinyl range from teens to baby boomers. "You can see this com-

munity of people," said Brown, who cited punk rock as among her favorite genres.

Caitlin Flora, an 11th-grader and WSDP music director who enjoys punk and alternative rock, agreed, saying she enjoys seeing "how music brings people together."

The record fair is only one of the Park's fundraisers. The station also has a May auction and a fall pledge drive, altogether raising about \$30,000 a year.

The Park has drawn its share of accolades. It was named the state's best high school radio station last year by the Michigan Association of Broadcasters. It also was a finalist in 2014 for the National Association of Broadcasters Marconi Award for Best Non-Commercial Station - the only high school station nominated.

The Park has adapted to change to widen its reach. It moved to an adult Top 40 format in 2012, leaving behind indie and alternative rock. Just recently, it increased from a 200-watt station to 300 watts with a new transmitter, reaching a broader area.

After 43 years on the air, it seems, The Park, like vinyl albums, is a survivor.

For more on the station, go to www.881ThePark.com.

Late, Locked-in and Loud event at the Novi Public Library

Late, Locked-in and Loud at the Novi Public Library is a perfect event for kids in grades 5-8.

The Novi Youth Council and Novi Public Library, in partnership with Novi Police and Fire, are inviting Novi students (grades 5-8) to a lock-in Feb. 27 at the Library.

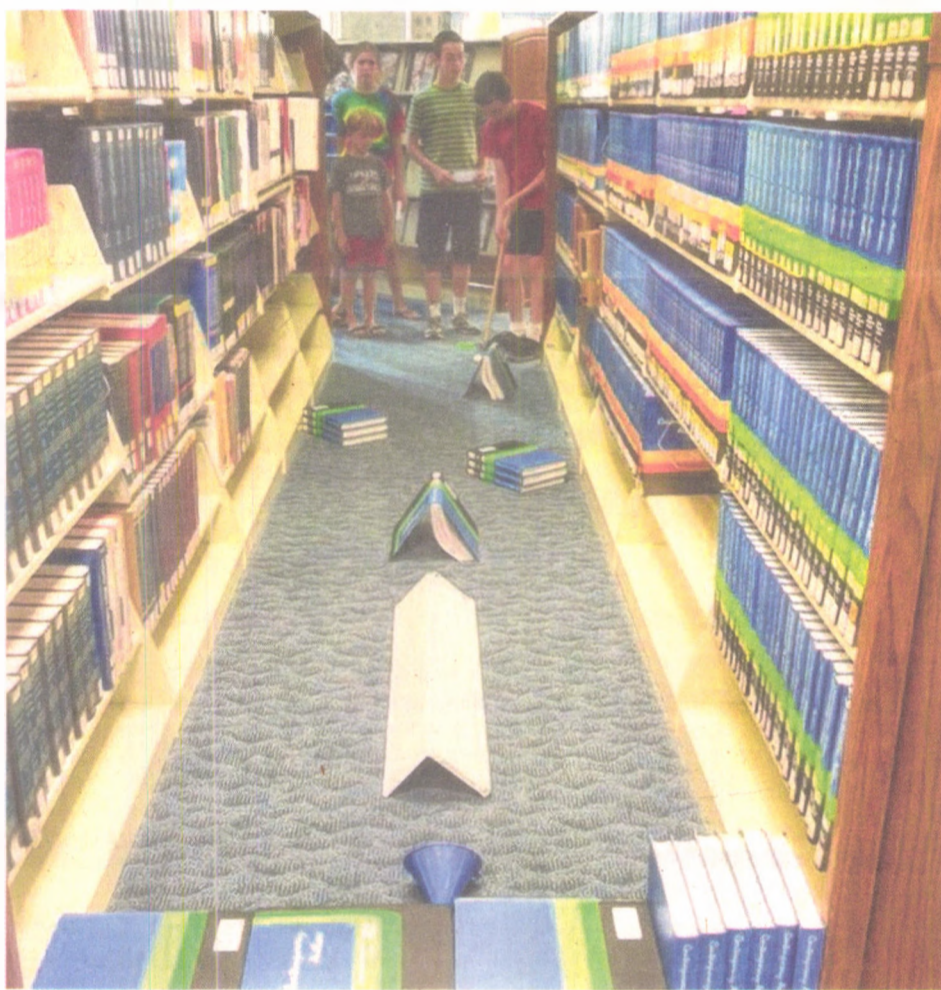
There will be food, games and giveaways.

The event was created by the NYC as a way to have fun without being glued to a screen of some kind. There will be putt-putt golf, a visit by the Walled Lake Western High drum line, trivia, scavenger hunt, crafts and much more.

There's a 300-participant limit, so sign-up now. The event is from 7-10

p.m. Friday, Feb. 27.

To learn more, go to the link [http://www.cityofnovi.org/City-Services/Parks-Recreation-and-Cultural-Services/Engage!-Recreation-Guide/Experience-Novi-\(Community-Events\).aspx#LLL](http://www.cityofnovi.org/City-Services/Parks-Recreation-and-Cultural-Services/Engage!-Recreation-Guide/Experience-Novi-(Community-Events).aspx#LLL), go to cityofnovi.org or contact Community Relations at 248-347-0416.



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Religious Diversity Journey



Middle School students in the Birmingham Public Schools district visit Sri Venkateswara Temple, a Hindu temple in Novi, on Tuesday, Feb. 10. Students learned about Buddhism during the trip. The Religious Diversity Journey offers the opportunity to learn about a variety of religions and cultures throughout the year, culminating in an event at the DIA at the end of the school year. Bill Secrest, a professor at Henry Ford Community College, spoke to the students during the visit.



Capitol invocation

The Rev. Mark Kaminski, a pastor at Oakpointe Church in Novi, delivers the invocation to the state House of Representatives before the Feb. 10 legislative session at the Michigan Capitol. Kaminski, a Novi High and Michigan State University graduate, was the special guest of state Rep. Kathy Crawford, R-Nowi (right).

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MISHL Showcase: Shamrocks put Northville in deep freeze

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

The stats were a bit misleading, as far as Novi Detroit Catholic Central coach Danny Veri was concerned.

Even though senior Spencer Wright had to make only 10 saves, it started with the last line of defense and led to a 4-0 shutout victory Saturday over Northville in the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League Showcase at Trenton's Kennedy Arena.

"Our goaltender was very

active playing the puck today," Veri said. "(Northville) tried to establish fore-checks and we were able to set it up and get it up out of the zone quickly. The 'D' did play very well, but they had a third guy back there helping them."

Top-ranked CC, the three-time defending MHSAA Division 1 champion, never let Northville get any offense going while improving to 16-5-1 overall.

With a 12-5 shot advantage, CC took a 1-0 lead at 14:32 of the opening period on Evan

Rochowiak's goal from Kyle Mulka.

In the scoreless second, the Shamrocks outshot Northville 9-1, but couldn't score again until the 28-second mark of the third, when Andrew Lane made it 2-0 off an assist from Alec Kreutzer.

And at the 9:58 mark of the final period, Dillon Jones gave CC a three-goal cushion with a goal assisted by Andrew Spiegel and Brian Kearns.

The Shamrocks then put an

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TIM SARGENT

Northville's Alec Morgan (left) and Catholic Central's Andrew Spiegel vie for the puck during Saturday's MIHL Showcase at Trenton's Kennedy Arena.



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Catholic Central's 189-pounder Nick Giese (top) uses the fireman's carry move to pin Plymouth's Hussein Youssef in the second period of Saturday's Division 1 individual district tourney.

CC matmen dominate

Shamrocks produce six champions at Glenn individual district

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Producing six champions and 13 regional qualifiers in 14 weight classes, it was safe to say Novi Detroit Catholic Central was the class of Saturday's MHSAA Division 1 individual wrestling district tournament at Westland John Glenn.

Defending state champions Myles Amine (160 pounds) and Trevor Zdebski (130) advance to next Saturday's regional at Saline with records of 39-0 and 36-5, respectively.

Nick Giese (189), who took third a year ago, also won a district title to improve to 36-4.

Other district champions for the Shamrocks were Aaron Rehfeldt (112), who is 28-13; Conor Cox (152), who is 24-13; and Tyler Morland (171), who is 17-1.

"Seeding at this tournament is always frustrating for us," CC coach Mitch Hancock said.

"We don't have many common opponents with these teams. I think we saw on Saturday why we wrestle such a strong schedule, it makes us tougher for having done so. Our guys don't worry about where they're seeded. It's about wrestling hard for eight minutes and winning situations."

Other regional qualifiers for CC included district runners-up Stone Moscovic (103), 29-13; Tommy Herrmann (125), 28-12; Aidan Wagh (135), 17-14; and Nick Jenkins (285) 32-13.

"Stone Moscovic closed the gap at 103 and is showing that he can compete with any 103-pounder in the state," Hancock said. "These young guys believe in their abilities and the work they put in throughout the year, it's awesome to see."

Adding thirds for the Shamrocks were Joe Lyon (119), 21-13; Nick Joseph (145), 24-11; and Sam Giese (160), 27-11.

"The guys wrestled hard and looked tough," Hancock said. "I'm proud of our young guys, who are experiencing the postseason for the first time. Eight of our 14 are seeing the postseason for the first time. Guys like Conor Cox, who enters as a five seed and wins it. Aidan Wagh enters as a four seed and takes second. Nick Jenkins, a four seed, takes second, and Joe Lyon, a sixth seed, finishing third."

Mustangs qualify two

Northville will be sending Chris Koumariotis (145), who was runner-up, and Jim Behe (119), who placed fourth, to next week's regional at Saline following the John Glenn district.

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Divisional champion: Northville wraps up swim title

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Livonia Stevenson's Jackson O'Dowd proved to be the individual star, but the Northville boys swim team came away Feb. 12 at home with the KLAA Central Division dual meet title with a 110-75 triumph.

O'Dowd, a junior, figured in four first-place finishes for the Spartans, capturing the 50-yard freestyle (21.53) and the 100 butterfly (53.94). He also was a member of Stevenson's first-place 200 medley relay (1:45.07) and 400 freestyle relay (3:21.01).

But the Mustangs, who finished the regular season 9-1 overall and 4-0 in the KLAA Central, got a strong showing from freshman Kirk Maibach and swept the 100 breaststroke to secure the victory and the division crown.

"They still have four real good swimmers left over from that (Division 1) state runner-up team they had last year," Northville coach Rich Bennetts said of the Spartans. "O'Dowd is the real deal. He has a chance to do something really special at the state meet this year and he has the right coach (Jeff Shoemaker). They have 16 to 17 kids on that team and they gave us everything we could handle."

Maibach was victorious in the 200 individual medley (2:07.10) and 100 freestyle (49.65), while also teaming up with James Xue, Yash Bajaj and Fred Schulz for a win in the 200 freestyle relay (1:32.57).

Other individual winners for the Mustangs included Christain Field, 1-meter diving (183.95 points); Larry Zhao, 100 backstroke (58.07); and Chris Geng, 100

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Rocks' defense solid in victory vs. Novi

Salem shuts down Wildcats to wrap up KLAACentral crown

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Salem varsity boys basketball coach Bob Brodie kept replenishing his troops Feb. 10 and, eventually, the opponent could not keep up.

The Rocks were able to flip the switch when they needed to against visiting Novi, in a battle between two teams that began the night tied for the KLAACentral Division lead.

When the 32 minutes of action were over, Salem had prevailed 65-52 to get one step closer to a second consecutive division crown.

"Those were two good basketball teams out there tonight," said Brodie, whose team improved to 12-3 overall and 8-1 in the KLAACentral. "But I think it's our depth (that made the difference). We rotate a lot of players, we're fresher."

Once again, the Rocks played virtually everybody on the roster and every button Brodie pushed worked well.

Leading Salem with 15 points was senior forward Jakob Lenders, who also grabbed eight rebounds.

Also in double figures were senior guard Jake Stropes and senior guard Jon Swift, with 10 points each. Junior center Kenny Topolovec tallied eight points and 10 rebounds and senior forward Allante Wheeler helped out with six boards.

Novi head coach Brandon Sinawi credited the Rocks for their solid all-around effort.

But he emphasized that his team (11-4, 7-2) didn't play well in "a lot of facets tonight and we have a lot of work to do if we think we're going to make any run" in the Kensington Conference tournament next week, let alone Class A districts in early March.

"We stopped playing, really, (at) the end of the second quarter," Sinawi said. "We were up 25-22 and they go on a 9-0 run and end up 31-25 (at halftime). That was the difference in the game. They took the energy right from us. And we never recovered."

Brodie noted his team's strength in numbers and defensive pressure continues to wear down opponents.

"At the end their tongues might have been hanging a little bit," Brodie said. "We did



Novi's Jaylen Dixon (right) tries to rip a rebound out of the hands of Salem senior Jake Stropes during a KLAACentral showdown.

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a good job on the glass tonight; we held them to four offensive rebounds.

"So if you control the glass, you keep pushing the ball and controlling the tempo of the games, some good things are going to happen."

The Rocks led most of the night, but Novi did enjoy a 12-2 surge in the second quarter to take the 25-22 edge referred to by Sinawi.

Treys by senior guard Nick Hankerson (20 points) and senior forward Brad Dotinga spearheaded that push by the Wildcats.

Getting it into gear

Yet almost right after Dotinga buried his 3-ball from the left corner, the Rocks kicked it up another gear over the final

2:30 of the half.

Wheeler's offensive rebound and put-back tied the game at 25-25 and junior guard Freddie McGee canned a jumper from the top of the key to put the Rocks up a deuce.

Lenders misfired on a triple try, but he got his own rebound and scored on a finger roll. Closing out the half with a baseline drive and basket was Swift.

"We went to the zone, we knew they were uncomfortable with it," Stropes said. "So we thought we'd go with it. We did a good job boxing out, even though in zone it's hard to get to your man. We still were able to do it."

It was more of the same in the second half, although the Wildcats got off to a promising

start when junior forward Kam Hankerson (14 points) connected on a trey to make it a 35-31 Salem lead.

Novi closed the gap to 41-37 with about three minutes left in the quarter, but Salem junior guard Calin Crawford sent a surge of energy through the gym when he skied to block Nick Hankerson's layup bid.

After a trey by Nick Hankerson again got Novi closer (trailing 41-40), the Rocks pulled away to go up 46-41 after three and 55-45 with 4:09 remaining in the tilt.

Another example of Salem's solid depth was a spinning layup by freshman forward Jeremy Armstead early in the fourth.

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Northville pounces on East in 52-31 triumph

Novi's division title quest extinguished against Stevenson

Northville was without leading scorer David Morrissey on Friday, but the Mustangs still galloped away to a 52-31 KLAACentral Division boys basketball victory over host South Lyon East.

Morrissey, who is averaging nearly 20 points per game, was out with the flu, so 6-foot-4 junior forward Justin Gibbons picked up the scoring slack with a game-high 19 points.

Senior center Ryan Roberts added 10, while junior guard Justin Zimbo contributed seven as the Mustangs improved to 11-5 overall and locked up third place in the division.

Trent Willenborg scored 15 points for the Cougars (4-11, 2-8).

"Guys stepped up tonight, which was important for us," said Northville coach Todd Sander, whose team outscored East 19-2 in the second quarter to take a commanding 34-9 halftime lead. "Our team has really grown and matured this year and we like where we're heading into the (KLAACentral) tournament."

The Mustangs, who made 10-of-17 free throws, opened the KLAACentral playoffs at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20, at Westland John Glenn.

STEVENSON 61, NOVI 56: Senior guard Josh Campbell nailed three triples en route to a game-high 25 points Friday night as Livonia Stevenson (6-10, 4-6) sewed up fourth place in the KLAACentral Division and a playoff spot in the KLAACentral playoffs with a win over the host Wildcats (11-5, 7-3).

Novi won the first meeting between the two teams Jan. 23 at Stevenson, 74-45.

But in the rematch, Stevenson jumped out to a 20-6 first quarter advantage and led 57-38 after three quarters and held on for the victory. Jacob Dollar and Gino D'Agostino added 14 and 10 points, respectively, for the Spartans, who were 8-of-14 from the foul line.

Junior forward Najj Ozeir and senior guard Brad Dotinga paced the Wildcats' scoring attack with 16 and 11 points, respectively. Novi was 6-of-13 from the free-throw stripe.

And after winning 10 straight, Novi has now lost three in a row. The Wildcats will open the KLAACentral playoffs beginning at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20, at Livonia Churchill.

"Campbell played as hard as I ever seen him play in four years," said Novi first-year coach Brandon Sinawi, who spent the previous three years as Stevenson's varsity coach. "Whether it was the motivation to beat their old coach or to get back us from the first time, they just wanted it more than we did."

NORTHVILLE 47, SOUTH LYON 41: The Mustangs (10-5, 5-4) struggled in the early going Feb. 10, but rallied with a 28-18 second-half run to beat the stingy Lions (3-11, 2-7) in a KLAACentral Division game.

Senior guard David Morrissey paced Northville with a team-high 18 points, including four 3-pointers, along with five steals.

Junior guard Justin Zimbo chipped in 10 points, including 5-of-6 from the foul line. Senior center Ryan Roberts contributed eight points and seven rebounds.

"We weren't very good tonight, but found a way to grind it out, which is a real sign of growth we've seen out of our team this year," Northville coach Todd Sander said.

South Lyon, which led 23-19 at halftime, got a game-high 19 points from Josh Remstad. The Mustangs were 9-of-15 from the free throw line, while the Lions made 3-of-5.

Catholic Central falls to St. Mary's Prep, 58-51

The first quarter led to Novi Detroit Catholic Central's undoing Friday night as the Shamrocks fell to Orchard Lake St. Mary's in a Catholic League Central Division boys basketball encounter, 58-51.

The Shamrocks, who slipped to 5-9 overall and 2-6 in the division, fell behind 14-6 after one quarter and never recovered.

St. Mary's (7-8, 3-5), got a game-high 16 points from Ja-

son Boswell, while Evan Henry and Lamon Mathison added 10 apiece.

Sophomore forward C.J. Baird led the Shamrocks with 13 points, while senior forward Ike Marchie contributed 11.

The Eagles made 15-of-21 free throws, while CC connected on just 6-of-13.

LIGGETT 62, FRANKLIN ROAD 44: Spencer Ewing poured in a game-high 23 points and Thomas Jackson added 17 as host Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett (7-5, 7-4) rolled to a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division

triumph Friday over Novi Franklin Road Christian (5-11, 2-9).

Junior guards Gavin Harris and Austin Hearn each tallied 15 points for the Warriors, who trailed 38-34 after three quarters before being outscored 24-10.

Liggett was 8-of-9 from the foul line, while Franklin Road hit 6-of-9.

DeLaSALLE 58, DETROIT CC 50: Kevin McKay scored eight of his game-high 17 points in the final quarter Feb. 10 to lead host Warren DeLaSalle (9-6, 4-3) to a Catholic League Central Division victory over Novi Detroit Catholic Central (5-8, 2-5).

McKay went 5-of-5 from the foul line and added a 3-pointer to help quell a CC comeback bid.

Alex Capoccia and Josh Winowicki chipped in with 14 and 12 points, respectively, for the Pilots, who led 28-22 at halftime and 43-31 after three quarters.

Sophomore forward C.J. Baird led the Shamrocks with 11 points, while senior guard Champ Kozlowski

and senior center Ike Marchie added 10 and nine, respectively.

DeLaSalle was 10-of-16 from the free throw line, while CC made 9-of-13.

PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN 63, FRANKLIN ROAD 50: Junior guard Gavin Harris tallied a game-high 24 points Feb. 10, but it wasn't enough as Plymouth Christian Academy (5-9, 4-7) turned back host Novi Franklin Road Christian (5-10, 2-8) in an MIAC Blue Division game.

The Warriors jumped out to a 28-23 halftime advantage and led 36-35 after three quarters before the Eagles went on a 28-14 fourth-quarter rampage.

Lucas Albrecht and Matt Malcolm paced PCA with 20 and 17 points, respectively.

Joshua Bause added 10 points and 12 rebounds in a losing cause, while junior center Joshua Betcher had 10 points and eight boards.

Franklin Road was 7-of-13 from the foul line.

Girls hoops: Northville's stifling defense stuffs South Lyon East

Novi makes KLAACentral playoffs with 39-38 win

Northville's defense got rave reviews Friday night as the host Mustangs put the clamps on South Lyon East's leading scorers Gabi Bird and Peyton Jones to earn a convincing 44-21 KLAACentral Division girls basketball.

Freshman guard Myriah Modkins scored a game-high 14 points to spark the Mustangs, who improved to 11-5 overall.

Senior forward Emily Maresh and sophomore forward Jessica Moorman added 10 points apiece for Northville, which also locked up second place in the division at 6-4.

East (10-5, 6-4) got nine points from Bird, the Central Michigan University signee, while Jones was limited to four points.

Northville led 12-6 after one quarter and broke the game open with a 16-4 second-quarter run to lead 28-12 at intermission.

"We treated this like a playoff game and we wanted

to finish second in our division," said Northville coach Todd Gudith, whose team avenged a 45-44 setback Jan. 23 to the Cougars. "It was our senior night and that's the lowest point total Bird has had in a long time. We played great defense."

NOVI 39, STEVENSON 38: Senior forward Alex Felice posted a double-double with 12 points and 12 rebounds Friday as the Wildcats (10-6, 5-5) sewed up fourth place in the Central Division and a spot in the KLAACentral playoffs with a victory at Livonia Stevenson (6-10, 3-7).

The Wildcats, who avenged a 46-45 overtime loss Jan. 23 to the Spartans, also got six points and six rebounds from sophomore Emmy Robinson in the nip-and-tuck affair.

Stevenson, which led 17-14 at halftime, got a game-high 16 points from senior guard Arryn Dochenetz.

The Wildcats connected on 19-of-36 from the foul line and 10-of-44 from the field, while Stevenson was 13-of-56 from the field and 6-of-11 at the free-throw stripe.

LIGGETT 59, FRANKLIN ROAD 43: Lola Ristovski led a balanced scoring attack with 13 points as state-ranked Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett (13-3, 11-0) rolled to a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division victory over host Novi Franklin Road Christian (9-7, 5-5).

Nia Ahart and Jessica Rotzall added 10 points apiece for the Knights, who jumped out to a 43-14 halftime advantage.

Eighth-grader Alexis Johnson scored 18, while Reagan Mumford and Katherine Larabell chipped in 10 and eight, respectively, for the Warriors, who made 11-of-15 free throws.

Liggett, No. 8 in Class C in the latest Detroit Free Press rankings, made 12-of-19 foul shots.

NORTHVILLE 55, SOUTH LYON 26: Sophomore forward Jessica Moorman tallied all 11 of her points in the third quarter to spark a 19-8 run and the Mustangs (10-5, 5-4) went on to post a convincing KLAACentral Division victory Feb. 10 at South Lyon.

The Mustangs also got 10 points from senior forward Emily Maresh.

"We played much better in the second half and were able to turn it on a bit," said Northville coach Todd Gudith, whose team led 21-14 at halftime.

The Lions (1-14, 0-9) got six points from Emily Heinrich.

Northville was 11-of-16 from the foul line, while South Lyon was 8-of-12.

SALEM 39, NOVI 29: The KLAACentral Division champion Rocks (11-4, 9-0) held the host Wildcats (9-6, 4-5) to 17-percent shooting from the field en route to the victory Feb. 10.

Lasha Petree sparked Salem with nine points, while Maranda Armstead and Shara Long added seven apiece. The Rocks shot 14-of-39 from the floor (35.8 percent) and 11-of-18 from the foul line (61.1 percent).

Senior forward Alex Felice scored a game-high 10 points for Novi, which shot only 7-of-41 from the floor.

Junior guard Allie Lipson contributed nine points and 10 rebounds, as the Wildcats made 14-of-21 free throws (66.6 percent).

FRANKLIN ROAD 56, PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN 34: Senior guard Katherine Larabell scored 17 points to lead three players in double figures Feb. 10 as Novi Franklin Road Christian (9-6, 5-4) downed host Plymouth Christian Academy (4-12, 2-8) in an Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division game.

Eighth-grader Alexis Johnson and junior Hannah Rayburn chipped in 16 and 11 points, respectively, for the Warriors, who led 19-8 after one quarter and 33-18 at halftime.

Robin Albert and Kennedy Home tallied 12 and 11 points, respectively, for the Eagles.

Franklin Road made only 12-of-29 free throws (41.3 percent), while Plymouth Christian went 6-of-11 (54.5 percent).

Wolfpack reign



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The Northville Wolfpack, a seventh- and eighth-grade girls basketball team, compiled a 3-1 record en route to tournament title Jan. 31 at the MAAC Sports & Fitness facility in Clio. The Wolfpack defeated Saginaw Triple Threat, Tri-City Nets Red and split with the Michigan Reign. Team members include (front row, from left) Chloe Zulcosky, Tara Beason and Jenna Lauderback and (back row, from left) head coach Steve Grant, Hannah Grant, Nicole Martin, Morgan Thompson, Ellie Thallman and assistant coach Steve Thallman.

CC skiers, Novi's Goodman punch ticket to 'states'

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Novi Detroit Catholic Central is back in the MHSAA Division 1 boys ski finals after a three-year hiatus.

The Shamrocks, coached by Tom Gable, earned their first berth since 2011 when they finished third Feb. 12 at the Mount Brighton regional with 155.5 points.

Regional champion Brighton (102.5) and University of Detroit-Jesuit (123) grabbed the other state team qualifying berths for the state finals Monday, Feb. 23, at Boyne Highlands.

Rounding out the top 10 were Walled Lake Northern (167), White Lake Lakeland (185), Walled Lake Central (197.5), Okemos (208), Novi (234), South Lyon Unified (262.5) and Milford (320).

"This was a definite team effort behind our senior captain Drew Davis with two top 15 finishes," Gable said.



TOM GABLE

Catholic Central senior captain Drew Davis was seventh in slalom and 11th in giant slalom for the state qualifiers.

"We placed runner-up last Monday in the Catholic League championships and that was a true confidence-builder that they carried into the regional meet."

In boys slalom, Novi's Mitch Goodman finished in first place with a time of 38.5 to earn an individual state finals qualifying berth.

Davis led CC's slalom

finishers in seventh (41.30), followed by Sawyer Reed, 15th (43.24); Max Tokarz, 38th (47.38); Justin Woolhiser, 56th (52.35); and Logan Freismuth, 63rd (54.94).

Other Novi finishers included Ross O'Donnell, 25th (45.03); Jack Grove, 27th (45.39); and Max Grove, 51st (51.31).

In giant slalom, Northern's Andrew Si-

mon was regional champion with a time of 31.63, while Freismuth placed fourth for CC in 32.08.

Other CC giant slalom placers included Davis, 11th (32.66); Reed, 26th (33.57); Tokarz, 34th (34.05); Woolhiser, 47th (35.18); and Kyle Spillane, 54th (35.82).

Andrew Jamison placed 12th in giant slalom for Novi in 32.76,

followed by Jack Grove, 37th (34.40); O'Donnell, 40th (34.52); Max Grove, 41st (34.60); and Leon Otten, 48th (35.26).

Wildcat girls eighth

Regional champion Milford (46) will be joined at the upcoming state finals by runner-up South Lyon Unified (99.5) and third-place finisher Walled Lake

Northern (130) as automatic team qualifiers from Mount Brighton.

Rounding out the top 10 team finishers: Hartland (147), Brighton (162), Okemos (165), Farmington Hills Mercy (234), Novi (243), White Lake Lakeland (280) and Walled Lake Central (305).

Milford's Natalie Kerwin was regional champion in slalom, posting a blistering time of 47.31, while Unie Gu was Novi's top finisher in 21st (50.99).

Other slalom finishers for Novi included Tori Engler, 24th (51.28); Ellie Oegema, 40th (54.90); Elaine Hamilton, 53rd (1:01.47).

In giant slalom, South Lyon's Anna Geyer placed first in 32.12, while Gu took 16th for Novi in 35.66.

Other Novi giant slalom finishers: Krueger, 21st (36.16); Engler, 31st (37.55); Rachel Cascaccia, 36th (37.74); Adeline Zamora, 51st (40.11).

Ocelots win, yet coach spots trouble

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

On the surface, Schoolcraft College's men's basketball team is throttling all opponents — the latest example being Saturday's 85-60 victory over Henry Ford Community College.

What's not to like about a team that's ranked No. 3 in the National Junior College Athletic Association and is cruising toward a conference championship?

Or a team that broke out to an 11-0 lead against the Hawks and never trailed?

Believe it or not, Schoolcraft head coach Abe Mashhour wasn't all that impressed by his team's 12th consecutive win, which ups the Ocelots' record to 23-3 overall and 12-1 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association.

"Unfortunately, we didn't play hard," Mashhour said after the Ocelots defeated his former team. "We didn't play like we've been playing and it's getting frustrating with some of the lack of effort."

"It's not good enough right now. Our record obviously is, in my opinion, a little misleading. We're not that good of a team right now. We need to clean up a lot of different areas."

With the team in prime position to go for the MCCA championship at the end of February and then move on to the NJCAA District 10 tournament, Mashhour wants to see bad habits immediately stopped.

For example, in the first half, Schoolcraft made 6-of-20 shots from behind the arc instead of possibly finding higher-percentage shots inside. For the game, the Ocelots connected on just 28.6 of their triple tries (8-of-28).

Mashhour also didn't see maximum effort for



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Going to the rim for a layup is Schoolcraft forward Javan Thomas. Teammate Tyler Johnson is in the background.

all 40 minutes.

"I told them I've had many teams that had worse records than this," Mashhour said. "But I was way more confident going into the postseason than I am with this group right now."

The victory wasn't all grim. All 11 players did record at least two points and Schoolcraft enjoyed a 53-34 edge in rebounding.

As usual, guard Ja'Christian Biles was a shooting standout with 25 points (including five treys in nine attempts).

During a one-minute stretch midway through the first half, Biles and Henry Ford's Daton Aaron (24 points) each drained a pair of 3-balls.

"One day one person may be on, another day it's somebody else," Biles said. "We have a lot of talent, we do have a lot of depth."

Muscling in for plenty

of second-chance putbacks and rebounds was 6-7, 250-pound freshman forward Anthony Wartley-Fritz. He tallied 15 points along with eight rebounds.

"The team moved the ball around; I got some nice looks down there," Wartley-Fritz said. "Rebounded very well, boxed out very well."

Wartley-Fritz nodded when asked about the team's troubling tendency to let up after going full-throttle.

Saturday, for example, Schoolcraft enjoyed a 20-8 lead with 12:30 left following a trey by Biles.

But the Hawks (6-16, 1-11) closed the gap to 34-28 just five minutes later. It was a 48-31 lead for the Ocelots at half-time.

Also in double figures for Henry Ford were Lloyd Harris (18) and Daavi Bradley (11).

Northville gymnasts record season-best

Mustang girls eye KLA Association meet

The Northville gymnastics team capped the regular season with its highest team total in two seasons Feb. 11 with 135.075 points to down Waterford (132.325) and host Salem (130.025).

The tri-meet was highlighted by career-highs from Northville's Erin McCallum on the balance beam (9.15) and Lauren Shanahan on vault (8.75).

Other outstanding performers for the Mustangs included Grace Jankowski on the uneven bars (8.45) and captain Alyssa Breen, the team's lone senior, on floor exercise (8.45).

With the double-dual meet victory, the Mustangs improved to 7-6 overall and 1-4 in the KLA's Kensington

Division.

Northville scored a team-best 132.325 on Feb. 10 to down Waterford (129.35), Birmingham United (123.325), Walled Lake Maroon (119.425) and host Walled Lake Gold (91.20) at Walled Lake Central High School.

It was the Mustangs' second highest team total of the season under coach Erin McWatt.

Top individual scorers for the Mustangs included McCallum, floor exercise (8.95); Breen and Shanahan, vault (8.55 each); and Jankowski, balance beam (8.3).

The Mustangs will now turn their attention to the KLA Association meet Saturday, Feb. 21, at Walled Lake Central.

CITY OF NORTHVILLE 2015 BOARD OF REVIEW WAYNE AND OAKLAND COUNTIES

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Review of the City of Northville, Wayne and Oakland Counties, will meet at the City Hall, 215 West Main Street, for the purpose of reviewing and adjusting the 2015 Assessment Rolls of the City of Northville on the following dates:

TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2015:	9:00 a.m. Administrative Meeting
MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2015:	1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY MARCH 11, 2015:	1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2015:	1:00 p.m. for deliberations

Unless otherwise specified the dates above are for Public Hearings

Pursuant to Act 165 of 1971 and based on the proposed changes to assessed values for 2015, the Wayne and Oakland County Equalization Departments have set the following tentative equalization factors relative to the 2015 Real and Personal Property Assessments: **WAYNE COUNTY** - Commercial Real 1.00; Residential Real 1.00; All Personal Property 1.00. **OAKLAND COUNTY** - Commercial Real 1.00; Industrial Real 1.00; Residential Real 1.00; All Personal Property 1.00

Mail-in Petitions must be received by March 11, 2015 before 5:00 p.m. ALL TAXPAYERS wishing to petition their property's taxable value or assessment in person with the Board of Review will be seen by **APPOINTMENT ONLY. To ensure every appeal is heard it is requested that appointments be scheduled prior to Tuesday, March 3, 2015.** Please contact the City of Northville Tax Department at (248) 449-9901 for an appointment or with any questions you may have regarding your 2015 taxable or assessed value.

BOARD OF REVIEW

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE 2015 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW DATES

The Northville Township 2015 Board of Review will conduct hearings on the following dates for appeals from citizens, regarding the 2015 assessment, at the Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road. All appeals are by appointment. **Beginning Friday, February 20, 2015 you may call (248) 348-5810 to schedule an appointment. Letters of appeal must be received by 12:00 noon., March 13, 2015. Postmarks are not accepted.**

Tuesday	March 03, 2015	1:00 pm - Organizational Meeting
Appointment Dates for Hearing:		
Saturday	March 07, 2015	9:00 am to 12 Noon
Monday	March 09, 2015	9:00 am to 12 Noon and 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Tuesday	March 10, 2015	1:00 pm to 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Thursday	March 12, 2015	9:00 am to 11:00 am and 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Friday	March 13, 2015	9:00 am to 12 Noon

All persons protesting their assessment must complete a petition (form L-4035) which can be obtained at Northville Township Hall or on the Township website twp.northville.mi.us click on Board of Review or at www.michigan.gov/treasury.

Sue A. Hillebrand, M.M.C.
Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE 2015 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW DATES

Sealed Bids will be received by the Clerks Department, Second Floor, Northville Township Hall, on or before **2:00 p.m., March 17, 2015** for construction of the **Township Hall Parking Lot Repaving Project**. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at this time.

Work to be done includes the reconstruction of the township parking lot and all related work. Bid documents may be obtained on or after **February 17, 2015** from the office of the Department of Public Services, First Floor, Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan.

A fee of **\$30.00** per set of documents will be charged. No refunds will be given for returned documents. Sets may also be downloaded from the township engineering website under engineering projects for free.

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a certified check, or Bid Bond by a recognized surety, in the amount of 5% of the total of the bid price. A proposal, once submitted, becomes the property of the Charter Township of Northville. In the sole discretion of the Charter Township of Northville, the Charter Township of Northville reserves the right to allow a bidder to reclaim submitted documents provided the documents are requested and retrieved no later than 48 hours prior to the scheduled bid opening.

The successful Bidder will be required to furnish satisfactory performance, maintenance, and labor and material bonds in the amount of 100% of the bid price and satisfactory insurance coverage.

After the time of opening, no Bid may be withdrawn for a period of 60 days. The Charter Township of Northville reserves the right to accept any Bid, to reject any or all Bids, to waive irregularities and/or informalities in any Bid, and to make the award in any manner the Charter Township of Northville believes to be in its best interest.

Any further information may be obtained from the Township Engineer, Mrs. Jill Rickard, P.E., (248) 662-0497. **Questions regarding the project shall be brought to the attention of the engineer, Northville Township Department of Public Services, in writing or by fax at 248-348-5823. Questions will not be accepted if received less than 7 calendar days before the bids are due.**

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE, MICHIGAN

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February Certified Pre-Owned Sale going on now at Varsity Lincoln in Novi

By Greg Mullin
Staff Writer

Varsity Lincoln of Novi is celebrating 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 little as \$11,995+.

There were 540 Certified Pre-Owned vehicles delivered in 2014 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 since 1997.* Varsity 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, Feb. 19, 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- » Friday, Feb. 20, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- » Saturday, Feb. 21 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
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- » Complimentary 24/7 roadside assistance

"The warranty is key. With Certified Pre-Owned, you get 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."

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"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.

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"Loaded with features, a Lincoln will satisfy any customer," Law said. "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, advanced 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.

** As low as 0.9% APR for up to 36 months on select vehicles for qualified customers with Tier 0-1 approval through preferred finance source. Offer subject to change at any time. See Varsity Lincoln for details.

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Crossword Puzzle

Shall I Compare Thee?

- ACROSS**
- 1 Scared
 - 7 Side of a cut gem
 - 12 Fighting junk e-mail
 - 20 GMC truck
 - 21 Sunni's god
 - 22 "Mona Lisa" painter
 - 23 Danes wearing more frills?
 - 25 Easily caught baseball hits
 - 26 TV reception enhancers
 - 27 Tend the soil
 - 29 Court mallets
 - 30 SSgt., e.g.
 - 31 Steel city in the Ruhr
 - 33 Feldman acting more bashfully?
 - 36 Time spent in office
 - 38 Rubbish
 - 41 Angry with
 - 42 "Modern Family" aier
 - 45 Certain quadrilateral
 - 47 One who's worshipped
 - 51 Griffin suffering more pain?
- DOWN**
- 1 Leaning
 - 2 Engaged man
 - 3 Parish leader
 - 4 Singer
 - 5 Pappas of "Z" India,
 - 6 Mends, as holey socks
 - 7 Less true judged?
 - 8 — carte menu
 - 9 Film teaser
 - 10 British noble
 - 11 2003-07 Fox drama series
 - 12 High mount
 - 13 Revived: Prefix
 - 14 First-rate
 - 15 "Actually ..."
 - 16 Gunfire burst
 - 17 Nosy sort
 - 18 "Someone Like You" singer
 - 19 Lichen-filled actress
 - 24 Film's actors
 - 28 Uterus
 - 32 Drug busters
 - 34 Hoopster
 - 35 Newspaper employee
 - 37 — tai
 - 39 "Button it!"
 - 40 — polloi
 - 43 Happened to
- ACROSS**
- 56 Vacuum tube variety
 - 58 Pastoral tract
 - 59 Spanish for "houses"
 - 60 Prefix with mobile
 - 63 Charles of chair design
 - 64 Founding father Franklin
 - 66 Hemingway feeling more uptight?
 - 69 Noblewoman
 - 70 Flowers from Mexico
 - 72 Med. scans
 - 73 Fisher using more off-color language?
 - 76 Believing in one God
 - 80 "Remember the —"
 - 81 "Splendor in the Grass" director Kazan
 - 82 John of lawn tractors
 - 83 I, to Klaus
 - 84 Import taxes
 - 86 Allen being more sly?
 - 90 Venue
- DOWN**
- 91 Big company, investment-wise
 - 94 Swirly letter
 - 95 Around, as a year
 - 96 Warble
 - 99 "I — film today ..."
 - 103 Buck looking more sickly?
 - 108 Nobelist
 - 111 Fleur-de-iris
 - 112 Andean pack animals
 - 113 Light collision
 - 116 Minnow, e.g.
 - 118 Weird things
 - 121 Duchamp showing more serenity?
 - 123 Chastised loudly
 - 124 Kowtow, say
 - 125 Brown slowly
 - 126 Ginning
 - 127 Nobel Irish poet
 - 128 Rocco
- DOWN**
- 44 "Mad Money" host Jim
 - 46 Bad guy
 - 47 Pakistanis' neighbors
 - 48 Not foreign, as policy
 - 49 Lyric works
 - 50 "Judge not, — ye be
 - 51 Tirana's land: Abbr.
 - 52 Dee lead-in
 - 53 Vendor's pushable vehicle
 - 54 "Do — say, not ..."
 - 55 "Grease" director Kleiser
 - 57 Hunting dogs
 - 61 Old Glory's country
 - 62 One being examined
 - 65 "Thor" actress Alexander
 - 66 Old Balkan region
 - 67 Lilly of drugs
 - 68 Come to light
 - 71 Jackie's #2
 - 73 "Curses!"
 - 74 Jai —
 - 75 Basso Siepi
 - 77 That girl's friend
 - 79 Fidel's friend
 - 82 Immerse
 - 85 Opposite
 - 87 Pretend
 - 88 Long-jawed fish
 - 89 Biblical beast
 - 92 Philips rival
 - 93 Attire
 - 95 Lunar feature
 - 97 Defames in writing
 - 98 — jet
 - 100 Keys of R&B
 - 101 Least naive
 - 102 Singer Simpson
 - 104 John on the Mayflower
 - 105 Chili server
 - 106 Boxer Griffith
 - 107 Fortuitous
 - 109 Pole dance?
 - 110 "Oh My My" singer Ringo
 - 114 Lion's locks
 - 115 "SOS!" e.g.
 - 117 Drescher or Tarkenton
 - 119 Gift for music lines: Abbr.
 - 122 Gathered

Grid for crossword puzzle with numbers 1-128.

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 LEADER OF THE RACK SEPAL
 ANDON PEWEE NOELS PSI
 MATZOS ROLLINGSTATION
 ARE CAL IRE YVONNE
 REACH COBBLER MORAY
 IAMB SOLAR NEW THO
 CAMELOT FULLRAGEAD
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 BURNAHOLE INONESROCKET
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How to:

Turn that internship into a full-time job

By Robert Half

You landed an internship, and that means the job search is finally over. Well, for a few months, anyway. After your internship ends, you'll be right back in the thick of it, submitting applications and setting up endless rounds of interviews. Unless you get offered a full-time position at the company you're interning with, that is. While this is not always an option, many companies prefer to promote from within, and you've already got your foot in the door.

If you're hoping to make the leap from intern to employee, here are several things to keep in mind:

Dress the part

Maybe you could get away with T-shirts at your summer job at school, but this is the real world. If you want to be taken seriously, you have to show that you're taking the internship seriously. Early on, if you're unsure of the office's dress code, aim to overdress. Then, as you become more comfortable with the expectations around the office, do your best to fit in with the office style. Stand out through your work, not through your wardrobe.



Act the part

An internship can be viewed as a long job interview. You want to continually be putting your best foot forward, but this doesn't mean you must be absolutely serious for the

entirety of your internship. Your ability to mesh with the corporate culture and your immediate co-workers can be a factor in whether you'll get that full-time position. Your goal is to work there full time, so be someone with whom your co-workers like spending time.

Ask questions

There is a crucial difference between asking a lot of questions and asking the right questions. Asking a lot of questions might come off as fake interest or simply annoying, whereas asking the right questions shows that you have genuine interest in how things are done and want to be a productive member of the team. If there's something you want to know that could help you perform better, don't hesitate to speak up.

Know where you stand

Open communication is essential for any business relationship and is an important step in gaining full-time employment. Ask for feedback from your colleagues and boss on how you're performing and where you could be improving. Be forthright in asking about the potential for transferring to full-time status. This not only lets you know where you stand, but it also lets your employer know that you're looking for a job and are serious about staying.

Recover quickly

You are going to make mistakes. That's part of the learning process, which is ultimately what internships are all about. What really makes interns stand out is how they recover from an

error. When you make a mistake, bounce back quickly. Apologize, ask questions to be sure you fully understand what you should have done differently, and then be sure not to make the same mistake again. Employers like to see that you're willing to roll with the punches and learn from your mistakes.

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