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School board votes for raises

Administrator pact passes, 4-3, despite trustee concerns



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School officials said the district's continued financial stability was reflected in the approval of two-year employee contract extensions that included modest salary increases. Novi Community School District Board of Education President George

Kortlandt said the agreements were made possible through cooperative efforts by all concerned.

"We've worked together to make this a financially sound district while many others are failing," Kortlandt said during a Nov. 24 special meeting. Con-

tract extensions were approved through the 2016-17 academic year with the Novi Education Association, administrators and executive cabinet members.

The extensions included pay raises representing a total increase for the district of about \$268,000 for 2015-16 and \$405,000 for 2016-17. (The complete terms of the contracts will be available this month on the district's website.) Board members noted that the overall budget remains one

of the county's lowest and that investments in personnel must keep pace with facility upgrades to remain competitive.

"Our schools are finally ready to shift out of deficit spending," Trustee Dennis O'Connor said. "We're in a position to give raises and this is a step in the right direction."

The board had outlined during its previous regular meeting that negotiations had included minor adjustments to class schedules, absence policies and pay-increase schedules.

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The Novi Chorales will present "A Very British Christmas" at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills, and 4 p.m. Sunday at the Church of the Holy Family, 24505 Meadowbrook Road, Novi. Tickets are \$12. Go to www.novi-choralaires.org for more information.

Light up the night memory



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Hamlet and Savannah Hewitt take a selfie to remember the start of Friday's Light Up the Night event at the Novi Civic Center. Find more photos from the evening on A3.

Program helps build bridge between Novi and Detroit students

James Mitchell
Correspondent

Ria Joshi was only in the fifth grade when she learned more about the holiday spirit than most people do in a lifetime. It was a lesson that has kept her giving back to children in need ever since.

"It was truly an eye-opening experience," said Ria, now a more worldly junior at Novi High School. Five years ago, she'd been among the students who'd submitted an essay in hopes of participating in the school district's annual Bridgepointe Program, an outreach effort that pairs Novi students with classrooms in Detroit. A holiday party included a delivery of presents from Novi Meadows Elementary students.

"One girl didn't want to open her present," Ria said of the first party she'd attended. "She wanted to put it under her tree at home, because her parents

didn't get many presents and she wanted to share it with them.

"That made me want to go back," Ria said during a recent presentation to the Novi Community School District Board of Education. "It taught me the importance of caring and giving back to others."

For more than 15 years, Novi students have participated in the community service project in partnership with Academy of the Americas, a K-8 school in Detroit. Bridgepointe was launched to bring youth from city and suburban schools together to share creative talents and open the door to cultural understandings.

The program's principal event — coordinated by the parent teacher organization, students, staff and parents — prepares gifts and food baskets for an annual holiday

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Tom Michalski (from left), Sinclair Hansen, Emilee Breault, Thomas Dokic and Isaac Purcell, with state Sen. Mike Kowall.

Novi elementary students take part in technology showcase at Capitol

Village Oaks and Novi Meadows elementary schools were among nearly 40 schools in Michigan that participated Dec. 2 in the 15th annual Student Technology Showcase at the state Capitol Building in Lansing.

Students used computers and other electronic devices to show elected members of the state Senate and the House of Representatives how technol-

ogy is being used in the classroom to facilitate learning. The projects covered a wide variety of learning areas, including science, mathematics, social studies and language arts.

Taking part in the demonstrations locally were Tom Michalski, a fifth-grade teacher at Novi Meadows, and Melissa Carruth, media specialist at

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Next phase of school bond work expected next week

James Mitchell
Correspondent

Novi Community School District officials expect to approve this month dozens of contracts for upgrades made possible by last year's voter-approved \$70.9 million bond. Projects from two separate bid packages were presented to the Board of Education, representing about \$4.5 million worth of improvements at the high school along with mechanical work at eight district buildings.

Doug Underwood, project manager from construction firm McCarthy & Smith, appeared before the school board earlier this month with tentative contracts for the fourth phase of projects – renovations to the high school's fitness center and performance arts auditorium — along with portions of the fifth phase of projects that will address ventilation systems throughout the district.

Pending final approval Dec. 17, renovations work is expected to begin this year on the fitness room and facilities, with contractors setting up shop during the holiday break.

During presentations at both the Nov. 19 and Dec. 3 board meetings, Underwood said that bids for nearly two dozen projects at the high school had been reviewed and that follow-up interviews with selected contractors had verified project details.

Underwood recommended awarding 25 contracts totaling \$4,331,465 for the high school projects. Work on the school auditorium and performing arts facilities is expected to begin in June.

Initial bids were also reviewed for the fifth phase of projects, which will address mechanical work, ventilation systems and other hardware upgrades at various schools and at the educational services building. Underwood said that with some projects, such as plumbing work, only one bid had been received and that contractor deadlines were extended in order to ensure a competitive process.

Officials noted that overall the projects have been within budget expectations. Some aspects of the fourth phase are expected to be well under budget, but most projects so far have been within expectations.

Novi grad appointed to GOP vice chair post

Adi Sathi, a 2008 graduate of Novi High School, was elected vice chair of coalitions for the Michigan Republican Party at the organization's state convention earlier this year.

Sathi, 25, is serving a two-year term as one of eight members of the statewide leadership team. As the coalitions leader, Sathi will be charged with building coalitions with various groups both inside and outside the typical Republican Party leadership structure. A coalition is a pact or treaty among individuals or groups, during which they cooperate in joint action, each in their own self-interest, joining forces together for a common cause.

It is his job to work with chair Ronna Romney McDaniel, co-chair Jeff Sakwa and the five other vice chairs to help grow the GOP in the state of Michigan.

This elected office is just one in a large list of honors and recognition for the Novi High School alumnus.

Last year, Sathi was selected and honored by

Red Alert Politics as a member of its annual "30 Under 30" list, which highlights young, right-of-center people who are making a difference on their campuses and in their communities. Honorees were selected based on the positive impact they have had on the conservative movement.

Sathi grew up in Novi and has been a lifelong resident of the state. He earned his master of social work degree with a focus on community organization from the University of Michigan in December 2014. He also graduated from the University of Michigan in May 2013 with a bachelor of arts in political science and a minor in community action and social change.

Sathi first found a passion for community work and political activism during his time in college. As a student leader, Sathi's first level of notable success during



Sathi

his run for student body president, with a platform that included the advocacy of a state law called medical amnesty. It was a policy that would increase the safety of students in the case of medical emergencies related to alcohol. He worked with student leaders from various campuses in an effort to lobby legislators from across the state and helped build bipartisan support for the cause. Ultimately, his efforts led to Gov. Rick Snyder signing medical amnesty into law June 1, 2012.

After returning to U-M for graduate school, Sathi was elected by his peers to serve as executive director of the Association of Big Ten Students, an organization that consists of the student governments of the 14 Big Ten schools and represents more than 540,000 students. During his time in this role, he was invited to the 2013 White House Youth Summit and selected as one of 40 student leaders in the county to attend the American Israel Public Affairs Committee Campus Allies trip to Israel.

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RAISES

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Administrator concerns

Although panelists were unanimous in approving contract extensions with the district's teachers, objections were voiced for administrative staff renewals, with particular concerns over a contract extension for athletic director Brian Gordon.

Board Secretary Tracey Cadwell said she couldn't support a blanket approval of all employees in those positions, a category that includes school principals, directors, supervi-

sors and coordinators.

"I'm not in favor of one or more of the parties in this group," said Cadwell, one of three school board members who voted against approval. "Voting on the whole group as an entity is not something I'm in favor of."

"I support 95 percent of this recommendation," said O'Connor, who specified his objection. O'Connor said he'd been among those who had previously expressed concerns about Gordon, which he felt had not yet been properly addressed.

"I'd highlighted what I believed was a disturbing trend of unprofessional behavior," O'Connor said. Renewal of Gordon's contract "would not be in the best interest of the

district."

Evaluations of Gordon's performance had been challenged during the most recent contract renewals in 2014. The A.D. had been rated as "effective" by district Superintendent Steve Matthews in spite of several complaints about his behavior and performance. A group called Citizens for Novi had argued for change and Matthews had previously directed Gordon to apologize to parents and athletes after incidents last year and in 2013.

"Some of these issues still exist," O'Connor said.

Parent Daniel Dubay said earlier this year that there are many people, including him, "who have witnessed athletic direc-

tor Brian Gordon repeatedly acting inappropriately with disregard and disrespect for parents and athletes."

Matthews previously told the *Novi News* that Gordon has done "a good job" and acknowledged that there were areas which needed improvement, both by Gordon and with the evaluation process. The district revised its approach to reviewing staff performance in hopes of improved transparency.

Renewal of administrative contracts was approved, 4-3, with Cadwell, O'Connor and Trustee Paul Cook dissenting. Cook also rejected renewals of executive cabinet contracts, which were approved, 6-1.



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Novi lights up the night to kick off holiday season



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People enjoy roasting marshmallows over an open fire during the Light Up the Night event at the Novi Civic Center.



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Lots of lights adorned the trees around the Novi Civic Center.



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Andrew Swanson dons a Santa get-up at Friday's Light Up the Night event in Novi.



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City of Novi regulars Brian Burke, Mayor Bob Gatt (center) and city council member Wayne Wrobel enjoy the fireworks at the Light Up the Night event.



Melissa Carruth and the student team of (from left) Milan Thurman, Amelia Lundgren, Melissa Carruth, Ryan Giles and Ruby Kurzatkowski.

SHOWCASE

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Village Oaks. Each brought a team of students to the Capitol. The Novi Meadows student team represented its class. The students collaborated in teams to design and build a life-sized animal to survive in a Michigan forest. Animal design is focused on physical and behavioral adaptations that allow the animal to thrive in its environment. Students construct their animals using only recycled "junk" that each team selects during a class-wide "Junk Draft." Finally, animals compete against each other (for votes) in a bracket style

tournament to crown The Ultimate Survivor.

The Village Oaks student team went "Ga Ga for Google." Members shared how the world of Google has enhanced their learning and increased their efficiency, collaboration and engagement with their learning and helped to bridge the learning gap between home and school.

The event was sponsored by AT&T, Michigan Virtual School and the Michigan Association for Computer Users in Learning, an organization dedicated to bringing educators from all levels together to share their knowledge and concerns regarding educational uses of computers and technology.

PROGRAM

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celebration. "It really makes an impact on their lives," PTO volunteer Lissa Lewinski said of how Novi students have responded to the program, which has gone beyond the initial annual event to include projects timed with March Is Reading Month activities and a shared Cinco de Mayo celebration. Sabrina Costello, a

sixth-grader at Novi Meadows, said that last year's field trip May 5 marked her first experience in a bilingual setting. Novi Meadows is heading Dec. 16 to Detroit for this year's holiday party. "It was interesting; the kids spoke English and Spanish," Sabrina said. "I was kind of confused if they could understand me, but we matched really well. It was real fun and everyone was really nice." Sabrina said they'd communicated through

that most international of languages – music – as her new friends showed her a traditional song and dance they'd been working on. She soon realized there really was only one difference between them. "Even though they are at an older school and don't have as much technology as we do, the kids are the same," Sabrina said. "They work hard and they're good kids." In turn, Novi students continue working hard. This year's holiday present drive is all but set,

but Ria has taken the lead for a Battle of the Books project to encourage academic and reading competitions between Novi and Detroit students. Ria has launched a Facebook page – "Bridgepointe's Battle of the Books" – with hopes of starting the program in January. Bridgepointe is a nonprofit organization based in Detroit. For more information on the program and how to contribute, go to www.bridgepointenonprofit.org.



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Novi volunteer Sue Simcox talks with an Academy of the Americas student in April during a mentoring session at the Detroit school. Novi Community Schools has a long-running partnership with the school. Next week, Novi Meadows students will head there for a holiday party.

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Focus on students leads staff thoughts at school

In the Novi Community School District, we spend a lot of time thinking about things.

We think a lot about our curriculum. Is it rigorous? Does it cover the topics that it needs to cover? Does it match the state standards? Will it prepare our students for their state assessments? Will it prepare our students adequately for the next step in their journey?

We spend this time because we want to make sure that what we are teaching has meaning. We want to make sure that the time our students spend in the classroom is time well spent.

We also think a lot about our buildings. Do they meet our needs? Are they up to code? Can we do the things we need and want to do in the space that



Steve Matthews
 SUPER TALK

we have available? Are there leaks in the roof? Can we heat our buildings? Can we cool our buildings? Can we clean our buildings?

Our buildings can enhance or hinder the educational experience for our students. We spend time thinking about our buildings because we have to anticipate our needs and plan for the present and the future.

We think a lot about the physical assets of our district. What needs to be repaired? How can we use the asset for our students?

Our fields, our parking lots and our property require main-

tenance and upkeep. These assets also require us to think ahead, to identify damage that needs to be repaired or opportunities to use them to enhance our students' educational experience.

We think a lot about technology. Do we have enough? Do we have enough of the right things? Are there new technologies that we need to invest in? How can we maintain the technology that we have?

Technology has changed how we educate students. But technology in and of itself neither enhances nor weakens the educational experience. What technology does is present us with an opportunity. But we need to think through technology to take advantage of the opportunity.

We think a lot about our budget. Do we have enough

money? Is the money being spent in the right places? Are there areas where we should save money? Are there areas where we should spend more money?

Our budget is a constant, almost daily, concern. Without good planning and oversight, we could dig a hole from which we could not exit. So each day, we think about our budget so that we will be able to provide the kind of educational experience that our students deserve.

On a daily basis, there are more than enough things for us to think about in our district.

But the most important thing to think about every day is our students.

Do we know their names? Do we know what they are passionate about? Do we know how to encourage them? Do we know how to challenge them?

Do we know what troubles them?

Sometimes we get so focused on the "things" that we have to think about that we forget to concentrate on the "who" we have to think about. Here in our school district, we try every day to remember that our students are more important than computers or roofs or curriculum.

While there are a lot of things to think about in our school district, our most important thoughts each day are on the students who walk through our doors.

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Sarah Banks students to present 'Lion King Jr.'

Sarah Banks Middle School Performing Arts Department presents *Lion King Jr.* Dec. 10-12 at Sarah Banks Middle School (1760 Charms Road, Wixom). Performances will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Disney's *The Lion King* has captivated the imagination of audiences around the world and now, for the first time, you have the opportunity to see this one-of-a-kind musical in Walled Lake. The African savannah comes to life with Simba, Rafiki and an unforgettable cast of characters as they journey from Pride Rock to the jungle and back again in this inspiring coming-of-age tale.

Students in leading roles include: Olivia DePauli, Mitchell Augenstein, Tyler Marks, Zachary Scheidler, Macy Hannan, Heidi Temple, Caleb Wilson, Farah Mahdi, Gannon Scheer and Jake Nichols.

Tickets are \$7 and can be purchased online at www.wlcstickets.com or by calling 248-387-9160. Both reserved seating and general admission tickets are available.

Jeff Danner, Sarah Banks Choir teacher, said, "We are very excited to bring this newly released production to the Walled Lake community. It was



The cast includes (front, from left) Megan Bulick (Wildebeest), Farah Mahdi (Young Nala), Zachary Scheidler (Young Simba), Gannon Scheer (Timon), Tyler Marks (Scar) and Lauren Kutcher (Gazelle) and (back, from left) Ella Scheer (Hyena), Macy Hannan (Zazu) and Olivia DePauli (Rafiki).

just released in January. We have a talented group of students and we are thrilled to be one of the first middle schools in the metro Detroit area to

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The Green Mustaches capture robotics regional championship

Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

The Green Mustaches. Sounds like a group of modern-day super heroes, right? Well, maybe they are. After all, the team of 10- and 11-year-olds just walked away as the winner of the Michigan Regional Lego First Lego League championship.

By the way, this is only the second year the Green Mustaches have competed.

In the regional contest Nov. 21 in Monroe, the Green Mustaches earned the Regional Championship award, scoring the highest scores possible in all categories for their project.

As parent coach and longtime Canton resident Vinay Bhakkad said, "They are good at all aspects of the competition - robot design, core values and project."

The team includes sixth-graders Riya Bhakkad, Siya Modi, and Megan Wu and fifth-graders Vishal Kumaravel, Rohan Parikh, Raj Tiller, Shalin Lakhia, Misri Modi, Vidvat Vasudevan and Alex Chang. The students are from Canton, Plymouth and Northville and are in the Plymouth-Canton schools, Canton Charter Academy and Northville schools. Deepak Kumaravel and Ajay Parikh are the lead parent coaches with various other parents helping.

The First Lego League competition is no easy task. The Green Mustaches had the help, support and encouragement of high school mentors and elder siblings who were part of the Roborockets team that won the Michigan state championship and represented the state of Michigan at the international championship held in Legoland, Fla., in 2009. Those students are Ritika Parikh, Ryan Wu, VarunKumaravel and Sonia Bhakkad.

The Green Mustaches - a name chosen simply because the kids like it - were faced with building a working robot with Legos that within 150 seconds had to accomplish a set of missions to gain maximum points.

Each team designs a robot to move on a mat that is about eight feet by four feet. On the competition field are tasks that the robot must accomplish in two minutes, 30 seconds, Deepak Kumaravel said.

As he described: The robot is designed to do "missions" like clean up (where you have to move animals to safe places on the field and clean up plastic bags), compost (where you start a machine that takes compostable materials and processed them to be re-used in another mission), demolition (where you demolish a building, but you



And the winners are: Riya Bhakkad, Siya Modi, Misri Modi, Megan Wu, Vishal Kumaravel, Rohan Parikh, Raj Tiller, Shalin Lakhia, Vidvat Vasudevan and Alex Chang.

have to recover the valuables) and purchasing decisions (where you can buy toys with less packaging or more and you get penalized for buying the one with more packaging if you do not re-use the package).

"So while the missions are fun, the underlying themes keeps reminding the kids of the overall message related to trash and how to reduce it," Kumaravel said.

The purpose is to stress STEM education. But the students also had to demonstrate the core values of teamwork and cooperation. "They had

to show that they could compete and yet cooperate with other teams," Bhakkad said.

And finally, the Green Mustaches had to develop a solution to address a real life problem - reducing the amount of trash that ends up in landfills. They had to design an innovative solution to the problem they selected and, finally, they had to share the problem and solution with others.

On the problem of trash, the Green Mustaches began with a problem statement: "Growing kids quickly outgrow many re-usable items

like clothing, sports equipment, shoes, school bags and unknowingly throw away re-usable that end up in landfills, while there are kids that cannot afford and may need those items."

The team then conducted an independent online survey of growing kids and identified that more than 60 percent of kids or their parents do not know somebody directly that may be able to use their reusable items they have outgrown and hence may trash or sometimes donate to a charity.

"They had to take a

real world problem and provide a realistic solution," Bhakkad said.

To that end, the team created an exchange website: www.greenmustaches.com. This is where anyone who has re-usable items for growing kids (limited to five item types) - clothing, sports equipment, school bags, shoes and lunchboxes - can post what they have to offer and somebody who needs them can post as a need.

The team was also able to identify an orphanage which posted its needs on the website and they ran a donation campaign with their sports teams and classes to fulfill its needs.

And the Green Mustaches are very serious about the trash problem and their solution.

That's why they are asking the public to go to their website, www.greenmustaches.com and to provide re-usable items for others, rather than putting the items in the garbage, which will end up in a landfill.

"We would like all school kids and parents to use the website," said the Green Mustaches - Riya, Siya, Megan, Rohan, Vishal, Alex, Raj, Misri, Shalin and Vidvat.

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Northville boasts 32 National Merit students

It was one of those moments that had students, their parents and members of the Northville Public Schools Board of Education absolutely beaming.

"They knock your socks off," Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher said. "To have this number of students achieve at this level is truly awesome."

This year, Northville has 20 National Merit semifinalists and 12 commended. In February, the district will know how many of the students will go into the scholarship program's finals.

Students named semifinalists are: Jonathan Bi, Yannis Bi, Karl Finkbeiner, Neha Gandra, Robert Hong, Neha Kishore, Samantha Lu, Peter Martin, Ashwath Muruganand, Karthik Pittala, Katherine Robertson, Sidharth Sawhney, Parth Shah, Ryan Shanahan, Rhea Singh, Jean Tyan, James Xue, Connie You and Himanshu Zambare.

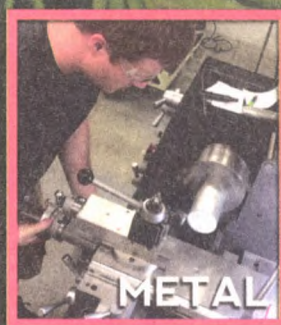
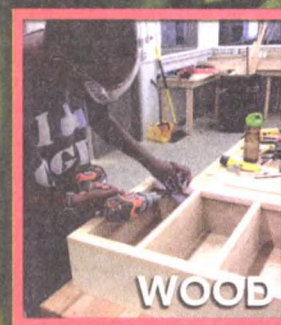
Students named commended are: Alexis Au-lepp, Haley Clifton, Ramya Erasala, Aashima Gulati, Divya Gumudavelly, Reeshma Kumar, Karen Li, Daniel Liu, Erica Meister, Saurab Nooguri, Grace Yang and Vickie Zhang.

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Schoolcraft wins Educational Institution honor

Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Gene Keyes has worked diligently over the years to build the manufacturing program at Schoolcraft College. And the effort appears to be paying off. Schoolcraft College has received the 2015 Clips & Clamps Industries Educational Institution Award as part of the Precision Metalforming Association Awards of Excellence in Metalforming. The school won the award for its outstanding manufacturing programs designed for students seeking 21st century skills based on today's manufacturing environment. Educational programs at the school cover middle-school and college students, and industry workers. "It's national recognition for what we do here at Schoolcraft," said



SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE
Gene Keyes, teaching his students in the Schoolcraft College Manufacturing Lab, said participation in the program has risen to more than 400 students.

Keyes, head of the school's Advanced Manufacturing Department. "We've worked hard on adapting our programs to what is needed to get jobs in local industries." Schoolcraft College has a well-established Industry Advisory Committee that has been active for more than 15 years, with a dozen companies participating at

the most recent meeting. The college, along with both Livonia Chamber of Commerce and the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, works directly with local industries through the Livonia Industrial Council and the Plymouth Manufacturing Council, a partnership of educators, businesses and policy makers focused on grow-

ing a skilled and high-tech workforce in the region. Local businesses have also donated time and machines to the manufacturing department, showing the trust and faith local businesses have in the school's manufacturing department. The school's partnership with local businesses is a key to its success, Keyes pointed out. "It's what sets us apart," Keyes said. "I'm in (local) plants all the time. I want to give them (students) who are the best ... who are ready to be productive from day one." Under Keyes, Schoolcraft College has aggressively tackled the challenge for developing new skilled metalworkers by updating curriculum and pursuing NIMS accreditation. Beginning with the 2014-15 school year, students were able to ac-

quire NIMS certification from the college's advanced manufacturing programs. A total of 73 credentials were earned, 30 of which were from Schoolcraft faculty and students. Schoolcraft College actively reaches out to the community, introducing parents and students to the world of manufacturing and machining. One way the school does this is through the college's "Kids on Campus" program, the "Manufacturing High Adventures" section, which is attended by more than 60 students from middle school to high school every summer. "It's about exposing them to the industry," Keyes said. The department also works with the local K-12 teachers and administrators to develop a career path from middle school to college and then onto jobs. The school also

recently hosted its second annual open house in the Advanced Manufacturing Lab, allowing more than 200 students and parents to tour the lab and campus. With the development of Schoolcraft's partnerships with the community, local industrial councils and manufacturers, enrollment keeps climbing in the college's manufacturing programs — "I had 54 students in 2009; now there are more than 400," Keyes said — and the school looks forward to this trend continuing in years to come. The Educational Institution Award is one of eight Awards of Excellence in Metalforming presented annually by the Precision Metalforming Association. The award, which includes a cash prize, is sponsored by Clips & Clamps Industries of Plymouth and funded by the Dul Foundation.

Historic photos on display at S'craft's Heritage Room

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Ashley Demarest, 18, a Schoolcraft College biology student, was studying at the Radcliff Center in Garden City recently. As she entered the center's Michigan Heritage Room, she wondered about the 21 black-and-white photos revealing much of Detroit's history. "I like them," the 2015 Westland John Glenn High graduate said of the photos. "It's cool to see all the old stuff," such as brick roads. "I prefer that to all the new stuff. I would rather stay simple." Said Bonnie Heckard-Farmer, associate dean of College Centers, "It was fun picking these out. I'm not from the area," the Mt. Pleasant native add-

ed. The 21 photos are from *The Detroit News* archives. "They have a whole gallery you can shop from," she said. "It's just nice to have local art on the wall." For years, the Radcliff Center hosted police and fire training for Schoolcraft. EMT training remains there, although the police and firefighters now have their own building at Merriman and I-96. That means early police and firefighters are featured in photos. One photo shows a policeman directing traffic from a tower in a Detroit business district. Another shows the Bob-Lo boat steaming along. "Some of them remember the Uniroyal conversations," Heckard-Farmer said of younger

Schoolcraft students. They also like the Hitsville, U.S.A., photo with its year of 1965 shown in the Motown front window. "They like looking at them. They always try to find out more about the story," she said of current students whose curiosity is piqued. The Michigan Heritage Room at Radcliff isn't new; the framed photos went up about four years ago. Students from the nearby Garden City Middle School enjoy visiting the room for their after-school program, Heckard-Farmer said. "It's just a fun place to meet," she said. "It doesn't feel like a classroom." The building was a former public school and Schoolcraft officials have worked to make it

inviting to adult students. "It was always in the plan. It never happened," she said of adding small placards with short histories on the photos. "I need to put somebody on that project." She'd like to keep a journal in the room, too, for visitors to record memories. One shows paperboys — then all young boys — delivering *The Detroit News*. "Were you a *Detroit News* carrier? Jot them down," the associate dean said of memories. The Michigan Heritage Room also hosts functions for the local Kiwanis and Rotary, as well as Garden City school-related meetings and computer training. "My goal is to make this the community's college," said Heckard-



Uniroyal's "big tire," which now stands near I-94, was captured by this *Detroit News* photographer in earlier years.

Farmer, a Farmington resident on the job there about four years. Of Garden City's K-12 district, she added, "We do whatever we can to help support them. We try to partner with them. We all know a better school's a stronger community." She didn't see much of

Detroit as a girl. "My parents weren't big travelers. We would go north," said Heckard-Farmer, who in younger days was excited to see McDonald's golden arches in Lansing.
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Snacks with Santa includes a horse-drawn hayride at Kensington Metropark.

Families invited for Snacks with Santa at Kensington

Laura Colvin
Staff Writer

Santa is making the rounds in the area this holiday season and the Kensington Farm Center is no exception.

The jolly old elf will be at the farm on three upcoming dates for Snacks with Santa, a popular tradition started some 30 years ago by farm manager Debbie Cavallaro.

The family-friendly event begins inside, where visitors can chat with Santa beside the Christmas tree and enjoy snacks of fruit, cookies, juice and hot cocoa.

After children share their Christmas wishes with Santa, families are escorted outside for a horse-drawn hayride or sleigh ride – depending on snow cover – complete with cozy blankets, a holiday sing-along and jingle bells.

“And our teamsters don Santa hats for that extra touch of holiday flare,” farm center interpreter Laurel Zoet said.

The farm center’s heated barn will also be open, providing families with an opportunity to warm up after the ride while visiting with the farm animals.

Since the event has been so popular, the farm center is offering three dates and times for visitors to choose from, Zoet said: Snacks with Santa runs at 10:30 a.m., noon and 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 12-13 and 19-20.

Tickets are \$10 per person and advanced registration is required. Tickets can be purchased by calling the park office at 810-227-8910. Ticket times are selected at purchase.

A Metropark motor vehicle entry permit is required for park entry; 2016 vehicle entry permits are on sale now and are valid from the time of purchase through Dec. 31, 2016. Cost for an annual vehicle permit is \$35. Daily permits are \$7.

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Baby goats don holiday sweaters at Kensington Metropark.

Some \$2 million raised for Alzheimer’s



Long before chocolate was a fashionable holiday gift, the Alzheimer’s Association made it the focus of its annual gala — and the chocolate just keeps on giving and giving and ...

This year’s Chocolate Jubilee, held at the MGM Grand in Detroit, brought in more than 500 supporters who raised close to \$2 million for the Alzheimer’s Association Greater Michigan Chapter.

“It is so important for people to be aware of Alzheimer’s as a disease, since it’s being diagnosed earlier in people. We have to find a cure,” said Bloomfield Hills resident Marni Barnett, Chocolate Jubilee co-chair for the second year.

And nobody knows that better than John Wood, an artist and teacher who was diagnosed with Alzheimer’s at age 45. Wood was the keynote speaker at the black-tie dinner and strolling chocolate dessert reception.

“The day I received the Michigan Media Arts Teacher of the Year Award was the same day I turned in my driver’s license at the Secretary of State,” said Wood, who was forced into early retirement. “I was a threat to myself and my students. My dreams were over.”

Soon after his diagnosis, Wood enrolled in the Safe Return Program at the Alzheimer’s Association. The Safe Return Program is a 24/7 service that will help a person with Alzheimer’s who has become lost reunite with his or her loved ones. He also joined some support groups and a special program put on at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association, which is sponsored by Bloomfield Hills resident Barbara Roden, owner of Senior Helpers in Farmington Hills. Roden is also on the board of the Alzheimer’s Association Greater Michigan Chapter.

“Art is still something that people with dementia can use creatively,” said Roden, who hosts



JULIE YOLLES

To the delight of the 500-plus attendees at the Alzheimer’s Association’s Chocolate Jubilee at the MGM Grand, Novi-based Pat Stone, owner and chef of Bell Stone Toffee, and Bloomfield Hills helpers Cindy Stevens and Michelle Kelly served up its signature white, milk and dark chocolate English Toffee.



JULIE YOLLES

Novi residents Rian, 5, and Alana Harvill, 9. Rian was attending her first Hob Nobble Gobble and Alana attended her third at Ford Field. More than 2,500 America’s Thanksgiving Parade supporters attended the annual black-tie gala that raised \$400,000 this year.

her clients and their caregivers every three weeks at the BBAC.

Thanks for the memories

Eric Larson wasn’t clowning around when he came up with the perfect gift for his mother’s 80th birthday — a spot in the exclusive the Distinguished Clowns Corps of the Michigan Thanksgiving Parade Founda-

tion.

Thanksgiving morning, three generations of Larsons walked along Woodward in the 89th annual America’s Thanksgiving Parade: Ann Robertson, Eric’s mother; Michigan Thanksgiving Parade Foundation chair Eric Larson and his wife Kathy, and their daughters Paige and Makenzie of Bloomfield Hills.

Eric, looking festive and regal in his red and gold costume, celebrated 16 years as a DCC member. Paige was next in her sixth year, Kathy and Makenzie joined three years ago, when Makenzie turned 16; and then there was Ann.

“It was a very meaningful gift,” Robertson said at the 29th annual Hob Nobble Gobble at Ford Field. “The Michigan parade is so family-oriented and generational, that to be a part of what my family has been involved in for so many years is all the more meaningful.”

As a distinguished clown — a group made up of about 200 Detroit-area business and civic leaders — you receive a custom-designed clown costume from The Parade Company. Rather than have a new costume, Robertson chose to wear granddaughter Paige’s previous costume.

“Something borrowed, something orange, purple and white,” said Robertson, who used to go to nursing homes to entertain the residents as Jubilee the Clown when she was younger. So she already had clown tricks up her ruffly sleeves for this year’s debut.

The Hob Nobble Gobble celebrated its 26th anniversary two weeks ago. The sold-out black-tie gala at Ford Field brought in more than 2,500 adults and kids and raised \$400,000.

Michigan Ballet Theatre presents ‘The Nutcracker’

Enjoy watching several young performers when the Michigan Ballet Theatre presents the legendary Christmas classic *The Nutcracker*, Dec. 18-20 at the Avondale Performing Arts Center. Of the 76 children in the chorus, four are from Novi: Nadi Morman-Williams, Raquel Segars, Lauren Trainor and Arsh Wasnik.

This beloved holiday ballet, with music by Peter Ilich Tchaikovsky, is the highlight of Michi-

gan Ballet Theatre’s season and promises to delight audiences of all ages.

Performances are scheduled for 7 p.m. Dec. 18, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Dec. 19 and 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. Dec. 20.

Tickets are \$32 for adults, \$28 for seniors and kids age 12 and under, and \$24 each for groups of 20 or more. Get a 50 percent discount by purchasing tickets in advance at the Rochester School of Dance and on



DAN DEAN

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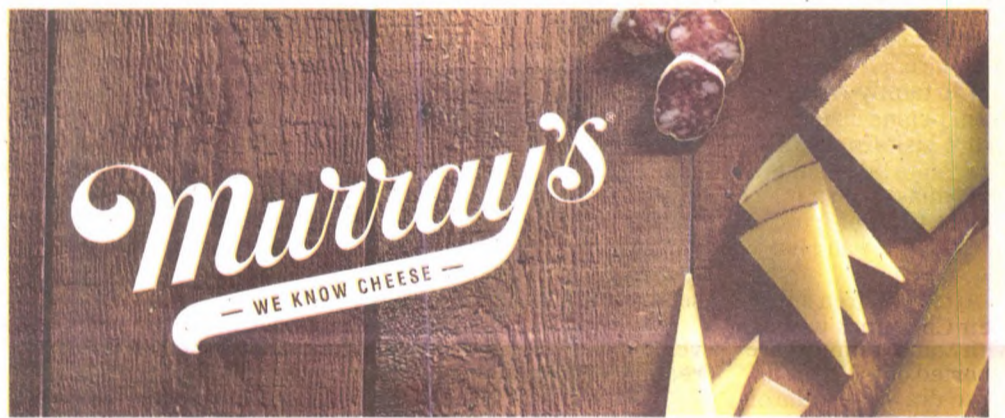
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Upcoming events

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On the march



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Upcoming events

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Media Small Works exhibit through Dec. 12. This exhibit showcases works of art limited to 12-inch by 12-inch by artists from throughout metro Detroit and several other states. Consider giving a small work of art during this holiday season!

Store

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Art Classes & Workshops

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Volunteers and other Support

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The foundation has been able to continue its work because of the support of local businesses and individuals. Many of the donors are from the Canton area.

On campus
The foundation has a presence on campus, with a scholarship office and a website. This helps students find out about the program and apply for scholarships.

Winter Open House

Join us for our Winter Open House on Wednesday, January 28th or Thursday, February 11th at 6:00 pm. Rost & Lounge, 201 N. Canton.

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Mothers' Club Of Northville kicks off Illumination for Education campaign

in its 80th year, the Mothers' Club of Northville has started its Illumination for Education campaign to continue its support of educational enrichment for Northville children.

Illumination for Education allows community members to make a donation in honor or memory of a family member, friend or school community member who has made a difference. Donations

will benefit children in the district's 10 public schools.

Mothers' Club of Northville, a nonprofit, volunteer organization, last year funded nearly \$37,000 to public schools, including science and classroom equipment, textbooks, as well as high school and middle school equipment and programs.

Donations may be mailed to: Mothers' Club of Northville, P.O. Box 358, Northville, MI 48167, or made online at www.mothersclubofnorthville.org and PayPal service.

Recognition for each "tree light" purchased will be displayed on the Mothers' Club signage, *The Patch* news blast and on the beautifully decorated holiday tree at the Northville Community Center.

Gearing up for winter



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Sporting a winter coat and with the wind whipping its tail between its legs, a pony at Novi's Tollgate Farms enjoys a grass snack Nov. 19 at the MSU educational facility. Tollgate is open seven days a week for visitors at its 12 Mile and Meadowbrook location.

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Deadlines: Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. for Thursday papers
Holiday deadlines are subject to change.

Brzozowski, Geraldine
February 20, 1939 - December 5, 2015. Arrangements by: PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME. www.phillipsfuneral.com

BUESCHER, DEBRA SUE

Of Milford, formerly St. Clair Shores, died December 1, 2015. LynchFuneralDirectors.com

BURNHAM, SANDRA
of Novi. Nov. 5, 1952-Dec. 4, 2015. Services entrusted to L. J. Griffin Funeral Home, Northrop-Sassaman Chapel.

CLAIR, JERILYN

August 7, 1942 - December 2, 2015. Arrangements by: PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME www.phillipsfuneral.com

MAGRY, MARTHA

January 6, 1936 - December 5, 2015. Arrangements by: PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME. www.phillipsfuneral.com



MERLOTTI, ERNESTINE

Age 91. Beloved wife of the late Joseph. Dear mother of Rob (Sue), the late Julie (Art) and Nancy (Bob). Proud grandmother of Tracy, Jill, Jimmy, Andrea. Great-grandmother of Max. Sister of Ray (Patricia). Visitation at the O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home 41555 Grand River, Novi 248-348-1800 Thursday, December 10 from 3-9 p.m. with a Rosary/Scripture Service at 8 p.m. In state at Holy Family Church 24505 Meadowbrook Novi Friday, December 11 from 10:00 a.m. until the funeral liturgy at 10:30 a.m. Donations in memory of Ernestine may be made to the American Diabetes Association or Meals on Wheels. Online sympathy message at obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

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NEWTON, DONALD R.
January 30, 1935 - October 16, 2015. Arrangements by: PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME. www.phillipsfuneral.com

NICHOLLS, HENRY J.
August 13, 1916 - December 5, 2015. Arrangements by: PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME www.phillipsfuneral.com



PASCHKE, LORRAINE

Age 89, died at Arden Courts Memory Care in Bingham Farms, Michigan, on Friday, December 4, 2015. Survivors include her son, Randy; and her daughter and son-in-law, Diane and Dolph Lohwasser. Lorraine was preceded in death by her husband, Clare. Lorraine loved life and people and she was always active, never one to sit around and do nothing. She took up golf later in life when nearing retirement but became an avid golfer with three holes in one. She enjoyed playing cards and games, lively conversation and entertaining others. Everyone who knew Lorraine is asked to celebrate her life in his/her own way, but remembering a funny or enjoyable or caring moment with her would be quite appropriate. Services will be held privately and after cremation her ashes will be buried with those of her husband, Clare. Lorraine's family would especially like to thank everyone at Arden Courts for their friendship, care, compassion, and skilled assistance in making the end of her life comfortable and peaceful. Memorials are welcome and should be made to LBDA - Lewy Body Dementia Association, 912 Killian Hill Road, S.W., Lilburn, GA 30047, www.lbda.org/go/donate/, or the MADC - Michigan Alzheimer's Disease Center, University of Michigan Health System Office of Development, 1000 Oakbrook, Suite 100, Ann Arbor, MI 48104, <http://alzheimers.med.umich.edu/donate/>. A.J. Desmond & Sons, 248-549-0500. View obituary and share memories at AJDesmond.com.

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PROCTOR, ROBERT
May 7, 1925 - December 8, 2015. Arrangements by: PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME. www.phillipsfuneral.com



ROSE, PATTY LYNN (SPENCER)

Age 57, passed away December 4, 2015. She was born on September 14, 1958 in Battle Creek, daughter of Mike and Joan (Butts) Spencer. Growing up with two brothers, Patty was known as a tomboy. She loved being outdoors and playing with her brothers and her sister. She also enjoyed shopping and decorating. Patty loved life and was known for her beautiful smile. Patty adored her family and she will always be remembered as a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, daughter, sister and friend. She is survived by her husband, Wayne; her children: Christina Rose and Justin Rose; and her granddaughter, Mya Hock. She is also survived by her parents Mike and Joan Spencer; her brother, Michael (Cheryl) Spencer; her sister, Traci (Kevin) Braun; her sister-in-law, Jamie Spencer; and her mother-in-law, Ernestine Rose. Patty was preceded in death by her brother, Steven in 2013 and her father-in-law, Thomas Rose Jr. Visitation was held on Sunday, December 6 at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. A funeral service was held on Monday, December 7 at Church of Christ in South Lyon. Patty was laid to rest in South Lyon Cemetery. www.phillipsfuneral.com

RUKSTELO, MARTHA
January 19, 1916 - December 6, 2015. Arrangements by: PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME. www.phillipsfuneral.com



STAFFORD, DAVID WILLIAM

A resident of Milford and long time Uniserv Director and Lobbyist with the Michigan Education Association, died on December 7, 2015 after a battle with cancer and pulmonary fibrosis. He was 75 years old. He is survived by Barbara, his beloved wife of twenty years; his daughter, Jessica (DJ) Szyperski; his sons, Jeremy (Sheree) Stafford and Jonathan Stafford; stepsons, Chris Kokoszka and Kevin (Sharon) Kokoszka; grandchildren, Tyler, Peyton, Ethan, Wesley, Jade, June, Ava and Alex; sisters, Kathleen (Al) Kisz, Karen (the late Arnie) Koziarz and Chrissie Stafford; mother-in-law, D. Patricia (Donald) Walsh and many brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews and dear friends. He was preceded in death by a sister, Susan Innes. A Funeral Service will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty St., Milford, on Thursday, December 10, at 11AM. Friends may visit on Wednesday from 3-9PM. Memorials may be made in his name to the American Cancer Society or the American Lung Association. For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

SYLVA, KYLE R.
of Milford, died Nov. 30, 2015. Age 28. For more information, phone Lynch & Sons, Milford, 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com



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RELIGION CALENDAR

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Brightmoor Christian

Location: M-5 and 13 Mile, Novi
Contact: 248-668-7014; celebraterecovery@brightmoorcc.org
Web: www.brightmoorchurch.org

Celebrate Recovery

Time/Dates: 7 p.m. Monday
Details: Worship, teaching or testimony and open-share recovery groups. Organizers offer the principles and tools to bring healing for the hurts, deliverance from life-controlling habits and freedom from the hang-ups that keep us from developing strong and healthy relations with God and others. Enter at Door D on the south side of the building. No cost; free child care is available for children birth through fifth grade. Pre-register.

Church of the Holy Family

Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road, Novi
Contact: 248-349-8847
Web: www.holyfamilynovi.org
Mass Schedule: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday through Friday; 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday; 4:30 p.m. Saturday; 6:30 p.m. Saturday (Spanish)
Holy days: 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment
Priests: the Rev. Bob LaCroix, pastor, and the Rev. Beto Espinoza, associate pastor
AA: 8 p.m. Wednesdays

Crosspointe Meadows

Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile, Novi
Contact: 248-669-9400, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday
Web: www.crosspointemeadows.org
Sunday worship: 11 a.m.
Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all ages
Details: Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship experience.

Destiny Worship Center

Location: Ridge Wood Elementary School, 41355 Six Mile, Northville
Contact: destinyw3@gmail.com
Web: www.dw3c.org

Detroit Japanese Christian Fellowship

Location: 45301 11 Mile, Novi
Contact: Kanji Fuki
Contact: 248-756-3336

Dominion Church

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

Emmanuel Lutheran

Location: 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia
Web: www.emmanuel-livonia.org
Contact: 248-442-8822
Sunday worship: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.
Youth group: 7 p.m. Wednesday
Special Needs Ministry: Judy Cook, 248-442-8822
Women's Coffee Break Bible Study: 10-11:30 a.m. Mondays

Faith Community Presbyterian Church

Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile

Contact: 248-349-2345

Web: www.faithcommunity-novi.org

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

Women's Group: 12:30 p.m. third Thursday

Children's Faith Club: 5 p.m. Wednesday

First Baptist Church of Northville

Location: 217 N. Wing, Northville
Contact: 248-348-1020
Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesday
Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first Saturday

First Church of the Nazarene

Location: 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile
Contact: 248-348-7600
Web: www.dfcnazarene.org
Sunday Schedule: 9:30 a.m. Classic Worship; 11 a.m. Revive (contemporary) Worship; 11 a.m. Kids Worship and Teen Worship; 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday School
Monday: 7 p.m. - Bible Study Fellowship Men's Bible Study
Tuesday: 9:25 a.m. - Women of the Word Women's Bible Study
Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. - Caravan Scouting program for kids ages 4 through fifth grade; Club 45 for fourth- and fifth-graders; Merge Middle School Worship night; Bible Study with Troy Ogle; Little Critters preschool program; Alpha class from 6:30-8 p.m. - an opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment. Alpha is for high school to adult.
Thursday: 6 a.m. - Men of Purpose Prayer and Bible Study - Revelation.

First Free Will Baptist Church

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

First Presbyterian Church of Northville

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

First Presbyterian Church

Location: 205 E. Lake St., South Lyon
Contact: 248-437-2875, office@fpcsouthlyon.org
Worship: Blue Christmas Service, 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 21
Worship: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 10:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 24
office@fpcsouthlyon.org

First Presbyterian Church

Location: 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington
Gluten-free Halloween Party: 6:30-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23 - The Tri-County Celiac Support Group is hosting the event. Trunk or Treat setup begins at 6:30 and candy distribution from 7-8. Please make sure that the candy you bring is gluten- and peanut-free. GF doughnuts and cider will be served in the church hall along with children's games until 9. A dance party will be held from 8:15-9. The event is free for members; \$10 for non-member families. RSVP and questions can be directed to marci.faro@gmail.com or borgnes@aol.com.

First United Methodist Church of Northville

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

Frank Turner Ministries

Location: Novi Civic Center 45175 W. 10 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 Christ.

Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS)

Location: 41415 Nine Mile, Novi
Contact: 248-349-0565, www.goodshepherdnovi.org
Pastor: Rev Thomas E. Schroeder
Service: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible study; 10 a.m. worship

Grace Immanuel Bible Church

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

Holy Cross Episcopal

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

Hope Lutheran Church

Location: 39200 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills
Immanuel Lutheran Church
Location: 330 E. Liberty, South Lyon
Contact: 248-437-2289
Pastor: Pastor Scott Miller
Upcoming: Christmas for the Family: The Christmas story, crafts, games and lunch for the family. 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Dec. 5.

Lakes Baptist Church

Location: 309 Decker Road, Walled Lake

Legacy Church

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

Livonia Church of Christ

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

Meadowbrook Congregational Church

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

Still time for holiday tech-savvy deals

Good news for procrastinators and last-minute shoppers: the best deals are yet to come. Even if you haven't yet purchased gifts for the tech geek on your list, you might be in luck.

Black Friday and Cyber Monday are just the beginning of the winter season sales and buyers can expect low prices on



Jon Gunnells
TECH SAVVY

hot items such as DSLRs, GoPro Cameras, Parrot Drones, TVs and mobile devices into 2016.

If you are buying for someone close to you or even for yourself, pa-

tience may pay. Manufacturers are hitting the end of their production years, meaning it is time to sell off inventory to make way for the new equipment.

In the first week of January, tech giants like Samsung, Sony, Microsoft and many others will launch their newest products at the Consumer Electronics Show in Las

Vegas. As the new products come to market, the old units typically reach unforeseen prices. And in this case, old doesn't mean bad.

Take HDTVs, for instance, which have steadily dropped in prices for a few years as newer 4K HDTV have hit shelves. Even 4K HDTV televisions have seen a sharp decline in price recently. Currently, a 4K HDTV in the 42-inch size range is going for \$350, whereas a model in the

50-inch range is about \$200 to \$250 more.

Just three short years ago, there were only two HDTVs available on the market and both retailed for more than \$20,000. So it is not surprising that the next big thing — the Ultra 4K HDTV from Vizio — is expected to hit shelves with a six-figure price tag. Of course, it will be a five-figure price tag in a year or two and, in five years, who knows how cheap it can be.

No time to go back to

the mall, find parking, buy gifts and wrap them? Consider an iTunes or Google Play gift card or pony up to pay for a loved one's cable or Internet bill. Even if you procrastinate until Dec. 24, there remain plenty of options. As for wrapping the gifts, you're own your own.

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www.umcnorthville.org

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21860 Pontiac Trail • South Lyon, MI 48178
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10:30 a.m. Praise and Worship
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Troy Singleton, Minister

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Sunday School 9:45 a.m. • Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
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Senior Pastor: Rob Freshour / Assoc. Pastor: Randy Weaks
Website: www.fbcsouthlyon.com
Email: fbcsouthlyon@bcglobal.net
LO-000219754

First Church of Christ, Scientist
905 E. Commerce St., Milford, MI 48381
Sunday Service: 10:30 am
Sunday School ages 3-20; 10:30 am
Children's room: Wed & Sun services
Wednesday service: 7:30 pm 248-685-7266

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Children's Church: 10:30 am
Groups for Children, Youth and Adults
248-684-2798
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Our Saviour Apostolic Lutheran Church
54899 8 Mile Rd. at Currie Rd. Northville, MI 48167
248-374-2268
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9:45 am Children's & Adult's Sunday School
10:30 am Fellowship/Coffee
11:00 am Worship Service
Wednesday Bible Study at 7 pm
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Shepherd's Way Lutheran Church, ELCA
59255 10 Mile Rd.
South Lyon MI 48178
Sunday Worship 9:30 AM
Christmas Eve 7:00 PM
Rev. Thomas Scherger
248-573-7320
www.shepherdswaysouthlyon.org

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Special luncheons
Time: Noon to 2 p.m.
Details: Holiday spe-

cial event luncheons coming to Meadowbrook Activity Center are a great way to enjoy a delicious meal and entertainment with friends. Tickets (\$7 per Novi resident and \$8.50 per non-resident) must be purchased in advance at the city of Novi Older Adult Services office

(45175 10 Mile Road) or the Meadowbrook Activity Center (25075 Meadowbrook Road).
Thursday, Dec. 10: Are you a believer? Does Santa exist? Travel on a magical adventure to the North Pole and rekindle the wonder of Christmas at the All Aboard the Polar Express Holiday

Luncheon. Join your friends for a gleeful afternoon with sounds of the season presented by Eric Engblade. Well-bridge of Novi Rehab Center will sponsor this event.
 For more information about the holiday luncheons, contact Judy Klein, recreation programmer, Older Adult Services, at 248-347-0414.

Tinsel & Treasures Holiday Market
Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12; and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13.

Details: The 36th annual Tinsel and Treasures Holiday Market will take place at Northville Community Center, 303 W. Main St., Northville. Admission is \$3 with those 12 and younger free.
 The popularity and success of the show is based on the simple concept of giving distinctive handcrafted gifts. Food and drink will be available for purchase. www.hcshows.com.

Langsford men in concert
Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11, 8 p.m. (Our Lady of LaSalette Catholic Church, 2600 Harvard at Coolidge, Berkley) and 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13 (Trinity Lutheran Church, 45160 VanDyke at Hall Road, Utica)

Details: Langsford Men's Chorus will present its "Celebrate Christmas" concert with a variety of Christmas favorites, ranging from the classical to the traditional to contemporary. The chorus features men from throughout Oakland and Wayne counties. Directed by Steven Se-Graves, the 55-member chorus is considered one of Michigan's premier male choruses. Named in honor of its namesake, the late Dr. Harry M. Langsford, founder and director of the Wayne State University Men's Glee Club for more than 45 years. Tickets \$15 at door, \$12 in advance, available on line at www.langsfordmenschorus.org.

Novi Choralaires holiday concerts
Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills
Time/Date: 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, at Church of the Holy Family, 24505 Meadowbrook

Now on display



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
 Janet Kondziela hangs her painting titled "The Red Scarf" Dec. 2 at Novi's Picasso Cafe. Kondziela is part of a group of female painters called Mary's Muses who meet once a week for three hours to paint and be inspired by each other. The group's display, called Santa and Friends, will be on display through Dec. 29 at the cafe on Grand River, near Haggerty.

Details: The Novi Choralaires is a chorus of men and women from the city of Novi and surrounding communities, founded in 1975 and operating under the umbrella of Novi Parks Performing Arts. Directed by artistic music director Liz Wolber, the Novi Choralaires seek to spread peace, love and holiday cheer to area residents during their holiday concerts.

This holiday season, the Novi Choralaires present "A Very British Christmas." The program includes songs and carols from Great Britain highlighting music from the 15th century through modern day. Favorites include arrangements by John Rutter. Tickets \$12 adults or \$10 for seniors and children younger than 12. Group rates available. The Novi Choralaires has just celebrated its 40th anniversary of entertaining area residents. www.novichoralaires.org

Cookie walk
Time/Date: 9 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 12
Details: Homemade holiday cookies and packaged candy, bread, fudge and more will be available at the sixth annual Christmas Cookie Walk at Meadowbrook Congregational Church in Novi. Admission is free. Cookies are \$9 per pound, with other items priced individually. Free coffee and cookie samples will be served. The church's sanctuary will be open for viewing.

Proceeds from the event support church missions. Meadowbrook Congregational Church is at 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between Eight and Nine Mile roads, in Novi. For further information, contact the church office at 248-348-7757 or www.mbccc.org

Concert band performance
Time/Date: 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13
Details: The Novi Concert Band, the community band for the city of Novi, will perform its holiday show "Music for the Holidays." The group will perform music for all ages and tastes. The performance is free, but donations welcome. The concert will take place at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 10 Mile Road.

Chilly Softball
Time/Date: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9; registration deadline Dec. 29.
Details: The city of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department hosts the second annual Chili Chilly Softball Showdown at Ella Mae Power Park. The co-ed event features wooden bats, a 16-inch ball, one pitch per at-bat, prizes for all participants and a lunch featuring coney dogs from Kerby's Koney Island. Open to 18 years of age or older; \$250 per team. Double-elimination format with games lasting six innings.
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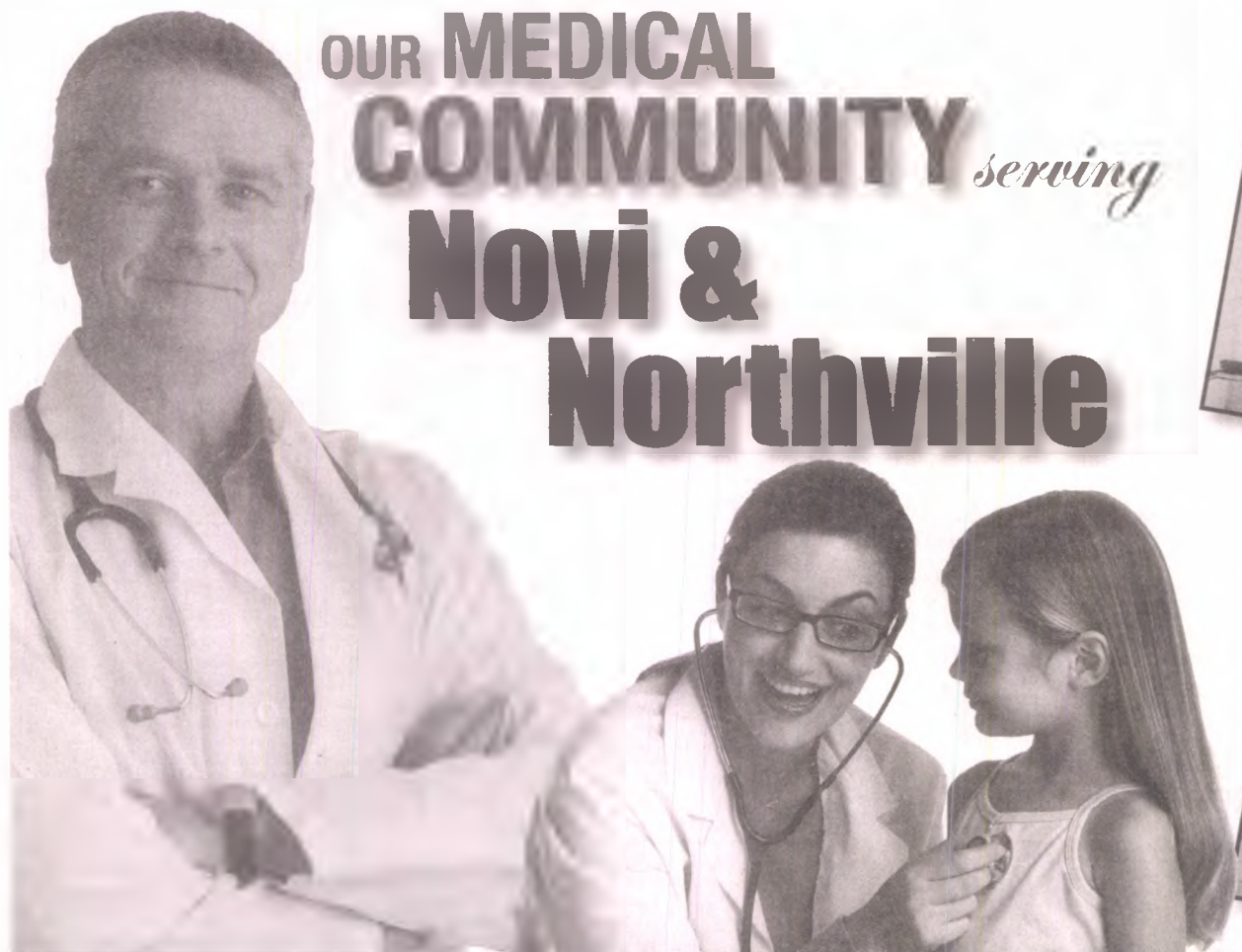
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OUR VIEW

Reason for the season: Giving matters, so help those in need during holidays

This is the time of year when local Goodfellows and Salvation Army leaders rely on your generosity. Not all friends and neighbors can provide a merry Christmas or holiday season for their children.

Goodfellows have been hard at work in recent weeks selling their trademark newspapers or collecting to make sure there's "No Child Without a Christmas." Salvation Army volunteers and staffers have also been out in full force with their Red Kettle campaign, which supports not only Christmas endeavors, but also help with rent, utilities, prescriptions and other necessities all year.

The Salvation Army and Goodfellows are joined by many churches, other faith-based institutions, schools and businesses, all working hard to make the holidays brighter. Food and clothing drives teach even the very young that kindness counts and giving matters.

Many, including the Salvation Army and other churches, offer the opportunity to adopt a child or family and provide toys and clothing geared to spe-

cific needs. Involving your children in this shopping and giving can help teach them right from the start that not all have an easy road to walk.

Job loss, poor health and hard times are the reality for many and Christmas can exacerbate their feeling of separation from others who are shopping, celebrating and decking the halls. Remember them in this season of giving, to the extent your resources and finances allow.

This season is also a good time to remind children that there's a difference between needs and wants. Sure, none of us wanted a Christmas or Hanukkah with only socks or underwear as gifts when we were growing up.

It's only reasonable to try to accommodate children's wishes and holiday lists, but again that doesn't mean children should have free rein. One local boy was at Westland Shopping Center with his parents, who encouraged him to ask the volunteer Salvation Army bell ringers where the money raised goes.

The child understood the answers, especially

those related to others his own age. It's a good time for parents to reinforce lessons of generosity and of deciding what gifts are "must haves" and what doesn't have to be purchased.

It's also a busy season. If you have the gift of time available, don't sell yourself short on that. The Salvation Army hires bell ringers and benefits greatly from the work of volunteers who don't require pay. The website www.ringbell.org has details on bell ringing opportunities or you can call your local corps/citadel of the Salvation Army and ask for the volunteer coordinator if you're less tech-savvy, but still eager to contribute.

Let's make this season joyful for all, to the extent our resources allow. It's a good time to visit family, friends, neighbors and colleagues and to wish all the best for the coming year. It's also a good time to remember those without great blessings, such as warm housing, good food and decent clothing — and to extend the hand of friendship to them.

LETTERS

Let residents decide on trash

There is an old saying that goes "those whom the Gods would destroy, they first make drunk with power." It appears that Mayor Bob Gatt and some of his pals on the city of his pals have about reached that point concerning the new trash collection proposal.

At a meeting Nov. 23, Gatt was quoted as saying that questions about the new trash pickup service would not be answered that night. I find it hard to believe that any half-way

intelligent person could imagine the arrogance of this tin horn politician refusing to answer taxpayers honest concerns about a matter that will affect nearly 17,000 homes when fully implemented.

And by the way, the new ordinance doesn't include apartment buildings and mobile home parks. Why not? If this is such a good deal, why deprive them of the chance to get in on the savings? What about businesses? Are they going to have a chance to get in on Gatt's gravy

train? I'm sure all of our questions and concerns will be addressed at a later date, right after the contract is signed, sealed and delivered.

Shame on you Republicans who voted with Gatt on this fiasco in believing that government can do a better job than ordinary citizens.

Dave Shingler
Novi

Address gun violence

In a recent interview of President Barack Obama by Bill Simmons, the president said that he hoped to make gun control the dominant issue in the eighth year of his presidency. I sincerely hope that this statement proves to be true.

I am deeply shocked to see the incessant incidents of gun violence in our country and the devastating effect they have on our communities. I am also, truly dismayed at

the failure of our government to acknowledge the magnitude and the gravity of the problem and lack of will to implement gun control measures. It is time for the public to take action.

We need to ask ourselves, how long we are going to allow innocent children to be killed in school. How long are we going to let our public policy get influenced by the political pressure and rhetoric from gun lobby? How long will we ignore the fact that other developed nations have successfully curbed gun violence by common sense gun laws? What it will take to take to implement effective gun control policy and stop this epidemic that is gripping our country?

We need to come forward, and say "enough is enough!" Public opinion is a strong force. It is stronger than the gun lobby. It is stronger than a few politicians who put their interests before the interest of our nation. By raising our voices collectively we can shake lawmakers out of the stupor they are in, and make them realize that we're ready for a change.

Every citizen who

supports stricter gun control policy needs to write to their senator and representative and urge them to take action. We can show support for the efforts of gun control groups either by joining them or supporting them financially. Our lawmakers cannot ignore mobilized public.

So far this year, according to the Gun Violence Archive, there have been 11,684 gun-related deaths in the United States. We need to put a stop to this carnage.

Neil Warrach
Novi

Treat all athletes the same

Students who play sports at Novi High School are not all treated equally. It is mandatory for athletes who play certain sports to pay well over twice the amount that other student-athletes pay to participate. This creates an unfair situation. By forcing some athletes to pay more than others, some Novi athletes are being discriminated against.

In order to balance the budget, Novi has students pay a participation fee for athletics. However, some newer sports such as, ski,

equestrian, bowling, field hockey and figure skating are required to fully fund their activities and not just pay a participation fee. Athletes in most sports pay a \$175 participation fee while the athletes in newer sports pay over \$500 per season. After surveying students, staff and community members, the overwhelming response was that all school sports should be funded equally. 82% of people surveyed agreed that all school sports being funded equally is quite or very important.

Together we can do something about this. Contacting the high school athletic director and letting him know how important it is to fund all Novi High School sports equally is one way that you can help bring positive change to the Novi athletic department. Let him know that it is not OK to penalize some athletes financially based on the sport they play. We want all student-athletes to have equal access to participate on a team, whether that be on the ice, the court or the field.

Laine Fenchel
Novi High School student

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Shamrocks eye new finals venue at CMU



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Catholic Central's Tyler Morland (top) took third-place honors last year at the Division 1 individual state finals.

Wildcats, Northville also ready for season

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

There's a new destination this year for the MHSAA team wrestling state finals, but the goal remains the same for Novi Detroit Catholic Central's program.

Ninth-year CC coach Mitch Hancock, who has four Division 1 state titles under his belt, would like nothing more than to make it to his alma mater, where he once wres-

ted.

The new venue is Central Michigan University's McGuirk Arena, which plays host to the finals Feb. 26-27 after a long-standing run at Battle Creek's Kellogg Arena.

The Shamrocks, who are coming off a 22-4 dual meet season and a berth in the quarterfinals, must replace four first team All-Area wrestlers, including state champions Myles Amine (Wrestler of the Year) and Trevor Zdebski.

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Both have taken their talents to the University of Michigan.

The Shamrocks are in the process of reloading, highlighted by the return of two individual state placers: junior Tyler Morland, who went 27-2 and finished third at 171

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BOYS BASKETBALL PREVIEW

Novi cagers expecting smoother ride this year

Northville, CC, Warriors also eye season start

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

The Novi boys basketball team experience quite a roller-coaster ride during the 2014-15 season.

The Wildcats started out the season 10-2, only to lose seven of their final eight games and finish 12-9, capped by a 60-57 loss to Canton in the opening round of the Class A district tournament.

Second-year coach Brandon Sinawi hopes his veteran team can learn from that experience and reach higher in 2015-16.

"We ended last year in disappointing fashion and have some unfinished business to take care of this year," Sinawi said. "We've got terrific senior leadership with a good mix of young players and we are expecting big things from both groups."

The Wildcats have all the components to be a top 20, or even perhaps at top 10 team, led by 6-foot-5 senior point guard Kam Hankerson, who has signed with NCAA Division I school Wisconsin-Green Bay.

He is joined by 6-7 senior center Naji Ozeir, who earned first team All-Area honors after averaging 15.7 points and nine rebounds per game while shooting 85 percent from the foul line.

Hankerson should improve his offensive numbers significantly this year after averaging eight points per game, while Ozeir gained valuable experience playing last summer for the Under-17 Lebanese Junior National Team that competed in the Arab National Cup in Egypt.

Sophomore Traveon Maddox, a 6-3 guard-forward, also returns, while newcomer Johnny Davis, a 6-4 senior center, and 6-7 senior returnee Jay Duarte give the Wildcats even more size at the post position.

"We have a good combination of size and speed," Sinawi said. "Our guards are big. Our post players are big and they can get up and down the floor."

Mustangs reload

Northville (14-8) reached the Class A district championship game last year, losing a



BRANDON SINAWI

Novi's Kam Hankerson (right) has signed a letter of intent with Wisconsin-Green Bay.

thriller to Plymouth along with three key players to graduation, including All-Area Player of the Year David Morrissey (Hope College), who averaged 19 points per game.

Also lost to graduation were 6-7 senior center Ryan Roberts (Northern Illinois football) and 6-8 Nathan Kellum (Notre Dame College).

The most experienced back court returnees include Justin Zimbo, a senior who started

all last season, and juniors Kevin Morrissey and Justin James, both of whom saw considerable playing time a year ago.

Returning up front are seniors Nick Wilds, Justin

Gibbons, Scott Lohman and Michael Minick.

"Our team has terrific balance, which will allow guys to play different positions," Northville coach Todd Sander said. "Rebounding will be key, but they are really buying into how we need to be totally committed to this as a team. Our four football players have done a tremendous job so far

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COLLEGE SPORTS

Cini excels as walk-on for Grand Valley St. x-country

Northville graduate is a three-time All-American

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

As a true walk-on, Chad Cini has enjoyed immense success in the Grand Valley State University cross country program.

And on the flip side, Grand Valley has gotten a lot mileage out of Cini.

The senior from Northville High is a three-time NCAA Division II All-American in men's cross country and has helped the Lakers to a pair of runner-up team finishes in 2013 and 2014, as well as a fourth-place finish this season.

Last month, Cini finished 37th overall in the NCAA Division II Championships held in Joplin, Mo., while posting a personal best 10,000-meter time of 30:26.1 on the Tom Rutledge Cross Country Course at Missouri Southern State University.

Although it didn't snow, conditions in Joplin proved to be winter-like.

"It was cold; it was about 25 degrees and the wind chill brought it down to about 17 or 18 degrees," Cini said. "It was a

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Cini



DAN CINI

Northville High grad Chad Cini earned NCAA Division II All-American honors three times for Grand Valley State.

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BOYS HOCKEY

Late power-play goal freezes Novi, 4-3

Wildcats fall to Livonia Stevenson in KLAAs Central Division match-up

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Nothing could be taken for granted when KLAAs Central Division boys hockey rivals Livonia Stevenson and Novi stepped onto the ice Friday night at Edgar Arena.

And the two teams who squared off in last year's MHSAA Division 2 state quarterfinal did not disappoint, as host Stevenson needed a power-play goal from senior defenseman Alec Allen with only 5:05 remaining to subdue the Wildcats, 4-3.

The Spartans, who improved to 4-2 overall and 3-0 in the Central, came out on top twice last year against Novi, including a 5-1 victory in

the state tournament before reaching the finals.

"Battles with Novi are always tough," Stevenson coach David Mitchell said. "They're a well-coached, disciplined hockey team. We met them in the state tournament last year in a quarterfinal game, so we knew this was going a scrap. Give them a lot of credit and give our guys credit, too, to be able to pull out the victory."

Allen's goal came just four seconds after Novi's Ryan Wexler was sent off for a cross-checking penalty.

"I think there was a scramble in front; one of our guys hit their guy and our goalie," Novi coach Mark Vellucci said. "I thought there

could have been a call right before on our guy getting hit from behind there, but those guys did it, they called it."

The Spartans then capitalized on the man-advantage.

"We tried to kill it off," Vellucci said. "We've got to work on our blocked shots in our PK. They had a lot of blocked shots on their PK and we didn't. It got through. It was the game-winning goal. It's tough in a 3-3 game to give up a penalty like that and then have them score a power play, but that happens."

Nick Beers and Adam Olson assisted on Allen's game-winner, a power-play goal that came just at the right time.

Novi scored all three of its goals on the power play, with Jake Cyr tying the game at 3-3 at 5:17 of the final period on assists from Tyler Composano

and Brennan Martin.

The goal came after Stevenson's Kyle Lynch (hooking) and Nate Sudek (slashing) were sent to the penalty box just 31 seconds apart, giving the Wildcats a two-man advantage.

Stevenson jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first period on goals by Jake Beane at 2:53 (from Lynch) and Olson at 7:07 (from Christian Nabozny and Brendan Hall).

But Novi got a power-play goal from Andy Mizerowski on a side-angle shot, with Martin assisting, at 8:38 of the same period to trim the deficit one.

"I think they took it to us in the first period, kind of like the last couple of games we've played," Vellucci said. "We kind of came out soft and tentative in the first period. Second and third, I thought we took it to them. Three power-

play goals. Two out of the three were nice, the other we just threw it on net and it just bounced in."

In the second period, Stevenson enjoyed a 15-6 shot advantage, getting a goal from Ben Kowalske at 3:54 (from Beane and Kevin Stefanick), while Novi countered with a power-play goal just 31 seconds later by Cam Czapski (from Sam Jenkins).

"Typical Novi-Stevenson game - one-goal game, a lot of intensity and a lot of hitting out there," said Vellucci, whose team slipped to 1-4 overall and 1-3 in the Central.

Stevenson senior goaltender Cullen Barber made 15 saves, while his counterpart Josh Richardson made 29 saves.

"Josh played great," Vellucci said. "I think he came off a soft game against Plymouth on Wednesday (6-5 overtime

loss). He stepped up. He probably didn't have the best game last year against Stevenson in Ann Arbor, but he kept us in the game, especially the first period and the whole game, but especially the first period, when we only had three shots or something like that and they had 10 or 11."

The Wildcats, meanwhile, found themselves short a forward at the beginning of the game after senior Alex Cai left with an injury.

"We lost probably one of our top players to possibly a broken hand on the first shift of the game, so we had 11 forwards that battled hard the rest of game," Vellucci said. "I thought five-on-five, I think we could have gotten a few more chances, but it was a good game."

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WRESTLING

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pounds, and Nick Jenkins, who recorded with 36 wins en route to a sixth-place finish at 285.

The team's most promising newcomer is East Lansing transfer Ben Kamali, a sophomore who finished 43-8 and took fourth place last year at 103 pounds.

Also back is state qualifier Aaron Rehfeldt (130-135), a senior, along with three other regional qualifiers: sophomore Stone Moscovic (112-119), sophomore Aidan Waugh (145-152) and senior Connor Cox (160), who made second team All-Area.

"This team carries a ton of potential and has a great make-up to it," Hancock said. "We have a lot of young, hungry, humble athletes who come into the room daily with a great attitude ready to give their best. Our leadership this year is encouraging and our guys seem to have their priorities in line."

Novi outlook

Second-year coach Joel Smith must replace two second team All-Area performers in Kyle Benkarski and Evan Davis, who both graduated.

The team's three leading returnees are senior captains Cooper Smith (215), Brent George (152) and Willy Jackson (135).

Last year, Novi captured the KLAAs Central Division with a 5-0 record and Smith hopes his squad can improve on the 16-10 dual meet record.

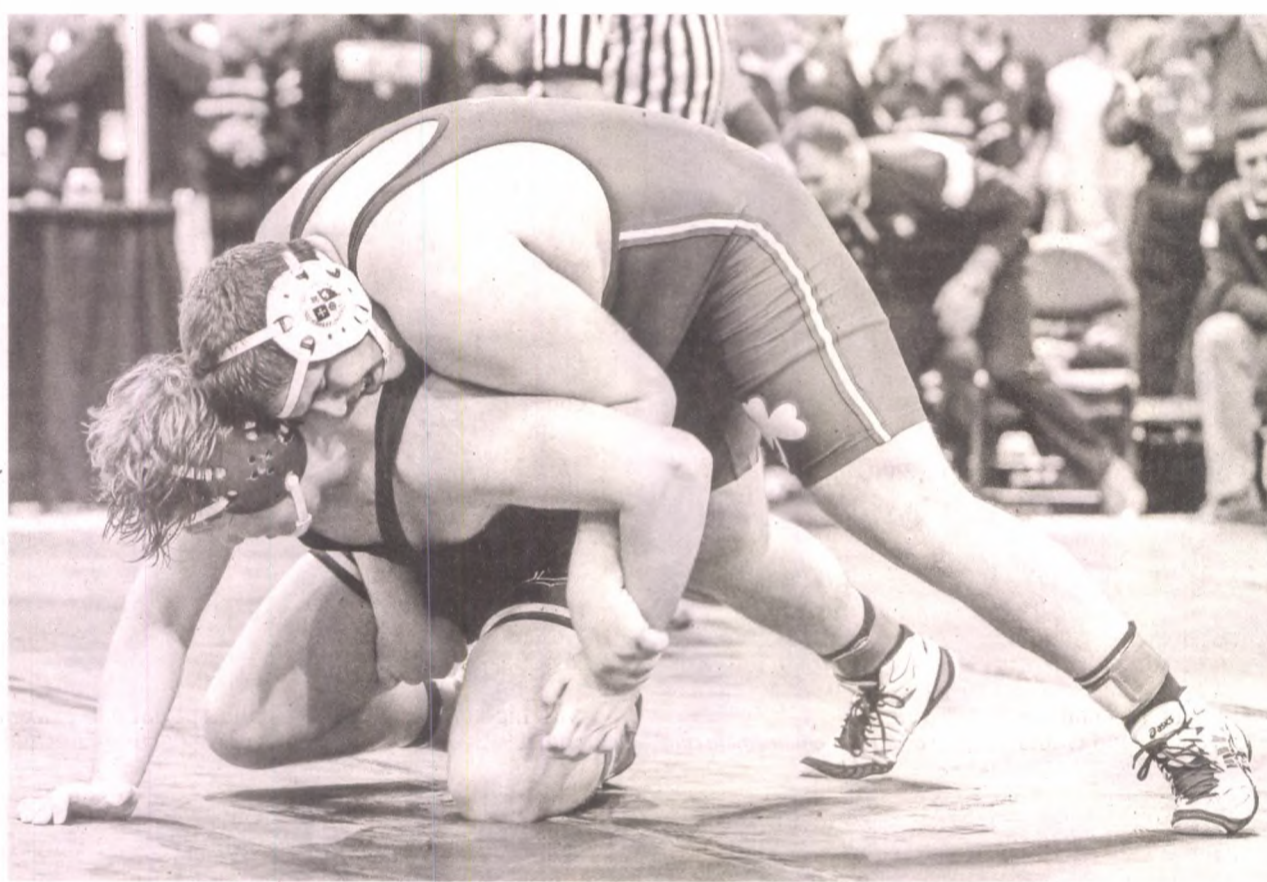
"Last year at the Oakland County meet, we finished 10th and we'd like to better that this year," Smith said. "We were undefeated in the Central Division and we would like to obviously return and win our division this year."

New Mustangs

Former Plymouth High assistant coach Anthony Munoz becomes the third varsity head coach in three years at Northville, replacing Brian Bagian.

Munoz was the head coach at Belleville from 2008-13, guiding the Tigers to three division, two conference and one district championship.

"We're going to be a young team, so I'm optimistic that we have nowhere to go but up," said Munoz, a Kansas native who wrestled at Eastern Michigan University. "With the school being so big, I think one of the reasons I came in was to rebuild the program.



Catholic Central senior Nick Jenkins (top) is a returning wrestler.

SCOTT CONFER

Looking into Northville's history, they've had some great teams over the years, but it seems in recent years they've had kind of a decline in the program, so that's why I'm trying to breathe some fresh life into the

program." Northville finished 7-13 last season and must replace first team All-Area performer and state qualifier Chris Koumariotis, along with second team selection Shunhe Wang.

Among the leading returnees are senior Noah Burrell (145), junior Conrad Landis (135) and sophomores Omar Lahbiki (119) and Joey Nagy (119-125).

"I'm really trying to make it fun for the kids

and, at the same time, really show them how great wrestling is and how challenging it is, but also how it can be extremely rewarding," Munoz said.

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PREP WRESTLING TEAM CAPSULES

NOVI
Head coach: Joel Smith, second year.
League affiliation: KLAAs Kensington Conference (Central Division).

Last year's dual meet record: 16-10 overall.
Titles won last year: Central Division champs.

Notable losses to graduation: Kyle Benkarski (second-team All-Area), Evan Davis (second-team All-Area), Jared Engbretson, Dorian Haney.

Leading returnees: Cooper Smith, Sr., 215 (captain); Brent George, Sr., 152; Willy Jackson, Sr., 135 (captain); Neil Haakenson, Sr., 171; Nate Tu, Sr., 145; Noah Smith, Sr., 125; Greg Silva, Sr., 145; David Silva, Sr., 189; Eric Wright, Soph., 135; Chris Silva, Jr., 103; Chase Sparling, Jr., 160; Zach Roach, Soph., 119; Lincoln Cleary, Jr., 152; Corey Grassmeyer, Jr., 189; Krishna Konduru, Sr., 285.

Promising newcomers: Gohit Sidhu, Sr., 152.

Smith's 2015-16 outlook: "It's been a few years since we've been at the individual state tournament, but this year I think we've got a few kids that can qualify for the state tournament. I'm excited about this year's team. It's a good group of kids that have been working real hard and they deserve to be at the Palace. We have a nice young group of freshman who by the end of the year will see time in the varsity lineup."

Head coach: Anthony Munoz, first year.

League affiliation: KLAAs Kensington Conference (Central Division).

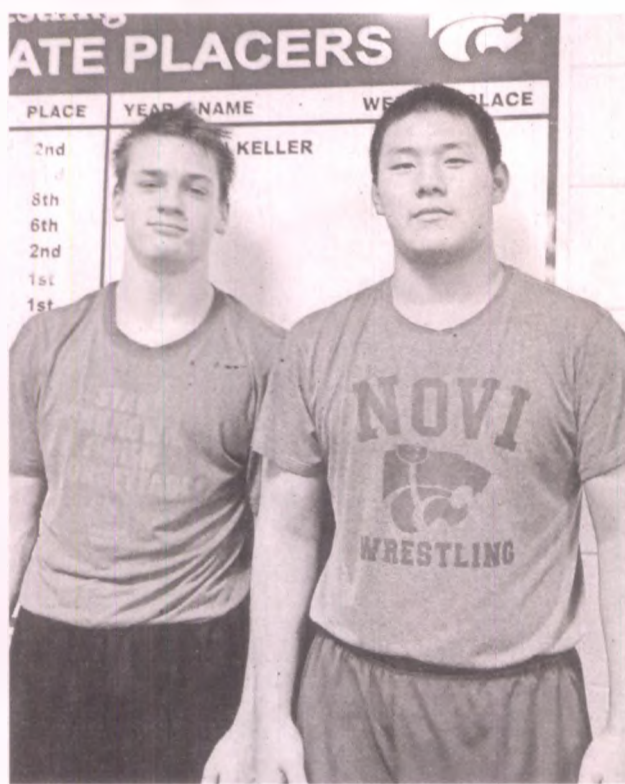
Dual meet record: 7-13 overall.

Notable losses to graduation: Chris Koumariotis (first-team All-Area), Shunhe Wang (second-team All-Area), Jim Behr.

Leading returnees: Noah Burrell, Sr., 145; Conrad Landis, Jr., 135; Omar Lahbiki, Soph., 119; Joey Nagy, Soph., 119-125.

Promising newcomers: Michael Merritt, Fr., 125-130; Parker Dietrich, Fr., 119-125; Adam Lewis, Soph., 103; Artan Tagani, Jr., 160.

Munoz's 2015-16 outlook: "I have a small group of seniors, but the good thing is, and I've told the parents this, that even though we have a small team we've got some really hard-working guys on the team. Everything I've asked them to do they've done. We have long practices, they're a grind, we're working on technique, but every kid has been on board and it's been working out really well. Even



Two key returnees for the Novi wrestling team are Brent George (left) and Cooper Smith.

BRAD EMONS

though the team has been small, it's been a really positive outlook for the year."

CATHOLIC CENTRAL
Head coach: Mitch Hancock, ninth year.

League affiliation: Catholic League (Central Division).

Last year's dual meet record: 22-4 overall.

Titles won last year: Catholic League, Division 1 district and regional champions.

Notable losses to graduation: Myles Amine (Wrestler of Year), Trevor Zdebski (first-team All-Area), Nick Giese (first-team All-Area), Tommy Hiermann (first-team All-Area).

Leading returnees: Tyler Morland, Jr., 171 (first-team All-Area); third, Division 1; 27-2; Nick Jenkins, Jr., 285 (first-team All-Area); sixth, Division 1; 41-17; Aaron Rehfeldt, Sr., 130-135 (first-team All-Area,

state qualifier, 32-18); Tyler Johnson, Sr., 140; Connor Cox, Sr., 171 (second-team All-Area, 26-15); Aidan Waugh, Soph., 152; Stone Moscovic, Soph., 119; Davis Rastigue, Jr., 112; Joe McGrath, Sr., 140; Jack Ross, Jr., 215; Phil Calhoun, Jr., 189; Connor Cumutte, Jr., 215; Dillon Dejung, Jr., 135; Seth Swihart, Sr., 152.

Promising newcomers: Cameron Amine, Fr., 125-130; Kevon Davenport, Fr., 119-125; Devon Johnson, Soph., 103; Rhett Newton, Fr., 103; Easton Turner, Fr., 160-17; Rory Cox, Soph., 160-171.

Hancock's 2015-16 outlook: "This team carries a ton of potential and has a great make-up to it. We have a lot of young, hungry, humble athletes who come into the room daily with a great attitude ready to give their best. Our leadership this year is encouraging and our guys seem to have their priorities in line. I think this team will do a great job in representing Catholic Central and the values we stand for."

PREP WRESTLING

Schoenheide tourney Saturday at Northville

Ten squads will vie for team honors

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

His memory lives on as 10 high school wrestling teams will kick off the 2015-16 season Saturday at Northville High School in the ninth annual Todd Schoenheide Memorial Challenge.

The host Mustangs remain in spirit and continue to pay tribute to their fallen teammate, who was killed by a drunken driver April 10, 2005, just one month after the junior had wrestled in the MHSAA regional tournament.

An avid cyclist, Schoenheide, 17, was returning from a Sunday afternoon bicycle ride to Ann Arbor with friends when he was struck at the intersection of Plymouth-Ann Arbor and Gottfredson roads.

"I think it's pretty amazing that the Northville wrestling team has chosen to remember Todd in this way," said Dale Schoenheide, Todd's father. "It's a wonderful tribute to the

caring, fun-loving person he was. He died doing one of his favorite activities because of a drunk driver. I'll always wonder what might have been."

Besides wrestling and cycling, Todd also played varsity football and was actively involved in Boy Scouts.

"He was a wonderful, fun-loving kid," Dale Schoenheide said. "He loved being a member of the wrestling team, even though he lost more often than he won. His classmates and teammates have long since graduated, but they all were affected by his death. By remembering Todd, we are reminded that his life was cut short by a drunk driver. With the holidays almost here, it's an important reminder for all drivers."

The Schoenheide tournament field includes defending champion Plymouth, Carleton-Airport, Caro, Clawson, Dearborn, Dearborn Edsel Ford, St. Clair Shores Lakeview, Saline, Ann Arbor Skyline and Northville.

"I'm very excited the Northville student-ath-

letes continue to raise money for the Todd Schoenheide Scholarship fund," Northville athletic director Bryan Masi said. "Hosting is a great way for our wrestling team to kick off the 2015-16 season in front of the home fans. In addition, we are proud that this tournament helps to provide a community award which is presented every spring to a Northville High School senior who shares one of Schoenheide's passions, either football, Scouting or wrestling."

Wrestling begins at 9 a.m. Admission is \$5 per person. Concessions will be available, along with a 50/50 raffle. All proceeds will go toward the Todd Schoenheide Scholarship fund.

"I'm proud of these athletes for choosing to give back to the community by recognizing the dangers of drinking and driving," Dale Schoenheide said. "Having a wrestling tournament and a scholarship in Todd's memory is a wonderful tribute."

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CINI

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fast course, though, a little bit of rolling hills.”

As a junior, Cini placed 36th in the 2014 NCAA finals with a clocking of 31:27.3 after finishing 10th the NCAA Midwest Region meet.

His best finish and first All-America (top 40) performance came in 2013, when he placed 22nd in 30:59.9.

“It’s been pretty great; I’ve come a long way,” Cini said. “It’s been a lot of fun. We’ve worked really hard getting up to second place. This year was a down year for us. We took fourth. We had a tough run. A lot of our guys didn’t as well as they have in the past.”

The walk-on red-shirted his freshman year (2011) and then showed promise in 2012, when he took third in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Championship with an 8K clocking of 25:09.8 (his personal best is 24:55.0).

“I contacted the coaches and they got back in touch with me,” Cini said of the recruiting process. “I kind of let them know who I was.”

Cini, however, was a virtual unknown coming out of Northville and didn’t have much of a running resume. As a senior, he took 61st at the 2010 MHSAA Division 1 state finals with a 5K time of 16:11.0.

“You just never know with a high school kid and where they’re going to end up,” Grand Valley State coach Jerry Baltes said. “I think the quality that has allowed him to be successful is that he’s focused, driven and been motivated on a daily basis. He doesn’t worry about the outside things, just comes to practice and trains

hard. He’s a great leader and just does the daily process well and takes care of his daily business.”

Former Michigan prep distance record holder Dathan Ritzenhein (from Rockford) has also lent his expertise to the Grand Valley State program as a volunteer assistant coach — and Cini has reaped some of the benefits from the Olympian.

“He teaches us new drill routines and after-run exercises,” Cini said. “He teaches us mobility and range-of-motion kind of stuff.”

“I have really focused on training and doing a lot of little things right, just stuff like diet, hydration, stretching, do a lot of drills, that kind of stuff before runs, which I think all helped.”

Cini will wind up his Lakers’ running career competing indoors this winter in the 5K, along with the 10K during the outdoor season this spring.

He is majoring in natural resource management and plans to graduate next in December 2016. His career plans could include “anything with wildlife and working with the DNR” or “alternative energy, like wind turbines, and work on those.”

After his first All-America season in 2013, Cini was able to earn a scholarship from Baltes, deservedly so.

“Very even-keel, not much emotion, just a blue-collar guy who works hard and lets the results speak for themselves,” Baltes said.

“You’re never going to hear him talk about himself and what he did. First-class individual, just the kind of person you’d want on your team, the type of person to grow up and want your daughter to marry or be your son.”

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Back-to-back champs



ROBERT SMITH

For the second consecutive year, the Novi boys cross country team, sporting a cumulative 3.985 grade-point average, has been crowned academic state champions by the Michigan Interscholastic Track Coaches Association. Novi nearly pulled off a championship double as it ran to a third-place finish at the MHSAA Division 1 state finals last month at MIS. Team members include (from left) assistant coach Samantha Hudson, John Landy, Adam Ditri, Joost Plaetinck, Scott MacPherson, Gabe Mudel, Chris Silva, Aric Landy and head coach Robert Smith. “We take as much pride in winning the academic state championship as we do with our athletic achievements,” Smith said. “It is a huge point of pride for our program.”

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Early Bird bowlers

The Novi girls bowling team finished 10th overall with a total pin count of 2,825 in the Early Bird Invitational held Sunday at Farmington’s Country Lanes.

Nicole Kilikevicius and Heather Gregory led the Wildcats with three-game sets of 485 and 470, respectively.

The Novi boys placed 14th with a total of 3,254 as Ryan Rush led the way with high games of 214 and 209. Scott Pryson and

Chris Fisher added games of 211 and 201, respectively.

Chilly Softball

The city of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department will stage its second annual Chili Chilly Softball Showdown from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, at Ella Mae Power Park.

The co-ed event features the use of wooden bats, a 16-inch ball, one pitch per at bat, prizes for all participants and a

lunch featuring coney dogs from Kerby’s Koney Island.

Players must be 18 years of age or older to participate. The price is \$250 per team. Teams will take part in a double-elimination format, with games lasting six innings.

“The tournament offers a unique outdoor experience for both the participants and the spectators,” recreation supervisor Greg Morris said.

“The Chili Chilly Soft-

ball Showdown is designed to break the notion of winter hibernation and provide the opportunity to play softball, eat a delicious meal and create memories not to be forgotten.”

To register your team, go to cityofnovi.org or the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services office inside the Novi Civic Center, 45175 10 Mile Road.

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Westphal continuing to make waves

Northville junior is state runner-up in two events

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Laura Westphal's versatility as a swimmer is unparalleled — just ask her coach Brian McNeff.

The junior from Northville, who repeats as All-Area Girls Swimmer of the Year, was an individual MHSAA Division 1 state runner-up in both the 200- and 500-yard freestyles with times of 1:50.62 and 4:55.06, respectively.

"A lot of people just associate her with the distance events, but I think she would score pretty high in the sprints as well," McNeff said. "In those distance events, she continued to dominate. This was the best I've ever seen her look in the 500."

Unfortunately, Westphal was unable to defend her state title in the 500 freestyle after being edged by Ann Arbor Skyline's Georgia Mosher (4:54.65).

"We are still trying to figure out exactly what happened in the 500 at the state meet, but anytime you are disappointed in a second-place finish, just shows you the type of swimmer she is and still has room to become," McNeff said.

Westphal was also a member of the Mustangs' all-state 200 and 400 freestyle relays that placed fourth and fifth, respectively, with times of 1:36.76 and 3:32.19 (after going 3:31.84 in the prelims).

"Laura had another tremendous season for us this year," McNeff said. "She continues to be one of the fastest freestylers in the state. This year, she really started to sprint a lot faster than she has in the past. In the state meet, her (50) split (23.45) in the 200 freestyle relay was one of the fastest in the state and that was coming right out of the 500."

Westphal also excelled at the KLAA Kensington Conference meet by placing first in the 500 freestyle (4:56.23) and second in the 200 individual medley (2:06.67). She also helped the Mustangs to conference titles in the 200 and 400 freestyle relays.

"Laura is also a great teammate," McNeff said. "She is extremely humble and is one of the nicest girls I have ever coached. She was selected as a captain next year for those qualities, more so than her swimming abilities."

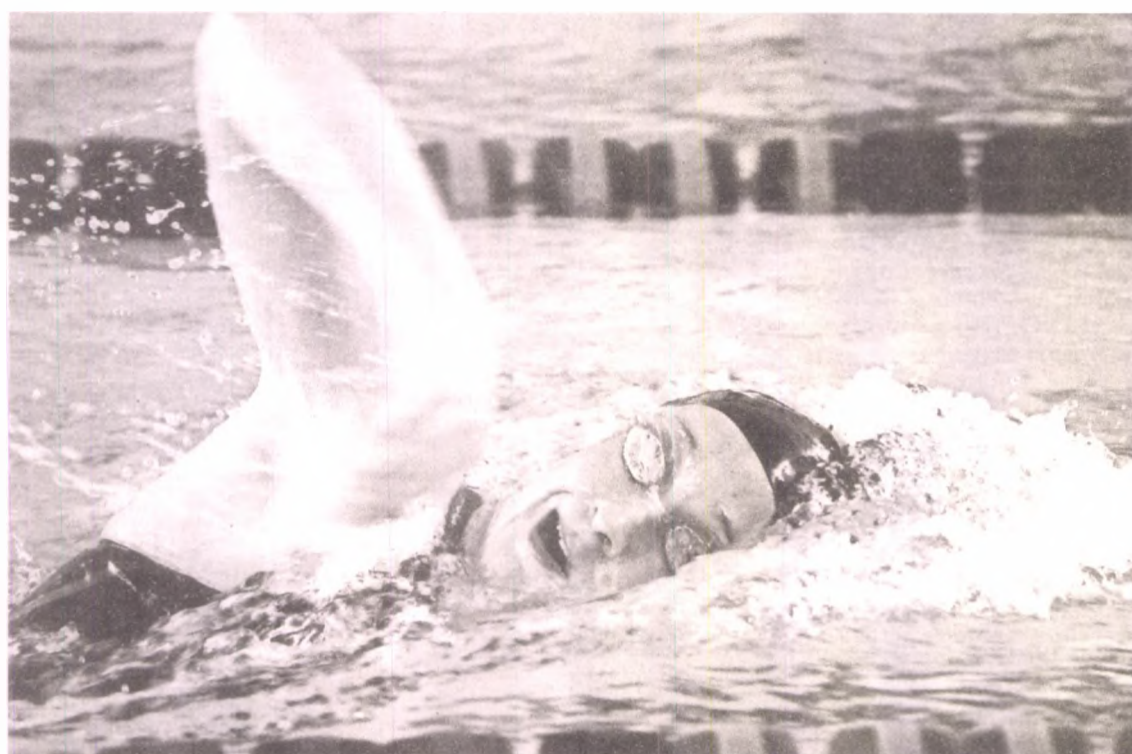
First team

Carolyn Bischoff, South Lyon Unified: The junior rebounded from a back injury to place third in the 50 freestyle at the Division 1 state finals (23.97).

"Carolyn came on strong when it mattered the most for us," South Lyon coach John Burch said. "Carolyn is a very competitive individual and that was evident at the end of the season. She won the conference title for the third straight season in the 50 freestyle (24.36) and was also conference runner-up in the 100 freestyle (53.39)."

Bischoff also helped South Lyon to all-state finishes in the 200 medley (1:48.73) and 200 freestyle (1:38.05 prelims) relays, both eighth places. She was also a member of South's 14th-place 400 freestyle relay (3:35.49 prelims).

"Carolyn has a strong belief in her ability to swim and perform at the highest level and her confidence is why she was



Northville junior Laura Westphal was a Division 1 state runner-up in both the 200- and 500-yard freestyles.

able to be so successful this season, even though she struggled at times with injury," Burch said. "She also showed a lot of dedication to the team when she chose to forgo the 100 freestyle at the state meet, instead swimming three relays so that we could have the best possible state meet finish for the team."

Kelsey Macaddino, Northville: The junior earned all-state honors in the 100 butterfly by placing sixth (56.88) after going 56.80 in the prelims.

Macaddino also swam on Northville's fourth-place 200 freestyle and fifth-place 400 freestyle relay teams, as well as the Mustangs' ninth-place 200 medley relay.

"She is also a huge part of our relays," McNeff said. "She would have been able to score at the state meet in both the 50 and the 100 free, but chose instead to swim in all three relays, which really helped our team score. She had the best meet of her life at this year's state meet and I was really proud of her for that."

At the Kensington Conference meet, Macaddino took first in the 100 butterfly (57.11) and was runner-up in the 200 freestyle (1:56.58). She also helped the Mustangs win the 200 freestyle relay.

"Kelsey came into this season with a lot of high goals for herself," McNeff said. "We worked on some specific things to improve on throughout the year and she really showed some great improvement. She has become one of the fastest flyers in the state and still has a lot more time to drop."

Sophie Beck, Milford: The junior capped off a successful season by placing sixth in the Division 2 state finals in 1-meter diving, scoring 385.65 after placing ninth as a sophomore (359.60).

At the KLAA West Division meet, Beck placed first overall with a new personal best and school-record 414.90.

At the Lakes Conference meet, Beck was in second place following the preliminary round, but had to drop out for the finals because of an illness. She then rebounded to place sixth at the regional and qualify for the state finals at Oakland University.

"Sophie is one of the hardest-working divers I've ever had and she is one of the most coachable," diving coach Marc Miller said. "When I ask her to

do something, I can see her try every time she leaves the board. By herself, in Milford girls history, she has the top 10 scores ever."

Anna Smith, South Lyon Unified: The sophomore earned Division 1 all-state honors with eighth in the 100 butterfly (58.53) after going 57.38 in the state meet prelims.

Smith also swam legs on South Lyon's eighth-place all-state 200 medley and 200 freestyle relay teams. She was also a member of the 14th-place 400 freestyle relay team.

Smith took Kensington Conference runner-up honors in the butterfly (58.03) and was 10th in the 100 backstroke.

"Anna is a very determined swimmer and sets exceedingly high goals for herself and really pushes herself to reach those goals," Burch said. "Anna is a racer. She always wants to race the fastest kids and she usually performs very well against them. Her butterfly was a key leg in the medley relay, as were her relay lead-offs in the freestyle relays at the state meet. She is only going to improve in future years."

Courtney Connolly, Lakeland: The freshman placed ninth in both the 200 IM (2:07.12) and 100 butterfly (56.96) at the Division 1 state finals.

Connolly was also Lakes Conference champ in the both the IM (2:06.76) and butterfly (56.89).

"As a freshman, she had a great season," Lakeland coach

Janette Heaton said. "She was kind of nervous coming into high school versus being a club swimmer. She didn't quite make her goals at state meet, but I think a lot of freshmen struggle their first year, especially in Division 1 at that state meet. She's excited returning to high school swimming in the fall next year and we look forward to some faster swims next year."

Erin Szara, Northville: The junior placed 11th in the Division 1 state finals in the 100 breaststroke (1:06.44) and was a member of the Mustangs' ninth-place 200 medley relay team.

"Erin has been the biggest success story that I have ever seen since I've been coaching," McNeff said. "She started out as a freshman having never really swam before and has become one of the best breaststrokers in the state. Her improvement has been unbelievable. In a little over two years, she went from barely knowing how to do the breaststroke to scoring at the state meet."

At the Kensington meet, Szara was runner-up in the breaststroke (1:05.77) and placed 13th in the 50 freestyle. She was also on Northville's second-place 200 medley relay. Szara was KLAA Central Division champ in the breaststroke.

"The sky is the limit for her next year, as long as she brings the same attitude and work ethic that she has shown in the past," McNeff said. "She has been a huge inspiration to her teammates as well, which is

why she will be a captain for our team next year."

Isabel Fairbanks, Lakeland: The sophomore finished 14th in the 100 breaststroke (1:06.74) at the Division 1 state finals and was a state qualifier in the 50 freestyle.

Fairbanks also placed second in the breaststroke (1:04.45) and tied for fifth in the 50 freestyle (25.07) at the Lakes Conference meet.

"She trained a lot harder going into state meet and I think she swam a lot better this year in her championship season than she did last year," Heaton said. "I think she was really happy where she was at the end of her season this year."

Melanie Dunnuck, South Lyon Unified: The junior placed 14th in the Division 1 state meet in the 200 IM (2:12.05) after going 2:10.48 in the prelims.

"Melanie is a very hard worker who scored for the first time this season at the state meet in an individual event," Burch said. "Melanie was just off of her very high goal time in the 200 IM, but still went a personal best time at the state meet en route to scoring. Melanie has always been good at the breaststroke and the IM, but this season she also showed her ability to swim sprint freestyle as well."

Dunnuck also helped South Lyon place eighth in the 200 freestyle relay (all-state) and 14th in the 400 freestyle relay.

"She was third at the conference meet (53.94) in the 100 freestyle, swimming that event at the conference meet for the first time in her life," Burch said. "Melanie was key to our team's success this year because she was able to swim multiple events for us and move around in the lineup for whatever we needed."

Kate Doyle, Lakeland: The freshman placed 14th in the 500 freestyle (5:12.76) after going 5:11.68 in prelims at the Division 1 state meet.

Doyle was also 500 freestyle champion (5:07.31) and was third in the 200 freestyle (1:57.38) at the the Lakes Conference meet.

"She had an outstanding season this year; she surprised herself with her swims," Heaton said. "And I think it goes to her preparation before the season. She had an outstanding long course season before high school season started and I think that really contributed to her success as a freshman."

Megan Mieske, South Lyon Unified: The junior earned a 15th-place finish in the 100 butterfly (1:00.62) after going 59.25 in prelims at the Division 1 state meet.

Mieske was also seventh in the Kensington Conference in the 50 freestyle (25.48) and eighth in the 100 butterfly (1:00.78).

"You can always tell prior to Megan's swims how she is going to swim," Burch said. "When Megan is on, there is an excitement around her and an energy that is unmatched by others. Megan gets a confidence about her that she is unbeatable and that she is ready to crush the field. This is what Megan was like at the state meet. She dove in with the singular goal of crushing her heat in prelims and she did, qualifying for the second day for the first time in her life. She did the same thing at the conference meet, when she made her state cut for the first time this season in prelims."

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BOYS SWIMMING

Novi cruises at Fenton Relays

Katulski leads way as Wildcats finish second

Brad Emons
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It was only the season opener, but the Novi boys swim team appears to be already in mid-season form.

The Wildcats achieved five MHSAA Division 1 state qualifying times en route to a runner-up finish at the 16-team Fenton Relays.

Ann Arbor Skyline captured the team title with 379 points, while Novi took second with 347. Rounding out the top five were Howell (322), Swartz

Creek-Flushing (276) and Lake Orion (274).

"To get five state cuts and be competitive with a top-notch team like Skyline in just the first meet is a real confidence-booster," Novi coach Brent Pohlonski said. "We are on the right track to achieving the big goals that we set for ourselves this season."

Novi's 200-yard freestyle relay team of Ryan Katulski, Sid Kareddy, Philip Billiu and Joey Berman shattered a 32-year-old Fenton pool record with a first-place clocking of 1:30.15. Katulski's lead-off split of 22.28 also counted toward an individual state cut in the 50 freestyle.

In the 400 freestyle relay, the foursome of Katulski, Kareddy, Alex Yuan and Berman recorded a state cut time of 3:19.33 en route to another pool record and a first-place finish. Katulski led the team off with a state cut time of 48.65.

Meanwhile, the quartet of Berman, Narayan Manivannan, Kareddy and Katulski went a state qualifying time of 1:40.60 and set a third pool record in first.

Novi's 200 butterfly team of Maxwell Williams, Brian Son, Preston Harrell and Joel Kolyk also was first in 1:44.92.

Meanwhile, The Wildcats' 200 medley relay team of Billiu, Manivannan, Son and Yuan



Novi's Ryan Katulski figured in four state qualifying times during Saturday's season-opening Fenton Relays.

was second (3:48.46), as was the team of Manivannan, Bradley Huang, Daniel Chung and Andrew Kilponen in the 200 breaststroke relay (1:59.6).

Novi's two-man 1-meter diving team of James Ciolli and Mitchell Russell also took runner-up honors with a total of 369.40 points.

The 800 freestyle relay team of Billiu, Anthony Rose,

Williams and Justin Lee contributed a third-place finish (7:53.65).

"This was a great way to start off our season," Pohlonski said. "The past few years, we have not been able to achieve state qualifying times until the end of January or February."

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BOYS HOCKEY

Shamrocks sweep series over Eaglets

Catholic Central tops St. Mary's twice, 4-1

Brad Emmons
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Novi Detroit Catholic Central scored a pair of late goals to break open a close game and complete its two-game boys hockey sweep Saturday against visiting Orchard Lake St. Mary's, 4-1, at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth.

The top-ranked and defending MHSAA Division 1 state champion Shamrocks improved to 6-0 overall and 5-0 in the North Division of the Michigan Interscholastic

Hockey League. Meanwhile, the loss dropped St. Mary's to 2-5 overall and 0-1 in the MIHL North.

Trailing 2-0 entering the final period, St. Mary's pulled within one with 5:35 remaining in the game on Alex Smythe's goal from Joey Verkerke.

But the Shamrocks salted it away on JoJo Mancinelli's second goal of the game, an empty-netter off assists from Kyle Mulka and Luc Krasicky with only 1:19 remaining.

Cody Borke's goal with 40.5 seconds from Jared Lee and Alex Kruezer capped the CC

scoring. The Shamrocks led 2-0 after one period on goals by Mulka at 10:24 (from Mancinelli and Krasicky) and by Mancinelli at 16:53 (from Krasicky and Mulka).

CC goaltender Alec Calvaruso made 12 saves, while the Orchard Lake St. Mary Prep's Chris Machowski stopped 17.

DETROIT CC 4, ST. MARY'S 1: After a scoreless opening period Friday night, the Shamrocks (5-0, 4-0) exploded for three goals in the second.

CC got second-period goals from Kyle Mulka at 2:12 (from Zachary Sprys-Tellner and JoJo Mancinelli); Luc Krasicky on a power play at 6:20 (from Mulka); and Brendan West at 13:41 (from Sprys-Tellner).

Mancinelli made it 4-0 from Sheldon Wasik at 6:41 of the third before St. Mary's (2-4, 0-1) got on the board with 8:47 left

on Ryan McGorisk's goal from Alec Scarsella.

CC goaltender Alec Calvaruso played the first 39 minutes before going down with an injury. He was replaced by Mitchell Kiefer. The tandem combined for 21 saves, while the Eaglets' Brendan Earls had 24 saves.

DETROIT CC 4, TRENTON 2: Top-ranked Novi Detroit Catholic Central (4-0, 3-0) exploded for three second-period goals Dec. 2 and held on for a Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League crossover triumph over the visiting Trojans (2-1-1, 1-1-1) at USA Hockey Arena.

CC took a 1-0 first-period lead on Sheldon Wasik's goal from Brendan Cleary at 7:08.

The Shamrocks then added three more in the second to go up 4-0 — Glenn Robitaille at 2:03 (from Brendan West); Cody Borke at 13:02 (from Austin Roell); and Brian Kearns on a short-handed tally from J.P. Lafferty with only 52 seconds left in the period.

Trenton tried to make things interesting in the third period, as Griffin Sawyer scored a pair of power-play goals, the first from Kenny Styles at 2:40, followed by an unassisted effort with only 1:13 remaining.

CC senior goalie Alec Calvaruso made 17 saves, while Trenton's Anthony Lemerand, who played 48 of 51 minutes, made 33 stops.

THE WEEK AHEAD

- BOYS BASKETBALL**
Friday, Dec. 11
Northville at Fordson, 7 p.m.
Det. Edison at Novi, 7 p.m.
Franklin Rd. at Riv. Richard, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 12
Detroit CC at Windsor CC, 4:30 p.m.
Franklin Road vs. Waterford Mott at North Farmington, TBA.
Monday, Dec. 14
5th field Christ. at Franklin Rd., 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 15
Northville at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Novi at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 17
Wayne at Northville, 7 p.m.
Churchill at Novi, 7 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 18
Franklin Rd. at Liggett, 7:30 p.m.
GIRLS BASKETBALL
Friday, Dec. 11
Novi at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 12
Franklin Rd. at O.L. Lakes, 1:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 15
John Glenn at Northville, 7 p.m.
Plymouth at Novi, 7 p.m.
Parkway at Franklin Road, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 17
Northville at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Novi at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 18
Franklin Road at Liggett, 6 p.m.
BOYS HOCKEY
Friday, Dec. 12
CC at St. Andrew's (Ont.), 7 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 12
Northville at Plymouth, TBA.
S. Lyon at Novi (Ice Arena), 3:30 p.m.
CC at St. Andrew's (Ont.), 12:15 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 15
Northville vs. Brother Rice at Novi Ice Arena, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 18
Northville vs. Reeths-Puffer at L.C. Walker Arena, 5:30 p.m.
Novi vs. Mona Shores at Lakeshore Arena, 8 p.m.
Detroit CC vs. Roch. United at Onyx (Rochester), 8 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 19
Northville vs. Mona Shores at Lakeshore Arena, 3 p.m.
Novi vs. Reeths-Puffer at L.C. Walker Arena, 3 p.m.
Detroit CC vs. P.H. Northern at USA Hockey Arena, 5:30 p.m.
GIRLS HOCKEY
Saturday, Dec. 12
Northville vs. Grosse Pte. South at G.P. Community Rink, 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 13
Northville vs. Walled Lake at Livonia's Edgar Arena, 5 p.m.
WRESTLING
Saturday, Dec. 12
Northville Invitational, 9 a.m.
Detroit CC at Rocket Duals, 9 a.m.
Novi at Romeo Inv., 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 16
N'ville at Finckney Quad, 5:30 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 18
Oakland Co. at Southfield, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 19
Northville at Airport Inv., 9 a.m.
Oakland Co. at Lake Orion, 9 a.m.
BOYS SWIMMING
Thursday, Dec. 10
Northville at Churchill, 6:30 p.m.
Detroit CC at G.P. North, 6 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 11
Novi at Okemos Quad, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 13
Detroit CC at EMU Inv., 1 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 15
Novi Quad meet, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 19
N'ville at Kettering Quad, noon.
PREP BOWLING
Tuesday, Dec. 15
Novi vs. Salem at Super Bowl, 3:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 16
(at Waterford Airway Lanes)
Northville vs. Kettering, 3:30 p.m.
Novi vs. Milford, 3:30 p.m.
GYMNASTICS
Thursday, Dec. 17
Northville at Salem, 6:30 p.m.
TBA — time to be announced.

BOYS HOCKEY ROUNDUP

Northville earns 4-2 victory in Traverse City

Mustangs improve to 3-1 overall with triumph

Brad Emmons
Staff Writer

Four different players found the back of the net Friday as Northville earned a 4-2 non-conference boys hockey win over host Traverse City West at Howe Arena.

The Mustangs, who improved to 3-1, led 3-2 after one period on goals by Anthony Solack, Josh

Mitchell and Ty Kilar. West (1-3) countered with goals by Lance Petroskey and Ty Vandeboncoeur.

Northville, which outshot the Titans 47-22, got a second-period goal from Ian Welsch, who also had an assist on the night.

Alex Iafrate also chipped in a pair of assists for the Mustangs.

Traverse City West goaltender Tyler Buchanan made 43 saves, while Northville's Darsh Dholakia had 20.

PLYMOUTH 6, NOVI 5 (OT): Novi (1-3, 0-2) let one slip away Dec. 2 against Plymouth (3-0, 2-0) at Novi Ice Arena.

The host Wildcats broke a 4-4 deadlock with only 1:05 left in regulation on Cam Czapski's goal from Ryan Rabinowitz.

But Plymouth got the game-tying goal from James Baldwin just 33 seconds later after pulling goalie Trevor McManus and went on to win thanks to C.J. Mullenax's goal with 3:48 remaining in the eight-minute overtime period.

Plymouth dominated the opening period, outshooting the Wildcats, 12-1, as Jake Sylvester's goal from Keaton Courtney and Baldwin made it 1-0. Novi then outscored Plymouth 3-1 in the

second period to take a 4-2 advantage, getting goals from Tyler Camposano at 0:29 (from Jake Cyr and Anthony Luongo); Andy Mizerowski at 2:02 (from Alex Scarozza); and Brandon Kour at 4:03 (from Rabinowitz).

Plymouth countered with a Ricky Covault goal from Sylvester at 3:59.

At 1:50 of the final period, Zack Perpich scored from Kour to put the Wildcats up 5-2, but Plymouth pulled to within one, 5-4, on goals by Derek Szczepanik, a power-play effort from Josh Weber and Zack Wiener at 7:41, followed by Nick Yankee's goal at 10:52 from Wiener.

Novi goaltender Josh Richardson made 30 saves, while McManus had 20 for Plymouth.

"We need to focus on closing teams out and not giving up a two-goal lead," Novi coach Mark Vellucci said. "We need to get better at playing total team defense all three periods. Teams that concentrate on team defense first will usually have the best chance at winning games."

GIRLS HOCKEY

Northville goaltender Chen stars in setback

Brad Emmons
Staff Writer

Senior Madeline Chen turned in quite a performance in goal Dec. 3, but it wasn't enough as Northville dropped its Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League opener to Grosse Pointe North, 7-1, at Livonia's Edgar Arena.

Chen stopped 54 of the 61 shots she faced against against the Norsemen, who led 2-0 after one period and 4-1 after two before putting the game away with three unanswered goals

in the final period. Caroline Beck led North with three goals, while Lindsay Gallagher added one goal and three assists.

Liz Gallagher also added a goal and assist, while Clare Murphy and Bella Welke scored the other North goals.

Clare Ramsden tallied an unassisted goal for Northville in the second period to spoil the shut-out bid by Erika Benoit, who had to make just seven saves.

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carrying over their success and expectation that they acquired from the fall season. I really like the blue-collar toughness we've brought to our practices and preseason scrimmages."

Sander is confident his team can make an impact in the KLAACentral Division race.

"Practices have been competitive, with everyone bringing energy and enthusiasm every day," he said. "All of our players cite team chemistry as one of our strengths, which is exciting as a coach."

CC optimistic

Novi Detroit Catholic Central (10-10) could make some noise in the Catholic League's formidable Central Division, which features Class A state semifinalist University of Detroit-Jesuit and Michigan State signee Cassius Winston, a leading candidate for Mr. Basketball.

The Shamrocks will be led by 6-5 junior forward C.J. Baird, a first team All-Area selection who averaged 11.5 points per game. Baird will have plenty of company and size up front, led by 6-9 Tom Smulsky, 6-8 Justin Rheinhold and 6-6 Connor Nally.

Senior guard Tyler Laurentius returns in the back court, along with junior Gio Genrich.

"We have a really competitive group this season," CC 10th-year coach Bill Dyer said. "I really like our mix of kids. Our mission is to learn finish the games we lost last year that we

either led halftime or late and lost by a point or two. We have to find out if we have the fire and the will to not lose close games. To do that, we have to manage the end of quarters and games effectively this year. If we come around defensively and learn to stop people, we could have a good season."

Franklin Road

Former North Farmington and Farmington assistant coach Matt Mikel, who played at Concordia University, takes over the head coaching reins at Novi Franklin Road Christian (9-13), which was ousted in the Class D district semifinals last year by Birmingham Roeper, 42-33.

Mikel will rely on a veteran cast led by 6-2 senior guard Austin Hearn, a second team All-Area pick who averaged 15.3 points per game while shooting 42 percent from the field.

The Warriors, members of the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference's Blue Division, also return 6-7 senior center Joshua Bause, 6-6 junior forward Joshua Betcher and 5-11 senior guard Gavin Harris.

"We'll pretty much press and get up and down the floor with our athletic ability," Mikel said. "I came from North Farmington, where you pressed all game long if you're up 20 or down 20. That's kind of the style of game I personally like. I know that's the kind of fun game to play in. We have the personnel to be able to do it this year."

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Northville junior guard Kevin Morrissey (right) gained valuable experience as a sophomore. STEVE FECHT

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Northville's second-half rally stuns Dearborn

Novi cruises past Hazel Park, 55-10

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

The Northville girls basketball team came back from the dead Friday night in its season opener.

The host Mustangs spotted Dearborn an 18-5 lead before roaring back in the second half to earn a 49-38 triumph.

Northville trailed 24-13 at intermission, but outscored the Pioneers 19-4 in the third quarter to gain command before closing it out with a 17-10 fourth-quarter run.

"It was a bad first quarter," Northville coach Todd Gudith said. "I don't know if it was first-game jitters. Everybody coming off the bench were new varsity players. We fell in a deep hole. Dearborn hit some shots early. We didn't recover, we didn't get back very well and I didn't think we had the kind of energy I thought we'd have starting out our first game. But credit to our kids, we rallied back."

Junior forward Jessica Moorman paced Northville and all scorers with 18 points, while sophomore Jasmin Prince chipped in 10.

The Mustangs made 18-of-28 free throws, while Dearborn was 5-of-12.

Harper VandenBosch, who drained five 3-pointers, paced Dearborn with a team-high 17 points.

"The third quarter was huge," Gudith said. "Our kids kept fighting back. We finally got going on the offensive end and we finally got them to miss a few shots. They had some really good outside shooters."

NOVI 55, HAZEL PARK 10: Ellie Mackay scored 14 points and Allie Lipson chipped in 13 points and eight rebounds Monday to lift the Wildcats (2-0) over the host Vikings (1-1).

Steele Bandyk and Mackay also had four steals apiece as Novi led 36-8 at intermission and 49-8 after three quarters.

The Wildcats shot 42.6 percent from the floor (20-of-47) and 55.6 percent from the foul line (10-of-18).

ST. CATHERINE 44, FRANKLIN ROAD 33: Ally O'Donohue scored 16 points and Becca Wyeth chipped in 11 Friday as host Wixom St. Catherine of Siena Academy (2-0) defeated Novi Franklin Road Christian (0-2) in a non-league encounter.

Chanelle Lochrie led the Warriors, who trailed 25-15 at halftime, with a team-high 12 points, while Daria Boboc snared 10 rebounds.

Franklin Road connected on 11-of-14 free throws (78.5 percent), while the Stars shot 7-of-14 (50 percent).

NOVI 47, W.L. WESTERN 34: Sophomore guard Ellie Mackay led the way with 17 points, six rebounds and three assists as the Wildcats (1-0) opened their season Dec. 1 with a victory over visiting Walled Lake Western (0-1).

Junior guard Cara Ninkovich chipped in with 11 points as the Wildcats shot 17-of-24 from the foul line (70.8 percent) and 14-of-40 from the field (35 percent).

Novi led 25-19 at halftime and extended its lead to 38-27 after three quarters.

Jordan Walczyk paced the Warriors (0-1) with 10 points.

Western went only 3-of-14 from the foul line (21.4 percent) and 14-of-39 from the field (35.9 percent).

GREENHILLS 45, FRANKLIN ROAD 30: Kirin Cromer scored a game-high 18 points Dec. 2, leading host Ann Arbor Greenhills (1-0) to a season-opening victory over Novi Franklin Road Christian (0-1).

The Gryphons jumped out to a 25-11 halftime lead and never looked back.

Junior forward Reagan Mumford led the Warriors with 11 points and eight rebounds, while junior guard Danielle Fusco chipped in nine points.

Franklin Road went 5-of-8 from the free throw line, while Greenhills hit 5-of-7.

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BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM CAPSULES



Catholic Central senior guard Tyler Laurentius returns this season. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

NOVI
Head coach: Brandon Sinawi, second year.

League: KLAACentral Division.

Last year's record: 12-9.

Notable losses to graduation: Max Yanke (second team All-Area), Nick Hankerson, Brad Dottinga.

Leading returnees: Naji Ozeir, 6-7 Sr. C (first team All-Area, 15.7 ppg, 9 rebs.); Kam Hankerson, 6-5 Sr. PG; Jay Duarte, 6-7 Sr. C; Alex Tarrant, 6-4 Sr. F; Adam Tarrant, 6-4 Sr. F; Bradley Wenner, 6-5 Sr. G; Traveon Maddox, 6-3 Soph. G.

Promising newcomers: Alec Bageris, 6-3 Jr. F; Johnny Davis, 6-4 Sr. C; Trendon Hankerson, 5-11 Soph. G.

Sinawi's 2015-16 outlook: "We are extremely excited about this year's team. We have a good balance of size and athleticism that we will do our best to take advantage of. We ended last year in disappointing fashion and have some unfinished business to take care of this year. We've got terrific senior leadership with a good mix of young players and we are expecting big things from both groups."

CATHOLIC CENTRAL
Head coach: Bill Dyer, 10th year.

League: Catholic League (Central Division).

Last year's record: 10-10.

Notable losses to graduation: Ike Marchie, Champ Kozlowski.

Leading returnees: C.J. Baird, 6-5 Sr. F (first team All-Area; 11.5 ppg); Tyler Laurentius, 5-10 Sr. G; Tom Smulsky, 6-9 Sr. F; Justin Rheinhold, 6-8 Sr. C; Gio Genrich, 5-10 Jr. G.

Promising newcomers: Connor Nally, 6-6 Sr. F.

Dyer's 2015-16 outlook: "C.J. (Baird) and Gio (Genrich) can really make shots and with Tom (Smulsky) and Connor (Nally), we have some athletic kids on the wing that can make plays. Gio and Tom played a lot of minutes last year. Connor got better all year last season. C.J. was our leading scorer and rebounder as a sophomore. The key to us is Tyler (Laurentius). He has more experience than anyone in our program. He's the toughest competitor we have and he's going to lead our team. Our bench is deeper. They're going to push our starters and they give us flexibility in our lineup, which should help us in game situations."

NORTHVILLE
Head coach: Todd Sander, eighth year.

League: KLAACentral Division.

Last year's record: 14-8.

Notable losses to graduation: David Morrissey (Player of Year), Ryan Roberts (second team All-Area), Nathan Kellum.

Leading returnees: Justin Zimbo, 6-0 Sr. G; Kevin Morrissey, 6-0 Jr. G; Justin James, 6-0 Sr. G; Nick Wilds, 6-3 Sr. F; Michael Minick, 6-2 Sr. F; Justin Gibbons, 6-4 Sr. F; Scott Lohman, 6-5 Sr. C.

Promising newcomers: Jack Burke, 6-0 Jr. G; Jake Justice, 6-1 Jr. G; Michael Gunder, 6-3 Jr. F; Colin Ladda, 6-0 Jr. G; Phillip Jovanovski, 6-4 Jr. F.

Sander's 2015-16 outlook: "We return eight, including a couple of starters. We had 12 to 14 different starting lineups given all the injuries and other issues we dealt with last year. So as much as we lost, we certainly have guys that are battle-tested. We are really excited about this season and expecting to contend for the Central Division title. It won't be easy, because this is always one of the most balanced divisions in the KLAACentral Division. We certainly have some big shoes to fill due to our losses from graduation, but we've already had guys

stepping up, which is encouraging and exciting for our team."

FRANKLIN ROAD CHRISTIAN
Head coach: Matt Mikel, first year.

League: Michigan Independent Athletic Conference (Blue Division).

Last year's record: 9-13.

Notable losses to graduation: None.

Leading returnees: Austin Hearn, 6-2 Sr. G (second team All-Area; 15.3 ppg); Joshua Bause, 6-7 Sr. C; Joshua Betcher, 6-6 Jr. F-G; Gavin Harris, 5-11 Sr. G; Dennis Cleminte, 5-9 Sr. G; Maxwell Holleman, 5-10 Jr. G; Joshua Beck, 6-2 Jr. G-F; Raheem Scroggs, 6-2 Sr. G-F.

Promising newcomers: Nick Suhecky, 5-8 Jr. G.

Mikel's 2015-16 outlook: "Being my first year here, I like my team. They've made a lot of strides. We probably had six or seven who came and did summer stuff, so we got off to a good start with the system that we've put in place. They're all buying in. There are a lot of parts to the wheel — point guard, shooters and big fellas — and a lot of experience because everybody is coming back. I'm expecting we'll have a pretty good year."



Franklin Road Christian's top two returning players are Austin Hearn (left) and Joshua Bause, both seniors. MATT MIKEL

BOYS BASKETBALL

Novi captures season opener

Maddox records double-double in 61-56 triumph

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Novi got off to somewhat of a rocky start in its 2015-16 boys basketball season opener Monday night at Rochester.

The Wildcats were whistled for a technical foul for dunking during the pregame warm-ups and found themselves in a 4-0 hole before going on

a seven-point run of their own and eventually coming away with a 61-56 triumph.

Sophomore guard Traveon Maddox posted a double-double, leading Novi with 19 points and 10 rebounds.

Senior center Johnny Davis added 13 points and eight boards, while senior point guard Kam Hankerson finished with six points, 10 rebounds and six assists.

Novi, which led 39-29 at halftime, made 14-of-22 free throws (63.6 percent) on the night.

Hunter Schattler paced Rochester and all scorers with a game-high 25 points, including five 3-pointers. The Falcons were 6-of-7 from the foul stripe (85.7 percent).

"It was chaotic, a sloppy game on our part," Novi coach Brandon Sinawi said. "They had a small lineup and we did not execute down the stretch. We missed a lot of layups, but our size helped with some put-backs, which limited their possessions."

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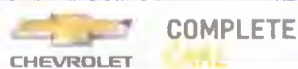
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Program targets veteran-friendly employers

Nearly 1,000 good-paying jobs are ready to be filled by veterans at companies throughout Michigan that recognize and respect their military skills, training and experience.

Gov. Rick Snyder joined Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency Director Jeff Barnes during MVAA's Veteran-Friendly Employer Awards and Recognition Breakfast, held at Michigan State University. Together, they announced the 2015 Veteran-Friendly Employer rankings and recognized the state's top companies dedicated to veteran employment.

"I applaud those companies committed to helping our veterans build long-lasting careers," Snyder said. "Veterans are an important source of untapped talent in our state, they bring valuable skills to the workforce and are an integral part of Michigan's continued reinvention."

Through MVAA's Veteran-Friendly Employer program, veterans can choose from job opportunities in a variety of industries and can more easily identify the state's 37 veteran-friendly employers committed to hiring and supporting veteran talent in their workforces. The pro-



Gov. Rick Snyder and MVAA Director Jeff Barnes congratulate gold-level Veteran-Friendly Employers General Motors, Quicken Loans and Whirlpool Corp. on their commitment to hiring and supporting veteran talent in their workforces. Thirty-seven organizations were recognized during the Veteran-Friendly Employer Awards and Recognition Breakfast for their dedication to veteran employment.

gram also recognizes organizations for their dedication to recruiting, hiring, training and maintaining veteran talent.

"Veterans are strong leaders, quick thinkers and motivated employees and each of MVAA's Veteran-Friendly Employers understands the value of including those skills and experience in their workforce," MVAA Director Jeff Barnes said. "The goal of the Veteran-Friendly Employer program is to connect veterans with employers who understand the value of their military training and discipline, so that more

and more veterans can become a part of Michigan's continued economic recovery."

Thirty-seven organizations earned either bronze-, silver- or gold-level status as determined by their commitment to connect with and hire veteran talent. The full list is now available on MichiganVeterans.com/certifiedveterfriendlyemployers.

For the first time in the program's history, three organizations were certified gold-level Veteran-Friendly employers. General Motors, the first organization to earn the gold-level certification,

knows its ongoing efforts to hire and train veterans are just one way the company can say "thank you" to Michigan's veterans.

"We're honored to receive this recognition, but the true credit goes to the veterans that chose to serve their country," said Ken Barrett, GM chief diversity officer and a former U.S. Navy captain. "As we continue to work with great partners like MVAA and Hiring Our Heroes, we hope to do even more to help and hire these brave men and women."

Quicken Loans and Whirlpool Corp. were also honored as 2015

gold-level Veteran-Friendly Employers.

To be recognized as gold, employers must retain at least 75 percent of veteran hires over the past 12 months, implement internal veteran support networks and create either a hiring rotation or leadership development program within their organization, in addition to meeting all other requirements under the Veteran-Friendly Employer program. For Quicken Loans, the decision to create the programs and share their successes with other companies was an easy one.

"Helping veterans receive the career training and opportunities they deserve is a calling that all businesses can unite around," said 22-year U.S. Army veteran Rob Ells, Quicken Loans director of Veteran Recruiting. "We've seen great success with our Tour of Duty program, which helps veterans who are transitioning from active-duty service gain corporate experience, and would love to see more companies implement similar programs. The benefits and leadership an organization gains from our military veterans is immeasurable."

It's a sentiment echoed by Whirlpool.

"Hiring veterans is a great business strategy. They are not only extremely talented individuals, they are also proven leaders who have stepped forward and defended our country," said Jeff Noel, corporate vice president of Communications & Public Affairs at Whirlpool Corp. "We're proud to be recognized as a military-friendly employer. Whirlpool Corporation was established 104 years ago this week and throughout our history, from shifting production to aid the war effort in 1942 to our Veterans Association today, we have supported the service of our men and women in uniform. The skills these men and women learn in quick decision-making, teamwork and leadership are vital to creating a strong and talented workforce representative of the values the United States and our company are founded on."

Six organizations were honored as 2015 silver-level employers for meeting or exceeding their veteran hiring goals and implementing internship and on-the-job training programs for veterans, including Cooper Standard, DTE Energy, Michigan Department of Transportation, Prestige Group, Roush Enterprises and Verizon.

Stay focused and follow your own investing game plan

As I was watching Michigan State's incredible win over Iowa, my emotions were on a roller-coaster ride. Ultimately, the outcome was what I wanted it to be, but the journey had its fair share of



twists and turns and it certainly was excruciat-

ing. The only way I can describe it is to compare it to the stock market. As investors, we know that the market tests our emotions and it certainly has its fair share of uncertainties — just like the Michigan State foot-

ball game. However, the lesson to learn is that discipline and patience do pay off in the long run.

For those who did not watch the game, you would have seen a team that was confident, patient and with a game plan. The game plan worked in the long run, despite its fair share of ups and the downs. What the Spartans did doesn't just apply to a football game; it also applies to managing your portfolios as well. Investors who have a game plan and who have the discipline to stay with that game plan, despite ups and downs and twists and turns, tend to be those who are successful. Investors who don't have a game plan or let their emotions sway their decisions are generally investors who are not successful.

When Michigan State started its final drive of the football game, it had a game plan and stuck with it. Ultimately, that game plan was successful. The bottom line, when it comes to our

investments, you have to make sure you have a game plan that can lead you to success. Unfortunately, too many investors do not have a game plan and, thus, are not successful.

Although I do not like new year's resolutions because, typically, all you're doing is setting yourself up for failure, one thing you should dedicate yourself to do in the next year is to make sure you have an investing game plan in place. Buying and selling investments based upon emotions or what currently is happening in the market is too haphazard. You need a game plan that factors in market fluctuations, as well as your individual needs and wants. You must have the discipline to stay the course, even during difficult times. You can't let every hiccup or speed bump deviate you from your plan.

Of course, there are times you need to change your game plan, but you don't change your game plan for short-term comfort. Too many investors

make the mistake of letting short-term comfort cause long-term pain. You primarily change your game plan when your individual situation needs a change. Remember, markets are volatile and change faster than the weather in Michigan; that's why you have to be cautious about making wholesale changes simply because markets move one direction or the other.

No one will say that having a game plan and following it is easy — it's not. Just like watching Michigan State's final drive of the game was not easy to watch, the same thing applies to your investments. However, just like Michigan State, which stayed focused and achieved its goal, that's exactly what you should be doing with your portfolio.

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Kroger Co. recognized for philanthropic efforts in state

The Kroger Co. of Michigan's efforts to give back to local communities earned the company the Outstanding Corporate Award from the Association of Fundraising Professionals. The award was presented during a recent honors ceremony held in Detroit in recognition of National Philanthropy Day.

"Kroger has established a culture of giving and focuses on core areas that are important to our customers and associates, including hunger relief, better health, education, good neighbor activities and diversity," said Ken McClure, consumer communications manager for Kroger.

During 2014, Kroger donated \$670,071 to fund breast cancer research and education. Last month, the grocer wrapped up its annual Pink Ribbon Campaign to benefit the American Cancer Society. Shoppers also contributed to coin boxes, with funds collected for ACS and the

Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute.

Novi-based Kroger supports education, the arts and Michigan's young people each year with its "I Can Make History" contest held during Black History Month. The contest awarded \$71,000 in scholarships and other prizes to students in the fourth through 12th grades last year. Students submitted their original work in four categories: art, essay, music and poetry.

According to McClure, many of Kroger's philanthropic efforts are ongoing, including its hunger relief program. During 2014, Kroger contributed 4.6 million pounds of food as part of its Perishable Donations partnership with Feeding America food banks in Michigan. Kroger also donated more than \$1.5 million to assist the Salvation Army in feeding hungry families via its annual Red Kettle campaign.

"We were especially pleased with the results

of our Pour It Forward campaign, which, in its second year, raised enough money to provide 51,468 gallons of Kroger brand milk to needy families," McClure said. "The Kroger Co. of Michigan introduced Pour It Forward in 2013 and, based on its success, The Kroger Co. adopted the campaign nationwide."

The Kroger Community Rewards program celebrates its seventh year in Michigan and contributes \$2 million to local nonprofits every year, including service clubs, Scout programs, school groups, religious organizations and animal welfare groups. A \$719,048 contribution of cash, gift cards and merchandise supported FAR Therapeutic Arts & Recreation, Saginaw Arts & Sciences Academy, the Detroit Zoo and Children's Miracle Network.

Kroger fundraising also resulted in a \$127,750 donation to benefit U.S. troops and their families through the USO.

Realtor group: Student loan debt impedes millennial home buys

Following the housing market's best year since the recession, existing-home sales are expected to increase in 2016 at a moderate pace; although affordability pressures from inventory shortages and rising mortgage rates could slow the potential for even stronger sales momentum, according to an economic forecast forum in San Diego, Calif., at the 2015 REALTORS® Conference & Expo.

Lawrence Yun, chief economist of the National Association of Realtors, presented his 2016 economic and housing forecast and was joined on-stage by Cris deRitis, senior director of credit analytics at Moody's Analytics, who also shared his insights on the housing market and U.S. economy, and Jonathan Corr, president and CEO at Ellie Mae, who discussed issues impacting the mortgage industry and how real estate professionals can adjust to the upcoming wave of new millennial buyers.

According to Yun, the pent-up demand for buying in recent years finally broke out in a meaningful way in 2015, fueled by sustained job growth in many parts of the country and rising home values giving more homeowners the incentive to sell – a trend that he expects to continue next year.

"Sales activity in 2016 will once again be primarily driven by the ongoing release of more pent-up sellers finally realizing their equity gains and using it towards the down payment on their next home," said Yun.

With demand expected to remain stable through the final two months of the year, Yun forecasts home sales to finish 2015 at a pace of 5.30 million and then expand 3% to



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around 5.45 million in 2016. The national median existing-home price is expected to rise to around 6% this year before slightly moderating to around 5% in 2016.

Although Yun anticipates further expansion in existing-sales next year, rising mortgage rates and supply constraints are two likely roadblocks that have the potential to slow the pace of sales from being even more robust.

"Rents and home prices are expected to exceed income growth into next year because of the insufficient creation of new home construction and the detrimental impact its inadequacy continues to have on housing costs in several markets," said Yun. "The real solution to preserving affordability is a substantial ramp-up in housing starts and more homeowners listing their home for sale."

Yun forecasts single-family housing starts to close out around 1.1 million this year and reach 1.3 million in 2016, which is still below the 1.5 million he says is needed each year to keep up with current demand. New-home sales are likely to total 505,000 this year, and increase to 590,000 next year.

deRitis, who also expects ongoing affordability pressures in some areas as builders slowly respond to current housing shortages, said there's still an above-average share of young adults living with their parents. He predicted a burst of activity in new construction and home sales coming to fruition in upcoming years, backed by a labor market at full employment, and pent-up demand from delayed household formation and rising rents will encourage more renters to consider buying.

A portion of Yun's presentation focused on the difficulty facing first-time buyers, whose participation in the market was reported by NAR earlier and fell to its lowest share in nearly 30 years. Surprised by the underperforming percent share, he highlighted a few of the reasons behind their hardships, including a meager amount of affordable inventory, competition from vacation buyers and investors buying similarly priced homes and repaying student loan debt.

"Even among recently successful first-time buyers, 41% have student debt and the typical amount is \$25,000. Repaying this debt amidst flat wage growth and sharp rent increases only makes it more difficult to come up with the cash needed for a down payment," said Yun. "Their emergence back into the market will be a gradual one, but our data does show that young adults view homeownership as a good financial investment and part of their personal American dream."

Yun anticipates the homeownership rate declining slightly further as the number of new renter households exceeds the share of new homebuyers – as it has at least since 2008. He said the pendulum will likely swing towards a balance of more new homeowners as early 2017.

"Millennials outnumber baby boomers by almost 10%, and they're collectively just entering their homebuying years with marriage and children on the horizon," added Corr. "The good news is that most surveys are finding that millennials still want to engage directly with mortgage loan professionals and Realtors at key times in the buying process."

Heed 2014 legislation on sheriff's sale buy

Q: We are foreclosing on a mortgage on a house that we obtained at a sheriff sale, but we are concerned about the homeowner neglecting or intentionally damaging the home during the redemption period. What can we do?

A: Legislation was enacted in 2014 to allow a purchaser at a sheriff's sale which, in this case, would presumably be you, to perform periodic interior and exterior inspections of the property to ensure that it is being kept up and not stripped of its valuables. The purchaser may proceed with eviction if an inspection is unreasonably refused or damage to the property is imminent or has already occurred. You should check with an attorney to find out what your rights are before entering the premises as there were updates to clarify the legislation in 2014 which should be reviewed by you and your legal counsel.

Q: Our next door neighbor had some kids over who drank alcohol and then got into a car accident. Our neighbor is concerned about being sued. What is your view on that?

A: More than likely, if he were to be sued, it would be based on the fact that he knowingly allowed his children to possess or consume alcohol in their residence and had control over the residence. The plaintiff would also have to show actual knowledge, not constructive knowledge, that they were drinking. Based on a recent case from the Court of Appeals of Michigan, he may well have a difficult time being held accountable, but, of course, it depends on the facts.



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HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of July 20-24, 2015, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS	
16275 Beechwood Ave	\$225,000
20241 Coryell Dr	\$240,000
31239 E Rutland St	\$255,000
32530 Eastlady Dr	\$497,000
16080 Kinross Ave	\$384,000
20345 Plantation Ln	\$470,000
32840 Robinhood Dr	\$387,000
20160 Village Dr	\$590,000
31200 W Rutland St	\$248,000
BIRMINGHAM	
1402 Cedar Dr	\$630,000
996 Chester St	\$930,000
1275 Davis Ave	\$418,000
2072 Derby Rd	\$215,000
2275 Dorchester Rd	\$246,000
1171 Emmons Ave	\$175,000
712 Fairfax St	\$769,000
1367 Fairway Dr	\$515,000
1364 Holland St	\$580,000
879 Lake Park Dr	\$2,850,000
2195 Pembroke Rd	\$200,000
1523 Ruffner Ave	\$220,000
400 Southfield Rd # 8	\$306,000
2209 Windemere Rd	\$314,000
1150 Yorkshire Rd	\$390,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
3830 Brookside Dr	\$445,000
3537 Halla Ln	\$444,000
1944 Klingensmith Rd Unit 41	\$113,000
6433 Maple Hills Dr	\$200,000
6804 Spruce Dr	\$350,000
801 W Long Lake Rd # 88	\$56,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
1877 Chipping Way	\$340,000
1909 Eagle Pointe	\$235,000
448 Fox Hills Dr N # A-5	\$70,000
4691 Haddington Ln	\$310,000
2927 Heather Ct	\$1,187,000
490 Laurelwood Ct	\$1,150,000
1997 Meadow Ct	\$585,000
2943 Middlebury Ln	\$335,000

659 N Glengary Rd	\$825,000
3673 Quail Hollow Dr	\$410,000
854 Shady Hollow Cir	\$550,000
942 Wagner Ave	\$89,000
5380 Wing Lake Rd	\$535,000
5271 Woodview Dr	\$308,000
182 N Glengarry Rd	\$555,000
COMMERCIAL TOWNSHIP	
2739 Alorington Ct	\$326,000
3101 Arbutus St	\$134,000
9403 Chaumont Dr	\$70,000
9403 Chaumont Dr	\$145,000
3341 Fox Blvd	\$102,000
8368 Hummingbird	\$305,000
1576 Huron Springs Ln	\$325,000
2372 Ivy Hill Dr	\$320,000
5130 Joe Dr	\$280,000
1825 Luneta Ct	\$166,000
2254 Palmetto	\$251,000
2308 Palmetto	\$280,000
FARMINGTON	
23251 Farmington Rd	\$195,000
33103 Orchard St	\$95,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
21300 Albion Ave	\$129,000
23110 Albion Ave	\$77,000
23235 Albion Ave	\$131,000
27820 Berrywood Ln	\$92,000
37450 Chesterfield Ct	\$278,000
33717 Colony Park Dr	\$250,000
23906 Cora Ave	\$209,000
38930 Country Cir	\$20,000
31118 Country Ridge Cir	\$363,000
28631 Cumberlandian Dr	\$237,000
38533 Darbyshire	\$150,000
29797 Deer Run	\$313,000
34021 Edmonton St	\$85,000
28717 Hidden Trl	\$380,000
35170 Hillside Dr	\$190,000
38086 Huntsman Dr E	\$347,000
29524 Kings Pointe Ct	\$352,000
21649 Mayfield St	\$196,000
28801 Millbrook Rd	\$238,000
28237 New Castle Rd	\$188,000
21033 Ontaga St	\$125,000
29105 Ramblewood Dr	\$280,000
28857 Salem Rd	\$278,000
39311 Silverthorne Bnd	\$325,000
39312 Silverthorne Bnd	\$380,000
30176 Southampton Ln	\$265,000
29951 Southbrook Ct	\$221,000
23615 Tuck Rd	\$240,000

29201 Valley Bend Ct	\$354,000
24740 Westmoreland Dr	\$115,000
27264 Winterset Cir	\$297,000
35457 Woodfield Dr	\$213,000
FRANKLIN	
32667 Haverford Rd	\$424,000
HIGHLAND	
3171 Beaumont Dr	\$315,000
2897 Blue Briar Trl	\$243,000
2191 Canterwood	\$445,000
3342 Chevron Dr	\$215,000
2143 Davista Dr	\$230,000
3420 E Clarice Ave	\$450,000
3320 Harvey Lake Rd	\$194,000
3484 Highland Blvd	\$108,000
2283 N Millford Rd	\$35,000
4744 Strathcona	\$185,000
MILFORD	
1757 Bristol Dr	\$530,000
883 Byron Dr	\$191,000
266 E Canyon Dr	\$280,000
335 E Summit St	\$235,000
1466 Hunters Lake Dr	\$885,000
811 Millford Glen Cir	\$327,000
971 Panorama Dr	\$122,000
1475 Ring O Kerry	\$475,000
3100 S Hill Rd	\$313,000
623 Tower Ridge Ct	\$320,000
304 W Commerce St	\$270,000
626 Woodside Dr	\$240,000
NORTHVILLE	
43609 9 Mile Rd	\$200,000
21064 Boulder Cir	\$183,000
42122 Gladwin St	\$125,000
48990 Veneto Dr	\$259,000
NOVI	
22360 Barclay Dr	\$470,000
41968 Cherry Hill Rd	\$185,000
24633 Christina Ln	\$310,000
22727 Cranbrooke Rd	\$147,000
27950 Declaration Rd	\$146,000
44717 Ellery Ln	\$150,000
225 Faywood St	\$80,000
51100 Glades Ct W	\$645,000
24263 Hampton Hill St	\$210,000
44602 Huntington Dr	\$233,000
25922 Island Lake Dr	\$548,000
26306 Island Lake Dr	\$369,000
40963 Kingsley Ln	\$370,000
24507 Olde Orchard St	\$113,000
41786 Primrose Dr	\$175,000
24438 Redwing Dr	\$390,000

41425 Reindeer Dr	\$440,000
22808 Renford St	\$115,000
44898 Roundview Dr	\$341,000
27436 Sloan St	\$339,000
44240 W 11 Mile Rd	\$220,000
48772 W 9 Mile Rd	\$135,000
24570 Wixom Rd	\$324,000
SOUTH LYON	
23762 Copperwood Dr W	\$385,000
487 Lyon Blvd	\$151,000
25713 McCrory Ln	\$315,000
23655 Millwood	\$543,000
23724 Millwood	\$436,000
23758 Millwood	\$450,000
61051 Mustang Dr	\$399,000
61110 Mustang Dr	\$426,000
401 Princeton Dr	\$200,000
1114 Surrey Ln	\$410,000
53013 Trailwood Dr	\$530,000
313 W Lake St	\$292,000
58939 Winnowing Cir S	\$103,000
SOUTHFIELD	
30561 Baleswood St	\$198,000
22431 Chatsford Circuit Ct	\$300,000
19692 Coral Gables St	\$59,000
21931 Duns Scotus St	\$160,000
16039 E Bedford St	\$172,000
28135 Marshall St	\$116,000
29292 Marshall St	\$111,000
17179 Melrose St	\$145,000
18255 Midway Ave	\$95,000
18313 New Jersey Dr	\$140,000
18313 New Jersey Dr	\$135,000
29968 Sparkberry Dr	\$370,000
15886 W 11 Mile Rd	\$57,000
19660 W 8 Mile Rd	\$525,000
30100 Westbrook Pkwy	\$220,000
WHITE LAKE	
1420 Caprice St	\$130,000
8498 Carpathian Dr	\$235,000
8252 Cooley Beach Dr	\$185,000
204 Decca Dr	\$177,000
10126 Elizabeth Lake Rd	\$205,000
11152 Fieldcrest Meadows Ct	\$262,000
9199 Holmes St	\$43,000
252 Horizon Rd	\$170,000
831 Pembroke Ct	\$295,000
634 Ranveer Dr	\$455,000
939 Suchava Dr	\$438,000
8741 Trenton Dr	\$285,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Aug. 10-14, 2015, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON	
1449 Aberdeen St	\$233,000
45884 Bartlett Dr	\$240,000
46998 Bartlett Dr	\$250,000
1607 Brookline St	\$197,000
1577 Brookview Dr	\$181,000
7597 Capr Dr	\$237,000
42522 Castle Ct	\$173,000
42151 Cherylaw Ln	\$183,000
6682 Edgewood Rd	\$267,000
41445 Elsa Ct	\$205,000
7653 Embassy Dr	\$285,000
42135 Fairview Dr	\$183,000
43131 Fernwood St	\$210,000
46011 Graystone Ln	\$197,000
7431 Green Meadow Ln	\$208,000
42278 Hanford Rd	\$110,000
44619 Hanford Rd	\$191,000
51163 High Meadow Crossing St	\$370,000
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29617 Hillbrook St	\$165,000
15367 Hubbard St	\$155,000
17591 Louise St	\$160,000
27735 Lyndon St	\$149,000
14715 Melrose St	\$133,000

18277 Myron St	\$173,000
19635 Norwich Rd	\$225,000
16362 Parklane St	\$260,000
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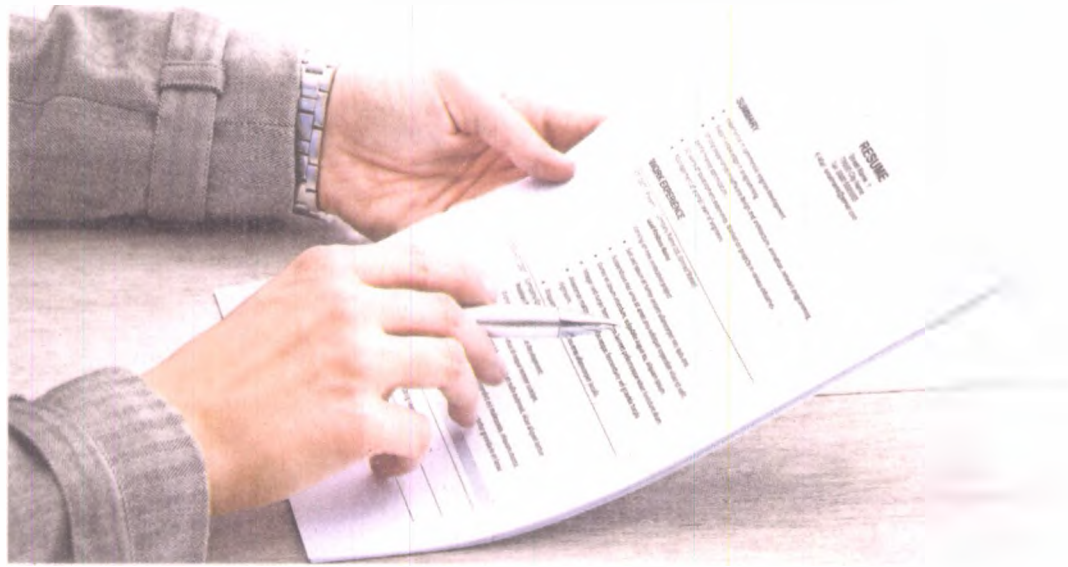
Your resume is your first impression, and it's your opportunity to put your best foot forward. There's a lot of information to pack in and not much time to make an impact. According to a recent CareerBuilder survey, half of employers spend less than two minutes looking at a résumé. That means that how you organize its content can make a big difference.

So what's the most effective way to organize your information? There are three popular formats — chronological, functional and hybrid — each with its own advantages and drawbacks.

Chronological

The chronological format — organizing work history and related information from most recent to oldest — is the standard for most job seekers, and it's not hard to see why. Since most people are already used to seeing information depicted in terms of change over time, organizing your work history by date is easy for hiring managers and recruiters to understand quickly.

The chronological format also presents a brief narrative of your employment



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history, which can provide a clearer picture of how your career has progressed and how you've grown professionally. However, if you have a unique employment history, this format may not necessarily be the best choice.

Functional

Unlike a chronologically formatted résumé, which is organized by date, a functionally formatted resume is organized by skills. Related work experiences, regardless of how far apart they may be chronologically, are grouped together, essentially compiling evidence that you possess certain competencies.

This format is often used by job-hoppers, or workers with a history of several unrelated jobs over a short

period of time. Skills and variety of experience tend to be a job-hopper's strong suit, which functional resumes play up. They also put less focus on tenure, which is typically a weak point for job-hoppers.

This focus also makes a functional résumé a reasonable option for recent graduates, long-term unemployed job seekers or more mature workers who want the attention to be on their skills, not their age.

However, these résumés have some drawbacks. Purely functional resumes don't include dates and, in some cases, may omit specific jobs and employers. Hiring managers and recruiters aren't always keen on résumés that lack such important informa-

tion. Additionally, functionally formatted resumes tend to be more difficult to read, as they don't follow the same linear narrative flow as chronological resumes.

Hybrid

Because of the potential problems arising from a strictly functional resume, many job seekers opt for a hybrid — a combination of both chronological and functional.

A hybrid résumé typically features a list of skills and abilities, followed by a brief job history. The latter section is usually bare-bones, including only job title, employer and dates of employment. The stripped-down chronology is easier for employers to read quickly and can

help keep your résumé from sounding repetitive.

The hybrid format essentially addresses most of the major concerns that employers and recruiters have with the functional format while maintaining a clear emphasis on skills over work history. Because the skills and accomplishments aren't linked directly to the previous positions with which they're associated, though, job seekers should be prepared to connect those dots in a cover letter or interview.

Ultimately, there is no one-size-fits-all format. The traditional chronological resume is an effective way for most job seekers to present their basic information. However, extenuating circumstances do exist, and for job seekers in less traditional lines of work or with less-than-ideal work histories, a functional or hybrid format may be more appropriate. What's important is that you weigh the pros and cons of each kind and choose the one that best fits your situation.

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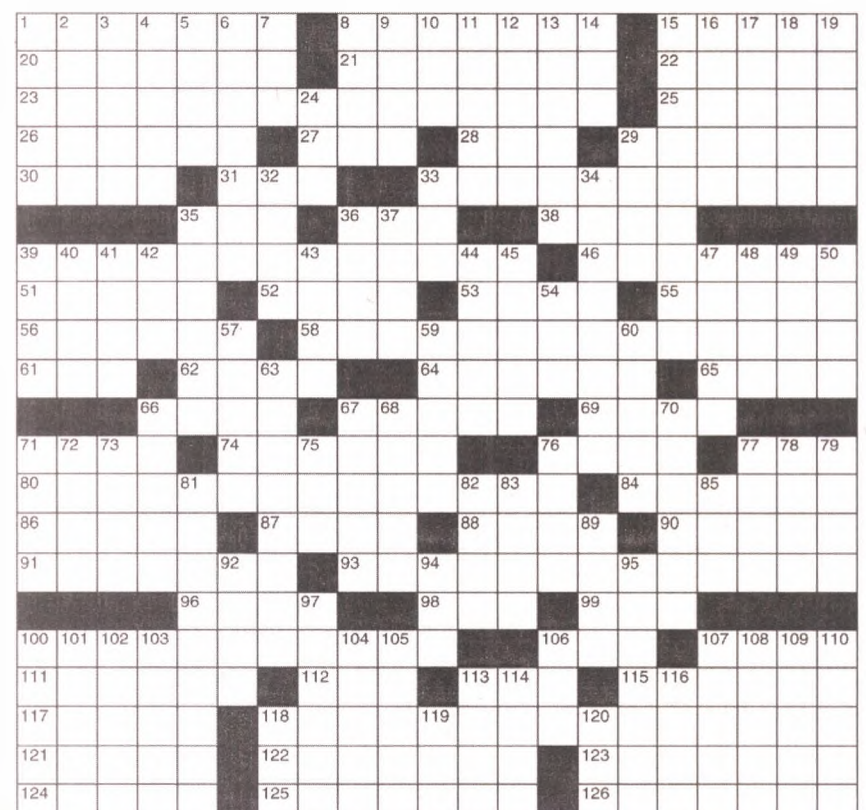
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 - 8 Stymied
 - 15 Blurts out
 - 20 Onto
 - 21 Rhine temptress
 - 22 "Fear Factor" host Joe
 - 23 Job for someone sorting digging tools?
 - 25 One of Chekhov's "Three Sisters"
 - 26 Barely-there beachwear
 - 27 Is ill with
 - 28 Meet in a session
 - 29 "Men in Black" role
 - 30 Satirist
 - 31 Redhead at Mel's Diner
 - 33 Title of a how-to book on delivering a tirade?
 - 35 "Give — call sometime"
 - 36 Prefix with athlete
 - 38 City WNW of Tulsa
 - 39 Worker making barrels for a farm storehouse?
 - 46 Near
 - 51 Cello bow application
 - 52 Heroic story
 - 53 Bit of trickery
 - 55 Edmonton hockey pro
 - 56 Wanted felon
 - 58 Including even the arrest documents?
 - 61 Old GM make
 - 62 Yaks it up
 - 64 Keenly smart
 - 65 1960s TV's — May Clampett
 - 66 Heaven's opposite
 - 67 Heavens
 - 69 Prayer starter
 - 71 "Ghost Hunters" channel
 - 74 Beach headwear
 - 76 "Exodus" author
 - 77 Farming tool
 - 80 What a scientific computer program might do?
 - 84 Sugary food
 - 86 Mitchell's Scarlett
 - 87 Rube played by Red Skelton
 - 88 Put — in one's ear
 - 90 Let come in
 - 91 Alternative to a street address: Abbr.
 - 93 Arbitrarily chosen family member of the star of "Fats"?
 - 96 "Fame" singer Irene
 - 98 GI R&R center
 - 99 Tiny trail follower
 - 100 Fuel that always works perfectly?
 - 106 Where MoMA is
 - 107 "For pity's —"
 - 111 Evil child in "The Omen"
 - 112 Spying tool
 - 113 The same: Prefix
 - 117 Off course
 - 117 Revise, as a manuscript
 - 118 Reply to a query about a small raisin variety?
 - 121 Two-time French Open winner
 - 122 Tiny neighbor of Spain
 - 123 More tired
 - 124 Secret rendezvous
 - 125 Go in again
 - 126 Values
 - 17 Getting older
 - 18 Zulu or Hutu
 - 19 Pit viper, e.g.
 - 24 "Well well!"
 - 29 Seed cover
 - 32 Deposits
 - 33 Helpful hint
 - 34 Forebear
 - 35 Overseer
 - 36 Roman robe
 - 37 Zoo bellow
 - 39 Sailor's drink
 - 40 Rakish man
 - 41 Concerning
 - 42 Not a thing
 - 43 Raven cries
 - 44 Wipe clean
 - 45 Littlest pups
 - 47 Allied (with)
 - 48 Israeli airline
 - 49 Snitch
 - 50 Paris hub
 - 54 Actor Erwin
 - 57 Baseball's "Big Ed"
 - 59 Singer
 - 60 Protection
 - 63 Hopi maize
 - 66 Prefix with electric
 - 67 Horse-hoof equipper
 - 68 Cosmic payback
 - 70 Comic actor
 - 71 Retail outlet
 - 72 Pirate chant opener
 - 73 "Spare tire"
 - 75 Ravens' org.
 - 76 "E pluribus —"
 - 77 Half: Prefix
 - 78 Elevator innovator
 - 79 Tivoli's Villa d'—
 - 81 Offsetting
 - 82 X-ray units
 - 83 "Peek- —"
 - 85 Campus email ending
 - 89 Aussie "Hi!"
 - 92 Indian bread
 - 94 Greek letters
 - 95 Boxes up
 - 97 Get in sync
 - 100 That is, to
 - 101 One dubbing
 - 102 Nail-file stuff
 - 103 Boxing spots
 - 104 Avant —
 - 105 Chef's wear
 - 106 Neither's go-with
 - 107 Retail outlet
 - 108 Palmer of golf, to pals
 - 109 D.J. Casey
 - 110 Ones staring
 - 113 Concerning
 - 114 Sirius, e.g.
 - 116 Light fight
 - 118 Driven thing
 - 119 MoMA part
 - 120 She baas



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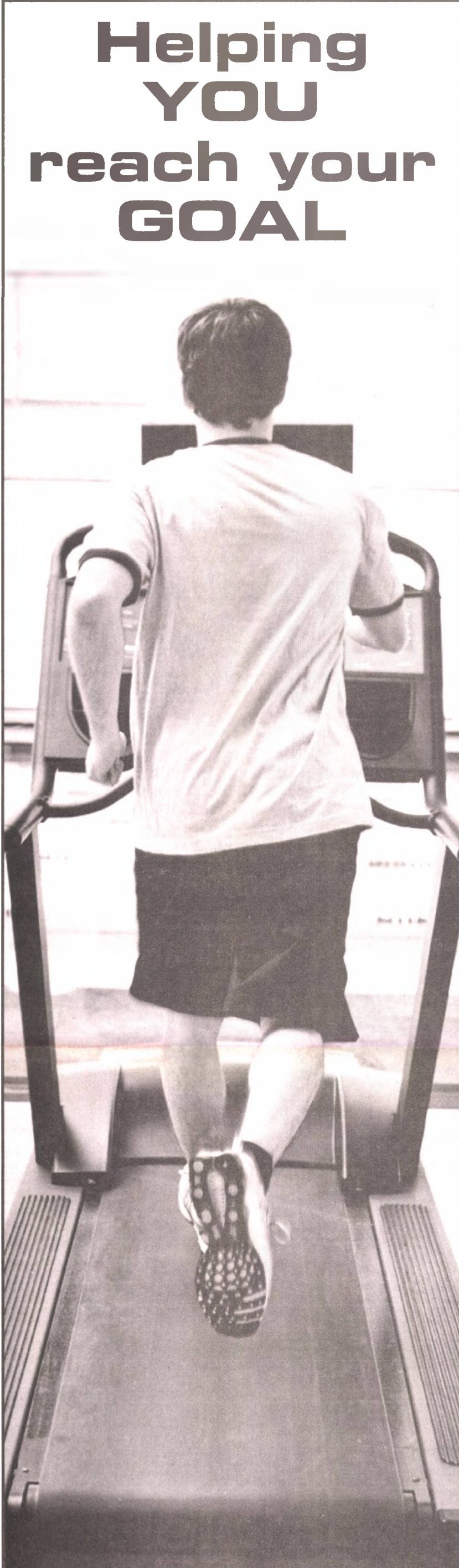
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"The Force" Is With Fiat Chrysler Brands In Major Promotion with New Star Wars Movie



By Dale Buss

Not even "The Force" could make General Motors want to merge with Fiat Chrysler. But, fortunately, CEO Sergio Marchionne at least can count

on his brands' new marketing tie-in with the widely anticipated new Star Wars movie to keep Fiat Chrysler on the road to continued prosperity.

For several months earlier this year, Marchionne kept the auto

costs of keeping up with pollution mandates -- had become too expensive for so many companies to go it alone.

But in Amsterdam earlier this month, Marchionne had changed his tone slightly. "We are not choking," he told *Automotive News*. "We are in relatively decent shape." And, "at the moment, we have no intention of doing anything hostile."

Tabling merger aspirations for the moment cleared a little space for Fiat Chrysler's latest big marketing promotion tied to culturally relevant moments. Fiat Chrysler joined with Walt

the company's year-end sales events, "The Must See Event of the Year," and each commercial closes with the tag, "See Star Wars: The Force Awakens December 18" in the US.

They include a Chrysler brand spot that harks back to 1977 and posits that "few things feel like the first time you saw Star Wars." A Dodge commercial, "The Force Gathers," pays homage to the iconic image of Darth Vader and his army of Stormtroopers with an army of white Dodge Chargers, Challengers and Durangos -- all led by a sinister black Dodge Viper, march toward some nervous valets at the opening of the newest Star Wars film -- and set, of course, against the famous "Imperial March" music.

The "Family" spot for Ram uses sound from the movie trailer and actor Mark Hamill's voice as Luke Skywalker. Ram vehicles power through the desert revealing a Ram 3500, 2500, 1500 and the new Rebel as Hamill says, "There exists an all-powerful force in the universe. It surrounds us. Gives us strength. Turns fear into hope. And to those who seek to harness such power ... This is what you've been looking for..."

"Having our brands be part of the global conversation surrounding one of the most anticipated movies in recent years provides remarkable worldwide exposure for our" brands, Olivier Francois, Fiat Chrysler's chief marketing officer, said in a



Fiat's forces of "dark" and "light" in a Star Wars-themed ad.

release. The tie-up "once again provides the opportunity to deliver the unexpected -- relevant, entertaining and immediately noticed end-of-the-year Tier 2 commercials true to the individuality of each of our brands and featuring Star Wars music and sound design known around the world."

Befitting the international appeal of the Star Wars franchise as well as Fiat Chrysler's increasingly transatlantic business, the 30-second co-branded TV spots were created to run in North America, Argentina and Brazil, and additional spots will be rolled out throughout Europe, the Middle East and Africa. Each includes not only various creative elements from Star Wars: The Force Awakens but also footage of vehicles specific to each country. Dealers in each market also will have options for buying air time for the ads.

Radio spots and social-media extensions will undergird the promotion. Lucasfilm announced in August that it would collaborate

with the automaker and with six other global brands to promote the hugely anticipated new flick.

As a warm-up, Fiat Chrysler displayed a custom-painted Fiat 500e Stormtrooper model at the Los Angeles Auto Show last month, a conceptualization that was inspired by the armor of the First Order Legion. And in September, Mattel's Hot Wheels offered Uber riders in New York a free ride in a custom-wrapped Dodge Charger uniquely styled after a Stormtrooper.

Francois and Fiat Chrysler brands got a lot of mileage out of previous movie alignments including Dodge's with "Fast & Furious 7" and various brands with the just-released "The Hunger Games: Mockingjay -- Part 2."

But if pundits' predictions about the appeal of the first of a planned series of three sequels to the existing six Star Wars films are even close to target, Fiat Chrysler likely will find that The Force proves as great a marketing vehicle as it is a power of the universe.



"The Force" gathers for Dodge in a new TV ad.

industry buzzing with his very transparent, full-on push for a combination with GM, which included an e-mail directly to GM CEO Mary Barra urging her to consider joining forces with Fiat Chrysler.

Marchionne's rationale was that the industry -- particularly

Disney and Lucasfilm to roll out a global advertising campaign co-promoting the much-anticipated "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" movie -- and the Chrysler Dodge, Jeep, Ram and Fiat brands.

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