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Mom2Mom Sale set

Novi Community Education's Infant & Toddler program, The Lily Pad Lane, is hosting its annual Mom2Mom Sale from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday 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. Admission for adults is \$1 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.

Travel Fair

Discover where your next adventure will take you at the Group Travel Fair at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, April 16, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 10 Mile. Attendees of the free event will learn about exciting day and extended travel opportunities offered by travel agencies. For more information, go to cityofnovi.org or call the Older Adult Services office at 248-347-0414.

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What's the future of Novi, 13 Mile roads?

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

The undeveloped 21 acres of land on the southeast corner of Novi and 13 Mile roads has a long history of plans, litigation and sitting vacant. But that may soon change as the property owner presents a new concept and the city of Novi looks for public input on its future.

An open house was held Monday to give the community a chance to see and hear about the study of the land and to speak with city planners, as well as the developer/property owner, about the plan. At this time, the city is reviewing the approved designation of this property in light of the new development proposal, which would include nearly 200 new residences.

"The city wants to know what the community hopes to see on the property. A new proposal has been presented, so it's important we get input to help us see all of the different options and ideas,' Barbara McBeth, deputy director of community development, said at the open house.

input sought

The need for input goes back to 2002, following litigation between the city and the developer that resulted in the approved plan being adjusted to allow more commercial use than was earlier approved in the 1990s.

Residents attending the open house wanted to learn more about the plan. Some had concerns, but also understood that something needs to and will be done with the property.

Steve Segal, a homeowner in neighboring Vista Hills, said he's concerned as to what the new plan might do to his home's value. He does think some commercial, but not a restaurant, might work there. Dennis Fitzgerald



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Barbara McBeth responds to questions about the housing development proposed for Novi and 13 Mile roads during an open house Monday at the Novi Civic Center.

who lives in the Tollgate Ravines neighborhood, said he's open to hearing different ideas for the land and hopes whatever goes there adds value to the commu-

"The reality is something will go there, so we need to ask ourselves what should go there and bring the most value to the community," Fitzgerald said.

Planning

The property's history goes back to 1986, when the city created planned unit development zoning standards to facilitate development. The plan then called for a mixed-use development, both commercial and residential.

In 1991, the Sandstone PUD was approved that would help set the plate for an actual phased mixed-use development with a commercial center, detached homes, town homes,

apartments and central plaza. That plan changed in 1995, with a new name of the Vistas. The PUD was amended to, among other things, increase the

STUDY CONTACT

For questions or comments regarding this study, contact Barbara McBeth, deputy director of community development, at bmcbeth@cityofnovi.org or 248-347-0415.

potential commercial/retail use up to 100,000 square feet. With litigation, the total

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State probably won't increase district's per-pupil funding

Staff Writer

If nothing changes in the near future, the Novi Community Schools district could lose even more state funding in the next school year.

Steven Barr, assistant superintendent for business operations, gave an overview of the school aid funding plans that are now being debated by Gov.

Rick Snyder and the state Legis-lature. The governor, House and Senate all have their own proposal. Under two of the plans, Novi would stand to lose

overall per-pupil funding and, in the third, it would see no

No matter what plan goes forward, it will still mean Novi is well below the school aid funding amount it was receiv-

ing seven years ago. Barr said it's been reported that Snyder's proposal would add \$75 in student foundation allowance, but what's not re-

ination in other funding sources schools have been relying on the last year or two.

Funding Novi received last year for best practices and per-pupil performance would be reduced, according to the governor's plan. Overall, the governor's proposed school aid plan would decrease Novi's per-pupil funding by \$25, a net total of \$162,500.

The House plan would also decrease the district's funding overall by \$162,500. This plan would also eliminate adult education funding, which would be \$89,654 for Novi. This wouldn't eliminate the program, but changes might have to be made. The Senate's plan would

see a net increase of zero. Funding concerns have become an ongoing concern. In 2007-08, Novi's student aid per pupil was more than \$9,000. In 2015-16, it might be slightly more than \$8,600, according to the governor's proposal. Novi's per-pupil funding since 2007-08 has decreased by 4 percent.

In comparison to neighboring South Lyon, its school district has seen its overall

per-pupil funding go from \$7,308 in 2007-08 to possibly more than \$7,500 for 2015-16.

Barr said a lot of the money taken from the School Aid Fund over the last four years has gone to higher education. A total of \$2.2 billion, or \$1,480 per pupil, has been diverted from K-12 to universities and

community colleges. "We won't give up; we won't ever give up," Barr said, refer-encing a famous quote by the late college basketball coach Jim Valvano. "Lansing can take away our money, steal from the School Aid Fund and force more mandates on us. But Lansing cannot touch our Novi mind, they cannot touch our Novi heart and they cannot touch our Novi soul. And those three things are going to carry on forever in Novi, because we have over 6,000 kids in Novi and 1.5 million statewide counting on us."

The state school budget plan will be approved by early sum-

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Life in Go! Save the date for O&E spring expo

Workshops, exhibits, demonstration and free stuff are all part of the Observer & Eccentric 12th annual spring expo, Life in Go, set for 1-6 p.m. Monday, April 27, in the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

This annual tradition for active adults features a variety of demonstrations and workshops, local business exhibitors, prizes, free admission, free parking and free refreshments. Learn to live healthy, make wise financial decisions and enhance life to

make it the best ever. The first 100 attendees will receive a Buddy's pizza coupon for a free four-square pizza. In addition, there will also be drawings throughout the afternoon for other priz-

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Syrup time



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As sweet-smelling steam arises all around him, Tollgate Farm volunteer Wayne Watson scoops out impurities from a batch of maple sap that's being boiled down to make syrup at the MSU education center. Watson and fellow volunteer Kenn Phifer were putting in some time that morning, working on turning lots of sap into a little bit of syrup. It takes roughly 40 gallons of sap to make one gallon of syrup and, on a good day, those that man the evaporator at Tollgate can create about a gallon in an hour. The maple syrup is sold at Tollgate's community functions, but a lot of it goes to the volunteers that help run the farm.

As American as ...



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Debbie Mayer (right) of Busy Bee Companions gives Eunice Prior an apple pie she's baked during the April 6 opening day celebration for the Tigers at the Novi Senior Center. Prior won the apple pie in a raffle which Mayer decided to make for its association with baseball. About 100 seniors attended the event and watched the Tigers win on the big screen.

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This year, 10 dynamic demonstrations and workshops feature Rick Bloom of Bloom Asset Management, Dr. Sol Cogan of HealthQuest and HealthQuest's Back & Neck Solution Centers of America and Colleen McDonald of Senior Hel-

Bloom, Observer & Eccentric guest columnist and frequent metro Detroit radio and television guest, will discuss "How to Determine What You Will Need to Retire and Stay Retired." Cogan, CEO of HealthQuest and HealthQuest's Back & Neck Solution Centers of America and the official team chiropractor of the Detroit Lions, will speak on "New Technology in Pain Relief." Mc-Donald, director of community relations for Senior Helpers and certified dementia trainer, will present "The Senior Gems: Alzheimer's and Dementia Care."

Look for a special spring expo section inserted into the Observer, Novi News, Northville Record, Milford Times and South Lyon Herald newspapers Thursday, April 23, and in the Eccentric newspapers Sunday, April 26.

This special publication will feature articles, interests and resources

for the today's active adults. The special publication will feature participating local business exhibitors and detail all demonstrations and workshops. A complete list of speakers are listed

Other speakers include:

» Health, Wealth and a Confident Retirement by Steven R. Swaggerty, Ameriprise Financial Klassa, Swaggerty & Associates.

» Understanding Memory Loss by Gerald E. Turlo, M.D., St. Mary

» Emergency Preparedness by Arnold Wicker, Schoolcraft Col-

lege Continuing Education and Professional Development.

» Improving Communication With Aging Parents by Jean Borin, Home Instead Senior

» Social and Emotional Benefits of Art by Grace Karczewski, Schoolcraft College Continuing Education and Professional Development.

» Healthy Smile for a Lifetime by Dr. Bruce Smoler, Smoler Institute of Implant Dentistry.

» Tai Chi by Michigan Tai Chi Association, sponsored by Schoolcraft College Continuing Education and Professional Development.

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square footage for commercial increased to 170,000.

During the last 20 years, a number of homes have been built, but the commercial/retail hope for the plan never was fully realized. Now there is a new

proposed plan with the property owner wanting to create 189 multiplefamily dwellings with no commercial uses. To have this approved, the litigation's consent judgment would have to be revisited and amendments would have to be made.

Novi's Future Land Use Map shows the property designated as local commercial with the

"The reality is something will go there, so we need to ask ourselves what should go there and bring the most value to the community."

DENNIS FITZGERALD

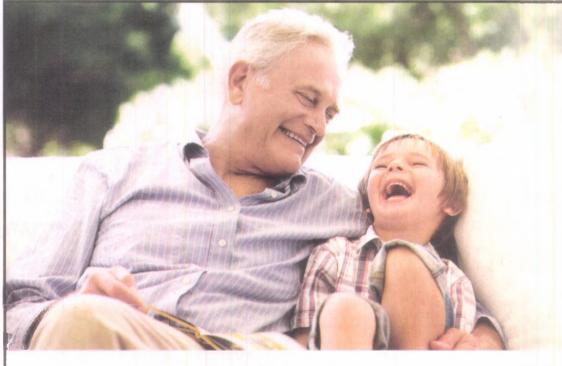
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surrounding area designated residential.

Once the study is complete, the planning commission will provide a recommendation to the

city council as to the next

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Bomb threat shuts Red Lobster

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

Novi's Red Lobster received a bomb threat Sunday by an unknown person, which led to the restaurant being evacuated twice but nothing suspicious being found.

According to Novi police, around 4:15 p.m., the restaurant at 27760 Novi Road received a phone call from an unknown person stating a

bomb had been left inside.

Public Safety Director David Molloy said a search of the business was conducted by police, fire and business management, with nothing suspicious being found. During the search, another threat was phoned

"Shortly after the first phone call and while emergency personnel were still on scene, a

second phone call was made to the business in regards to the same bomb threat. Management made the decision at that point to evacuate and close the business for a second search, which again did not produce anything suspicious," Molloy said.

He said investigators are currently following up on various investigative leads, which include identifying what phone

number was used during the commission of the threat.

"At this point, no viable suspects have been identified, but the investigation is in its early stages," Molloy said.

Red Lobster reopened and no additional threats have been reported.

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Red Lobster, 27760 Novi Road, received a bomb threat Sunday.

Tollgate tenants



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A group of ducks waddle around their pen at Novi's Tollgate Farm in the rain. Tollgate welcomes visitors to look at its farm animals, fields and woods seven days a week and regularly schedules special events on the weekends. For more information, go to www.tollgate.msu.edu.

Montessori-based day care home denied

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

A request by a Novi resident to set up a Montessori-based group day care home out of an existing residence was denied because it does not fit under city ordi-

The Novi City Planning Commission denied by a 6-0 vote the special land use permit request of Little Birds Montessori, which was asking to operate a Montessoribased group day care home at 24620 Taft Road for up to 12 children.

According to city ordinance, operations supervising seven to 12 children are defined as group day care homes, which is consistent with state of Michigan regulations and definitions. In Novi, group day care homes are a special land use if they will be situated in the R-4, one-family residential district, which is the zoning of this residence.

In her application, Akemi Nagakura stated the operation would be based in her home and the hours would have been 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and open for schooling 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday except holidays.

The residence is located on the east side of Taft Road, north of 10

The planning commission felt it would cause a detrimental impact on the existing thoroughfare because it is in a high-traffic area. Vehicles backing in and out of the single-family residence may cause an impact.

Additionally, the commission's denial stated it is not consistent with the goals, objectives and recommendations of the city's master plan for land use, as it is a residential area and the use is too intensive at this particular location. There are single-family



CITY OF NOVI A Novi resident was denied her request to have this highlighted residential property become a Montessori-based group day acre home.

homes in all directions. "It is not in harmony with the purposes and does not conform with the applicable site design regulations in the zoning district in which it is located because of it being a school for 12 children in a residential area and it will be sandwiched between two homes," the denial read.

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Disability Awareness Workshop opens the eyes of students at Novi Woods

By Lonnie Huhman

The Disability Awareness Workshop at Novi Woods Elementary Schools opened students' eyes to a reality outside of their own.

In a one-day, hands-on workshop, fourth-graders get to see life through the eyes and bodies of a disabled person, giving them a better understanding of the daily challenges.

"This really helped us see what some people have to face every day," fourth-grader Ben Wright said.

The workshop, which is organized in part by the school's PTO, was divided into different stations where students learn about a particular disability. From visual challenges to getting around in a wheelchair, they step into the

shoes of a situation to help them see it first-hand.

"I see how the day to day can be tough for some people," fourth-grader Carolina Mercado said.

The workshop goals are to help students learn about compassion and gain a more educated perspective about persons with disabilities. There were professionals on hand to help with the different stations. Local eye doctor Amy Crissman Head was one and she assisted the students in learning about visual chal-

"It's really about helping them learn about empathy, Principal David Ascher said.

Another big part of the workshop was special guest speaker Therese D., a resident of Angel's Place, which provides people-centered services, including homes and professional support, for adults with developmental disabilities. She has dealt with a lifetime of insults and misunderstandings about her disabilities.

"I love doing this," she said. "I want to help them understand what it's like growing up with a disability and what we go through every day."

The workshop was created by Oakland Schools, but had some funding issues so part-nering schools were left to conduct it on their own. Through the help of parent volunteers, teachers and others in the community, Novi Woods has made the workshop an annual event, benefiting many students.

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The Disability Awareness Workshop gave students at Novi Woods a better understanding of living with a disability.

Celebration of Learning



Jen Villanueva sits downs with daughter Alli to go over her reading progress March 27 during a Celebration of Learning at Village Oaks Elementary. On that day, students shared their reading goals and achievements with their

W.L. Central student named finalist in photo contest

Photographer's Forum magazine announced the winners of the 35th annual College and High School Photography Contest, sponsored by Nikon, USA, including Walled Lake Central High School senior Hunter Thackham.

The son of Dana and Richard Thackham received scholarships from both Columbia College and the College of Creative Studies for his photographic excellence and he plans on attending the latter in the fall.

"Hunter is an amazing photographer with an incredible eye combined with a strong artistic voice that always has something to say," said Dave Deluca, Central High School art teacher. "His creative energy, motivation and determination will send him far into the art world."

More than 17,000 entries were received from students in the U.S., Canada and around the world. Judges in this year's competition were Kenda North, University of Texas; James Rudnick, School of Visual Arts; and Everard Williams, Art Center College of Design. College and high school entries were judged separately.

College freshman and 2014 Walled Lake Central High School graduate Noa Chandler received an honorable mention in the college division of the same contest. Chandler is currently studying fashion photography at Savannah College of Art and Design in Georgia.

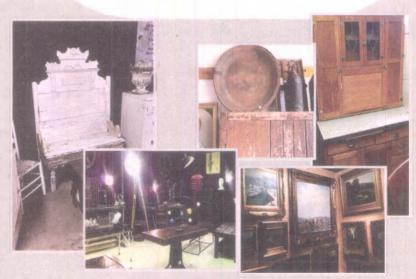


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Meet the author at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 28, at Novi Middle School. Registration is required; go to novilibrary.org or call 248-349-

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

Novi Co-Op Preschool events

Novi Co-Op Preschool, a play-based kindergarten readiness program for children ages 3-5 years, is hosting two events which are open to the public; children are welcome at both events:

Ice Cream Social -4-6 p.m. Sunday, **April** 19; and Open House -6-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 28

Novi Co-Op is located at 41671 W. 10 Mile Road (at Meadowbrook Road). For more information or to schedule a tour, call 248-349-3223 or go to www.novipreschool. com.

Registration for Novi summer school classes opens

Students may register for Novi high school summer school classes online at www.novicommunityed .org.

High School students and parents may view the courses online, download the forms for verification and fax or email them to the Community Education Office after they process their online selection and payment. The verification/registration form must be signed by the student's school counselor. All verification/registration forms need to be sent to the Community Education office for the registration process to be complete.

Summer School refresher courses pre-K to eighth grade will continue to register at the Novi Community Education office.

Summer classes begin Monday, June 22 and end Thursday, July

A list of classes, times and fees are online at www.novi.k12.mi.us under Community Education - Summer School.

Novi's Summer C.A.R.E. program

Novi Community Education will kick off its Summer C.A.R.E. program registration from 4:30-8 p.m. Monday, May 4, in the Community Education office at 25425 Taft Road in the Meadows Building. This will give parents an opportunity to talk to staff, register and complete the necessary paperwork.

Summer C.A.R.E. will run weekdays from 6:45 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, June 22, to Friday, Aug. 21. Registration fees are \$130 for the first child, \$110 for the second child and free for the third child. Daily fees are \$40 per child. Lunch is included except for field trip days. All fees are non-refund-

able. Students are assigned to the grade level they will be attending in the fall. The staff is well

experienced and activities are age appropriate for the development of the students. Activities include field trips, crafts, science experiments, sports, games

and more. This program if for children age 3 who have attended one year of preschool and up to children going into the eighth grade, and it will be located at Novi Woods Elementary School, 25195 Taft Road.

Registration is also ongoing online from May 1-15. Packets, calendar of events and lunch menus are located on the website at www.novischools.net under Community Ed-Child Care.

For more information, call 248-449-1713.

Children's exhibit

Northville Public Schools Early Childhood Education & Extended Day Programs presents A Children's Exhibit -The Joy of Discovery **April 23 through May 7** in Northville Square (133 W. Main Street) with opening night activities 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 23.

This annual exhibit represents a small sampling of the learning that takes place throughout the programs. Come celebrate children, honor their unique qualities and capture the power of project work.

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.

The following are the dates for Kindergarten Parent Orientation and Round-Up at each elementary school: 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; and Winchester -May 11, 6 p.m. May 12.

Novi's Frog Force heading to Robotics world competition

Staff Writer

The Novi High School Robotics team is heading April 22-25 to the FIRST World Championship in St. Louis, Mo., after a strong showing at the state championships in Grand Rapids this past weekend.

Team 503 Frog Force earned the highest achievement, the Chairman's Award. The team's robot was also chosen in the opening round of alliance selections as the team qualified for the world championship with total points.

"It was quite an affair - the governor was there," said Maria Mazza, the team's teacher representative.

The Chairman's Award is an accumulation of a team's efforts; three teams were honored.

"It's the ninth time Novi High has won it," Mazza said. "The whole idea is to assist others who are less fortunate and we helped two rookie teams from Detroit, who both ended up winning awards.'

There are more than 90 Novi students participating on the team, but only 44 will be heading to St. Louis.

"We have to draw the line financially," Mazza said, noting the cost of



Novi High's Team 503 Frog Force earned the Chairman's Award at the state Robotics championships in Grand Rapids this past weekend and now is heading to the world competition in Missouri.

the bus trip and hotel

There are a variety of businesses that support the Novi team, but Magna is the team's primary sponsor.

'They write us a very nice check that allows us to do what we do," Mazza said.

From the mentoring perspective, she said the team is very fortunate to have many engineering and IT parents helping.

"And there are others whose kids have graduated or who know about FIRST and just want to

give back by volunteering," Mazza said.

She's not involved in the technical end of things, but she is in charge of the "evidence book" – a five-inch binder filled with documentation of everything the team does during the season.

"If a student goes to a tech class, they provide a write-up," she said. "If they mentor another team, they do a write-up. There are drawings and volunteering documentation. We give the book to the judges to reference for credibility.

That book helped Frog Force capture the Chairman's Award. Now they're busy preparing for the Missouri competi-

This will be Mazza's third trip there and she relishes the opportunity to see students - especially inner-city kids who might not have an chance to go on to college - com-

"It's a priceless experience when your kids compete against kids from Saudi Arabia, Brazil and Spain," she said. "The challenge is the same around the world. Everybody comes up with their own way of building a robot.'

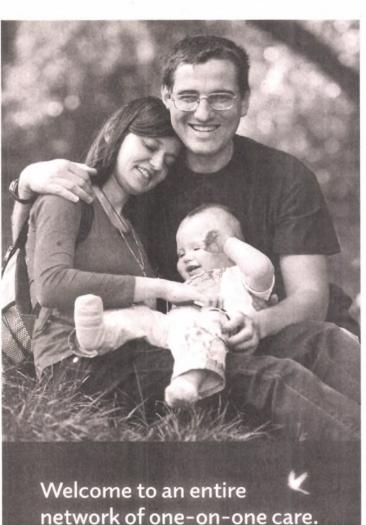
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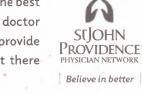


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Novi Woods fourth-grade students Jasmine Howard (center) and Laila Crawley (right) are the center of attention as they pass a spinning disc between themselves during a Feb. 27 visit by the Flying Aces. The aces, Brian Hayes and Jay Moldenhauer, demonstrated their Frisbee abilities and preached that practice makes perfect.



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Everyone's favorite orphan coming to Northville High

The Northville High School Drama Club goes out with a bang April 23-25 by presenting four showings of a fresh incarnation of the original Annie at Northville High School (45700 Six Mile

The musical, based on the seven-time Tony Award-winning production, is set in New York City in 1933 and is presented by more than 60 Northville High School Drama Club members.

"Once again ... these talented students have surpassed all expectations! It's truly a joy to be able to work with such an exceptional group of young people," said Tracy Spada, Northville High School's Drama Club director for the past seven years, who also serves as resident stage manager at the Tipping Point Theatre. "And to be

flanked by an amazing vocal director, pit director, choreographer and design team is a dream. This show will not disappoint."

The classic musical Annie tells the heartwarming story of a young orphan girl receiving the opportunity to stay a week in Oliver Warbuck's mansion. But after a few days, Annie is much more than Mr. Warbucks bargained for as she works her way into everyone's hearts.

Annie will be per-formed at 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, April 23-25, as well as at 1 p.m. Saturday.

The Northville High School Drama Club puts three productions on stage per year: a fall play, a student-run winter production, and a spring musical. With a club of more than 60 students,



Some of the cast of the upcoming production of Northville High's "Annie."

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Special appearance by Mickey Kuhn, who played Beau Wilkes In the movie, along with Kathleen Marcaccio.

the "Gone with the Wind Answer Lady"

W.L. celebrates 2015 PTSA Reflections Event participants

More than 400 students, parents and staff attended the 2015 Walled Lake Schools' PTSA **Reflections Celebration** recently at Geisler Middle School. The district honored the more than 150 student participants for their creative express around the writing prompt: "The World Would Be a Better Place

The district had 17 entries receive state awards and four students' works were sent to the national event to be judged:

» Nadia Halim; Oakley Park Elementary; music composition

» Macy Hannan; Sarah Banks Middle School; literature

» Patrick Halim; Sarah Banks Middle School; musical composi-

» Amanda Checkowsky; Walled Lake Northern; literature

The purpose of the PTA Reflections Program is to encourage artistic expression through categories of film/video production, dance choreography, musical composition, photography, visual arts and literature.

"We celebrate our students' ability to think and problem-solve," said Kenneth Gutman, super-intendent. "They may have written a special piece, taken a unique photograph or created another artistic expression, but the critical thinking that went into creating the piece is what we are celebrate."

Stephanie Kaplan, PTSA Council president, Dawn Fehrwerk and Sharyn Gallatin, PTSA Council Reflections cochairs, and Kathy Fargo and Maureen Brown conducted the various judging, planning and details for the annual PTSA creative expression event.

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College, high schools, community support work in Uganda

By Julie Brown Staff Writer

Neither Simran Reddy, a Northville High School senior, nor Novi High School senior Ashi Arora have been to the African country of Uganda. Both young women, 17, who are dual enrolled at Schoolcraft College, just might make the trip someday.

They were key in creating Coins to Change in fall 2011 to support the work of Twesigve Jackson Kaguri, author of The Price of Stones: Building a School for My Village.

The students were among speakers the morning of Tuesday, April 14, as Kaguri accepted a check for \$25,000 from Schoolcraft President Conway Jeffress for the Nyaka AIDS Orphan Project. The support came from Schoolcraft College, Novi High, Northville High and their communities.

Schoolcraft first-year student Taylor Struna was among the speakers.

Reddy recalled family friend Anna Maheshwari. who chairs Schoolcraft's English department. speaking of Kaguri and his work in rural Uganda. "She asked me to read Jackson Kaguri's book. I just started working with them and raising money. Here we are today," Red-



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Schoolcraft College student Taylor Struna (from left), Northville High senior Simran Reddy and Novi High senior Ashi Arora are key people in Coins to Change. Reddy and Arora and dual enrolled in Schoolcraft.

dy said, waiting her turn to take the stage and speak at Schoolcraft's VisTaTech Center.

The Coins to Change began simultaneously at Northville and Novi High schools in 2011. "I reached out to students and specifically to student council," Arora said. Many fundraisers were

"My teachers did wear jeans for \$5," normally not allowed at Novi High for teachers, Arora said. "There were a lot of events on campus.'

Reddy noted many administrators at Northville High helped. "It's been fun for us as students," she said. "I hope

to continue this when I'm in college."

Arora is to attend a Wayne State University program to guarantee medical school acceptance, with Reddy in a similar program and both young women planning to be physicians. Arora may also earn a Ph.D. and do research.

"This program helped me make friends and realize how much impact I could make," Reddy said. Arora noted she feels privileged to attend school in the U.S.
"They have these

dreams," she said of the students in Uganda. "They need the resources. This program is

JULIE BROWN

Twesigye Jackson Kaguri signs copies of his book at Schoolcraft College.

going to provide the resources.

Struna, an online graduate of Livonia Churchill High, is also a key part of the program's success. He's in his first year at Schoolcraft and got involved initially for extra credit in sociology class.

"People don't have control of what they're born into," Struna said. "This made me kind of want to give back." He lost a parent and can't imagine losing both, as many AIDS orphans

Struna thanked Kaguri for his work, adding that he plans to visit many countries as a volunteer. Struna, 17, plans to study environmental

have gotten together and they've talked and they've done something. This is a terrific project." He noted the burden on children "who must carry on without a parent."

Kaguri, after graciously accepting the check, spoke of young women who've been orphaned in Uganda but are now headed to medical school, to careers in law and more. "It means life to get a dream realized." Kaguri told the Schoolcraft audience.

His secondary school combines academic and vocational learning, he said, as photos were displayed. "No matter how old you are, you always have an opportunity to come to school," much like Schoolcraft, Kaguri

"You'd be welcome to see the students whose lives you've changed,' Kaguri said in encouraging supporters to visit.

Additional information is online at nyakaschool.org. Kaguri lost his brother to HIV/AIDS. leaving three children behind. Shortly after, Kaguri's sister also died, leaving a son. He vowed to build a school in his village, using the down payment he had saved for his home.

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Local blood drives help meet critical need in southeast Michigan

The American Red Cross is encouraging eligible blood donors to make a difference in the lives of patients this

spring by giving blood.
Donated blood is perishable and must be constantly replenished to keep up with the demand. Red blood cells, with a shelf life of only 42 days, are the most frequently transfused blood component, and

are always needed by hospitals.

Éligible donors can give red cells through either a regular whole blood donation or a double red cell donation, where available. Double red cell donations yield twice the usual amount of red cells in a single appointment and are accepted at select donation locations. Double red cell donors must

meet additional eligibility criteria, which will be determined at the donation appointment.

Donors with all blood types are needed, especially those with types O-negative, A-negative and B-negative. Whole blood can be donated every 56 days and double red cells may be donated every 112 days, up to three times per year.

To find a donation

opportunity or make an appointment to give blood, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, go to redcrossblood.org or call 800-RED CROSS (800-733-2767)

Upcoming blood donation opportunities in-

Northville - 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. April 19 at Our Lady of Victory Social Hall, 133 Orchard Dr.; 7:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

April 26 at the First United Methodist Northville Church, 777 W. Eight Mile, and 3-8:45 p.m. April 30 at Winchester Elementary School, 16141 Winchester.

Novi - 8:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. April 29 at Fox Run Retirement Community-Belmont Clubhouse, 41100 Fox Run.

All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. 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.

Walking the dogs



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Annette Rozek enjoys a stroll with her three dogs April 10 at the Novi Dog Park. The park, located behind the Novi

Ice Arena, is open year-round from 9 a.m. to dusk. Novi residents must purchase an access pass from the city in order to enjoy the park. Rozek was with her dogs (from left) Ben, Roxie and

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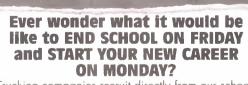
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Haggerty Road closing for construction

The Road Commission for Oakland County will close Haggerty Road between Pontiac Trail and Richardson Road to through traffic as early as April 16 when work begin on the resurfacing of this section of Hagger-

The start of the \$3.2 million project could be delayed, though, due to weather and complications with relocating utilities.

Residents and businesses within the closure zone will have access throughout the closure The road is anticipated to re-open to traffic sometime in September. The detour for the closure will be Pontiac Trail to Martin Parkway to Richardson Road and vice versa

The contractor for the project is Dan's Excavating of Shelby Township.

Girls Night Out

This Friday (April 17) is downtown Northville's Girls Night Out event, sponsored by the Northville Central Business Association group of retailers and restaurants working together to make sure downtown continues to be a great place to shop and dine.

Go to http://www.enjoynorthville.com/girlsnight-out for a list of businesses and what they're offering and download the Enjoy Northville app at the Apple App Store.

"Girls Night Out is one of the best nights to shop in Downtown Northville, said Dan Ferrara, owner of the Northville Gallery Art & Framing. "The stores pull out all the stops and really show off. I'm excited for our floral pop-up shop and live painting by a local artist at the Northville Gallery, as well as the big display they're going to be putting on at Edward's Cafe. New stores like Brown-

dog Creamery, Northville Dermatology and Urge juice shop are sure to impress new visitors."

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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 filmmak-

Reel Michigan is now accepting Michiganmade or Michiganthemed 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://northvilleart house.org/special-events/ reel-michigan/.

All Michigan arts, crafts, apparel show

Back for its third year, Purple Door Store Productions presents the All Michigan Vendors Arts, Crafts & Apparel Shows at Laurel Park (37700 Six Mile Road) from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. April 17-19; May 8-9; Sept. 11-13; and Oct.

More than 50 local artists will be selling a wide variety of items (from greeting cards, etched glass, soy candles, photography, tea, nuts and chocolate, clothing, paintings, dog and doll clothes to wind chimes, essential oils, books, jewelry and scarves).\

For more information, contact Deni at 248-877 3364 or go to www.purpledoorstore.com

Meet with Rep. Heise

State Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth, invites residents of the 20th House district to meet with him 7:30-9:30 a.m. Friday, April 17, at Panera Bread (20140 Haggerty) for coffee to discuss state

and local issues.

No appointments are necessary for these office hours. Residents who are not able to attend are encouraged to contact Heise's office by phone at 855-REPKURT or by email at KurtHeise@house.mi.gov

Library, Paradise Park team up for fundraiser party

To celebrate National Library Week (April 12-18) the Novi Library and Paradise Park invite students in grades K-6 (5-8 p.m.) 7-12 (9 p.m. to midnight) for a night of fun Friday, April 17, at Paradise Park.

Along with being the premier sponsor for the Novi Library's Summer Reading program for another year, Paradise Park and the library continue to work together to bring fun-filled events and programs to the community.

With a \$28 wristband, kids can enjoy three hours of unlimited access to laser tag, miniature golf, trampoline, climbing wall, a go-kart ride, 20 arcade tokens and a pizza dinner. For each wristband sold, \$5 will be donated to the library. Students have the option to dress up as their favorite book character and be entered in a costume contest.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call 248-869-7204 or go to novilibrary.org.

Wixom library events

Learn about Investing Basics at a free class presented the Wixom Public Library (49015 Pontiac Trail) at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, April 18, by certified financial planner Sandra Adams. She will provide time-tested advice, recommendations and strategies to help you invest confidently for short and longrange goals. A financial planning book by Dave

Puppet performance



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Kids listen and watch intently Feb. 18 to a puppet performance of "Anansi and the Box of Secrets" at the Northville District Library.

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CITY OF NORTHVILLE

PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

on April 27, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. at the City of Northville Municipal Building, 215 W. Main

part of this meeting. The public accuracy test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer

program used to record and count the votes cast at the election meets the requirements of

Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-349-1300, to conduct business related the

Notice is hereby given that the City of Northville Election Commission will meet

The Public Accuracy Test for the May 5, 2015 Special Election will be conducted as

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Ramsey will be raffled off to those in attendance.

A magic show featuring As Magic, geared toward families with children ages 2-10, will celebrate National Library Week, the power of reading, at the Wixom Public Library at 10:30

a.m. Saturday, April 18. Pre-register by calling 248-624-2512, online at wixomlibrary.org or at the library.

Novi Farmers Market open

The 2014 Novi Farmers Market was so successful - with hundreds of people enjoying fresh vegetables, flowers and other items throughout the summer and fall that the market continues with gourmet foods and artisan items indoors at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 10 Mile.

The market will take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 18.

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

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perfect big-day gown. Not only do dress sales drum up huge cost torical Society - a notfor-profit organization that relies solely on the generosity of members and the community contributors also receive slips for tax deduction based on their donation. If you would like to participate in this year's Showcase or donate your

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248-348-3688. The \$5 entry fee per person goes directly to helping the Village and supporting the many behind-the-scenes volunteers who help put on this outstanding event.

Wine tasting supports Northville library

Everyone is invited to come and support Northville District Library's Books & Beyond fundraiser 5-7 p.m. Sunday, **April 19**, at Cantoro's Italian Market & Trattoria (northeast corner of Haggerty and Five Mile roads, Plymouth). Support of this annual fundraiser helps the library maintain its level of programs and services for the Northville community.

See BRIEFS, Page A9

CITY OF NOVI, MICHIGAN NOTICE OF OFFICIAL PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, May 5, 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Clerk's Office will conduct a Public Accuracy Test of the Optical Scan tabulating equipment to be used for the Special Election to be held on Tuesday, May 5, 2015. The test will be conducted at 3:00 PM on Wednesday, April 22, 2015 Office, 45175 Ten Mile Road

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer program used to record and count the votes cast at the election meets the requirements of the law. This test is open to all interested parties. For further information, contact the Novi City Clerk's Office at 248-347-0456.

MARYANNE CORNELIUS, MMC, CITY CLERK

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF NORTHVILLE

The City of Northville Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing to receive public input on a variance requested by the property owner at 430 High Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167. The applicant is seeking a variance to construct a new deck in the rearyard setback on premises zoned R-1B, First Density Residential District, parcel number 48-002-01-0620-300. The deck will also exceed the lot coverage allowance for the district. The City's Building Official has determined that a rear-yard variance of 8.25 feet and lot coverage variance of 4.4% are needed from Section 15.01 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow construction of the deck in the rear yard.

The public hearing will be held on Wednesday May 6, 2015, at 7:30 p.m. at the City of Northville Municipal Building, Council Chambers, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-449-9902. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comment on the variance request. The variance application is available for review at the City of Northville Building Department during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, local prevailing time. Written comments pertaining to the proposed variance request will also be received at the above address

> Dianne Massa, City Clerk Rolland Stapleton, Board of Zoning Appeals

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The Senior Alliance

will host three Public Hearing Sessions for input regarding the FY 2016 Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) for services to persons age 60 and older in Southern and Western Wayne County.

Monday, May 11, 2015 2:30 p.m. The Senior Alliance 3850 Second St., Ste. 100 Wayne, MI 48184

Tuesday, May 26, 2015 10:00 a.m. Lincoln Park Senior Center 3240 Ferris Street

Lincoln Park, MI 48146

Wednesday, May 27, 2015 1:00 p.m. Northville Senior Center 303 W. Main Street Northville, MI 48167

On April 27, 2015, the AIP draft will be available online at www.aaa1c.org Written comments will be accepted until June 1, 2015. Please send written comments to: The Senior Alliance 3850 Second Street, Ste. 100 Wayne, MI 48184

Attn: Nicole Jeffrey, Program Specialist

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For more information, call 734-858-2238

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

To the qualified Electors of the Township of Northville, County of Wayne, notice is hereby given that a Special Election will be held in the Township of Northville on Tuesday, May 5, 2015 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of voting on the following proposals:

TO BE HELD ON May 5, 2015

State of Michigan Proposal 15-1:

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.

> Northville Public Schools Millage Renewal Proposal Building and Site Sinking Fund Tax Levy 9978 MILL for 5 years

Full text of the ballot proposal may be obtained at the administrative offices of Northville Public Schools, 501 West main Street, Northville, Michigan 48167-1582, telephone: (248) 344-

The full text and a "sample" of the Special Election ballot is available at the Northville Township's Clerk's department and on the township's website: www.northvillemich.com

> Statement as Required by Act 278 of Public Acts of 1965 Amending the Property Tax Limitation Act

Wayne County, Michigan, Township of Northville

Taxing Authorities	Date of Election	Voted	Year Increase
	Increases	Effective	
County of Wayne	11/03/2009	1 mill	2019
Wayne County Jail	08/07/2012	1 mill	2021
Wayne County Parks	11/02/2010	0.25 mills	2015
Northville Public School	s 11/08/2011	18 mills	2021 (non-homestead only)
	05/03/2011	1 mill	2015
Plymouth/Canton School	s08/05/2014	18 mills	2021 (non homestead only)
Northville Township	08/05/2014	5.575 mills	2020
	08/05/2014	.1176 mills	2020
	08/04/2009	.90 mills	2029

NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP POLLING LOCATIONS:

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All polling locations are accessible for voters with disabilities

The Township Clerk's office, located at Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168, will be open from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 2, 2015 for the purpose of obtaining an absentee ballot. The deadline to receive applications for ballots to be mailed is 2 p.m. Saturday, May 2, 2015.

> Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk Charter Township of Northville

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BRIEFS

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Enjoy wine tasting of red and white Italian wines and pizza appetizers by Cantoro's. Bid on unique raffle baskets with items donated by Northville businesses and participate in a Judge A Book By Its Cover raffle.

Tickets are \$45 per person and can be purchased online, over the phone or in person at the Northville District Library. Go to the library's website at www.northville library.org and click on Books & Beyond: A Benefit for the Library.

If you have any further questions, contact the library at 248-349-

Democratic clubs meeting

The Northville Democratic Club is inviting all party members, independents and others just interested in politics to the monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, April 20, at the Cady Inn, 215 Griswold Avenue (in Mill Race Village in down-

town Northville). The club is gearing up for very critical and exciting elections in 2016. Learn about upcoming interesting events, including the Spring Gala dinner and dance, more town hall meetings and group discussions to talk politics while socializing. For more information, go to www.Northville Dems.com.

The West Oakland Democrats will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 21, at United Methodist Church (41671 W. 10 Mile, Novi).

Michigan Education Association president Steve Cook and Tony Trupiano, progressive talk radio host, will discuss current issues important to Democrats, including Proposal 1. The meeting is free and open to the public; snacks provided and pizza may be purchased.

College Value & Affordability

The Northville District Library is hosting a Community Conversation discussion on College Value & Affordability at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April **22**, presented by the Center for Michigan, a nonprofit, non-partisan organization.

Attendees will be asked about their experiences attending and paying for college. Attendees may be current college students, family members, college graduates, professors or administrators.

Call to register at 248-349-3020 or online at www.northville library.org.

Used book sale

The Wixom Public Library (49015 Pontiac Trail) will hold its spring used book sale, sponsored by the Friends of the Wixom Library, April 22-25. Thousands of books and multimedia items for all ages, priced between 25 cents and one dollar, plus specially priced items.

Sale hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. April 23; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 24; and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 25 with fill-a-bag for \$5. An advance sale for Friends members only will be from 5-7:30 p.m. April 22. Memberships will be available for \$5 at the

Phone 248-624-2512 for more information.

Fox Run residents are Ford Tough

Novi's Fox Run retirement community is home to dozens of people who spent their careers at Ford. Howard Freers is

one of those people. After graduating from a small engineering school in Indiana in 1948, Freers went on to build a career in the auto industry. He worked for Ford as a chief engineer for 22 years and retired in 1988. When he moved to Fox Run, Freers was interested in connecting with the other Ford retirees who lived there. He decided

to start a Ford group. "I said, 'I need some-

Special events offered by Novi's **Older Adult Services**

thing to keep me occu-

pied' and, last August, I

found out there are 60-

plus people living here who have some Ford background," Freers

In October 2013, he

held the first meeting of

the Ford group at Fox

Run. Freers says about

20 to 30 people usually

attend the monthly meet-

ings and the club is open

to people who worked at

Ford, as well as to others

who are simply interest-

In 2010, a nationwide

Veterans Administration

survey found fewer than

half of all veterans un-

derstood their benefits,

including medical care,

bursement and pension or disability payments.

City of Novi Older Adult

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with the Michigan Para-

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Bonnie Williams, a

service officer from

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30-minute, one-on-one

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p.m. Monday, April 27, at

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248-347-0414 or stop by

Older Adult Services office in the Novi Civic

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Services coordinator, at

For more information

Center, 45175 10 Mile.

Counseling, contact

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er@cityofnovi.org. To

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Veterans benefit

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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.

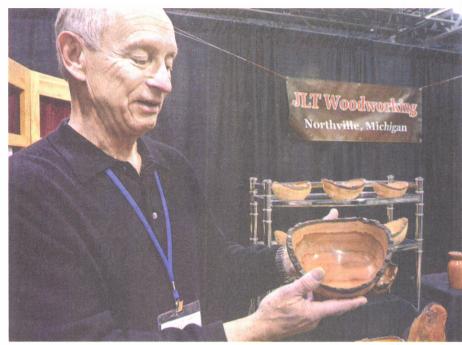
Kentucky Derby – 4-6 p.m. Saturday, May 2: Hear the roar of the crowd and the high energy announcers at Churchill Downs as they witness the most exciting two minutes in sports. Attendees will have fun horsing around the Meadowbrook Activity Center doing Derby Day activities along with dinner and watching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

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

Breakthrough for Brain Tumors Race

The third annual Breakthrough for Brain

Wood creations



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Northville Township woodworker Jim Tesen displays some of his natural bowl creations April 10 at the start of the weekend-long Great Lakes Art Festival. Tesen, who's been woodworking for more than 20 years, specializes in creating bowls from single pieces of wood and retaining the natural bark around their rims.

Tumors Race will be held Saturday, May 2, at Kensington Metro Park, 2240 W. Buno Road, Milford. The event site opens at 7:30 a.m. There will be a park entry fee: \$7 per

This is a USTAF-certified 3.1-mile walk/run (BT5K Race Results will be available the BT5K Michigan page within one week of the event.)

A minimum of two people is required. There is no fee to register a team. When forming or joining a team, each team member/captain is required to pay the standard registration fee. The first person to start a team will become the team captain.

Pre-event prices are

\$35 adult participant; \$30 adult survivor; \$20 children ages 6-12; \$15 children survivor; free for children under age 6.

Online registration closes April 28. Contact the ABTA event staff at 800-886-1281 to register over the phone or register online at http:// hope.abta.org/site/ TR?fr_id=3183&pg=en-

Michigan **International Women's Show** returns

The Michigan International Women's Show returns April 30 through May 3 to the Suburban Collection Showplace (46100 Grand River Avenue) in Novi.

"We are celebrating our 20th annual show with sweets, surprises and shopping for moms, sisters, daughters and girlfriends," said Beth Anderson, executive show manager of Southern Shows. "It's just part of the food, fashion and fun that women can experience at the show.'

For more information, go to www.International WomenShow.com or call 800-849-0248.

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Life in retirement can be truly fulfilling, but not without proper planning. The BLS Group is hosting an exciting retirement symposium featuring a panel of retirement and financial planning specialists who will share their latest research and recommendations to help you confidently plan for the next chapter of your life.

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Wealth Management – Liquidity, longevity and legacy.

Quality of life during retirement – Findings from the MIT AgeLab.

These events are free of charge and are offered as a two-part series. We suggest choosing one event on May 6 and one event on May 13 to cover the full range of important topics we will be addressing.

Part I Wednesday, May 6 1:30 – 4:00 p.m. or 5:00 – 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 13 1:30 – 4:00 p.m. or 5:00 – 7:30 p.m.

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For more information contact **Tricia Fitzsimons** Client Service Associate 877-951-1200 tricia.fitzsimons@ubs.com

Location (all events) **Sheraton Novi Hotel**

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Justice: Veterans treatment courts like Novi's work

By Lonnie Huhman

Michigan Supreme Court Justice Mary Beth Kelly believes the state's veterans treatment courts are doing a lot of good for those who've served our coun-

Kelly recently addressed the Michigan Association of Treatment Court Professionals at the Suburban Collection Showplace, highlighting the achievements of Michigan's veterans treatment courts as "champions for our healing he-

"Our veterans treatment courts, like our other treatment courts, offer an alternative to those persons whose underlying cause of their offense is rooted in the need for treatment,' she said.

According to Kelly, Michigan leads the nation with 22 veterans treatment courts, including one at the 52-1 District Court in Novi. These courts promote sobriety, recovery and stability by offering alternative consequences and specialized treatment to former and current military service members who come into contact with Michigan's criminal judicial sys-

Kelly serves as the Michigan Supreme Court's liaison for treatment courts, drug

courts and veterans

Veterans treatment court uses a hybrid integration of drug court and mental health court principles to serve military veterans and sometimes active-duty personnel.

Kelly said it's impressive the way this treatment court has a coordinated response that involves cooperation and collaboration with community and statewide partners

The goal is to promote sobriety, recovery and stability through a coordinated response that involves collaboration with the traditional partners found in drug courts and mental health courts, as well as the Department of Veterans Affairs health care networks, Veterans Benefits Administration, state Department of Veterans Affairs, volunteer mentors and organizations that support veterans and their families.

Kelly said she has seen other treatment courts, such as ones for juveniles, successfully work, so it made sense for the legislation creating ones for veterans to be enacted in 2012.

"It's become a viable and successful part of the judicial system," she said. "I have seen their (treatment courts) success.

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Yankee Air Museum rolls out 20th annual Bomber Buffing

The Yankee Air Museum is inviting people to roll up their sleeves Saturday, April 11, and join in its 20th annual Bomber Buffing.

This year it's bigger than ever, because the C-47 Skytrain "Yankee Doodle Dandy" also needs to be shined. The four engine B-17 heavy bomber "Yankee Lady and twin engine B-25 medium bomber "Yankee Warrior" are also in need their aluminum skin polished to a high gloss. They'll be in Hangar 1. Bay 8, on the west side of Willow Run Airport.

Winter inspections and maintenance are complete, the planes have been washed. The buffing is the last step in preparing for the 2015 flying and air show season.

The free event runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A Hungry Howie's pizza luncheon will be served for everyone. People are encouraged to bring plenty of clean, soft rags. Mothers Polishes, Waxes and Cleaners, Inc. has donated plenty of aluminum polish for people to

"Twenty years we've been doing this and it never gets old," said Ray Hunter, chairman of the YAM Board of Directors. "I'm always amazed by the large crowd that comes out every April to help us and, believe me, it's a big help.

Hunter said this polishing party is even more important because 2015 is the 70th anniversary of



Volunteers help prepare Yankee Air Museum's four-engine B-17 heavy bomber "Yankee Lady" for the 2014 air show season.

the end of World War II. It's also the 70th birthday of the Yankee Lady, which was delivered July 16 to the U.S. Army Air Forces

"World War II veterans are passing rapidly, the youngest might be 86 or 87 years old. We work very hard to keep our airplanes in top flight condition to honor them,' Hunter said. "Veterans, their children and grandchildren all marvel at these aircraft when we fly them into air shows and believe me they notice and appreciate the high-gloss finish.'

Hunter said he sees lots of families return year after year, but there

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RAY HUNTER

chairman, YAM Board of Directors

are new faces, too. He attributes the excellent participation a sense of patriotism that people get when they get up close to the Boeing B-17G Flying Fortress and North American B-25 Mitchell. These aircraft are never on display at the museum's Collections and Exhibits Building on the east side of Willow Run Airport.

He added that each year the number of airworthy B-17s and B-25s declines. He estimated that only seven to nine B-17s and maybe eight to 10 B-25s will take to the skies in the United States

"There's an added attraction this year, the Douglas C-47 Skytrain is also in the hangar and needing a shine," said Kevin Walsh, YAM executive director. "The museum will be announcing special sightseeing flights on board the C-47 real soon and we think the program will be a hit."

In planning the Bomber Buffing event, Walsh and the professional staff made sure the event is appealing to the whole family.

"The aircraft are the main attraction and each year we see many of the same people coming back, maybe somewhat taller, to help out again and have some fun,' Walsh said. "We always see a lot of first-time visitors, too, many who simply want to see that airplane that's always flying over my house."

According to Walsh, logo merchandise and unique gifts will be available through the museum's retail operations. Special membership incentives also are

planned for the day. "People joining the Yankee Air Museum at this event will be escorted on board the B-17 to take the pilot's seat for a free cockpit photo. They'll also receive a ticket to the Thunder over Michigan air show when tickets are mailed to members by early

July," he said. Walsh said that increasing membership is imperative since the museum is rapidly growing, participating in the Save the Bomber Plant campaign, and becoming a "cool" family attraction. Aviation displays are continually being added, like the new "Fly Zone" which opened in February and puts kids at the controls of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles.

"This is a terrific time to join history in the making," Walsh said. "Come to the Bomber Buffing and check us out. You're going to find we're a membership friendly organization that offers pressure free opportuni-

Hangar 1 is on the northwest side of the airfield. Follow the road signs for west and south access to Willow Run Airport to get to Hangar 1. Entry will be through the door under the awning of M2 Aircraft Management.

Established in 1981, the Yankee Air Museum is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization located on the grounds of Willow Run Airport. For information about YAM, call 734-483-4030 or go to www.yankee airmuseum.org.

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Trott discusses veterans services during forum

By David Veselenak Staff Writer

Seeing U.S. Rep. Dave Trott at the Disabled American Veterans Chapter 114 in Livonia was important for Mike Harris, executive director of the Michigan Chapter of Paralyzed Veterans of America.

"A lot of times, they work with your national offices and everything else," said Harris, who runs the Novi-based organization. "So when they come to their district, they get to hear really how their constituents are ... at the local level."

Trott, a freshman Republican congressman from Birmingham, stopped by April 7 to speak with several dozen veterans. He said while he himself is not a veteran, he has worked to learn as much as he can about veterans' issues and what can be done about them.

Hearing from veterans within the 11th Congressional District is helpful as well.

Any ideas you have, big or small in that regard, I'd love to hear them," he said. "It's an honor to represent you. I'm enjoying it, I'm working hard at it and other than my feet hurting all the time - this is more walking than I normally do – it's a great honor and privilege to represent you."

veterans' affairs.

need by several weeks.

Expenditures less than

that are sent to the VA

office in Detroit, Trott

said, which drastically

Harris proposed upping that threshold to a

speeding up the process.

Trott said it's an issue he

wants to look at further.

would not need any extra

funding, something that's

hard to come by in Wash-

"We're trying to work

cuts down on time.

higher dollar figure,

because it's one that

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on that," Trott said.

"That's an idea that I

think can make a differ-

Another issue he's

brought up in bipartisan

meetings with leaders is

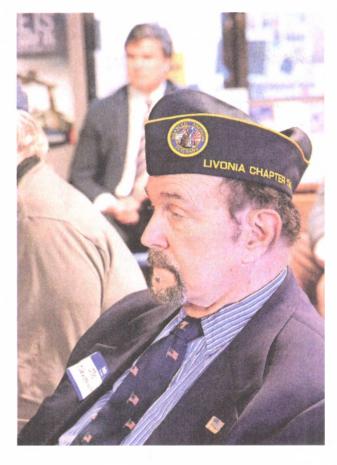
the lack of specific types

of transitional housing

for veterans with chil-

Ideas

One idea he'd like to look into more is one Harris brought to him several weeks ago. The issue surrounds approval of medical device expenditures that cost more than \$3,000 through the Department of Veterans Affairs. Currently, Trott said if it exceeds that threshold, it must go to an office in Cleveland for approval, something that usually delays acquiring the item for a veteran in



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Joe Neussendorfer of Livonia listens to the update on

> dren. While the state operates two veterans homes, one in Grand Rapids and one in Marquette, the need for some homes for veterans in transitional housing with children, especially in southeastern Michigan, is

one he wants to examine. Trott said he brought up the issue while at a meeting with other members of the Michigan delegation to Congress as something that could be looked at.

"There is no transitional housing for women veterans with children.' he said. "This is another example of a void that needs to be met."

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Congressman David Trott speaks to veterans at the Disabled American Veterans chapter in

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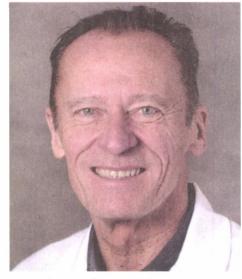
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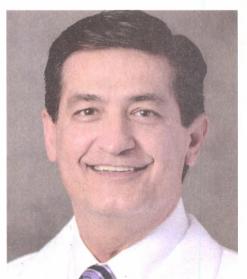
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U-M student, advocates: Sexual assault on campus remains prevalent



Laurel Ruza is pleased with progress on sexual assault awareness at the University of Michigan, but would like to see more done. She's a senior at U-M and 2011 West Bloomfield High graduate.

By Julie Brown Staff Writer

Laurel Ruza, a senior at the University of Michigan, thinks her Ann Arbor campus takes sexual assault seriously, based on her advocacy work with U-M administrators.

"I think the university is really trying to take steps to improve campus safety," said Ruza, a 2011 West Bloomfield High School graduate who'll complete her bachelor's degree in public policy this spring.

"I think more can be done," Ruza said.

"They're definitely willing to listen to student voices on this issue."

Sexual assault on college campuses is the focus of this year's Sexual **Assault Awareness** Month.

Representatives from the National Sexual Violence Resource Center. The Hunting Ground film, the "It's On Us" campaign, the University of Michigan Sexual Assault Prevention and Awareness Center and the Michigan Coalition To End Domestic and Sexual Violence held a conference call April 9 on the

Call participants included The Hunting Ground director Kirby Dick, "It's On Us" U-M student organizer Ruza. NSVRC prevention campaign specialist Laura Palumbo, University of Michigan SAPAC director Holly Rider-Milkovich and MCEDSV senior program manager Lisa Winchell-Caldwell.

Ruza's internships include work with the U.S. Justice Department in Washington, D.C., as well as being an advocacy intern with Jewish Women International, also in

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D.C.
"The solution begins with us," Ruza said in her remarks. She and others at U-M organized a threeday series of roundtables, recognizing sexual violence impacts those of all ethnic groups, races and genders.

"I wanted to make sure we had as many voices in the room as possible," Ruza said. "We wanted to focus on what we as students can do to facilitate this cultural shift." Many U-M students have told her they'd like more re-

lated programming. Ruza cited collabora-

tion with student groups and with administrators. "Everybody has a role to play in the prevention of sexual assaults," she said, including active interven-

Palumbo said, "We believe evervone has a role to play in ending sexual assault. Our hope is that educational efforts will reach far beyond April."

"I think it is important to have difficult conversations to get to the heart of this issue," Rider-Milkovich said

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CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Construction Board of Appeals for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 4, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Mayors Conference Room Novi Civic Center 45175 Ten Mile Road to consider:

CASE NO.: PCB15-0002 ASCENSION BREWERY William L. Finnicum, AIA on the behalf of Ascension Brewery for a Dimensional Sign Land Use Variance located at 42000 Grand River Ave. (parcel 5022-23-226-023) in the

B-3, General Business Zoning District. The applicant is requesting a variance of .34 from the allowable building area for each separate occupancies (separate occupancies shall not exceed 1.0, 1.34 proposed). Section 508.4 and 508.4.2 MBC 2012

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Tires stolen

A Northville man had all four tires/rim stolen from his Ford Fusion while it was parked outside of his residence the night of April 8. Northville Township police were the first to spot the car with the missing tires while in the neighborhood on a different call. The car was found up on landscape blocks on Lyric

Open intoxicants

A Canton woman was stopped for driving on a suspended driver's license, which led to another violation for having an open pint of Remy Martin

Six Mile Road near Cedar

in her center console. The Northville Township police spotted the 28year-old woman's car on Lake Circle just before 3 a.m. April 9. A check of the plate revealed that the owner had a suspension. The woman was arrested and, during the search, the bottle of liquor was found

Rock thrown at car?

The Northville city police investigated a report from a resident who said the car she was driving was struck by an unknown object March 31 as she passed under the pedestrian bridge at Hillside Middle School on

reported seeing a bag

Eight Mile Road. The woman, who was driving her father's car, said she heard a loud noise as she went under the bridge and then looked back to see a young man crossing the bridge. Police reported the object that caused a dent on the car's roof almost hit the windshield and formed a perfect circle. The police are looking to see if school security cameras picked up the incident.

Wrecked car arrest

A Detroit woman was arrested after Northville city police stopped her for driving a badly damaged car with a warrant out on her. The police

reported spotting the woman driving along Main Street in a car that was heavily damaged on its back end. A plate check revealed the owner had a warrant out for her arrest. Police stopped the woman and, upon making contact with her, she was unable to produce any documents to verify her identity or car ownership. Through some personal questions and the work ID badge she was wearing, police did finally identify her as the woman wanted on a bench warrant out of Ypsilanti. She was turned over to Ypsilanti police.

– By Lonnie Huhman

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Heroin possession

A man was arrested by Novi police for drug possession after calling them because he locked his keys in his car. Novi police reported responding to a lockout call from the Novi Road and **Grand River Avenue** Mobil gas station March 15. Police reported the man was acting very nervous. When officers looked in the car, they

with needles on the pas-

senger seat. A check on the man revealed he had a warrant out of East Lansing. Police found a small container with pills in it and a folded piece of paper with a substance said was heroin. Hit and run

inside, which the man

A man's car was struck while parked outside of the Old Navy

store on West Oaks Drive. The man reported the incident to Novi police after he found his car with a card on the windshield that stated the person who left it saw the incident. There was reportedly minimal damage, but he owner wanted to file a report.

Home broken into

A Novi home was broken into when the suspect cut through a screen door to gain access March 12 on Denby Court. The homeowner came home and noticed shoe prints on the floor. A further check revealed \$800 in cash was taken from a bedroom. Police suspect the thief gained entry by cutting the screen, prying a sliding door partly open and then using a crow bar to lift up the wooden dowel.

- By Lonnie Huhman



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WEDDING



Cristhian Bravo and Mackenzie Fankell

Fankell and Cuellar

Mackenzie Kathleen Fankell of Northville and Cristhian Alfonso Bravo of Ovalle, Chile, were married July 19, 2014, at Tanglewood Golf Club in South Lyon. Northville Mayor Christopher Johnson, uncle of the bride, officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Fankell of Northville. The groom is the son of Mr. Gilberto Bravo Nettle and Mrs. Nataly Cuellar Campusano of Ova-

The bride wore a dress of satin and tulle appliqued with lace made by her aunt, Patricia Johnson. Seven by the bride's aunt, Michelle Kobrin, trimmed the interior petticoat. The bride carried a bouquet of yellow roses dotted

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was attended by bridesmaids Brigitte Warner, Sarah Felosak, Julia Roberts and Michelle Langer. The brides-

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and raised in Dearborn, Michigan and later adopting

Highland Township as his home.

Loving father, grandfather, great-

grandfather and uncle. Art was a Korean War veteran

Korean War veteran serving in the U.S. Air Force both

in Korea and Texas. Art retired from Michigan's

Department of Social Services af-

ter many dedicated years of serv-

ice. He's a co-founder of the Wel-

fare Employees Union and was

twice president of WEU.
After his retirement, Art worked

for the United Farm Workers of

America at their office in Detroit. He helped organize UFW President Cesar Chavez's speak-

ing tour at the Walter P. Reuther

Library on the campus of Wayne

State University, and at several

universities in the 1980s. Art was

a civil rights advocate who truly believed all people were created

equal. He was an avid bicyclist. Art rode his 10-speed

bicycle from Detroit to Denver in

the early 1980s. His second cross

country trip took him from De-

troit to Flagstaff, Arizona, two

years later. Art is preceded in

death by his father Arthur, mother

Opal; sisters Margie and Delores;

nephew Ron Gibbs; aunt

Michalina (Mickey) Crowell, and

cousin Frank Crowell. He is sur-

vived by his ex-wife Cleo; sons:

Brian Barbati and his wife Ann;

Duane Barbati; and Shawn Friday

his

Darcey; granddaughter Christine

Halliday and her husband

Christian Mark and Calley Mae;

nephew Gregg Gibbs and his wife

Ann; and their children Alex and

Emily. With all our love Art, we

will miss your smile, laugh, gen-

social conscious dearly. Thank

you for being our father. A

private family and close friends memorial service is pending.

great-grandchildren

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vocate Arthur C. Barbati, of

gan, passed away on Friday,

10, 2015.

maids wore kneelength yellow dresses and carried bouquets of vellow and white roses with a few star-shaped

Standing by the groom were groomsmen Alvaro Ortiz, Alfonso Galleguillos, Victor Bravo and William Fankell, brother of the bride. The groomsmen wore gray tuxedos with yellow ties and matching bouton-

During the ceremony, Yvonne Stephens, of Kewadin, Mich., grandmother of the bride, read Corinthians 13 with Alfonso Galleguillos. Bridesmaid Sarah Felosak sang a song based on this biblical verse.

The bride graduated from University of Michigan and holds a bachelor's degree in psychology, as well as a master's degree in statistics. The groom has a degree in physical therapy from University of Santo Tomas.

The couple spent their honeymoon in Cozemel, Mexico, and plan to reside in Ann

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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

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Location: Ridge Wood Elementary School, 41355 Six Mile, Northville

Contact: DestinyW3C@Gmail.com

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

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Location: P.O. Box 605, Novi Contact: 248-767-1366 Pastor: James H. Moseley Jr. Pastor: Ashaki M. Mo

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Contact: 248-442-8822

a.m. and 11 a.m.

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Faith Community

Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile Contact: 248-349-2345 Web: www.faithcommunity-

novi.org Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

PELTIER,

KATHRYN M. Age 92, of Northville, passed away April 13, 2015. Share con-

May the memory of your loved one...



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 fifthand sixth-graders; Surge Youth Group, Bible Study with Pastor Troy Ogle; and Little Critters for preschool age

First Free Will **Baptist Church**

Location: 51395 10 Mile Road,

Contact: 248-348-2380

First Presbyterian Church of Northville

Location: 200 E. Main, North-

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

First Presbyterian Church

First United Methodist Church of

Location: 777 W. Eight Mile, Northville

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

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Location: Novi Civic Center 45175 W. Ten Mile Road Contact: 810-599-7392

Web: www.FrankTurner.org Sunday Gathering: 10 a.m. The Believers Congregation in Novi receives all desiring God's love, grace, healing and acceptance, regardless of faith background, gender identification or sexual orientation. The atmosphere is warm and loving. The attire is casual. Experience an entirely new way of sharing and receiving the love of the Lord Jesus

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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

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Location: 21900 Meadowbrook

Pastor: Charles Sexton Contact: 248-344-4465

Holy Cross Episcopal

Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile,

Contact: 248-427-1175; ho-

lycrossnovi@gmail.com

Sunday School and Nursery Care: 10 a.m. worship service Alzheimer's Support Group: 10 a.m. second Saturday

Hope Lutheran

Location: 39200 W. 12 Mile,

Farmington Hills

Lakes Baptist

Church

Walled Lake

Legacy Church

(formerly First Baptist Church and Orchard Hills Baptist Church)

Contact: pastor Jon Hix, 248-

349-5665

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/vouth/children: 9 a.m. Contemporary service in sanctuary; 10:15 a.m.: Contemporary 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 Avrohhom and Leah Susskind; 248-790-6075; rabbi@novijewishcenter.com

Web: www.novijewishcenter-

Novi United Methodist

Location: 41671 W. 10 Mile,

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

Peace Vigil: noon first Sundays the church. Member of the congregation and the community will stand united in

OakPointe Church

Location: 50200 W. 10 Mile,

Contact: 248-912-0043 lifegroups

Worship Services: 5:15 p.m. Saturday; 9:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m. Sunday.

ReNew Life Group Ministries: weekly)

tries: 7 p.m. Tuesday; 9:30 a.m. Wednesday

Men's Life Groups Ministries: 6 a.m. Friday; at the church and various locations

Church

Location: 23893 Beck Road, Novi

Contact: 248-982-4041 Web: www.oaklandbaptistnovi.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

Contact: 734-453-0326, ext. 221

Our Lady of Victory Location: 132 Orchard Drive,

Contact: 248-349-2621 Web: www.olvnorthville.org Saturday Worship: 5 p.m. Sunday Worship: 7:30 a.m.,

Our Savior Apostolic Lutheran Church

Location: 54899 Eight Mile, Northville

Bible Study: Wednesdays at 7

service

Our Shepherd Presbyterian Church

Location: 1200 S. Sheldon, Plymouth

Contact: pastor Bill Burke; 734-927-0891 Wednesday Bible Study: 7

Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.

Pentecostals of Novi

with fellowship and food after

Location: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile

Contact: 248-697-8158 Web: www.thepentecostalsof-

Plymouth St. John's **Episcopal Church**

Location: 574 S. Sheldon in Plymouth

Contact: 734-453-0190, ext. 16 Web: www.stjohnsplymouth-

Praise Baptist Church

Location: 45000 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth

Location: 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills

two separate fall support groups: "Hope for Tomorrow" for those grieving and "Through the Fire" for those needing divorce recovery. These free support groups will meet at 7 p.m. Thursdays in the fellowship hall area. These classes will offer strength, courage and hope to individuals as they go through the process of grief and/or divorce. Space is limited. Please call the church office to preregister or for more information.

Free movie night: 7 p.m. Friday, April 4 – God's NOT Dead -- This 2014 film is about standing up for one's beliefs as a college student is challenged by a philosophy professor who believes that God doesn't exist. The evening will include a taco bar for a free-will donation to help defray costs. Call the church office by Wednesday, April 22 if you wish to include the taco bar as part of the fellowship this

St. James Catholic

Location: 46325 10 Mile, Novi Contact: 248-347-7778

Pastor: Monsignor John Kasza. Mass schedule: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Tuesday; 7 p.m. Wednesday; 5 p.m. Saturday.

Church Location: 23225 Gill, Farming-

Web: www.stjohn-lutheran.com Saturday Worship: 5:30 p.m. Sunday Worship: 9, 11:15 a.m.

St. Paul's Lutheran Location: 201 Elm Street, Northville (behind Hiller's)

Web: www.stpaulnorthville.org

Sunday Morning Coffee Hour: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

Sunday Youth Bible Study: 9:45 a.m. in the Youth House across Elm street Sunday Morning Adult Bible

Confirmation Classes: 7 p.m. Mondays. Women's Bible Study: 9:15 a.m. Wednesday, September

through May, in the Parish Hall Men's Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. second and fourth Saturday, September through May, in the Youth House across Elm street AA: 8 p.m. Fridays.

The Relational Church

Location: 24139 Brentwood Court, Novi Pastor: Michael Zerkich Contact: 248-767-8626

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

AA: 8 p.m. Wednesdays

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Web: www.DW3C.org

Livonia Web: www.emmanuel-livonia.org

Sunday worship: 8 a.m., 9:30 Youth group: 7 p.m. Wednes-

Women's Coffee Break Bible

Presbyterian Church

First Baptist Church

of Northville Location: 217 N. Wing, North-Contact: 248-348-1020 Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.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

Location: 21260 Haggerty,

Nazarene

north of Eight Mile

Contact: 248-348-7600

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Web: www,dfcnazarene.org Sunday Schedule: 9:30 a.m. Classic worship service, Adult Bible Fellowship classes and Children's Sunday School; 11 a.m. Contemporary worship service with Kids Church, Teen Worship Service and Adult Bible Fellowship classes. Cafe is open from 9:15-11 a.m.; 6 p.m. Evening Traditional Service

Thursday: 6 a.m. Men of Pur-

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Contact: 248-349-1144

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Location: 23455 Novi Road,

Web: www.legacychurch.us **Sunday School/Small Groups**

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Oakland Baptist

Location: 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth Township

9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

Contact: 248-374-2268 Children (5-10) & Adult Sunday School: 10 a.m.

Contact: 734-748-3898 **Prince of Peace** Lutheran

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Contact: 248-474-0584

Sunday School: 10:15 a.m.

Contact: 248-349-3140 Sunday worship: 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.; nursery care provided during worship services

Study: 10 a.m.

Details: This religious education Contact: Jennifer Teed; 248-

League of Women Voters hosts forum on Proposal 1

By David Veselenak Staff Writer

Sitting in the Livonia Civic Center Library auditorium, Peggy Gray and Julie Lewis compared notes following a forum on the May 5 roads proposal.

Held April 6 by the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County, the forum detailed how the proposal would change the way taxes are assessed in the state. The forum, Gray said, helped her understand the issue better.

"I was only going by what people were saying," said Gray, a Livonia resident.

The women were two of several dozen who attended the event to gain a better per-



BILL BRESLER I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Eva Packard explains the background and the proposal.

spective on the statewide ballot proposal. While complicated, the proposal will essentially: remove sales tax from fuel and replace the current excise tax with a wholesale tax based on the price of gas; and increase the sales tax from 6

percent to 7 percent, an increase that would replenish and supplement funding for schools and local governments taken away by removing the sales tax from fuel. Vehicle registration fees would also not see any depreciation as they currently do today. Registration fees on trucks would also increase and a surtax would be applied to electric and hybrid vehicles.

The proposal is reportedly expected to increase funding for roads to more than \$1.2 billion beginning in fiscal year

Eva Packard, voter service director for the state League of Women Voters, gave the presentation, detailing how the proposal came into exis-

tence, what it would do to the price of fuel and arguments given by those for and against the proposal. While the League of Women Voters does not endorse candidates, it can endorse proposals and issues. However, the League has taken no position on the May 5 ballot proposal.

Packard went over the effect on the price of gas at two retail prices, \$2.40 a gallon and \$3.83 a gallon. With the way the proposal is worded and tie-barred to other laws, the price of gas would increase to \$2.50 and \$3.85, respectively, if federal taxes and other fees are included in the retail price.

"The estimate is that this change would bring in about

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\$1.3 billion for fiscal year 2017-18," she said.

The proposal would also provide funding for some mass transit and a restoration of the Earned Income Tax Credit back to 20 percent. It is currently at 6 percent after being reduced in 2011.

Another aspect that would change is how vehicle registration fees are handled. Currently, a new car's fee decreases 10 percent each year for three years before it stops dropping.

Polls for the vote are open across Michigan from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. May 5.

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Jazzercise fitness center opens new Novi location

Jazzercise Inc., an international corporation offering more than 32,000 classes weekly in locations around the world, has opened its newest fitness center in Novi (24289 Novi Road, in the Pine Ridge Shopping Center), offering 29 classes weekly.

Novi Jazzercise opened its doors almost 10 years ago, offering classes in a clubhouse setting. Since then, it's grown to serve a wide customer base representing all ages and walks of life. The business offers morning, afternoon, evening and weekend classes to fit all lifestyles and even offers babysitting for those with children. The new center enables Novi Jazzercise to offer even more class options in a great location designed specifically for Jazzer-

"Jazzercise has become so popular in Novi that it's time to open our own facility," Novi Jazzercise owner and instructor Jacqueline Glebe said. "Now we can

offer our students the best accommodations and the most convenient class times."

Novi Jazzercise invites the public to its grand opening celebration 1-3 p.m. Sunday, April 19. Attendees can come anytime 1-2 p.m. to meet fitness instructors and staff, tour the center, enjoy refreshments, win prizes and take advantage of the grand opening

At 2 p.m., instructors will team up to demonstrate a complimentary Dance Mixx Jazzercise class for those who wish to try it out before or after joining. The 60-

offer.

minute Dance Mixx class includes a warm-up, heart-pumping dance aerobics and challenging muscle-toning routines choreographed to a variety of current music, then a cool-down stretch segment.

Jazzercise, founded in 1969, combines elements of dance, resistance training, Pilates, yoga, kickboxing and more to create a fitness program for people of every age and ability. Class formats include Dance Mixx, Fusion, Strike, Core and Strength. With constantly changing moves, new beats, a variety of workouts and calorie-crushing intensity, customers can expect to feel results after three classes and to stick with it long-term.

The Novi Jazzercise grand opening coincides with Jazzercise Inc.'s new look and class of-



Pictured (back, from left) are Novi Jazzercise members Maki Lowe, Blanka Bajc, Lenora Woloszyn, Pat Scott-Nelson, Susan Horsburgh, Denise Merlanti and Linda Brand and (front, from left) Novi Jazzercise instructor Pam Zinkosky, owner and instructor Jackie Glebe and instructor Michiko Spielman.

ferings. In January, the company unveiled a new brand identity to reflect the calorie-crushing intensity of its workouts and to confront the misconception that Jazzercise hasn't evolved from its meteoric rise in the 1980s. The new brand expression is edgy, intense, hard-hitting and

modern, mirroring what customers experience in class today.

"Some people still think legwarmers and leotards when they hear Jazzercise, but we left the '80s behind a long time ago," said Judi Sheppard Missett, Jazzercise founder and CEO. "Jazzercise is the original dance party workout and, 45 years later, we continue to transform the bodies and lives of our customers because we know how to get results and keep it fresh. We constantly evolve our workouts, mixing in new music, new moves and new classes to keep it challenging.'

Learn more about Jazzercise at www.jazzercise.com. For more information about Novi Jazzercise, contact Glebe at 810-333-6110 or jackiejazzer@yahoo.com.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Athleta and Garage coming to Twelve

Fashion and fitness enthusiasts will have two new options in store at Twelve Oaks Mall this spring when popular apparel brands Athleta and Garage join the center's retail lineup.

Twelve Oaks will be home to the first southeast Michigan store for Montreal-based Garage. With locations across the world, Garage is known for its on-trend, affordable clothing and accessories for teen girls. Customers can shop the season's hottest denim, the latest must-have styles and everyday fashion basics within a casually cool and unique environment.

Garage will be located on the lower level, near Lord & Taylor, and is scheduled to open in early May.

Coming in late May is premier fitness apparel brand Athleta. Existing at the intersection of fashion and fitness for women, Athleta blends performance innovation with sophisticated style to offer versatile pieces for all-day outfitting. The store will also serve as the go-to wellness resource where women can find information about local races and athletic events, as well as take part in free in-store fitness classes.

To celebrate the grand opening, Athleta will make a donation to the local chapter of Girls on the Run, a nonprofit organization dedicated to creating a world where every girl knows and activates her limitless potential. Athleta will be located on the upper level, near Sears.

Two Men and a Truck collecting for moms

Each Mother's Day, moms across the country are showered with attention and gifts. Unfortunately, while most moms are being treated to breakfast in bed or having flowers delivered to

them, tens of thousands of women spend their Mother's Day alone and unrecognized, living in shelters due to homelessness or as a result of escaping from domestic

To aid mothers in crisis, Two Men and a Truck created its Movers for Moms program, a community-based initiative working with neighborhood schools and organizations - including Rainbow Childcare Center locally - to collect essential items to donate to women on Mother's Day. The program began as a statewide effort in Michigan in 2008 and has continued to grow to with seven schools in the Wixom area joining more than 60 others in the state to benefit women in

Collection efforts are also being made nationally and the moving company hopes to surpass its 2014 collection of 220,000 items donated to community shelters supporting mothers across the country. Movers for Moms will donate to more than a dozen Michigan shelters in 2015 including COTS (Coalition On Temporary Shelter) and YW-CA Interim House.

The local Two Men and a Truck invites additional community partners to join the cause in 2015 in hopes of surpassing its collection objective. Schools and other organizations interested in supporting the Movers for Moms program should go to www.twomenandatruck. com to locate the franchise nearest them.

The Wixom franchise is located at 28287 Beck Road; phone 248-835-6683 or email info0173@twomen.com.

SCORE business mentoring

The Service Corp of Retired Executives onehour appointments are available from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, April 25, at the Novi Public Library.

SCORE mentors pro-

vide 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.

Oakland County's Economic Outlook Luncheon

Online registration is now available for the 30th annual Oakland County Economic Outlook Forecast luncheon set for April 30 at the Detroit Marriott Troy

University of Michigan economists Dr. George Fulton and Donald Grimes will present their projections on employment prospects in private manufacturing and non-manufacturing sectors with breakdowns for all industry categories for Oakland County. The outlook report is a main component for Oakland County's longterm planning and promotion activities.

"Fulton and Grimes are two of the most respected economist in the country," Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson said. "Getting their perspective on the county's economic health is both insightful and helpful. I wouldn't spend too much time deciding whether or not this is worth your time. This event is always sold out and these seats will go

Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased online at www.AdvantageOakland.Eventbrite.com. Registration closes April 21 or when capacity is reached. More than 600 people attended the event in 2014. The Detroit Marriott Troy is at 200 W. Big Beaver, east of I-75. The luncheon begins at 11:45 a.m.

The luncheon is hosted by Patterson, Chase and Oakland Community College.

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Nordstrom Rack to open in Novi's West Oaks

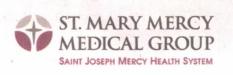
Seattle-based Nordstrom, Inc. plans to open a Nordstrom Rack in the West Oaks shopping center in Novi. The approximately 33,000square-foot store is scheduled to open in fall 2016. The property is owned and managed by Ramco-Gershenson Properties Trust.

When it opens, it will be the fifth Nordstrom Rack in Michigan and will join retailers including Gander Mountain, Best Buy, Michael's, HomeGoods and DSW. West Oaks is located across Novi Road from Twelve Oaks Mall, where Nordstrom has operated a full-line store since 2007.

"Many of our most successful Rack stores are located across the street from a Nordstrom store. We have found that both stores really complement each other," said Geevy Thomas, president of Nordstrom Rack. "We're looking forward to being able to serve customers more conveniently with two ways to shop with Nordstrom when we open in Novi next year.'

Nordstrom Rack is the off-price retail division of Nordstrom, Inc., offering customers a wide selection of ontrend apparel, accessories and shoes at an everyday savings of 30-70 percent off regular prices. The Rack carries merchandise from Nordstrom stores and Nordstrom.com, as well as specially purchased items from many of the top brands sold at Nordstrom. The Rack is designed to provide the ultimate treasure hunt to stylesavvy customers.

"We are very happy to welcome Nordstrom Rack to our West Oaks shopping center," said Dennis Gershenson, president and chief executive officer. "This exciting, best-in-class retailer is certain to expand our shopping center's appeal and dominance in its trade area.'



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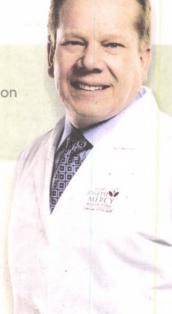
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by our capital strategist, Mike Brennan. He will detail the various capital sources in Michigan and talk about how to properly position your company to qualify for various funding sources, including; private/angel, SBA, short-term private lending, private equity, venture capital and angel network. Michigan and federally supported grant, loan and matching programs will also be discussed. Register for Capital Raise. No fee.

OPINION

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

OUR VIEW

Local elections: Now's your chance to help community into the future

The political season is upon us and, as a reminder for those people thinking about being a candidate for office in Novi, the filing deadline - Tuesday, April 21 - is near.

Holding office is a serious commitment and residents considering a run for mayor, city council or city clerk need to be sure they're making the right decision before filing by the 4 p.m. deadline.

Local government is the foundation of our democracy. Being an elected local official requires a commitment of time and effort and a willingness to communicate with constituents. This is one level where residents can interact with their elected leaders face to face at city hall, the local grocery store or a restaurant.

There are many reasons people choose to run for public office and candidates would be wise to take a close at their motivation. Some people run for office because they want to give back to their community; they love their city and believe they have the solutions that will make it better. There are some candidates who run for public office because a local issue has them at odds with current officials, while there are those who run to just run or make themselves feel more important.

Voters should have choices in an election. That is what democracy is all about. We encourage candidates who can make a positive difference, who can help position the city for a bright future, who truly want to serve their hometown and make it a better place to throw their hats into the ring.

Do you have what it takes to hold office? In Novi, if any more than three times the number for mayor or council file a nominating petition or pay the filing fee, that triggers a primary. Maryanne Cornelius, city clerk, believes the last time that happened was 1999. Here are the city of Novi offices that expire Nov. 9 and will be filled in this election cycle:

» The two-year term of mayor, currently held by Bob Gatt.

» Three four-year terms on city council, currently held by Dave Staudt (mayor pro tem),

Wayne Wrobel and Laura Casey.

» The remaining two years of a four-year city council position, currently held by Doreen Poupard.

The candidate filing deadline is 4 p.m. Tuesday, April 21, at the Novi City Clerk's office (45175 W. 10 Mile; 248-347-0456).

The candidate filing deadline is later for offices up for election in the city of Northville - 4 p.m. July 21 - at the Northville City Clerk's office (215 W. Main; 248-349-1300). Three seats will be decided in the Nov. 9 election:

» The two-year term of mayor, currently held by Chris Johnson.

» Two four-year terms on city council, currently held by Ryan McKindles and Nancy Darga.

And with the exception of the May 5 statewide and Northville schools bond renewal election, there are no elections scheduled currently for Northville Township.

A nominating petition and Affidavit of Identity with Campaign Finance Act Compliance Statement must be filed with the city clerk in order for a name to be placed on the ballot. Nominating petitions are available at the local city clerk's office.

We encourage folks who are thinking about running for office to give it serious consideration. It is at the local level where you can have the most impact on your community.



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COMMUNITY VOICE

"What do you think of police using drones?"

After getting authorization from the Federal Aviation Administration, Michigan State Police represents the first law enforcement agency in the United States that can use drones in every corner of the state. This question was asked at the Novi Civic Center.



"I'm for it. They should be used to help add protèction capabilities."

Nancy McNamara



"If you're not doing anything illegal, then you will have nothing to worry about. So I guess I'm in favor."

Sally Petrous



"If the police are in favor of it and think it will help, helps." then I approve of it."

Marlene Palicz



"It's fine by me, if it

Kory Osborne

LETTERS

Road fix tax a bait-and-switch scam

I have to disagree with any endorsement in support for Proposal 1, otherwise known as the "road tax." First off, that term is in error; it is much more than a road tax. It is a hastily made mistake and poor excuse for legislation that deprives taxpayers of much more than good roads. Why add tax to my loaf of bread and milk, why add tax to my restaurant bill?

Does the public even know that this piece of ill-conceived legislation removes ad valorem taxes from your itemized deductions? As a single point to this, you will no longer be able to deduct personal property tax on the purchase/use of a vehicle. Add that up when you purchase a new \$20,000 vehicle at 6 percent tax deductible, or at 7 percent tax non-deductible.

In summary, the proposal will increase the sales tax from 6 percent to 7 percent, raise taxes on fuel and increase vehicle registration taxes. It will also hike the state's Earned Income Tax Credit.

Overall, the proposal will increase state tax revenue for fiscal year 2015-16 by approximately \$2 billion, of which \$1.3 billion will go to funding transportation - initially to accelerate repayment of existing transportation bond debt, to increase overall road maintenance and to spend more on transit and recreational grants. Of the additional \$700 million in new tax revenue, \$300 million would go to public schools, \$100 million to local government revenue sharing and pledges for future spending

on local bus and transit agencies. The proposal raises the state's sales and use taxes from 6 percent to 7 percent, a 17-percent increase in the rate. This would give Michigan the second-high-

est state sales tax in the nation. Dangerous crumbling roads are no excuse for garbage legislation; that's how we got here in the first place. We need to send this back to Lansing so they can do this right. Band-Aid proposals full of bait and switch taxes while stealing more from the taxpayers is not what we need at this time. Take the time to put together a package that provides for better road specifications, enforcement of stronger warranties, lower load limits and direct dedicated taxation of fuels/road usage for repairs and mainte-

Don't increase the tax on my bread and milk to pay for monies to be spread out over several agencies, to get lost in the general fund, to be mishandled and misused. I agree that something needs to be done about our roads, but this is definitely not it. Until our legislators get this proposal done the right way, with long-term solutions in lieu of short term Band-Aids, I must

Brad Wolkan

Throwing money at roads

I read with interest the recent article on the I-96/U.S. 23 construction project. What particularly caught my attention was the comment that, "MDOT officials said the current interchange isn't geared for today's higher freeway speeds.

I must be wrong, but wasn't the speed limit in the '60s on these freeways the same 70 mph maximum that it is today? Yes. The question should be asked why taxpayers are paying \$70 million for a new interchange when next month voters are

being asked to hike sales taxes to generate \$1.6 billion to fix potholes. Only \$1.2 billion would go to fix roads, the rest for other pet projects unrelated to pot-

Steep turns and merging traffic on that interchange have been a fact of life for more than 40 years. I know what you're all thinking – why not throw \$70 million at the problem when all we need to do is slow down? Naw. That would be too easy. After all, it's only money, right?

Scott Grigg

Supports ballot proposal The Michigan Townships

Association supports the May 5 transportation funding ballot proposal and will encourage its members to do the same.

MTA's Executive Committee believes a funding increase is in the best interest of townships and the state as a whole. Townships already spend more than \$186 million a year on roads and bridges, even though they aren't required to do so by law.

Quality roads are a critical driver for Michigan's economic prosperity and for the safety of our residents. MTA plans to work with other organizations in the coming months to actively support this proposal and ensure its approval.

Linda Preston 2015 MTA president

Pork-filled proposal

Why do most proposals, either out of Washington or Lansing, always have to include "pork"? Pork is the term used in politics that basically will buy votes from those who do not support various proposals set forth by either political party.

The proposal, which is to be voted upon May 5, does indeed include pork. The proposal is for \$2 billion of taxpayer money or a one-cent increase in our states sales tax. People who do not drive are getting taxed for something they don't really have a concern for.

Of the \$2 billion, only \$1.3 billion is going to used to fix the roads. Here comes the pork. Schools will be getting \$300 million of the \$700 million, with \$100 million going to local government revenue sharing and pledges for future spending on local bus, not school buses, and transit agencies (which has nothing to do with our community).

Michigan has a catastrophe fund that has more than enough money in it to fund the road repairs. A tax increase, therefore, is not needed. Gov. Rick Snyder said that there is not a

follow-up plan for this proposal. There is. Quit acting like Washington. We do not need more senseless taxes. Fix the roads, enforce weight restriction on trucks, open up the weigh stations 24/7. Use Department of Corrections inmates to keep the roads litter-free. Use your common sense, governor. Work with the people, not as Washington is doing, working against the peo-

> **Bob Johnson** New Hudson

No more taxes

Enough is enough. I am totally opposed to spending more taxpayer money to support our overfunded schools in the name of "fixing the roads." Gov. Rick Snyder is a "tax and spend" liberal who never saw a tax increase he didn't like.

The Michigan House of Representatives proposed an alternative that would fix the roads with zero tax increases. It would require re-prioritizing some of our existing spending from over-bloated schools, using sales tax money which was collected at the gas pump for other things than roads, etc.

The reason our roads and bridges are in poor condition today is because spending on roads has been ignored, and the money used for other purposes for years. Having a huge tax increase that only adds to the pork will not fix the roads nor will it provide needed maintenance on our roads and infrastructure.

Please oppose any tax increase for roads. Use existing funds to pay for the roads by prioritizing existing funds. If repairing roads and bridges is our most urgent problem, then let's act like it. Or is there no waste and all of our existing expenditures more important than fixing our roads and bridges?

Gerald N. Wiggins Salem Township

Truth not denigration

Where did Jack Belisle get his misinformation from? His assertions are not factual. President Obama was never brought up as a Muslim. Initially, he went to a Catholic school run by nuns. There he recited Catholic prayers, even though his white mother and grandparents were Protestant. He certainly did recite the Pledge of Allegiance and sang patriotic songs, as do American schools the world over.

President Obama loved his white mother and grandparents dearly. His grandfather asked his friend Frank Marshall Davis. to mentor him in what it was like to be an African-American male, not a communist. Those were the years when many Americans were against the Vietnam war, including many university pro-

While living in Chicago, Michelle and he worshiped at the Rev. Jeremiah Wright's Christian church. Even so, millions of loyal Americans are Muslim and love our country, as do Jews, those of many other faiths, as well as non-believers, all are staunch Americans.

The political opposition went through 35 years of Wright's sermons to find the disparaging comments in a sermon delivered during Wright's militant days. The Obamas never heard this sermon while attending a service. The Obamas quickly disavowed these comments publicly

We do need to transform this country into the democracy which our forefathers intended, not to be controlled by the superwealthy who buy elections and ruthlessly dominate at the expense of the poor and our environment. Mr. Belisle may wish to check out true facts at our wonderful South Lyon library.

Delphine Palkowski South Lyon

Protect public from Wi-Fi

France passed legislation banning Wi-Fi in childcare facilities. At what point does anyone in the United States take any steps to protect our children?

Children's brain's are 10 times more susceptible than adults. Just because people want to play with their iPhone in restaurants, why do other people have to suffer in wireless radiation? I have a burning/sizzling sensation every time after being exposed to Wi-Fi. Think about other people, America!

Suzanne Yarbrough

How to fix Michigan's roads without raising taxes

oters will be asked May 5 to consider a ballot proposal that would seek to fix our roads by increasing our taxes. Voters have been told that there are no viable alternatives. After much investigation, I believe that it is important that voters understand that there are indeed alternatives that merit further consideration.

Over the past four years, I served as vice chair of the Senate Transportation Subcommittee on Appropriations. During this period, I have spent significant time with constituents and other legislators studying the serious problem of the deteriorating condition of roads and bridges in our state. Furthermore, I have examined how Michigan's road investments and road quality compare to other states. As a result of these efforts, I have assembled no less than four viable options that would allow us to fix our roads without raising taxes.

The first of these options is to simply ensure that the tax money collected at the pump goes

Where's the lake?



to fixing our roads. One way to accomplish this objective is a blast from the past commonly referred to as the "Bolger Plan." This option had already passed the state House of Representatives last year, but was replaced by the current road plan in the Senate. Among other things, this plan would ensure that 100 percent of the taxes raised at the gas pump would go toward fixing our roads. Another way to accomplish this objective is what I refer to as the "Proos Plan" after legislation offered by Sen. John Proos in previous legislative sessions that restricts the 17 percent of general fund revenue collected at the pump via the sales tax to road construction. This legislation has already been passed previously by the Senate. Either of these approaches would yield an additional \$150 million per year starting in the first year.

The second option is to

simply prioritize the spending of existing funds. This option features freezing general fund budgets with projected increases except for K-12 education, allocating 100 percent of "one-time" spending to roads, using the Budget Stabilization Fund to "stabilize the budget" and open up several restricted funds to allow usage of their fund balances to offset road maintenance costs. This option would add \$669 million to our road budget in the first year.

The third option is to reduce our expenses. These expense reduction opportunities can be broken down into MDOT cost reductions, non-MDOT government cost reductions and the removal of federal regulations that drive the cost of road construction. This option would not only address the quality of our road construction as a means of reducing total life-cycle costs; it would also address the quality of our government operations. This option would yield at least another \$53 million to our road budget in the first year.

JOHN HEIDER I

Pavilion Shore Park yields a

view much fog

and not much

STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Looking north from Novi's

The last option is simply an "all of the above" option. All told, we have the opportunity to put \$869 million toward fixing our roads in year one and apply over \$1.4 billion toward maintaining our roads for each subsequent year.

I have focused on first

year spending because, as a public safety issue, I believe that we need to demonstrate that we are committed to fixing roads as quickly as possible. The options outlined above would enable us to put \$869 million toward fixing roads in the first year without raising taxes. For comparison purposes, Proposal 1 would only put \$434 million toward the roads in year one and

that is after increasing the taxes you pay by \$1.7 billion. In other words, the sum total of these options improves the safety of our roads more than twice as fast as the ballot proposal – and it does so without any tax increases

As a fellow taxpayer, I believe that these options deserve more consideration than the current dismissive commentary would indicate. I encourage you to take time to explore these four alternatives. There may be some who are opposed to these alternatives simply because they don't believe that there are the votes needed to pass them. As engaged citizens, it is our duty to keep pressing and ask

"why?" Why are film credits a higher priority than roads? Why are we putting money away into restricted funds that sustain lower priority programs at the expense of putting more resources toward road construction? Why don't we build roads that last longer? Who should be pinching pennies, families or government?

It is important for us all to realize that there are indeed ways to fix our roads without taking more money out of your wallets. More information on these options is available in the Solution Center at Morningin-Michigan.com.

Patrick Colbeck is a state senator for the 7th District.



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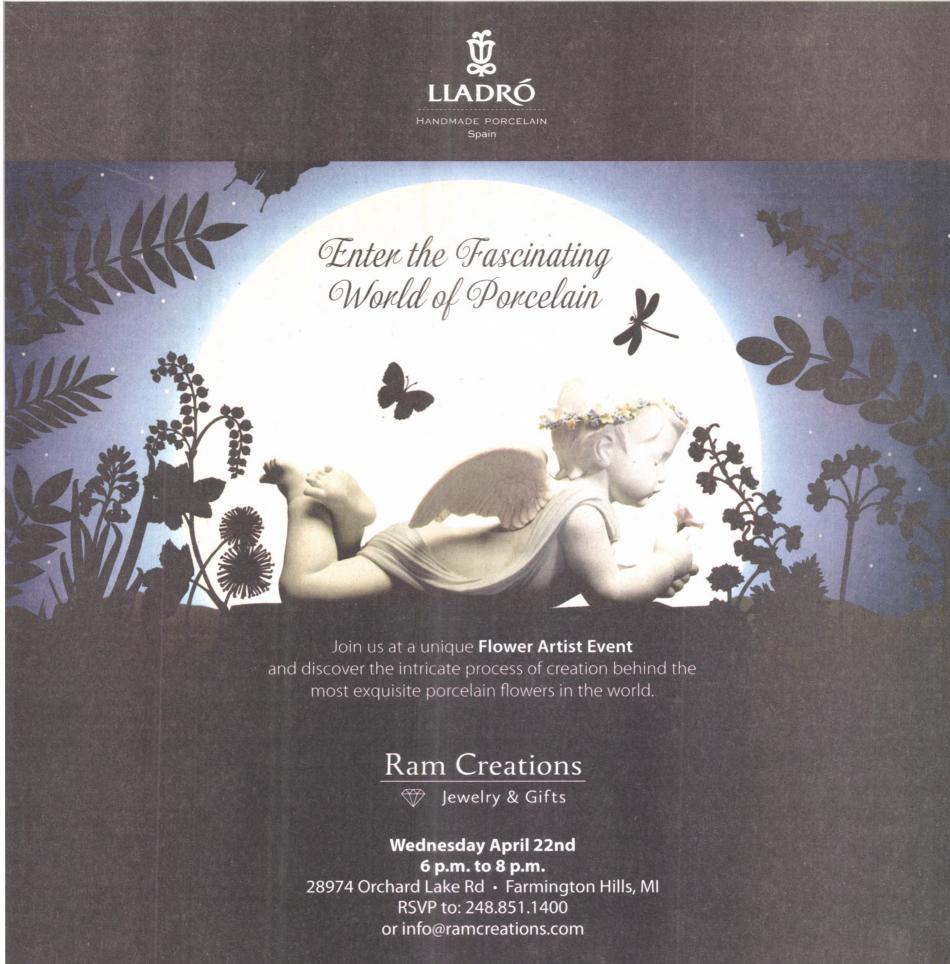
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lake April 9. The 11-acre park on the south shore of Walled Lake officially opened in August 2013 and offers walkway paths, picnic seating and a fishing



2 + 1 = 3: Mathnasium owners add Northville location

By Cal Stone Staff Writer

With the opening of their Northville location last September, Patrick Figurski and Joe DeFlorio now have in this area three Mathnasiums, a math learning center that helps students improve math skills, test scores and, ultimately, grades.

"Our teaching method is a good balance between individualized instruction and independent work," Figurski said. "This results in increased confidence leading to success, more engagement and even enjoyment."

Its programs include K-8, HS Help and ACT/ SAT Test Prep. All programs start with an assessment to identify both the weak and strong areas. For K-8 students, whether it is for catching up or getting ahead, a personalized learning plan is developed to target the areas lacking understanding. The high school program focuses on helping students perform well in their current class

"The gaps identified from the assessment highlight prerequisite concepts that may need review to help the student with their high school classwork," De-Florio said. "The ACT/ SAT Test Prep is one of the best programs available, resulting in students seeing significant increases in their scores. This is because the best way to ace the test is to know the math. Therefore, we pinpoint the critical areas of need and focus on helping them achieve understanding."

Why, what and where?

After working in the corporate world for several years, the two men decided to pursue something that would make a tangible difference in the community. Their com-



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Mathnasium owners Joe DeFlorio (left) and Patrick Figurski have opened their math tutoring shop at the northwest corner of Six Mile and Haggerty roads in Northville Township. The pair also manage Mathnasiums in Livonia and Novi.

bined experiences of engineering and education were a natural fit for pursuing math education.

After doing some research and finding out the United States was ranked 29th in the world in math (since then the U.S. has dropped to 32nd), it became a clear indication that this was an area that needed some

"We investigated all the options available and were especially impressed with Mathnasium's curriculum and teaching methods," Figurski said. "We opened our first center in Novi in 2009, followed by a second center in Livonia in 2010. Northville was always on our radar screen, but we weren't able to find the right location, until recently."

They said they've always wanted to locate a center in this area because Northville places such a high priority on education. This was supported by many requests from a number of Northville clients already driving to attend the Novi and Livonia centers.

"Unfortunately, when we were looking back in 2009 and 2010, there just weren't any locations available," DeFlorio said. "We continued watching and waiting for the right place and now we're excited to add Northville to our family of Mathnasium Math Learning

Math-only approach

Centers that we own and

operate.

They say there are a number of things that make their business unique, but the most important item is that they only teach math. This allows them to focus 100 percent of their efforts on ensuring the methods are consistent and at the highest possible level. All of the instructors are math experts and are required to demonstrate their proficiency through formal assessments.

Students who are struggling with the black and white nature of math require important nurturing techniques that are extensively covered in the instructor training program. "Getting a student to understand math and become confident requires a lot more skill than just knowing math," Figurski said. "Since we only focus on math, we are the experts on how to help your child become successful at

math. A good math pro-

gram cannot be diluted with other topics that may compromise the learning process.'

They often tell prospective parents that their child, after a few weeks, will actually start to enjoy math and look forward to attending - and this is after they have, in some cases, literally dragged their child into the center.

"Of course, they always look at us and roll their eyes and say, "Yeah, right' and write it off as some poor attempt at a sales technique," Figurski said. "However, in almost all cases, we will have parents come up to us in about a month and tell us that they simply can't believe it, but their child is starting to not only like math, but begin to choose attending Mathnasium over other events when it comes to a choice due to conflicts.'

The reason why children start to enjoy math at Mathnasium," DeFlorio said, "is because we meet them at their level, not at a too advanced or way too easy level. Also, our number-sense techniques help them to see math in a way that makes sense to them. And finally, there is no judgment regarding what they don't know, only nurturing and positive encouragement.

DeFlorio said there are always continuous improvements, but the core principle of the curriculum has remained essentially constant teach math in a way that makes sense to them.

"Since we opened our first center in Novi in 2009," he said, "we have acquired even more information on the variety of inhibitors that contribute to students having difficulty with understanding math. As we learn more about various challenges that the students have with math, we continually tweak the curriculum and our

methods to further improve how we may help the students 'see' how the math works.

Because the Mathnasium method is individualized for each student. this knowledge is directly applied to the creation of each student's learning plan.

"We don't crank out cookie-cutter plans to force fit into each student, but rather we custom tailor the learning plan to meet each student's math capability and learning method, Figurski said.

When people don't have the extra disposable income, they tend to cut back on their spending. However, DeFlorio and Figurski have discovered that parents tend to make education a top priority. In many ways, they say, the recession solidified the need for a good education.

"It can provide a leg up on the multitude of candidates vying for the same position, whether it be to a good college or later a job in the career of their choice," DeFlorio said. "What better way to prepare your child for a successful future than to position them for being accepted in the schools of their choice?"

The business side

While corporate Mathnasium tends to focus its marketing on K-8 students, which is a very good program with excellent results, DeFlorio and Figurski will be working to get out awareness on their excellent high school programs

"The ACT/SAT program, in particular, has demonstrated phenomenal results," Figurski said. "Our approach to prepping for these tests is much different than most programs that utilize the large classroom approach focusing on test-taking 'tips and tricks' rather than knowing the math - and at a

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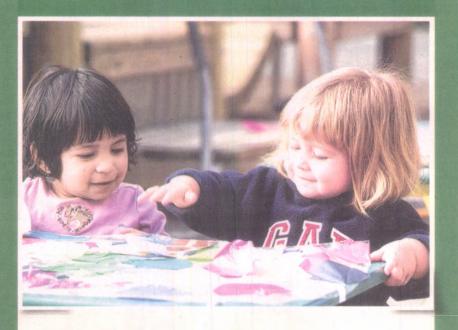
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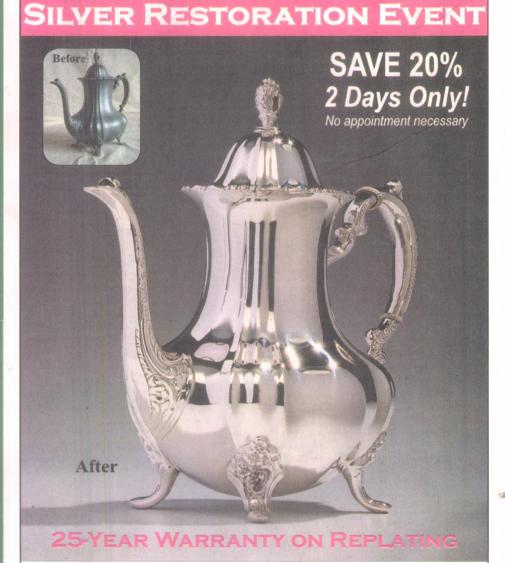
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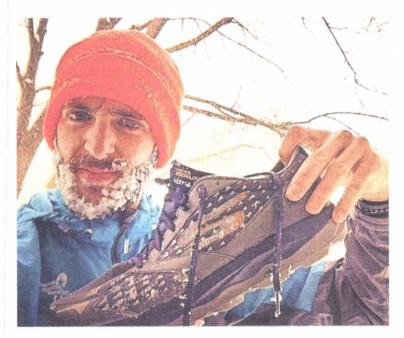
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ROAD RACING

Born to run: Ornelas finds niche in ultras



Zach Ornelas braved 17-degree weather recently on Long Island Sound to post the sixth fastest time ever by a North American in a 50-kilometer race.

USATF 50K Road National champion is Boston-bound

By Brad Emons Staff Writer

Zach Ornelas isn't joking when he says his one-to-one teaching duties during the day at Northville's Brightmont Academy often require more energy than running a mara-

"I've learned how to run after eight, nine hours or more of teaching different students all day," said the newly crowned USA Track and Field 50-kilometer Road National Champion. "But I think in the teaching environment, I'm doing less mileage now because I'm not a collegiate runner anymore because I don't have all that excess time. Teaching all day is like extra mileage, then I go and run after work, so obviously it's an endurance type of day, so I think it's helping me in these long

The 23-year-old Ornelas, a native of Cedar Park, Texas,



Ornelas

track as a distance runner at the University of Michigan, recently dipped his toes into ultra running and

appears to have found his niche. His first attempt came during the 2013 Detroit Free Press Marathon, where he won with a

seconds In 2014, Ornelas upped his mileage and showed even more potential by placing sixth in the

time of 2 hours, 20 minutes, 11

Cayuga Trail 50 Mile, which served as the USATF 50 Trail National Championship, while taking another sixth against a strong field at the Flagline Trail Fest in the USATF 50K Trail National Championship.

50K champion

But his breakthrough came March 1 at Caumsett State Park (N.Y.), where he became the 2015 USATF 50K Road National champion when he posted a clocking of 2:52.17 on the 10-loop course that covered exactly 31.0686 miles.

The time was the sixth-fastest by a North American and just two minutes slower than the second-fastest clocking.

'The 50K, I surprised myself," said Ornelas who graduated from U-M in December 2013 with a degree in education.

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LOCAL SKATERS BOUND FOR TOKYO

Ice dancers Chock and Bates just scratching the surface

Team Trophy competition for World silver medalists

> **By Brad Emons** Staff Writer

It's their last major competition of what could only be categorized as a highly successful season for ice dancers Madison Chock and Evan

Coming off a satisfying runner-up finish in the International Skating Union's World Championships held last month in Shanghai, China, the duo – who train at the Novi Ice Arena - will be in Tokyo this weekend to defend their 2013 title at the ISU's

World Team Trophy of Skating. The 22-year-old Chock, who graduated from Novi High in 2010, looks forward to a uniquely different style of competition, which pits the top men's, ladies, pairs and ice dancers from the top six skating countries in the world.

"You really bond with your team more and the other teams, because there's only a certain few of us there because it's a smaller team," Chock said. "You cheer on your team, you cheer on other teams that skate well, too, so it's a fun event. Everyone has a great time. You can dress up and have as much team spirit as possible because there's an award for that, too, at the end."

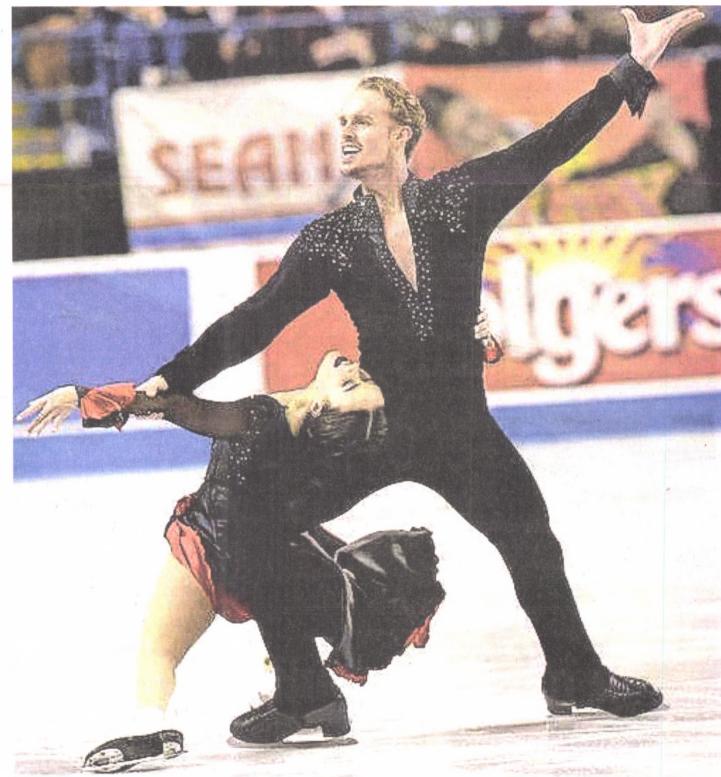
The 26-year-old Bates, who graduated from the University of Michigan in 2013 with a degree in organizational studies, has been named captain for Team USA, which also includes Max Aaron and Jason Brown, men's; Gracie Gold and Ashley Wagner, ladies; Alexa Scimeca and Chris Knierim, pairs.

Team dynamic

The World Team Trophy is also special in many ways and and could be categorized as one of international

skating's majors. "It is, in a sense, because it happens only every other year," Bates said. "And most every event other than the Olympics is on the calendar every season, so the World Team Trophy has a lot of importance to us. It's the only time we get to compete

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The ice dance team of Novi's Madison Chock and Ann Arbor's Evan Bates placed second recently in Shanghai, China, at the World Championships

EVAN BATES

BOYS GOLF PREVIEW

CC's Piot brothers drive state title aspirations



GREGORY JOHNSON | GAM Catholic Central's James Piot placed sixth in last year's state finals for the Division 1 runner-up.

Novi, Northville hope to contend this year as well

By Brad Emons Staff Writer

One stroke made all the difference last year.

That's what separated Novi Detroit Catholic Central from its first MHSAA Division 1 boys golf state championship since 2010.

The Shamrocks were edged for the title by Swartz Creek, 584-585, but return three of their top five players, led by the brother combination of James and Glenn Piot Jr., along with sophomore Ben Smith.

"Everyone took it to heart. It was definitely a tough loss at the end of last season," said Glenn Piot, a first team Divi-

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sion 1 all-stater who signed in November to play at Michigan State.

Glenn Piot was the winner of the 2014 Michigan Ju-

nior PGA Championship and was an alternate at the 2014 U.S. Junior Amateur qualifier. This summer, he also placed second at the AJGA Memorial Junior and tied for ninth at the AJGA Junior at Forest Lake

Country Club.

"I think he'll have a phenomenal year and he's got a great opportunity to step right in at Michigan State," CC thirdyear coach Mike Anderson said. "I'm close with program. I played there (1987-91) and I know the coach (Casey Lubahn) well and they're really excited to have Glenn coming there. He's got the type of game where he can step right in and play. He shoots good scores and, with the short game he has and if he keeps it in play off the tees, he's going to have a great round.'

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The Shamrocks' Glenn Piot Jr. earned Division 1 all-state honors as a junior for the state runner-up

PREP TRACK AND FIELD

Shamrocks take down arch-rival Brother Rice

Catholic Central stops Warriors in dual meet to end four-year skid

> **By Brad Emons** Staff Writer

Novi Detroit Catholic Central used spring break to its advantage Monday as the Shamrocks opened their boys track season against rival Birmingham Brother Rice with a 76-52 dual meet victory.

"We came out ready to run, basically, because we've been home," said Tony Magni, who is in his 41st season as CC's head coach. "We practiced very, very well all last week and some of his kids (coach Bob Stark) were on spring break at Brother Rice. We been practicing and ready to run. I think the intensity was up there and, hopefully, we can keep it up."

Each team captured eight events, but CC picked up valuable points with seconds and thirds to clinch the Catholic League Central Division dual meet.

Donovan D'Amore was a double-winner for the Shamrocks, sweeping the 110- and 300-meter hurdles in 15.5 and 42.2 seconds, respectively. Another double-winner was Mike Misiak in the shot put (47 feet, 1 inch)

and discus (130-9). CC also got firsts from Lance Yassay in the high jump (5-8) and Brian Clark in the 3,200 run (10:20.0).

The Shamrocks' 3,200 relay team of Avery Felty, Brendan Canavan, Bailey Hobson and Scott Smith also won easily in



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Catholic Central's Ike Marchie finished runner-up in the long jump with a leap of 19 feet, 8.5 inches in Monday's dual against Brother Rice.

Another key contributor to the victory was senior Ike Marchie, who took second in the long jump (19-8.5), high jump (5-6) and 110 hurdles (15.7). He also teamed with Beau Bushart, Brett Manoogian and Brendan Smith for a victory in the 400 relay (45.3).

Other second-place finishers for CC were Chris Bradbury, discus (124-10), Anthony Schluentz, 300 hurdles (44.1); Bushart, 200 (23.9); Canavan, 800 (2:07.5);

Scott Smith, 1,600 (4:43.2); and Alex McLaren, 3,200 (10:22.0).

The Shamrocks were also able to overcome the sterling performance of Rice senior Chiebuka Onwuzurike, who captured the long jump (20-3.5), 100 dash (11.4) and 200 (22.3), while also anchoring the first-place 800 relay (1:34.4).

"The kids ran well and they responded very well to the pressure," Magni said. "We haven't beaten them in four years and I

just told them, 'If we keep it close, that we can get the seconds and thirds, we could sneak in there.' We swept the highs and lows (hurdles) and the the (3,200). That kind of thing really helps obviously."

CC returns to action 9 a.m. Saturday in the April Showers Relays at Dexter before traveling Monday to take on Central Division foe University of Detroit-Jesuit.

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PREP BASEBALL

Hartwig homers twice as CC splits with Rice

Plymouth also takes pair in spring break DH vs. Shamrocks

After falling 10-0 in the opener, Novi Detroit Catholic Central came out swinging in the nightcap to earn 13-10 victory in eight innings and gain a split of its Catholic League Central Division baseball doubleheader Saturday against visiting Birmingham Brother Rice.

Davis Feldman pitched the shutout, while Karl Kauffman paced the offense three hits as Rice cruised to the 10-run mercy rule victory in Game 1. John Garry and Reese Trahey each added two hits to pin the loss on CC starter Grant Hartwig.

However, it was a different story in Game 2 as Hartwig collected three hits and five RBIs, including the gametying three-run homer in the top of the seventh and a two-run homer in the eighth as the Shamrocks prevailed in eight

innings, 13-10.

Jordan Jenkins also contributed three hits, including a solo homer, while Mike Scott and Justin Green contributed two hits apiece as CC improved to 2-6 overall and 2-4 in the league.

Dante Toppi pitched 4½ innings in relief to pick up the victory, while Hartwig came on to get the final two outs and the save.

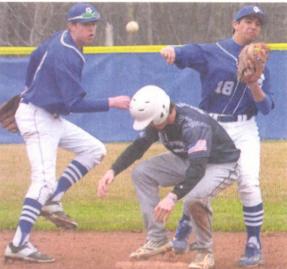
Nick Plummer led Rice (9-1, 5-1) with three hits, while Preston Pilat, Steven Ring, Trahey and Garry added two each.

PLYMOUTH 6-1, DETROIT CC 2-0: Pitching was the name of the game as the Wildcats (4-3) swept a non-league doubleheader April 8 from host Novi Detroit Catholic Central (1-5). Patrick Downing threw a complete game four-hitter and struck out seven over seven innings as the Wildcats captured the opener, 6-2. Pete Carravallah went 3-for-3 at the plate to pace a 13-hit Plymouth attack, while Andrew Hejka, Kevin Anthony and Cam Stella each went 2-for-4. CC used four pitchers, while allowing just one walk, as starter Luke Hargis suffered the loss. Justin Green and Nick Marcon each collected two hits for CC.

In Game 2, Kyle Wolter limited the Shamrocks to just two hits and struck out six as the Wildcats edged CC in five innings, 1-0.

Luke Hirshman collected the only RBI of the game for the Wildcats. PLYMOUTH 6-1, DETROIT CC 2-0:

the game for the Wildcats.
The Shamrocks used three pitchers with Jack Hintze taking the loss.



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Catholic Central's Luke Hargis (left) and Sean Garica (right) turned a double play in the third inning against Plymouth. Retired at second base on the play was Cameron Stella of

PREP BASEBALL ROUNDUP

Novi gets past Hartland, 6-5

lifts Northville past Detroit Western, 9-4

Jack Reilly's two-run single in the top of the sixth inning proved to be the difference as Novi's baseball team improved to 4-3 overall with a 6-5 triumph Monday at Hartland.

Brendan Wexler also went 2-for-4 with two RBIs as the Wildcats overcame a 4-3 deficit with two runs in the sixth and one in the seventh.

Novi starter Jason Pastore, who pitched the first 5% innings, earned the victory. He allowed four earned runs on five hits and three walks while striking out four.

Joey Carn came on for two-thirds of an inning allowing one runs on one hit and a walk, while Scott Beaton earned the save as the gave up one hit and got the final two outs in the bottom of the seventh after Hartland pulled within a run.

Hartland starter Nathan Lohmeier pitched the first five innings, but didn't get the decision as reliever Richard Bortle, who gave up two earned runs on three walks in twothirds of an inning, took the loss

Max Cadman went 3-for-4 with a triple and four RBIs for the Eagles

Mustangs prevail

Zach Prystash was the winning pitcher in relief and also went 2-for-4 and scored three runs Monday as host Northville (4-0) toppled Detroit Western International (2-1) in a nonleague game, 9-4.

The Mustangs used six different pitchers,

Prystash's big day with Nate Wixon throwing two scoreless in mont (3-2) in the touring two scoreless innings, while Prystash, Chris Dunn, Dugan Darnell and Ian Borthwick also kept the Cowboys off the board.

"We played well for not playing a game in a while," Northville coach John Kostrzewa said. "I thought we played pretty good defense and threw strikes. A lot of guys had a chance to throw. We made a couple defensive mistakes that we have to clean up. When Western scored, we came right back in and were able to put some runs back up, which I was really happy to see. It's something we talk a lot about."

Tyler Lowe also had a big day at the plate for Northville going 2-for-4 (both doubles) with three RBIs. Connor Walters, Nick Zalewski, Steve Grosz and Darnell also knocked in runs.

"Offensively, we put ourselves in good position to score runs, but we're a little undisciplined at times," Kostrzewa said. "We did have a number of people contribute up and down the order, which was a definite positive, and had some timely hits

when we needed them." Carlos Avina (RBI) and Marcos Moncivais each collected two hits for Western.

Novi goes 2-1

The Wildcats nearly completed the hat trick in Saturday's triple-

header at Coldwater. Novi captured its first two games against Fremont (Ind.), 4-3, and St. Clair Shores Lake Shore, 3-2, before falling to Hamilton, 8-3.

Spencer VanKirk's bunt single scored Jason Pastore with the game-inning run in the bottom of the fifth inning to give the Wildmont (3-2) in the tourney opener.

Scott Beaton also went 2-for-4, while Mike Ninkovich added an RBI for Novi.

Sophomore Alec Bageris, who came on for starter Jack Colliau in the fifth, pitched three scoreless innings to pick up the victory. Bageris gave up four hits to go along with one

strikeout and no walks. Colliau worked the first four innings and allowed two earned runs on four hits. He struck out seven and walked

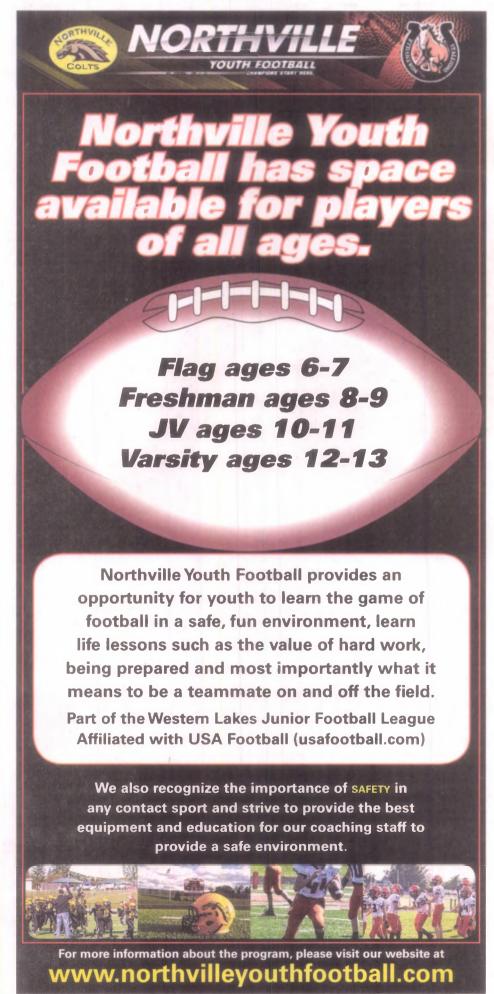
In Game 2, Beaton delivered the gamewinning RBI single and Bageris added an RBI sacrifice fly as the Wildcats had only two hits, but took advantage of five Lake Shore errors to earn the victory.

Beaton, the winning pitcher, allowed just one hit, a walk and one unearned run over the first four innings. He came on in the fourth inning in relief of starter Adam Tobias, who allowed just one hit and two walks with four strikeouts during his three innings of work.

But in the finale, the Wildcats (3-3) had their three-game winning streak snapped by Hamilton, which scored four runs in the third inning and three more in the bottom of the fifth.

Michael Mitchell (2-for-3, RBI sacrifice fly), Noah Matthews (2-for-3, RBI) and Joey Carn (RBI) accounted

for the three Novi runs. Ninkovich, the losing pitcher, allowed five earned runs on eight hits. Reliever Jack Reilly gave up three runs (all unearned) in 1¹/₃ innings, while Brent Geiger came on to get the final four outs with a pair of strikeouts.



BOYS LACROSSE ROUNDUP

Novi wins another thriller in OT, 9-8

Northville, Shamrocks also record triumphs

> **By Brad Emons** Staff Writer

One-run matches have become the norm these day for the Novi boys lacrosse team.

The Wildcats won their third straight onerun match Monday as Griffin Sparling scored the game-winning goal with less than a minute to go in overtime against visiting Canton, 9-8.

Novi, which improved to 4-2 overall and 2-0 in the KLAA's Kensington Conference, overcame a 6-3 halftime deficit and 8-4 Canton lead heading into the final quarter.

"We haven't practiced as a full team and it took us a while as a team to get back," said Novi coach Eric Hoffman, whose team has been involved in five of six one-goal matches. "We needed to score five and I'm proud we were able to fight back. We started taking better shots and our defense played well."

Ryan Moore and Michael Werth led Novi's offense with three goals and one assist apiece, while Sparling ended up with two goals and an assist. Anthony Zugaro also scored.

Novi goalie Dan Savela made eight saves.

The loss dropped Canton to 2-4 overall and 0-2

in the conference.

NORTHVILLE 15, PLYMOUTH 5:
Senior Alec Melucci scored four goals, added two assists and picked up nine ground balls Monday as the Mustangs (4-3, 2-0) rolled to a KLAA Kensington Conference victory over the host Wildcats (2-4, 0-2) at Centennial Educational Park.

The Mustangs who led 7-1 at halftime

The Mustangs, who led 7-1 at halftime, also got offensive production from Josh Bentley (three goals, one assist), freshman Antony Salamone (two goals, one assist); Connor Sweeney (one goal, two assists);

Stafford steps down

tollowing 13 seasons

By Brad Emons

Staff Writer

Roberta "Robbie" Ris-

don has been named the

new boys tennis coach at

Novi Detroit Catholic

Central, replacing Joe

Stafford, who stepped

down after 13 seasons for

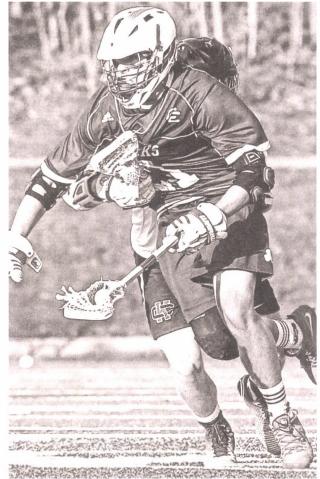
to devote more time to his

tennis academy business,

according to CC athletic

director Aaron Babicz.

BOYS TENNIS



SCOTT CONFER

Catholic Central's Alex Jarzembowski fends off a Cranbrook player in Friday's 15-7 victory.

and Brennan Sweeney (two goals). Also adding goals for Northville were Jacob Accardo, Zach Tardich and Brendan Hicks, while A.J. Batshon also had an assist. Meanwhile, Harry Dyson led Northville with 10 ground balls, while Nate Holloway and Spencer Gonda combined for 18-of-22 face-offs.

Alex Justice played the first three goals in goal for Northville, while Jack Breuch played the final quarter. The pair combined

or seven saves. Kyle Robertson and Nolan Quellette each scored a pair of goals for the Wildcats, who also got a sterling performance in goal from

DETROIT CC 15, CRANBROOK 7: Freshman Pete Thompson racked up five goals and added two assists Friday as Novi Detroit Catholic Central (5-2, 2-0) used a big second half to down host Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook (1-4, 1-1) in a Catholic League Division 1 match.

"We put the clamps down in the second half," said CC coach Dave Wilson, whose team rallied from a 7-5 halftime deficit. "We took care of the ball a little bit better.

CC names Risdon new tennis coach

at Farmington Hills Mer-

MHSAA Division 1 state

title in 2010 and a runner-

Risdon has been the

Skyline since 2011 and has

"Roberta has devoted

boys coach at Ann Arbor

been the girls coach at

countless years to the

game of tennis and the

overall development of

scholar-athletes both on

school state champion

and off the court," Babicz

Risdon is a former high

Ann Arbor Huron since

cy, guided CC to an

up finish in 2008.

2013

We had better face-offs and played good

Other top offensive attackers for CC included junior Justin Baker (three goals, one assist), junior Rocco Mularoni (three goals); sophomore Cole Gingell (two goals, two assists); senior captain Matt Foreman and Nick Capatina (one goal each). Junior Alex Jarzembowski also excelled in

"He's just something to watch," Wilson said. "He's at least 85 percent on the year. Meanwhile, sophomore goalie Hunter Braun made 12 saves for the Shamrocks. Johnny Wagner tallied two goals in a

DETROIT CC 17, ST. MARY PREP 6: Rocco Mularoni paced the offensive attack with five goals and one assist, while Zack Crawford chipped in with four goals and three assists April 7 as host Novi Detroit Catholic Central (4-2, 1-0) downed Orchard Lake St. Mary's (3-3, 0-2) in a Catholic League Division 1 encounter.

Jonathon Phillips went the distance in goal as CC captured its fourth straight.

from Bloomfield Hills

Lahser and a graduate of

my goal is to share my love of the game," Risdon

said. "I enjoy instructing

players on how important

it is to be focused and play

with confidence. I empha-

size that you have to be a team player and expect

everyone to be good sports

are representing their high

in competition. Players

need to understand they

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school."

"As a high school coach,

the University of Michi-

GIRLS LACROSSE

Goree's a keeper as Northville girls up record to 7-0

Goaltender Gabby Goree came on in the second half to make nine saves Monday as Northville kept its unbeaten streak going in girls lacrosse with a 15-12 victory at home over Plymouth.

Sarah Chase, Audrey Tatge and Emma Dietrich each tallied a hat trick for the Mustangs, who improved to 7-0 overall and 2-0 in the KLAA's Kensington Conference.

Other offensive producers for Northville included Ally Blough and Liz Hansell, one goal and one assist each; Erin Scott, two goals; and Grace Guibord, one goal. Chase also added an assist.

Maddie Caffee started in goal and made two saves as Northville led 12-7 before giving way to Goree.

"We played composed and won against a good team," Northville first-year coach Amanda Asher said. "I'm proud of the girls. Gabby (Goree) was our MVP."

Sabrina Schiftar tallied three goals for Plymouth (3-2, 0-2).

BOYS GOLF CAPSULE

SEASON OUTLOOK

CATHOLIC CENTRAL

Home course: Cattails G.C. League affiliation: Catholic

Last year's finish: First, Division
Catholic League; MHSAA Division 1
district champ; MHSAA Division 1 state
and regional runner-up.

Notable losses to graduation: Domenic Mancinelli (honorable mention all-state), Dan Ault, Jimmy

Leading returnees: James Piot, Soph. (all-state dream team); Glenr Piot, Sr. captain (first team all-state); Ben Smith, Soph.; Max Palmer, Jr. **Promising newcomer:** JoJo Mancinelli, Jr.; Nazir Jairazbhoy, Sr.; Will Coffman, Sr. captain.

Anderson's 2015 outlook:
"We come into this season with high expectations. We have three guys who are really solid players and then we're going to have six or seven guys battling for two spots. We got 20 guys on varsity, but realistically there's only another seven or eight guys at the most that will be able to contend for the top five. One of things we do at Catholic Central is take two, sometimes three and in some cases four teams, so that we have all 20 guys, or at least 15 guys, playing in as many events as possible. We had 68 kids try out for the program, so it's a pretty deep well to choose from. We felt last year like we were the best team in the state Very happy for Swartz Creek and what they were able to accomplish. They beat us and we just played poorly. They just played better. Our fifth-man scores that we threw out at the state finals were two 76s and they

think. They're top four guys played well for them." NORTHVILLE Head coach: Jeff Balagna, fifth

Home course: Northville Hills

threw out a 91 and 93 that day.

League affiliation: KI AA

Last year's finish: Second, KLAA Central Division (4-1); fifth, KLAA pre-tourney and KLAA Association Notable losses to gradua **tion:** Andrew Sarokin, Brad Minniear, Andrew Stevens, Matt Robinet.

Leading returnees: Jacob

Promising newcomers: Daniel

Balagna's 2015 outlook: "We graduated four of our top five players from last year's team that qualified for regionals. Our biggest challenge to start the year is finding out who is going to take those spots. We have about 10 kids who can step up and fill those voids; it's just a matter of finding which ones at the right time In addition, we lack varsity experience Jacob Pierce is the only player on the team with true varsity experience. This is the first time in a while we will have all new faces in the varsity



JEFF BALAGNA Senior Jacob Pierce is the lone returnee to the Northville boys golf starting lineup.

lineup. Jacob Pierce started in the five spot for us all year. He had his score count in over half of the events we played in. He'll be the number one player on this year's team and should have a big year.

NOVI Head coach: Brad Huss, 18th

Home course: Walnut Creek C.C. League affiliation: KLAA Kensington Conference (Central

Last year's finish: First, KLAA pre-tourney and KLAA Central Division (5-0); fourth, MHSAA Division 1 district; seventh, KLAA Association tourney; ninth, MHSAA Division 1

Notable losses to gradua-Leading returnees: Bryan Fegert, Sr.; Ryan Welch, Soph.; Erik Czekaj, Sr.; Billy Ulle, Sr.

Promising newcomers: Mike Ulle, Soph.; Brendan Campbell, Jr., Huss' 2015 outlook: "I think we

have an outstanding team because, realistically, the tournaments mean everything. Dual meets are nice and help set you up for championships, but the reality is they don't mean a whole lot in the sport. To me, it's like playing a half football game. It's an 18-hole sport. I think we have a very good 18-hole team, but we're going to have to rely on our top four guys. And I truly believe those other guys are going to sneak in there, maybe somebody is still a sleeper right now that will come in with a score and can help us. I believe we can play with anybody in an 18-hole tournament

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL Thursday, April 16 av at Franklin Road, 4:31 Friday, April 17 Canton at Novi, 4 p.m. Saturday, April 18 Monday, April 20
Northville at Canton, 4 p.m.
Novi at Plymouth, 4 p.m.
Tuesday, April 21
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Franklin Rd. at 57 field Christ, 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 22
Novi at Northville (2), 4 p.m.
U-D Jesuit at Detroit Cc (2), 4 p.m.
Thursday, April 23
Detroit Cc at Saline (2), 4 p.m.
S'field Christ. at Franklin Rd., 4:30 p.m.
Friday, April 24
Franklin Rd. at Summit, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 25
Brighton at Northville (2), 11 a.m.
DeLaSalle at Detroit Cc, 11 a.m. DeLaSalle at Detroit CC, 11 a.m.
GIRLS SOFTBALL
Thursday, April 16
Luth. W'sld at Franklin Rd., 4:30 p.m.
Friday, April 17
Wayne at Northville, 4 p.m.
Canton at Novi, 4 p.m.
Franklin Road at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 18
N'ville, Novi at Mercy Inv., TBA.
Monday, April 20
Northville at Canton, 4 p.m.
Oak. Christian at Franklin Rd., 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 22
Novi at Northville (2), 4 p.m.
Thursday, April 23
Birm. Seaholm at Novi, 4 p.m.
Franklin Rd. at Macomb Christ., 4:30 p.m.
Friday, April 24
Strong Tower at Franklin Rd., 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 25
Novi at Anchor Bay Inv., TBA.
GIRLS SOCCER
Thursday, April 16
Northville at Sevence 7 p.m. DeLaSalle at Detroit CC, 11
GIRLS SOFTBALL

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Saturday, April 27
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Northville at Rockford Inv., 9 a.m. CC at April Showers (Dexter), 9 a.m. Novi at Milford Invitational, 10 a.m. Monday, April 20
Detroit CC at U-D Jesuit, 4:15 p.m. Tuesday, April 21
South Lyon at Northville, 4 p.m. S.L. East at Nov., 4 p.m. S.L. East at Nov., 4 p.m. Saturday, April 24
Detroit CC at Jackson Inv., 3 p.m. Saturday, April 25
Northville at Lakeland Inv., 9:30 a.m.

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Det. CC at St. Michael's (Ont.), TBA.
Saturday, April 38
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Det. CC at St. Michael's (Ont.), TBA.
Monday, April 20
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Novi at Salem (CEP), 7 p.m.
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Saturday, April 18
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Saturday, April 25 ovi, CC at Southern Swin Novi, CC at Southern Swing at Locust Hills C.C., 8 a.m. ville at Bay City West. Inv., 10 a.m. TBA – time to be announced.

GOLFERS

Stafford, who remains

as the girls varsity coach

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Glenn Piot, a team captain, has helped lead the Shamrocks to three top six finishes, including sixth in 2012, third in 2013 and second in 2014, when he averaged 75.46 per 18 holes and had five top five finishes.

In the classroom, he is a member of the National Honor Society and holds a 4.04 grade-point average. He also scored 36 in the math portion of the ACT and plans to major in engineering at MSU

"Glenn is a great kid, a wonderful student, works hard." Anderson said.

Not to be outdone is young James Piot, who made the all-state super team as a freshman after finishing tied for sixth in the state finals at MSU's Forest Akers (East Course) with a two-day total 70-72-142.

James Piot averaged 73.23 per 18, while winning four tournaments and posting nine top 10 finishes. Over the summer, he became a twotime match play qualifier at the Michigan Amateur, while also earning a spot in the prestigious USGA Junior Amateur held at the Club of Carlton



CATHY FEGERT

Novi's senior golfers include (from left) Bryan Fegert, Billy Ulle, Erik Czekaj and Connor Howell.

Woods in Woodlands, Tex.

"I tell everybody that he is a mature young man and has a very high golf IQ," Anderson said of the sophomore standout. "He plays within himself. He never hits shots that he shouldn't hit. He manages the golf course very, very well. He's got a very good short game, which you need to be a great player. But I just think it's his decision-making and he's confident in his ability to let everything

slide off his shoulders. James, however, admitted he wasn't always a model citizen on the golf

"When I was younger I actually used to be a bit of a hot head," he said. "My dad (Glenn Sr.) taught me how to calm down and keep my composure. I'm pretty competitive, so I kind of keep my head in the game and I like winning so ...

There's a sibling rivalry that consistently boils beneath the surface between the two brothers, who reside in Canton and work with Fox Hills Golf Club pro Brian Cairns during the offseason

And that give-and-take between the two definitely elevates both of their games.

"We play together a lot, but (James) doesn't need to rely on me for any help," Glenn Jr. said. "With his game, it's definitely his ball-striking and keeping his composure. He's definitely come a long way with that."

Adds James: "We don't

really ask each other what's wrong with our game or anything like that. We just like beating each other. It's constantly competition, trying to beat each other.'

Glenn Jr. has concentrated on improving his short game repertoire, while strengthening his lower body with the help of one of MSU's strength coaches.

"He's as physically fit as any 17-year-old man in the country," Anderson said. "He's strong. He's got great mechanics, hits the ball a mile. He's working on hitting it in play more often. And again, he has a fantastic short game."

Expectations, meanwhile, remain high for CC, which had a strong turnout (68) for preseason tryouts before Anderson trimmed the squad down to 20.

"I think we're just as good as last year," James Piot said. "We lost Domenic Mancinelli and Dan Ault, but we've got a few guys that have improved since last year and they can fill the shoes just fine. I think we'll be a good team this year again.'

Novi optimistic

The Wildcats return four of their top five

players off a team that captured the KLAA Association pre-tourney and made it to the Division 1 regional after taking third in the district.

Seniors Bryan Fegert, Billy Ulle and Erik Czekaj, along with sophomore Ryan Welch, all return.

The biggest loss, however, is Garrett Buckley, who made first team all-state as a junior and was an honorable mention all-stater in 2014. He is now playing at Loyola (III.).

"You can't replace Buckley, but in high school sports, you're never going to replace those guys," said Novi coach Brad Huss, now in his 18th season "And if it always came down to that, you'd never have a good team, but Bryan Fegert is exceptional, Billy Ulle ... those guys have another year under their belt. They've worked very, very hard. They take it very seri-

Mustangs rebuild

Northville made it to the Division 1 regional last year with a sixthplace finish, but lost four of its five starters to graduation, with senior Jacob Pierce as the lone returnee.

"One thing I'm most looking forward to is watching the maturity and talent of our underclassmen," Northville coach Jeff Balagna said. "We have three extremely talented freshmen and a slew of sophomores that have improved a ton over the past year. We iust need to get them tournament experience. It's going to be fun watching them compete for spots in the varsity lineup. We play a lot of tournaments, so they will have a lot of time to prove to me if they belong.

Among the promising newcomers for the Mustangs are sophomore Daniel McKee and two freshmen, Abhi Alluri and Jimmy Dales.

"In addition, I have a solid core of juniors and seniors that have waited for this opportunity,' Balagna said. "I wouldn't say we have a superstar, like in the year past, just a bunch of players that are very good and have the ability to go low on any given day. One of the strengths this year is going to be our depth, one through 18. All have the skill set to play well. It is going to be a very competitive, a fun Mustang golf team this year." **ALL-AREA WRESTLING**

Catholic Central's Amine has no peers

By Brad Emons and Jeff Theisen Staff Writers

It was a dominating wrestling season in more ways than one for Novi Detroit Catholic Central's Myles Amine.

The senior earned his second straight MHSAA Division 1 state title, this time at 160 pounds, where he finished 47-0 overall capped by a 7-6 overtime decision in the finals over Milik Dawkins of Flint Carman-Ainsworth last month at The Palace of Auburn Hills.

And with the match there was a bit of irony because the University of Michigan-bound Amine had won his previous 46 matches on bonus points by either major decision, technical fall or pin.

Tt was that dominance that earned the CC standout All-Area Player of the Year honors.

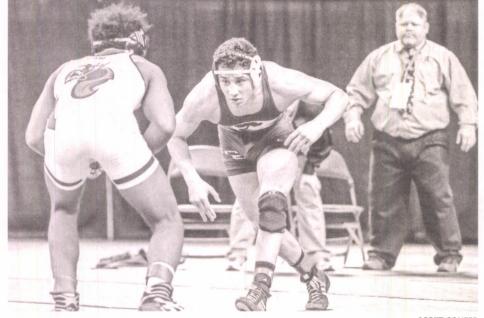
Amine's career record during the past four seasons with the Shamrocks was 160-25, including 101 pins. He was a state qualifier as a freshman, thirdplace finisher as a sophomore and captured the 145-pound Division 1 crown as a junior.

Amine also captured the NHSCA Senior Nationals on March 30 in Virginia Beach, Va., at 152 and added a seventh at 2014 Junior Nationals in

freestyle at 152 "His ability to focus, prepare and develop his love for the sport are what set him apart," CC coach Mitch Hancock said. "He has a laser focus on ac-complishing his goals and he doesn't allow himself to become distracted. He prepares for competition the right way and on a level that most high school athletes can't comprehend. He loves the sport and the competition that comes along with it. Myles is a great ambassador for wrestling, Catholic Central and what it means to be a Shamrock.

Amine also excels in the classroom, where he owns a 4.2 grade-point average to go along with an ACT score of 28

"In my coaching tenure at Catholic Central, I have seen very few athletes who are as well-rounded as Myles is," Hancock said. "He's an active member in our student government and a kind individual who's well-liked by his peers and well-respected by his teachers and coaches. He is fantastic young man who impacts those around him in a positive way, which is a sign of great leadership.



SCOTT CONFER

Catholic Central's undefeated 160-pound Myles Amine as named Area Wrestler of the Year,

First team

Trevor Zdebski **Catholic Central**

After winning the 119pound Division 1 title as a junior, the University of Michigan recruit repeated as a senior, going 46-5 en route to the 130-pound

He finished his career with a 142-20 record, including 90 pins. He was third-place finisher at the state tourney both as a sophomore and freshman.

"Trevor is a special young man who had desire to be great since he walked in here as a freshman," Hancock said. "Trevor is as technically sound as you'll find in a high school wrestler. He was a great teammate, enjoyable to be around and a motivator for his teammates. He was willing to go up or down in the lineup, depending on where the coaches needed him. Trevor's smile is molded into the minds of many people here at Catholic Central, as he has impacted so many of us in a positive way.

Nick Giese Catholic Central

The senior earned a third-place finish at 189 for the second straight year while posting a 46-5 record and winning titles at Oakland County, district and regional.

"It's been an honor to work with him and be a part of his daily life these past four years," Hancock said. "We are super proud of him and how he handles adversity.

Tyler Morland Catholic Central

The sophomore bounced back from off season knee surgery to place third at 171 while posting a 27-2 overall record and winning district and regional crowns.

"People forget that he tore his ACL in September and worked very hard to get to this point," Hancock said. "We were questioning whether we would get him back, period. CC is in good hands with Ty being one of our leaders.

Tommy Herrmann **Catholic Central**

The senior placed seventh at the Division 1 finals at 125 and posted a 36-16 overall record while adding second at the district and regional. He was also third at Oakland

"We're so proud of Tommy and all he has accomplished," Hancock said. "Tom has come a long ways since his freshman year, when he entered our room as a roundfaced, raw, hungry young man.'

Nick Jenkins Catholic Central

The sophomore placed sixth at 285 at the state finals after taking third at the regional and runner-up at the district.

"What a year this young man has had," Hancock said. "To find 36 wins as a sophomore at this weight is exceptional. We are in good hands with him up top for the next two years.'

Aaron Hoorn South Lyon East

He had a very unusual finish to his season by placing eighth at 112 pounds in Division 2 despite being disqualified for his final two matches. Hoorn won in the blood round, but missed the time to weigh in for the following day and was forced to forfeit. The senior finished 43-13 at three different weight classes. He was 15-2 at 125, 19-7 at 119 and 9-4 at 112.

"Aaron is a four-year

starter and senior captain with more than 100 career wins," coach Fred Vera said. "Aaron finishes his high school career as an all-county wrestler, placing sixth at the Oakland County tournament, third in the district tournament, a regional champion and now an all-state wrestler." **Aaron Rehfeldt**

Catholic Central The junior finished 32-18 overall while earning a state qualifying berth at 112 after placing fourth at the regional and

runner-up at the district.

He was also Oakland

County champ. "Aaron is a workhorse and will be back next year with some grit in his teeth," Hancock said. There is no doubt in my mind he will have a great spring and summer that will be extremely produc-

tive.' **Chris Koumariotis** Northville

The senior, who posted a 30-21 record, was a state qualifier at 145 after finishing third at the regional and sixth at the district. He also placed sixth at the KLAA and was eighth at 152 at Oakland County.

"Chris started the season at 160 and 10 of his losses came at that weight class," coach Brian Bagian said. "He really came on at the end of the season. Jameson Donahue

South Lyon

The senior finished his career with a trip to states at 189 pounds and a 36-11 record. Donahue was fourth at Oakland County and fifth at the KLAA tournament.

"Jameson had a terrific year. He was really focused on getting to states and he accomplished that goal," coach Brian Wilson said. "He has a tremendous work ethic and the

ALL-AREA WRESTLING

PLAYER OF THE YEAR Myles Amine, Catholic

FIRST TEAM Trevor Zdebski, Catholic Central Nick Giese, Catholic Central Tyler Morland, Catholic Central Tommy Herrmann, Catholic Central Nick Jenkins, Catholic Central Aaron Hoorn, South Lyon

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Jameson Donahue, South Lyon William Jacobs, Lakeland

Andrew Bovay, Lakeland David Joyner, Milford Brandon Krol, Milford **SECOND TEAM**

Conor Cox, Catholic Central Kyle Benkarski, Novi Shunhe Wang, Northville Evan Davis, Novi Nolan Klapec, Lakeland

John Dixon, South Lyon Cody Sickels, South Lyon HONORABLE

MENTION Catholic Central - Nick Joseph (jr.), Joe Lyon (soph.), Aidan Wagh (fr.), Stone Moscovic (fr.) Northville - Jim Behe (sr.) Novi – Jared Engebretson (sr.), Dorian Haney (sr.) Cooper Smith (jr.) Milford - Tim Nelson (sr.), Blake Peterson (jr.)

edgy attitude to go with it. He is the kind of wrestler who wants to go out and wrestle the best kids around his weight class to see how he does. That was a huge thing for our team to see as it helped inspire the rest of the team. William Jacobs

Lakeland

The senior was a steady force throughout the season with a 44-8 record. He capped his career with a trip to states, where he won his first match but wound up losing 5-4 in the blood round to finish one match shy of reaching all-state. Jacobs was runner-up at both the KLAA tournament and the regional. **Andrew Bovay**

Lakeland

The senior finished his career with by qualifying for states at 189 pounds. He recorded a win in his opening match before falling in the next two, missing all-state by one match. He finished the season 40-8. He was run-

ner-up at the regional and fourth at the KLAA tour-

David Joyner Milford

To say he had a tough draw at states would be an understatement. He won his first match before falling to the eventual runner-up and third-place finisher at 140 pounds. The senior finished with a 35-15 record. **Brandon Krol**

Milford The junior heavyweight had a monster year with a 37-7 record and a trip to states. He lost his opening match won the next two to reach the blood round, where he finished one match shy of reaching all-state. Krol earned a KLAA title and pinned his way to an Oakland County title.

Second team **Conor Cox Catholic Central**

The junior was a district champion at 152 and a third-place finisher at 171 at the Oakland County tourney while posting a 26-15 record.

Kyle Benkarski Novi

The 152-pound senior posted a 30-9 record while taking fifth at Oakland County and eighth in the KLAA Association tournev before being hampered in the district with an ankle injury Shunhe Wang

Northville The 125-pound senior posted a 39-12 record, taking seventh in the KLAA Association tour-

ney and sixth at Oakland County. He finished with 97 career wins. **Evan Davis** Novi

The senior finished 33-11 overall with a third

place finish at the Division 1 district. **Nolan Klapec** Lakeland

The sophomore had a huge year, but came up one match shy of qualify-

ing for states, losing in the blood round at the regional. Klapec (40-5) won an Oakland County title and finished third in the KLAA at 103 pounds. John Dixon

South Lyon The senior heavyweight caught a tough

bracket at the regional and came up one match shy of qualifying for states. Dixon (39-10) won a district title and placed sixth at Oakland County. Cody Sickels

South Lyon

The senior went 38-12 at 135 pounds and finished with a trip to the regional. He also placed seventh at Oakland County.

ORNELAS

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"I didn't know what kind of shape I was in. I just felt really, really good on race day and just kept going. I'd never run that fast for that long and actually I ran a faster pace per mile than I did at the Detroit marathon this past fall. Things just clicked. Everything came together on race day, so I surprised myself quite a bit.'

And Ornelas did it in less-than-ideal, wintry-like conditions on Long Island

"It was pretty cold, it was probably 17 degrees," said Ornelas, who in December bowed out after 45 miles due to hypothermia at the North Face Endurance Challenge 50 Mile Championship. There was ice and snow on a big section of the (Caumsett) course, but coming from Ann Arbor, it was nothing new to me.'

U-M athlete

After graduating from Vista Ridge High School, where he finished runnerup in the Texas cross country state meet, Ornelas enrolled at U-M. As a senior, he placed 17th in the Big Ten Championships (24:14.0 for the 8K) and 24th in the NCAA **Great Lakes Regional** (31:46 for the 10K).

He added a 146th in the



Zach Ornelas ran 2:52:17 for 50 kilometers to finish first at Caumsett State Park in New York.

2012 NCAA Championships (31:04.8 for the 10K). He also competed in the steeplechase for the Wolverines' track and field squad.

"At Michigan, I turned into a high-mileage guy," Ornelas said. "I had a coach whose philosophy was very high mileage. But I was still pretty average mileage for as fast as I was running. I was probably 50-60 miles a week (high school). In college I was hitting 130 miles per week at my maximum.'

Hip issues wiped out a bulk of Ornelas' 2014 distance season, but he did return to place runner-up at the Free Press after only three weeks of training while posting a time of 2:25:09

"The hip has been feeling better," he said. "I've had some hip injuries off and on in my last few years. In terms of right now, everything is working, everything is pristine, so it's all about keeping it that way.

Off to Boston

Ornelas is headed next week to run in the 2015 Boston Marathon, where he hopes to secure a top 25 finish and meet the 2016 Olympic Marathon Trials standard of 2:18:00.

In a tune-up race March 29, Ornelas captured first place in the Ann Arbor Marathon with a time of 2:34:22.

"Should be ready to go; it's a big one," Ornelas said. "Boston is kind of a hard course to do it on. It's really hilly, it's known for Heartbreak Hill. My goal is to get under 2:20. I'm going to go after it there. I feel like I'm there.

It will be his second trip to Boston, where struggled last April with a clocking of 2:34:17, but now it's time to exorcise a few demons.

"I went out with the pack and had pretty much not run for six months. then trained for three weeks and ran a marathon," Ornelas said. "I was probably in 40th place at the halfway mark and slid all the way to 158th in the last half. It was very painful last half, but I wasn't going to skip last year. Last year, it was very important everyone show up the year after the (bombing) attack. I knew I had to do it, no matter what. I went for it, but his year I'll hopefully be able to complete the whole thing quickly.

Strong feelings

Ornelas, son of an Army intelligence officer, has always had an affinity for Boston.

"I've been watching Boston as long as I can remember," he said. "I grew up playing all the sports - basketball, baseball, soccer. I got into running because my dad was in the military. He would do the 5Ks to stay in shape and I was kind of tired waking up early as a 7-year-old watching him jog, so I started doing them at the age of 6 or 7.

'The first time I ever heard it, I was probably 8 or 9 years old. My family would always watch it. Even in college, I'd watch it on my laptop in the back of the class and it would always be on a Monday when we had class. I always dreamed of being the top 25 there; (it) would pretty much be a dream come true.

Following Boston, Ornelas plans to jump right back in with the Ice Age 50-miler in May in Wisconsin. He is also committed to the JFK, another 50-miler in Maryland, along with the Grandma's Half-Marathon in June in Duluth, Minn. (where a 1:05 would get him into the U.S. Olympic Marathon Trials next year in L.A.).

Mountain race

And then there's the **USA Mountain Running** Championship in July in Bend, Ore. (In 2013 he ran for Team USA in the 2013 World Mountain Running Championships.)

"It's straight up and down a mountain," Ornelas said the short 12K event. "In the winter they ski, then snow melts.'

And if that's not enough, there's the Qatar World 50K Championship

to follow and, as Ornelas says, "all within the span of two months while teaching.'

"Lots of recovery, lots of ice," Ornelas quipped. It's certainly a balancing act for Ornelas, who relies on such sponsors as Skechers, Swiftwick, Run Detroit and Atwater Brewery to help defray some of his shoe, clothing and travel costs.

And then he has a regular job at Brightmont, which keeps him occupied throughout the day.

But it's certainly a job that has benefits for the ultra runner. "We have students of

all ranges," Ornelas said.
"I have students that are a grade ahead of their grade and I have several students who are behind. I explain to parents: It's like getting a pitching coach for baseball, a special coach who's really going to develop that athlete to their needs individually. That's kind of how we teach. Each student has completely different needs. What I do with one student one hour is completely different than I do the next hour. It's pretty fun to be a teacher there, because I really practice a lot of different styles and teach a lot of different things instead of the same lesson for seven hours straight, like in a regular public school.

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ALL-AREA BOYS HOCKEY

Novi icer Hoeflich goes to head of the class

Bv Brad Emons and Jeff Theisen

Novi right winger Brad Hofelich was one of five players up for Michigan Warrior Player of Year honors and nobody could argue that

That's because the 5-foot-11, 175-pound senior finished the year with a team-best 72 points on 34 goals and 34 assists as he sparked the Wildcats to a 17-9-1 overall record and an MHSAA Division 2 regional title.

And for his efforts, Hofelich was named boys hockey All-Area Player of the Year.

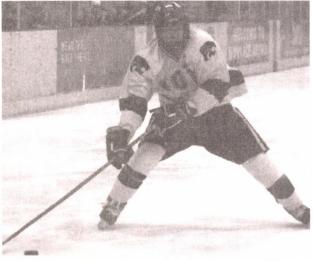
"In my biased opinion, he's the best player in the KLAA this year. His stats proved it, his play proved it," Novi coach Mark Vellucci said. "He had a lot of help from his two really good linemates (Bryan) Fegert and Ryan (Baxter), but individually he was in the top five in the state scoring pointwise.

Hofelich also ranked a team-best plus-26 with only 16 minutes in penal-

ties.
"What was good about it was that he almost had an equal amount of goals as he had assists," Vellucci said. "Just a pure goal scorer. He was a goal scorer and playmaker on that line. That was the biggest and nicest part to see. He scored some timely goals for us throughout the year. The big games, he stepped up.'

And Vellucci sees a bright future for Hofelich, who made first team Division 2 all-state and was all-Kensington Lakes Activities Association

"Where he goes next year is anyone's guess,' the Novi coach said. "He's definitely going to



Novi's Brad Hofelich was named boys hockey All-Area Player of the Year after finishing with 34 goals and 38 assists in 27 games.

look to play juniors at some level. He's got a few options and will go to a few camps. I think he'll end up in the North American (Hockey) League somewhere, in my opinion, and eventually he'll be in the USHL (U.S. Hockey League). He'll be in the North American first and he'll get bigger and stronger. I think he'll do that. He's got the drive. He'll put college on hold and will go to a community college wherever he plays and take classes.

First team Mitch Ossowski **Catholic Central**

The first team Division 1 all-state and all-Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League selection finished with 15 goals, including four on the power play, to go along with 17 assists for the state champions.

"Mitch is a steady, hard-working center," Catholic Cental interim coach Danny Veri said of the senior standout. "He puts the team first and has a great release. He's well-liked by his teammates and coaching staff.

Jack Meacham **Northville**

The senior forward racked up a team-best 60 points with 20 goals and 40 assists en route to Division 1 first team all-state and all-KLAA honors. He recorded four power-play and three short-handed goals with a plus-50 rating.

"Jack, in his fourth year, became the allaround player we thought he would be. including being a great leader on and off the ice," Northville coach Clint Robert said. "He played hard in the defensive zone, just the type of player you want who goes hard in all three zones. He worked hard off-ice, studied the game. Just really a joy to watch his growth and that final piece of the puzzle where he really exploded."

Alec Morgan Northville

The senior forward finished with 59 points, which included 19 goals and 40 assists, as he earned first team Division 1 all-state and all-KLAA honors. 'We had him for three

growth where he made huge strides between his sophomore and junior years offensively, but we were still looking for some things defensively," Robert said. "And his senior year he was sacrificing his body, blocking shots, out on the penalty kill. He played 200 feet in all three zones. Great guy in the locker room, a vocal leader. It was a real nice season for **Ryan Burnett Catholic Central**

years and watching the

The senior forward was the Shamrocks' top point producer overall (40) with 13 goals, including three gamewinners, to go along with 27 assists.

Burnett made both first team Division 1 all-state and all-MIHL honors.

"Ryan has great speed and zone-stretching ability," Veri said.
"He creates numerous opportunities because of those two skills.

Andrew Lane Catholic Central

The senior defenseman was the backbone defensively for the Division 1 state champions as he earned first team Division 1 all-state honors. Lane also racked up 13 points, including 12 assists in MIHL play.

"Andrew has an unreal desire to be great," Veri said. "He's an excellent leader, both by example and by word. He put the team first every time and doesn't rattle when good or bad shifts happen. I could count on him in every situation. A joy to coach.'

Spencer Wright Catholic Central

The senior goaltender played in 24 games, going 20-3, including eight shutouts, with a 1.42 goals-against average along with a .930

save percentage.

"He's the best high school goalie in the state," Veri said of the first team Division 1 all-state and all-MIHL selection. "He's even keel and settles in easily. He's extremely focused and easy to coach, while very self-motivated."

Second team **Nolan Johnson** Lakeland

The senior forward finished his Lakeland career with a second team MVP in a row. Johnson finished with eight goals and 21 assists in 27 games while going plus-17 despite playing the season with a torn ACL. He earned KLAA all-conference for the second straight year as well while maintaining a 3.4 GPA.

Head coach Tim Ronayne called him one of best athletes he's ever coached.

Evan Rochowiak Catholic Central

The senior forward earned second team Division 1 all-state honors while ranking third overall on the Shamrocks' scoring list with 16 goals, including four game-winners, to go along with 15 assists for 31 points. **Bryan Fegert**

Novi The senior forward earned second team Division 2 all-state rec-

ognition after finishing with 20 goals and 27 assists (47 points) in 27 games for the state quarterfinalists. **Ryan Baxter** Novi

The senior forward made all-KLAA and honorable mention all-

state in Division 2 after finishing with 16 goals and 32 assists for 48 points in 27 games while ranking a plus-25 **Brennan Martin**

Novi The junior defense-

ALL-AREA BOYS HOCKEY TEAM

PLAYER OF THE YEAR Brad Hofelich, Novi

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HONORABLE **MENTION**

Catholic Central - Kyle Mulka (jr.), JoJo Mancinelli (jr.), Nick Macari (jr.) Northville - Alec Melucci (sr.), Nick Strom (sr.), Kevin O'Connell (sr.) Novi - Jimmy Hole (sr.), Nik Tewilliager (sr.), Brendan

Wexler (sr.) South Lyon - Justin Zabinski (sr.), Spencer Stanley

Lakeland – Joey Blackwell (sr.) Blake Kocsis (jr.), Nic Fernandez (sr.) Adam Szymanski (sr.)

man earned second team Division 2 all-state honors after putting up 27 points (three goals and 24 assists), while ranking a plus-25 en route to second team Division 2 all-state laurels. **Chance Boutin**

Northville The senior goaltender, who made second team Division 1 all-state, started 22 games for the Mustangs, going 15-5-1, including two shutouts, with a 2.16 goals-against average and an .898 save percentage.

and we said, 'If we could ICE DANCING Junior Championship and started five years later Chang, South Korea, may were 2011 U.S. Nationals and I paired up.' take just any medal from Once the World Team it's all part of a longbronze medalists. the World Champion-Trophy finishes, Chock After Zuerlein retired ships, it would be a mas-

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as a team, for the country. To carry on with the golf analogy, it's like the Ryder Cup. We don't compete for ourselves. The best we can do is get 12 points for Team USA if we win, 11 points for second and so on. So that's really cool to have the camaraderie with you teammates. It's unlike any other event for us." During last month's

Worlds in Shanghai, Chock and Bates were the leaders in the clubhouse after skating their short dance program to Don Quixote (by Ludwig Minkus)

But skating their free dance program, to An American in Paris (by George Gershwin), Chock and Bates were overtaken for the title, finishing 2.94 points behind French gold medalists Gabriella Papadakis and Guillaume Cizeron. The French couple leapfrogged from fourth in the short dance, overcoming a 2.53-deficit to the Americans.

Silver medalists

"That was our first world medal together, so that was pretty big for us on a whole," Chock said. "And we've been working so hard this year. To be on the podium at worlds was really our biggest goal and to achieve that feels really good. Next year, we're just going to set our sights higher and keep going."

It wasn't gold, but a



ROBIN RITOSS | ICE DANCE.COM The ice dance team of Madison Chock and Evan Bates will represent Team USA in the World Team Trophy this week in Tokyo.

silver medal wasn't all

that bad, Bates agreed. "I think maybe we even surprised ourselves a bit by being in the lead after the short dance," he said, "and that's kind of totally unfamiliar territory for us, something we never experience before, so I think that experience itself is really going to benefit us in the future. We came away with silver, but we were still really happy about it. We're planning on competing for many more years, so I think just having that experience, next time when we're in a similar situation hopefully we'll be able to close

the deal." Chock moved to Novi in 2005 from Redondo Beach, Calif., where she made the transition from free skating to ice dancing. She had success from 2006-11 with former partner Greg Zuerlein as they captured the 2009 World

to become a coach, Chock found a new ice dance partner in Bates and the two earned a spot on the 2014 U.S. Olympic team finishing runner-up at the U.S. Nationals to local ice dancers Meryl Davis and Charlie White, the 2014 Sochi Olympic gold medalists who trained at Canton's Arctic Edge.

Making strides

Chock and Bates earned an eighth-place finish in Sochi and then a fifth in the 2014 World Championships.

With White and Davis taking the current skating season off, Chock and Bates hit the ice running for the 2014-15 season as they chalked up three

firsts and four seconds. In addition to Shanghai, they earned silvers in two other international events, the Grand Prix Final at Barcelona, Spain, in December and the Four Continents Championships in February at Seoul, South Korea.

And after finishing runner-up to Davis and White in two straight U.S. Nationals, Chock and Bates captured the U.S. title in 2015, while also adding wins this season at the Grand Prix Rosteledom Cup in Moscow and Skate America at the Sears Center in Hoffman Estates, Ill.

"When we were going into the season, when we were preparing nine, 10 months ago, we were setting goals for the year sive success," Bates said. "We did that and also along the way we medaled at the Grand Prix r inai. we won our first national title. We had a lot highlights in the season.

We won two Grand Prix events. Those were things we had never done before. It's just our fourth season skating together. We're still relatively new for ice dance and, like I said before, we're planning on continuing, so ..."

And as Chock says: "This is just the beginning.'

Choreographer

Igor Shpilband, a former Soviet ice dancer and 1983 World Junior champion (with former partner Tatiana Gladkova), has been coaching Chock and Bates since they joined

"Igor has an amazing mind and a very keen eye for details and a story line," Chock said. "When he creates a program, he likes to create a story with it, so you can see what's happening and you can follow it like a movie. He's also a very technically strong coach. Like I said, his eye for detail is completely on point. We've been working on our technical skills all year. Throughout the year, there's never a point where we stop. Like there's always something that we can find we can fix. I've been skating with him since I started ice dancing in 2005. Evan

and Bates will scale back their training - some-"We'll have a week off after World Team Trophy and then we'll come back and skate and start preparing new programs," Chock said. "Beginning in

> another vacation. "I like to go someplace warm and sunny and have nothing to do with skating. Relax and unwind, because it's really been a long season."

the summer, we'll have

Physical demands

The rigors of training daily for an Olympic sport can certainly be taxing.

"As athletes, we kind of get used to having aches and pains of being sore, but that kind of just goes with the territory," Bates said. "Actually, this time of the season is OK for us because we're so well-trained and we've been doing the same routine for so long, the muscle memory is great. But when we come back and start to do the new stuff, it's awful. That's when we're feeling really sore. We're trying new stuff and our bodies are saying, 'What are you doing to me?' The mental part is what really what could be fatiguing, but for us we're just really excited to be in the position that we're in. We're just going to take that excitement with us.

While the 2018 Winter Olympics in Pyeongseem light years away, range process for Chock and Bates.

The two wouldn't argue that they are very similar to the two major characters in the movie Forrest Gump.

"We are like peas and carrots, as a matter of fact," Bates said. "We get along really, really well, our personalities complement each other. Same kind of mind-set when it comes to work ethic and goal-setting and, I think, long-term kind of commitment. We really want to continue to see how far we can take this. Like I said before, it still feels relatively like we're in the earlier phase of our partnership.

The two, in their infancy as far as a skating partnership, believe they're still playing catch-up.

"Especially when we're competing against all the other teams that we're competing against who have been together 11 years or more," Chock

Added Bates: "Meryl (Davis) and Charlie (White) skated together for 17 years. We haven't even hit the four-year mark. We got together in July of 2011. We're excited to see the progress that we can continue to make even at a later stage in our career, but for us, it's not later, if it makes any sense.

'We're in it for the long haul, yes."

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CITY OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF ADOPTION **ORDINANCE NO. 03-16-15**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Northville City Council has adopted Ordinance No. 03-16-15 - an ordinance to amend Chapter 38 Fire and Fire Prevention in the Code of Ordinances. The ordinance amends Section 38-4 Adoption of Fire Prevention Code to remove reference to the BOCA National Fire Prevention Code 1996 Edition and, instead, reference the adoption of, by reference, the International Fire Code (2012 Edition), as published by the International Code Council (ICC).

The ordinance was introduced for first reading on March 16, 2015 and was adopted by the City Council on April 9, 2015. The ordinance shall become effective on April 20, 2015. The complete text of the ordinance is available for public inspection at the Office of the City Clerk, 215 W. Main St., Northville, Michigan, 48167, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. or on the City's website at www.ci.northville.mi.us.

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DIANNE MASSA, CITY CLERK

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING **CITY OF NORTHVILLE**

The City of Northville Planning Commission has prepared draft text amendments to update Section 25.04 of the Zoning Ordinance pertaining to the criteria used by the Board of Zoning Appeals to evaluate a dimensional variance request. The proposed language will reduce the number of criteria, remove redundant language, and add examples to illustrate self-created situations.

The proposed text amendments will be considered at a public hearing conducted by the Planning Commission on May 19, 2015 at 7:30 pm at the City of Northville Municipal Building — Council Chambers, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-449-9902. The purpose of the hearing will be to receive public input on these proposed changes. The complete text of the draft amendments can be reviewed at the City Hall during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday or on the City's website at www.ci.northville.mi.us (go to Services/Building Department/Planning Commission). Written comments will also be received at the above address.

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DIANNE MASSA, CITY CLERK

Pizza time: Domino's, NFPA deliver fire safety message

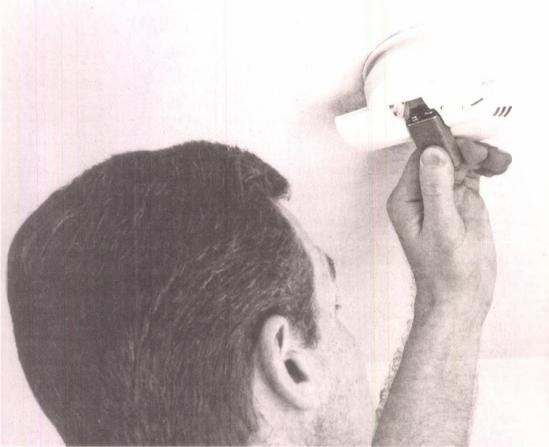
The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and Domino's Pizza used daylight saving time and pizza boxes to encourage people to protect themselves from home fires. The NFPA and Domino's are reminding customers to change their smoke alarm batteries when they change their clocks. Domino's used its pizza boxes to deliver NFPA fire safety tips throughout the month of March in participating markets across the coun-

try.
"Daylight saving time brings a convenient, timely reminder to change the batteries in your smoke alarm, which is an easy, important step to make your home safer," said Jenny Fouracre, Domino's Pizza spokeswoman."Domino's has a great opportunity to reach many people in their homes and we want to use it to share fire safety tips with them. We are excited to work with the NFPA to help make homes across the country a little bit safer."

As part of the spring campaign, customers who order from participating Domino's stores may be surprised when their delivery arrives aboard a fire engine. If all the smoke alarms in the home are working, the pizza is free. If a smoke alarm is not working, the firefighters will replace the batteries or leave a fully functioning smoke alarm in

According to the NFPA, roughly two-thirds of home fire deaths happen in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms. When smoke alarms fail to operate, it is usually because batteries are missing, disconnected or

"On average, seven people die in U.S. home fires per day," said Lorraine Carli, NFPA's vice president of Outreach and Advocacy. "Working smoke alarms can make a life-saving difference because they give people the time to escape safely. We are thrilled to work with Domino's to remind homeowners to test their smoke alarms and ensure they're working properly."



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Domino's Pizza used daylight saving time and pizza boxes to encourage people to protect themselves from

Stay safe with these tips from the NFPA

» Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area and on every level of the home, including the basement.

» For the best protection, interconnect all smoke alarms throughout the home. When

one sounds, they all sound. » Test alarms at least once a month by pushing the test

» Smoke rises; install smoke alarms high on a wall or on a ceiling.

» Replace batteries in all smoke alarms at least once a year. If an alarm "chirps" warning the battery is low replace the battery right

» Replace all smoke alarms, including alarms that use 10-year batteries and hard-wired alarms, when they are 10 years old - or sooner if they do not respond properly.

» Be sure the smoke alarm has the label of a recognized testing laboratory.

» To prevent nuisance alarms, install smoke alarms away from the kitchen and at least 10 feet from cooking appliances. If cooking fumes continue to set off alarms, replace the alarm with one that has a "hush" button.

» Develop a home escape plan with all members of your household and practice it regularly, at least twice a year.

About the National Fire Protection Association

NFPA is a worldwide leader in fire, electrical, building, and life safety. The mission of the international nonprofit organization founded in 1896 is to reduce the worldwide burden of fire and other hazards on the quality of life by providing and advocating consensus codes and standards, research, training, and education. NFPA develops more than 300 codes and standards to minimize the possibility and effects of fire and other hazards. All NFPA codes and standards can be viewed at no cost at www.nfpa.org/freeaccess.

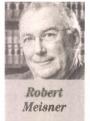
standards uniformly, fairly Q: We live next to an eye-

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sore. Can our homeowner's association validly prohibit the construction of storage sheds?

A: Yes, provided the association has valid covenants and conditions in place prohibiting the storage sheds. For example, in a recent case out of Missouri on similar facts, a homeowner obtained approval

of the architectural committee and built an outdoor kitchen. He then erected a storage shed but did not obtain prior approval. The association notified



the homeowner that the storage shed violated building requirements because these requirements prohibited storage buildings. The homeowner unsuccessfully sought a waiver, and then sued, but lost in

Q: I am on the Board and we have an enforcement problem regarding a member who refuses to remove unsightly wooden pallets from his yard and we want to collect our attorney fees we expended; what do you think?

A: Yes, as long as the declaration of covenants and restrictions so provides. In a recent case, the lot owner had wooden pallets in the front yard, was asked to move them, and then moved them to the back yard, where they remained visible from the road and from a neighbor's driveway. Because the governing declaration required the lot owner to maintain the lot from becoming "unsightly," includ-ing the requirement that de-bris and rubbish be removed, the court found for the homeowner's association, and the appeals court agreed. Enforce your documents uniformly and aggressively.

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HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Nov. 17-21, 2014, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

DEACUEL LIFE?	
19537 Waltham Rd	\$450,000
19610 Warwick St	\$450,000
BIRMINGHAM	
1573 Bowers St	\$203,000
1930 Bowers St	\$215,000
1655 Dorchester Rd	\$280,000
1711 E 14 Mile Rd Unit A	\$79,000
1982 E Lincoln St	\$185,000
660 Emmons Ave	\$620,000
852 Henley St	\$480,000
964 N Adams Rd Unit 3	\$112,000
544 Oakland Ave	\$410,000
1866 Pierce St	\$690,000
390 S Adams Rd	\$220,000
1436 Washington Blvd	\$495,000
255 Westchester Way	\$790,000
400 Woodland Villa Ct	\$2,040,000
1823 Yorkshire Rd	\$622,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
3415 Barlyn Ln	\$244,000
1705 Huntingwood Ln	\$150,000
Apt B	

679 Kingsley Trl

3955 Lahser Rd

6848 Spruce Dr

1648 South Hill Cir

1042 Stratford Ln

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	1031 Covington Rd
	1960 Cragin Dr
	5568 Fieldston Ct
\$450,000	1738 Heron Ridge Dr
\$450,000	1880 Long Lake Shore D
	547 Newburne Pointe
\$203,000	42347 Woodward Ave
\$215,000	325 Clifton Rd
\$280,000	COMMERCE TOWNSHI
\$79,000	2488 Rocky Top Ct
\$185,000	3210 Royal Blvd
\$620,000	362 Starling St
\$480,000	8297 Tamarron Dr
\$112,000	6100 Warwick Dr
\$410,000	5020 Whitlow Ct
\$690,000	2854 Windwood Ct
\$220,000	FARMINGTON
\$495,000	23006 Frederick Ave
\$790,000	31691 Grand River Ave
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\$622,000	33714 State St
	FARMINGTON HILLS
\$244,000	31563 Bristol Ln
\$150,000	22081 Colgate St
	31127 Country Blf
\$612,000	29043 Creek Bend Dr
\$845,000	26528 Farmington Rd
\$150,000	35154 Gary St

34155 Hunters Row

21513 Jefferson St

610 Wooddale Rd

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	\$965,000	21730 Sheffield Dr
	\$340,000	
	\$750,000	33781 Vista Dr
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	\$479,000	HIGHLAND
	\$1,400,000	3859 Hillcrest
)r	\$1,200,000	300 Maplegrove
	\$350,000	2755 Willow Ln
	\$100,000	LATHRUP VILLAGE
	\$515,000	17310 Coral Gables Ave
IP.		18790 Dolores Ave
	\$390,000	MILFORD
	\$135,000	725 E Commerce St
	\$445,000	739 E Liberty St
	\$290,000	690 Milford Glen Dr
	\$250,000	1926 Scenic Dr
	\$314,000	908 Three Acre Ct
	\$450,000	604 Union St
	4.70.000	NORTHVILLE
	\$170,000	21054 Boulder Cir
	\$325,000	845 Horton St
	\$264,000	901 Jeffrey Dr 906 McDonald Dr
	\$197,000	20818 Taft Rd
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	\$117,000	43000 12 Oaks Crescent Dr # 3011
	\$150,000	UI # 3011

\$340,000	33770 Vista Dr	\$144,000
\$750,000	33781 Vista Dr	\$208,000
\$548,000	37880 Wendy Lee St	\$119,000
\$479,000	HIGHLAND	
1,400,000	3859 Hillcrest	\$20,000
1,200,000	300 Maplegrove	\$172,000
\$350,000	2755 Willow Ln	\$160,000
\$100,000	LATHRUP VILLAGE	
\$515,000	17310 Coral Gables Ave	\$144,000
	18790 Dolores Ave	\$231,000
\$390,000	MILFORD	
\$135,000	725 E Commerce St	\$245,000
\$445,000	739 E Liberty St	\$168,000
\$290,000	690 Milford Glen Dr	\$309,000
\$250,000	1926 Scenic Dr	\$590,000
\$314,000	908 Three Acre Ct	\$565,000
\$450,000	604 Union St	\$220,000
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\$170,000	21054 Boulder Cir	\$180,000
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\$197,000	906 McDonald Dr	\$575,000
	20818 Taft Rd	\$115,000
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\$290,000	25726 Beck Rd	\$120,000
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\$310,000	27911 Hopkins Dr	\$165,000
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10780 Oxbow Lakeshore	\$227,000
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9941 Sedlock St	\$48,000

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\$525,000

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46755 Creeks Bnd	
47352 Fairlawn Ct	
472 Filmore St	
50104 Grant St	
50273 Jefferson St	
45280 Middlebury Ln	
41032 Northwind Dr	
6344 Raintree Dr	
3159 River Meadow Cir	
42245 Saratoga Cir	
42271 Saratoga Cir	
46629 Woodside Dr	

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28 Fitzgerald St
91 Greenland St
53 Jamison St
53 Ladywood St
72 Munger Dr
32 Osmus St
18 Parklane St
32 Santa Anita St
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17 Western Golf Dr
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	16074 Morningside	\$165,000
05,000	39682 Muirfield Ln	\$330,000
96,000	19645 Neptune Ct	\$119,000
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33,000	243 Saint Lawrence Blvd	\$325,000
35,000	50052 Venice Ct	\$324,000
41,000	39547 Village Run Dr	\$312,000
75,000	42356 W Waterwheel Ct	\$251,000
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50,000	770 Deer St	\$120,000
91,000	11950 Glenview Dr	\$340,000
74,000	12560 Lighthouse Ct	\$407,000
90,000	11585 N Ridge Rd	\$750,000
35,000	8945 Tavistock Dr	\$175,000
71,000	REDFORD	
90,000	12949 Brady	\$73,000
75,000	9201 Dale	\$63,000
23,000	17260 Delaware Ave	\$140,000
74,000	17293 Delaware Ave	\$75,000
50,000	14273 Dixie	\$83,000
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65,000	15545 Gaylord	\$77,000
30,000	9186 Rockland	\$68,000
19,000	11792 Tecumseh	\$81,000
76,000	25218 Westfield	\$105,000
25,000	WAYNE	
24,000	34508 Sims St	\$70,000
12,000	WESTLAND	
51,000	7311 Affeldt St	\$101,000
	300 Brookfield Dr	\$123,000
20,000	34006 Caseville Ct	\$23,000
40,000	32810 Chapman Cir	\$117,000
07,000	8156 Creekside Dr	\$247,000
50,000	35515 Farragut Ave	\$12,000
75,000	7170 Fox Chase Ln	\$198,000
	8581 Haller St	\$119,000
73,000	6336 Hampshire Ct	\$143,000
63,000	35755 Hunter Ave	\$78,000
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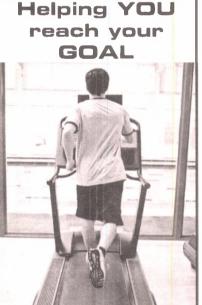
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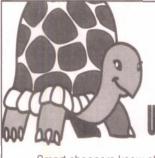


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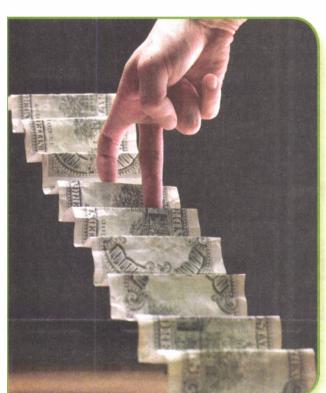
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DO research beforehand

You may have a number in your head that you'd like to make, but basing your ideal paycheck on hard facts, such as industry standards, company billings and the availability of quality candidates for that role will get you further in negotiation talks. Cheryl E. Palmer, certified career coach and owner of Call to Career, says, "Employers generally have a range in mind for what they intend to pay a new hire. Job seekers need to do their salary research [...] so that they go into the negotiation process knowing what the market will bear."



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DON'T be the first to bring up salary talks

"Whoever mentions salary first loses," Palmer says. "Generally speaking, once one side—either the job seeker or the employer—mentions a dollar figure, the other side is in a stronger position to negotiate. So if the employer asks you what you are looking for, it's best to say, 'Could you tell me what the salary range is for this position?' If you immediately volunteer a dollar amount, the salary discussion will be based on that amount. The converse is also true. If the company representative states a dollar amount first, the salary negotiation process will start from there. Thus, it is your best interest to avoid mentioning a dollar amount first if at all possible."

DO offer a salary range

If you're pressed for a salary requirement, you still have options for negotiating your salary without losing the upper hand. "Don't lock yourself in to a specific dollar amount," Palmer says. Instead, she recommends giving a range that you're open to. "That still leaves you room for negotiation. There is not a lot of wiggle room with a specific dollar amount."

DON'T accept the first offer

If you've managed to persuade the company to offer the first salary figure, remember that it's just that: the first offer. "Usually the first offer is not the company's best offer," Palmer says. "It is generally expected that you will try to negotiate even though the competition for jobs is stiff. You may not be able to negotiate the same salary that you could before the economic downturn, but it is still worth it to negotiate. You don't want to feel taken advantage of after you start your new job."

DO make a strong case

Not all negotiation talks will go smoothly, but that's no reason to be deterred from getting money that's on the table—in any form. "If you are lowballed, negotiate based on how well your qualifications match the requirements of the position," Palmer says. "An employer will not be impressed if you try to negotiate based on what you made previously. The current job market is filled with qualified candidates. However, you are in a strong position to negotiate a higher salary if you are pretty much a perfect match for the position. The best thing to do is to reiterate what the position requires and restate the fact that you have exactly what they are looking for. Then you can say, 'My salary research shows that the going rate for someone with my qualifications and experience is between \$X and \$Y.' This makes your request for a higher salary objective instead of subjective."

DON'T forget to investigate other benefits or perks

If you're not able to get what you want from a monetary perspective, you may still have a few tricks left up your sleeve for negotiating a better employment package. Palmer says, "Health insurance and paid leave are worth money too, and they shouldn't be taken lightly. These can be negotiable. For example, if you already have health insurance through your spouse, you could try to negotiate a higher salary level since the employer will not be paying your premiums. You could also try to negotiate more paid leave, especially if you plan to use that extra vacation time to do consulting work to boost your income."

Though salary talks can be nerve-wracking, it's a crucial final step to securing the job and ensuring that you're fairly compensated for your work. And that's a final step you definitely want to take.

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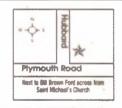
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