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Employee arraigned in Whitehall resident's beating

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

Novi Police have made an arrest in its investigation of the alleged beating of a 62-year-old Wixom man by an employee at the Whitehall Healthcare Center.

According to Novi Police, at 11 p.m. Wednesday, March 11, the department received a call from Whitehall about an allegation of abuse.



Hill

Novi Police Lt. Keith Wuotinen said the incident was reported by an employee of the facility.

The subsequent investigation culminated in the arrest of William Thomas Hill, a 28-year-old resident of Westland and a certified nursing assistant at the facility, Wuotinen stated in a press release.

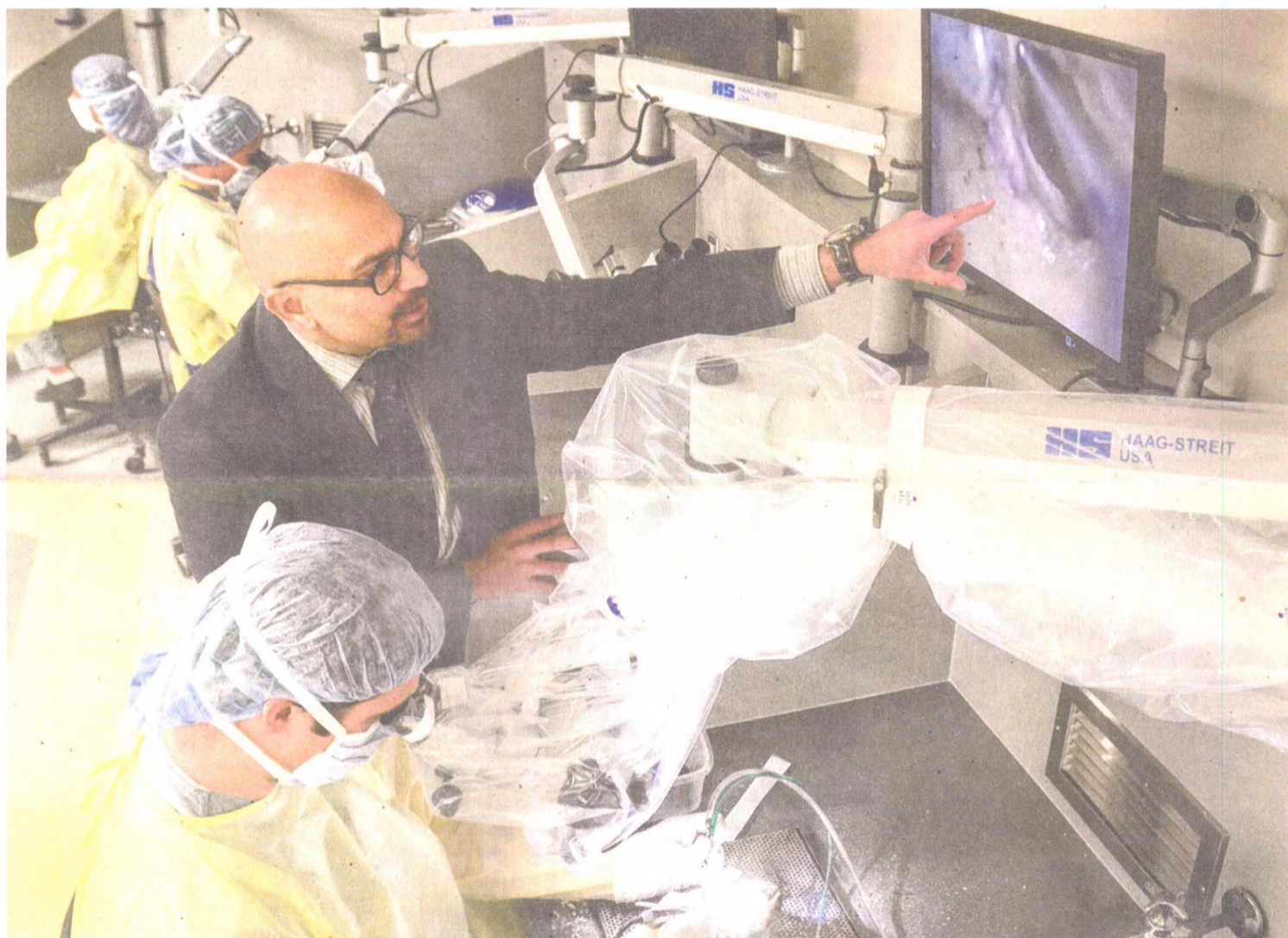
Last Saturday, Novi Police investigators presented their findings to the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office for a review. The prosecutor charged Hill with two counts of vulnerable adult abuse, third degree; each count is punishable by two years in prison.

Hill was arraigned by video in front of Magistrate Judith Holtz, who ordered him held on \$11,000 cash/surety, 10 percent

bond. Hill was lodged in the Oakland County Jail. His next court date was set for 9 a.m. March 18 in 52-1 District Court.

Beth Johns said she was devastated when she found out her husband was allegedly beaten by a staff member at the center, which is located at 10 Mile and Novi roads. Johns said her husband, Thomas David Johns, had been at the center

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Dr. Seilesh Babu (pointing) works with Dr. Nathan Vandjelovic at the recently opened Van Elslander Surgical Innovation Center at Novi's Providence Park Hospital.

Providence Park opens new surgical training facility

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

Dr. Michael LaRouere of Providence Park Hospital believes a new addition makes it a standout for great medical care - and now for great education as well.

A new advanced surgical training facility is now open at the Novi hospital. The Van Elslander Surgical Innovation Center provides specialized surgical training to surgeons from throughout the U.S. and across the globe.

locations like this in the country," LaRouere said. "Providence has always emphasized education, so the opening of this facility makes that a reality."

factors to provide training courses on innovative surgical techniques and procedures. The 9,000-square-foot, \$3.5 million facility features a 14-station training lab, where surgeons will learn and per-

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Is your child using? Forum will offer tips to spot abuse

By Diane Gale Andreassi Staff Writer

Using a mock bedroom, the South Lyon and Novi communities are teaming up with other health agencies to give adults an idea about what to look for if they suspect a young person is

getting involved with drugs and alcohol. Educators from Saint Joseph Mercy Health System will present Drugs 101: What Parents Want to Know with the support of South Lyon Area Youth Assistance, South Lyon Community Schools, Novi Youth Assistance

and Novi Community Education during a two-hour program beginning at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at South Lyon East High School. "It's geared toward parents, educators, grandparents, teachers, coaches and any adult in the community," said Doreen Brant, SLAYA caseworker.

Strong message To be effective, Brant said, the anti-drug and anti-alcohol message has to come from not only parents, but other adults in the child's life.

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Road Commission begins biennial strategic planning

Top administrators, planners and engineers of the Road Commission for Oakland County HAVE begun the process of meeting with officials of almost every city, village and township in Oakland County as part of RCOC's biennial Strategic Planning process.

"This year marks the 30th anniversary of our Strategic Planning process," RCOC Managing Director Dennis Kolar said.

He added that since 1985, RCOC officials have met every two years with the communi-

ties to ensure the community officials play an active role in setting the Road Commission strategy for coming years.

"This is a very time-consuming activity," RCOC Chairman Ron Fowkes said. "But it is one of the best investments of our time that we can make. Nothing else truly gives us such a clear understanding of what the important issues and priorities are for the communities."

Fowkes noted the process involves almost 60 separate meetings. "To our knowledge, we are the only road com-

mission in Michigan that goes to this length to ensure our communities have input in our planning process. It's part of our philosophy of open communication with our customers," Fowkes said.

Kolar explained that the process allows RCOC regularly to take the pulse of the communities on large issues, as well as ensure community officials have an avenue to discuss road needs and provide feedback on day-to-day road-maintenance issues.

"Through these meetings, we keep abreast of what is happening in the

communities. We learn about the new developments, redevelopment efforts and the related traffic problems and road needs," Kolar said. "It helps promote a better understanding of the issues on the parts of both the communities and the road commission."

In addition to identifying current and future road needs and maintenance issues, during the process RCOC asks the local officials to prioritize the needs on county roads within their communities. This information is then used to

help prioritize RCOC projects in coming years.

"Since 1985, we have addressed many of the high-priority needs identified during the Strategic Planning meetings. We have also adjusted our road maintenance activities based on community concerns," Kolar said.

He pointed out that after the last round of Strategic Planning meetings in 2013, RCOC calculated the cost of addressing the current and projected needs identified by the communities on county roads alone. The total came to just over \$2

billion worth of road needs expected between 2013 and 2023. Kolar expects this figure to have increased since then.

Also, at the meetings, the RCOC administrators share with local officials important developments at the road commission, such as new technology initiatives, and convey financial news.

The Strategic Planning meetings will take place through May. Once they are completed, RCOC will compile a report summarizing the information gathered at the meetings.

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since March 5.

"I thought he was safe there. I blame myself for not seeing the signs, but I really thought he was in good

hands," she said. "This is just so unbelievable."

Johns said other employees at Whitehall stopped the alleged beating and called 9-1-1 and she was also called about the situation.

She feels the other employees saved her husband's life.

Johns suspects there were previous incidents since her husband arrived at the center because there were bruises on his back that were yellowed and appear older. These were unknown to her because she did not think it was necessary to check her husband's body until after the reported incident.

She said he is now at Providence Park Hospital recovering.

For her, the next steps are finding the man responsible and making sure this doesn't happen again.

"How many others have endured something like this?" she asked. "It needs to stop."

A Whitehall spokesperson said center is working with local authorities and cooperating. It also released this statement: "We are aware of a situation at that care center and are thoroughly investigating and cooperating with all local and state authorities. The safety of those entrusted to our care is our top priority and as such, we will continue to cooperate at every level."

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SURGICAL

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fect surgical procedures and techniques. There is also a 50-seat auditorium to that allows doctors to view live surgeries. This type of direct visualization is critical to the training experience.

"This new hallmark training center will continue to build on the regional and national reputation of St. John Providence as clinical leaders," said Peter Karadjoff, president of Providence Park Hospital.

Generous gift

VESIC's creation was envisioned by Providence Park Hospital neurotology surgeons Drs. Dennis Bojrab, LaRouere and Seilesh Babu and made possible by a philanthropic gift from Art Van Elslander.

"This center is a flex-designed, multi-disciplinary training center capable of hosting innovative surgical training and other groundbreaking medical courses. Some of the first training sessions in the center will be temporal bone and skull-based courses," Bojrab said.

St. John Providence has partnered with Platinum Training to provide



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Medical students and doctors work March 2 at the Van Elslander Surgical Innovation Center.

its exceptional management ability in building centers and attracting physicians from around the world to train here. Platinum has an established network of integrated surgical training and education centers in seven locations across the country and offers extensive relationships in the equipment and anatomical tissue market.

New techniques

A big part of the center is the partnerships connected with it that will help make it an up-to-date learning environment. LaRouere said the various partnerships will give those learning at the center the opportunity to practice on the latest surgical tools. The center will feature the newest techniques and

most recent advances in surgery.

"Being able to partner with some of the leaders in the industries that create and manufacture the tools we use in surgery makes this center cutting edge," LaRouere said.

The center will be an integral component to linking medical education and training throughout Michigan and eventually through the other Ascension Health ministries across the United States. Providence Park Hospital is part of St. John Providence, which is composed of five hospitals, plus more than 125 medical facilities, in southeast Michigan.

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Brant said the young people she talks with are "faced with increased pressure to experiment with drugs and alcohol. A program like this responds to the adults in the community to engage kids in conversation and the earlier you do that the better."

The program will focus on trends in drug use, signs to look for and common symptoms of substance abuse. The mock bedroom display will show adults 70 drug paraphernalia items, what drugs are commonly being used and where they might be hidden.

The signs of alcohol and drugs are different in each young person, Brant said.

"But I think changes in behavior, grades dropping and personality changes can be indicators," she said. "I think it's always going to be a problem for youth. It's just that different substances change. It's hard



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South Lyon Police Sgt. Douglas Baaki shows off some of the confiscated drugs and related paraphernalia the department has collected recently. A parent forum next week will share tips and advice to help spot drug-related issues at home.

to keep up with all the things that come out."

Marijuana use has increased greatly since medical marijuana was legalized, Brant said.

"A lot of kids think if it's legalized and if you can get a license to use it, it's OK and it's basically harmless," she said.

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Read all about it! March is Reading Month

Deerfield third-graders celebrate love of reading with newspapers

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Deerfield Elementary School's March is Reading Month has a variety of things going on to inspire a love for reading. One recent day, students were seen flipping through the pages of the *Novi News* on a scavenger hunt.

The love for the printed page was evident on that day in Staci Scott's classroom, as her third-graders scouted the pages for the details she wanted them to find as the newspaper was incorporated into that day's curriculum.

"I love the newspaper, especially the sports section. I like to see how all the teams are doing," third-grader Sanjith Udupa said.

What newspaper does he get at home?
"We get the *Novi News*," he said.

The *Novi News* donated more than 400 newspapers for the students to read and take home.

The assignment that day was to use news sources (the *Novi News*, news websites and *Scholastic News*) and make connections to what they were reading, which was age-appropriate.

Scott said the students were also learning the value of knowing about current events, from what's going on in their community to the world.

"It's important for them to be informed about their community and world, even at this young age," Scott said.

With the newspaper, she had her students



Deerfield Elementary School teacher Staci Scott works with her students March, 6 as they learn how to access information in newspapers.

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looking for certain details like a particular want ad or headline. They were also reading certain stories and then writing their own summaries. This was helping them learn about research, recognizing facts versus opinion and understanding why a certain story was written.

They were also looking at the structure of the stories, things like the headlines and photo captions. Scott wanted her students to make sense of what they were reading.

"This assignment today is bringing more exposure for them to non-fiction writing, which we are trying to get them to feel more comfortable with," Scott said.

The rest of the month will be filled with fun



Deerfield Elementary School student Josh Waack peruses a copy of the *Novi News* on March, 6 in the classroom of teacher Staci Scott. The class was learning about accessing information in newspapers, both in their online and print editions.

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Deerfield Elementary School student Kennedy Skown looks through a copy of the *Novi News* in class.

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and educational happenings at the school. Library Media Specialist

Kim Taylor has helped organize the month. She said the next few weeks

will have a wide range of reading events, with one being some local guests coming in to read to the students.
"Learning the joy of

reading is always fun," Taylor said.

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Call state legislators to return funds to School Aid Fund

Last week, the governor and the Michigan Legislature officially took a stand. They made the point that the state School Aid Fund is not for K-12 students in Michigan. Instead of using the School Aid Fund for its intended purpose, the governor and the Legislature made the point that the School Aid Fund is a pot of money to be used as they see fit.

How do I know? I watched what they did.

Gov. Snyder and the Legislature took \$167 million of the surplus from the School Aid



Steve Matthews
 SUPER TALK

Fund and used it for General Fund expenses.

Instead of saving the \$167 million surplus in the School Aid for the next fiscal year or instead of giving some of the School Aid Fund to schools for this school year, the governor and the Legislature spent the money to plug a hole in this year's General

Fund budget.

So that is done. We can't go back and get that money for the School Aid Fund.

So now what do we do? It's easy to get depressed. It is easy to think that there is no use in trying to get the governor and the Legislature to do the right thing.

But I would encourage you not to give up.

Let the governor and the Legislature know that you don't believe that was the right thing to do.

Call them. Write them.

Email them.

Be specific. Let them know the School Aid Fund should be for K-12 education. That is its purpose. That is why the School Aid Fund exists.

The governor's proposed budget for next year has a planned reduction for the Novi Community School District and only a marginal increase for most school districts in Michigan.

Why? Because the School Aid Fund does not have enough money to provide for a larger increase. Yet the

governor and the Legislature just gave away \$167 million to the General Fund to plug a budget hole.

If we communicate clearly with our legislators that the School Aid Fund should be used for schools and schools alone, I believe that the Legislature will do the right thing.

But it won't do the right thing unless members hear from you.

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

Novi Woods growing great leaders

By Lonnie Huhman
 Staff Writer

Novi Woods Elementary's Leadership Day was a great display of the culture the Leader in Me process has instilled within students in Novi Community Schools.

At least 50 visitors attended to see a day in the life of Novi Woods, which had students leading the way, from greeting guests to guiding them through the halls explaining different aspects of the process that started five years ago at the school.

"I like to keep the end in mind, put first things first and synergize," fourth-grader Zackary Kuzma said of some of his favorite parts of the seven habits the Leader in Me process emphasizes.

At each stop through the school, guests saw details of it at work.

There was a "data wall" inside the front doors, giving insight into the school's academic goals and achievements. Third-grader Eva Guanalo said using data with goals in mind has helped them.

"It helps you to know if you are growing," she said of goals tied to things like test scores over the course of the year.

At another stop, students explained their Leadership



LONNIE HUHMAN

Novi Woods students showed off their leadership skills at their recent Leadership Day. Fourth-grader Zackary Kuzma, standing in back, along with first-grader Wyatt Manning (left) and kindergartner Sammy Seki, explained the cafeteria mural to guests that day.

Locker Tags. Each locker has a tag specifying one important skill the student using it possesses.

Fourth-grader Emilie Breault said one skill she has is public speaking; first-grader Shreya Agrawal said she is caring.

Novi Woods Principal David Ascher said Leadership Day was an opportunity for the school to highlight what students have done and where they are going. He was impressed with the way the stu-



LONNIE HUHMAN

Novi Woods students Shreya Agrawal (left) and Emilie Breault explained how the school uses Leadership Locker Tags to demonstrate individual skills.

dents carried themselves that day.

"We are truly working to grow great leaders here," he said of the school's motto. "Everyone is playing a part in making this a reality. I think the parents are pleased to see it have such a positive impact."

He said students are learning leadership skills that are helping to solve problems on their own and take responsibility over their education.

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Hayden House organized a canned food drive for students at the Mary Helen Guest Elementary School.

Walled Lake kindergartner organizes canned food drive

Mary Helen Guest Elementary kindergartner student Hayden House recently organized a canned food drive for students at the Walled Lake school. The food that was collected was donated to the Walled Lake Missionary Church, which provides food for those in need within a three-mile radius of the church.

House collected and graphed the number of food items each class donated. The school collected almost 500 pounds of food as part the canned food drive.

House was inspired to help others in his community after listening to Clifford Smart

Middle School student Caleb White's presentation at the Martin Luther King Jr. celebration. At the end of his presentation, White asked the audience what they would do to change the world. This inspired House to act and he began to brainstorm ideas, ultimately deciding to organize a canned food drive.

White and his foundation, the Caleb White Project, even donated money toward House's food drive.

"We are incredibly proud of Hayden's initiative to lead the school in collecting food for the community," said Kathleen Murray, a kindergarten teacher at Guest.

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Two CC robotics teams capture state crown

Last month was a great one for Shamrocks robotics, as two Detroit Catholic Central VEX robotics teams partnered with a team from Haslett to roll through the state tournament and be named state champion.

Team 2030C from Catholic Central High School was the No. 1 seed in the tournament and selected No. 3-ranked Haslett as its first ally, followed by Team 2030A, also from Catholic Central.

The three-team alliance then competed against seven other groups, all composed of teams ranking in the top 40 in the state. The CC/Haslett/CC combo proved to be a great one, as it scored a state record 84 points on its way to the

title.

Team 2030B from Catholic Central was also competing in the tournament as part of the No. 2-ranked alliance, which was unfortunately knocked out of the tournament in the first round.

Co-coaches Ben Ahronheim and Heather Vingsness said they are very proud of all three teams, which have competed well all season.

Another highlight of the year was a win at the Central Toronto VRC Qualifying Event earlier this month, where CC partnered with its Basilian Brothers at St. Michael's College School on the way to victory. The next step for the teams will be the world championships, which will be held in Kentucky in April.



The Detroit Catholic Central High robotics team celebrated its state championship with a group photo including all three Shamrocks squads.

CATHOLIC CENTRAL'S ROBOTICS TRIO

Team 2030A: Conor Starrs (captain), Albert Asta, Joseph Longville, Andrew Reilman, Danny Reilman, Fareed Samman, Zach Sanders, Paul Schulte and Evan Shoup

Team 2030C: Mithuun Srinivasan (captain), Luke Behm, Vijay Bikki, Michael Holland, Jacob George, Carson Jones, Jon Jraiche, Patrick McNallen, Lucas Pucheta, Quinton Schwagle, Ben Sovis and Alex Zarouck

Team 2030B: Jake Aprilliano (captain), Elijah Blaszczynski, Brian Coe, Michael Ryan, Jacob Swaneck, Ethan Wasylewski, Evan Williams and Grant Zydeck

SCHOOL BRIEFS

Novi High talent on display March 20

Novi High School's fifth annual International Talent Show will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, March 20, in the auditorium. All proceeds are donated this year to Doctors Without Borders to aid in the fight against the spread of ebola. More than 300 people attended last year's event, which raised almost \$2,000 for The International Justice Mission.

The show will feature Novi High School students performing in acts representing various countries. Some of the many acts include dances, soloists, instrumentals and more. Following the performances, a food court will be set up where attendees can sample international foods.

The production was organized by Novi High School's IB Diploma candidates as part of their CAS (creativity,

activity and service) requirement for earning the IB diploma. The students planned all aspects of the show from recruiting to advertising, ticket and program preparation, and emcee duties. In addition, many of the IB students are performing in the show under the direction of their staff coordinator Barbara Clift.

Tickets are \$7 per person and can be purchased at the door.

Wildcats win medals

Five Novi High School students are National Medalists in the largest art and writing competition in the nation: Rylie Butner, silver medal, ceramics; Jacob Carlson, silver, digital art; Lauren Kim, silver, painting; Jeffrey Wan, silver, design, and gold, design art.

Southeast Michigan had 24 award winners; Novi High School was the second highest high school with the most earned medals.

The top 2,000 works in the country earned National Medals and will be celebrated at a ceremony June 11 at Carnegie Hall. There will be an ongoing exhibition at the U.S. Department of Education and the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities. In addition, National Medalist art and writing will also be displayed in cities across the U.S., as part of the ART.WRITE.NOW national touring exhibition.

Novi's Green Gala

The Green Gala is the annual signature event of the Novi Educational Foundation. It will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 28, at Lyon Oaks (52551 Pontiac Trail, Wixom; 248-347-9200).

This fundraiser, launched St. Patrick's Day in 2007, is one of many year-long NEF-sponsored activities. NEF supports the Novi School District's mission to develop each student's

potential with a world-class education by funding program enhancements and additional educational opportunities.

Tickets and sponsorships are available at www.novieducationalfoundation.org.

Novi offering Great Start Readiness Program

The Novi Community Education Preschool is proud to announce it will again be offering the Great Start Readiness Program for 4-year-olds starting in September.

To qualify for this state funded program, children must be age 4 by Sept. 1 and meet two of seven criteria set by the state. The GSRP program is a free preschool and includes lunch and snack. Parents provide transportation.

The all-day class will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday and follow the

Novi School District calendar.

The GSRP program uses the High Scope Curriculum. This curriculum supports the children learning through hands-on activities and follows the state of Michigan Early Childhood Standards. Lesson plans reflect social, emotional, physical, cognitive and language development.

Registration begins April 1. Space is limited and enrollment is not guaranteed. Parents or guardians should contact the Community Education Preschool office at 248-449-1713. The following documents are necessary for registration: Child Information Record form, 12-month proof of income of all household members (2014 tax forms, FIA statement), child's birth certificate, health insurance, copy of child's immunization records and three proofs of Novi residency (one proof must be a mortgage or lease).

A Night for Northville

A spring break theme with vibrant colors and tropical decor will be part of A Night for Northville that will benefit the Northville Educational Foundation and the many programs it supports throughout the Northville Public Schools district.

Hosts Blaine and Colleen Fowler join the NEF to welcome the Northville community to a casual evening of music, hearty hors d'oeuvres, an open bar, fun games, an amazing silent auction and great company. The Fowlers are Northville residents and longtime supporters of the Northville Public Schools. Blaine Fowler is also co-host of *Blaine & Allyson in the Morning* on WDVV-FM (96.3).

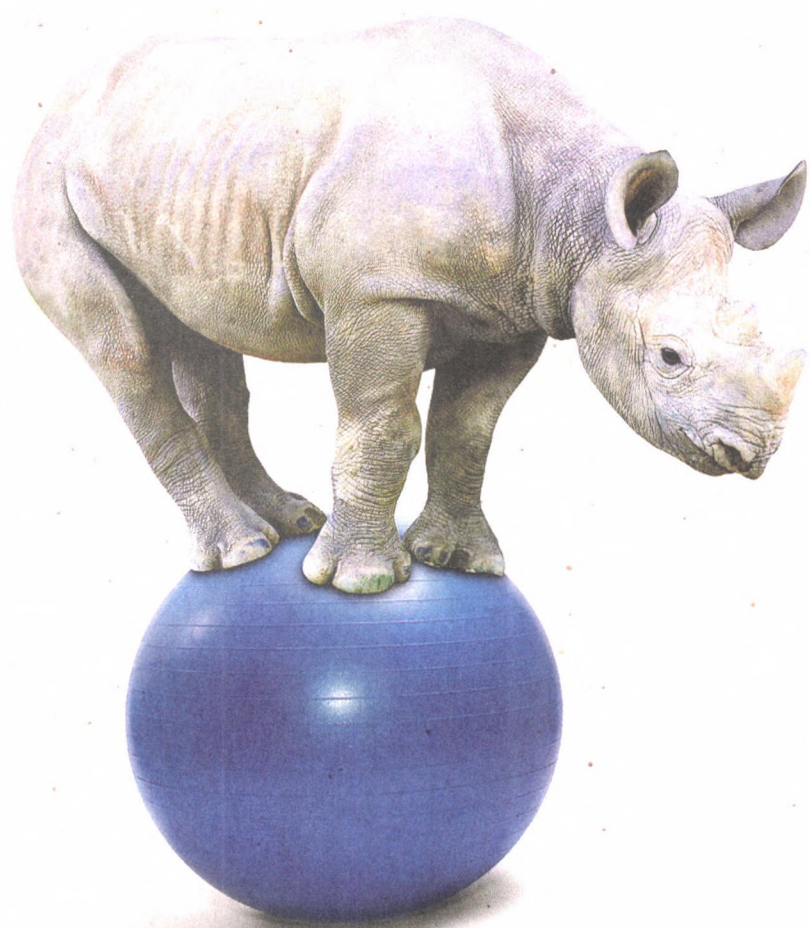
Presented by Patti Mullen and Associates, the event will be from 8

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Frog and Toad

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Students perform a dress rehearsal March 11 of their musical "A Year with Frog and Toad" at Novi's Orchard Hills Elementary. The play, directed by teacher Nicole Gustafson, featured numbers like "Snail with the Mail," "Cookies" and "Down the Hill."



ON CAMPUS

Olivet College

A total of 324 students, including Novi's Mary Dalrymple, have been named to the 2014 fall semester dean's list. To make the dean's list, a student must be full time and earn a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher.

Grand Valley State

Nearly 1,000 students earned degrees from GVSU in December 2014, including the following local students: (Northville) Rebekah S. Cullen, BBA; Matthew M. Lypka, BS; Rachel M. Maceri, BS; Ryan M. Schaffer, BBA; (Novi) Mary C. Anolick, BS; Stephanie M. Berent, BBA; Bryce S. Herbel, BS; Alec J. Lanigan, BS; Evan Lian, BBA; James A. Lister, BA; Margaret A. McPhee, BS; Christopher J. Montville, BA; Jennifer K. Thomas, BS; Chelsea L. Turner, BA; Kevin J. Zak, BBA; (Walled Lake) Anna E. Gottschalk, BS; Joseph A. Schiavi, BS; (Wixom) Matthew W. Dornan, BS; Austin J. Ewart, MS; Kathleen A. Golick, BBA; Darcy R. McGuckin, BA; and Kelsey A. Young, BS.

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p.m. to midnight Saturday, March 21, at Northville Square (133 W. Main Street). Seventy dollars of each \$100 ticket is tax-deductible.

In its fourth year, A Night For Northville is the premier fundraising event for the entire Northville school district attracting an average of 300 guests each year. In past years, the event has helped raise funds for the renovations to Tom Holzer Ford Field and to support programming in the arts in all 10 Northville schools.

This year, A Night For Northville will support the programs that NEF has committed to funding during the 2014-15 school year.

The easiest way to purchase tickets is through the event website (www.NightForNorthville.com). Tickets can also be purchased in person in the main office of any one of the 10 Northville schools or over the phone by calling 248-344-8458.

For additional information, email NEF@NorthvilleEdFoundation.org or call 248-344-8458.

Drugs 101: What Parents Want To Know

An informative and educational program for adults (only) to learn about the signs, symptoms and current trends of teen drug use will be held 6:30-8:30 p.m. March 24 in the auditorium at South Lyon East High School (52200 10 Mile).

A highlight of this program is a mock teenager's bedroom set up for adults to observe and attempt to identify the obvious and not-so-obvious drug-related paraphernalia. Learn facts about trends in drug use; tools to identify potential teen drug use; and skills to engage kids in conversations.

This free event is sponsored by South Lyon Area Youth Assistance, Novi Youth Assistance, South Lyon Community Schools and Novi Community Education.

Walk-ins will be accepted, but registration is appreciated online at stjoeshealth.org/classes. For more information, call 734-398-7518.

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; go to novilibrary.org or call 248-349-0720.

Developmentally delayed students

If you have a child that will be under the age of 5 years old on or before the first day of the 2015-2016 school year, and you suspect that your child may have speech and language difficulties or overall developmental delays, please call Nadine Harris, director of Northville Public Schools Office of Special Services, at 248-344-3530.

Mom to Mom Sale

Novi Community Education's Infant & Toddler program, The Lily Pad Lane, is hosting its annual Mom2Mom Sale from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 18, at Novi High School. Tables are \$20 per round and \$10 per space for sellers who

provide their own racks. All baby, toddler and children's items will be accepted, including large items such as high chairs, swings, strollers and large toys. Admission for adults is \$1 at the door and free for children ages 15 and under.

For more information, contact Community Education - Child Care Services at 248-449-1713. All proceeds will benefit equipment for the program.

Northville roundup, parent orientation

Northville Public Schools hosts two important events in the spring to ease some of your fears and answer many of your questions: Parent Orientation and Kindergarten Roundup.

Parent Orientation is an opportunity for you to hear about our programming, meet key staff members, learn about your child's elementary school and ask questions. The evening is interactive and highlights what to expect the first few weeks of school and how you can help prepare your child for his or her first day. At registration, you will receive a folder with important information that we ask you to review prior to parent orientation. Please note: This is a

meeting for parents only; children should not attend.

Kindergarten Round-Up is designed for your incoming kindergartner. Your child will participate in a number of activities that will help us get to know your child better and help him or her feel more comfortable in the classroom. When you arrive for Kindergarten Round-Up, we will greet you and your child and your child will come with us to start their busy schedule. While your child is with our staff, you will participate in an informational session highlighting our many important initiatives, including The Leader in Me. We will provide more details about the Round-Up experience at parent orientation.

The following are the dates for Kindergarten Parent Orientation and Round-Up at each of our elementary schools:

- Amerman - April 30, 6:30 p.m. May 1
- Moraine - May 11, 6:30 p.m. May 15
- Silver Springs - May 6, 6 p.m. May 15
- Thornton Creek - April 29, 6 p.m. May 7
- Ridge Wood - May 11, 6:30 p.m. May 15
- Winchester - May 11, 6 p.m. May 12
- 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.sbmfef.org) or "Outright Grant" (applications must be completed online by June 1 at www.sbmfef.org).

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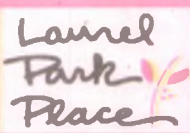
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10:00 - 11:00 a.m. - Thursday, April 2, 2015

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10:00 - 11:00 a.m. - Friday, April 24, 2015

Registration is required. Please call the school to register over the phone. 734-464-2789



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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Empower Yoga collecting for Civic Concern

Empower Yoga Studio is teaming up with Northville's Civic Concern to help families in need. Empower's owner, Julie Cook, believes in giving back to the community and has included Karma Yoga – the act of selfless giving – into her Yoga Teacher Training program.

Trainees are asked to choose a local organization to help during their Karma Yoga Project in which they collect donations in the community and then volunteer in the organization of their choosing. The trainees have picked Northville Civic Concern, a nonprofit organization created by local concerned citizens who wanted to help those in need within their own community. Northville Civic Concern helps families in the city of Northville, Northville Township and Focus HOPE recipients.

Empower Yoga Studio will be accepting donations until March 20. The trainees will be volunteering March 21 at the Northville Civic Concern's pantry, stocking shelves and distributing the items collected.

You can help by bringing canned goods, paper products, soap, cereals or baby products to Empower Yoga Studio (41620 Six Mile Road, Northville) to donate. Phone 248-719-7520 for more information.

'The Frog Prince' at Marquis

The Marquis Theater in downtown Northville presents *The Frog Prince* through May 10.

After dropping her gold ball into a pond, a princess reluctantly befriends a frog and comes to discover that no one should ever judge a book by its cover. Watch as the Princess learns an important lesson, once the frog magically transforms into a prince. A delightful show with lots of singing and dancing.

Show times are 2:30 p.m. March 21-22 and 28-29; April 4, 11-12, 18-19 and 25-26; May 2-3 and 9-10 and Tuesday through Friday, April 7-10. Tickets for all performances are \$9; no children under the age of 3. Group rates and reserved seating for groups of 20 or more. Birthday parties and Scout Days available. Special weekday school shows are also available.

For more information, call the Marquis Theatre at 248-349-8110 or go to www.northvillemarquis.com.

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.

March 31 tax foreclosure deadline

Oakland County Treasurer Andy Meisner is urging property owners in Oakland County to beat a statutory March 31 deadline for tax foreclosure by entering into a monthly payment plan and applying for the Step Forward Michigan Loan Rescue Program, which provides eligible families with up to \$30,000.

Oakland County property tax foreclosures peaked in 2012 with around 1,650 and are expected to be fewer than 800 in 2015. Property tax foreclosure in Michigan is administered by the county treasurer under Public Act 123 of 1999 and involves a three-year process of notices, interest and fees and eventual loss of property.

Meisner's office works to share information with delinquent taxpayers about resources, including free financial counseling and the Step Forward Michigan Loan Rescue Program.

For more information, call 248-858-0623.

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 (faces Grand River Avenue), Conference Room A. Park and enter by the Heart Institute entrance. For more information or to register, call 888-751-5465.

Pistol safety class offered

The Novi Police Department will be offering a Civilian Pistol Safety Class from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 28, at the Novi Police Department Training Center located at 45125 10 Mile Road. The course fulfills both the classroom and shooting requirements to obtain a Michigan Concealed Pistol License.

Registration forms are available online at www.cityofnovi.org and

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

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

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

Eggstravaganza a sure sign of spring

Celebrate the unofficial kick-off of spring at the Eggstravaganza event, hosted by the Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department in partnership with MSU Tollgate Education Center and Farm, from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 28.

The Eggstravaganza will feature a petting farm, kid craft area provided by Macaroni Kid and Rosebrook Elementary, age designated egg hunts, hayrides, refreshments, and an opportunity to take pictures with the bunny. The event is geared for kids ages 2-12.

The price, \$8 for residents and \$10 for non-residents, is for the participating child. There is no charge for parents to enjoy and take pictures. Due to the unseasonably cold weather, parking information will be emailed to all registered participants prior to the event. The MSU Tollgate Education Center and Farm is located at 12 Mile and Meadowbrook roads.

Registration is available now at www.cityofnovi.org or the Novi Parks Office, 45175 10 Mile. The deadline to register is Friday, March 20; no on-site registrations will be taken. For more information, call 248-347-0400.

Choralaires sneak peek

The Novi Choralaires Sneak Peek preview concert spring show "Let There Be Music" will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 7, at the Novi Public Library (45255 W. 10 Mile). Join the Choralaires for memorable songs from the 1970s and join them as they celebrate their 40th season of music.

For more information, go to www.novichoralaires.org or their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/novichoralaires.

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.

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-

My bot



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Vishnu Sunkara, 8, works on creating his own colorful, wind-up robot during a Feb. 25 crafts session at the Northville District Library. Kids got to make their own bots using a couple of wind-up toys and packets of quick-dry, colorful clay.

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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: 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.).

Celebration of Hope

This year, New Hope Center for Grief Support is celebrating its 15-year anniversary. Since 2000, New Hope has been serving people all across southeast Michigan as they grieve the loss of a loved one. Over that time, thousands of people have found hope, healing and new beginnings.

Its Celebration of Hope 15-year anniversary dinner Friday, May 1,

at St. Mary's Cultural Center (18100 Merriman Road in Livonia) will celebrate the past, present and future of New Hope. Founders Cathy Clough and John and Betty Baird will be the guests of honor. The event starts at 6 p.m. and there will be many items for bid at the live and silent auctions, including a week-long vacation on Hilton Head Island in South Carolina, as well as food, drinks and dancing.

Registration (at <http://tinyurl.com/k2r857h>) for the event starts at \$50 per person (before April 8; \$60 after) and proceeds from the night go toward helping New Hope's mission of providing support, education and community to those who are grieving.

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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, April 7, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Council Chambers Novi Civic Center 45175 Ten Mile Road to consider:

CASE NO. PZ15-0005 1653 WEST LAKE DRIVE

The applicant is requesting variances from the CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES; Section 3.1.5(d) to allow construction of new two-story additions on an existing lakefront lot with a reduced side yard setback of 5.5 ft. and a reduced aggregate side setback of 10.7 ft. The property is located east of West Park Drive and south of Pontiac Trail.

CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 3.1.5(d) requires minimum side yard setbacks of 10 ft. and a minimum aggregate of 25 ft. respectively.

CASE NO. PZ15-0007 BOTTLEZ 31260 WAKEFIELD

The applicant is requesting a variance from CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 28-5(3) to allow a second ground sign of 30 square feet. The property is located east of Novi Road and south of 14 Mile Road.

CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 28-5(3) permits a single ground sign in a RA, Residential Acreage District.

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CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 15-57.02

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE NOVI CITY COUNCIL HAS ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 15-57.02 TO AMEND THE CITY OF NOVI CODE OF ORDINANCES, AT CHAPTER 34, "UTILITIES," ARTICLE II, "WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM," DIVISION 2, "CROSS-CONNECTIONS," IN ORDER TO UPDATE REFERENCES TO STATE LAW AND THE CITY'S CROSS CONNECTION CONTROL PROGRAM AS APPROVED BY THE STATE, TO CORRECT REFERENCES TO APPROPRIATE CITY AND STATE DEPARTMENTS FOR ENFORCEMENT, AND TO PROVIDE FOR A PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS.

The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, March 9, 2015 and the provisions of the ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its adoption. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., prevailing local time.

Maryanne Cornelius, City Clerk

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Recognize youths

Novi Youth Assistance is looking for good candidates for the NYA Recognition Ceremony at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 2, at the Novi Civic Center. The purpose of the program is to recognize and honor those students who have volunteered their time and talents for the benefit of their community.

NYA is looking for anyone in the Novi community to make nominations.

NYA is attempting to recognize any student who has volunteered in the community or contributed their time to make the world a better place by helping others. There is no limit to the number of students honored. Last year, there were 14 students.

If you know of a young person who is presently a Novi resident and qualified, contact the NYA office at 248-347-0410 or stop by the office at 45175 W. 10 Mile Road.

Hillside Spring Craft Fair

The Hillside Middle School PTSA is hosting a spring craft fair for amateur and professional handcrafters 4:30-8 p.m. Friday, April 17, in the school (775 N. Center, Northville) cafeteria.

PTSA members may rent an eight-foot table for \$10; \$20 for non-members. Registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis until all tables are filled. For more information, contact Karen Wang, Hillside PTSA president, at kfbwang@gmail.com.

Reel Michigan Film Festival

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. Saturday, June 20, followed by a Q&A 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 submission deadline is April 17. The entry form, trailers and more information are available at <http://northvilleartshouse.org/special-event/reel-michigan/>.

Hoops for Hope

During the month of March, Bagger Dave's Burger Tavern will seek to help the more than 4,500 Michigan families associated with Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan through the organization's annual Hoops for Hope campaign.

To support CLF, Bagger Dave's guests can simply purchase a paper basketball pinup with a donation of at least \$1. The funds raised will go directly to help the families affected by leukemia, lymphoma and other

related blood disorders who need financial assistance and emotional support. With the purchase, supporters have the option to write a personalized message that will be displayed throughout the participating burger taverns, which includes the Novi location (northeast corner of Novi Road and Grand River Avenue).

"We encourage everyone to join us for the madness this basketball season and offer support to the Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan," said Michael Ansley, president and CEO of Bagger Dave's. "Last year, Bagger Dave's raised about \$6,000 for CLF. We hope to surpass that number this year."

Motor City Comic Con rolls into the Showplace

Fighting for truth, justice and the American way, Motor City Comic Con enlists a new cast and crew of comic and media guests for its 26th annual comic con event. The pop-culture event gathers fans of all ages to meet and greet more than 300 creators, writers, illustrators and actors from their favorite comics, television shows and movies.

The event takes place 12:30-7 p.m. Friday, May 15, 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, May 16, and 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 17, at the Suburban Collection Showplace (46100 Grand River Avenue in Novi). Event tickets and VIP passes can be purchased by visiting <http://www.motorcitycomiccon.com/new-tix/>.

Want to be a mentor?

Northville Youth Assistance is looking for adults who are interested in becoming mentors for Northville youngsters. Volunteer mentors participate in 10 hours of training and then are matched one-on-one with a child or teen in the community. The purpose of the mentoring relationship is for the young person to have a positive adult role model to help get him or her through some tough times.

All of the clients live in Northville Township, the city of Northville or in the Northville Public School District. Some of them come from single-parent families; others are new to the community and may be having a hard time fitting in. Sometimes another child in the family requires a great deal of attention due to illness or another difficulty, and the family is looking for positive attention for their other children.

Volunteers are asked to spend an hour or so per week with their mentees for at least a year, taking them places and enjoying activities such as sports, crafts, games or cooking. Mentors and mentees are carefully matched according to personalities and interests, since research suggests that the most important factor in a positive, impactful men-

toring relationship is that the mentor and mentee have fun together.

Northville Youth Assistance will be holding volunteer mentor training 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, April 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, at the Northville Community Center, 303 W. Main St. This five-session training includes information about the program, techniques for positive communication and discussion about the impact that one positive adult role model can have on a young person in the community. Preregistration is required.

Volunteers need to be at least 21 years old and be able to pass a criminal history background check.

If you think you might be interested, call NYA Director Sue Campbell at 248-344-1618 to schedule an interview. Coming to training doesn't commit you to becoming a mentor; training can help you decide whether mentoring is the right fit for you.

Fox Run residents volunteer

More than 1.2 million volunteer hours were given to charitable organizations in 10 different states last year by men and women who live at Erickson Living-managed retirement communities. This marked the ninth successive year in which residents volunteered more than 1 million hours. Maryland-based Erickson Living manages Fox Run retirement community.

In Novi, residents volunteered at hospitals and hospice facilities, schools, churches and synagogues. They also volunteered at libraries and military-support organizations. Agencies that benefitted from their volunteerism and philanthropy included the ALS Association, Alzheimer's Association, Second Chance, The Salvation Army and Make-a-Wish.

"Giving back is what matters most to our residents," said Jeff Watson, director of operations. "They bring their interests and volunteering efforts to us, and in doing so they educate our employees and staff on the importance of having love and relationships with their local communities."

Want to learn more about road-funding initiative?

Officials with the Road Commission for Oakland County are available to give educational presentations about the upcoming May 5 ballot initiative that would provide additional funding for Michigan's roads and increase the state's sales tax - Proposition 1.

Prop. 1, placed on the ballot by the state Legislature, would provide a long-term solution to Michigan's road-funding crisis while also eliminating the sales tax on fuel in the state. At the same time, the initiative would raise Michigan's sales tax rate from 6 percent to 7 percent and dedicate the

Mayor speaks at Fox Run



RICHARD COULTER

Novi Mayor Bob Gatt speaks to Fox Run resident Nita Luther during a reception following his March 3 State of the City presentation to residents of the Novi retirement community. A total of 150 residents attended and Gatt's speech (including a Q&A) lasted 40 minutes. The mayor talked about the excellent job done by of Novi Police and Fire departments, the reduction in debt, the reduction of taxes and the completion of Metro Connector Trail. This connector allows bikers to safely travel 35 miles from northern Monroe County north to West Bloomfield Township.

revenue from the additional 1 percent primarily to Michigan's schools and local communities.

"We would welcome the opportunity to meet with any organization in Oakland County to provide education about Prop. 1," RCOC Managing Director Rocco Kolar said. "We will not advocate for or against the initiative, but we will explain what it is, how it would work and what will happen if it passes and if it does not pass."

Kolar noted that he and the three RCOC commissioners, Ron Fowkes, Eric Wilson and Greg Jamian, are available to make presentations as are other key members of the RCOC staff. "This is an important issue for Michigan and for Oakland County," he said. "So we are making our selves available anywhere and anytime there is a group that would like us to speak."

To schedule an RCOC official to discuss Prop. 1 with your group or organization, contact Peggy Pentecost in the RCOC Managing Director's Office at 248-645-2000, ext. 2252, or via email at ppentecost@rccoc.org.

Limited quantity of tax forms at the Novi Library

During tax season, many people head to the Novi Library for their tax forms, but this year the library will see a decrease in materials it receives for residents. Due to budget cuts at the IRS, the Novi Library will only have access to a limited quantity of the most popular tax forms - 1040, 1040A and 1040EZ - and instruction books for these forms will not be provided.

Forms can be downloaded and printed through the IRS website (www.irs.gov/Forms) or to request forms to be mailed, go to www.irs.gov/orderforms or call 800-829-3676. All printouts of forms/instructions can be made on a library computer, with a library card and reproducible copies of the forms and instructions are also available at the library for making copies (10 cents per page).

For more income tax information, go to www.novilib.org or stop by at 45255 W. 10 Mile Road.

State of Northville

The annual State of the Community will be held from noon to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 15, at Meadowbrook Country Club (40941 W. Eight

Mile, Northville).

"The State of the Community luncheon provides an opportunity for residents and the business community to hear from its city, township, school district and state officials on past year successes and on future plans for their respective organizations" said Traci Sincock, Northville Chamber of Commerce associate director.

Featured speakers include Northville Township Supervisor Robert Nix, city of Northville Mayor Chris Johnson and school district Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher.

Tickets are \$40 per person. Reservations may be made by contacting the chamber at 248-349-7640 or tracisincock@northville.org.

'The Case of the Dead Paparazzi'

The Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department is recruiting teams of four to participate in an interactive murder mystery, *The Case of the Dead Paparazzi*, at 8 p.m. Friday, May 1, at the Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk shopping center.

The mystery starts when a member of the local paparazzi is found dead in a Novi apartment. The local police will narrow down the suspect list to eight, the suspected weapons list to seven and the possible crime scenes to six. It is now up to you, the CSI Department, to determine whodunit, with what weapon and where. Clues are scattered throughout the area and special agents will be working on the case, forwarding on the information as it's received.

The Case of the Dead Paparazzi will take place entirely on foot and features actors, riddles, a scavenger hunt and problem solving. This event is limited to 25 teams. Register early as tickets are expected to sell out. The price is \$80 per team. There will be time for fun stops; however, purchases are not included in the registration price.

For more information, contact Cultural Arts Programmer Amelia Purdy at 248-735-5615 or apurdy@cityofnovi.org.

What's on your bucket list?

Looking for ways to ensure 2015 is a great 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

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 Kapchoniak, 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 Kapchoniak at 248-347-0414 or kkapchoniak@cityofnovi.org.

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 - 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.

CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 8, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **TACO BELL SITE PLAN NUMBER 15-05 FOR SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT AND PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN APPROVAL. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT 31172 BECK ROAD IN SECTION 4, ON THE EAST SIDE OF BECK ROAD SOUTH OF PONTIAC TRAIL.** The applicant is proposing a 2,171 square foot drive-through Taco Bell restaurant with associated parking and landscaping on an existing shopping center outlot. 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 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during the City's regular business hours, Monday thru Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., and must be received by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, April 8, 2015

Novi Planning Commission
Michael Lynch, Secretary

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND GRANT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Novi will hold a Public Hearing on the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) Grant Application Proposal for land acquisition of parcel 50-22-30-476-005, for 12.57 acres of property located on 9 Mile Road west of Garfield Road. The Hearing will be held on Monday March 23, 2015, at 7:00 p.m., at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375, for the purpose of hearing public comments on land acquisition of parcel 50-22-30-476-005, for 12.57 acres of property located on 9 Mile Road west of Garfield Road.

All interested citizens are requested to attend these Hearings

Comments will also be received in writing or in person at the City Clerks Office - City of Novi, 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375 until 5:00 p.m. March 23, 2015.

Arrangements to reasonably accommodate special needs, including handicap accessibility or interpreter, will be made upon receiving 72-hour advance. Contact Maryanne Cornelius at 248.347.0456 for special services.

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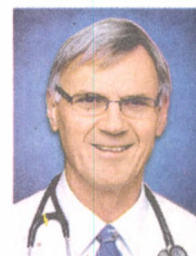
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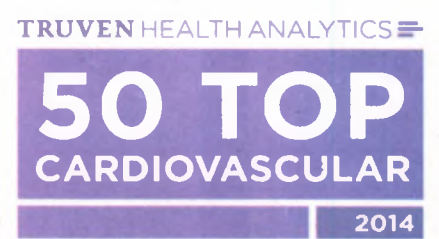
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Elizabeth's Bridal Manor honored by The Knot

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Northville business woman Elizabeth Clancy recently achieved some great accomplishments both professionally and personally with her successful bridal shop being put in a hall of fame, plus she placed highly at the Senior Olympics for ballroom dancing.

Clancy has been feeling good since being chosen to be in the hall of fame of popular wedding website The Knot, which comes after five consecutive selections to The Knot Best of Weddings and then winning first, second and third places at the Michigan Senior Olympics in several dance competitions.

"It's really exciting to be recognized by The Knot in this way," she said of the well-respected wedding resource. "And I'm smiling even more after having success at the competition,

because it's such a fun and personal accomplishment."

There are a variety of categories in The Knot's hall of fame pick, but only 2 percent of shops become part of it. Customer reviews of her shop on south Main Street in Northville played a big part in making this happen. Other awards for the shop include Editor's Choice in *Styleline* magazine.

Having customers rate the shop so highly means a lot to Clancy.

"I would like to thank all of my customers and supporters throughout my 26 years in business and to extend sincere appreciation and thanks to my loyal and exceptional staff who have greatly contributed to Elizabeth's Bridal Manor's success," she said.

The dancing success is fairly recent for Clancy, but it's something she has been working on with teacher and competition

partner Dwight Davis of Wixom, who is an award-winning instructor and performer.

Clancy participated in the Michigan Senior Olympics Dancesport Competition at the Royal Park Hotel in Rochester last month and took first place with Davis, performing the samba, as well as second and third in the East Coast swing and tango.

This was her third competition since performing dance more seriously over the last nine years.

"This feels good. It does mean a lot to me," she said of the dancing honors.

Elizabeth's Bridal Manor can be reached at 248-348-2783 and is located at 402 S. Main Street in Northville. Its website is www.elizabethsbridal.com.

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Elizabeth Clancy's Elizabeth's Bridal Manor shop was nominated for the national hall of fame by The Knot. Clancy has had some success, too, on the dance floor recently in ballroom dancing competitions.

NEWSMAKERS

Stackable rejoins JRT

Farmington Hills-based JRT has added Rob Stackable to the creative marketing services firm's IT team. The Novi resident had two prior stints at JRT, from 2003-09 and again from 2010-11.

As digital asset manager, he will streamline and organize digital assets and also assist the JRT production and internal IT departments.



Stackable

Most recently, Stackable held a position as a network administrator for Smart Label Solutions.

Kalass named Ascend Fellow

Starfish Family Services announced that CEO Ann Kalass has been selected by The Aspen Institute to join the 2015 class of national Ascend Fellows.

The Ascend Fellowship invests in diverse leaders from a range of sectors who have breakthrough ideas to build economic security, educational success and health and well-being for low-income families in the United States.

Kalass will collaborate with other leaders who are on the front lines of new solutions to bridge inequality for children and their parents. Ascend Fellows fuel their work with a two-generation approach that invests in both children and their parents.

"This is an extraordinary opportunity for me to learn with and from other leaders across the country who are equally committed to supporting families and children in



Kalass

some of our most distressed communities," Kalass said. "This experience will also help me become a more effective advocate for policy change that supports low income families."

Kalass and her husband Scott reside in Northville with their two daughters.

Kalass has served as the CEO of Starfish Family Services since 2007. She is responsible for strategic planning, fund development, board development, fiscal management and program and organizational development for the \$35 million private, nonprofit agency.

In 2014, she was elected to the Northville Public School district board for a four-year term. She also serves on the Oakwood Healthcare System board and she recently served on the Executive Committee of the Great Start Collaborative-Wayne, a collaborative designed to engage the entire community in a coordinated system of services and resources for families and children birth through age 5.

Famie wins Matrix Award

Keith Famie has been selected by the Associa-

tion for Women in Communications Detroit Chapter for the organization's prestigious Matrix Awards.

The Wixom-based documentary filmmaker has been selected to receive the Diamond Award for portraying women positively in the media.

He will be celebrated at AWC Detroit's annual Matrix Award's presentation Thursday, May 14, at The Community House in Birmingham.

Keynoting the evening's celebration will be Denise Ilitch, an integral member of Detroit's business and philanthropic communities, serving as a business leader, devoted community servant, tireless advocate for women and children and supporter of many charitable causes. She is "Of Counsel" at Clark Hill PLC, where she advises clients in the areas of business practice, corporate law and government policy.

An Emmy award-winning director/producer, Famie is being honored for his recent documentary *The Embrace of Aging, the female perspective of growing old*, the second film of a trilogy explor-

ing the aging process. A 13-episode series detailing what getting older signifies to women around the world, Famie's documentary debuted on Detroit Public TV, WTVS-TV (Channel 56) in October.

Well-known for his stint on the TV show *Survivor, the Australian Outback*, his work as a chef on the Food Network's *Keith Famie's Adventures* and his culinary skills as a celebrity chef at popular metro Detroit restaurants, Famie began his journey into documentary film-making in 2004.

Governor appoints Koh

Gov. Rick Snyder appointed Jin-Kyu Koh of Northville to the Michigan Asian Pacific American Affairs Commission.

The 21-member commission, housed in the Michigan Department of Civil Rights, advances the full and equal participation of Asian Pacific Americans in Michigan.

Appointees will serve four-year terms expiring Nov. 30, 2018. Their appointment is not subject to the advice and consent of the Senate.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Fox Run earns highest ranking

Fox Run retirement community's Continuing Care Facility in Novi received the highest overall rating of five stars in *U.S. News & World Report's* seventh annual Best Nursing Homes, available exclusively at <http://www.usnews.com/best-nursing-homes>.

Created by the publisher of Best Hospitals and Best Children's Hospitals, the Best Nursing Homes 2015 ratings highlight the top nursing homes in each city and state, out of nearly 16,000 facilities nationwide. The goal is to help users find a home with a strong track record of quality care.

To create Best Nursing Homes 2015, *U.S. News* drew on data from Nursing Home Compare, a program run by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, the federal agency that sets and enforces standards for nursing homes. *U.S. News* awarded the "Best Nursing Homes" designation to facilities that recently earned the agency's highest overall rating of five stars.

Rojo relocates

Rojo Mexican Bistro has moved from Twelve Mile Crossing at

Fountain Walk entertainment complex in Novi less than two miles away to the former Gus O'Connor's location in downtown Novi at 42875 Grand River Avenue. Brian Mexico is the operating partner.

The vacancy at Fountain Walk is being remodeled into a dueling piano bar. It's currently under construction and should be opened by mid-April.

Businesses call on Legislature to protect programs

More than 80 Michigan businesses representing tourism, real estate, construction and other industries called on the Michigan Legislature to protect of the state's highly successful energy-efficiency programs in a letter sent to policymakers last week.

"From a business perspective, energy efficiency is a clear winner, helping to reduce our operating budget while improving the comfort of our showrooms," said Rachel Tronstein, president of Gardner-White Furniture, a Michigan family-owned business started in 1912. Gardner-White recently undertook a series of energy-efficiency upgrades across its nine standalone showrooms that are expected

to result in a one-year return on investment.

The letter outlines the success of the state's energy-efficiency programs, including:

» Helping tens of thousands of businesses reduce energy costs and improve their competitiveness

» Saving ratepayers \$2.5 billion since 2011

» Lowering energy rates by reducing the need for investment in new generation

"Michigan's energy-efficiency industry is a driving force in our economy, employing more than 46,000 Michiganders and contributing billions of dollars to the Michigan economy each year," said Dan Scripps, president of the Michigan Energy Innovation Business Council. "Eliminating our energy-efficiency programs would kill jobs, increase energy costs for businesses and make Michigan a less attractive place to invest and do business."

The cost of eliminating the current energy-efficiency programs is estimated at \$8 billion in lost economic activity over the next 10 years and that doesn't include lost energy savings for businesses and homeowners.

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OAKLAND COUNTY BUSINESS WORKSHOPS

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

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

UPCOMING WORKSHOP CALENDAR

APRIL

- 8: CEED Small Business Loan Orientation
- 8: Business Research: Feasibility to Expansion
- 9: Starting a Business
- 30: Create Your Marketing Plan

WBE Certification Orientation

March 25, 9-11 a.m. Learn the benefits and process of becoming a Women's Business Enterprise. Benefits include

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- 5: Business Research
- 7: Get a Grip on Your Business
- 12: QuickBooks for Business Owners
- 13: CEED Small Business Loan Orientation
- 14: Starting a Business
- 14: Break the Rules, Close More Sales
- 21: Team SBA Financing Roundtable

certification to private sector WBE's and access to procurement opportunities with major national companies. For additional information on WBE or CEED visit

www.miceed.org. Fee: \$25 per person.

Introduction to QuickBooks

March 26, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. This introduction class will provide an overview of QuickBooks®. It is designed for a person who is new to QuickBooks® or worked within the software in a limited capacity. ATD Solutions will cover the basic areas within QuickBooks® such as invoicing customers, receiving payments and making deposits, entering and paying vendor bills, generating

financial statements, and more. Fee: \$60 per person.

SCORE Loan Workshop

March 26, 9 a.m. to noon Getting a business loan can be a challenging process. Learn about the "5 Cs of Credit," including how to develop a winning loan proposal and what you need to position your business to be "bankable" before you meet with a lender. Fee: \$20 per person.

Legal Basics for Small Business

March 31, 9 a.m. to noon Legal Basics for Small Business provides

new and existing Michigan entrepreneurs an understanding of the key legal and financial considerations when starting and operating a business in the state. The program addresses how to select the best legal entity for your business, how to protect your business interests when dealing with customers, suppliers or independent contractors and important information and guidelines for establishing short- and long-term succession plans for your business. Fee: \$25 per person.

BRIEFS

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Upcoming tech248 Meetup

The first tech248 Meetup for the Southwest Region of Oakland County (Novi, Wixom, South Lyon, Lyon Township, Milford, Milford Township, Commerce Township, Wolverine Lake and Walled Lake) will be held at 2:30 p.m. March 26 at the Detroit Public TV Riley Broadcast Center (1 Clover Court, Wixom). The featured speaker will be Thanh Tran, founder and CEO of Kidpreneur. To register for this tech248 event, go to www.AdvantageOakland.EVENTBRITE.com. tech248 is a new L. Brooks Patterson initia-

tive for Oakland County tech companies to provide better access to talent, connectivity and branding.

In Novi, close to 300 companies were identified as "tech" companies based on NAICS codes for industries defined for tech248.

Marvel hosting business webinar

Novi-based Marvel Technologies Inc., an SAP consulting solutions and services company, will host an SAP BI industry webinar, "Which SAP Business Intelligence Tools Are Right For Your Organization," at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 25. There is no fee to register.

Presented by SAP BI Practice Lead Sathees Kana, the educational webinar will provide clear understanding of

the reporting categories like Canned, Ad-Hoc, Self Service, Agile, C-Level Reporting and Scorecards. After the webinar one will have a clear understanding of the reporting categories, what tools fall into which category, limitations, pros and cons of each tool, and what tool to use where.

"The purpose of this webinar is to provide an overall SAP BI evaluation," Kana said. "At the end of the webinar, you will know where SAP is headed on BI reporting. This is important to know because if you don't have proper reporting capabilities, infrastructure and tools, even a skilled user won't be able to make optimal sense of data."

Kana is an SAP veteran with more than 16 years of experience in

SAP BI implementations, Center of Excellence, Technical alliance, Practice Management and Business Pre-Sales and Sales.

More information is available at www.marveltechus.com.

SCORE business mentoring

The Service Corp of Retired Executives one-hour appointments are available from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. one Saturday per month (March 28 and April 25) at the Novi Public Library.

SCORE mentors provide free one-to-one business counseling, discuss how to start your business, grow your business or overcome a specific business hurdle with an experienced business mentor from SCORE.

Go to the Novi Public Library's website (www.novilibrary.org) to get started on a path to an improved you in 2015.

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

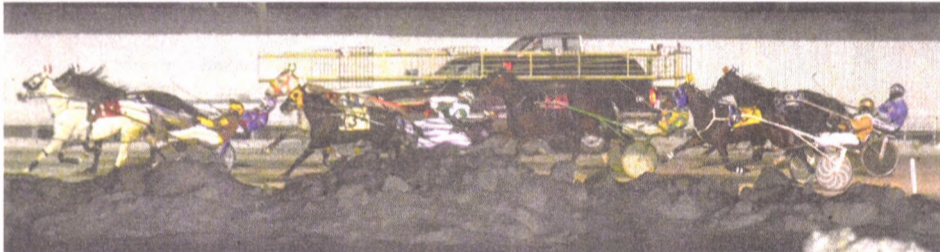
(Leveraging Information and Networks to access Capital), will have small business owners fill out a simple online form of 20 questions and connect them with lenders within 48 hours. By directly connecting with prospective borrowers, the agency will be able to provide more guidance and ensure more capital is reaching our nation's entrepreneurs.

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

After filling out the form, a borrower's an-

swers 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.

Racing resumes



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Harness racers hit the back stretch of Northville Downs on Feb. 27. The Downs has resumed live racing each Friday and Saturday night on. Post time is at 7:30 p.m.

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- WEDNESDAY:** LUNCH - Barbeque Chicken + Veggie of the day + Side salad
DINNER - Chicken Piccata + Veggie of the day + Side salad
- THURSDAY:** LUNCH - BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich + Cole Slaw + Baked Beans
DINNER - Chicken Kabob + Rice Pilaf + side salad
- FRIDAY:** LUNCH - Baked Macaroni & Cheese + Veggie of the day + side salad
DINNER - Baked Wild Caught Salmon + Veggie of the day + Baked Potato*
- SATURDAY:** LUNCH - Homemade Sausage & Peppers + Veggie of the day + side salad
DINNER - Prime Rib + Veggie of the day + Baked Potato*
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Send calendar information to stone@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; CelebrateRecovery@brightmoorcc.org
Web: www.brightmoorchurch.org

Celebrate Recovery

Time/Dates: 7 p.m. Monday
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, Novi
Contact: 248-349-8847
Web: www.holyfamilynovi.org
Mass Schedule: 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, Novi
Contact: 248-669-9400, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday
Web: www.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
Web: www.DW3C.org

Detroit Japanese Christian Fellowship

45301 Eleven Mile Road, Novi
Reverend: Kanji Fuki
Contact: 248-756-3336

Dominion Church

Location: P.O. Box 605, Novi

Contact: 248-767-1366
Pastor: James H. Moseley Jr.
Asst. Pastor: Ashaki M. Moseley

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. Wednesday
Special Needs Ministry: Judy Cook, 248-442-8822
Women's Coffee Break Bible Study: 10-11:30 a.m. Monday -- "WHY? Making Sense of God's Will" by Adam Hamilton
Adult Bible Class: 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, and 7 p.m. Wednesday -- "WHY? Making Sense of God's Will" by Adam Hamilton

Faith Community Presbyterian Church

Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile
Contact: 248-349-2345
Web: www.faithcommunity-novi.org
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

First Baptist Church of Northville

Location: 217 N. Wing, Northville
Contact: 248-348-1020
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. Tuesday

Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first Saturday

First Church of the Nazarene

Location: 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile
Contact: 248-348-7600
Web: www.dfnazarene.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
Easter Eggstravaganza: 10:30 a.m. April 4. Over 15,000 eggs to hunt; five age groups (1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-11); pictures with the Easter Bunny; games, prizes and a gift for bringing a friend; hot dogs, chips, cookies and drinks for all. Join the circus, performed by Cirque Amongus. Rain or shine; registration required at dfnazarene.org and closed after 600 or on April 1 (which comes first).

First Free Will Baptist Church

Location: 51395 10 Mile Road, Novi
Contact: 248-348-2380

First Presbyterian Church of Northville

Location: 200 E. Main, Northville
Contact: 248-349-0911
Web: 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 Street, South Lyon
Contact: 248-437-2875

First Presbyterian Church

Location: 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington
Tri County Celiac Support Group: The next TCCSG general meeting will be held March 30. The doors open @ 6:30 p.m. and the meeting begins @ 7:00 p.m. Our speaker will be Kelly Dorfman, one of the world's foremost experts on using nutrition therapeutically to improve brain function, energy and mood. The title of her presentation is "Beyond Celiac: When Removing Gluten Is Not Enough".

First United Methodist Church of Northville

Location: 777 W. Eight Mile, Northville
Contact: 248-349-1144
Web: 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

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Location: 41415 Nine Mile, Novi
Contact: 248-349-0565
Sundays: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible study; 10 a.m. worship

Grace Immanuel Bible Church

Location: 21900 Meadowbrook Road, Novi
Pastor: Charles Sexton
Contact: 248-344-4465

Holy Cross Episcopal

Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile, Novi
Contact: 248-427-1175; holycrossnovi@gmail.com
Web: www.holyCROSSnovi.org
Sunday Worship: 7:45 and 10 a.m.
Sunday School and Nursery Care: 10 a.m. worship service
Alzheimer's Support Group: 10 a.m. second Saturday

Hope Lutheran Church

Location: 39200 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills

Lakes Baptist Church

Location: 309 Decker Road, Walled Lake

Legacy Church

(formerly First Baptist Church and Orchard Hills Baptist Church)
Location: 23455 Novi Road, Novi
Contact: pastor Jon Hix, 248-349-5665
Web: www.legacychurch.us
Sunday School/Small Groups for all ages: 9:45 a.m.
Worship Services: 11 a.m.
Bible Study/Prayer: Wednesday 7 p.m.

Livonia Church of Christ

Location: 15431 Merriman, Livonia
Contact: 734-427-8743
Web: www.livoniachurch.net
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
Bible School: Sunday 10 a.m.; Wednesday 7 p.m.

Meadowbrook Congregational Church

Location: 21355 Meadowbrook Road, Novi
Contact: the Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, senior minister; 248-348-7757; office@mbccc.org
Web: www.mbccc.org
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.
Church School and Nursery Care: provided during worship
Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m.

Memorial Church of Christ

Location: 35475 Five Mile Road, Livonia
Minister: Mark McGilvrey
Web: www.5milechurch.org
Contact: 734-464-6722; churchoffice@5milechurch.org

NorthRidge Church

Location: 49555 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth
Contact: 734-233-3621; pheaton@northridgechurch.com

Northville Christian Assembly

Location: 41355 Six Mile
Contact: 248-348-9030
Web: www.ncalife.org
Sundays: 9-10 a.m. Sunday School for adults/youth/children; 9 a.m. Contemporary service in sanctuary; 10:15 a.m.: Contempo-

rary service in worship center; children's super church on the second level (208/210).
Wednesday Family Night: 7 p.m.; Adult elective classes; junior and senior high ministries; children's programs, Nursery and Preschool Program on Sundays and Wednesdays Home of Northville Christian School (day care; preschool through eighth grade); call 248-348-9031.

Novi-Northville Center for Jewish Life

Details: Events, programs and activities for all ages throughout the year -- children's programs, Sunday school, adult Jewish classes, youth clubs, holiday services and programs and community social events.
Contact: Rabbi Avrohom and Leah Susskind; 248-790-6075; rabbim@novijewishcenter.com
Web: www.novijewishcenter.com

Novi United Methodist

Location: 41671 W. 10 Mile, Novi
Contact: 248-349-2652
Web: www.umcnovi.com
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Novi-United-Methodist-Church/59782031433>
Sunday Worship: 9:45 a.m.
Healing Service and Holy Communion: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday
Peace Vigil: noon first Sundays in front of the church. Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace.

OakPointe Church

Location: 50200 W. 10 Mile, Novi
Contact: 248-912-0043
Web: www.oakpointe.org/lifegroups
Worship Services: 5:15 p.m. Saturday; 9:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m. Sunday.
ReNew Life Group Ministries: 7-9 p.m. Monday (groups meet weekly)
Women's Life Groups Ministries: 7 p.m. Tuesday; 9:30 a.m. Wednesday
Men's Life Groups Ministries: 6 a.m. Friday; at the church and various locations

Oakland Baptist Church

Location: 23893 Beck Road, Novi
Contact: 248-982-4041
Web: www.oaklandbaptist-novi.org

Orchard Grove Community Church

Location: 850 Ladd Road, Walled Lake
Contact: 248-926-6584
Web: www.orchardgrove.org

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church

Location: 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth Township
Contact: 734-453-0326, ext. 221

Our Lady of Victory

Location: 132 Orchard Drive, Northville
Contact: 248-349-2621
Web: www.olvnorthville.org
Sunday Worship: 5 p.m.
Sunday Worship: 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

ENGAGEMENT



Michael Poulos and Megan Wicks

Wicks-Poulos

Megan Wicks and Michael Poulos, both of Novi, are engaged to be married May 24 in Novi. She is the daughter of Suzy Seiler and Paul Wicks of Douglas, Mich.

A 2006 graduate of Saugatuck High School, she earned an education degree from Western Michigan University 2011 and is employed as a nanny. The groom-elect is the son of William and

Karen Poulos of Northville. A 2006 graduate of Northville High School, he earned a finance degree from Western Michigan University 2010 and is an entrepreneur.

Passages

Obituaries, Memories & Remembrances
How to reach us: 1-800-579-7355 • fax 313-496-4968 • www.mideathnotices.com
Deadlines: Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. for Thursday papers
Holiday deadlines are subject to change.



BODDY, JANET KATHRYN

Went into the arms of the Lord September 11, 2014, after a fifty-six day stay at Angela Hospice in Livonia, surrounded by the loving and dedicated staff who cared for her in her final days. Janet was born July 29, 1945, in Yuma, Arizona to William and Lois (Morgan) Boddy, both of whom preceded her in death. She was also preceded in death by her brother Michael Boddy and nephew James Henri Mailloux. She is survived by her sister, Susan (Boddy) Mailloux of Charlevoix, Michigan, her niece Michelle Mailloux (Gregg Whitley), her nephews Denis Mailloux, Christopher (Traci) Mailloux and her great-nephews and nieces, Connor, Aiden, Clara, Boddy, Kaylyn and Madeleine, all of Charlevoix, Michigan. Janet is also survived by numerous cousins and friends whom she loved dearly. Jan's Memorial Mass will be held on Monday, May 4, at 11:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Fatima, 13500 Oak Park Blvd., Oak Park. Immediately following the memorial, everyone is invited to attend a Luncheon to celebrate Jan's life at Farina's Banquet Center, 2485 Coolidge Hwy., Berkley. Memorial donations may be made to either Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Rd., Livonia, 48154, or to Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish (Fatima Campus), 13500 Oak Park Blvd., Oak Park, 48237.

CAROSIO, MARY ANNE
March 3, 1956 - March 6, 2015
L. J. Griffin Funeral Home Northrop-Sassaman Chapel

CHAPMAN, VERONICA M.
Age 90, died March 10, 2015. Beloved wife of the late Robert. Dear mother Mark (Carla), Gary (Julie), and Larry. Grandmother of Mark Jr. (Jen), Andy (Cori) Kurucz, and Colin (Whitney). Great grandmother of Lauren, Katy, Bronsen, Kitsen, and Taylor. Sister of Virginia Engel. A Funeral Service was held Thursday, March 12 at Harry J. Will Funeral Home. Memorial donation can be made to New Beginnings United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware, Redford. www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com
Harry J Will Funeral Homes

DINGELDEY, JAMES
Of Northville, December 4, 1936 - March 13, 2015. Service by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Northrop-Sassaman Chapel

GEE, SONJA
October 11, 1945 - March 11, 2015. L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Northrop-Sassaman Chapel.

HENDRICKSON, ANDREW
Sept. 27, 1938-March 15, 2015
Arrangements by: PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME - www.phillipsfuneral.com

HYSELL, ANN
July 29, 1953 - March 13, 2015.
Arrangements by: PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME. www.phillipsfuneral.com

McCOMMONS, LEON
March 26, 1929-March 13, 2015
Arrangements by: PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME www.phillipsfuneral.com

PERALA, JASON M.
of Novi, March 18, 1973 - March 14, 2015. Services entrusted to L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Northrop-Sassaman Chapel

REDINGER, DAVID
August 6, 1954 - March 13, 2015. Arrangements by: PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME. www.phillipsfuneral.com

Van Ee, HEIDI
Age 58, lifelong resident of Northville, passed away March 16, 2015. Full obit at casterlinefuneralhome.com.



Sing Out 4 Kids



JULIE YOLLES

It was karaoke at its finest Saturday night at the Emagine Theatre Royal Oak. Standing ovations greeted the 11 performers who were this year's "Sing Out 4 Kids" participants. The third annual event, attended by 150 donors, was a benefit for the FAR Conservatory of Therapeutic and Performing Arts. Pictured are Sara Simon of Bloomfield Township (left) and Irena Studnicka of Novi. Kroger was the presenting sponsor. The sold-out event raised more than \$40,000 for FAR, based in Birmingham, and will go toward providing art, music, dance, recreation and sports therapy to children with special needs.

Conference addresses baby boomer dilemma: What's next?

Oak Pointe Church will host a baby boomer conference from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 18, in conjunction with the city of Novi and other surrounding communities.

Boomer University-Dream Again will have something to offer all baby boomers, including live music with Michael King and The Boomer Band and Ken Calvert of WCSX-FM (98.7) and former Detroit Pistons PA announcer.

Chuck Gaidica from Oak Pointe Church will lead the conference and share a bit of his story and encourage other

DETAILS

Oak Pointe Church is located 50200 W. 10 Mile, in Novi. Tickets are \$10 and are available online at www.oakpointe.org; seating is limited. For more information, go to www.oakpointe.org or call 248-912-0043.

boomers in transition or thinking about transition to dream again. The conference promises to be inspirational, informational, helpful and entertaining.

Various speakers will share their own baby boomer stories, how to transition in life and how

to re-fire when life changes or it gets changed for you.

How to move life from Success to Significance will be the main topic presented by keynote speaker Rhonda Kehlbeck from The Half Time Institute in Dallas, Texas.

Each attendee will receive a complimentary copy of the book *Half Time, Moving Life from Success to Significance*. For fun there will be muscle cars and cool motorcycles on display, lots of free coffee and grab-and-go snacks. There will be plenty of parking and friendly faces.

The first part of the conference brings in live music, videos and the nationally recognized speakers: Craig De-Roche, executive director of Justice Fellowship; Bob Shirock, senior pastor at Oak Pointe; Gaidica, pastor of Outreach at Oak Pointe; Robert Wernitz from Mission Next; and Blaine Dennison on money issues.

All of the speakers will address the question of "What could be next for me" and will also discuss the milestones of reaching the halftime part of life. These milestones include issues of the heart and soul, fi-

nancial planning, health screenings and many more life issues. The goal of this conference is to help baby boomers make a plan for their transition from success to significance.

The rest of the conference will provide attendees with a free medical health fair with free health screenings and dozens of info-tables set up to encourage and help guide boomers to think or dream about what's next in life; how to change careers; where to volunteer locally and beyond; learn to fly an airplane; strengthen their marriage; and

where to travel with a purpose.

There is more after the conference, too. Each Tuesday night for six weeks, starting May 5, at Oak Pointe Church, Gaidica will lead additional sessions along with additional speakers and Oak Pointe staffers who will continue to encourage and guide boomers to plan for and dream about their future. A book study of the *Half Time* will be included each week. Everyone who attends the main conference and/or the additional sessions will help design a new "baby boomer movement."

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Wed is MS Youth Night: 6:30 p.m.
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Wednesday Evening, 7:00 p.m.

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Parish Office: 349-8847 • www.holyfamilynovi.org

New Hudson

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1250 South Hill Rd.
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Contemporary Worship Service: Sunday 9:15 am & 11:15 am
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9:30 a.m. Sunday School,
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Sunday Worship: 8:30 am, 10:30 am, 6:00 pm
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Groups for Children, Youth and Adults
248-684-2798
milfordumc.net
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22200 Pontiac Trail (S of 9 Mile)
Sunday Worship @ 9:30 am
Sunday School @ 11 am
Wednesday mid-week programs
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248-437-2222 • www.fellowshippepc.org

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south lyon, mi (248) 437-0760
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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 Weak
Website: www.fbcsouthlyon.com
• Email: fbcsouthlyon@sbccglobal.net
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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
LO-0000219747

United Methodist Church (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.
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OUR VIEW

Plan a Pure Michigan vacation this summer

With temperatures warming up, couples and families are starting to make summer travel plans.

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Michigan also has 102 state parks, 600 campgrounds and 650 public golf courses, where people can appreciate the state's natural beauty.

New this year, Michigan library patrons can get into more than 230 state parks, historic sites, forest campgrounds and recreation areas for free.

On May 24, the MI Big Green Gym program is being added to the Michigan Activity Pass program, which will continue to offer free admission or other discounts to more than 100 cultural attractions throughout the Lower and Upper peninsulas.

The Michigan Activity Pass program is and always has been free for library patrons. Some attractions offer free admission, others free offers or discounts in the gift shop.

Five passes are available per attraction per library each week. Patrons go to www.michiganactivitypass.info to print out their passes, which are good for seven days.

The expanded Michigan Activity Pass program will include a free, one-day pass to get into the park of your choice.

Also for 2015 are several new attractions, which may or may not participate in the Michigan Activity



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Enjoy the great outdoors amidst some of the most breathtaking scenery in the country with a Michigan vacation.

Pass program.

They include The Richard and Helen DeVos Japanese Gardens at the Frederick Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park and the Discovery of King Tut Exhibit at the Grand Rapids Public Museum, both in Grand Rapids; a \$21 million Penguinarium at the Detroit Zoo;

the Sea Life Michigan Aquarium at Great Lakes Crossing in Auburn Hills; and Michigan's new statewide trail stretching from Belle Isle Park to Ironwood.

For more ideas for a Pure Michigan vacation, go to michigan.org.

LETTERS

Political correctness is evil

President Ronald Reagan and Pope St. John Paul II combined forces to set the stage for the collapse of the Iron Curtain and freedom for millions. The Iron Curtain collapsed, but communist ideology survived and it learned what it needed to ultimately prevail.

The legal and moral foundation of America, like most of Western civilization, is based on Judeo/Christian principles firmly rooted in the Ten Commandments. This is the source of the American sense of fair play and empathy for the less fortunate. The forces of evil have mounted an all-out campaign, under the guise of political correctness, to undermine and dilute our moral foundation. As Thomas Jefferson warned, "Even under the best form of government, in time, and by slow operations, perverted it into tyranny." Tyranny is coming our way at light speed.

By using the camouflage of political correctness, the forces of tyranny have removed discussion of religion and thus removed morality from public life under the guise of separation of church and state.

It is that removal that is the source of the deterioration of the way of life our forefathers passed to your care. Political correctness has made it illegal for preachers to preach moral issues, redefined by them as political issues, from the pulpit.

Unfortunately, most of the religious powers have, out of convenience, surrendered their right to preach and educate their congregations on how political issues and specific politicians align with the Christian foundation of the Ten Commandments.

If this country is to be turned from tyranny, it will take someone with extremely strong moral character firmly rooted in the Ten Commandments, along with the firm, vocal and unwavering support of the Christian community. So as we approach this next election, I plead with voters to ignore all the political noise and vote for the candidate with a track record firmly demonstrated to align with the Ten Commandments.

Ben Di Ponio

Tea Party Patriots of West Oakland County

Agrees with Giuliani on Barack Obama

Former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani came under fire from the media and White House when he commented the president "wasn't brought up the way you were brought up and I was brought up through love of this country." The response was ridicule, not rebuttal, suggesting Giuliani's sentiments may have touched a nerve. It certainly raises questions.

How many Fourth of July or Memorial Day holidays do you suppose Barack Obama celebrated in Indonesia with his Muslim stepfather?

How often did he recite the Pledge of Allegiance or sing or hear the national anthem or hear about George Washington's heroics while attending Indonesian schools in Jakarta? How many of you were exposed to Marxist ideology from age 10 through high school by Frank Marshall Davis, a close friend of your grandfather, who asked Davis to mentor you because he felt you needed a black father figure?

Davis was a member of the Communist Party USA and writer for the communist newspaper the *Honolulu Record*. Frank Marshall Davis did not love America. That's why he was on an FBI watch list for 19 years during the Cold War.

Did some of Davis rub off on his young protegee?

In Obama's book, *Dreams from My Father*, he spoke fondly of a man named Frank. He talked about "choosing his friends carefully" including "Marxist professors" while attending Occidental College and Columbia University. He listened without objecting to the anti-American rants of pastor Jeremiah Wright for 20 years until he had to sever ties with Wright before he became a campaign liability in 2008.

Can you harbor both Marxist thinking and love for a country founded on principles that conflict with it? It doesn't seem likely. Perhaps his campaign promise

to "fundamentally transform the United States of America" offers a clue.

Jack Belisle
South Lyon

Move to popular vote in the United States

I am so glad that a recent letter writer pointed out to me the inequities in the current system of electing a president using the Electoral College. It sounds like the winner in each state takes all the electoral votes.

So, according to her, everyone in Michigan who voted for Romney in the last election lost their vote and it was given to Obama by the Electoral College. And she thinks that this is a fair way to run an election.

The only fair way to run an election is to simply count the popular vote nationwide.

The candidate with the majority of votes, nationwide, is the winner. This method would reflect the will of the majority. No one would lose their vote.

We need to do away with the outdated and unfair Electoral College system. I have thought this for years.

Carol Maynard
Northville

Support affordable care

"Obamacare is a job killer!" Did you notice that you don't hear that anymore? The reason is that it is not true. It never was.

During the Obama presidency, jobs have been created. The unemployment rate has been cut in half. The stock market has doubled.

Now conservatives are trying to kill the Affordable Care Act in the Supreme Court on a technicality. The ACA has resulted in 7 million Americans having health insurance who could not afford it before. The conservatives have no alternative plan to offer. Please support our president in defending the Affordable Care Act.

Thomas M. Hartnett
Canton

Fix our roads

Last summer, as I drove along Warren Road between Canton Center and Beck, I noticed the roads' lines had been repainted. Immediately, I knew that we Canton/Sunflower Subdivision residents would be dealing with this washboard, potholed-infested road for another winter.

Tonda Elementary is located within this stretch of Warren, so it is particularly dangerous to residents

and teachers, not to mention the hundreds of students driven to school each day. Merely painting the lines on this stretch of Warren truly brought to mind the phrase "lipstick on a pig."

I realize this is only one of hundreds, maybe thousands, of similar dilapidated road situations throughout our crumbling state. Surely, something more than "lipstick" paint must be available. Otherwise, save the paint money.

Joe Viola
Canton

Protect endangered rufa

After reading the recently released Fermi 3 Supplemental Biological Assessment (February 2015) done by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service who had notified the Nuclear Regulatory Commission that an endangered species, the rufa red knot, was known to use the shoreline as a stop-over resting, feeding spot on their 19,000-mile migration, DTE first said none had been spotted since 1973, then changed that stating a rufa was seen on the property in 2000.

According to a citizens' bird watchers group (www.eBird.org) multiple sightings were reported in 2014 at the Pointe Mouillee State Game Area, which borders Fermi on the north, and at Sterling State Park, which borders on the south. Sightings have also been reported from Estral Beach, bordering the Fermi site on the east.

The Atlantic seacoast is the main route for many migrating birds, likely because of more abundant food supply. However, a lot of birds take the less traveled inland route, and the Great Lakes are on the flight plan for these.

After flying a few thousand miles, the rufas rest on the western basin of Lake Erie, and feed for a couple of weeks. Then they resume their long journey, doing so twice a year. Many other species of birds do this same migration pattern, but the rufa is the endangered one – this year at least.

Wouldn't it be a terrible thing for their stop-over to be further destroyed by building another nuclear reactor? People, don't let this happen. Now is the time to speak out against it, instead of lamenting that the rufa has become extinct.

Jessie Pauline Collins
Redford

COMMUNITY VOICE

"Spring begins March 20. Is there a song that's appropriate for last month's painfully cold temps and piles of snow?"

This question was asked of parents and staff at Orchard Hills Elementary.



"The Temptation's *Just My Imagination*. When I think the weather's going to be good, it changes back to bad. But it's a good song to play now that the weather has changed."

Mike Palmer
Novi



"Modest Mussorsky's *A Night on Bald Mountain* because it's a stormy and intense piece of music. It's scary music."

Nicole Gustafson
Novi



"*I Just Died in Your Arms Tonight* (by Cutting Crew). That's what it felt like. It was so cold, I felt like I was dead at times."

Jewaun Glenn
Dearborn Heights



"*Against the Wind* by Bob Seger or maybe *Summertime* by Kenny Chesney, because it made me wish it was at least spring outside."

Ryan Smith
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Trott learning the ropes in Washington, D.C.

By Jay Grossman
Staff Writer

These past several weeks have served as boot camp for Dave Trott as he shifts from the private sector to public service.

"One of the things people said to me – you've been running a business and now you're going to be one of 435 people in Congress, how is that going to work?" he said Tuesday while enjoying a week-long spring break back in his district. "I went in with that understanding – I didn't have an expectation that John Boehner was going to come to me every time he made a decision to make sure I was good with it – and that certainly hasn't happened. So I knew that making the transition work would be part of the process."

Trott replaced the outspoken Kerry Bentivolio as the representative for Michigan's 11th U.S. House District. While the two Republicans might vote in similar fashion, their approach to politics could not be further apart.

Bentivolio trampled into Congress like an angry rhino, constantly making headlines with threats to start impeachment proceeding against President Barack Obama.

When Trott met Obama, the two talked about their golf games. Their first meeting took place when he and the other new members of Congress were invited to the White House right after the November elections.

"He came over to my wife and I and we started talking about golf," Trott said of the con-



Trott

versation. "At one point, the president looked at my wife and asked, 'Do you play?' My wife is a good golfer, better than me, and before she could answer, I said, 'Mr. President, she's a very good golfer ...' and then out of nowhere my wife points at me and said, 'He's got a horrible reverse pivot!' Mr. Obama then looked at me and said, 'I'd rather play with you then.' You had to be there, but it was a funny moment."

He then pauses for a moment.

"Whether it's Bill Clinton, Ronald Reagan, Obama or Bush – they're all pretty talented when it comes to being a people person. ... Obama looks you right in the eye and he seems sincere – and again, I don't agree with a lot he's done – but it was very nice to invite us to the White House."

Getting settled

The 11th District encompasses portions of western Wayne and Oakland counties. Even though the district leans Republican, voters quickly tired of Bentivolio's political grandstanding as they bounced him from office after one term.

Trott says he's in it

for the long haul, having divested himself from the family law firm of Trott & Trott. His district office is set up in Troy and he has his 14-member congressional staff in place. He's been appointed to several prominent committees and he's already voted on a number of bills.

And he's enjoying a lot of Chick-Fil-A.

"That's another thing about D.C.," he said. "There's a lot of meetings and at every single meeting they feed you and it's not always the healthy stuff. Although (Republican Whip) Steve Scalise, whenever he has a meeting, he has Chick-Fil-A – that's really tasty stuff. I see a Scalise meeting on my calendar, I don't eat lunch or breakfast."

Trott, who lives in Birmingham with his wife Kappy and their three children, admits there's a lot of rushing around in Washington, tons of committee meetings and perhaps a bit too much partisanship. But for the most part, he's enjoying the ride.

Now, if he could only improve that reverse pivot.

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Proposal 1 wording approved

By Wayne Peal
Michigan.com

Wording was approved Feb. 25 for Proposal 1, a tax issue headed for the May 5 ballot, but a local activist remains unhappy over what it will say.

If approved, Proposal 1 would increase the state sales tax to 7 percent to pay for road repairs, as well as set aside money for public schools, local government and other projects.

But Wes Nakagiri, of Hartland Township-based RetakeOurGov, said the proposal offers no guarantees the money would be used as indicated.

"Prop 1 provides no constitutional guarantees that funds won't be diverted to legislative pet projects," said Nakagiri, who was among those testifying at a hearing before Michigan's state

board of canvassers.

The board voted 3-1 in favor of the wording.

This is how Proposal 1 will appear on the May 5 ballot:

"A proposal to amend the State Constitution to increase the sales/use tax from 6% to 7% to replace and supplement reduced revenue to the School Aid Fund and local units of government caused by the elimination of the sales/use tax on gasoline and diesel fuel for vehicles operating on public roads, and to give effect to laws that provide additional money for roads and other transportation purposes by increasing the gas tax and vehicle registration fees.

The proposed constitutional amendment would:

Eliminate sales/use

taxes on gasoline/diesel fuel for vehicles on public roads.

Increase portion of use tax dedicated to School Aid Fund (SAF).

Expand use of SAF to community colleges and career/technical education, and prohibit use for 4-year colleges/universities.

Give effect to laws, including those that:

Increase sales/use tax to 7%, as authorized by constitutional amendment.

Increase gasoline/diesel fuel tax and adjust annually for inflation, increase vehicle registration fees, and dedicate revenue for roads and other transportation purposes.

Expand competitive bidding and warranties for road projects.

Increase earned income tax credit.

Should this proposal be adopted?"



Nakagiri

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Legally blind in one eye, WWII vet still served country

World War II veteran Bruno Douglas "Doug" Williams of Novi was honored as the Veteran of the Month for March by the Sons of the American Legion Squadron of the Myron H. Beals American Legion Post 32 in Livonia.

Williams served in the Army from 1942-46. He was drafted in 1942 at 21 year, but a childhood injury left him legally blind in his right eye so he was assigned to the U.S. Army Special Forces.

He was inducted at Fort Custer in Michigan and sent to Fort McCoy in Wisconsin for boot camp and then to Rock Island, Ill., for training. With a background as a truck driver, the Army decided to make him a baker.

Knowing nothing about baking, he was fortunate to be teamed up with a seasoned baker who taught him all he needed to know. He was



Doug Williams, 94, is the Veteran of the Month for March at American Legion Post 32 in Livonia.

even more fortunate that he was able to have his wife join him while stationed there. He was then sent to Camp Ellis,

Ill., an Army Service Forces Training Center and P.O.W. camp for German troops, where he served as an M.P.

At the time he was drafted, he was told that he would serve out his time in the United States as he could not be part of the infantry. But, with the escalation of the war in 1944, he found himself on a troop transport ship, two months after D-Day, on his way to France.

He was a supply sergeant there and spent the next year following and supplying the infantry through France, Belgium and Germany. A day never passed that he felt safe and secure, but he had the utmost admiration and sympathy for those on the front line as they were in real danger 24 hours a day. His most precarious and fearful time was in Belgium when the Germans mounted a major offensive with plans to break through the Allied lines and retake Paris. His group was right in their planned route. It was later known as the "Battle of the Bulge."

Williams served out his remaining year in Germany after the war as an entertainment director. He returned to the U.S. in May of 1946 to an overwhelming surprise — his wife Frances had rented an apartment and had it fully furnished and waiting for him. He is proud of his time in the service but was relieved to be home safe and sound.

Williams is a member of the American Legion Post 32-Livonia and VFW Post 6695, Plymouth. His current passion is singing karaoke, and he can be seen every Friday night at either the American Legion or the VFW enjoying a song or two. He was interviewed by members of the S.A.L. Veteran of the Month committee at his home in Novi, and a video was made of the interview. In his honor, he was presented a plaque containing his picture and service information and an

additional plaque was put on display in the entrance hall of the Post 32 for all to see.

A 94th birthday party was held Feb. 22 at the American Legion Hall in Livonia by his seven children and was attended by a multitude of family and friends. S.A.L. members were in attendance to present his plaque, show the video and introduce him as the March "Veteran of the Month."

Williams was also recognized at the S.A.L. meeting March 3 to show appreciation for his service to our country.

The S.A.L. invites local residents to attend their monthly meetings to listen to the Veteran of the Month. The public is also encouraged and to nominate veterans to be honored at its meetings. Nomination forms can be picked up at the American Legion Hall, 9318 Newburgh Road, Livonia.

American Red Cross issues urgent call for more blood donations

Following round after round of snow, freezing rain and Arctic cold in many parts of the country, the American Red Cross has an urgent need for eligible blood and platelet donors to give now to help restock its shelves.

March storms forced the cancellation of more than 200 blood drives, resulting in nearly 7,000 uncollected blood and platelet donations. This shortfall follows more than 26,400 uncollected blood and platelet donations in February due to severe weather across 27 states.

In the Southeastern Michigan Red Cross Blood Services Region, serving Macomb, Oakland, St. Clair, Washtenaw and Wayne counties,

DONATION DETAILS

Upcoming blood donation opportunities in Oakland County include:

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Donation also can be made at American Red Cross Bloomfield Blood Donation Center, 4190 S. Telegraph, 12:45-6:45 p.m. Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday or at the Farmington Hills Blood Donation Center, 31150 Haggerty, 12:45-6:45 p.m. Monday and Thursday and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

Download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, go to redcrossblood.org or

call 800-RED CROSS (800-733-2767) to make an appointment or for more information. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in.

Individuals who are 17 years of age, 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.

they come in," said Jim Flickema, CEO of the Southeastern Michigan Blood Services Region. "Donors who give now aren't just restocking our

shelves, they are making sure hope continues to be available for patients in need."

Residents in unaffected areas can help the Red Cross restock its shelves immediately. As a national network, the Red Cross can help ensure blood products are available for patients at local hospitals as well as hospitals throughout the country.

The Red Cross urges donors of all blood types to make and keep appointments in the coming days. Platelet donors, as well as blood donors with the most in-demand blood types — O-negative, A-negative and B-negative — are particularly encouraged to give now to help replenish the blood supply.

Platelets help prevent massive blood loss and are a vital part of cancer and organ transplant treatments. With a shelf life of just five days, platelet donations are especially needed. Eligible donors with types O-negative, A-negative and B-negative blood are encouraged to donate double red cells where available. During a double red cell donation, two units of red cells are collected while most of the plasma and platelets are returned to the donor.

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County recruiting volunteers to report severe weather

By Laura Colvin
Staff Writer

Interested in learning about severe weather? Want to play a role in community safety?

The National Weather Service is looking for individuals to participate in Skywarn, a program that aims to save lives by providing free training for weather spotters. After completion of a 90-minute class, volunteers are tasked with keeping an eye on the sky and reporting severe weather in their neighborhoods.

The program is coordinated by the Oakland County Homeland Security Division, which will host classes in various locations during March and April.

Human eyes, said Rich Pollman, warning coordination meteorologist for the National Weather Service station in White Lake, are the only "instrument" able to detect a tornado or funnel cloud with complete certainty and are therefore essential to issuing accurate warnings during severe weather.

"Radar is good at seeing rotation in the cloud base," Pollman said. "But it is not able to differentiate between whether that rotation is the first stage of formation of a wall cloud - something you learn about in the Skywarn training - or if it becomes a funnel cloud or if it becomes an actual tornado. So we need the spotters to help us out."

Radar is also able to detect hail inside a cloud and whether the hailstones are large or small.

"But we can't tell if that hail is golf ball-size or baseball-size and that makes a difference as far as the damage it's going to cause," Pollman said. "We can see the meteorological factors coming together to pro-

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» 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday, March 21, Oakland County Homeland Security Division Executive Office Building, 41W, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road, Waterford

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» 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, March 23, Groveland Township Fire Department, Station No. 1, 14645 Dixie Highway, Holly

» 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 1, Southfield Civic Center Library 26300 Evergreen Road, Southfield

» 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 21, Farmington Hills City Hall Council Chambers, 31555 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

» 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 30, Charter Township of Commerce, 2009 Township Drive, Commerce

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duce wind out of a thunderstorm, but whether that wind is 60 mph and pushing over some trees or if it's 75 mph, causing widespread tree damage, radar may not have a handle on that, either."

Spotters also play a role in verifying the weather that shows up on radar.

"Every storm is a learning opportunity for better warning," Pollman said.

Class details

During the class, instructors will walk participants through a recap of last year's severe weather and take a look at how spotters played a role helping with warning operations.

Attendees will also learn how to report - via amateur radio or a phone call - to the National

Weather Service, as well as how to remain safe during severe weather.

"Then we'll actually get into some of the meteorology and the visual observations that will help them report that information, whether it's severe thunderstorm or tornado development," Pollman said.

Some 5,000 spotters across 17 counties in southeast Michigan participate in the Skywarn program and more are always needed; the footprint of any given storm is often relatively small - usually about five to 25 miles in diameter, so a trained spotter is not always available in the storm's path.

Local spotter

That was the case last July, when Highland resident Jim Pearson was away and arrived home - too late to make a report - just moments after a storm blasted high winds and large hail through parts of the township, causing serious property damage.

Pearson began volunteering in the Skywarn program in the 1980s after establishing the Milford Amateur Radio Club at Milford High School, where he taught for more than 30 years.

After learning about the program from other local ham radio operators, Pearson decided to join the effort. Over the years, he's called in details on numerous weather events, but one storm he experienced from his classroom at MHS in the 1990s stands out in his mind.

"We were getting extremely high winds and rain," Pearson said. "We were in storm cellar mode - heads down in the hallway. I turned on my (walkie-talkie) and realized there was no weather reporting going on."

So he broke into a conversation on the main



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Jim Pearson of Highland Township puts an eye to the sky with his ham radio in hand. Pearson has served as a Skywarn volunteer for more than 20 years.

repeater in Oakland County to report the severe weather activity.

"That, I believe, alerted the rest of the county that some bad stuff was

coming," he said. "Highland, Milford and South Lyon are quite critical in warning everyone downwind of us in Oakland County; we're the first

ones to see this kind of weather coming in."

Since knowledge about severe weather continues to evolve, volunteers are asked to take a refresher Skywarn class every other year or so.

"There's something new every year," Pearson said. "I would compliment the Weather Service; the presentations get more precise, and better, every year."

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Tollgate Farm volunteer John MacInnis adds a couple of logs to the sugar shack's boiler March 12. The boiler will reduce the amount of water in the sap to the point where it will finally become syrup.

SWEET!

Maple syrup season in full swing at Tollgate

TAP INTO MAPLE SUGARING

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

March is maple-sugaring month in Michigan and Wayne County Parks has a sweet Saturday program available for your entire family March 21 and 28. Bundle up and join park naturalists for the annual Maple Sugaring program at the Cass Benton Park picnic shelter in Northville, where a historic "sugar bush" still exists.

Cass Benton Park is located off of Northville Road, north of Six Mile Road.

Learn the history of maple sugaring and take a short hike into the woods for an actual tree-tapping demonstration. In celebration of this early spring ritual, the group will enjoy pancakes topped with the "real thing" afterward.

"The Maple Sugaring program is one of many diverse activities Wayne County Parks offers for the entire family," Wayne County Executive Warren Evans said. "This is a great opportunity to experience a unique, hands-on, educational program that is exclusive to our region during the early spring."

The practice of maple sugaring dates back to when Native Americans taught early settlers how to collect and boil sap. The freezing nights and warm sunny days of spring create pressure and force sap out of the maple tree.

The duration of the program is approximately 90 minutes. One may register for either March 21 or March 28 and choose a start time of either 10 a.m. or 11:30 a.m.

Dress accordingly, as this is an outdoor program and the trail may be muddy. All ages are welcome. The program fee is \$6 per child and \$2 per adult for Wayne County residents. Add \$1 per person for non-county residents.

Advance registration and payment is required at the Wayne County Parks office (33175 Ann Arbor Trail) or call 734-261-1990. Cash, credit card or check payable to Wayne County Parks is accepted. For more information, go to www.parks.waynecounty.com.

The sweet aroma wafting out of the sugar shack at the Tollgate Education Center and Farm in Novi is a signal that spring is around the corner and tasty maple syrup is being made.

Novi resident John MacInnis started the maple syrup program at Tollgate years ago in what he calls a humble beginning, with 12 tree taps. Over the years, it grew and now in the forest at Tollgate there are at least 300 taps producing an average of more than 100 gallons of maple syrup a season.

Along the way, he has received help from the staff at Tollgate and its many volunteers, one being John Woodrich.

"It's a fun thing to do," said Woodrich, who is also a volunteer at one of the farm's gardens, "plus Tollgate is such a great place for the community that I like to be out here as much as I can to help."

The maple syrup season started last month, but it really picked up in March with the colder temperatures at night and the warmer days. MacInnis said at the start the syrup is lighter in color, but as the season moves on it gets darker – and that's what he thinks tastes the best.

He said they have a smaller system for processing the sap into syrup, which he believes makes it even better in the end. It takes up to 40 gallons of sap to boil into one gallon of syrup. Last year, they produced 126 gallons of syrup, which volunteers usually have the first dibs on.

A variety of groups, from school kids to adults, is currently taking field trips at Tollgate to learn about this process. It's a hands-on program, offering the chance to tap into a tree to tasting the final result.

To learn about participating in a field trip, email tollgateprograms@anr.msu.edu or call 248-347-0269. Tollgate is located at 28115 Meadowbrook Road.


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JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Wayne Watson checks a storage bucket collecting maple sap March 12 at Novi's Tollgate Farm. Volunteers at the farm at 12 Mile and Meadowbrook roads are working to collect the sap that has begun to run from the trees as the days finally get above freezing. The sap is then boiled down in the farm's sugar shack, bottled and sold to visitors. Tollgate has been sponsoring groups during the week to show them how sap is turned into syrup and held a demonstration day March 8.




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John MacInnis checks the sugar content of the sap with a hydrometer. It's important to figure out how much sugar the sap has, as it will have differing boiling points.




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SWEET REPEAT



DENNIS BARNES

Catholic Central players, coaches and support staff celebrate after repeating as boys hockey MHSAA Division 1 champs following a 5-2 win over Grandville.

By Brad Emons Staff Writer

CATHOLIC CENTRAL DOWNS GRANDVILLE FOR DIVISION 1 CHAMPIONSHIP, 5-2

For the 12th time in school history since the Michigan High School Athletic Association began sponsoring a state tournament, Novi Detroit Catholic Central was the last team standing in boys hockey.

The Shamrocks didn't need any luck just three days before St. Patrick's Day. They seized the day and found their pot of gold Saturday night with a 5-2 win over Grandville in the

Division 1 championship game played at Plymouth's Compuware Arena.

The Shamrocks, who repeated as Division 1 champions, finished 24-5-1 overall under interim coach Danny Veri, who took the job after the school parted ways with Doug Itami only a

week prior to the regular season.

Evan Rochowiak's goal from Nick Macari and Brendan Cleary with just 3:10 remaining in the game sealed the victory and CC's ninth MHSAA Division 1 crown.

"I told them a story about planting

grass and believing in the process," Veri said of his talk prior to the final period. "And we've done it all year long. And we just got to make sure we stick with it. We had 17 minutes. I always tell stories before our games. That one happened to be during it. We told them a story about perseverance, keep mining for the gold. I told them, 'If you plant your grass for 17 minutes, you'll be mining out gold. So just keep to the process, just do what we

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CLASS A BOYS BASKETBALL DISTRICT

Plymouth denies Mustangs in district championship tilt

By Brad Emons Staff Writer

Plymouth's Brent Davis harkened back to his practice habits when he stepped to the free-throw line with 26.6 seconds remaining and the boys basketball Class A district title hanging in the balance.

Northville, which trailed most of the game, took a 46-42 lead with 55.6 seconds left on a basket by Nate Kellum, but the host Wildcats got a clutch triple from Josh Reynolds from the wing to pull within one, then forced a turnover before Davis got fouled.

"That last free throw, everyone was counting on me and I knew I was going to be the guy that lost the game if I didn't hit at least one," the 6-2 junior said. "So when the first one went off the backboard, it was like, 'OK, maybe I can hit the second one.'"

Davis swished the go-ahead foul shot and Northville couldn't convert on three attempts during final moments as the Wildcats, who improved to 16-6 overall, cut down the nets for the first time in their brief school history with a 47-46 triumph.



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Northville's Nate Kellum (right) shoots over Plymouth defender Deji Adebiyi in Friday's Class A district championship game.

"And the second one ...," Davis said. "I just remember we do what we call the (Steve) Nash drill in practice where we continuously shoot free throws for a straight minute and we

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MHSAA BOYS SWIM STATE FINALS

CC's Walsh breaks two state marks

Shamrocks place eighth in Division 1 team standings

By Brad Emons Staff Writer

Jack Walsh not will only go down as perhaps the greatest swimmer in Novi Detroit Catholic Central history, but also among the state's elite following Saturday's MHSAA Division 1 boys swim state finals.

The senior established two new state records and was a member of two relay teams that placed as well while leading the Shamrocks to an eighth-place showing in the team standings with 134.5 points at Eastern Michigan University's Jones Natatorium.

Catholic League rival Birmingham Brother Rice repeated as team champion with 358 points, with Holland West Ottawa (247), Ann Arbor Pioneer (178.5), Saline (158) and Zeeland (151) rounding out the top five.

Walsh, who plans to continue his swimming career at Stanford University, successfully defended his 100 backstroke crown with a Division 1 record time of 48.48.

And in the 200 individual medley, Walsh established an MHSAA all-class



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Catholic Central senior Jack Walsh broke two records at the MHSAA Division 1 boys swim state finals.

record with a clocking of 1:47.26, eclipsing the mark of 1:47.47 set last year by Livonia Stevenson's Nick Arakelian, whom Walsh placed runner-up to in 2014.

"It was definitely exciting," said Walsh, who is headed this week to the USA Swimming Junior Nationals in

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MHSAA BOYS SWIM STATE MEET

Future bright for both Northville, Novi

Mustangs were 12th and Wildcats 21st

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

It was an encouraging finish to the season for both the Northville and Novi boys swim teams following the MHSAA Division 1 state finals held Friday and Saturday at Eastern Michigan University's Jones Natatorium.

While Birmingham Brother Rice repeated as team champion with 358 points, Northville placed 12th with 58.5 and Novi was 21st with 27 as both schools boasted a pair of all-state performances (top eight).

Northville freshman Kirk Maibach placed eighth in the 100-yard freestyle (47.13), while junior Chris Geng took eighth in the 100 breaststroke (1:00.15).

In Friday's prelims, Geng and Holland West Ottawa's Mitch Plaggemars tied for ninth with identical times of 59.59. The two then met in a swim-off for the 'A' final heat after the second qualifier, Hartland's Ryan Geheb, was scratched due to an injury, forcing a swim-off.

Geng edged Plaggemars by two-hundredths of a second in the two-man race, 59.22 to 59.24.

"Crazy day at the state meet," Northville coach Rich Bennetts said. "We were involved in something I have never seen in 17 years of a coaching. This was probably the most watched swim-off ever as they usually take place after the meet is over on Friday and most teams and spectators have already headed for the exits."

Also scoring individual points for Northville were Mat-



NOVI SWIMMING
Novi's Ryan Katulski was eighth in the 50-yard freestyle and 10th in the 100 freestyle at the MHSAA Division 1 state finals

thew Schafer, 11th, 500 freestyle (4:45.51); Maibach, tied for 13th, 50 freestyle (47.13); and James Xue, 16th, 200 individual medley (2:00.27 after going 1:58.15 in prelims).

The Mustangs' 400 freestyle relay team of Xue, Fred Schulz, Mark Kaminski and Maibach also added a 10th (3:12.60).

"That 400 freestyle relay at the end has become a really competitive race within our division," Bennetts said of KLAA Central. "Northville, Novi, Stevenson and South Lyon were all in the consolation heat for finals and for us to finish ahead of all of those teams, yet again, was awesome. We left with a smile on our faces, that's for sure."

Northville's quartet of Larry Zhao, Geng, Xue and Maibach also contributed an 11th in the 200 medley relay (1:37.99).

"We had some really good swims and although we fell short of our goal of top 10, we still improved from what we did at the (Kensington) conference meet," Bennetts said.

"Most of the kids will be coming back next season, so with the experience that we gained this year, we should be able to do even better next year at this meet."

"I really enjoyed coaching this team. They developed some toughness during the course of the season and I'm really proud of them for that."

Meanwhile, Novi's 200 medley relay team of Joey Berman, Nayaryan Manivannan, Arthur Shi and Ryan Katulski placed seventh in the prelims (1:37.99), but was disqualified for a false start in the 'A' final.

Junior Ryan Katulski placed eighth overall in the 50 freestyle (21.65), after posting a prelim time of 21.28, to earn all-state recognition. He also scored with a 10th in the 100 freestyle (46.97) and teamed with James Popyk, Shi and Siddhardha Kareddy for a 13th in the 400 freestyle relay (3:14.38).

Berman also contributed a 16th in the 100 backstroke (54.23).

"We really had a solid state meet," Novi coach Brent Pohlonski said. "I was so happy with the guys on Friday (prelims). When last season ended and were we looking to where we wanted to be this season, our whole goal was just to get guys to the state meet and get them some experience so next year they could make finals. We lose some seniors that were on our relays that scored, but we get all our individual (qualifiers) back next year."

Pohlonski is even more optimistic about the Wildcats' future.

"Our team is far ahead of where we thought we would be at this time," he said. "We had some disappointments that still hurt, things that we were so close to achieving and just came up short on. This team just exceeded all expectations. I never imagined we'd set four school records this year and was beyond our wildest dreams, to be honest."

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BOYS SWIM RESULTS

MHSAA DIVISION 1 BOYS SWIM FINALS

March 13-14 at EMU's Jones Natatorium
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Birmingham Brother Rice, 358 points; 2. Holland West Ottawa, 247; 3. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 178.5; 4. Saline, 158; 5. Zeeland, 151; 6. Rockford, 143; 7. Ann Arbor Huron, 135; 8. Novi Detroit Catholic Central, 134.5; 9. Livonia Stevenson, 86; 10. Hudsonville, 69; 12. Northville, 58.5; 21. Novi, 24 (31 schools scored).

FINALS/PRELIM FINISHERS
200-yard medley relay: 1. Brother Rice (Mark Blinstraub, Drew Grady, Gust Kouvaris, Jack Kennedy), 1:31.68; 11. Northville (Larry Zhao, Chris Geng, James Xue, Kirk Maibach), 1:37.99; 3. Catholic Central (Jack Walsh, Matt Loniewski, Christopher Vela, Grayson Arnold), 1:34.11.

200 freestyle: 1. Kai Williams (Pioneer), 1:38.10; 26. Ethan Bezzina (CC), 1:47.86; 29. Matthew Schafer (Northville), 1:48.06; 31. James Popyk (Novi), 1:48.25; 39. Phillip Billiu (Novi), 1:49.51.
200 individual medley: 1. J. Walsh (CC), 1:47.26 (Division 1 meet and all-class record); 16. Xue (Northville), 2:00.27; 10. Daniel Long (CC), 1:59.51; 20. Jonathan Lee (CC), 1:59.89; 22. Siddhardha Kareddy (Novi), 2:00.27; 29. Charlie Walsh (CC), 2:02.90.
50 freestyle: 1. Tabahn Afrik (West Ottawa), 20.26 (Division 1 meet record); 8. Ryan Katulski (Novi), 21.65; 13. (tie) Maibach (Northville) and Grayson Arnold (CC), 21.63 each.

1-meter diving: 1. Jake Herremans (Rockford), 528.45 points (Division 1 meet record); 23. James Cioli (Novi), 338.90; 24. Nathan Pellerito (Novi), 319.90; 26. Robert Vance (CC), 311.45.

100 butterfly: 1. Devon Nowicki (Lake Orion), 48.92; 19. Kareddy (Novi), 52.72; 27. Xue (Northville), 54.11; 28. Vela (CC), 54.22.

100 freestyle: 1. Afrik (West Ottawa), 44.06; 8. Maibach (Northville), 47.13; 10. Katulski (Novi), 46.97; 13. Arnold (CC), 47.52; 30. Loniewski (CC), 48.89.

500 freestyle: 1. Trayton Saladin (Bridgman Co-op), 4:30.99; 11. Schafer (Northville), 4:45.51; 19. Bezzina (CC), 4:49.96; 27. Trevor DeGroot (Northville), 4:54.99.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Pioneer (Noah Frassrand, Jiaming Shen, Andrew Heise, Williams), 1:23.68 (Division 1 meet record); 18. Novi (Arthur Shi, Toraki Maehata, Popyk, Kareddy), 1:29.78; 22. Northville (Mark Kaminski, Yash Bajaj, Nirek Sharma, Fred Schulz), 1:30.58.

100 backstroke: 1. J. Walsh (CC), 48.48 (Division 1 meet record); 16. Berman (Novi), 54.23; 24. Chris Barron (CC), 55.30; 26. Maxwell Williams (Novi), 55.36.

100 breaststroke: 1. Nowicki (Lake Orion), 53.59 (Division 1 meet record); 8. Geng (Northville), 1:00.15; 9. Long (CC), 59.66; 13. Lee (CC), 1:00.00; 20. Nayaran Manivannan (Novi), 1:00.82; 22. Nikolai Arton (Northville), 1:01.33; 23. Bajaj (Northville), 1:01.37; 36. Andrew Conner (CC), 1:02.61.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Brother Rice (Kouvaris, Rudy Aguilar, Bobby Powrie, Blinstraub), 3:02.58; 5. Catholic Central (J. Walsh, Arnold, Loniewski, Lee), 3:10.29; 10. Northville (Xue, Schulz, Kaminski, Maibach), 3:12.60; 13. Novi (Katulski, Popyk, Shi, Kareddy), 3:14.38.

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Orlando, Fla. "I was racing Nick (Arakelian) last year when he set that (200 IM) record, so that was one of the things I was kind of aiming for this year ... try and drop another second and beat that record. It was nice to see that happen."

"I had couple of races with a couple of guys who pushed me to those records, Mark Blinstraub (Brother Rice) in the IM (1:48.24) and Gust Kouvaris (Brother Rice) in the back (48.79). It was pretty close. I was just trying to hit my hand at the wall first and it ended up happening. It was definitely fun."

Walsh also teamed with Matt Loniewski, Christopher Vela and Grayson Arnold for a third in the 200 medley relay (1:34.17) as well as a fifth in the 400 freestyle relay along with Arnold, Loniewski and Jonathan Lee.

While Walsh was personally responsible for 55 of CC's 134.5 points, the Shamrocks also racked up 27 points in the 100 breaststroke, led by Loniewski, who placed fifth (58.22); Daniel Long, ninth (59.66); and Lee, 13th (1:00.00).

Arnold also contributed a 13th in the 100 freestyle (47.52).

"I had a lot of great teammates to push me and that I had a lot of fun with my four years," Walsh said. "And my coach (Shannon Dunworth) helped me become a better swimmer and person and really pushed me."

"This past year, I had my little brother (Charlie) on the team, so that kind of made it fun. He's a freshman, so it was fun to have him on the team."

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BOYS HOCKEY DIVISION 2 QUARTERFINAL

Spartans' three-goal flurry stuns Novi

Stevenson returns to D2 semifinal with 5-1 triumph

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

High school hockey games last 51 minutes, but it took only one minute for Livonia Stevenson to continue its run in the MHSAA Division 2 boys hockey state tournament.

The Spartans, who captured the Division 2 title in 2013, broke a 1-1 deadlock with three goals during a 55-second span in the second period and went on to beat KLAA Central Division rival Novi, 5-1, in the state quarterfinal March 10 at the University of Michigan's Yost Arena.

Stevenson, which improved to 19-5-5 overall, went on to beat Escanaba in the state semifinals March 12, 3-2, before losing in the championship final Saturday at Compuware to Birmingham Brother Rice, 6-3.

Against Novi, the Spartans struck first after a scoreless opening period on defenseman Zach Finzel's wrist shot from the left point off an assist from Andrew Nowak on a delayed Novi penalty at 2:37.

But Novi responded with a power-play goal by senior forward Brad Hofelich, assisted by Bryan Fegert and Ryan Baxter, at 9:29 to even the count at 1-1.

But just 35 seconds later, Stevenson went "bingo-bango" (as Detroit Red Wings TV color commentator Mickey Redmond likes to say) with a rapid-fire three-goal flurry.

Nate Sudek tallied what proved to be the game-winner on another wrister from just inside the blue line from Joe Alcantara at 10:04, followed by Vince Glenn's goal from Josh Denomie and Alex Hunt at 10:24. Then Stephen Olschanski delivered at 10:59, assisted by Shane Leonard, to make it a three-goal advantage.

"I didn't even know it was 55 seconds, to tell you the truth," Stevenson coach David Mitchell said. "We just talked about staying the course. All year long, this team has been so determined. Whether we score or the other team scores, we have a bump-up shift and we come back. We focus on the next shift. We've been doing it all year long. Give our guys all the credit in the world for bouncing back there."

The three-goal barrage proved to be a back-breaker for the Wildcats, who were making their first quarterfinal



Novi's Pat Wojtylo (left) sends Stevenson's Zach Finzel tumbling with a hip-check during the Division 2 quarterfinal at Yost Arena.

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appearance since their 2011 Division 1 championship season.

"We tie it up on a power-play goal and got momentum," Novi coach Mark Vellucci said. "I think the second goal shocked (goalie) Josh (Richardson), definitely, and was one he wanted to have back."

Novi, which bowed out with a 17-9-1 record, was unable to recover from that second-period Stevenson blitz.

"It's tough to come back from and I give a lot of credit to Stevenson," Vellucci said. "They played a great game. Good game plan and they executed it, nothing fancy, just chip the puck out. I think the first period was kind of a chess match, the teams going back and forth getting a feel for one another. That's how it happens. We couldn't get to that second goal. We had a few chances and (Cullen) Barber made a couple of nice saves there."

In the final period, Stevenson tightened up its defense and put the game away with 3:50 left on Glenn's second goal of the night on a power-play effort from Nowak and Alcantara.

"We just tried to get a jump, get pucks to the net, crash,

managed to get the first one," said Glenn, a senior forward.

"From there, we just had bump-up shifts that kept us going. When we got our bounces, we buried them."

The unofficial stats had Stevenson outshooting the Wildcats 30-25, including 9-6 in the first period.

"The first period, I thought we could be better and we could have skated more," Mitchell said. "But give Novi credit. They put us in bad situations. That's a good hockey team over there. They're well-coached with top high-end guys that skate real well and produced high numbers this year. Wasn't real thrilled with the first period, but at the end of it it was 0-0."

The Wildcats had some chances during the first two periods, but could only score the Hofelich power-play goal.

"Cullen Barber is a guy who thrives in these pressure situations," Mitchell said of his junior goaltender, who made 24 saves. "He held us in there when we were not very good early on. He did really well and he's an extremely hard worker and you can see his attention to detail in practice and everything that he does.

The effort he puts into practice, you can see how he plays in the game."

Stevenson also won the first meeting between the two teams, 5-2, Jan. 28 at Novi Ice Arena.

"We tried to do some things, change the lineups around a little bit," Vellucci said. "The first game, we weren't ready for them. I think we were ready for them today, but unfortunately three goals in a minute and a half was a stunner. We thought about calling a timeout after the second and third goal, but it's just one of those things."

It was a somber dressing room afterward for Novi, which loses 10 players to graduation.

"Our seniors were great," Vellucci said. "Hofelich's line producing on the power play and we just couldn't get one by Barber there. He played well and it was tough because we didn't get a lot of shots in the third period. I don't think we had our first shot until the seven- or eight-minute mark. It's tough to come back when you can't get pucks to the net like that."

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Dives for Akron

Akron University sophomore Rachel Aepelbacher (Novi) competed Friday at Ohio State's McCorkle Aquatic Pavilion in the NCAA Diving Zone C meet, where she placed 28th out of a field of 53 one-meter springboard competitors (246.05 points) and was 32nd in the three-meter event (243.10 points) out of 51.



Aepelbacher

The top 18 divers advanced to the final session, with the top eight earning trips to the NCAA championships.

At the Mid-American Conference championships, held Feb. 25-28 at Eastern Michigan University's Jones Natatorium, Aepelbacher placed eighth in the one-meter springboard (247.75 points) and 14th in the three-meter (244.90 points) events.

As a senior at Novi, Aepelbacher was the Kensington Conference champ, runner-up at Oakland County and eighth in the MHSAA Division 1 state finals. She is the school record holder.

AAU girls hoops

Tryouts for the Novi Motion AAU girls basketball team have been scheduled for the following age groups at Parkview Elementary School (enter the parking lot off Taft Road, by the tennis courts):

Grades 4-5 - 6-7:45 p.m.; grades 6-7, 7:45-9:30 p.m., both Tuesday, March 24;

Grades 8-9 - 6-7:45 p.m.; grades 10-11, 7:45-9:30 p.m., both Friday, March 27.

Teams will be grouped in the player's current grade level. Players need to arrive 15 minutes prior to start time dressed and ready to play.

Forms are available online at <https://sites.google.com/site/novimotionbb/>. The tryout fee is \$20 (parent or guardian must sign waiver form).

For more information, call Ron Valente at 248-349-5464 or Rob LaLain at 248-767-2030.

Women's golf lunch

The Executive Women's Golf Association Metro Detroit will stage its 2015 season kickoff from noon to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, March 21, at On the Dunes Sports, 2055 Haggerty Road, Commerce Township.

The event features lunch, networking, golf simulators, golf practice, golf fitness and contests. Jacky Brito of the LPGA is the guest speaker. The cost is \$35.

You can register online at www.ewgamd.com.

Novi Rec leagues

The city of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department is offering a series of activities for every age, including golf at Riverbank Golf Course, soccer at ITC Community Sports Park, softball at Ella Mae Power Park and tennis.

» The adult 8-on-8 soccer league (ages 18-and-up) is a five-game season each Sunday afternoon beginning April 19. Teams will earn trophies based on standings at the end season. The cost is \$250 per team, plus \$30 referee fee. Interested individuals will be placed on a "free agent" list.

» The adult tennis league (ages 18-and-up) features a 14-match season with matches scheduled on a weekly basis directly with opponents at a convenient time and location for both. There will be a season-ending banquet. The cost is \$50 per resident for singles and \$25 each for doubles.

» The 55-plus golf league includes men's Monday, women's Wednesday and mixed Thursday divisions.

All golf leagues consist of partners playing a round-robin schedule with a banquet at the conclusion of the season. The cost is \$219 per resident for the first league and \$199 per additional league. A \$5 golf cart fee for will be assessed weekly based on two individuals sharing a cart.

» The 55-plus softball league will be Tuesday morning and Thursday evening. Registration is by teams only and the cost is \$560 per team, which includes 12 regular season games, and a tournament. Umpires are paid \$15 per team at the field.

Registration for leagues is ongoing at cityofnovi.org.

For information, visit the Novi Parks office inside the Novi Civic Center, 45175 10 Mile, or call 248-347-0400.

REPEAT

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do and we'll be OK."

The Shamrocks got off to a good start as junior JoJo Mancinelli lifted a quick backhand by Grandville goaltender Myles Madden at 3:07 of the first period off assists from Ryan Burnett and J.P. Lafferty.

Catholic Central struck again at the 10:36 mark on Andrew Spiegel's goal from Dillon Jones to make it 2-0.

CC also killed off a pair of penalties during the final 3:16 of the first to lead 2-0, while outshooting the Bulldogs, 13-7.

The Shamrocks then went up 3-0 at 6:30 of the second period on Luc Krasicky's rebound goal from Owen Kipke and Jones.

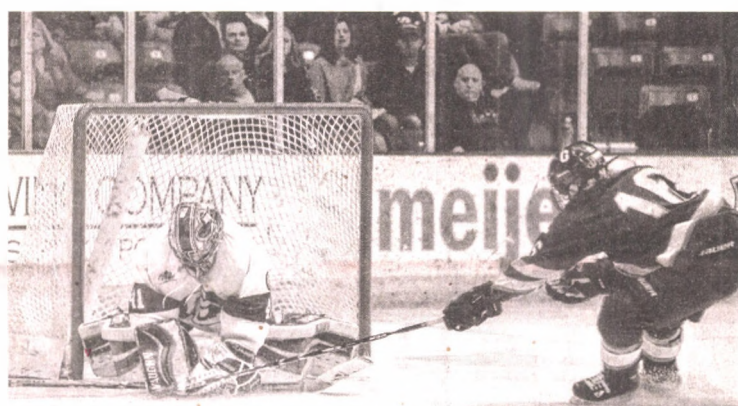
And at that point, it appeared CC was well on its way to perhaps a lopsided win.

But the Bulldogs (25-4-2) started to show some life and apply some offensive pressure, scoring back-to-back goals a 14-second span in the second.

Jacob Baum lit the lamp at 13:50 on a power play off a rebound following a shot by Mitchell Parsons. Gianni Vitali scored again for the Bulldogs from Zach Vanderwolf and Brandon Rozema at 14:04.

But just 46 seconds later, after Vitali was sent off for a hooking penalty, the Shamrocks responded with a power-play goal of their own by Rochowiak off an assist from Kyle Mulka to make it 4-2 at the end of two periods.

"It was a great play on the power play by Blake (Veri)," said Rochowiak, a senior forward. "When they put two goals behind us, we got a little bit nervous and I think the goal kind of took the pressure



Catholic Central goaltender Spencer Wright (left) saves a breakthrough attempt by Grandville's Noah Weigle in Saturday's Division 1 final.

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Catholic Central's JoJo Mancinelli slips a backhand past Grandville goalie Myles Madden for the game's first goal.

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off us a little bit.

"I think we recovered well. We got into a little bit of a slump in the second period and we weren't playing like we did in the first. So we just decided to step it up again and it turned out well."

CC outshot the Bulldogs 15-12 during the second period, but it was by far Grandville's best period.

"We were within a hair's-breath of tying that up,"

Grandville coach Joel Breazeale said. "It was a great game and a great team won. Two great teams competed."

The two teams played in Grand Rapids during the regular season, with the Shamrocks coming out on top 4-1.

"The big thing we realized was that although we lacked the depth that CC had, we knew certainly from a grit standpoint, the speed standpoint, we could compete," Breazeale said. "Honestly, this performance was better than the Van Andel (Arena) performance, in my opinion, considering everything that was at stake."

Madden kept the Bulldogs close with 42 saves. Although CC's Spencer Wright had to make just 20 saves, he always seemed to come up with the key stop.

"Spencer is a great goalie," CC senior captain Andrew Lane said of his teammate. "I've been playing with Spencer since the eighth grade in Farmington. He's always been reliable. He's the best goalie you can have in this state, honestly. In my opinion, he's the best."

Although the CC players

celebrated jubilantly with their massive student section following the victory, it was almost a sigh of relief for many connected with the team.

"It's unbelievably stressful, the pressure from the school, parents, family, friends ... everyone is relying on you, especially this year," Lane said. "Luckily, we had a team that all bought into the program. It was unbelievable to win again, probably the greatest feeling in the world."

Veri, CC's third head coach in three years, said afterward that he'll return to his JV duties next season.

"We had great leadership and these guys are a really, really tight group," the interim coach said. "They really went to battle for each other. I believe it. They're a great bunch of guys. It's been fun. I saw them come in as freshmen and go out and win as seniors."

And although the Shamrocks had some mid-season woes, they were able to bounce back and close the season on an 11-game winning streak.

"We had some adversity at the very beginning of the season with the coaching change," Veri said. "We as a staff had to build the trust of the players. I did coach a majority of these guys already through the JV program, so at least they knew who I was. And they bought in. They had that little slump in the middle of the season and I told them that was probably the best thing in the world that could have happened to them, because it made them realize that when we steer away from what we are doing, we're going to run into some trouble. They got back on track."

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BOYS HOCKEY

It was a Veri special ending for CC interim coach

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Novi Detroit Catholic Central's Danny Veri literally tried to hide from the spotlight all season when he was dealing with the press, always deflecting the attention away from himself and putting it toward the players.

While the media was waiting for the interim boys hockey coach out in the hallway following an impressive 6-0 January victory over Rochester Unified in a match-up of the state's top-ranked teams, Veri had already headed out the back door of Plymouth's Compuware Arena and to the parking lot.

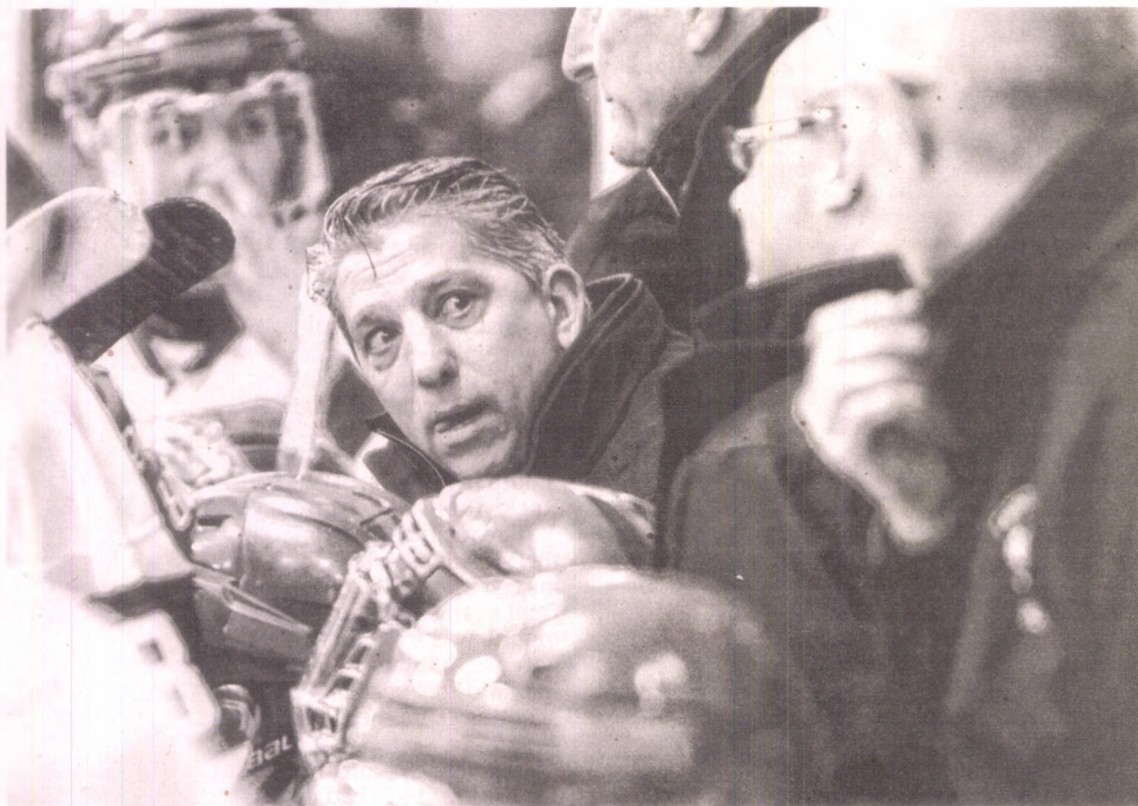
While he was driving on Beck Road, a CC assistant coach reached Veri on his cell phone and said the media were waiting for some quotes.

Veri immediately turned around and headed back inside the arena with one polite stipulation: "No videos, please. I'm too ugly to be on camera, thank you."

But after Saturday night's 5-2 victory over Grandville, Veri couldn't avoid the lenses that were aimed directly at him.

And as always, Veri handled the post-game press conference like he handled his newly crowned 2015 MHSAA Division 1 state champions – cool, calm and collected.

Veri, who served as CC's White and Blue JV coach during the past four seasons, certainly found himself on the hot seat after being named interim coach just one week before the regular season following the departure of Doug Itami, who parted ways with the CC administration following a 23-7 record and a 2014 Division 1



Catholic Central interim boys hockey coach Danny Veri never wanted to be the center of attention.

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state title.

Veri, who builds homes for a living and owns his own construction firm based in Livonia, found himself starting from the ground up, although he was surrounded with a solid cast of assistant coaches, including Gordie St. John – who guided or co-coached CC to seven MHSAA crowns – along with Rick Buttery, Tom Nugent and Mark Johnson.

"We had some adversity early in the season with the coaching change," Veri said. "We as a staff had to build the trust with the players. I did coach a large majority of these guys already through the JV

program, so at least they knew who I was. And they bought in."

CC, as always, played a demanding schedule and the Shamrocks (24-5-1) took a few lumps along the way after starting out 10-0-1.

A pair of weekend losses occurred against Culver (Ind.) Military Academy, one of the nation's top prep hockey programs. CC also fell to Division 2 champ Birmingham Brother Rice, lost to and tied Division 3 champ Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook and lost to Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central.

"We had that little slump in the middle of the season and I

told them that was probably the best thing that could have happened to them, because it made them realize if you steer away from what you're doing, you're going to run into trouble," Veri said. "They got back on track and we almost had the tale of two seasons."

Veri reaffirmed following Saturday night's victory that he's a "one-and-done" varsity coach. CC athletic director Aaron Babicz will be searching for his third head coach in four seasons for the high-profile program.

And it's only speculation at his stage who might be Veri's successor.

"I can't do it," Veri said of the varsity job. "This program needs a lot of time. I own my own business. I have four kids and three of them play hockey. I don't have the time to commit. I did it this year, but I told Aaron I can't do it the way my lifestyle is as far as work and personal commitments with my kids."

Veri said he plans to return to his old coaching position.

"The JV program – I probably put in a hell of a lot more time than most coaches do," he said. "I do video, I do things that probably others don't, but varsity is that much more. And this program deserves 100-percent focus, 100-percent attention and all the extra things that help the kids get to the next level. And all those things, I just don't have the time to commit to. I do enjoy it and it's great, but I can't."

Amid the jubilation and the celebration Saturday night at Compuware, Veri did enjoy one Kodak moment. He was able to share it with one of his senior defensemen, who knows the CC interim coach probably better than anybody.

"What's really funny," Veri said, "I won state championships with my daughter and my other son and every year I kept saying, 'Wow, I kept forgetting to see my kid's reaction when we won and the buzzer went off. I purposely found where my son (Blake) was on the bench and stared at him and I watched him the whole time until I saw the smile on his face, throwing up his arms and his gear ... that was really cool; that was the best part about it."

Too bad the media missed out on a video capturing that priceless moment.

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Novi Detroit Catholic Central's Alex Kreutzer (left) battles for the puck against Nick Gadowski of University of Detroit-Jesuit.

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CC rides extra gear into D1 final

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Unleashing a full-speed attack that never wavered for 51 minutes, Novi Detroit Catholic Central outshot University of Detroit-Jesuit by a 54-18 margin during Friday's boys hockey Division 1 state semifinal at Compuware Arena.

Yet the Shamrocks had to hold on for dear life in the final minutes, earning a 4-3 victory over the Cubs and moving on to the D1 final.

"Last year was a feeling I'll never forget; honestly seems like a dream," Shamrocks senior defenseman Owen Kipke said. "And knowing I'll have another chance to make it reality is an unreal feeling."

CC needed to kill off late penalties in order to seal the deal and advance to the final for the second consecutive season. But thanks to team depth and speed, the Shamrocks (23-5-1) just had more in the tank down the stretch.

"Sam Knoblauch, Christian Wirth-Karbler and Teddy Apap are their three players and they're in every situation," Shamrocks head coach Danny Veri said. "You could see they ran out of gas. When they have to fight against us rolling, pushing it every shift ... I'm the luckiest coach in the world to have the depth that we have here that allow us to do that."

U-D Jesuit (22-7-1) somehow stayed close all night despite senior goalie Jack Deines facing an endless attack.

"They're just a really good team. They're deep, they come at you in waves, they throw four lines at you and we only have three," Cubs head coach Rick Bennetts said.

"Just in terms of numbers, we had 20 guys dressed, but we only skated 15. They used all 20. It makes a difference in the long run."

The Cubs got out to a quick 1-0 lead just 1:27 into the contest, when Wirth-Karbler scored the first of his two goals. Wirth-Karbler one-timed a crossing feed from Joey Garves over the trapper of Shamrocks senior goalie Spencer Wright.

But the Shamrocks quickly responded with 12:34 remaining in the period, when senior defenseman Ryan Burnett followed up his own rebound and jammed the puck past Deines. Drawing the assist was JoJo Mancinelli.

Once again, U-D took a one-goal lead thanks to Wirth-Karbler. With just under 10 minutes remaining, he took a pass from Apap, cut in front of Wright and slid a backhand that slipped through the goaltender's pads.

CC, which enjoyed an 18-6 shots advantage in the opening period, managed to draw even with 3:48 left on a power

play goal by senior defenseman Blake Veri.

"We felt we were fortunate to be 2-2 after the first period," Bennetts said. "We wanted to try and make a few adjustments on how to get the puck out of our end, because we kept turning the puck over trying to make breakout passes."

The CC attack continued unabated in the middle period, yet it took a miscue by Deines to lead to the tie-breaking goal at 4:26.

Deines went behind his net to handle the puck. But junior forward Kyle Mulka stripped him of it and sent it into the vacated net.

Less than a minute later, CC junior forward Brian Kearns scored (from Dillon Jones and Andrew Spiegel) to make it 4-2.

U-D would not go away quietly, however. A power-play goal by Lorenzo D'Agostini with 9:31 left in the second cut the deficit to 4-3, despite the Cubs being outshot 35-9 to that point.

The third period was a parade to the penalty box by both teams. The Shamrocks needed to kill off a major for boarding, not to mention a late minor against Kipke.

Veri wasn't too worried, not with a team still with plenty of energy: "I think I got a little grayer. It was intense, but we had our guys out there. We were OK."

BOYS HOCKEY

Shamrocks waltz by Troy icers in quarters

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

It continued to be a relative smooth ride March 11 for Novi Catholic Central in its quest to repeat as MHSAA Division 1 boys hockey champion.

The Shamrocks made it three shutouts in three state tournament games with a 7-0 triumph over Troy in a quarterfinal at Orchard Lake St. Mary's Athletic Center.

CC, which improved to 22-5-1 overall, got a pair of goals from senior Mitch Ossowski to reach the state semifinal against University of Detroit-Jesuit, which eliminated Salem on the same night, 4-2.

Catholic Central outshot the Colts 19-5 in the opening period, but had only one goal to show for it as Ryan Burnett scored at the 52-second mark from Owen Kipke and Andrew Spiegel.

Troy (23-4-1) was able to keep it a one-goal deficit thanks to the solid goaltending of Michael Fisher as the Colts successfully fought off three CC power-play chances to end the period.

"We took them a little lighter than we should have," CC interim coach Danny Veri said. "They heard it in the room and started playing again."

It took the Shamrocks just 33 seconds into the second period to go up 3-0.

Ossowski scored on a power play from Alex Kreutzer and Burnett at the 14-second mark and then quickly followed with his second from Kreutzer and Burnett just 19 seconds later.

"We weren't really offensive in the first period and we were kind of playing sloppy and not to our game," Ossowski said. "We kind of came out with different mentality than we did Saturday night and we knew we had to get it back. Just the first shift in the second period, I wanted to lead the boys and get them going in the right direction."

Ossowski's back-to-back goals led to four more, including a Dillon Jones rebound goal from Kipke and Andrew Spiegel at 3:38 of the same period to make it 4-0.

"He seems to do that," Veri said of Ossowski. "He doesn't score and then he scores two. They get pretty excited when he scores for some reason, as opposed to other people. And I'm not sure why, but they do."

Ossowski, however, downplayed his two-goal effort.

"Everybody gets excited for everyone," the 6-foot-0, 185-pound senior said. "We're all a family and we all get excited when we all have success. And it's really fun to be around that."

After outshooting the Colts 17-5 in the second period, CC continued to go on the attack

getting third-period goals from Sheldon Wasik at 4:12 (from J.P. Lafferty and Kyle McCullough); JoJo Mancinelli at 3:49 (from Kreutzer and Burnett); and

Nick Macari at 7:20 (from Spiegel and Kyle Mulka).

"The first period we were hanging in there, but we were taking a lot of penalties," Troy coach Tim Zimmerman said. "You can't take penalties against a team like that. Even if you kill that penalty it's usually the shift or two after that that the momentum carries over and I think that's what happened today."

"CC is a very talented, very fast team, offensive-minded team, very well-coached. For a team like us, we have to play a perfect game and we didn't play a perfect game. But, hey, all credit to them. They're the best team in the state and they deserve it."

In its first three state tournament games CC outscored its opponents 18-0 as senior goalie Spencer Wright has logged all three shutouts.

"Goals are pretty hard to come by," Veri said. "Sometimes you get lucky and we have two quick ones. And, obviously, we love to have that more often, but it doesn't happen that often."

And with a 47-14 advantage in total shots, CC was dominant once again.

"When you get that opportunities, even when you don't score, you're wearing them down," Veri said. "The more you play in your own zone, the more tired you're going to get. We're very fortunate we're deep. We get to roll four lines. They (Troy) don't have four lines, they don't have 16 (forwards). They have seven, so we have a deep bench. And when we have somebody pinned in their own zone because of a power play, we're going wear you down."

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BOYS BASKETBALL CLASS D DISTRICT

Warriors fall victim to Roeper

Franklin Road ends season at 9-13

What appeared to be a promising prospect of winning a boys basketball Class D district title ended on a sour note March 11 for Novi Franklin Road Christian.

The Warriors, who had posted lopsided 52-30 and 50-25 victories during the regular season over Birmingham Roeper, fell victim in the third encounter against the host Roughriders, 42-33.

Max Whipple and David Gardner paced

Roeper (3-18) with 14 and 12 points, respectively.

Junior guard Austin Hearn paced the Warriors (9-13) with 10 points.

The Roughriders fell to Detroit Winans Academy in the district final, 51-39.

CC freshman champs



GREGORY CURRY

The Novi Detroit Catholic Central freshman boys basketball team capped an 18-0 season March 3 with a 67-31 triumph over Dearborn Fordson. The Shamrocks also won the Catholic High School League Central Division title, while also capturing the CHSL playoffs with a 68-45 semifinal win over Birmingham Brother Rice, followed by a 61-52 triumph in the final over Warren DeLaSalle. Team members, honored recently at the University of Detroit's Calihan Hall, include (front row, from left): Jake Hinshaw, Jack Downs, A.J. Abdelnour, Andrew Prieskorn, Jack Dooley, Ryan Houlihan, Jeron George and TreVaughan Jenerette and (back row, from left) second-year head coach Gregory Curry, Jack Mills, Christian Girjis, Nick Parros, Will McCoy, Theo Day, Colin Caverly, Kevin Korte and student manager Kyle Lockhart.

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have to hit 14. I just kept hearing in my head, 'Nash drill, Nash drill, Nash drill, Nash drill.' The second one I just released it softly and it went straight in and I knew from then from those seconds on we won the game."

Davis, who finished with a team-high 14 points along with senior point guard Randall Aikins, had gone 1-of-4 from the line during the fourth quarter prior to the game-tying and game-winning foul shots.

And he takes an unorthodox approach when shooting free throws by standing slightly off-center and to the left.

"That's something I've done since I was a kid," Davis said. "Whenever I center myself to the basket, it doesn't feel right. My trainers and coaches tell me all the time that I should center myself, but it never happens."

"It means a whole lot. We finally felt like we made history," Aikins said. "Me, Josh (Reynolds) and Deji (Adebiyi) have been dreaming of this moment since we were sophomores. Our senior year, we had to have this addition. It means a whole lot to us."

Northville (14-8) trailed 17-9 after one quarter, but fought its way back to trail 23-19 at halftime.

It appeared the Mustangs were down and out with 2:38 left in the third quarter, when Davis made a basket to put Plymouth ahead, 35-25.

But Northville, going exclusively with its starting five, made an 8-0 run to close out the quarter to cut the deficit to 35-33.

And with just 3:53 left in the game, the 6-8 Kellum, who had a game-high 16 points, drilled a shot near the top of the key to put Northville on top, 42-41. He then scored two straight hoops to put the Mustangs in position to



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO
Northville's Justin Zimbo launches a shot over Plymouth's Randall Aikins.

win the game with a four-point lead.

But that's when Reynolds, who finished with 11, answered with a triple with only 47.6 seconds left after going 3-of-15 from the floor and not scoring since the first quarter.

"It's not about how many, it's about the right times," Plymouth coach Mike Soukup said of Reynolds' streaky shooting.

Northville then committed a costly turnover with 39.1 seconds left and Davis put the Wildcats ahead to stay.

The Mustangs, however, got off two shots, including a rebound put-back in the waning moments, but couldn't convert.

"It's a hard team to hold the ball against and protect a lead," Northville coach Todd Sander said of the Wildcats. "We felt we had to keep scoring, but we certainly didn't want to turn it over. It's plagued us a little bit of late. But it doesn't come down to the last minute. It was a spectacular basketball game I'm sure to watch and certainly to be a part of."

With 3.2 seconds left, Northville had one last

chance following a timeout, but Morrissey's short baseline try off an in-bounds play sailed over the rim at the buzzer.

"We had Nate (Kellum) as an option, we had David (Morrissey) as an option, we had Ryan (Roberts) as an option," Sander said. "David made a play and we almost had a tip-in, too. Guys executed. (Plymouth) defended it well."

Morrissey, a 6-3 senior guard, and Roberts, a 6-7 senior center, added 13 and 10 points, respectively.

Northville shot 20-of-52 from the floor (38.4 percent), while Plymouth was 17-of-51 (33.3 percent).

"Northville played their tails off," Soukup said. "It was a great nip-and-tuck game. Coach Sander does a fantastic job with the program. Those boys play really hard and we had a couple of breaks go our way tonight. I'm not going to lie about that. Our kids didn't stop playing, though, and that was part of it. All 32 minutes. We'll take it."

And it literally came down one crucial possession from the Mustangs' perspective.

"You drive yourself crazy, thinking back and going through the what-ifs," Sander said. "I'm so proud of our team, not only for tonight, but of everything they accomplished this year and we had tremendous leadership that grew throughout the season from our four seniors. And it was really evident in tonight's game."

"Those are tough moments, especially when it comes down to close game like this. Just that we love them and the seniors had a great message for everyone coming back that remember this moment as motivation leading into next season."

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BOYS BASKETBALL CLASS A DISTRICT

Fourth's a charm: Mustangs oust Salem

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

If at first you don't succeed, try, try, try and then try once again.

After losing its first three meetings during the regular season against KLA Central Division foe Salem, the Northville boys basketball team broke through March 11 in the Class A district semifinal at Plymouth by holding off the Rocks for a 53-50 victory.

The magic elixir for the Mustangs, who moved into the district final against host Plymouth, was a 2-3 zone defense that forced Salem into 26.7 percent shooting from the field (15-of-56).

And it didn't hurt that Northville (14-7) had its version of the Twin Towers in concert as 6-foot-8 Nathan Kellum, who missed a majority of the season with a dislocated knee, patrolled the paint area effectively along with 6-7 Ryan Roberts.

The senior tandem scored 14 and six points, respectively, but more importantly, combined for seven blocks and a grabbed a bundle of rebounds.

"We finally got our two 'biggs' back underneath," Northville coach Todd Sander said. "I thought they altered a lot of shots and it made a big difference when they were able to break us down off the dribble. Our guys played with a lot of urgency getting out to their 3-point shooters."

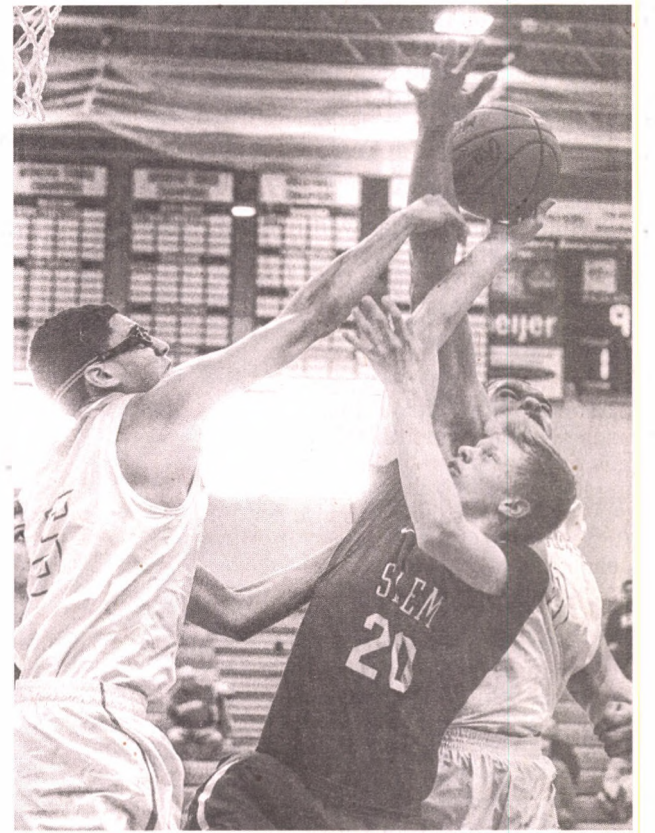
The first half proved to be a chess match, as Northville led 12-11 after one quarter, while Salem came back to take a 22-21 halftime advantage.

"They blocked a few and they changed our trajectory," Salem coach Bob Brodie said. "We didn't take them up real strong a couple of times, especially in the first half. We had good looks in the first half and they didn't fall or we were real tentative with the shots. The key against a zone a lot of times is to offensive rebound and we didn't offensive rebound very well against them."

The third quarter was Northville's best, as the Mustangs made 6-of-8 shots from the floor and built a 36-31 lead. Senior guard David Morrissey struck for nine of his team-best 16 points after being limited to four points and just three shots over the first two quarters.

"I thought we handled their pressure a lot better in the back court," Sander said of the 15-10 third-quarter surge. "A lot of times, if you can get it out of that first trap, you're going to end up with a good scoring opportunities. David (Morrissey) made big plays in the second half. He had 12 of his 16 (points), all in the second half and Nathan (Kellum) found some loose balls. We got a bunch of offensive rebounds. Guys really stepped up and made clutch plays down the stretch. Very proud of our team."

After making just 7-of-28 first-half shots, Salem went only 2-for-9 in the third quarter and missed its first five attempts to start the fourth



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Northville's Nathan Kellum (left) and Ryan Roberts (background) combine on the block against Salem's Jakob Lenders.

quarter as Northville increased its lead to double-digits, 45-34, on a pair of free throws by sophomore guard Kevin Morrissey with only 1:53 left.

Salem (16-6) tried to make a late surge and could have cut it to three in the final minute, but couldn't convert a layup after one of Northville's seven turnovers during the quarter.

"You got to be able to shoot the basketball against the zone," Brodie said. "It didn't surprise us. We knew it was coming. We knew they used it against (Westland) John Glenn in the first round of the (KLA) playoffs. We had actually one day to prepare for it, but we prepared for it a little bit prior to that, but you can't look ahead at all. We just had to run our stuff and make some

shots and we didn't do a very good job of that."

Northville, meanwhile, was 17-of-36 from the floor (47.2 percent) and 16-of-26 (61.5 percent) from the foul line, including 13-of-20 over the final eight minutes.

"Those are interesting situations," Sander said of trying to protect a late lead. "Salem certainly didn't let back. I thought we let off the gas pedal a little bit and we're real smart. Fortunately, we had enough timeouts to get us through that last 30 seconds."

Jon Swift and Jake Stropes, both seniors, paced Salem with 20 and 12 points, respectively. Senior Allante Wheeler and junior center Kenny Topolovec each contributed six.

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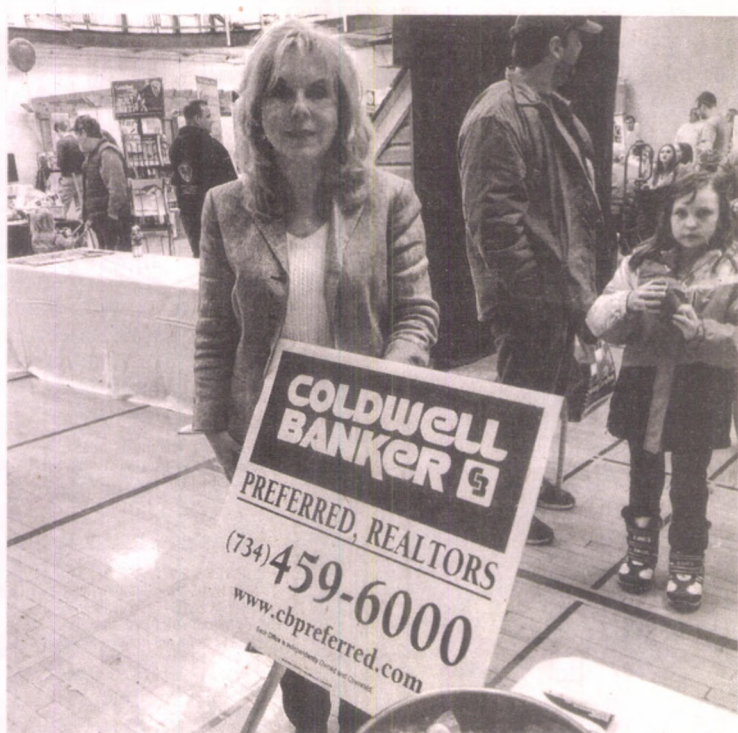
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Realtors Noel and Lee Bittinger are The Bittinger Team of Canton.

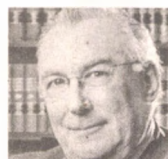


Realtor Terry Lewiston is with Coldwell Banker Preferred. The Canton resident was at the Canton Home Improvement Expo.

Tobacco allergy? Proceed with caution on purchase

Q: We are thinking about purchasing an apartment-style condominium, but are concerned because we are both allergic to tobacco smoke. What should we do?

A: Hire an attorney to carefully review all of the condominium documents and rules before you purchase the condominium. Make sure the documents or rules prohibit smoking in the condominium project, or limit smoking to only certain parts of it.



Robert Meisner

Have your attorney speak with the Board of Directors of the condominium association to make sure that any past violations of a smoking ban have been actively and swiftly enforced. But if there are no prohibitions on smoking, consider a detached dwelling in a "site condo."

Q: We have owned our land for a number of years and we are in the process of trying to sell it, but we obtained a title commitment, and found out that there are competing interests on the property. We have tried to work it out amicably, but to no avail. What should we do?

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Realtors find Home Improvement Expo a win-win for business

By Julie Brown
 Staff Writer

Realtors were out in full force at the Canton Home Improvement Expo Saturday and Sunday, March 7-8.

Noel and Lee Bittinger of Canton are The Bittinger Team. "We live and play here," Noel Bittinger said of Canton, where they've worked together in real estate 31 years.

"It's picking up really nicely," husband Lee said of the market, now a seller's market with limited inventory. She added, "The inventory has been low since probably January of last year."

The couple handled short sales through the recent recession. "That was the market," she recalled of 2007-11. "We've weathered a lot of markets in 31 years."

What she tells sellers is "first and foremost is to make it as showable as possible."

That means, for example, on a higher-end home replacing Formica countertops with granite, "things we know are going to help get the best dollar possible."

They've been working together a long time, with Lee noting, "The real estate business is not marriage-friendly," with long hours and unpredictability. "The fact that we're both in it we understand it," he said, and that's strengthened their marriage.

"The market is still appreciating," Noel Bittinger said, which means fewer deals for buyers now. The Bittingers focus on Plymouth-Canton-Northville, which was less hit in housing by the recession.

"Everything got hit all over," he said. "Those communities seemed to recover."

Nearby at the Expo was Terry Lewiston of Canton, a Realtor with Coldwell Banker Preferred. She's got 14 years

in the business, and was doing well at the Expo, including describing ways to upgrade homes to help them sell.

Lewiston was also giving out information on area home values, which are increasing, such as 3 percent in Canton for the year 2013 to 2014.

"Westland actually came up 7 percent," Lewiston said. The top price point average for 2014 was Northville at \$506,505, compared to \$256,690 for Canton (Plymouth-Canton schools, with \$223,117 in Wayne-Westland or Van Buren schools). Plymouth and Plymouth Township rose 5 percent in sale price average, with the 2014 price point at \$306,529.

Livonia rose 4 percent, with a 2014 price point of \$179,782. Westland's 7 percent was recorded in the Wayne-Westland school district, with price points of \$138,974 in Wayne-Westland, and \$145,584 in the

Livonia district portion of Westland, according to the figures shared by the firm at the Expo.

Lewiston was joined by assistant staffer Julie Ertman of Plymouth at the Coldwell Banker Preferred booth. "I did a lot of leasing" during the recession, Lewiston said. She also handled short sales, as well as transferees leaving Michigan.

"I dealt with relocation. Now we have transferees coming to Michigan. I would say a lot," said Lewiston, agreeing her work is now more pleasant.

The Canton Home Improvement Expo is sponsored by Canton Township, the Canton Chamber of Commerce and O&E Media.

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HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Oct. 20-24, 2014, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS	32780 Eastlady Dr	\$405,000	42160 Woodward Ave Unit 37	\$94,000	29850 W 12 Mile Rd Apt 506	\$50,000
16000 Hummel Dr	\$280,000	42160 Woodward Ave Unit 88	\$128,000	32013 W 12 Mile Rd Unit 305	\$45,000	
32444 Sheridan Dr	\$415,000	6065 Worlington Rd	\$463,000	FRANKLIN		
30255 Woodhaven Ln	\$610,000	5510 Bridge Trl E	\$375,000	30765 Roberts Dr	\$500,000	
BIRMINGHAM		1720 Carriage Hl	\$410,000	HIGHLAND		
268 Abbey St	\$469,000	5565 Deerwood	\$730,000	826 Geneagles	\$525,000	
1628 Graefield Rd	\$120,000	1785 Medler Rd	\$95,000	3964 Hillcrest	\$280,000	
1336 Humphrey Ave	\$509,000	1849 Point St	\$75,000	2375 Lakeside Dr	\$195,000	
615 Oak Ave	\$420,000	2065 Winston Dr	\$414,000	3210 Lakeview Dr	\$380,000	
751 S Bates St	\$320,000	FARMINGTON		4002 Loch Dr	\$260,000	
1808 Stanley Blvd	\$225,000	23720 Ely Ct	\$145,000	1085 N Park St	\$102,000	
650 Wallace St	\$468,000	32116 Leelane	\$165,000	1315 Plover Dr	\$264,000	
BLOOMFIELD HILLS		22624 Power Rd	\$127,000	2710 Vero Dr	\$899,000	
150 E Long Lake Rd Apt 9	\$135,000	FARMINGTON HILLS		MILFORD		
381 Keswick Rd	\$1,318,000	28636 Alycekey St	\$173,000	510 Caroline	\$145,000	
1735 Tiverton Rd Unit 12	\$165,000	29448 Arlington Way	\$325,000	1059 Deep Valley Dr	\$373,000	
100 W Hickory Grove Rd	\$60,000	21419 Averhill St	\$103,000	1755 Kurtz Dr	\$360,000	
APT C1		21010 Colwell St	\$33,000	1352 Rowe Rd	\$245,000	
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP		36219 Crompton Cir	\$299,000	336 S Garner Rd	\$284,000	
1725 Beechwood Way	\$595,000	29304 Earth Ln	\$600,000	531 W Huron St	\$75,000	
3039 Berkshire Dr	\$944,000	23197 Elm Grove St	\$190,000	1335 Yosemite Valley Dr	\$297,000	
2756 Brady Dr	\$235,000	30157 Fiddlers Grn	\$229,000	NORTHVILLE		
1001 Forest Ln	\$300,000	30579 Fox Club Dr	\$331,000	23139 Chelsea Ct	\$125,000	
2329 Heronwood Dr	\$810,000	31525 Franklin Fairway St	\$463,000	21765 Cumberland Dr	\$218,000	
1679 Hoyt Tower Dr	\$340,000	23815 Glen Creek Dr	\$180,000	20720 Taft Rd	\$118,000	
1997 Klingensmith Rd	\$87,000	28642 Grayfield Dr	\$170,000	21122 W Glen Haven Cir	\$137,000	
Unit 53		32349 Hull Ave	\$154,000	NOVI		
1641 Lone Pine Rd	\$546,000	29684 Kenloch Dr	\$382,000	21880 Arbor Ln	\$200,000	
7470 Pinehurst Cir	\$450,000	21924 Leyte St	\$156,000	22725 Denby Ct	\$464,000	
3673 Quail Hollow Dr	\$350,000	39387 Lilly Ct	\$325,000	50567 Glades Ct E	\$100,000	
1775 Schoenith Ln	\$815,000	23460 Middlebelt Rd	\$123,000	51072 Plymouth Valley Dr	\$100,000	
3623 W Bradford Dr	\$330,000	29784 Minglewood Ln	\$172,000	26669 Island Lake Dr	\$341,000	
		20813 Ontaga St	\$105,000	23600 Meeting Hall Ln	\$114,000	
		28515 Quail Hollow Rd	\$180,000	23801 Nilan Dr	\$210,000	
		34695 Ramble Hills Dr	\$690,000	178 Penhill St	\$265,000	
		21602 Roosevelt Ave	\$164,000	24855 Reeds Pointe Dr	\$510,000	
		38437 Saratoga Cir	\$190,000	2465 Shawwood St	\$215,000	
		30464 Sunderland Dr	\$259,000	41655 Sleepy Hollow Dr	\$229,000	
				22840 Vasilios Ct	\$610,000	

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Nov. 10-14, 2014, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON	2321 Arcadia Dr	\$135,000	GARDEN CITY	48564 Seven Mile Rd	\$386,000	14233 Seminole	\$64,000
43586 Champlain Ct	\$145,000	31773 Balmoral St	\$50,000	475 River St	\$155,000	11424 Virgil	\$59,000
2160 E Roundtable Dr	\$198,000	29046 Block St	\$46,000	19776 Scenic Harbour Dr	\$275,000	25200 W Six Mile Rd	\$146,000
46301 Gainsborough Dr	\$228,000	33031 Brown St	\$99,000	39828 Village Run Dr	\$310,000	26442 W Six Mile Rd	\$70,000
46400 Glengarry Blvd	\$363,000	33511 Brown St	\$104,000	49564 Waterstone Estates Cir	\$575,000	25110 W Chicago	\$110,000
47023 Glenhurst Dr	\$269,000	6694 Harrison St	\$83,000	302 Yerkes St	\$225,000	19443 Woodworth	\$30,000
50020 Hancock St	\$306,000	32555 Leona St	\$58,000	PLYMOUTH		WAYNE	
42088 Hanford Rd	\$245,000	580 Lytle Pl	\$98,000	50581 Beechwood Ct	\$213,000	36828 Greenbush Ct	\$105,000
3992 Hunters Cir W	\$112,000	LIVONIA		835 Deer Ct	\$207,000	3116 Rivers Edge Dr	\$160,000
45506 Michael Ct	\$210,000	15069 Auburndale St	\$34,000	50600 Graefield Cir	\$354,000	32668 Avondale St	\$105,000
45447 Muirfield Dr	\$377,000	30446 Barkley St	\$150,000	8903 Manton Ave	\$250,000	211 Carson Dr	\$127,000
843 Reagan St	\$267,000	19444 Brentwood St	\$52,000	51137 Plymouth Valley Dr	\$650,000	450 Carson Dr	\$144,000
45066 Rector Dr	\$177,000	35030 Elmira St	\$143,000	46077 Quail Ridge Dr	\$323,000	35952 Central City Pkwy	\$47,000
3185 River Meadow Cir	\$230,000	11720 Farmington Rd	\$130,000	11745 Wildwing Rd	\$332,000	27512 Eton St	\$30,000
43970 Saltz Rd	\$170,000	11141 Garden St	\$150,000	REDFORD		35522 Fernwood St	\$98,000
44266 Sheridan St	\$216,000	9031 Hanlon St	\$145,000	15016 Beech Daly Rd	\$33,000	33204 Hively St	\$60,000
44739 Twyckingham Ln	\$147,000	15081 Houghton St	\$135,000	16910 Beech Daly Rd	\$47,000	39097 Huron Pkwy	\$187,000
2101 Vine Way Dr	\$85,000	14035 Ingram St	\$167,000	11731 Centralia	\$45,000	35122 June Dr	\$43,000
		8964 Lamont St	\$123,000	11399 Columbia	\$85,000	7304 Manor Cir	\$92,000
		35711 Minton St	\$167,000	20548 Delaware Ave	\$35,000	7471 N Farmington Rd	\$185,000
		9219 Newburgh Rd	\$199,000	17693 Gaylord	\$64,000	1697 Rose Ln	\$145,000
		36228 Northfield Ave	\$128,000	19342 Kinloch	\$32,000	2200 S Harvey Ave	\$130,000
		27447 Oakley St	\$174,000	17394 Norborne	\$106,000	1174 Shoemaker Dr	\$45,000
		19998 Purlingbrook St	\$214,000	18807 Norborne	\$75,000		
		38754 Reo Ct	\$260,000	14233 Seminole	\$50,000		
		NORTHVILLE					

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Short sales

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

Please call the office at 248-782-7130 or email june.quantum@gmail.com for your reservation or additional information.

Investors

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

Members are free, guests \$20, which will be applied to their membership. The Red Lobster is next to 7-11, near Trenton Road.

Any questions or concerns, call Bill Beddoes at 734-934-9091 or Wayne Koehler at 313-819-0919.

Seminar each Tuesday, Thursday

A free seminar on government-insured reverse mortgages is offered by Colonial Mortgage Corp. at 6:30 p.m. each Tuesday and at 2 p.m. each Thursday at various locations.

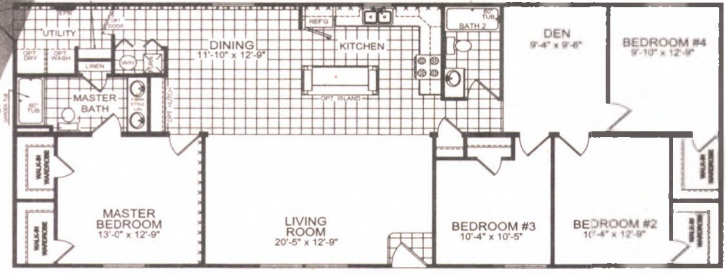
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Howell - 170 Lane LaSalle & Club 3/20 & 3/21 10-4pm

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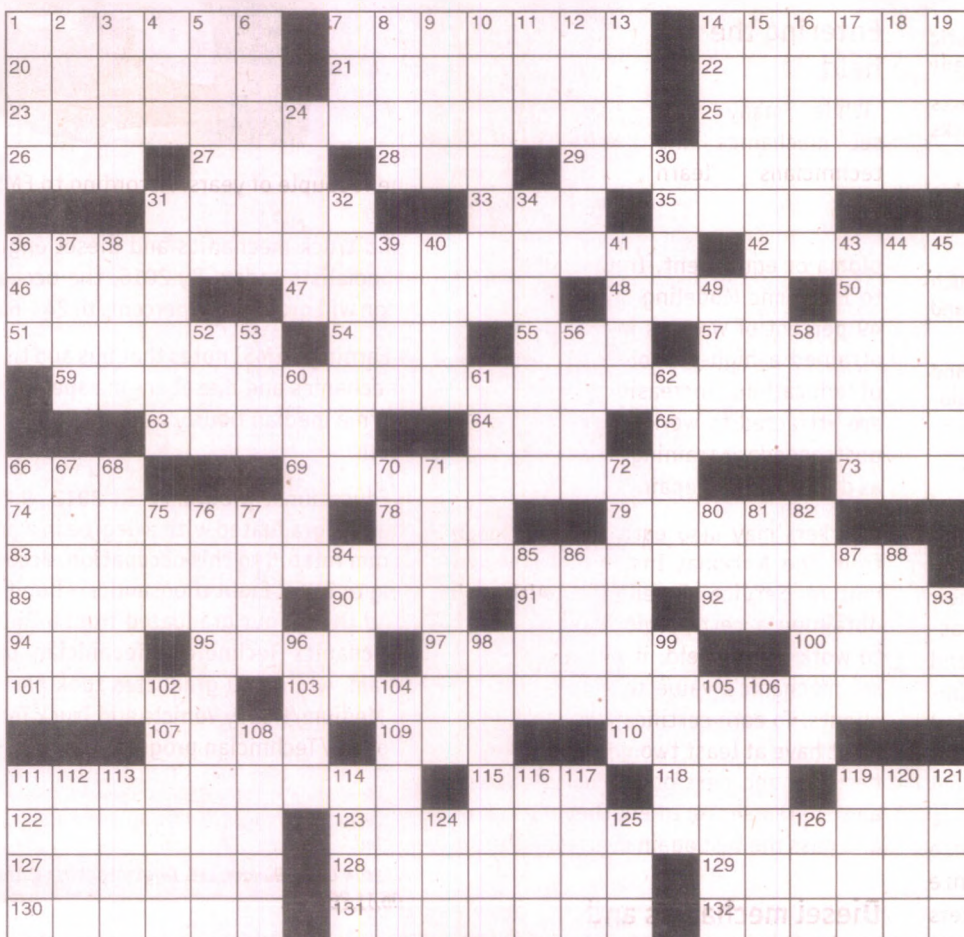
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Soul Rescuer

- ACROSS**
- 1 Sop up
 - 7 Liquor
 - 14 Spins
 - 20 "Amen to that!"
 - 21 Actress Hudgens
 - 22 Abate
 - 23 Start of a riddle
 - 25 Batter's miss
 - 26 Do wrong
 - 27 Poi with a six-yr. post
 - 28 Me, to Michel
 - 29 Riddle, part 2
 - 31 Pinchpenny
 - 33 Sue
 - 35 Grafton's "for Noose"
 - 36 Steak order
 - 37 Riddle, part 3
 - 42 Food holder
 - 46 Goddess with a cow's head
 - 47 McCartney of fashion
 - 48 Kailua Bay locale
 - 50 Scam
 - 51 Agree (with)
 - 54 "Yoo—!" ("Hey!")
 - 55 Paintball need
 - 57 Circus clown — Kelly
 - 59 Riddle, part 4
 - 63 Big-top star
 - 64 DiFranco of folk rock
 - 65 More spiteful
 - 66 "We need assistance!"
 - 69 Used a daggerlike weapon on
 - 73 B followers
 - 74 Wife of Mark Antony
 - 78 Consented to
 - 79 "Nick and —'s Infinite Playlist" (2008 film)
 - 83 Riddle, part 5
 - 89 Wasp variety
 - 90 Suffering
 - 91 Capote, to his buddies
 - 92 With 77- Down, does thorough research on
 - 94 Freezer
 - 95 TV's Spelling
 - 97 Camera lens settings
 - 100 Exec's benefit
 - 101 Ohio tire city
 - 103 Riddle, part 6
 - 107 Sitarist Shankar
 - 109 Org. for teachers
 - 110 Coin toss call
 - 111 End of the riddle
 - 115 Lucy of "Kill Bill: Vol. 1"
 - 118 — League college
 - 119 Toward a boat's back
 - 122 Makes glad
 - 123 Riddle's answer
 - 127 Declare under oath
 - 128 Source of licorice-flavored oil
 - 129 More prying
 - 130 Sports team letdowns
 - 131 Red — (many Republicans)
 - 132 Modus operandi
 - DOWN**
 - 1 "Even — speak ..."
 - 2 Atom studier
 - 3 Niels
 - 3 Movie draw
 - 4 Meal leftover
 - 5 Putin's land
 - 6 Command
 - 7 "Law & Order: —"
 - 8 Hand part
 - 9 — European languages
 - 10 Another name for vitamin A
 - 11 Suffix with fool or owl
 - 12 Fearsome fly
 - 13 "Don't — didn't warn you!"
 - 14 Inventor Nikola
 - 15 Radiator hoses may lead to them
 - 16 Haifa's land
 - 17 Harness part
 - 18 Leia's twin
 - 19 Spurt out
 - 24 "No — to blame"
 - 30 "— little kindness"
 - 31 Capital of Oman
 - 32 Alternative to a 401(k) or a Keogh
 - 34 Envision
 - 36 [not my error]
 - 37 "Time — the essence"
 - 38 Rake part
 - 39 Inert element
 - 40 Pipe problem
 - 41 Ringing sound
 - 43 — acid (vinegar flavorer)
 - 9 — Added (up)
 - 45 Not broken
 - 49 Zeus' sister and wife
 - 52 Stage actress Hagen
 - 53 Pirate's quaff
 - 56 Syllabus segment
 - 58 Gym floor covering
 - 60 Put in a different sack
 - 61 Mortgage-issuing inst.
 - 62 Ewoks' forest moon
 - 66 "El Cid" co-star Loren
 - 67 Five — shadow
 - 68 Person eyeballing
 - 70 Pirate chant starter
 - 71 Artist Georgia
 - 72 Ultimately reach
 - 75 Author Rand
 - 76 From Hanoi
 - 77 See 92- Across
 - 80 Lightning —
 - 81 Heady drink
 - 82 "We need assistance!"
 - 84 Small branch
 - 85 Ending for major
 - 86 Yankees slugger, to fans
 - 87 It's often preheated
 - 88 Nonflowering plant
 - 93 Sun setting
 - 96 Sortie, say
 - 98 Most musty
 - 99 Fishtank pest
 - 102 Speaks bombastically
 - 104 Recite ritually, as a spell
 - 105 Large sofas
 - 106 Air Force pilot, in slang
 - 108 Three-piece pieces
 - 111 Ringing sound
 - 112 Choir range
 - 113 Lum vermin
 - 114 "Pretty — pretty does"
 - 116 Notion, to Jean-Luc
 - 117 "Deutschland — alles"
 - 119 Landed (on)
 - 120 Cut and run
 - 121 Time in office
 - 124 By the agency of
 - 125 Football field units: Abbr.
 - 126 Letter for Superman



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GET FUELED UP: Jobs in diesel mechanics and technology

If the idea of working behind the scenes to help power diesel machines sounds interesting, read on about a career in diesel mechanics and technology.

When driving down the freeway, you'll often pass trucks hauling various types of cargo. You may wonder what it takes to keep such high-powered machines running so they're able to deliver their cargo on time and intact, no matter the distance. While it's the driver who gets the truck from point A to point B, it's the job of diesel service technicians and mechanics to make sure the ride goes off without a hitch. If the idea of working behind the scenes to help power diesel machines sounds interesting to you, read on to learn more about a career in diesel mechanics and technology.

Working as a diesel service mechanic and technician

If a vehicle has a diesel engine, diesel service mechanics and technicians are called upon to keep it in tip top shape. These workers are responsible for inspecting, repairing or overhauling bus-

es, trucks, bulldozers, cranes and anything else with a diesel engine.*

Some of their daily tasks may include:

- Test driving vehicles to diagnose malfunctions and ensure that they are running smoothly
- Reading and interpreting diagnostic test results from diagnostic equipment
- Raising trucks, buses and heavy parts or equipment by using hydraulic jacks or hoists
- Inspecting brake systems, steering mechanisms, transmissions, engines and other vehicle parts
- Conducting routine maintenance, such as changing oil, checking batteries and lubricating equipment and parts
- Repairing or replacing faulty parts and other mechanical or electrical equipment
- Using technology

Today, diesel mechanics and technicians need to use more than their hands to fix these powerful machines. Their jobs are becoming increasingly complex as engines and other components are being powered and controlled by electronic systems. For example, fuel injection and engine timing systems use microprocessors to maximize fuel efficiency and minimize harmful emissions. Workers often use computers to diagnose problems and adjust engine functions. Those interested in entering this field

will need to learn not only how to use hand and high-powered tools, but also computer systems that are essential to engine operation.

Entering the field

While many diesel mechanics and technicians learn their trade on the job, many employers require at least a high-school diploma or equivalent. In fact, according to Economic Modeling Specialists Intl., 49 percent of workers in this field have attained a high-school or similar level of education. Increasingly, employers are attracted to workers who also have postsecondary training in an area such as diesel engine repair.

Workers may also earn a certification from the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence. Although obtaining a certification isn't required to work in this field, it increases a diesel mechanic's value to employers and clients. To earn certification, mechanics must have at least two years of work experience and pass one or more ASE exams. To remain certified, they must take and pass the test again every five years.

Diesel mechanics and technicians – by the numbers

Employment growth: The occupation is projected to grow steadily over the



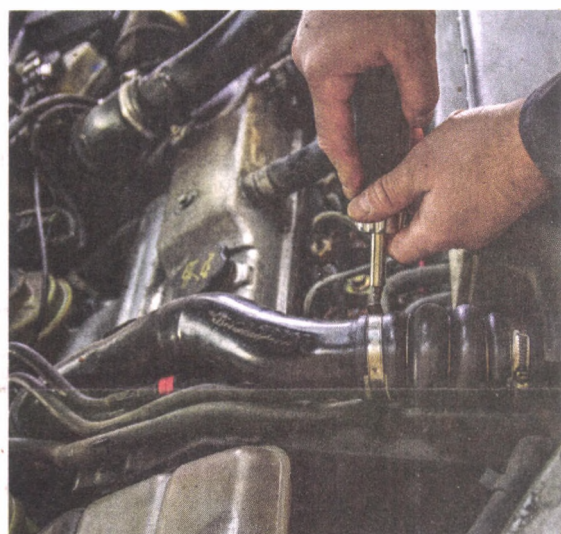
next couple of years. According to EMSI, 239,666 workers are employed as bus and truck mechanics and diesel engine specialists today. By 2016, the occupation will grow by 2.1 percent, to 244,664.

Earnings: EMSI notes that bus and truck mechanics and diesel engine specialists earn a median hourly wage of \$20.35 an hour.

Educational programs: In 2012, 9,294 people graduated with a degree in a program related to this occupation, according to EMSI. Eight thousand, six hundred and thirty four graduated from a Diesel Mechanics Technology/Technician program, while 660 graduates took part in a Medium/Heavy Vehicle and Truck Technology/Technician program.

*Information from the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Occupational Outlook Handbook, unless otherwise noted.

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