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Controversial residential development moves forward

10 Mile and Beck residents oppose new sub's zoning

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

After considering the opposition from a group of citizens to the proposed Valencia South project, the city of Novi Planning Commission voted 4-1 to move the plans forward for rezoning of the southwest corner of Beck and 10 Mile roads for a new development.

With Commissioner Robert Giacopetti as the lone dissenting vote, the planning commission approved the request of Beck South LLC for recommendation to the Novi City Council for rezoning from R-1, One-Family Residential to R-3, One-Family Residential

READERS SPEAK OUT

See our Letters to the Editor section page A14 for readers' viewpoints on the proposed subdivision.

with a Planned Rezoning Overlay.

R-1 districts are meant to have larger lots than other residential districts.

Concerned citizens

At least 20 residents from the surrounding neighborhoods like Edinborough, Echo Valley and Andover spoke

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VALENCIA SOUTH



Novi Meadows student Emma Armstrong greets Capt. Clark Williams, a former Marine, during a March 2 visit to the Novi school by a group from the Michigan Veterans Foundation of Detroit. Novi Meadows fifth-graders, for a service project, gathered snacks and toiletries to be distributed by the group to its members.

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Strike Zone helping local youth get ready for opening day

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

The Novi area's only indoor facility exclusively for community baseball and softball leagues recently opened.

The Novi Youth Baseball League's new indoor training facility is a partnership between the NYBL, Novi Heat baseball and Motor City Madness girls softball.

The Strike Zone Indoor Training Facility (48155 West Road, Wixom), which opened in January, is a 7,500-square-foot facility with three batting tunnels, infield area and padded artificial turf covering the floor of the entire playing surface.

"The Strike Zone is a result of the hard work and efforts of NYBL President Tim Rush, Novi Heat Baseball Director Ken Perpich, Motor City Madness President Chris Lawler and Strike Zone Director Carol Aurilia," NYBL coach Brad Leidal said.

The NYBL Board of Directors approved the creation of the facility last August in an effort to offer year-round training to players and coaches of the NYBL. The NYBL said its partnership with the Heat and Madness allows them to bring all of Novi's baseball and softball programs under one roof.

Leidal said The Strike Zone is unlike any comparable facility in the area and is a nonprofit facility focused singularly on the needs of Novi's youth baseball and softball players. Team practices, clinics and lessons are available at The Strike Zone for NYBL, Heat and Madness players.

This opening is perfectly timed in getting players ready for the start of the season.

The NYBL is open to players ages 7-18 (NYBL does not have a residency requirement for its house baseball divisions). Registration is open for all divisions and will close for divisions 14 years and younger March 18. Registration can be done on the website at www.novi-youthbaseball.com. Practices start in late April

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Novi Meadows students help homeless veterans

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Detroit-area military veterans made a special trip to Novi Meadows School to collect care packages students put together as part of a service project to help homeless veterans.

All of the students at Novi Meadows are involved in service projects as part of the Leader in Me initiative and one group focused its project on the military.

Veterans from the Michigan Veterans Foundation visited with students Monday as part of the project. This organization works with many homeless veterans in Detroit who are trying to get back on their feet.

"This is another great example of students helping out our organization and the many veterans we serve," said James Chartrand, supervisor of case managers at the Michigan Veterans Foundation, which serves more than 100 homeless vets at its location in Detroit.

The visit to Novi included a question-and-answer session with the vets and a flag ceremony. Questions ranged from why you joined the military to what was your role.

The students collected items like snacks, toiletries and other everyday essentials and put them into boxes to be taken to the Detroit Veterans Center. This center is working to transform homeless veterans into independent wage earners and taxpayers who will have a positive impact on their communities.

Novi Meadows teacher Ann Rossman-Hiramaek said as part of the service project and visit, students wrote letters to the vets. During the visit, some students read their letters. One was 11-year-old Dalton Houseworth, who thanked them for sacrificing so much.

"This was a unique visit and I was glad to read my letter," he said. "What they've done for America means a lot."

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Camp Arctic



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Novi Ice Arena staff member Kristin Blonde works with Ashni Desai, 6, on some snowflake designs during their Feb. 17 Camp Arctic Adventure. The day, for students on mid-winter break, consisted of lots of ice time at the rink and then an afternoon of crafts and games.

ZONING

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during the audience participation portion of the Feb. 25 meeting, voicing their opposition. Concerns ranged over green space, sewer and water issues, property values and density, as well as how the potential development would look next to the adjacent neighborhoods.

"As a united community, we are not in favor of the rezoning - and we are Novi," said the Rev. James McGuire, a homeowner on Andover, in reference to the large group of concerned citizens gathered at the civic center for the meeting. At a previous meeting, homeowner Michelle Brower said if Valencia South were already built when her family was purchasing a home last summer, they would not have bought their home because they wanted a home in a less dense area. She feels that selling their home in the future will make it less marketable if R-3 zoned homes are surrounding their R-1 zoned home.

The property is 41.31 acres and a 66-unit single-

family development is proposed. Those against the project see it as a ploy by the developer to get a rezoning in order to stick more houses onto the property to make more money. The total number of houses would have to come down by at least five to fit in an R-1 zoning district.

Another big concern is the amount of vegetation planned to be cut down and what the development might do to local wells and septic fields.

Development plans

Howard Fingeroot, managing partner with Pinnacle Homes and project spokesperson, believes his company has put together a nice plan and worked to address the concerns.

He said it has increased the greenbelt, primarily along 10 Mile, and there is a lot of landscaping planned to make it more appealing. He also indicated the north corner has been purchased and 70 percent of it will be left untouched or possibly additional trees will be planted in that area.

The requirement for rear yard setback is 35 feet, but the developers will take it to 50 feet.

Fingeroot added that the lots will be bigger than what they could construct under city zoning.

Planning commission's views

The commissioners in favor of the rezoning said they fully understood the concerns, kept them in mind during the decision process and commended the group of citizens for voicing their concerns and standing together.

However, some of the commissioners said after years of turning down different proposals for the property in question, both commercial and residential, they believe the current owner has brought a plan that may be the best one yet - specifically because it would be under a conditional agreement with the city and fits into what the master plan designates for that area, which is single-family houses.

Commissioner David Greco said the PRO gives the city more control over how the project will look and its potential impact than if the applicant wasn't asking for a rezoning and just presented a plan for R-1, which he said might not be as good as the one proposed.

Giacopetti seemed to have a slightly mixed opinion on the matter. He said if an R-1 project came to the commission, it could be worse. Ultimately, he thinks the concerns of the residents should come first.

The current conditions of the PRO agreement are that the applicant must:

- » provide an increased rear yard setback of 50 feet for a particular number of lots;

- » provide a pathway connection to 10 Mile Road from the internal loop street;

- » comply with the conditions listed in the staff and consultant review letters; and

- » Novi City Council should consider a bond requirement with regard to the well and septic issues brought forward by residents.

Commission Chairman Mark Pehrson said that overall, the different projects proposed in this PRO is the best members could hope for and added the city, "would not be doing ourselves any good by turning this down."

City council should be looking at the issue in the coming month; meetings are March 9 and 23.

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Beyond Belief Senior Theatre & Chorus will present its newest original variety show, Love is in the Air, at Two Muses Theatre in West Bloomfield (6800 Orchard Lake Road) March 6-7. This variety show will take the audience back to the happy days of the 1950s, long before the days of cellphones, texting and social networking and back to a time when dating revolved around jukeboxes, soda fountains and going to "The Hop." Two Muses Theatre is an intimate 130-seat venue located inside Barnes & Noble Booksellers. There is ample free parking and handicap accessibility. Performances are at 2 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Tickets are \$10 in advance online at www.twomusetheatre.org/tickets or by phone at 248-444-8519 or 248-210-3345. Tickets can also be purchased at the door for an additional \$2, one hour prior to each performance. For more information, call 248-444-8419 or go to www.twomusetheatre.org. Pictured, Don Bain of Plymouth and Ellen Haf of Novi have become engaged to each other since joining Beyond Belief.

Water safety requirements mandated by state might cost city

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

A state mandate may ultimately require water system customers to invest in the testing and upgrade of existing plumbing systems.

The city of Novi will be updating its Cross Connection Ordinance for consistency with the requirements of the Michigan Safe Drinking Water Act. City council approved first reading, but not without a couple of concerns.

Both David Staudt and Wayne Wrobel expressed this was an over-reach by the state government. Wrobel said if there were any problems with this in Novi, the city would correct those, but there hasn't been any

issues. Staudt said this may be unfair financially to residents.

However, both recognize compliance is required by the state.

According to Novi's Public Services Department, the city's Cross Connection Control program is an important service that the Department of Public Service's Water and Sewer Division provides to protect drinking water quality.

A cross connection is any arrangement of piping on a building's plumbing system that could result in back-flow of contaminants into the potable water system. The Public Services Department said the Cross Connection Control program is in place to provide for inspection

and testing of such cross connections to minimize the risk of water system contamination.

"Based on our 2013 Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Annual Water System Review, the Department of Public Services' Water and Sewer Division has updated the Cross Connection Control Program to meet current state mandates, which require the city to include inspection and testing of residential cross connections as part of the program," said Timothy Kuhns, Novi's water and sewer engineer, in his report to council.

The council should be looking at the possible final approval at its next meeting March 9.

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Area man heads to trial in fatal crash

By Laura Colvin
Staff Writer

After the crash that caused Janet Reed's 1997 GMC Jimmy to spin 180 degrees, flip onto its passenger side and burst into flames, a witness saw the driver's side door push open briefly, then fall shut again.

Reed, a 44-year-old Milford Township resident, was westbound on Pontiac Trail in Commerce Township around 7:30 Jan. 26, waiting to make a left turn onto Addington Drive, when her vehicle was struck from behind. Unable to escape the burning vehicle, she was pronounced dead on the scene.

On Feb. 18, the man accused of causing the crash, 41-year-old Goran Djordjevski of Farmington Hills, was bound over for trial following a preliminary examination before Judge Robert Bondy in 52-1 District Court in Novi. He is charged with operating while intoxicated causing death and failure to stop at an accident – when at fault – resulting in death. Both are 15-year felonies.

Evidence entered during the exam included lab results listing Djordjevski's blood-alcohol level at 0.234 percent, nearly three times Michigan's legal limit of 0.08 percent.

Testimony

During the exam, witness Brian Raymond recounted the 9-1-1 call he made after watching the westbound SUV in front of him – which prosecutors say was driven by Djordjevski – cross the yellow line, forcing an eastbound driver off the road to avoid collision.

Seconds before the 9-1-1 operator came on the line, the SUV crossed the yellow line again and slammed into Reed's vehicle.

Raymond said he exited his car intending to help, but heard what sounded like an explosion as Reed's vehicle was quickly consumed by fire.

Oakland County Assistant Prosecutor Jeffrey Hall asked if Raymond saw anyone attempt to get in or out of the overturned vehicle or whether he saw the car's door



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Goran Djordjevski (right) sits next to his defense attorney Mitchell Ribitwter as they listen to testimony Feb. 18 during a preliminary exam in 52-1 District Court.

open. "I saw the driver's side door open ... almost halfway ... then it ended up closing, probably under its own weight and gravity," Raymond said as Reed's daughter, who was present with other family members, cried audibly before leaving the courtroom for a time. "Shortly after that, the entire vehicle, unfortunately, (was) engulfed in flames."

Autopsy results reported by the Oakland County Medical Examiner listed Reed's cause of death as smoke/soot in-

halation and thermal burns.

Suspect left scene

The vehicle that hit Reed's car, Raymond testified, drove a short distance and stopped on the apron of Addington Court before an individual exited the passenger side and walked north, away from the scene.

Witness Zachary Rohde said he was in his nearby apartment when he heard a "loud boom or bang," which he ignored, assuming was "someone playing with fireworks."

After a second, much louder explosion, Rohde said he looked out the window, saw the burning vehicle, told his girlfriend to call 9-1-1 and headed out to help.

"I ran as fast as I could," he said.

After learning someone fled the crash scene, Rohde gave chase and found Djordjevski standing behind a building.

"I hollered at him ... 'Sir that your car in the street? Do you drive a blue truck?' To which he replied, 'Yes, I think that is mine,'" Rohde said. "I took him by the arm and

said, 'Sir, I think you've been in a car accident. You need to come with me.'"

Djordjevski willingly complied, but did "seem very confused and disoriented," Rohde said, and smelled of "moderate" intoxicants.

"Between the time I approached him and the time I returned him to the scene of the crash to police, he asked me at least once, 'Is everyone OK?'" Rohde said.

Other witnesses during the Feb. 18 exam included a store manager at a Kentucky Fried Chicken location near the crash, where surveillance video shows Djordjevski stopped minutes before the accident occurred, as well as a registered nurse who drew blood from Djordjevski after the crash and Donald Dilworth, a Community EMS paramedic who evaluated Djordjevski at the scene and ultimately transported him to the hospital.

Both charges stand

Defense attorney Mitchell Ribitwter questioned witnesses about

Djordjevski's state of mind, as well as about potential injuries the defendant may have incurred that could cause him to become disoriented. Ultimately, Ribitwter said he wouldn't argue with the first charge of operating a vehicle while intoxicated causing death, but asked Bondy to dismiss the second charge of failure to stop at an accident – when at fault – resulting in death.

Djordjevski, his attorney contended, walked away after the crash either due to his level of intoxication or because he was "disoriented and confused and didn't seem to be himself."

Bondy, however, said the prosecutor met the burden of proof and bound Djordjevski over for trial in Oakland County Circuit Court.

Djordjevski was scheduled for a March 3 arraignment before Circuit Court Judge Judge Martha Anderson.

He was released Feb. 12 from Oakland County Jail after a \$100,000 bond was posted on his behalf.

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STRIKE

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and opening day will be Saturday, May 16. The season runs through mid-July. In addition to the house teams, NYBL also offers the Novi Inferno tournament teams. Novi Inferno teams play weekend tournaments in addition to their regular season house baseball schedule. Information regarding Inferno tryouts will be posted on the NYBL website.

Batting and fielding clinics are currently being held at The Strike Zone.

In 2014, approximately 450 players participated



Mike Aurilia, 8U Novi Heat head coach, talks to the players while practicing at The Strike Zone in Wixom.

in the NYBL.

The NYBL is a community-based, nonprofit organization run by volunteers. Go to <http://www.noviyouthbaseball.com> for more information. The Motor

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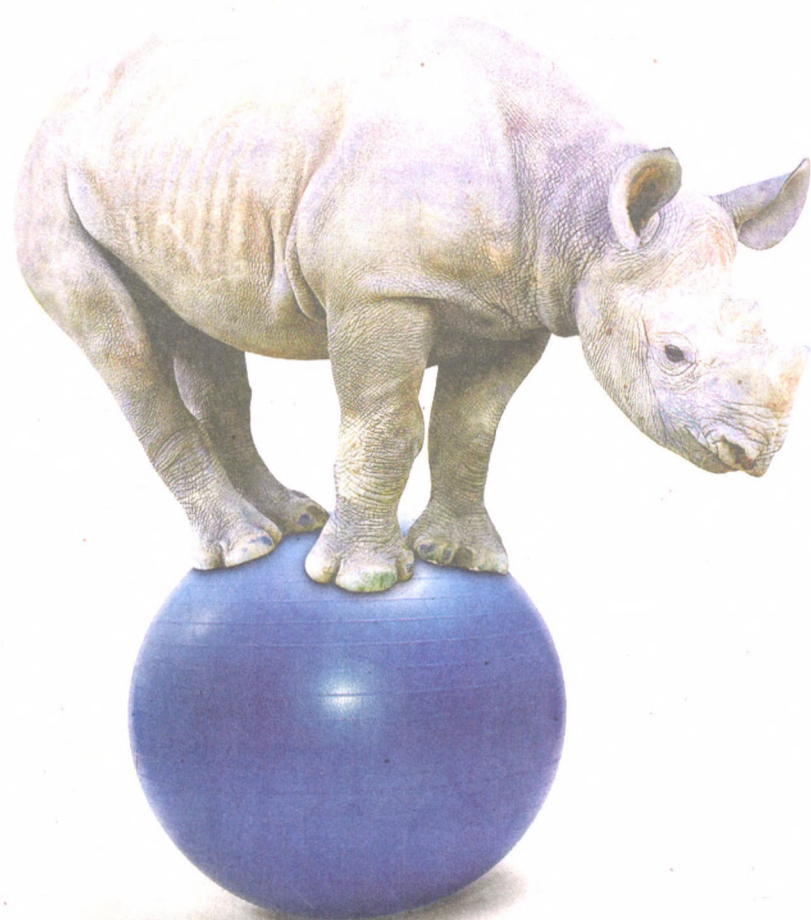


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Leading the way



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Parkview Elementary School Principal Jennifer Michos leads some students in a Leader in Me session on how they can better defend their fellow classmates against bullying.



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Elise Malachowski speaks to a large assembly of fellow students, teachers and visitors about Leader in Me and how it empowered her to be more outgoing.



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Parkview Elementary School students Chris Vuljaj, Erin Hudacek (center) and others drop to the floor Feb. 26 to give Principal Jennifer Michos a few pushups during the school's Leadership Day. The morning-long activity was intended to show off the students' embrace of the Leader in Me philosophy. The pushups were meant to be a quick exercise break between a group discussion on ways to counter bullying.

Parkview Elementary students kick off district initiative

By **Lonnie Huhman**
 Staff Writer

Novi students are finding their voices through leadership opportunities.

Novi Community Schools kicked off its series of Leadership Days around the district with a great display and celebration at Parkview Elementary School.

Each elementary school in Novi is having a day where student leadership is recognized as part of the growing Leader in Me process underway in the district.

At Parkview, students led a school-wide assembly, as well as other activ-

ities as part of the day.

"It was a wonderful display of community – a community that stands for excellence for everyone," Parkview Principal Jennifer Michos said.

She said students took time to pause and celebrate "A Day in the Life of a Parkview Student."

Across the district, other schools are also taking time to pause over the course of the next two weeks to honor the leadership, learning and voice of Novi students in grades K-6.

During Parkview's Leadership Day, students gathered in classrooms, with each grade mixing together in each room to discuss a topic. This happens each month. This day, they talked

about bullying and how leaders can help others in need.

Students discussed being a bystander versus an upstander and how being proactive and finding their voice can help others being bullied.

In the school's gymnasium, a full house of students, staff, parents and other local attendees gathered for a demonstration of student talents. Musical talents were displayed, with some students playing the piano and singing.

The assembly was led by fourth-grader Ellie Malachowski, who talked about Leader in Me and how it empowered her to be more outgoing.

"Having these leadership opportunities have helped me find my voice," she said.

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Spring is in the air – and testing season is upon us

It is finally March! February, for being such a short month, sure seemed long this year. Record snow. Record cold. I for one am glad that February has come and gone.

With March comes the hope of spring. Pitchers and catchers have reported to Florida for spring training. Even though I can't see any blades of grass out of my office window, it won't be long before I am mowing grass and complaining about how hot it is.



Steve Matthews
 SUPER TALK

This year March brings with it a new season – the M-STEP season. M-STEP is the state of Michigan's replacement for the 40-year-old Michigan Educational Assessment Program and the more recently adopted Michigan Merit Exam. Test administration moves from the fall to the spring of each school year. This will allow student measurement to be based upon current versus prior year learning.

As in previous years, English language arts (reading, writing and listening) and mathematics will be

assessed in grades 3-8. To reflect current year testing, science will move from being assessed in grades 5 and 8 to grades 4 and 7 and social studies from grades 6 and 9 to grades 5 and 8 to measure current year growth.

The high school began the new M-STEP test this week March 3. The elementary and middle school assessments will be given later this spring.

I believe in assessment. We need to have authentic, meaningful assessments that give us insight into what students know and what they do not yet know. Assessments help us measure student growth. They give us a perspective on our curriculum. They help us answer the question of whether or not students are learning.

But assessments need to be well-crafted and purposeful. Assessments of students are not necessarily intended to give us insight into the strength of a teacher's performance. In my mind, we need to have a rich variety of information to determine both student and teacher performance and we should never rely on a single point to make high-stakes decisions.

In our school improvement process, teachers and administrators look at data to help evaluate if the students are

learning. Assessment data provide insight into the strengths and weaknesses of our curriculum, help teachers reflect on their teaching and help schools evaluate what they can do to ensure that students are learning.

I hear complaints about the time testing takes from instruction. It is true that assessment takes time. The tests range from a total of seven hours of testing in third grade to more than 11 hours of testing in the high school. That is about 1 percent of the instructional time we provide for students over the course of a school year.

Some might argue that test preparation takes another significant chunk of time. I would suggest to you that while we are concerned with test performance in our district, what we are more concerned with is teaching a rich, dynamic and engaging curriculum. If we do that, then we do not need to spend time in test preparation. Our students will do well.

While I enjoy March, with its hint of spring, it is this year the beginning of testing season. We will get through it like we always do. And we will do well.

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

NYA seeking youth nominations

By **Lonnie Huhman**
 Staff Writer

Novi Youth Assistance is looking for good candidates for the NYA Recognition Ceremony at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 2, at the Novi Civic Center.

"The purpose of the program is to recognize and honor those students who have volunteered their time and talents for the benefit of their community," said Tom Swieboda, NYA caseworker.

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

"We have asked school, churches, senior centers, library employees to consider students who have donated

their time in their organizations," Swieboda said.

There is no limit to the number of students honored. Last year, there were 14 students.

NYA is attempting to recognize any student who has volunteered in the community or contributed their time to make the world a better place by helping others.

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

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Boards of Review scheduling tax appeals

By Cal Stone
Staff Writer

By now, local homeowners should have received their 2015 tax assessment notices in the mail and the opportunity to appeal that dollar amount is quickly approaching.

Think it's not worth the time? The owner of a Northville apartment complex had his assessed value reduced by \$3 million, saving him \$21,000 every year on his property taxes.

More on how that happened in a bit, but first things first. There are four common values examined by Michigan assessors, as noted on Northville Township's website:

Assessed value (AV): 50 percent of true cash value (i.e., the usual selling price between a buyer and seller and synonymous with market value).

State equalized value (SEV): The assessed value resulting after county and state equalization processes.

Capped value (CV): The parcel's prior year's taxable value, multiplied by the consumer price index or 5 percent, whichever is less, unless there is a physical change in the property.

Taxable value: The lesser of the assessed value or capped value, unless there is a transfer of ownership. When a property transfers ownership, then its taxable value is uncapped in the year following the transfer of ownership and its taxable value is the same as its state equalized value (i.e., assessed value).

If you feel the assessed value determined by your municipality – Northville Township or the cities of Northville or Novi – is in error, you can protest via a petition to the local Board of Review.

It is up to the homeowner or property owner to provide a basis for the appeal and present supporting information. Supplying no documentation can be reason for denial; the burden of proof is on the petitioner.

The local assessor's office has sales information that can help you determine the assessed value of your home or property. Your property identification number or parcel code is on the assessment notice you received in the mail.

Appearing before the Board of Review is necessary to protect your right to further appeals to the Michigan Tax Tribunal for valuation and exemption appeals and/or State Tax Commission for classification appeals.

Tax revenue

Property tax revenue is crucial for municipalities. In Northville Township, for example, the 2014 tax bill is estimated to total \$15.74 million, which represents 70 percent of the total revenue for all governmental funds within the township.

"The largest component of the township's 2014 total property tax millage is dedicated solely for public safety," said Marina Neumaier, the township finance director. "Based on 2014 taxable values, residential properties generate approximately 86 percent, commercial and industrial properties 10 percent and personal property 4 percent of the township's total property tax revenue."

Northville Township's

portion of the 2014 property tax bill is levied and collectible beginning Dec. 1, 2014, and is recognized as revenue in the 2015 fiscal year. The 2014 taxes are payable to the township until March 2, after which they are required by state law to be transferred to Wayne County to be added to its rolls.

In the city of Northville, there are 2,398 residential properties, 203 real commercial properties and 22 industrial properties, according to Sandi Wiktorowski, finance director/treasurer for the city.

"As for revenues, we generated \$4,163,603 for city operations and \$541,492 for the street improvement program," she said.

Last year, the city Board of Review heard four Oakland County residential appeals, resulting in two assessed value reductions totaling \$119,300. In Wayne County, there were 17 appeals with 14 reductions totaling \$321,070.

There were no appeals to the Michigan Tax Tribunal in either county's portion of the city last year.

In the larger city of Novi, there 17,495 residential properties (including vacant land) and 1,064 commercial and industrial properties. There also about 2,400 personal property accounts.

"I don't have an exact number on those because we are still accepting statements," said Glenn Lemmon, city assessor.

To date, the city had scheduled two appointments for the Board of Review. However, Lemmon said he expected that number to go up as the March 6 deadline approached.

"Keep in mind that there are a variety of reasons for properties being reviewed by the board," Lemmon said.

"Not every issue that was brought before the board was an angry taxpayer."

For 2014, a total of 324 parcels were brought before the Novi Board of Review. Only 28 of those appeals were in-person appeals where a property owner sat in front of the board; 26 of those were residential and two were commercial (12 residential assessed values were reduced).

There were 36 letter appeals, with 29 of those being residential (six residential assessed values were reduced). All 19 poverty appeals were residential with 14 reductions. There were 118 personal property late filings, with 60 reductions and 50 increases.

"Professional tax representatives filing protective appeals make up a huge portion of the



BOARD OF REVIEW DATES

NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP

The Northville Township Board of Review will conduct hearings for appeals from citizens regarding 2015 assessments at the Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road. All appeals are by appointment. Call 248-348-5800, ext. 10133, to schedule an appointment. Letters of appeal must be received by noon March 13. Postmarks are not accepted. Appointment dates for hearings are:

Saturday, March 7 – 9 a.m. to noon
Monday, March 9 – 9 a.m. to noon; 1-4 p.m.
Tuesday, March 10 – 1-4 p.m.; 6-9 p.m.
Thursday, March 12 – 9-11 a.m.; 6-8 p.m.
Friday, March 13 – 9 a.m. to noon

All persons protesting their assessment must complete a petition (form L-4035), which can be obtained at Northville Township or www.michigan.gov/treasury. Click on Forms, then click Property Tax, Board of Review (L-4035).

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On the back of the assessment notices mailed Feb. 24, it states that it is requested that appointments for the Board of Review be scheduled prior to Feb. 27. However, the city will continue to accept appointments until the last day of the scheduled public hearings. Hearing dates are scheduled for the following dates:

Monday, March 9 – 1-5 p.m.; 6-9 p.m.
Wednesday, March 11 – 1-5 p.m.; 6-9 p.m.

If you have not received your notice yet or would like to schedule an appointment, call 248-449-9901 or email tax@ci.northville.mi.us.

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The Novi Board of Review will be held in the Council Chambers at the Novi Civic Center (45175 W. 10 Mile Road):

Monday, March 9 – 9 a.m. to noon; 2-6 p.m.
Tuesday, March 10 – 9 a.m. to noon; 2-6 p.m.
Thursday, March 12 – 1-4 p.m.; 6-9 p.m.

All appearances before the Board of Review will be by appointment only. If you or your representatives wish to appear in person, the appointment must be made on or before 5 p.m. Friday, March 6, accompanied by a completed petition.

Appearances before the Board of Review are limited to five minutes or less.

Blank petition forms are available upon request at the city assessor's office or you can download the form on the city's website (<http://www.cityofnovi.org/Reference/Forms/BoardOfReviewPetition.aspx>).

Written appeals: Persons not wishing to appear before the Board of Review may submit a written appeal which must be received on or before 5 p.m. Wednesday, March 11. Postmarks will NOT be considered. When submitting a written appeal for the Board of Review's consideration, you must attach the Board of Review Petition (also available at the assessor's office), fully executed, along with any supporting information.

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

If you purchased this property during 2014, you are required to file a Property Transfer Affidavit with the assessor's office. You may qualify for a Homeowner's Principal Residence Exemption.

Commercial and industrial properties may have personal property. Questions can be addressed at 248-858-0989.

The Novi Assessing Department can be reached at 248-347-0485.

appeals," Lemmon said. "Of the 119 protective appeals, 117 were resi-

dential. Several assessor corrections and miscellaneous items made up the

difference. As a note – tax reps file protective appeals and then gener-

ally move on to the Michigan Tax Tribunal."

So in the city of Novi, between in-person and letter appeals, 55 residential property owners appealed their 2014 values. Eighteen of those (33 percent) received reductions. With the exception of the poverty appeals, the rest of the appeals amounted to bookkeeping, Lemmon said.

Of those 55 residential appeals, 12 went on to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. The results of those appeals? Two cases were withdrawn, three were dismissed, four assessments were affirmed, one was reduced, one decision is pending and one case has not been heard yet.

To appeal or not

So is it worth your time to appeal your property's assessed value? That's up to each individual to decide, but it could result in savings like it did for the apartment complex owner mentioned earlier.

According to Kevin O'Connor, chief operating officer of Southfield-based 1-800-LAW FIRM, his tax services division helped that owner save big bucks.

That division is run by managing partner Joshua Shillair, a former referee of the Michigan Tax Tribunal who has tried thousands of cases, O'Connor said.

"We use industry-leading technology to value your property to accurately assess what you should pay and what you are paying," O'Connor said. "We have different packages for commercial and for residential."

He said most people don't know tax assessments can be appealed. Their taxes come out of escrow and they don't think about it as good or bad or going up or down.

"It's incumbent on consumers," O'Connor said. "It's their right. You have rights as a consumer to appeal, but you need to be educated, which is what we do."

He said 1-800-LAW-FIRM got the assessed value for that 168-unit apartment complex reduced by \$3 million.

"We have an industrial building that we're saving five grand a year," O'Connor said. "One homeowner in West Bloomfield was paying \$18,000 a year in property taxes. We cut his tax in half."

Over 10 years, he's saving \$90,000 in property taxes, according to O'Connor.

"Even though he's rich, that's a lot of money," he said. "You might want to pay attention."

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'Accidental' congressman files for bankruptcy

By Todd Spangler
Michigan.com

WASHINGTON — Former U.S. Rep. Kerry Bentivolio filed for bankruptcy in Detroit last week, listing debts of nearly \$300,000, including \$120,000 in an ongoing claim involving a former campaign worker.

Bentivolio, a Milford Republican and former Fowlerville Community Schools teacher, served one two-year term before being soundly beaten in the Republican primary last August by Dave Trott, a Birmingham



Bentivolio

lawyer and businessman who replaced him in Congress this year. Bentivolio's Chapter 7 bankruptcy petition, filed Feb. 23, comes as little surprise, given his campaign debts. In his year-end campaign finance report, filed in late January, he listed debts of more than \$128,000 — \$80,000 of that owed to Robert Dindoffer — against \$3,052 cash on hand.

Dindoffer ran Bentivolio's successful campaign in 2012 but later sued the congressman in Oakland County Circuit Court claiming he was owed more than \$150,000 in back payments.

As of last July, it appeared according to the campaign finance records that Bentivolio no longer disputed a claim he listed as \$90,000.

Yet the legal dispute with Dindoffer clearly cost Bentivolio dearly: The debts included in the bankruptcy filing included more than \$50,000 in legal representation

and advice, as well as an unsecured claim for \$120,000 from Dindoffer's lawyer.

It was not immediately known if that included the amount claimed by Dindoffer, his lawyer's fees or both.

Bentivolio also has \$109,228 in secured claims against him including mortgages on his house in Milford and a lien by the Congressional Federal Credit Union.

He listed assets of \$269,246 — though the vast majority of that was wrapped up in personal and real property un-

available to cover his debts, including his home, its furnishings and his pensions.

Known widely as the "accidental" congressman, Bentivolio was a political novice when he suddenly became the only Republican on the ballot in Michigan's Republican-leaning U.S. House 11th District in 2012 after the incumbent, Rep. Thad McCotter of Livonia, quit amid a scandal over fraudulent re-election petition signatures.

The Republican establishment attempted to

field a write-in candidate to replace Bentivolio but lost, sending the former educator, reindeer rancher and National Guardsman to Congress.

But Bentivolio had little chance against Trott, with the challenger lining up support across the district, especially in Oakland County Republican circles, and outspending the incumbent by better than 5-to-1.

The 11th District includes western Wayne and Oakland counties, as well as an area in and around Birmingham.

New U.S. rep talks issues at town hall meeting

By Diane Gale Andreassi
Staff Writer

Issues ran from road improvements to immigration concerns and tax reform to patent laws and human trafficking during U.S. Rep. David Trott's town hall meeting Feb. 19 at Lyon Township Hall.

About 10 people braved the cold temper-

atures and subzero wind chills to hear the freshman 11th District congressman report on his first 40 days since being sworn into office Jan. 6.

Support questions

Trott, who sits on the Foreign Affairs and Judiciary committees, listed tax reform as one of the biggest issues facing the "highly dys-

functional federal government." Congress is currently dealing with two bills to provide regulatory relief to small businesses, Trott said, emphasizing, however, he "doubts" President Barack Obama will pass tax reform changes.

On a local level, Trott addressed needed road improvements. He specifically pointed to work

on Ford Road and Haggerty Road in Canton, because the intersection was deemed by the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments in 2013 as the most dangerous. The fiscal and social conservative also noted, however, that the federal highway trust fund will run out of money in May.

"We're looking for a long-term solution," he said. "It would be great to get more targeted money to address the problem."

Grant decisions

Trott noted that he is working on an issue raised by Milford Township Supervisor Don Green, who pointed to



Trott

concerns about how the federal government only allows communities to use 30 percent of Commu-

nity Development Block Grants for community services. Green wanted more local control on the remaining funds.

"We are working on communities having a little more latitude on how they spend it," Trott said.

There are three ways Congress can make a "difference" — providing personal help to constituents in the district with issues ranging from passport problems to veterans affairs and supporting Eagle Scouts; voting on bills the way

constituents indicate; and "the more difficult of the three — to find issues you can work on" to help fix a problem, said Trott, who won the 2014 primary election against Milford Republican incumbent Kerry Bentivolio.

Lyon Township Trustee John Hicks was among the few in attendance. He introduced Trott at the beginning of the meeting.

The 11th District includes western Wayne and Oakland counties, as well as the area around Birmingham and Bloomfield. Locally, the cities of Novi and Northville and Northville Township are part of the district.

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City of Northville
Proposed Amendments to Chapter 38 Fire and Fire Prevention
City of Northville Code of Ordinances

At its regular meeting on March 16, 2015, the Northville City Council will consider introducing for first reading an ordinance to amend Chapter 38 Fire and Fire Prevention in the Code of Ordinances.

The proposed ordinance amendment would amend Section 38-4 Adoption of Fire Prevention Code to remove reference to the BOCA National Fire Prevention Code 1996 Edition and, instead, reference the adoption of, by reference, the International Fire Code (2012 Edition), as published by the International Code Council (ICC).

Public comments will be received at the City Council meeting scheduled for March 16, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. at the City of Northville Municipal Building, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-349-1300. Written comments may also be submitted to the above address. Complete text of the proposed ordinance amendment is available for review at the City Clerk's Office during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, local prevailing time and on the City's website at www.ci.northville.mi.us.

STEPHEN OTT, FIRE CHIEF DIANNE MASSA, CITY CLERK

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CITY OF NOVI
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 25, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT 18.274 FOR A RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF NOVI ZONING ORDINANCE AT ARTICLE 4. USE STANDARDS, SECTION 4.82. RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS; IN ORDER TO RECONCILE THE STANDARDS FOR MULTIPLE-FAMILY USES FOR MIXED USE DEVELOPMENTS AND NON-MIXED USE DEVELOPMENTS.**

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing. The proposed text amendment is available for examination and review at the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Any written comments must be received by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, March 25, 2015.

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Michael Lynch, Secretary

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Sealed bids for the Novi Community Schools' Bid Package #2, Consisting of Remodeling Projects at:

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- Orchard Hills Elementary School
- Village Oaks Elementary School
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will be received until 1:00 P.M. Local time on **Wednesday, March 11, 2015** at the Novi Community Schools' Educational Services Building located at:

25345 Taft Road
Novi, MI 48374
ATTN: Mr. Steve Barr, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Operations

Bids received after this time and date will not be considered or accepted and will be returned to the bidder unopened.

Faxed proposals will not be accepted.

This Bid Package will consist of a separate sealed bid for the following Bid Divisions:

118: Carpet	120: Painting
121: Visual Display Boards	134: Stage Extension / Pit Filler Cover
142: HVAC	143: Electrical

Bidding documents prepared by **TMP Architecture, Inc.** will be available for public inspection at the main office of the Construction Manager, **McCarthy & Smith, Inc.**, 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI 48335; the Dodge Plan Room; Construction Association of Michigan (CAM); Reed Construction Data; and Builders Exchange Lansing.

Bid Documents will be available beginning at 12:00 P.M. on Monday, February 16, 2015 via the following:

- Bidders may obtain one (1) set of 1/2 size bidding documents at the office of the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, Inc., located at 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI 48335.
- Bidders may download bid documents from Gradebeam.com, free of charge, by contacting the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith at (248) 427-8400 to obtain log in information for access to the project documents.

All bids should include 2 copies (1 original, 1 copy) of the Proposal Pricing Form (Section 00 41 26), Proposal Execution Form (Section 00 42 00), and the Iran Economics Sanctions Act Affidavit. **The Proposal Execution Form provides a space for the bidder to disclose any familial relationship as required by Section 1267 of the Revised School Code, as amended, MCL 380.1267, and this form must be signed and notarized in order for the bid to be accepted. The Iran Economic Sanctions Act Affidavit form may be found in section 00 42 10 of the Bidding Requirements & General Conditions Manual.**

Each bid must be accompanied by a Bid Security in the amount of five (5) percent of the amount of the bid, payable to Novi Community Schools, as a guarantee that if the proposal is accepted, the bidder will execute the contract and file the required bonds within ten (10) days after notice of award of contract.

If awarded a contract, the successful bidder may be required to furnish a Performance Bond and Labor and Material Payment Bond in the amount of 100% of the contract price.

Novi Community Schools reserves the right to reject any or all bids received, to waive any informalities and irregularities in the bidding, and to accept a bid other than the lowest bid.

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CITY OF NOVI
NOTICE OF MEETING OF BOARD OF REVIEW

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

BOARD OF REVIEW SCHEDULE

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

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

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The Board of Education of Northville Public Schools is accepting Prime Contractor firm bids for all labor, materials, equipment and all other services to the Site Paving and Interior Electrical Lighting Work at the above referenced schools; located in the Northville Public Schools.

Plans and specifications as prepared by Spalding DeDecker and Peter Basso Associates may be downloaded via PlanWell and are available for review at the office of the George W. Auch Company, 735 S. Paddock Street, Pontiac, MI 48341 248.334.2000, on or after March 3, 2015. Bid Package consists of Instruction to Bidders, Proposal Forms, General and Supplementary Conditions, drawings and pertinent trade specifications. Contact Scott Oswald or Shawn Debo for download instructions.

Your proposal will be accepted **NO LATER THAN 3:00PM, MARCH 17, 2015 TO: NORTHVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION-ROOM 307, 501 WEST MAIN STREET, NORTHVILLE, MI 48167.** Oral, telephone, fax or electronic mail bids are invalid and will not receive consideration.

All bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 3:00 P.M., March 17, 2015 at the Northville Board of Education-Room 104, 501 West Main Street, Northville, MI 48167.

A pre-bid walk through is scheduled for Monday March 9, 2015 @ 3:00 pm beginning at 45700 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI. 48168. Please meet in the Northville High School main entrance. This meeting is not mandatory but highly recommended.

All contracts to be entered into by the Northville Public Schools must and will comply with the equal opportunity laws of the State of Michigan.

All bids must be submitted on the forms provided in the bid packet.

All bidders must provide familial disclosure in compliance with MCL 380.1267 and attach this information to the bid proposal. The bid proposal will be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner or any employee of the bidder and any member of the Northville Public Schools, Board of Education or the Northville Public Schools, Superintendent. The District will not accept a bid proposal that does not include this sworn and notarized disclosure statement.

Proposals must include a Treasury listed bid bond or certified check made payable to Northville Public Schools for not less than five percent (5%) of the contract for each proposal over \$23,126 and must be submitted on the bid proposal form furnished with the specifications. All proposals shall remain firm for a period of sixty (60) days.

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, either in whole or in part; to award contract to other than the low bidder; to waive any irregularities and/or informalities; and in general to make awards in any manner deemed to be in the best interests of the owner.

James Mazurek, Secretary
Northville Public Schools, Board of Education

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Left-turn lane is not a merge, acceleration lane

To make a left turn or not to make a left turn — that is the question: Whether 'tis nobler to make in the mind and suffer the speeding and traffic of outrageous fortune or depress the gas pedal against the sea of vehicles.

That is a quote from one of my favorite, lesser known Shakespearean plays, "A Midwinter's Night's Dream." A fantastic play, by the way.



Michael Sura
GUEST COLUMNIST

The question came in: Is it all right to turn into the left-turn lane from a parking lot and then use it as a lane of travel?

The answer is no. The left-turn lane is not to be used as a merge or acceleration lane. It is only available for use by vehicles for a reasonable

distance in preparation for a left turn from an adjacent lane. Now, this is not specified in the Michigan Vehicle Code, but it is specified in the Michigan Manual on Uniform Traffic Devices.

Bottom line — do not use the left-turn lane for anything other than turning left. If you are turning from a driveway, parking lot, private drive or a roadway, you should make sure you can turn into the lane of travel — not the left-turn lane. I

hope that helps.

Another question this week is: Who receives the money from traffic fines?

Well, believe it or not, the purpose of traffic enforcement is to positively impact driving behaviors, prevent crashes and reduce injuries and fatalities. I know some people think that traffic enforcement is used to generate revenue for the government. That is not correct.

Fines are the penalty

portion of the citation money received by the court. For violations written under state law, usually by state troopers or county deputies, 100 percent of the fines are applied to the support of public libraries and county law libraries.

For violations written under local ordinance, usually by municipal police officers or some county deputies assigned to townships, 30 percent of the fines are applied to the library fund, while 70

percent is given back to the municipality.

Costs are the portion of the citation money used to pay the expenses to process the citation. Costs are capped at \$100, unless specifically set otherwise.

Sgt. Michael Sura works with the Michigan State Police Department. If you have questions or comments please email them to askatrooper12@gmail.com.

NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

Marijuana possession

A female passenger in a car pulled over by Novi Police for suspicious activity was arrested for marijuana possession.

Novi Police were reportedly called to the Speedway gas station Jan. 25 on the report of a suspicious man who allegedly earlier that day went behind the cashier counter at the station

without permission and then was told to leave. The station called police when he came back. Officers arrived to see the suspect get in a car and leave.

According to the report, police followed the car and pulled it over at the Quality Inn on Haggerty Road. The man denied being in the station earlier, but was arrested for driving on a suspended license. A female passenger was

also arrested after police found marijuana in her possession.

Mail stolen

A Novi resident had a check for \$50 stolen from a birthday card.

The resident lives on Olde Orchard Street and first found an envelope from TCF Bank ripped into upon retrieving her mail Jan. 22. The next day a card from her grandmother, which had the personalized check

in it, was also found to have been ripped into by an unknown person.

There was no evidence to point to a potential suspect.

Window kicked in

A woman's car had its window kicked in while

parked at a Novi residence Jan. 23-24.

The destruction of property incident happened on Rotunda Court. The woman was visiting a friend and, when she later returned to her locked car, she found the driver's side window

shattered and footprints on the passenger window as well. Police reported finding blood at the scene.

No suspect has yet been identified.

— By Lonnie Huhman

NORTHVILLE POLICE BRIEFS

Attempted retail theft

A Novi woman was arrested for attempting to steal items from the Kohl's store on Haggerty Road.

The incident happened Feb. 20. The store's loss prevention team spotted the woman enter the location with an empty Kohl's bag and then select several items before going into a dressing room. It was reported she exited the room and the bag appeared to be full; nothing was left in the room.

Northville Township Police reported that when asked what happened the woman said, "I stole some stuff."

Marijuana possession

A Plymouth man was arrested for marijuana possession and drug paraphernalia after Northville Township Police stopped him for driving a car without its headlights on in the dark.

The arrest came Feb. 18 at Six Mile and Northville roads. Upon making contact, police reported smelling marijuana inside the car. Officers reportedly asked the 25-year-old man, who was a passenger, if he had any drugs on him. He said he did and police found seven marijuana joints and a syringe with heroin residue in it.

Prescription drugs

A Warren man was arrested by Northville Township Police for possessing unprescribed pills.

The police reported stopping the man Feb. 18 for driving erratically on Seven Mile Road near Maxwell Road. He reportedly crossed the center line numerous times. A check revealed he had license suspensions.

A search of the car turned up pill containers, one with four different pills and another with one. One of the pills was oxycodone.

— By Lonnie Huhman

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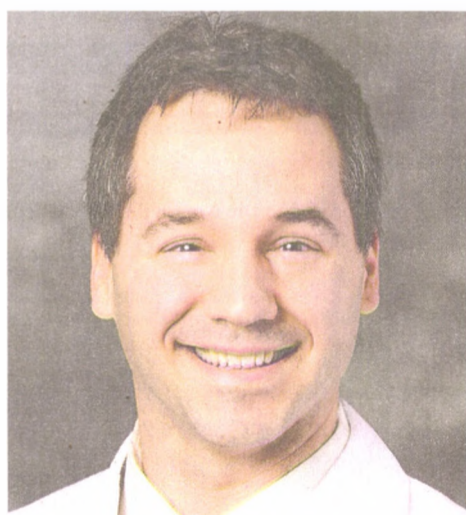
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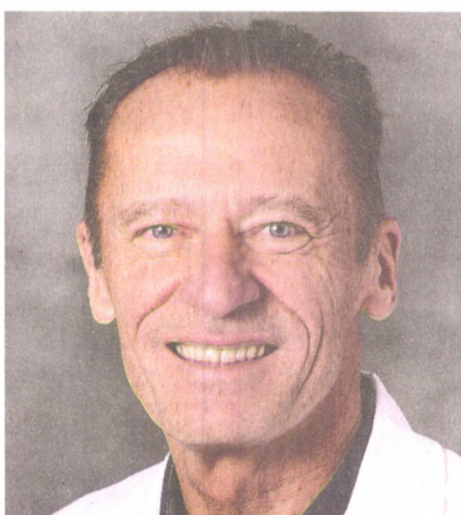
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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Oscar contest winners

Cheryl Niemie of Highland won the top prize in the *Observer & Eccentric* 2015 Oscar contest sponsored in part by Buddy's pizza.

Niemie, along with Bonnie Burkhardt of Canton and Mickey Skuratovich of Rockwood, answered the seven selected categories correctly along with a tie-breaker. A random drawing was held to determine the prizes.

Niemie wins a \$150 Netflix gift card, a \$50 Buddy's gift certification and popcorn and a box of movie candy. Burkhardt receives a \$60 Netflx gift card and a \$50 Buddy's gift certificate. Skuratovich wins a \$30 Netflx gift card and a \$15 Buddy's gift certificate.

Become a hero – give blood during Red Cross Month

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

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

Novi – 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. March 7, Corrigan Record Storage (45200 Grand River Avenue), and 7:30 a.m. to 7:15 p.m. March 13, Providence Park Hospital (47601 Grand River Avenue) Northville Township – 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. March 14, Amerman Elemen-

tary (847 N. Center Street)

Individuals who are 17 years of age, weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements. For more information, visit redcross.org or on Twitter at @RedCross.

'The Frog Prince' at Marquis

The Marquis Theatre in downtown Northville presents *The Frog Prince* March 7 through May 10.

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

Show times are 2:30 p.m. March 7-8, 14-15, 21-22 and 28-29; April 4, 11-12, 18-19 and 25-26; May 2-3 and 9-10 and Tuesday through Friday, April 7-10.

Tickets for all performances are \$9; no children under the age of 3. Group rates and reserved seating for groups of 20 or more. Birthday parties and Scout Days available. Special weekday school shows are also available.

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

Bowl-A-Thon set for March 7

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

The goal is to raise \$25,000 and all monies raised are used in the

Since the 1970s



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Charlie McGinnis works on crocheting a baby blanket at the Feb. 24 meeting of All Things Knitting and Crocheting at the Novi Senior Center. The group, which meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, gathers in the third floor of the Meadowbrook Commons and works on individual or group projects. McGinnis began crocheting in the 1970s, when he joined the Navy and found he needed an extra blanket to keep warm.

community through Novi Youth Assistance. NYA is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization and all donations are tax-deductible.

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

Form a team and/or sponsor a bowler or lane. Pledge sheets are due at check-in at noon. For pledge sheets or information regarding sponsorship, call 248-347-0410 or go to www.cityofnovi.org.

No-No's meeting

The Gardeners of Northville & Novi (a.k.a. The No-No's) will present Ed Blondin, lecturing on Persian gardens on Monday, March 9. Travel back in time to an empire that gave us modern drip irrigation, a staggering number of plants assumed as 'our own' and the first glimpses into the Garden of Paradise.

Social mixer is at 6:30 p.m.; speaker at 7 p.m.; in Novi High School's (24062 Taft Road) Media Forum Room 198C. Park in the staff parking lot, which is the first drive-

way on Taft Road south of 10 Mile; enter via door 43.

Pen and paper may be helpful for notes. Visitors are welcome; \$5 donation for non-members. Go to <http://gardenersnorthville-novi.org> for more information.

Northville Garden Club meeting

The Northville Garden Club will meet Monday, March 9, at the Cady Inn. Members social and luncheon begins at noon; program begins at 1:30 p.m. following the club meeting. Helen Bai will be presenting "Impatiens Alternatives."

Guests are always welcome. For more information, contact Inge Knoth at 248-348-1835.

Meet with Rep. Heise

State Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth, invites residents of the 20th District to meet with him Monday, March 9, during office hours at the following times and locations:

Parthenon Coney Island, 39910 Ford Road,

Canton; 10-11 a.m.

Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady Street; noon to 1 p.m.

Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main Street; 3-4 p.m.

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

Agent speaking to AAUW

Tisha Hammond, diversity and civil rights officer, from the Power and Diversity Office of the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Agency in Detroit, will be the speaker at the 6:45 p.m. March 10 meeting of the Northville-Novu Branch of the American Association of University Women at the Novi United Methodist Church, 41671 W. 10 Mile, in Novi.

Hammond will discuss diversity and civil rights, as well as lead a discussion of those topics. Whether in the front line occupations or in an administrative-professional-technical role, women are vital to CBP's mission. They protect the U.S. by preventing terrorist and terrorist weapons, undocumented aliens and illegal drugs from crossing our borders.

This is also a chance for young girls to talk to a woman in a dynamic and, sometimes, controversial career. The public is welcome. RSVP to Rhonda York at rlyork03@gmail.com with Hammond in the subject line.

Special events offered by Novi's Older Adult Services

Don't let cold weather and a bit of snow diminish fun this winter; treat yourself to a warm meal, entertainment and friendship by attending a

special event hosted by city of Novi Older Adult Services.

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

Shamrock Noon Luncheon – noon to 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 17:

Irish or not, you are invited to a wee bit o' blarney at the St. Patrick's Day celebration. Enjoy a traditional Irish meal and entertainment with the luck o' the Irish be with you. Ticket deadline is March 11.

Take Me Out to the Ball Game Luncheon – noon to 2 p.m. Monday, April 6:

Tigers fans, you're on deck. Join other loyal fans at this opening game celebration with a stadium style lunch, entertainment from Joel Palmer and then stay to watch the game and cheer the Tigers to victory. Ticket deadline is March 31

Kentucky Derby – 4-6 p.m. Saturday, May 2:

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

For more information about upcoming events

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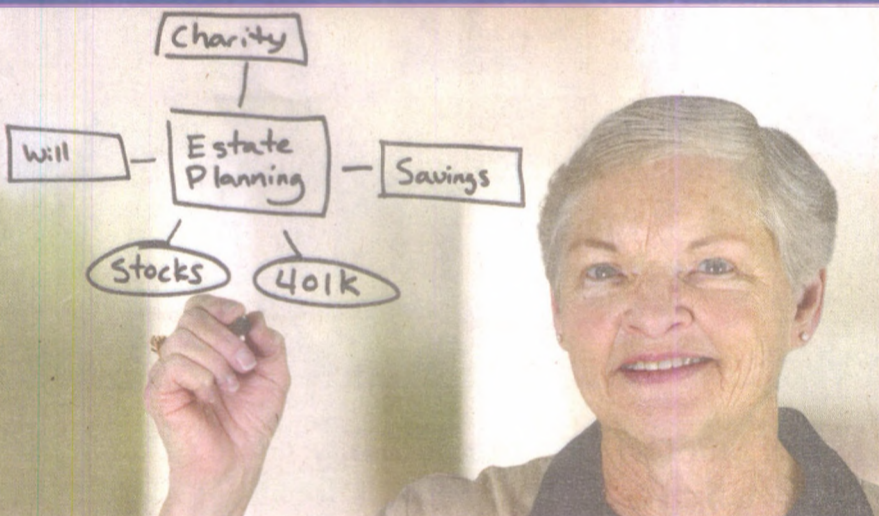
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and programs, go to www.cityofnovi.org or call city of Novi Older Adult Services at 248-347-0414.

'Les Miserables' at OakPointe

A new production of Boubil and Schonberg's *Les Miserables* will be coming to OakPointe Church in Novi March 6-8.

Winner of eight Tony Awards and based on Victor Hugo's epic novel about a powerful story of redemption, loyalty and liberty; this is the show that has touched the hearts of its international audience as few shows in history have ever done.

Les Miserables will be the sixth production by OakPointe Players in conjunction with Northville Ballet Theatre, as they continue building on the rich tradition of cultural excellence of OakPointe Church and the greater Detroit area. Net proceeds from ticket sales and donations will be given to Living Hope International, an international ministry dedicated to serving and building a future for orphans in Ndola, Zambia (www.livinghopeinternational.org).

Tickets are available at OakPointe Church (50200 W. 10 Mile Road) from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and after each weekend service. Prices are \$15 for adults and \$12 for children under 10 and seniors over 65.

For more information, contact Sue Brock at OakPointe Church at 248-912-0043, ext. 319 (www.oakpointe.org).

Woman's Club meetings

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

Northville Woman's Club will conclude its 2014-15 season on March 20 with the program, The J.L. Hudson Story, complete with a catered Maurice salad luncheon.

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

Chamber welcomes Freep columnist

The Northville Chamber of Commerce welcomes Rochelle Riley, *Detroit Free Press* columnist, to a chamber luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 18, at Northville Hills Golf Club (15565 Bay Hill Drive). Event sponsors are ATI Physical Therapy and Patti Mullen, Remerica Home-town One. Cost is \$25 for chamber members; \$28 for non-members. Lunch includes Northville Hills Michigan Cherry Salad with chicken, soup, rolls and coffee/hot tea.

Riley's columns have appeared in the *Free Press* and at www.freep.com since 2000. She writes passionately about responsible government, community responsibility, public education, race, film and Michigan's reading crisis. Winner of numerous awards for writing, Riley is sought after speaker and the Northville chamber is delighted to welcome her to meet with members of the community.

Reservations and payment may be made by contacting the Northville Chamber of Commerce at 248-349-7640 or by email at tracisinc@northville.org.

Novi Farmers Market continues through winter

The 2014 Novi Farmers Market was so successful — with hundreds of people enjoying fresh vegetables, flowers and other items throughout the summer and fall — that the market will con-

tinue through the winter with gourmet foods and artisan items indoors at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 10 Mile.

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

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

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

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

'Leaving Iowa' at Tipping Point

The Tipping Point Theater (361 E. Cady Street, Northville) presents *Leaving Iowa* by Tim Clue and Spike Mantion through March 8. The curtain rises at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, with matinees at 3 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday.

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

"Since this production is a memory play so much of it takes place in flashbacks in the son, Don's, memory. This allows for an opportunity to see the backstory of the characters. It also

allows for more freedom and creativity in the characters and scenes," said director Beth Torrey. "Audiences can expect to laugh a lot and also be touched by this story. It is also extremely relatable to all- who hasn't taken some kind of family road trip at some point in their life."

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

Coffee with the Superintendent

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

Northville Chamber networking

Rise and Shine Networking will be held 8-9 a.m. Wednesday, March 11, at Henry Ford Novi Medical Center, 40000 W. Eight Mile, Northville. Join Northville Chamber of Commerce members for morning networking and light refreshments. It's free, but RSVP at tracisinc@northville.org or 248-349-7640, ext. 22.

Rise and Shine Networking will be 8-9 a.m. Wednesday, March 25, at Community Choice Credit Union, 41660 Six Mile, Northville. Join chamber members and welcome a new business to the Northville community with a grand opening ribbon cutting ceremony, including networking and light refreshments. It's free, but RSVP at tracisinc@northville.org or 248-349-7640, ext. 22.

State of Wixom

Wixom Mayor Kevin W. Hinkley will present his annual State of the City address at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 5, in

Snow day



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Steve Rieneke hauls his kids Jackson, 9, and Hailey, 7, up the hill Feb. 16 at Northville Township's Cass Benton Park. The youngsters had the day off school and the cold temps cut short Rieneke's work day, so they headed to the excellent sledding hill off of Hines Park Drive.

the Wixom Community Center (located at the Wixom Civic Center Campus at 49015 Pontiac Trail).

The mayor will provide an overview of the current state of the city and other matters pertinent to Wixom, its residents and businesses. Businesses and residents are encouraged to attend. A reception will follow.

Women and the clothes they wear

Love, Loss And What I Wore, a comedic play by Nora and Delia Ephron, plays for just one weekend, March 13-15, at Tipping Point Theatre. The curtain rises at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, with matinee at 2 p.m. Sunday.

Clothing is used as a vehicle to access some of the most vulnerable moments in a woman's life. Shopping for undergarments is transformed from a mortifying experience to a symbol of womanhood, a birthday outfit becomes a story of acceptance, and a bathrobe comes to embody the relationship between mother and daughter. Through a collection of monologues, the all-female cast of *What I Wore* reminds us that

what we wear flourishes more than our outfit; it accessorizes life's most pivotal moments of love and loss.

The play is directed by Lynn Wilde Concanon and stars Julia Glander, Katie Huber-Welty, Denise Jenkins, Laura Mandernack and Julie Yolles.

The theater is located at 361 E. Cady St. in Northville. All tickets are \$35 and are available now by calling the box office at 248-347-0003. Box office hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 90 minutes prior to performances.

For more information, call Lynn Wilde Concanon at 248-347-0003.

Learn about identity theft

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

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

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SATURDAY:	LUNCH - Homemade Sausage & Peppers + Veggie of the day + side salad DINNER - Prime Rib + Veggie of the day + Baked Potato*
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Consumer Electronics Show unveils new gadgets to use

The movie *Back to the Future* promised us hover boards and self-lacing high top sneakers by the year 2015. Well, it's officially the future and there are no signs of those gadgets for the common consumer.

Fortunately, this year's Consumer Electronics Show featured some other unfathomable and sometimes unnecessary technologies that may help us through the sadness of a hover board-free commute.

Oral-B® BlueTooth Toothbrush: Everything has Bluetooth connectivity now and your grooming products are no different. Oral-B® now has an electric toothbrush that connects with an app on your smart phone which measures your brushing habits. Sounds cool, but if you have great oral hygiene, you probably don't need this. If you have terrible oral hygiene, you've already proven you are too lazy to use this.

Dell XPS 13: This amazing laptop looks normal at first – until you realize the screen is 5.2 millimeters thick and the battery lasts for 15 hours, the longest of any 13-inch monitor on the market. It is compact, light and starts at \$999. For about \$1,500, you can make it a touchscreen. Soon, every device is going to have a touchscreen option and soon after that touchscreens will become



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standard. So expect upgrades for touchscreens to decrease in the future.

Super TVs: 4K TVs were the rage last year. Nobody can afford them now, but they are still yesterday's news thanks to new curved TVs and TVs with quantum dots. Don't know what quantum dots are? Don't feel bad – it took me multiple Wikipedia entries to understand.

What you really need to know about 4K TVs – and even newer models – is your cable provider, Netflix and others aren't streaming in 4K. The only way you can get the full effect of a 4K TV is buying a 4K Blu-Ray player and Blu-Ray discs. Or you could always buy a 4K camera and start your own TV show.

Seems like a lot of work and a waste until content providers stream content that can keep up with your home theater system.

Smart Phone Photo Printers: Polaroids for millennials have arrived in the form of Prynt, a device that attaches to a smart phone and prints your digital photos instantly. The product is in development on Kickstarter and is expected to cost \$99.

Selfie Stick: The most

polarizing technology to come from CES was the selfie stick. A selfie stick is a long, retractable handle that attaches to your smart phone. Users can hold it in front of them and take a picture. A picture can be taken with just a push of a remote that is connected to the handle. The remotes are Bluetooth-enabled and trigger your smart phone camera.

This device has taken a lot of heat from people complaining about selfies on social media, but these have practical uses and are great for solo travelers, couples or for anytime you don't have someone to take a photo.

Belty: Mark this one down in the "what the heck?" category. Belty is a digital belt that contracts and expands based on your daily activities. Did you just sit down for a marathon eating session? Belty will expand. Thanks, Belty. It also tracks your waistline and monitors your activity – which is what I thought we had pedometers and activity trackers for. Needless to say, traditional belt notches have been telling people if they have eaten too much for centuries.

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Fresh Thyme



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Work continues Feb. 27 at the soon-to-open Fresh Thyme grocery store at the northeast corner of Five Mile and Sheldon roads. The natural food store, which is opening five other locations in metro Detroit, should be open by this summer.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Novi Orthopaedic Center bought

CNL Healthcare Properties, a real estate investment trust focused on senior housing and health care facilities, has acquired Novi Orthopaedic Center, a Class A, multi-tenant medical office building, for approximately \$30.5 million.

The Novi building has 64,925 rentable square feet and is currently 100-percent occupied, anchored by a 26,000-square-foot, best-in-class regional ambulatory surgical center majority owned by Providence/St. John's Health System.

Holladay Properties, which manages more than 500 buildings in more than 25 states, will manage and lease the center on behalf of CNL Healthcare Properties. Holladay Properties also provides management and leasing services for 15 other assets owned by

the REIT and provides reporting and accounting services for two more; the 17 properties have a combined 727,453 square feet of rentable space.

Opened in 2007, Novi Orthopaedic Center is located on the campus of Providence Park Novi Hospital, a 200-bed facility that was ranked by *Consumer Reports* as one of Michigan's top three hospitals for surgical outcomes in 2013. Tenants include: practices owned by Providence/St. John's Health System, a nonprofit that owns and operates eight hospitals and more than 125 medical facilities, including Providence Park Novi Hospital, a subsidiary of Ascension Health; multiple surgical practices; and pain management clinic.

"The addition of this asset to our portfolio continues our investment strategy of acquiring newer health system anchored medical fac-

ilities in attractive submarkets," said Stephen H. Mauldin, president and CEO of CNL Healthcare Properties. "We also are pleased to extend our relationship with Holladay Properties through its management of this asset. Holladay has proven to be a valued partner at the other CNL Healthcare Properties facilities it manages and we are confident it will bring the same level of expertise and performance to Novi Orthopaedic Center."

Marvel Technologies honored by 'Corp!'

Novi-based Marvel Technologies Inc., provider of IT services and solutions, was selected as the *Corp!* DiSciTech: Digital, Science and Technology Award winner for 2015.

Corp! magazine is once again honoring the DiSciTech winners for

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THE MOST IMPORTANT RELATIONSHIPS BEGIN WITH TRUST.



Under New Leadership, Mass Mutual Southeast Michigan Seeks Growth Through Community Outreach

Southfield, Mich., Feb. 22, 2015 –When Colleen Schueneman took over full leadership of MassMutual Southeast Michigan last summer, she immediately set about building relationships with different segments of the community.

Schueneman, the new General Agent, and a growing staff of financial professionals are intent upon building meaningful connections, whether it's meeting with leaders of the Detroit Economic Club, local African-American organizations, or the Belle Isle Women's Committee.

"The fact is, you need to build trust in a community before you can start doing business there," Schueneman said. "We have been working very hard to get our feet firmly planted here."

"We are very excited to have Colleen at the helm of MassMutual Southeast Michigan," said John Vaccaro, Senior Vice President and Head of USIG Sales & Distribution for the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company (MassMutual). "Colleen is an innovative and visionary thinker who will be a strong leader for her agency, as well as the larger community."

For Schueneman immersion in the community has been a winning strategy. When she became Managing Director at MetLife in Chicago, Schueneman quickly realized that the company was not adequately serving the large multicultural community in the area.

Schueneman reached out to top leaders in the African-American community, invited them to a meeting, and just listened. The leaders told her they felt that the company had no presence locally, and that their constituents weren't being adequately supported or educated about financial matters. Schueneman continued to hold meetings over the next several months to hear about what they wanted and needed. From those conversations, Schueneman

began to support various community groups, sponsored art and theater events, and backed educational events through the African-American Chamber of Commerce.

The goal was both to provide important support to the community and to recruit new African-American financial professionals.

Schueneman learned valuable lessons from that endeavor and is employing a similar approach to her leadership at MassMutual Southeast Michigan.

"We recognize that in general, the multicultural market is vastly underserved," Schueneman said. "Just as I did in the Chicago area, I am meeting with leaders in this community and just listening to what their needs are."

In her new position, Schueneman has spent considerable time meeting with leaders of the Michigan Black Chamber of Commerce.

"What came out loud and clear is that the community needs more education about basic financial planning, debt reduction, college funding, and the danger of overusing credit cards," she said. Schueneman is working to develop an educational series through the chamber on these topics.

In addition to multicultural groups, Schueneman also is reaching out to women and to Millennials. She has recently brought on five women for staff positions and another nine women as financial professionals. Schueneman has spoken at various women's organizations and events in hopes of recruiting more women.

"A lot of our top producers are women," she said. "The job is appealing to women because it offers a lot of flexibility and opportunities for development, growth and advancement."

Under Schueneman's leadership MassMutual Southeast Michigan also is reaching out to Millennials, both in terms of recruiting and to develop a younger clientele. She has spoken at college campuses and to alumni groups, and is using newer technologies, such as video conferencing and social media to reach this tech-savvy audience.

Overall, Schueneman is creating an innovative vision that brings MassMutual Southeast Michigan squarely into the 21st Century. She has created one-stop shop at her agency, where clients can access an array of services under one roof.

She and her staff have also thrown themselves headlong into community service projects, including volunteering with Habitat for Humanity, Race for the Cure, and at Genesee Resources, a program that helps homeless women in the area. Schueneman also is active with The Make A Wish Foundation, Special Olympics, Ronald McDonald House, the Judson House, Jewish Vocational Services, Cal's Angels and WASCO Development of Girls, among other charities. Schueneman also serves on the Board of Trustees for the GAMA Foundation for Education and Research, where she develops research to educate future leaders in the financial services industry.

"I have been out and about in the community, building trust and rapport among people because that is the starting point," she said. "If you want to be engaged in the community, you also need to give back."

But for all the new relationships she is building, Schueneman's role as the new General Agent of MassMutual Southeast Michigan is a homecoming of sorts. A Michigan native, she has been in the financial services industry for nearly 30 years. Schueneman began her career as a financial services representative and has represented Prudential, Mutual of New York and MetLife, and headed her own firm before joining MassMutual. After spending 20 years in the Chicago area, Schueneman has returned to the area with her husband and three children. She is an avid golfer and sports enthusiast, and enjoys her time as a Fast Pitch softball coach.



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NEWSMAKERS

Ramachandran elected to board

Henry Ford Hospital audiologist Virginia Ramachandran, Au.D., Ph.D., has been elected to the Board of Directors for the American Academy of Audiology, the world's largest professional organization of audiologists with more than 12,000 members.

The Novi resident's term begins July 1. The American Academy of Audiology is dedicated to providing quality hearing care services through professional development, education, research, and increased public awareness of hearing and balance disorders.

In this new role, Ramachandran, a senior staff audiologist in the Division of Audiology, Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, will serve as a member of the academy's governing body and custodian of its investments.



Ramachandran

Each member of the Board of Directors assumes the responsibility to initiate and establish the policies governing the American Academy of Audiology and to maintain a fiduciary responsibility over its financial affairs.

Since 2010, Ramachandran has held several roles within the American Academy of Audiology, including serving on its Education Committee, Coding and Reimbursement Committee and Nominations Committee.

Additionally, she's has served on the Board of Directors of the Accreditation Commission for Audiology Education and as president and treasurer for the Michigan Academy of Audiology, which is based in Lansing.

Ramachandran received her Au.D. and

Ph.D. from Wayne State University, where she is an adjunct faculty member in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, teaching courses in audiologic rehabilitation.

Governor appoints Anthony

Gov. Rick Snyder reappointed Bob Anthony of Northville to the Michigan Gaming Control Board.

The five-member board oversees licensing and regulations for commercial casinos in Detroit. No more than three members can be from the same political party.

"I am confident Bob will continue to ensure the integrity of Michigan's casino gaming industry. He has brought great insight to the board and I thank him for his continued service," Snyder said.

Anthony most recently worked with Pricewaterhouse Coopers LLP, where he served as a senior risk and quality

partner before his retirement. Anthony is also a past member of the Pricewaterhouse Coopers Global Audit Policy Board and worked as a review partner for Cummings Inc. and Dana Corp. Anthony earned a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in business administration from the University of Michigan. He continues to represent Republicans and serves as chair.

Anthony will serve a four-year term expiring Dec. 31, 2018. His appointment is subject to the advice and consent of the Senate.

Mayflower recognizes Jerore

Mayflower recently announced the selection of seven individuals in its Sales Representatives of the Month program. Chuck Jerore, of Premier Relocations LLC in Novi, was one several honored for September 2014.

Silver ADDY



C&L Ward's marketing team was awarded for its advertising excellence by the American Advertising Federation's Greater Flint chapter at a ceremony held Feb. 20. It was presented a Silver ADDY for its 2014 re-branding campaign which included teaser and reveal television commercials, digital ads, billboards and print ads. The American Advertising Federation of Greater Flint acknowledges local advertising and marketing professionals each year for the previous year's work at its local American Advertising Awards event. Michelle Shook (left), C&L Ward's vice president of marketing, was credited for creative direction of the campaign and Yasmin Ladha, graphic designer, was credited with the design elements of the campaign. "It's quite an achievement for our marketing team to receive such an honor amongst all of the talented marketing and advertising from professionals in the area," said Patrick Ward, C&L Ward's president. "We have a wonderful team at C&L Ward who works diligently to ensure we have a positive image in the marketplace. I am very proud of them for winning this recognition." Thank You.

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BIZ BRIEFS

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their sense of enterprise, innovation and determination to make a difference in the fields that they have embraced.

When asked, "What do you anticipate as the biggest impact of your product/service?" Bala Rajaraman, COO, Marvel Technologies Inc., said, "The greatest impact of these products is the cost and time savings to the customer. For example, the human resources department uses a lot of paper-based forms for various employee programs. In the current scenario there is no feature within SAP Human Capital Management module to convert these paper-based forms into dynamic electronic forms that can be easily

and electronically routed for approvals. For a customer to build a single form into SAP, it takes a single IT resource to work for six months. With Marvel Technologies' FormsEz, a single dynamic form can be generated within days. The add-on solution helps customers extend the potential of their SAP software."

Corp! magazine annually selects Michigan companies via a committee that are leading the way in Digital, Science and Technology. Corp! honored the 2015 winners at a symposium and awards breakfast Feb. 26.

Cooper Standard purchases Huayu

Novi-based Cooper Standard Holdings Inc. announced the completion of its purchase of Huayu Automotive Sys-

tem Co.'s share in Huayu-Cooper Standard Sealing Systems Co., Ltd. Cooper Standard is now 95 percent equity owner of the business, with 5 percent retained by the Shanghai Zhaotun Collective Assets Managing Co.

"The completion of this purchase further solidifies Cooper Standard's role as the leading sealing systems supplier in the global automotive industry," said Jeffrey Edwards, chairman and CEO, Cooper Standard. "Our expanded presence in China is a key element of our profitable growth strategy and allows the company to fully support our customers on global platforms and capitalize on growth opportunities in the region."

As a result of the transaction, Cooper Standard is now the largest automotive sealing manufacturer in the domestic

Chinese market with nine manufacturing facilities and two technical centers, including its recently opened Asia Pacific Technical Center and headquarters in Shanghai.

NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE A SPECIAL LAND USE PUBLIC HEARING

The Charter Township of Northville Planning Commission has scheduled a public hearing for Tuesday, March 31, 2015 at 7:30 P.M. at the Northville Township Municipal Office Building, located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168. The Planning Commission will consider a Special Land Use request for a 2,700 square foot fast food restaurant with a drive thru. The proposed restaurant will create an outlot on the northeast side of the Meijer parking lot at 8 Mile and Haggerty Roads.

The public is invited to attend this hearing, provide their comments and ask questions. Written comments regarding the proposal will be received by the Township Planning Commission, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168.

Tim Zawodny, Chair Planning Commission

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

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

Drop Off or Mail Into: People's Choice Awards - Novi News, 29725 Hudson Dr. Novi, MI 48377

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

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- Best place for donuts/bagels/baked goods _____
- Best coffee _____
- Best place for breakfast _____
- Best steaks _____
- Best deli _____
- Best fast food restaurant _____
- Best family restaurant _____
- Best place for soup _____
- Best place for salad _____
- Best place for burgers _____
- Best place for hotdogs/coneys _____
- Best place for subs _____
- Best place for desserts _____
- Best Sushi restaurant _____
- Best Italian restaurant _____
- Best Asian restaurant _____
- Best Mexican restaurant _____
- Best Greek restaurant _____
- Best place for pizza _____
- Best martini _____
- Best wine selection (store) _____
- Best wine selection (restaurant) _____
- Best beer selection (store) _____
- Best beer selection (restaurant) _____
- Best place for romantic dinner _____
- Best after work meeting place _____
- Best sports bar _____
- Best place for dancing _____
- Best framing shop _____
- Best financial planner _____
- Best massage _____
- Best sporting goods store _____

BEST SERVICE PROVIDERS & RETAIL STORES

- Best physician _____
- Best bank _____
- Best consignment store _____
- Best eyecare _____
- Best funeral home _____
- Best salon _____
- Best nail salon _____
- Best tanning salon _____
- Best jewelry store _____
- Best real estate company _____
- Best real estate agent _____
- Best mortgage provider _____
- Best accountant _____
- Best auto dealer _____
- Best auto service _____
- Best oil change shop _____
- Best collision shop _____
- Best tire store _____
- Best veterinary service _____
- Best travel agency _____
- Best landscaping business _____
- Best health/fitness club _____
- Best car wash _____
- Best flower shop _____
- Best garden center _____
- Best dance studio _____
- Best orthodontist _____
- Best dentist _____
- Best custom home builder _____
- Best apartment complex _____
- Best insurance agency _____

All Entries Must Be Received By March 13th

SCHOOL BRIEFS

Novi High talent on display March 20

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

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

The production was organized by Novi High School's IB Diploma candidates as part of their CAS (creativity, activity and service) requirement for earning the IB diploma. The students planned all aspects of the show from recruiting to advertising, ticketing and program preparation, and emcee duties. In addition, many of the IB students are performing in the show under the direction of their staff coordinator Barbara Clift.

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

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

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

Remaining events are scheduled for Novi Meadows Elementary - Thursday, March 5 (8:20-10:35 a.m.); and Novi Woods Elementary - Friday, March 6 (8:45-11 a.m.).

WLCS D hosting kindergarten orientation

The Walled Lake Consolidated School District is hosting kindergarten orientation for the 2015-16 school year at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 10, at each of the district's 12 elementary schools. All kindergartners, who will be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, and their parents are cordially invited.

Research indicates that developmentally appropriate full-day schedules benefit academically, socially and emotionally. The district's principals and teachers understand this and are well equipped to meet the needs of kindergarten students. Walled Lake kindergarten students begin to learn a whole host of

Hot hoops, cold day



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Brett Rudolph, 12, shoots some hoops Feb. 20 at the Recreation Center at Hillside. Brett, a student at Hillside Middle School, had the day off school as did all pupils from Northville and Novi due to the frigid temperatures. That day started off minus-20 degrees in the area.

mathematics and reading, writing and learning strategies that give them the foundation for a successful elementary school career in Walled Lake Schools.

For more information,

go to www.wlcsd.org.

Parent/Child Night Out

Novi Community Education presents a Parent/Child Night Out 6-7 p.m. Wednesday, March 11, in the Community Educa-

tion Building (ITC) Room 112.

Come read stories, participate in craft projects and enjoy a snack together with activities based on a St. Patrick's Day theme.

This program is for registered child, ages 4-5, and one adult only. The fee (per couple) is \$17 for residents; \$22 for non-resident. Make checks payable to Novi Community Education. Phone and fax registrations accepted with Visa, Discover or MasterCard. Register online at www.novicommunityed.org.

Drugs 101: What Parents Want To Know

An informative and educational program for adults (only) to learn about the signs, symptoms and current trends of teen drug use will be held 6:30-8:30 p.m. March 24 in the auditorium at South Lyon East High School (52200 10 Mile). A highlight of this program is a mock teenager's bedroom set up for adults to observe and attempt to identify the obvious and not-so-obvious drug-related paraphernalia. Learn facts use; tools to identify potential teen drug use; and skills to engage kids in conversations.

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

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

Meet 'SPARK' author

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

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

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

Northville now accepting early kindergarten registration

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

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

- March 5 Amerman <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f4ca5ad2ca0ff2-amerman> - April 30, 6:30 p.m. May 1
- Moraine - May 11, 6:30 p.m. May 15
- Silver Springs - May 6, 6 p.m. May 15
- Thornton Creek - April 29, 6 p.m. May 7
- Ridge Wood - May 11, 6:30 p.m. May 15
- Winchester - May 11, 6 p.m. May 12

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

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

Enrollment forms and information regarding which documents you will need to bring to your scheduled appointment are listed on the district website at <http://www.northvilleschools.org/node/584>. If circumstances prevent you from being available to meet on the dates listed above for your child's school, contact the school's main office. If you are unsure about which school your child will be attending, view the Attendance Boundary Map at <http://www.northville.schools.org/node/251>.

Novi kindergarten roundup

In September, the Class of 2028 will officially begin their educational career at Novi Schools. Registration paperwork is now available in all elementary offices. If you have a student or know someone who has a child who will be turning 5 prior to Sept. 2 and is within the Novi Schools attendance boundaries, have them call the school office: Deerfield (248-449-1700); Novi Woods (248-449-1230); Orchard Hills (248-449-1400); Parkview (248-449-1220); and Village Lakes (248-449-1300).

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

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

Northville round-up, parent orientation

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

Parent Orientation is an opportunity for you to hear about our programming, meet key staff members, learn about your child's elementary school and ask questions. The evening is interactive and highlights what to expect the first few weeks of school and how you can help prepare your child for his or her first day. At registration, you will receive a folder with important information that we ask you to review prior to parent orientation. Please note: This is a meeting for parents only; children should not attend.

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

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

- Amerman - April 30, 6:30 p.m. May 1
- Moraine - May 11, 6:30 p.m. May 15
- Silver Springs - May 6, 6 p.m. May 15
- Thornton Creek - April 29, 6 p.m. May 7
- Ridge Wood - May 11, 6:30 p.m. May 15
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ANGELOSANTO, LOUISE
Nov. 22, 1928-March 1, 2015
Arrangements by: PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME www.phillipsfuneral.com

BROWN, ROBERT
June 8, 1922 - February 10, 2015
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GUSTAF, U'DELLA P. (SCHULTZ) "TUTTIE"
Born June 17, 1919, died peacefully on February 24, 2015 at her home in North Platte, Nebraska. She is survived by her Daughter Cynthia Gulbrandson, Son, John; Sisters Marie (Kamosis) Kaczowski, Lois (Kamosis) McKean, and Brothers Frank and Phillip Kams.

HAGMAN, JAKE
June 13, 1928 - February 27, 2015. Arrangements by Phillips Funeral Home, www.phillipsfuneral.com.

JAMES, MARY
April 13, 1929 - February 17, 2015
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KIDDER, RENA M.
Age 87, of Northville, passed away 2-24-2015. Full obit and service times at: casterlinefuneralhome.com

RIXIE, JOAN
July 1, 1933 - February 23, 2015
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RYCHLIK, ELIZABETH
November 29, 1916- February 26, 2015. Phillips Funeral Home www.phillipsfuneral.com



SCHMEIDER, AUDREY K.
Age 88, passed away February 26, 2015. She was born on March 19, 1926 in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, daughter of the late William and Catherine Lynn. In 1948, Audrey was a proud graduate of Marygrove College, receiving her Bachelor's degree in Arts. She will always be remembered as a loving and devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. She is survived by her children, Lynn (Woody) Stevens, James (Sabrina), John (Melissa), William, Gregory (Frinee), Michael (Gus), Mark, and Marylou (Ron) Janssen. She is also survived by seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Audrey was preceded in death by her husband, Louis in 2006 and her brothers, Paul and James. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Monday, March 2, at 11:00 a.m., in state at 10:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 830 S. Lafayette, South Lyon. She will be laid to rest beside her husband in South Lyon Cemetery. www.phillipsfuneral.com

SHERIDAN, FRANK
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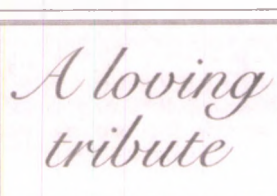


SIEMS, DAVID THOMAS
83, passed from this earth and went into the arms of Jesus early Wednesday morning, February 25, 2015, in Aliso Viejo, California. David joins his beloved wife of 56 years, Patricia, who died on September 15, 2012, at age 79. He is survived by his sister Rosemary Snyder; four children and their spouses, Daniel and Darlene Siems, Thomas and Margi Siems, Caroline and Bill Hartenberger, and Timothy and Marie-Claire Siems; twelve grandchildren, and three-and-a-half great-grandchildren. A long time resident of Highland, Dave served his family, church, and community as a loving, caring, faithful man of God! He served as an elder at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Walled Lake, Michigan, as a loyal and committed man of prayer and studied the Bible daily in pursuit of the Truth. Dave was born in Evansville, Indiana as the third child of Werner and Ruth Siems. After earning a master's degree in electrical engineering for Purdue, Dave joined the General Motors Proving Ground in Milford, Michigan as an engineer. He retired from General Motors after more than 30 years, with his most enjoyable years working as an engineer in the Safety Research and Development Lab. A celebration of David's life will be held on Saturday, March 21, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 2040 S. Commerce Road, Walled Lake, Michigan. Dave will be interred at the Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, Michigan. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to St. Matthew Lutheran Church Walled Lake (Mission Fund at st-matthew.org), MOST Ministries (www.mostministries.org), or Voice of the Martyrs (www.perecution.com).

SMAK, SHIRLEY
September 23, 1929 - February 8, 2015
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SMITH, LARRY
June 27, 1938 - February 10, 2015
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TARDITI, LUGINA
November 24, 1912 - February 19, 2015
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TOTH, ROY J.

Age 74, of Northville, passed away February 25, 2015. He was born March 12, 1940 in Detroit, Michigan, son of John and Ethel Toth. He was united in marriage to Deborah Shinske on July 27, 1979; spending over 35 loving years together. Roy received his undergraduate degree from the University of Detroit and his Master's degree from the University of California Irvine; continuing his education throughout the years was important to him. For 31 years he worked as a sales manager for Hewlett Packard. He also worked as a graduate research assistant at the University of Detroit at the age of 73. Roy was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth. He enjoyed racing his Laser sailboat with the Portage Lake Yacht Club. He also enjoyed playing tennis and woodworking. Roy was the best husband and father a family could want. Roy is survived by his loving wife, Debbie Toth; his son, John Toth; and his sister, Jean (Bruce) Kelley. He was also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, and friends. The visitation will be held Friday, March 6, 2015 from 3 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Casterline Funeral Home, 122 W. Dunlap, Northville. The Funeral Mass will be held Saturday, March 7, 2015 at 10:30 a.m., in state 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Good Counsel, 47650 N. Territorial Rd., Plymouth. Memorial contributions would be appreciated to St. Mary's Preparatory for a scholarship fund in the name of Roy Toth, 3535 Commerce Road, Orchard Lake, MI 48324 or OLG School, for the Vollbrecht Scholarship Fund, 1151 William Street, Plymouth, MI 48170. Share condolences at casterlinefuneralhome.com.

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WHITEFIELD, CONNIE

A resident of Novi and former resident of Milford, died on February 28, 2015 at the age of 75. She is survived by Art, her beloved husband of fifty-six years; her mother, Clara and George Gooding; sons, Derek Whitefield and Gary Dahle, Greg and Debbie Whitefield, Jeff and Theresa Whitefield, and Curt Whitefield; grandchildren, Corinne, Brett, Collier, Taylor, Cailee, Sydney, Colton, Jason, and Bryan; great-grandchildren, Nolan, Amanda, Caleb, Grace, Brecken, Elizabeth, Kaylin; and many dear friends. Visitation will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty St., Milford, on Wednesday, March 4 from 6-9 p.m. and on Thursday, March 5 from 2-9 p.m. A Funeral Service will be held at Harvest Christian Church, 24400 W. Seven Mile Road, Detroit, on Friday, March 6, at 11 a.m. with Pastor Bob King officiating. A luncheon will follow at the church. Brial Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock. Memorials may be made in her name to the family. For further information please phone, 248-684-6645, or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

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St. Paul Lutheran School offers a unique option

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

The St. Paul Lutheran School in Northville provides an option for families who might be looking for smaller classrooms in a setting that aims to provide the best academics.

It's a little different at this school, with about 40 total students, but in some ways that makes it even better.

"We're sort of tucked away here in Northville, but that's not bad. We see ourselves as a little oasis," St. Paul Principal Jared Weiss said.

St. Paul Lutheran School is a Christian school (preschool, K-8), but it's open to all faiths. It's owned, operated and supported by the members of St. Paul Lutheran Church of the Michigan District, Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

Located in downtown Northville, off of Elm Street and behind Hiller's supermarket, St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Northville was founded in 1896 and began a Christian Day School program that same year. According to church history, although discontinued for a time, St. Paul's Lutheran School was re-established as a two-room school in 1959.

The present facility contains 10 classrooms, a full kitchen, gymnasium and administrative offices for both the church and school. It offers a complete program of Christian education for students from preschool through grade 8. According to the school, qualified Christian faculty teach God's word together with the prescribed course of academic study.

It serves the greater Northville area, including Novi, Farmington,



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
St. Paul Lutheran students (from right) Lance Lindsey-Zayti, James Bigelow and Miriam Ruth discuss a classroom project Feb. 26 with their teacher Marie Noel.

South Lyon, Livonia, Plymouth and other Wayne County areas.

In looking to attract families interested in checking out St. Paul, Weiss emphasized what the school does best:

"St Paul's offers great academics, small class sizes, a safe learning environment and is open to all faiths."

The school's goal is to add 20 or so more students to reach a total of 60. The school is having an open house Friday and another March 26, which will coincide with the Easter Fair.

Weiss said staff are looking to improve the learning environment even more in the coming year with the addition of new technology tools, like tablets and Chromebooks, to help enhance the classrooms.

To learn more about St. Paul Lutheran School, go to <http://www.stpaulnorthville.org> or call 248-349-3146. It's located at 201 Elm St.

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OUR VIEW

Become a hero by donating blood

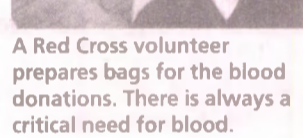
March is Red Cross Month

During Red Cross Month in March, the American Red Cross reminds eligible blood donors that it doesn't take a cape or super powers to be a hero. By donating blood, donors can become a hero for patients in need.

According to a Nationwide Blood Collection and Utilization Survey Report by the Department of Health and Human Services, more than 4.5 million patients need blood transfusions each year in the U.S. and Canada. In fact, someone needs blood every two seconds, and one in seven people entering a hospital need blood.

Although an estimated 38 percent of the U.S. population is eligible to donate, less than 10 percent actually do each year. If all blood donors gave three times a year, blood shortages would be a rare event. If only one more percent of all Americans would give blood, blood shortages would disappear for the foreseeable future.

The need for blood is constant. The Red Cross depends on blood donor heroes in communities across the nation to collect enough blood to meet the needs of patients at approximately 2,600 hospitals nationwide, about 43 of which are in the local Red Cross Southeastern Michigan Blood Services Region. Donors with all blood types are needed, particularly those with types O negative, A negative and B negative.



A Red Cross volunteer prepares bags for the blood donations. There is always a critical need for blood.

March is Red Cross Month and it's a perfect time for people to uncover their inner hero and donate blood or platelets, volunteer their time or sign up to organize a blood drive.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities include:

- » **Noon to 5:45 p.m. March 5** – Pendleton Park, 57715 Grand River Av., New Hudson
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- » **9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. March 8** – St. Genevieve Catholic Church, 29015 Jamison, Livonia
- » **9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. March 9** – Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard, Livonia
- » **2-7:45 p.m. March 9** – Centennial Middle School, 62500 9 Mile Road, South Lyon
- » **1-6:45 p.m. March 10** – Salem South Lyon Library, 9800 Pontiac Trail, South Lyon
- » **1-6:45 p.m. March 10** – St. John Lutheran, 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills
- » **9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. March 10** – Burns & Wilcox, 30903 Northwestern Highway, Farmington Hills
- » **11 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. March 10** – Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Drive, Canton
- » **Noon to 5:45 p.m. March 11** – Schoolcraft College Radcliff Campus, 1751 Radcliff, Garden City
- » **9 a.m. to 6:45 p.m. March 11** – Oakland Community College, 2900 Featherstone Road, Auburn Hills
- » **9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. March 12** – Henry Ford Hospital, 6777 West Maple, West Bloomfield
- » **2-7:45 p.m. March 13** – Power Upper Elementary, 34740 Rhonswood Drive, Farmington Hills
- » **2-7:45 p.m. March 13** – Patterson Elementary School, 3231 Grange Hall Road, Holly
- » **9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. March 14** – Amerman Elementary, 847 N. Center St., Northville

American Red Cross has a Blood Donation Center at 36650 Five Mile, Livonia. It's open 12:45-6:45 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

Individuals who are 17 years of age, weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

To learn more about donating blood and to schedule an appointment, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, go to redcrossblood.org or call 800-RED CROSS (800-733-2767). For more information, go to redcross.org or on Twitter at @RedCross.

COMMUNITY VOICE

"Is this weekend's switch to daylight saving time good or bad for you?"

This question was asked at Orchard Hills Elementary School.



"I don't like it. It takes me a long time to get back on track once it happens."

Kynna McDowell
Novi



"I like it. It gives you a little bit of extra light when you leave the office at the end of the day."

Sergio Ortiz
Novi



"I find it hard to adjust to, especially with two school-age children."

Janet Leidal
Novi



"I guess I don't understand why everyone doesn't have to do it, that it's sometimes a regional thing. But it's also good to keep everyone on their toes."

John McLeod
Novi

LETTERS

Readers sent the Novi News letters originally sent to Novi City Council regarding the proposed rezoning of the southwest corner of 10 Mile and Beck roads. See story on page A1.

Keep corner zoned R-1

I am a 16-year resident of the city of Novi. My husband and I built our home in the Andover Pointe 1 subdivision and are currently raising our family in Novi.

On Feb. 25, I attended the Novi City Planning Commission meeting to participate in the discussion related to the proposed R-1 rezoning of the corner of Beck and 10 Mile roads from R-1 to R-3. Sadly, I left that public meeting disillusioned and disappointed.

Despite a well-organized, well-defined presentation made by the public in opposition to the rezoning proposal, it was clear that the commissioners had predetermined to approve the proposed request by the developer. Most troubling of all was the lack of response to questions by the commissioners regarding the purported public benefit of the proposed rezoning and whether the city had gotten everything it asked for from the developer! Clearly, if commission members were asking these kinds of questions at this meeting, how is it possible that such a plan to rezone this area is now being recommended for the city council's consideration?

As you are aware, the Novi Zoning Ordinance (Section 3.1.2)

defines R-1: "One Family Residential: One Family Residential district is designed to be the most restrictive of the residential districts. The intent is to provide for an environment of predominantly low density one family detached dwellings along with other residentially related facilities which serve the residents in the district."

As noted further in the zoning ordinance which defines other zoning districts, R-3 is similar in definition to R-1 with the exception that it does not include the language "is designed to be the most restrictive of the residential districts." Clearly when the master plan was determined, having an R-1 designation was important, desired and designated. In fact, as one reviews the zoning map, other than the recent R-3 PRO at the northwest corner of Beck and 10 Mile, it is clear that R-1 zoning is in place from Nine Mile to 10 Mile on both sides of Beck Road.

Given the long-standing master plan and the ongoing R-1 designation at this corner, I respectfully request city council to disapprove this rezoning proposal.

Colleen McClorey
Novi

Commissioner Greco's comment offensive

Last night (Feb. 25), I attended the planning commission meeting as a concerned citizen with regards to the rezoning from R-1

to R-3 PRO as petitioned by Pinnacle Homes for Valencia South (southwest corner of 10 Mile and Beck roads). There was a large group of us in attendance from Echo Valley, Andover Pointe 1 and Andover Pointe 2 subdivisions and many of us spoke about our various concerns with the rezoning.

Although the commission seemed to be interested in our concerns, I was offended by a comment made David Greco when addressing our group.

When said he has seen many of the same people fighting this, what was his intent with this comment?

So let me understand: Public hearing – a place for the public to be heard, correct? Over the past 10 years many of the same people have the same concerns. Where is the issue to warrant this comment to the residents in attendance? Was it the intention of Mr. Greco to offend the concerned citizens of Novi who have constantly fought or those who attended last night? Or is he just fed up with fighting for this particular piece of land?

It would be great to hear what or where his intentions are and what actually warranted this offensive comment. Or if I am completely misunderstood as to how many public hearings one can attend and voice their opinion at, please let me know.

Bonnie Jones
Novi

GUEST COLUMN

Don't stress over state's change to SAT test

The Michigan Department of Education rang in the new year with an announcement that impacts many college-bound students. After nine years of offering the ACT as part of the Michigan Merit Exam, Michigan will require public high school juniors to take the SAT as part of the MME, starting in the 2015-16 school year.

While many school administrators are wondering what this means to their school's curriculum, many more 10th-graders are wondering what this means to their college plans, since standardized test scores can play a big role in a college application. As more information becomes available about this important change, here are some key ideas for students and parents to consider:

» Michigan colleges accept both SAT and ACT scores. Parents may remember a time when most Michigan colleges required all applicants to take the ACT. Those days are long gone; all Michigan colleges that require standardized testing for their admissions process, typically, are happy to accept either the SAT or the ACT.

» Both tests are also welcome at almost all colleges in the United States. It used to be that some colleges on the East and West coasts would only accept SAT scores, but this also isn't the case anymore. Every college in the United States that recruits nationally will take results from either test – and many no longer require any test scores at all.

» Students should take both the SAT and the ACT at least once by the end of junior year.



Gretchen Parks
GUEST COLUMNIST

Each test measures student knowledge differently, so it's important for students to make sure they're taking the test they are most comfortable with. The best way to do that is to take each test once and then take the test they're most comfortable with a second time. Ideally, this first round of testing should be done by the end of the junior year if applying to competitive colleges. Counselors have given this advice for years and it's still a good idea, even with the change in the MME.

» The best way to prepare for either test is by doing strong work in the classroom. Each test asks different questions, but the best way to be "test ready" is to do the reading, studying, questioning and thinking that leads to strong learning and good grades. This involves much more than just memorizing answers for a test and forgetting them once the exam is over. Good students are deep thinkers and take the time to understand the "why" behind the facts they're learning.

» Test prep resources for the SAT and ACT are readily available and often free. Students wanting to know what each test will look like can take advantage of free test prep materials available on the College Board and ACT websites. In addition, free test preparation and sample tests can be found on the Khan

Academy website, as well as the Learning Express Hub of the Michigan eLibrary. Your school counselor knows of other test prep resources; be sure to ask about them.

» Your SAT scores on the MME aren't automatically sent to any college. All scores on the MME are sent to your high school, but the only way a college will see your scores is if you ask the College Board to send them. All Michigan colleges requiring test scores will give you the choice of sending only your best scores as part of your application. A few colleges outside of Michigan ask for all of your test scores, but they almost always consider only your best scores. It is important, therefore, to give the MME your best effort, but one shouldn't worry if the scores aren't everything you would hope they would be.

It's easy to be nervous about this change in the MME and it's understandable why students want to get strong test scores. Doing strong work in classes and working closely with your school counselor are the best ways to make sure you'll be test ready and prepared to make the most out of college.

Gretchen Parks (Academy of the Sacred Heart), Joshua Greenwald (Detroit Country Day), William Hancock (Cranbrook Schools) and Judi Stahl (Seaholm High School) are all college counselors and members of the executive board of the Michigan Association for College Admission Counseling. Gretchen Parks is this year's president of MACAC.

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Fix Michigan's dangerous roads; vote yes on Prop 1

On May 5, you can vote to fix Michigan's unsafe and embarrassing roads and bridges.

Lousy roads are hurting Michigan's economic recovery and are putting safety at risk for all. Fillings from my teeth are being rattled loose and front end alignments, blown tires and destroyed rims are as nearly a painful occurrence as filling my gas tank was when gas topped \$4 per gallon.

The May 5 ballot question, Proposal 1, hikes the state sales tax to 7 percent from 6 percent, while removing the sales tax from fuel sales and replacing the sales tax with wholesale fuel tax that would be spent on roads. This change is expected to raise an additional and much-needed \$1.2 billion a year for roads, \$300 million for public schools, \$100 million for mass transit and about \$95 million for local governments. The



Tom Watkins
GUEST COLUMNIST

proposal would fully restore the Earned Income Tax Credit for the working poor. All would greatly benefit the citizens of Michigan.

It is essential that everyone is aware of the benefits of the proposed gas reform tax, but also understands the ramifications if the proposal fails.

As citizens of Michigan, we have a vested interest in promoting the health and welfare of all. Supporting Proposal 1 does just that.

This proposal goes beyond simply fixing our crumbling, unsafe roads. Our children will be supported through additional funding for public education, many low-income families will benefit from the restoration of the Earned Income Tax

Credit and our communities will prosper with a modest restoration in state revenue sharing. Investing in the people of this state is a wise investment.

Benefits if passes, consequences if fails

There is fear in the health and human services community that if Proposal 1 is voted down in May, the state Legislature may turn to reducing funding previously allocated to programs that help support some of the state's most vulnerable citizens - children with emotional disorders and those with serious mental illness, substance use disorders and intellectual and developmental disabilities. Cuts to vulnerable people to fill potholes should be avoided at all costs.

Clearly it is necessary to repair our crumbling roads, invest in public education and help stimulate job growth. Howev-

er, mental health care for those most in need should not be collateral damage if the measure fails.

I am dedicated to ensuring the success of Proposal 1 and will educate teachers, social service workers, mental health therapists, PTO groups, first responders, business leaders and anyone else who will stand still long enough to listen.

We need to fix our broken roads and bridges for obvious reasons - they are a mess. Yet failure to pass Proposal 1 could have devastating consequences to the people most in need of government's help: our children, our communities and people who work 40 hours a week, play by the rules and don't earn enough to escape poverty.

Leaders lead

Gov. Rick Snyder is to be commended for his leadership to push for

funding that invests in our collective future as a state. We applauded all legislators, Republican and Democrats, who are supporting safe roads.

The plan and vision of Proposal 1 offers aid in so many ways to Michiganders. We owe it to ourselves to be educated on what supporting Proposal 1 means and the many lives that may be impacted by the outcome. Put simply, Proposal 1 strengthens the great state of Michigan.

Investing in people

Increasing transportation funding is a crucial investment in moving Michigan forward and will produce continued economic growth, while putting people to work.

Better roads and a reliable transportation infrastructure are critical to a thriving economy. Investing in education, villages, townships, cities and the working poor pays dividends for us all.

To my friends in education and the health and human services community - and for all citizens of this great state - there are positive and negative reasons to support the passage of Proposal 1.

A society that invests in itself prospers; ones that don't, remain in a rut.

Start to educate yourself about Proposal 1 at www.saferoadsyes.com/ and <http://taxfoundation.org/blog/michigan-voters-consider-comp-lex-tax-package>.

Pass the word: Proposal 1 will fix much of what needs fixing in Pure Michigan.

Northville resident Tom Watkins served the citizens of Michigan as state superintendent of schools and state mental health director. He can be reached at tdwatkins88@gmail.com or follow on Twitter: [tdwatkins88](https://twitter.com/tdwatkins88).

Major funding increase needed to fix roads, local leaders say

Complaining about bad roads in Michigan is about as ubiquitous as grouching about the weather.

How bad are they? The University of Michigan surveyed top elected and appointed officials in the state's 1,856 units of government on a wide range of road-related issues.

Fewer than one in five local leaders labeled their roads in good condition. The majority said their roads are in fair (57 percent) condition, with nearly a quarter rating them as poor.

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poor road conditions are also more likely to say that within the last five years they have resorted to grinding up paved roads that they can no longer afford to maintain, turning them back into dirt or gravel roads.

There is widespread agreement among local leaders that more state-level funding is needed just to maintain roads, let alone improve them. A strong majority (79 percent) said state-level funding needs to be increased by at least 50 percent to maintain roads.

"Our local leaders say

Michigan's roads are not good today, they're getting worse over time and they will need a major increase in state funding to improve them," said Thomas Ivacko, administrator and program manager of the Ford School of Public Policy's Center for Local, State and Urban Policy. "However, local leaders are split over how to raise the necessary funding and less than half support increasing the state sales tax."

With more than 122,000 miles of public roads, Michigan has the ninth-largest public road system in the United

States, according to state data. Insufficient funding is a primary reason for Michigan's declining road system. Michigan is 47th among states in highway spending per capita, according to 2013 data from the U.S. Census.

For the last decade, the state of Michigan has raised about \$2 billion a year for roads primarily from vehicle registration fees and fuel taxes. If voters approve a state-wide ballot proposal in May, about \$1.2 billion more a year would be generated to fix roads and bridges.

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Winter-weary residents seek travel options to escape cold

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Feel like getting out of town to a sunnier clime? Local travel agents are at the ready, to help you book a trip to a warm, sunny locale.

"I would definitely say warm is important," said Linda Pohl, a travel agent at Travel Leaders of Plymouth. "I can honestly say I want to go somewhere," Pohl said, noting work keeps her in town right now.

At Travel Leaders, regular clients are booking trips to places like the Caribbean and Mexico. The travel agents are also seeing newcomers who've looked at newspaper ads and at Facebook.

"They're doing random searches online and our office is coming up," Pohl said. The agent profiles online give specific information, such as on booking a trip to Australia.

"Travel Leaders is very proactive in



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Michiganders are flocking to warmer climes as the winter continues.

that," Pohl said. "The profile will point them to the right agent. That's really good."

In addition to the Caribbean and Mexico, Disney World in Florida is popular with Travel Leaders customers. Some people whose works means they can't travel right now are looking ahead.

"They're planning trips for the summer. Europe is extremely big," Pohl said.

She urges travelers to purchase trip insurance, noting a friend of hers was covered when an Alaska trip couldn't be taken. "Travel insurance is so important. Just cover your bases," Pohl said.

She and other travel agents also emphasize their ability to help when travel plans are disrupted, such as getting another flight, re-booking a

hotel or rental car, "whatever it takes to get our clients satisfied."

Some booking right now is full, she said, but flexibility in travel dates on the customer's part is helpful. "The earlier you can plan things, the better," Pohl said.

Canton residents Larry Gropman and Maryann Acker recently traveled to the Caribbean and then spent time in the Florida Keys before heading home. "We took a cruise," said Gropman, an attorney, as is his wife. "It was nice to turn up the air conditioner rather than the heat. It was nice to walk around in T-shirts and shorts for a while."

Gropman and Acker also missed the early February 16-inch snowstorm, although a kind neighbor cleared their driveway. "It's always nice to get away any time of year," Gropman said.

Susan Hiltz, public affairs director for AAA Michigan, said, "The lower gas prices are definitely making winter travel more attractive." Hiltz said Traverse City and the Upper Peninsula are destinations now for skiing and snowmobiling, with many eager "to hit the road and do a winter road trip in Michigan. We are the winter wonderland still."

Hiltz agreed with Pohl that Florida, Mexico and cruises remain popular in winter, as they traditionally are. "Those are definitely top travel spots for Michiganders," she said. "The flip side of winter is getting away from winter."

Hiltz noted Michigan's popularity as a summertime travel destination with its resorts and attractions. "We're definitely known as a good summertime destination state," she said.

Hiltz, who touts both aaa.com and the AAA app, has already headed south this winter. "I went to Mexico in January," she said, adding she also skied at Boyne Mountain and Schuss Mountain. "Best of both worlds," Hiltz said.

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SEMCOG, MDOT do household travel survey

SEMCOG, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, and the Michigan Department of Transportation are kicking off a yearlong household travel survey that will provide vital information necessary to set transportation priorities for the next 20 years.

The survey, Mi Travel Counts, will be conducted by Westat, a nationally recognized research firm. Transportation agencies will use the data to better understand changes in household travel and project citizens' future travel needs.

The survey isn't new. The same type information was last collected by MDOT and SEMCOG in 2004-05 and updated by MDOT in 2009.

"We'll use the survey results to understand why people travel and how they plan their daily activities," said Kathleen Lomako, SEMCOG executive director. "We'll be better able to understand Michigan's travel needs and help us identify where to invest limited transportation resources."

The survey began last week. It will continue throughout the year. Randomly selected households will receive a letter inviting household members to participate in the study by providing some demographic information and filling out a travel diary. The diary will detail household activities for 24 hours. Information can be provided online or by phone.

Some participants will be asked to take part in a small section of the study that will use global positioning systems devices provided by Westat to collect specific route information about all the places visited over a three-day period. As with past surveys, the information provided to Mi Travel Counts will be converted to statistical data and used only for study purposes. All information will remain confidential.

"Public participation is the key to effective transportation planning," Lomako said. "These households will share information that will result in easier and safer travel, less congestion and more access and choices for every Michigan citizen. We urge all who receive an invitation letter to participate."

For more information about Mi Travel Counts, call 517-335-2956 or go to www.mitracounts.com. Follow on Twitter and Facebook.

CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 25, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **LITTLE BIRDS MONTESSORI GROUP DAY CARE, SITE PLAN NUMBER 15-09, FOR SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT APPROVAL. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT 24620 TAFT ROAD IN SECTION 22, ON THE EAST SIDE OF TAFT ROAD NORTH OF TEN MILE ROAD.** The applicant is proposing to operate a group day care in their existing residence for not more than 12 children. No exterior site changes are proposed. Plans are available for review at the Community Development Department in the Novi Civic Center.



All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be made to the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during the City's regular business hours, Monday thru Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., and must be received by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, March 25, 2015.

Novi Planning Commission
Michael Lynch, Secretary

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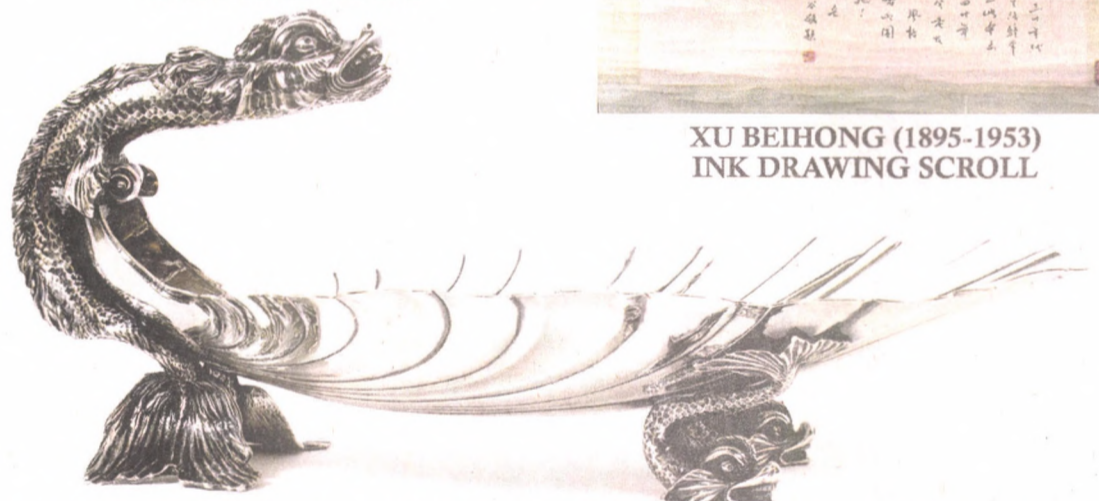
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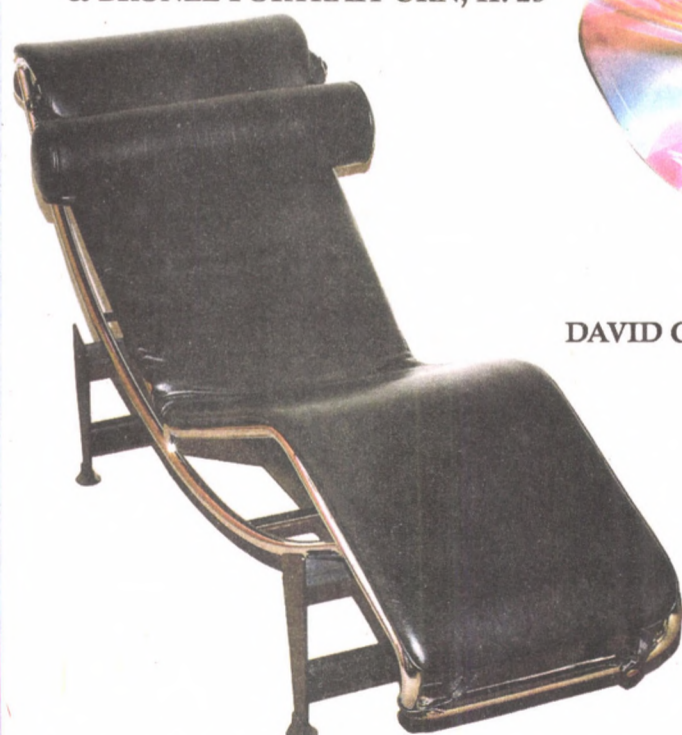
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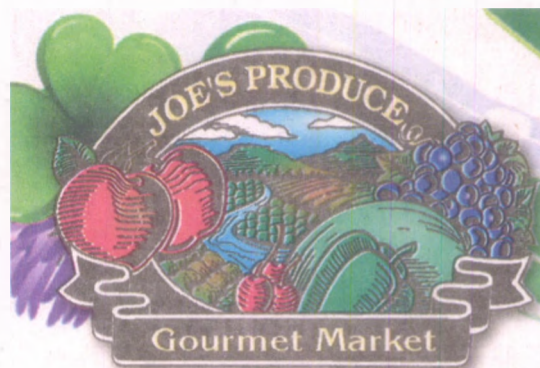


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PREP WRESTLING

Davison snaps Shamrocks' wrestling reign

Cardinals dominate middle weights for 35-28 victory

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

For the past three years Novi Detroit Catholic Central's wrestling team had taken up permanent residence at Battle Creek's Kellogg Arena.

But the fourth-seeded Shamrocks were evicted late Friday afternoon by Davison in the MHSAA Division 1 quarterfinals, 35-28, denying CC of chance to capture its fourth straight state title.

"We can't hang our heads," said CC's undefeated 160-pound senior Myles Amine, who enters this weekend's individual state tourney at 46-0 overall. "We were a younger, more inexperienced team, I think, so I think we had a great run. I just think Davison out-wrestled us, but I'm really proud of a lot of these guys and how far they've come. I'm just really excited to see how these guys develop, come back here next year and see how they perform. I'm just really hoping they can come back here next year, accomplish their goal and win a



SCOTT CONFER

Catholic Central's 103-pounder Stone Moscovic (right) got the Shamrocks off to a fast start when he pinned Davison's Ben Blazen in 41 seconds.

team state title next year. The past is the past. It's over now. You really can't do much about it."

Davison, gunning for its first state crown since 2006, trailed 10-8 after four

matches, but dominated the next five weight classes to take a commanding 29-10 advantage.

Three-time individual champion Lincoln Olson (130 pounds) got the Car-

dinals jump-started when he pinned Joe McGrath in 43 seconds to give Davison the lead for keeps, 14-10.

Davison then got a pivotal win at 135 when Ryan Schlak decisioned CC's Tommy Herrmann, 8-6, and proceeded to win the next three before Amine, a defending state champion himself, stopped the bleeding with a pin against Gabe Ellis in 1:06.

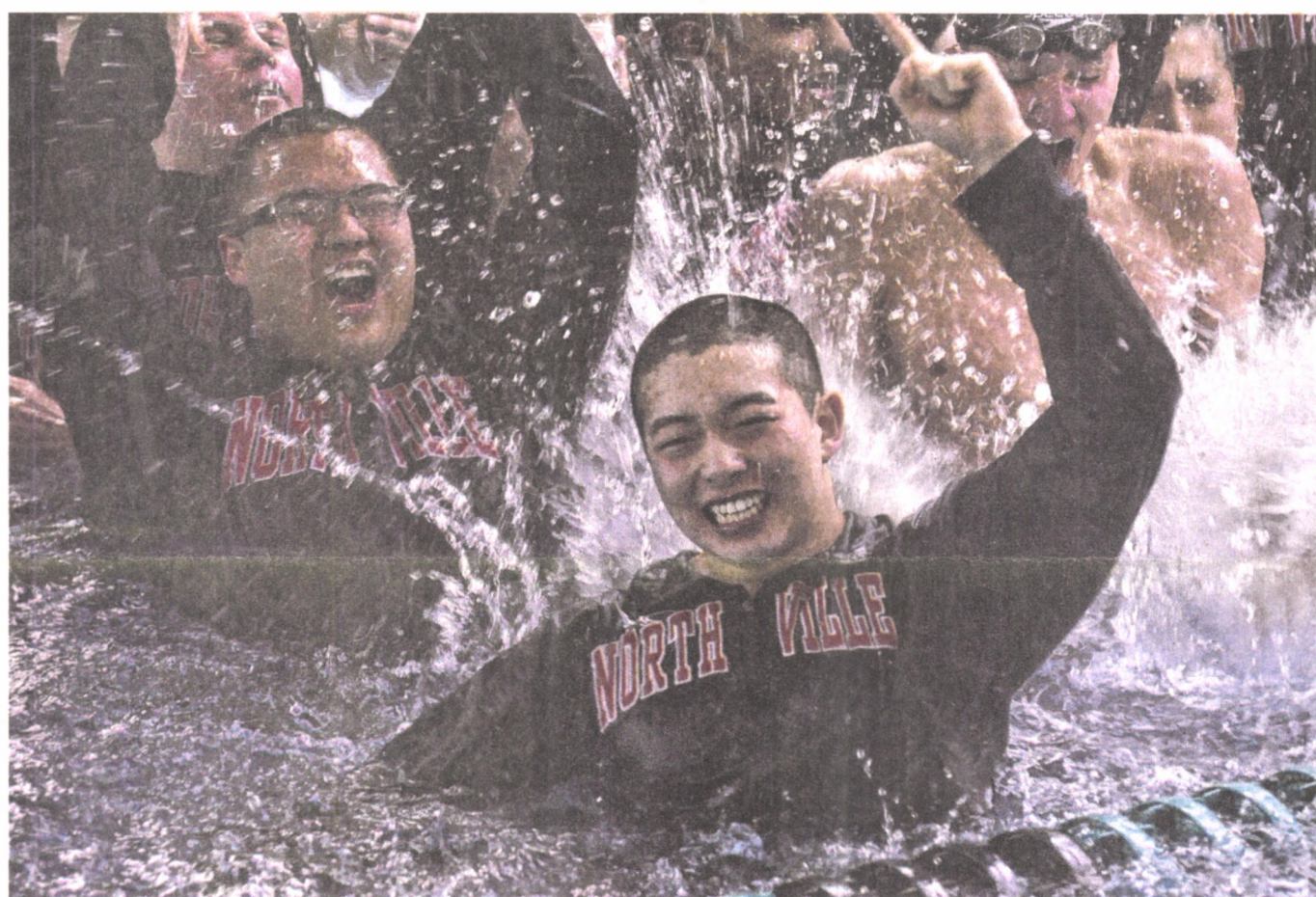
But Davison clinched the match when Brenden McRill pinned Sam Giese in the 171-pound match in 2:59 to seal the victory.

The loss ended CC's dual match season at 22-4, while Davison improved to 20-6 and earned a semifinal Saturday morning semifinal berth against top seed and eventual state champion Brighton (29-1).

"I thought we did well down low," said eighth-year coach Mitch Hancock, who has guided CC to four state team titles. "I was very proud of the way our 103 (Stone Moscovic), our 112 (Aaron Rehfeldt) and 119 (Joe Lyon) the way they wrestled well, and we did a good job at 125 (Trevor Zdebekski). Then with their middle weights, the ball started

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BOYS SWIMMING



ANNE XUE

Northville swimmers Chris Geng (left) and James Xue celebrate after winning the Kensington Conference boys swim championship Saturday at Novi.

Northville shaves rival Novi for title

Kensington Conference championship decided in final relay

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

The KLAA Kensington Conference boys swim meet Saturday at Novi was delayed 3½ hours because of a suspected gas leak at the high school.

But once the swimmers got the all-clear signal and were finally able to hit the pool, two area teams went at it full-throttle and made it a memorable race to the finish.

After the smoke cleared before a large and raucous crowd, it was Northville rallying past the host Wildcats in the final two events for the

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Complete results from KLAA Kensington Conference meet, B4.

title by a narrow 14-point margin, 950-936, in a meet that scored the first 24 places in nine individual events and the top eight in three different relays.

Defending champion Livonia Stevenson placed third with 522, just two points ahead of South Lyon Unified, while Plymouth (455) and Salem (429) rounded out the top six in the 11-school field.

Northville's comeback started with

a strong 141-point showing in the 100-yard breaststroke and concluded when the Mustangs' 400 freestyle relay team of James Xue, Fred Schulz, Mark Kaminski and freshman Kirk Maibach edged the Wildcats' quartet of Phillip Billiu, Ryan Katulski, Sidhardha Karedy and James Popyk at the wall with times of 3:13.91 and 3:14.29, respectively.

"My last guy (Maibach) dove in about two seconds behind, went after the Novi kid and caught him," Northville coach Rich Bennetts said. "Those

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COLLEGE SPORTS

CC product is chasing four-minute mile barrier

Garcia-Garrison named Patriot MVP for Bucknell

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Chasing that elusive sub-four-minute mile barrier strengthened the resolve of British Olympian Sir Roger Bannister back in the early 1950s.

Fast forward to 2015 and the same could be said of Bucknell University senior Andrew Garcia-Garrison, a Novi Detroit Catholic Central High grad who moved a step closer Sunday at Boston University's Last Chance Meet, when he ran 4:00.51 while winning the event at the USATF Indoor Championships.

Garcia-Garrison had already set the school record in the event earlier this indoor season, running 4:02.35 at the Penn State National Invitational.

"Andrew ran a great race," Bucknell coach Kevin Donner said. "He may have still been a tad fatigued from four races at leagues, but he was able to muscle his way to a win and a nice PR."

It's been a whirlwind indoor season for Garcia-Garrison, who earned Patriot League Track Athlete of the Year honors by taking first place in

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KLAA BOYS BASKETBALL



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Northville's Justin Gibbons (left) leaps up for a rebound with Brighton's Jolly Mitchell during Friday's KLAA consolation round encounter.

Mustangs grind out 39-36 win

Novi drops sixth straight to Waterford Mott; Class A district tournament begins Monday

Points proved hard to come by Friday night, but host Northville had just enough in a 39-36 KLAA consolation round boys basketball victory over Brighton.

Senior guard David Morrissey scored a game-high 14 points for the Mustangs, who improved to 12-7 overall. Senior center Nathan Kellum, in only his fourth game of the season after dislocating his knee in December, finished with 10 points in his best outing to date.

Dylan Bennett scored 13 points for the Bulldogs (8-11), who took a 28-21 advantage out of the halftime break with a 7-0 run. But Northville answered with six straight points.

The Mustangs overcame a 31-29 third-quarter deficit by outscoring Brighton 10-5 in the decisive final quarter.

"Answering their run in the third with our own immediate run was huge and shows a lot of character," Northville coach Todd Sander said. "This was an important game for us. It wasn't pretty at times, but we'll take it. We saw some pieces come together, which is a great sign. We're excited."

Northville was 6-of-8 from the free-throw line, while Brighton hit 6-of-11.

MOTT 59, NOVI 57: Junior Juan Webb tallied a team-high 15 points Friday as host Waterford Mott (8-11) rallied in the final quarter with a 28-16 run to hand the Wildcats (11-8) their sixth straight setback.

Senior guard Max Yanke scored game-high 18 points for Novi, which trailed 27-26 at halftime before taking a 41-31 advantage after three quarters.

The Wildcats, who squandered a 13-point fourth-quarter advantage, also got 11 points from senior Jaylen Dixon.

Novi committed a total of 21 turnovers, including a pair of costly miscues with a chance to tie or take the lead with less than a minute remaining.

"They outworked us in the fourth quarter, like every team has done to us the last six games," Novi coach Brandon Sinawi said. "We did not make enough plays down the stretch and (Mott) did. You can't make 21 turnovers and expect to win a game when you give

them extra possessions. It was a bit of an unlucky game, but we didn't make our own luck."

Novi made 5-of-10 foul shots, while Mott was 16-of-22.

SALEM 63, NORTHVILLE 55: Senior David Morrissey won the 3-point shooting battle Feb. 25, but the Rocks (14-4) won the war against the Mustangs (11-7) in a KLAA consolation round game.

The 6-foot-3 guard was shut out in the opening quarter as Northville trailed 15-6, but he caught fire over the final three quarters with a career-high 31 points. Morrissey set a new Northville single-game record with nine 3-pointers.

"It was a tough night for our team, but we answered the challenge after the half and rallied back, thanks to David," said Northville coach Todd Sander, whose team trailed 27-20 at intermission. "He's carried us much of the year and we're happy for him breaking the 3-point record."

Salem, which has won all three meetings this season against the Mustangs, got a team-high 23 points from senior point guard Jon Swift, while senior forward Jakob Lenders chipped in 10.

The Rocks made a living at the foul line, going 20-for-30, while Northville did not attempt a single free throw.

Nick Wilds added 10 points for Northville.

CANTON 42, NOVI 33: Aaron Cochran scored 15 points as the Chiefs (14-4) broke open a close game with a 22-13 fourth-quarter run Feb. 25 to turn back the Wildcats (11-7) in a KLAA consolation round battle.

Senior guard Max Yanke scored 12 points for Novi, which dropped its fifth straight.

Canton made 11-of-19 free throws, while Novi was 12-of-18.

"(Canton) made shots and we didn't," said Novi coach Brandon Sinawi, whose team made just 10-of-44 from the field (22.7 percent). "It was our worst offensive game of the year. When you only make 10 shots, you're not going to win many games."

"Defensively, we played really well. We held Greg Williams to eight points and Logan Ryan to two, but we couldn't get anything going offensively."

BOYS BASKETBALL

Franklin Road downs Ann Arbor Greenhills

CC clips Notre Dame in 3-point shootout

Junior guard Austin Hearn pumped in a game-high 24 points Friday to spark Novi Franklin Road Christian to a 66-50 Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division boys basketball triumph at Ann Arbor Greenhills.

Junior forward Joshua Betcher added 15 points, while sophomore Maxwell Holleman and junior Gavin Harris each added 12 for the Warriors, who end the regular season at 8-12 overall and 5-9 in the MIAC Blue.

Ross Scheinberg and Arman Dhaliwal tallied 22 and 17 points, respectively, for Greenhills (8-9, 5-8), which

was unable to overcome a 35-19 halftime deficit.

DETROIT CC 71, NOTRE DAME PREP 60: Novi Detroit Catholic Central (7-9) lost the 3-point shooting battle, but won on the scoreboard Feb. 24 over visiting Pontiac Notre Dame Prep (11-7).

The Shamrocks got a game-high 20 points from senior point guard Champ Kozlowski, who nailed four of CC's seven triples on the night.

Also scoring in double figures for CC was sophomore C.J. Baird (14), senior Dan Diederich (12) and senior Ike Marchie (10).

Notre Dame Prep, unable to overcome a 32-22 halftime deficit, collected nine 3-pointers led by Patrick Bridges, who scored a team-high 17 points, including four triples.

Also scoring in double figures for the Fighting Irish were Tariq Derrickson (15), Matt Durkin (11) and Zachary Shango (11). Shango finished with three triples, while Derrickson added two.

CC made 11-of-16 free throws, while Notre Dame Prep was 7-of-11.

FRANKLIN ROAD 69, LUTHERAN WESTLAND 48: Junior guard Austin Hearn finished with 24 points, five assists and five steals Feb. 24, leading Novi Franklin Road Christian (7-12) in a crossover game between MIAC foes Franklin Road, which jumped out to a 42-26 halftime lead, also got 14 points and 10 rebounds from junior forward Joshua Bause, while junior guard Gavin Harris added 11.

Luke Smith and Zach Burk paced the Warriors (9-8) with 13 and 11 points, respectively.

Lutheran Westland made only 9-of-18 free throws, while Franklin Road was 4-of-9.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Novi free throws sink Corsairs; Warriors fall

Northville wins 70-13 in consolation round

Novi overcame 23 turnovers Friday night by capitalizing at the free-throw line in a 42-30 Kensington Lakes Activities Association girls basketball crossover victory over host Waterford Mott.

The Wildcats made 21-of-28 free throws (75 percent) to end the regular season at 13-7 overall.

Senior forward Alex Felice scored 13 points and grabbed nine rebounds, while freshman point guard Ellie Mackay also chipped in 13 points for Novi, which led 25-11 at halftime and 33-16 after three quarters.

Allie Lipson contributed nine points in the victory as the Wildcats shot 10-of-30 from the field (33.3 percent).

Junior guard Morgan Fuerst paced the Corsairs (14-6) with 11 points. Mott was 10-of-41 from the field (24.3 percent) and 7-of-12 from the foul stripe (58.3 percent).

Mott also had 23 turnovers.

BAPTIST PARK 63, FRANKLIN ROAD 56: Hannah Rayburn's 24 points, seven rebounds and six assists went in vain Feb. 26 as host Novi Franklin Road Christian (10-10, 6-8) ended the regular season with a Michigan Independent

Athletic Conference Blue Division loss to Taylor Baptist Park (10-9, 6-7).

Katie Larabell added 11 points and 11 rebounds for the Warriors, who went into halftime tied at 28-28.

Mikayla Thompson led Taylor Baptist Park (10-9, 6-7) with a game-high 26 points, while Rebekkah Eubank chipped in 12.

Baptist Park won despite going 13-of-31 from the foul line (41.9 percent), while Franklin Road hit 12-of-19 (63.1 percent).

NORTHVILLE 70, WALLED LAKE NORTH-ERN 13: A 21-1 first-quarter run enabled the Mustangs (13-7) to roll in the KLAA consolation round Feb. 26 over visiting Walled Lake Northern (6-13).

Senior Emily Maresh led Northville's scoring attack with 12 points, while sophomore Brook Adams and freshman Mariah Modkins chipped in 11 points apiece.

The Mustangs, who led 40-10 at halftime, made 17-of-24 free throws.

"The girls played hard and we held them to three baskets, all in the second quarter," Northville coach Todd Gudith said.

NOVI 36, MILFORD 33: Senior forward Alex Felice tallied a game-high 12 points and grabbed nine rebounds Feb. 26 to propel the host Wildcats (12-7) in the KLAA consolation round over the Mavericks (8-12).

Senior forward Kelsey Miller chipped in 10 points as Novi shot 12-of-37 from the floor (32.4 percent) and 7-of-12 from the foul line (58.3 percent), while overcoming 23 turnovers.

Senior forward Elise Gustafson tallied 11 points for Milford, which was tied 20-20 at halftime before being outscored 8-4 in the third quarter.

The Mavericks shot 12-of-47 from the field (25.5 percent) and 8-of-17 from the free-throw line (47 percent).

FRANKLIN ROAD 69, SOUTHFIELD CHRISTIAN 35: Junior forward Hannah Rayburn had a breakout performance Feb. 24, scoring a game-high 28 points to go with five rebounds as host Novi Franklin Road Christian (10-9, 6-7) rolled to a MIAC Blue Division victory over Southfield Christian (1-17, 0-13).

The Warriors also got 22 points, five rebounds and seven steals from junior guard Katherine Larabell.

Haley Thrift also chipped in 11 points as Franklin Road led 30-18 at halftime and 53-24 after three quarters.

Maurgen Lee led Southfield Christian with 22 points.

JUNIOR COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Schoolcraft College men shoot way to MCCAAC championship

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

At Friday's practice, Schoolcraft College freshman forward Tyler Johnson pulled coach Abe Mashhour aside.

"Tyler's been so locked in lately and he's been shooting the ball absolutely terrific in practice," Mashhour said. "His comment to me yesterday was, 'Coach, this is the best my shot has felt all year.' So I told him, 'Hey, then just let it rip.' And he obviously did."

Howell alum Johnson certainly did, hitting four treys before Saturday's Michigan Community College Athletic Association men's basketball championship game was five minutes old.

That torrid stretch gave the Ocelots a 15-2 lead and — despite letting Lake Michigan College briefly get back into the game later in the first half — Schoolcraft was more than able to bring home the title, 88-77.

"I had 10 (triples) against Alpena a couple weeks ago," said Johnson, who finished with a game-high 23 points.

"But when you hit the first one or two and see them go in, you can't really stop going. It feels good coming out of my hands and I let it go."

Schoolcraft (27-3, ranked No. 1 in the nation) now moves on to the NJCAA District 10 tournament next week. The team needs to win the district in order to qualify for national tourney.

"We talked about the different seasons and this season just ended and now it's time for the national tournament," said Mashhour, named MCCAAC coach of the year.

"We have to take care of business at districts to give our-



TIM SMITH

Javan Thomas takes his turn cutting down the net after the Schoolcraft College men's basketball team won the MCCAAC title Saturday.

selves a chance to go to the national tournament.

"They're great guys and I'm proud of them more for the kind of people they are than I am as to what they do on the basketball court."

Johnson's outside proficiency sparked the Ocelots to a 46-40 halftime lead.

But it was the inside game of freshman forwards Anthony Wartley-Fritz and Davon Taylor (Canton) and sophomore forward Javan Thomas that closed out the win and Schoolcraft's first MCCAAC crown since 2008.

Needing to establish the inside game after getting jum-

per happy, Mashhour reminded his team both during in-game timeouts and at halftime to start working the ball down low.

Seconds into the second half, Wartley-Fritz (15 points, 11 rebounds) muscled in for a put-back. Following soon thereafter with layups were freshman forward Marcus Williams (seven points) and Thomas, who registered 18 points.

Then with 17 minutes left in regulation, Thomas stole the ball at mid-court, took a few steps and then floated through the air for a soaring slam that put the Ocelots up 54-42.

"It feels real good. I was just trying to get my team up so I could start a good run," said Thomas, whose return at mid-season ignited Schoolcraft's 16-game winning streak. "To motivate my team with that dunk. I felt the crowd, I felt my team, start to get excited, everything."

Mashhour said Thomas brings intangibles to the court that have help lift the Ocelots to another level.

"His energy is unmatched. He just plays with terrific energy and, obviously, around the basket he's very tough," Mashhour said. "You can't teach that kind of toughness or that kind of energy. That's just how he plays the game."

Also chipping in eight points off the bench was Taylor, who made a couple of strong baseline moves.

"We're a good team. We play well together and I love it a lot," said Taylor, whose former Canton coach (Jimmy Reddy) and ex-teammates watched from the jam-packed bleachers. "We work well and I get a lot of playing time because I work hard in practice,

so it's good. We can accomplish big things."

First, Schoolcraft had to get past Lake Michigan.

For a while, the MCCAAC West Conference champion Red Hawks (21-9) were bent on spoiling things for the home team.

After Schoolcraft's early surge, Lake Michigan went on a 26-11 tear to knot things up at 28-28 with 7:45 left in the first half.

Both Alec Brown and Michael Bush hit three treys and finished with 15 points. Leading Lake Michigan with 16 points was Labradford Sebree.

Mashhour said it was crucial that his team got back to the game plan of getting points in the paint.

"That was the difference in the game, if you ask me," he said. "We started controlling the paint a lot better. To their credit, they fought very hard, Lake Michigan did, they have a very, very good ball club there."

Meanwhile, Mashhour tipped his cap to his coaching staff of Michael Allie (Livonia Stevenson), Corey McKendry (Livonia Clarenceville) and Seth Coffing.

Both McKendry and Coffing came over with Mashhour from Henry Ford.

"Best staff anywhere and I really, really mean that," Mashhour said. "Our assistant coaches are terrific; they've all been successful high school coaches."

"So if I miss practice, they're here to go from there. They have the head coach's mentality when we're game planning, which was very pivotal today."

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DIVISION 1 REGIONAL BOYS HOCKEY

Mustangs escape Canton's upset bid, 4-3

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

For the first two periods Monday night, Northville bombarded Canton senior goaltender Nick Borg, yet had only a paltry 2-0 lead to show for it.

And because Borg kept the Chiefs in the Division 1 boys hockey pre-regional game at Arctic Edge Arena in Canton – not to mention Canton senior forward Tommy Kiddle scoring three goals in the final period – the No. 7-ranked Mustangs had to sweat out the conclusion of their 4-3 victory.

Northville improved to 16-7-3 and was scheduled to play Wednesday against Salem, which defeated Plymouth 4-3 in overtime Monday.

Kiddle scored goals at 14:44 and 15:15 to suddenly make it a one-goal difference. The Chiefs pulled Borg for an extra skater and were one tip or deflection away from forcing overtime.

"We ran for 49 miles, we didn't run the full 51," Northville coach Clint Robert said, referring to the 51 minutes a regulation high school game requires. "And I think we were thinking offensive, we were up 4-1 and guys were looking to pad stats."

"Canton, to their credit, never gave up. They kept coming and coming and coming, crashing the net. They pushed harder than we did the last two minutes."

Canton coach Brad Barath, whose team was outshot 48-22 (12 taken by Northville freshman defenseman Jack Sargent), was proud of the way his team battled.



Canton's Marcus Cook (left), Northville's Anthony Solack and Canton goaltender Nick Borg watch the puck go wide in Monday's Division 1 pre-regional opener.

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Barath cited how Borg, Kiddle and the rest of the Chiefs (4-18-3) performed with heart and hustle against a heavily favored opponent.

"He's a third-year senior captain on this team, I know he didn't want his season to end," Barath said about Kiddle. "None of them wanted their season to end. It's unfortunate that we waited until the last eight minutes of the third period to really dig deep."

"Had we done that the whole game, it probably would have been a different story."

As for Borg's acrobatics, which have been a nightly occurrence the past two seasons, Barath merely smiled and nodded.

"The game could have been 6-0 after the first period," Barath said. "He kept us in there."

Borg's counterpart, Northville's Chance Boutin, needed to make only 19 stops.

But one of them in the third period was as big as they come, as he waffle-boarded a dangerous shot by Canton senior forward Connor Wherrett, who broke in with 3:30 remaining.

Northville's top scoring line of Jack Meacham, Nick Strom and Alec Morgan carried the offensive load.

Meacham tallied two goals and two assists, while Morgan (one goal, two assists) and Strom (two assists).

"They've been our go-to line all year, so we

kind of expected them to carry us in the playoffs," Robert said. "But we're hoping to get some secondary scoring, too. We can't just rely on them."

With Borg diving, sliding and thrusting his body in front of shots, the game remained scoreless until the 13:09 mark of the first, when Strom took a slap shot from the right point that Morgan tipped home from the slot.

Northville upped that edge to 2-0 with 6:31 to play in the second period when Meacham scored.

The Chiefs sliced that deficit to 2-1 when Kiddle redirected Wherrett's point shot with 12:34 remaining in the third period.

That seemed to awaken the Mustangs, howev-

er, as Kevin O'Connell poked in the rebound of a Meacham shot just 1:23 after the Canton goal.

Meacham's second of the night, at 14:07, opened up a 4-1 Northville lead.

With 2:16 to play, Kiddle got one back. He got another back less than a minute later to give the Chiefs and their fans hope.

But Canton could not maintain possession in the Northville zone with less than 30 seconds to play and that was that.

"I mean, when you look at those two (late) goals they got, it was just hard work, throwing pucks at nets," Robert said. "You're kind of white-knuckling it at the last minute there."

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THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL
Thursday, March 5
Novi at Howell, 7 p.m.
Waterford Mott at Northville, 7 p.m.
DISTRICT TOURNEY DRAWS CLASS A
PLYMOUTH (Host)
Monday, March 9: (A) Novi Detroit Catholic Central at (B) Salem, 7 p.m.; (C) Canton at (D) Novi, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, March 11: Northville vs. A-B winner, 5:30 p.m.; Plymouth vs. C-D winner, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, March 13: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 16 at Holly vs. Ortonville-Brandon district champion.)

CLASS D at BIRMINGHAM ROEPER
Monday, March 9: (A) Novi Franklin Road Christian vs. (B) Detroit Davis Aerospace, 6 p.m.
Wednesday, March 11: Birmingham Roeper vs. A-B winner, 6 p.m.; Detroit Universal Academy vs. Detroit Winans Academy, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, March 13: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals 5:30 p.m. Monday, March 16 at West Bloomfield vs. Clarkston Everest Collegiate district champion.)

GIRLS BASKETBALL DISTRICT TOURNEY DRAWS CLASS A at NOVI
Friday, March 6: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 10 at Fenton vs. Holly district champion.)

CLASS D at BIRMINGHAM ROEPER
Friday, March 6: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals Tuesday, March 10 at Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes vs. Clarkston Everest Collegiate district champion.)

BOYS HOCKEY REGIONAL TOURNEY DRAWS DIVISION 1 DET. CATHOLIC CENTRAL (Host)
Saturday, March 7: Championship final, 1 p.m. at Compuware Arena. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals, 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 11 at Orchard Lake St. Mary Prep vs. Troy Athens regional champion.)

PLYMOUTH (Host)
Friday, March 6: Championship final, 8 p.m. at Arctic Edge. (Winner advances to state quarterfinals, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 11 at University of Michigan's Yost Arena vs. Dearborn Edsel Ford regional championship.)

DIVISION 2 NOVI (HOST)
Thursday, March 5: Novi vs. Ann Arbor Huron, 8 p.m. at Novi Ice Arena.
Saturday, March 7: Championship final, 7:30 p.m. at Novi Ice Arena. (Winner advances to state quarterfinal, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 10 at University of Michigan's Yost Arena.)

MHSAA PREP WRESTLING
Thursday-Saturday, March 5-7
MHSAA Individual Finals at Palace of Auburn Hills, TBA

BOYS SWIMMING
Thursday, March 5
Last Chance meet at Northville, noon
Friday-Saturday, March 13-14
MHSAA Division 1 Finals at EMU's Jones Natatorium, noon

PREP BOWLING
Friday-Saturday, March 6-7
MHSAA Division 1 finals at Sunnybrook Lanes, TBA

GIRLS GYMNASTICS
Saturday, March 7
MHSAA regional at Plymouth, TBA
Friday, March 6
MHSAA Team Finals at Rockford H.S., 2 p.m.
Saturday, March 6
MHSAA Individual Finals at Rockford H.S., noon
TBA – To be announced

MICHIGAN METRO GIRLS HOCKEY

Northville's winning streak ends at four

Grosse Pointe North explodes in 10-4 win

Elizabeth Gallagher notched a hat trick and added one assist Saturday as host Grosse Pointe North ended Northville's four-game winning streak with a 10-4 girls hockey victory at the Grosse Pointe Community Rink.

Lindsey Ramsdell and Devyn LaValley each added two goals and one assist, while Kelly LaBarge contributed a goal and an assist as North improved to 11-6-0-1 overall and 11-6-0-1 in Division 1 of the Michigan Metro Hockey League.

Kyle Banaszewski and Natalie Barstys

also tallied a goal, while Karina Lucchese chipped in two assists as the Norsemen led 4-1 after one period and 5-3 after two before exploding for five goals in the final period.

Grace Healey notched a hat trick for the Mustangs, who slipped to 6-15-1 overall and 4-15-1 in Division 1 of the Michigan Metro.

Moe Hackett also contributed a goal and assist, while other assists went to Megan Kerr (two) and Emily Comben.

Annette Taylor started in goal for Northville, making five saves in nine minutes, while Isobel Bush came on to make 12 saves.

Amber Giesekeing made 11 saves for North.

BOYS HOCKEY ROUNDUP

Shamrocks win season finale

Brother Rice gets by Mustang skaters, 2-1

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Junior JoJo Mancinelli scored a pair of goals Saturday as defending MHSAA Division 1 boys hockey state champion Novi Detroit Catholic Central ended the regular season with a 4-1 Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League crossover win over host Grosse Pointe North at Great Lakes Arena in Fraser.

The Shamrocks (19-5-1, 9-2-1) were tied 1-1 after one period as Kyle McCullough scored from Brendan Cleary and Alex Smith at 4:39.

Catholic Central went ahead to stay with a pair of second-period goals, the first coming from Mancinelli at 5:04 from Ryan Burnett and Andrew Lane followed by Joe Vacca's goal at 10:58



Northville's Brendan Hicks (center) puts on the breaks and looks for his shot in Thursday's 2-1 setback to Brother Rice.

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from J.P. Lafferty and Lane.

Mancinelli scored again with 8:27 remaining in the final period off an assist from Burnett.

CC senior goaltender Spencer Wright made 21 saves, while Ben Borland made 39 saves for the Norsemen (7-16-1, 1-10).

BROTHER RICE 2, NORTHVILLE 1: The Mustangs (15-7-3), ranked ninth in Division 1, played three competitive periods, but came up short as the Warriors (18-6) got

the game-winning goal from Matthew Manning on a second-period power play Feb. 27 at Oak Park Ice Arena.

Rice, ranked No. 1 in Division 2, jumped out to a 1-0 lead, but Northville tied it before the first period ended on Alec Morgan's goal from Jack Meacham and Kevin O'Connell.

Northville senior goaltender Chance Boutin made 30 saves, while Rice's tandem of Nicholas Macina and Daniel Sendek combined for 24 saves.

"I thought everyone played real well," Northville coach Clint Robert said. "I thought defensively it might have been the best game in the center zone."

"We really enjoy that side where we get to play teams like Brother Rice, CC, Houghton... it kind of gears us up for the (state) playoffs."

SECTION 00 1113 - ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

DATE: February 20, 2015
PROJECT: Novi Community Schools Network Electrical Upgrades Novi, Michigan
OWNER: Novi Community Schools 25345 Taft Road Novi, Michigan 48374
ENGINEERING/ TECHNOLOGY DESIGNER: Integrated Design Solutions, LLC Architecture, Engineering, Interiors & Technology 1441 W. Long Lake, Suite 200 Troy, MI 48098 (248) 823-2100 (248) 823-2200 fax
BIDS RECEIVED: Until 2:00 pm local time on March 19, 2015, the Owner will receive sealed Bids for the work as set forth in the Bidding Documents at:
Attention: Steve Barr, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Operations
Novi Community Schools
Educational Services Building
25345 Taft Road
Novi, Michigan 48374

At which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. A bid tabulation summary will be available.
The Bidding Documents will be on file on and after February 26, 2015, and may be examined at the following locations during regular business hours, Monday through Friday.
The offices of: Integrated Design Solutions, LLC, 1441 W. Long Lake, Suite 200, Troy, MI 48098, (248) 823-2100
The Engineering/Technology Designer will furnish electronic documents to the Bidders. The documents may be downloaded from: <http://cloud.ids-troy.com/bids/bids/novi/networkelectricalupgrades>. Bidders are responsible to check the website from time to time to verify they have all addenda, requests for information and other documents related to the Bid.
A non-mandatory pre-bid conference and walk-thru is scheduled for Nov 5, 2015, at 3:00 p.m. local time. Bidders shall meet at Meadows (ITC), 25299 Taft Road, Novi, Michigan 48374.
Immediately following the pre-bid conference the Owner will provide building walk-thrus at representative buildings. Additional building walk-thrus, if required, shall be coordinated with the Engineer/Technology Designer.
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CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 25, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider the **2015-2021 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.**

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing. The draft Capital Improvement Program documents are available for examination and review by contacting the City Manager's Office, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during regular business hours. Any written comments for the public hearing must be received by the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, March 25, 2015.

Novi Planning Commission
Michael Lynch, Secretary
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SYNOPSIS FEBRUARY 25, 2015 - SPECIAL MEETING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: Wednesday, February 25, 2015
TIME: 6:00 p.m.
PLACE: 44405 Six Mile Road
CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Nix called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
PRESENT: Robert R. Nix II, Supervisor Marjorie F. Banner, Treasurer Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk Synchrona Heath, Trustee
Mary Gans, Trustee Mindy Herrmann, Trustee Fred Shadko, Trustee
ABSENT:
1. Agenda:
A. Intergovernmental Agreement with Wayne County - Approved
2. Brief Public Comments: None
ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.
A draft of the complete minutes will be available March 6, 2015.
Respectfully submitted:
Sue A. Hillebrand, M.M.C.
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DIVISION 1 REGIONAL BOWLING

CC's Krzywonos rolls 297, makes cut

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Novi Detroit Catholic Central's Joey Krzywonos nearly rolled a perfect game and is moving on to the MHSAA Division 1 boys individual bowling state finals this Saturday at Sunnybrook Lanes in Sterling Heights.

The CC senior qualified after placing fourth overall in the regional tourney last Saturday at Super Bowl in Canton with a six-game total of 1,345, highlighted by a tourney-best 297 in the fifth game.

Krzywonos also posted games of 233, 215, 205, 228 and 167 to earn a top 10 finish and advance to the state finals, along with Canton's Josh Criscenti, who won the regional with 1,378, including games of 258 and 254.

Other finishers for CC included: Joe Alvard, 12th, 1,241 (231 high); Jason Bley, 15th, 1,210 (230 high); Brian Hontanner, 56th, 1,002 (208 high); Jordan Jenkins, 63rd, 954 (183 high); and Sean Aljuni, 70th, 914 (175 high).

Northville finishers included: Collin Fowler, 31st, 1,114 (209 high); Justin

Morgan, 46th, 1,053 (230 high); Simon Long, 58th, 995 (174 high); Angelo Vitali, 68th, 926 (190 high); and Liam Munro, 69th, 922 (175 high).

Novi got a 37th from Scott Pryson with a 1,084 total, including two games of 211.

Other Wildcats finishers included DiAndre Moreland, 59th, 995 (226 high); Ryan Rush, 64th, 948 (188 high); Peter Koomen, 71st, 899 (171 high); and Brendan Tally, 73rd, 839 (two at 166).

In Friday's team regional at Super Bowl, the top three advancing to the state finals were champion Canton (4,231), Wayne Memorial (4,108) and Westland John Glenn (3,985).

CC was fifth in the format of six Baker and three regular games with 3,938, while Northville and Novi placed 10th and 12th, respectively, with 3,672 and 3,255.

Girls regional recap

Westland John Glenn, last year's Division 1 state runner-up, captured last Friday's tourney at Super Bowl with a total of 4,141 and will be joined at Sunnybrook Lanes this weekend by

Belleville (3,599) and Farmington (3,536).

Northville placed sixth in the 12-school field with 3,265, while Novi placed 11th with 2,856.

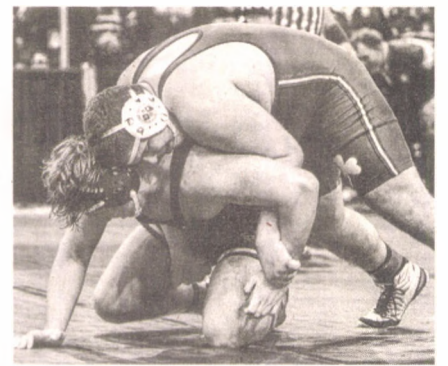
In Saturday's individual singles, John Glenn garnered four of the top 10 places as Canton's Meghan Macunovich took first-place honors with a six-game total of 1,345, highlighted by a pair of 255 games.

Top finishers for Northville included: Ashley Schiffer, 18th, 1,040 (200 high); Beatrice Nyah, 29th, 950 (184 high); Rachel Kemp, 39th, 920 (169 high); Samantha Sugiyama, 40th, 918 (178 high); and Megan Hicks, 59th, 847 (168 high).

Novi's Nicole Kilikevicius placed 27th with 956, including a high game of 179.

Other finishers for the Wildcats included Madison Murphy, 32nd, 946 (199 high); Megan Hrit, 38th, 924 (176 high); Emily Jennings, tied for 50th, 871 (165 high); and Lauren Wahrman, 55th, 828 (148 high).

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CC's Nick Jenkins (top) defeated Davison's Dakota Powers, 4-3, in overtime.

SHAMROCKS

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rolling there. But our guys fought their butts off. I'm so proud of this senior class. People forget those guys had a 25 consecutive postseason win streak and any time a class can do that, I think it speaks volumes. They had nine consecutive Battle Creek wins. Really at this point, a little disappointed for those guys because they worked extremely hard."

Moscovic, Amine and Tyler Morland (189) scored pins for CC, while Zdebski got four points with a major decision. Both Nick Giese (215) and Nick Jenkins (285) both won on three-point decisions, but the outcome had already been decided. (The first weight class up on the mat was 103.)

Hancock juggled his lineup to maximize the best match-ups, but Davison would not be denied.

Herrmann, an individual state qualifier, bumped up from 130 to 135, while Zdebski, a reigning state champ, moved down from 130 to 125.

"Davison is always going to be a powerhouse, always going to be around in Battle Creek," Hancock said. "We have a lot of good teams here this weekend. Bottom line is that we had to win three matches and didn't get the job done. But I'm just grateful for the opportunity to work with our seniors."

If Davison coach Roy Hall had a vote for his team MVP on this day, it would have gone to his 135-pounder Schlak.

"It was an awesome thing and we needed that," said Hall, who has five straight state titles under his belt (2002-2006). "You try and talk about the past. We have numerous stories where kids had to wrestle out of their weight and beat someone they're not supposed to on paper. And that was that situation. Believe it or not Ryan is the one you want out there. He's a quarterback on the JV (football). He's just real loose and just did a terrific job. That's the guy we needed and he did it all year. He was a guy that wasn't supposed to be in our lineup, but he just kept going and continued to prove us wrong. We had a boy get hurt and Ryan came in and just grew, and grew and grew."

"We bumped up at 160 to avoid Amine. We didn't want to have to wrestle Amine. We forced them to bump up to follow us. We wanted to be able to get Lincoln (Olson) on (Trevor) Zdebski to weigh him in at 130. And it was Ryan (Schlak) that had to move up a weight."

Despite the 8-6 loss, Hancock said Herrmann couldn't be faulted for his effort.

"He'll be back next weekend," Hancock said of the individual finals that start Thursday at the Palace of Auburn Hills. "He's put a lot of time into our program. He's a valuable member and key contributor to our program."

The Shamrocks will be sending seven qualifiers led by regional champions Zdebski (130), Amine (160), Morland (171) and Nick Giese (189).

"It's still a little hard to focus on that," Amine said after the team setback. "I just want to make sure all these guys have the right mindset coming back. Tomorrow or Sunday I'll start to focus on that. It's always on the back of my mind. I'm really excited now, but it's the first time we've lost here and it's a different feeling for me. But in the end I think it puts a little fuel to the fire for the individual tournament."

Ironically, CC defeated Davison in a dual meet earlier this season, 34-30. But this time the unseeded Cardinals won the rematch. (CC had also defeated Davison in the last two state championship finals.)

"They're well-coached up, it's their time," Hancock said of the Cardinals. "You can say all you want about seeds. As long as I'm at Catholic Central we will never back-door our way into a state tournament. It's just not going to happen. We're going to challenge our guys on the wrestling mats. We're going to challenge our guys in the classroom and we're going to challenge our guys spiritually. They have a foundation underneath them so when they go into the real life they're successful."

MHSAA DIVISION 1 QUARTERFINAL MATCH SUMMARY
Feb. 27 at Kellogg Arena (Battle Creek)
DAVISON 35, DETROIT CC 28
103 pounds: Stone Moscovic (CC) pinned Ben Blazen, 0:41; **112:** Max Johnson (D) won by major decision over Aaron Rehfeldt, 11:3; **119:** Augustine Facundo (D) won by major dec. over Joe Lyon, 16:3; **125:** Trevor Zdebski (CC) won by major dec. over Devan Perez, 9:1; **130:** Lincoln Olson (D) p. Joe McGrath, 0:43; **135:** Ryan Schlak (D) dec. Tommy Herrmann, 8:6; **140:** Hunter Riefeld (D) won by major dec. over Tyler Johnson, 19:7; **145:** Kurt Schlak (D) won by technical fall over Nick Schep, 21:6; **152:** Jacob Robart (D) dec. Connor Cox, 7:2; **160:** Myles Amine (CC) p. Gabe Ellis, 1:06; **171:** Brenden McRill (D) p. Sam Giese, 2:59; **189:** Tyler Morland (CC) p. Tanner Thomas, 0:36; **215:** Nick Jenkins (CC) dec. Jake Ellis, 7:1; **285:** Nick Jenkins (CC) dec. Dakota Powers, 4-3 (overtime).
Dual match records: Davison, 20-6 overall; Catholic Central, 22-4 overall.

RIVALRY

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four boys on that relay were just awesome. We were supposed to be third in that relay by quite a bit. Not only did we beat Novi, but we also beat Stevenson, which we haven't done all year in that last relay. It was a pretty big upset and my boys deserve a lot of credit. They were tough. Novi swam great all day and they chipped away at us. They did everything they could and we did everything we could."

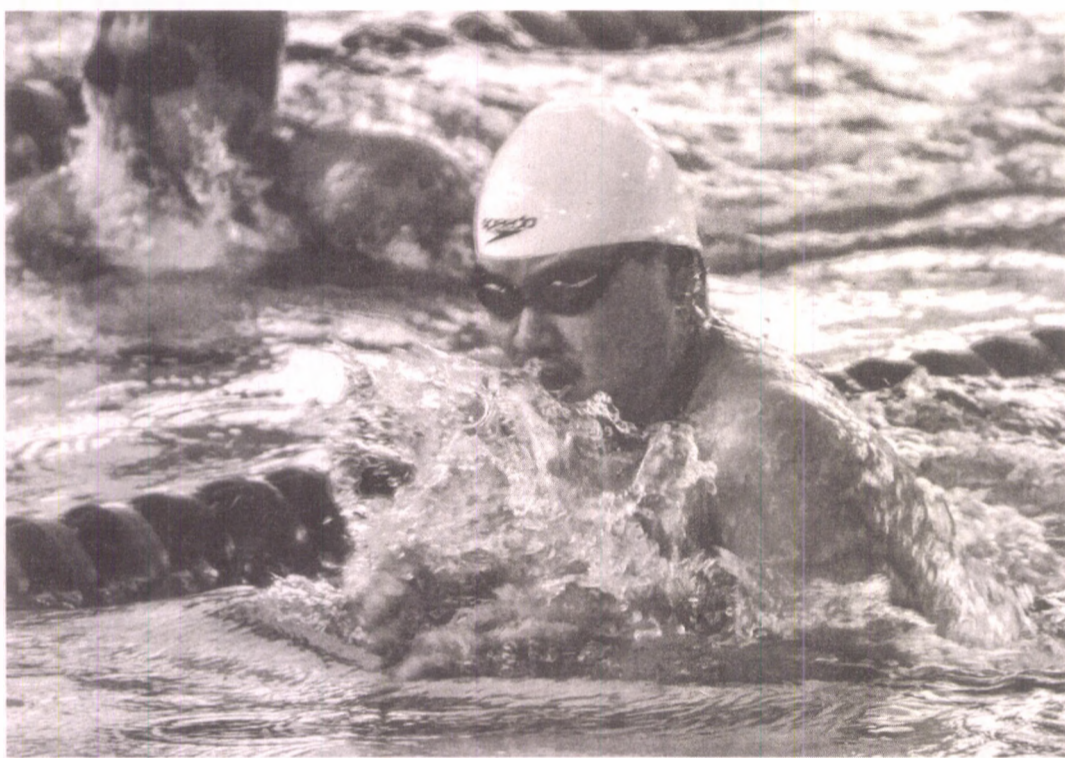
Going into the finals following Friday's prelims, Novi had to make up just 17 points and it appeared the Wildcats were on the verge of claiming their first Kensington title with just two events to swim.

"This loss stings a lot," Novi coach Brent Pohlonski said. "For the last year, our swimmers and divers have done everything it takes to win a championship. Every one of our guys did what our team needed them to do. Once again, our hats go off to our divers for giving us a chance to win. They have been so vital to all of our success this season. To swim so great, win so many races, set three school records and still fall just short of winning is hard to take."

The turning point for the Mustangs came in the 100 breaststroke, as Chris Geng (1:00.48), Yash Bajaj (1:01.95) and Nikolai Arton (1:02.18) swept the first three places, while Roman Grossi was fifth (1:03.04).

Northville made up 39 points alone in the 'A' heat final on its rival.

"We knew coming out of prelims that we had to do just as good a job in the finals," Bennetts said. "To go one-two-three-five is pretty huge. It gave us an opportunity for the last relay. Our boys were fortunate enough to take advantage of it. Both teams had great swims throughout the day. Whenever you can score that many points in one event, it obviously got us back in the meet and gave us a chance to win



Chris Geng took first place in the 100-yard breaststroke as Northville rallied to win the Kensington Conference boys swim title.

ANNE XUE

it."

Northville's other individual winner was Xue in the 200 IM (1:58.78).

"Jimmy Xue winning the 200 IM was really, really big for us," Bennetts said. "We had other big swims, but that was a big one because we kind of got off to a rough start. We just got touched out in the 200 medley (relay), so that was kind of a bummer. The 200 freestyle did not go as well as we had hoped it would. So that was kind of a nice bounce back, when (Xue) was able to win that for us. That kind of gave us some hope."

Novi, meanwhile, got off to a flying start by edging Northville for first place in the 200 medley relay as Joey Berman, Narayan Manivannan, Arthur Shi and Katulski set a school record in 1:37.99.

Katulski also captured the 100 freestyle (47.54) and broke his own school record by placing second in the 50 freestyle (21.42). Berman was the conference champion in the 100 backstroke (53.91).

The runner-up 400 freestyle relay team broke a

27-year-old school record, while Popyk, Philip Billiu and Maxwell Williams also achieved their first state qualifying times of the season.

"On the bright side, we had so many amazing performances in the pool," Pohlonski said. "It is hard to be disappointed when we swam as fast as we did. We have the opportunity to be one of the top teams at the state championships in two weeks. We are looking forward to finishing off this incredible season with one of the best state meets we have ever had."

Stevenson junior Jackson O'Dowd was a double-winner, taking the 50 freestyle (21.05) and 100 butterfly (52.73). He also was a member of the Spartans' first-place 200 freestyle relay (1:29.19). Alex Lee also took a first in the 200 freestyle (1:46.89) and Matt LaPorte added a win in the 500 freestyle (4:45.62) for the Spartans as well.

Livonia Churchill's Ethan Burke was the 1-meter diving champion (443.10 points).

There were no individual

or relay meet records set, but the battle between Northville and Novi provided all the drama.

"It's one of those things where you sit there and add up the points, you're trying to plus and minus everything ... it seemed every close race it seemed we were losing," Bennetts said. "It just didn't seem like it was going to be in the cards for us. At the end of the day, you look up at the scoreboard and saw we had one the relay I wasn't really sure what was going to happen."

"The kids were very resilient and they kept sticking it out and just kept fighting. They never got too high up and they never got too far down. As long as we had another event left, we had a chance. We knew we had that breaststroke coming up and if we could just stay within striking distance once the breaststroke came up ... we knew we had to win the last two events or we couldn't do it. Once we found that out, they were just a different team."

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KLAA BOYS SWIM RESULTS

KENSINGTON CONFERENCE BOYS SWIM MEET RESULTS

Feb. 27-28 at Novi

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Northville, 950 points; 2. Novi, 936; 3. Livonia Stevenson, 522; 4. South Lyon Unified, 520; 5. Plymouth, 455; 6. Salem, 429; 7. Canton, 322; 8. Livonia Churchill, 257; 9. Wayne Memorial, 181; 10. Westland John Glenn, 113; 12. Livonia Franklin, 100

FINAL HEAT RESULTS

200-yard medley relay: 1. Novi (Joey Berman, Narayan Manivannan, Arthur Shi, Ryan Katulski), 1:37.87; 2. Northville (Larry Zhao, Chris Geng, James Xue, Kirk Maibach), 1:37.99; 3. Salem, 1:40.96; 4. Stevenson, 1:41.18; 5. Plymouth, 1:42.53; 6. South Lyon, 1:43.12; 7. Canton, 1:46.48; 8. Churchill, 1:51.14.
200 freestyle: 1. Alex Lee (LS), 1:46.89; 2. James Popyk (Novi), 1:47.32; 3. Philip Billiu (Novi), 1:47.25; 4. Daniel Muller (Canton), 1:47.8; 5. Matt LaPorte (LS), 1:47.92; 6. Matthew Schaefer (N'ville), 1:48.77; 7. Eric Ferrara (LS), 1:49.48; 8. Max Kempisty (SL), 1:50.27.

200 individual medley: 1. Xue (N'ville), 1:58.78; 2. Siddhartha Kareddy (Novi), 1:59.15; 3. Gerard Niemann (Canton), 2:00.93; 4. Geng (N'ville), 2:02.88; 5. Joel Kotyk (Novi), 2:03.34; 6. Kevin Taylor (LC), 2:04.04; 7. Charles Liu (Salem), 2:04.18; 8. Yash Bajaj (N'ville), 2:04.28.

50 freestyle: 1. Jackson O'Dowd (LS), 21.05; 2. Katulski (Novi), 21.42; 3. Maibach (N'ville), 21.53; 4. Noah Karson (WM), 22.68; 5. Michael Wischer (Ply.), 22.75; 6. Adam Goeddeke (LS), 22.8; 7. Shi (Novi), 22.83; 8. Brandon Burger (Ply.), 23.96.

1-meter diving: 1. Ethan Burke (LC), 443.10 points; 2. Matt Meadows (SL), 429.70; 3. Ethan Schmidt (Novi), 392.15; 4. James Ciolli (Novi), 341.95; 5. Nathan Pelleiro (Novi), 312.85; 6. Christain Field (N'ville), 275.40; 7. Jordan Groves (Ply.), 274.55; 8. Kevin Tarta (LC), 258.50.

100 butterfly: 1. O'Dowd (LS), 52.73; 2. Xue (N'ville), 53.12; 3. Kareddy (Novi), 53.19; 4. Brendan Wellman (Salem), 54.11; 5. Shi (Novi), 54.92; 6. Billiu (Novi), 55.04; 7. Logan Boals (SL), 56.1; 8. Parker Wasielewski (LS), 56.39.

100 freestyle: 1. Katulski (Novi), 47.54; 2. Lee (LS), 48.91; 3. Niemann (Canton), 49.45; 4. Ryan Heinze (Ply.), 49.51; 5. Fred Schulz (N'ville), 49.58; 6. Nick VanDyke (SL), 49.76; 7. Kaminski (Novi), 49.84; 8. Zhao (N'ville), 50.39.

500 freestyle: 1. LaPorte (LS), 4:45.62; 2. Matthew Schaefer (N'ville), 4:49.05; 3. Trevor DeGroot (N'ville), 4:54.5; 4. Berman (Novi), 4:57.67; 5. Jack Breuch (N'ville), 4:58.01; 6. Phillip Collingwood (Salem), 4:58.57; 7. Oliver Joy (SL), 4:59.89; 8. Muller (Canton), 5:00.1.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Stevenson (Goeddeke, Wasielewski, Ferrara, O'Dowd), 1:29.19; 2. Novi (Billiu, Kareddy, Shi, Alexander



Novi swimmers cheer their teammates on during Saturday's KLAA Kensington Conference meet.

NOVI SWIMMING

Yuan, 1:31.01; 3. Plymouth, 1:31.15; 4. Northville (Kaminski, Nirek Sharma, Bajaj, Schulz), 1:31.69; 5. Salem, 1:31.75; 6. South Lyon, 1:33.63; 7. Wayne, 1:34.51; 8. Canton, 1:37.6.

(N'ville), 1:01.95; 3. Nikolai Arton (N'ville), 1:02.18; 4. Manivannan (Novi), 1:02.31; 5. Roman Grossi (N'ville), 1:03.04; 6. Yuan (Novi), 1:03.09; 7. Bradley Huang (Novi), 1:03.27; 8. Taylor (LC), 1:03.33.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Northville (Xue, Schulz, Kaminski, Maibach), 3:13.91; 2. Novi (Billiu, Katulski, Kareddy, Popyk), 3:14.29; 3. Stevenson, 3:14.87; 4. South Lyon, 3:18.99; 5. Plymouth, 3:21.74; 6. Canton, 3:22.28; 7. Salem, 3:23.63; 8. Wayne, 3:34.42.

100 breaststroke: 1. Geng (N'ville), 1:00.48; 2. Bajaj

SPORTS SHORTS

Baseball training

The eighth annual Northville Mustang Spring Training baseball camp for boys and girls ages 7-14 will be from 9 a.m. to noon (hitting) Saturday, March 14, and from 9 a.m. to noon (pitching-defense) Sunday, March 15, at the high school gymnasium.

Registration both days starts at 8:30 a.m. The cost for each camp is \$45 (or \$50 at the door).

For more information, email Northville varsity baseball coach John Kostrzewa at kostrzjo@northvilleschools.org.

AAU girls hoops

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

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

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

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

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

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

Urso honored

Albion College senior attacker Tim Urso (Novi/Detroit Catholic Central), who racked up four goals and two assists, was named Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association Offensive Player of the Week in men's lacrosse Monday in the wake of the Britons' 13-6 victory Saturday at Aurora (Ill.).

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the 1,000-meter (2:25.35) and mile (4:12.42) runs, as well as being a part of the Bison's victorious distance medley (10:02.76) and 3,200 relay teams.

Carries the baton

Garcia-Garrison was the anchor on the 3,200 relay quartet that broke both a 39-year old school record and the Patriot League record, posting a time of 7:28.36. In that race, he took the baton in third place before passing both leading runners to win in a three-way photo finish.

Bucknell's men team took second at the league meet behind Navy.

"What's impressive about Andrew is that he knows how to race," said Donner, who ironically is a 1980 CC grad. "He wins all his races and we just got to get him in the right meet where he can really run fast. More importantly, he knows how to win his races. He beat Rich Peters (Boston University), who has run well under four minutes, a multiple-time All-American. In a tactical race, Andrew beat him pretty handily."

It was only a year ago that Garcia-Garrison took a long look in the mirror and re-evaluated his goals.

Longtime CC coach Tony Magni, who Donner ran for as well, made a surprise visit to Lewisburg, Pa., to watch Garcia-Garrison at the 2014 Patriot League Indoor meet.

"By no means it was my worst race," Garrison-Garcia said. "I ran 4:14 mile. A lot of people would be happy with that, I guess. (Magni) just kind of said, 'Keep going along with it.' I'll never forget state championships for cross country my senior year back at Catholic Central. The only thing he said to me is, 'You're going to remember this moment for the rest of your life' and that was it. That was pretty much stuck with me for a while."

Transformation

The light bulb apparently just went on for Garcia-Garrison following Patriot League meet.

"It kind of just started to happen," the senior said. "I think I started to train more seriously. I don't think I even scored in the mile, got ninth, then our distance medley



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Bucknell University's Andrew Garcia-Garrison (left) was presented with the Patriot League's Indoor Track and Field MVP award after figuring in four first-place finishes.

relay team took third and I got the baton in first. After that, I kind of re-evaluated what exactly I wanted to accomplish with the team. And from there on out, I took running and athletics more seriously and it's kind of led to this."

And Garcia-Garrison's results began to take an upward turn for the better almost immediately.

"Right after that meet, he decided he was going to train more," Donner said. "He started training with my 10,000-meter guys, who are my high-volume guys. Andrew has a real good gait where he doesn't get injured. And quite frankly, he just started running more. I think that took him to the next level and now he's got confidence and swagger a great miler needs."

"The first two years he was good and he was helping the team, but his third and fourth years is when he really broke out. That's when he really committed to the sport of running. He started living a cleaner lifestyle, taking the sport more serious and was running a lot more. We started to see some light at the end of the tunnel last spring, when he ran some really fast times."

Outdoor campaign

Garcia-Garrison enjoyed a huge outdoor season in 2014, culminating in an IC4A championship in the 1,500. He took silver medals in the Patriot League meet in

the 800 and 1,500. He also placed sixth in the 1,500 with a personal best 3:46.52, which ranks fifth all-time on the Bucknell list, at the John Hay Memorial Distance Festival.

Garcia-Garrison also helped the distance medley team break the school record with a victory in the Penn Relays (9:50.10) as well as helping the 3,200 relay to a bronze medal and the second-fastest time in school history (7:31.48) at the Patriot League meet.

It carried over into the 2014 cross country season, when he placed third on the team and 36th overall at the Patriot League Championship with a time of 26:34.34 for the 8K.

"And now in the indoor season, he's just been on fire," Donner said. "He's just so confident in himself. The Patriot League, which is known for long distance running ... he just pretty much owned it last week and won four events for us."

Garcia-Garrison grew up in Mexicantown in southwest Detroit. He considered going to University of Detroit-Jesuit High, but opted to attend Catholic Central, where he became interested through his mother's boss, who was a CC alum.

Skating skills

But his athletic background was hockey, which he played for 14 years, including with a travel team in Taylor.

"I knew how to skate before I learned how to

walk," Garcia-Garrison said. "I started cross country in the fall (2006) to get in shape for hockey in the spring. My first 5K was like 28 minutes or something like that, absolutely terrible, but then I kind of had one good race and (CC) coach (Tony) Magni kind got me to kind of quit my longtime love with hockey and into running. Apparently it was a good choice."

As a junior and senior, Garcia-Garrison helped the Shamrocks win to back-to-back MHSAA Division 1 cross country state titles in 2009 and 2010, earning all-state accolades as he took 11th and 10th individually with times of 16:07.6 and 15:40.2, respectively.

He also was a member of CC's 3,200 relay team that finished fourth (7:51.24) in the 2011 track and field state finals.

Garcia-Garrison caught the eye of Magni when he won an intramural race going away for freshman home room classes at CC.

"He tried playing hockey his freshman year," Magni said, "but I told his parents, 'Hey listen, the kid has some talent and you can't do both. You have to make a choice' and they were shocked."

So how did Garcia-Garrison wind up off the west branch of the Susquehanna River in central Pennsylvania?

"He ran some times that fitted our program real well," Donner said. "He didn't know anything

about Bucknell until he made his official visit and then fell in love with the place. It helped being from Detroit myself and Catholic Central. I think there was a comfort level to come out here. The rest of history."

Academic fit

Garcia-Garrison also met the criteria academically with Bucknell's admission standards. The 3,600 students average around 29 on the ACT.

"The greatest thing is the size of the school, I would say," said Garcia-Garrison, who is majoring in political science with a minor in economics. "It's big enough where you can kind of be your own person, but small enough where you actually know a good number of people. Just walking around campus, you can run into 10 people that you know on one day. A lot of my friends from Michigan went to either Michigan or Michigan State. I think those schools are just way too big and wasn't a good fit for me, but Bucknell is kind of the perfect size."

After he graduates in the spring and his collegiate career ends, Garcia-Garrison has been offered a position with a financial services company in Chicago.

"He's really been a great success story here," Donner said. "He's a very personable kid. He makes friends quite easily. He's a very outgoing guy. He's a tour guide for our admissions office and they love him. They say he's the best tour guide they've ever had. Anytime we have a recruit and they're on one of those tours, they always come back and talk about Andrew. He's bitten into the Bucknell environment here."

Garcia-Garrison's ultimate goal is to earn a spot in the NCAA Division I outdoor championships later this spring and, of course, break the four-minute barrier if the opportunity arises again.

"For two years he wasn't meeting our expectations, but then the last two years he's gone beyond our expectations," Donner said. "He's one of the best middle distance runners in school history and we have a long tradition of good distance runners at Bucknell."

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CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 23, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **HUNTLEY MANOR, JSP 14-56 FOR A SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT OPTION CONCEPT PLAN APPROVAL**. The subject property totals approximately 26.62 acres and is located in Section 23, south of Grand River Avenue and west of Meadowbrook Road. The applicant is proposing a 210 unit multiple-family gated community. Plans are available for review at the Community Development Department in the Novi Civic Center.

LOCATION MAP

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be made to the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during the City's regular business hours, Monday thru Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., and must be received by 4:00 P.M., Monday, March 23, 2015

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CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 25, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **BRIGHTMOOR CHRISTIAN CHURCH EXPANSION, SITE PLAN NUMBER 15-07, FOR SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT, PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN AND STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN APPROVAL. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THIRTEEN MILE, WEST OF M-5 IN SECTION 1**. The 40-acre church property at 40800 Thirteen Mile Road is zoned RA, Residential Acreage. The applicant is proposing to expand the existing Church building to include a new worship space, church offices and parking. Plans are available for review at the Community Development Department in the Novi Civic Center.

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during the cities regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 8am to 5pm, it must be received by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, March 25, 2015.

Novi Planning Commission
Michael Lynch, Secretary

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Realtors recommend staging when putting a home on the market

Most homeowners know it is important to keep a home clean, bright and free from clutter while it is on the market for sale. But sometimes, Realtors say, taking the extra step to stage a home can make a difference in how a buyer values it and the price a seller might get for it, according to the National Association of Realtors 2015 Profile of Home Staging.

"Realtors know how important it is to have a home in the best shape possible when showing it to prospective buyers," said NAR President Chris Polychron, executive broker with 1st Choice Realty in Hot Springs, Ark. "At a minimum, homeowners should conduct a thorough cleaning, haul out clutter, make sure the home is well-lit and fix any major aesthetic issues. Another option is staging a home, which Realtors often suggest to sellers to help prospective buyers better visualize themselves in the home and could modestly increase the home's value for both the buyer and seller."

The report, the first of its kind from NAR, found that 49 percent of surveyed Realtors who work with buyers believe staging usually has an effect on the buyer's view of the home. Another 47 percent believe that staging only sometimes has an impact on a buyer's view of the home only. Only 4 percent of Realtors said staging has no impact on buyer perceptions.

Realtors on the buyer side believe that staging makes an impact in several ways: 81 percent said staging helps buyers visualize the property as a future home, while 46 percent said it makes prospective buyers more willing to walk through a home they saw online. Forty-five percent said a home decorated to a buyer's tastes positively impacts its value; however, 10 percent of Realtors said a home deco-



Most Realtors believe that staging has a positive impact.

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rated against a buyer's tastes could negatively impact the home's value.

From the seller side, a majority of Realtors use staging as a tool in at least some instances. Just over a third of Realtors (34 percent) utilize

staging on all homes, while 13 percent tend to stage only those homes difficult to sell, and another 4 percent will do so only for higher priced homes. The median cost spent on staging a home is \$675. Sixty-two percent of Realtors

representing sellers say they offer home staging service to sellers, while 39 percent say the seller pays before listing the home.

Realtors representing both the buyer and seller agreed on two major points in the report - which rooms should be staged and the change in dollar value a buyer is willing to offer for a staged home compared to a similar not-staged home. Realtors ranked the living room as the No. 1 room to stage, followed by a kitchen. Rounding out the top five rooms were the master bedroom, dining room and the bathroom.

Realtors believe that buyers most often offer a 1 to 5 percent increase on the value of a staged home (37 percent from Realtors representing sellers and 32 percent from Realtors representing buyers). Additionally, 22 percent of Realtors representing sellers and 16 percent of Realtors representing buyers said the increase is closer to 6 to 10 percent.

"Working with a Realtor gives buyers, sellers and investors the advantage they need to succeed in today's market, as they know what buyers want and how to best market and stage a home for sale," Polychron said. "While many factors play into what a home is worth and what buyers are willing to pay for it, staging is an excellent tool that can be used to give a home a little extra push for sellers. Staging isn't used by every Realtor in every situation, but the impact it may have and the value it can bring is clear to both home buyers and sellers."

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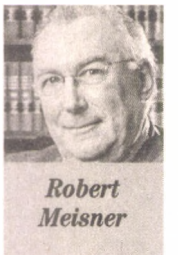
Foreclosure could be an issue, so ask attorney

Q: Can a sale and lease-back be made instead of a mortgage so as to avoid the need to foreclose if the lessee defaults?

A: Not necessarily. Sale and leaseback arrangements may be deemed to be "equitable mortgages" which would still require the "purchaser/lessor" to foreclose in order to obtain title to the property. When deciding whether an equitable mortgage exists, courts look not only to the form of the transaction, but also to the circumstances that might motivate the parties to disguise what is really a mortgage as a sale. You are best advised to consult with an attorney before entering into such a transaction.

Q: I have a problem with a nearby coal burning dump spewing black smoke which drifts into my yard. Is there anything I can do about this?

A: Probably, yes. You may have a cause of action for a "private nuisance" which is defined as one affecting a single person or limited number of people in their enjoyment of a private right, not common to the public. Depending on the extent of the problem, it could also be deemed to a "public nuisance." A public nuisance, by contrast, affects an entire neighborhood or considerable number of people. In a public nuisance case, however, a private party plaintiff, as opposed to a municipal entity, must prove "special injury" to their person or property; this is, damage which is different in kind, not degree, from the general public, in order to prevail. You are best advised to consult with an attorney before undertaking such a lawsuit.



Robert Meisner

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REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Short sales

If you owe more than what your house is worth, you may be interested in a free informational seminar on short sale procedures.

Bonnie David, broker/owner of Quantum Real Estate, is the presenter. It will be 6-7 p.m. each Thursday at 129 N. Lafayette, downtown South Lyon. Please call the office at 248-782-7130 or email june.quantum@gmail.com for additional information.

Investors

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne will have an open forum. Meetings are at 6-9 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the Red Lobster on Eureka in Southgate.

Members are free, guests \$20, which will be applied to their membership.

Any questions or concerns, call Bill Beddoes at 734-934-9091 or Wayne Koehler at 313-819-0919.

Seminar each Tuesday, Thursday

A free seminar on government-insured reverse mortgages is offered by Colonial Mortgage Corp. at 6:30 p.m. each Tuesday and at 2 p.m. each Thursday at various locations.

RSVP with Colonial Mortgage at 800-260-5484.

Free foreclosure tours

Free foreclosure tours are 1 p.m. every other Sunday. Meeting place is Panera Bread on the southeast corner of Middlebelt and I-96.

Email Georgia@addedvaluerealty.com or visit FreeForeclosureTour.com.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Oct. 6-10, 2014, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS	
31780 E Bell Vine Trl	\$260,000
32420 Sheridan Dr	\$330,000
31526 Sunset Dr	\$325,000
20255 Wellesley St	\$565,000
BIRMINGHAM	
1447 Chapin Ave	\$187,000
687 Emmons Ave	\$540,000
1796 Graefield Rd	\$130,000
525 Graten St	\$370,000
475 N Eton St Apt C2	\$113,000
1115 N Old Woodward Ave Unit 58	\$260,000
1832 Winthrop Ln	\$415,000
1595 Yosemite Blvd	\$770,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
1215 Hidden Lake Dr	\$825,000
2199 Lancaster Rd	\$145,000
995 Stratford Pl	\$270,000
2625 Vhay Ln	\$435,000
705 Westview Rd	\$381,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
2640 Bridle Rd	\$215,000
6529 Cathedral Dr	\$355,000
941 Dursley Rd	\$318,000
488 Fox Hills Dr S # A-6	\$65,000
1233 Indian Mound E	\$775,000
507 Kendry	\$160,000
7388 Lindenmere Dr	\$340,000
260 Manor Rd	\$625,000
4364 Meadowlane Dr	\$215,000
5631 Pebbleshire Rd	\$243,000
3647 Shallow Brook Dr	\$290,000
4296 Stoneleigh Rd	\$535,000

1748 Timson Ln	\$378,000
4041 W Maple Rd Apt E204	\$90,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	
4635 Alban St	\$149,000
1781 Applebrook Dr	\$50,000
8634 Buffalo Dr	\$163,000
730 Commercial St	\$103,000
730 Commercial St	\$83,000
8401 Hummingbird	\$340,000
6157 Lochmore Dr	\$277,000
1807 Luneta Ct	\$190,000
4682 Newcroft St	\$149,000
8609 Palomino Dr	\$95,000
2168 Sunnybrook Rd	\$297,000
1600 Vanstone Dr	\$750,000
FARMINGTON	
22163 Abington Dr	\$325,000
23995 Colchester Dr	\$145,000
33988 Glenview Dr	\$142,000
32379 Leelane	\$178,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
31142 Applewood Ln	\$318,000
37816 Baywood Dr	\$258,000
30384 Castleford Ct	\$260,000
31196 Country Way	\$110,000
26860 Drake Rd	\$810,000
27238 E Skye Dr	\$220,000
37735 Eagle Trce	\$470,000
22462 Haynes Ave	\$37,000
28270 Herndonwood Dr	\$231,000
35928 Johnstown Rd	\$259,000
29438 Laurel Dr	\$114,000
24521 Martel Dr	\$220,000
22334 Nearbrook Ct	\$371,000
29628 Nova Woods Dr	\$260,000
29449 Parkside St	\$290,000
30945 Perrys Xing	\$265,000
26270 Power Rd	\$315,000
35036 Quaker Way	\$320,000
25416 Ranchwood Ct	\$260,000

30416 Scotshire Ct	\$268,000
27575 Spring Valley Dr	\$165,000
32542 Sprucewood St	\$175,000
29498 Sugar Spring Rd	\$130,000
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21956 Tredwell Ave	\$162,000
21652 Tulane Ave	\$108,000
33337 W 11 Mile Rd	\$174,000
HIGHLAND	
1020 Beaumont Rd	\$425,000
3131 Bel Aire Dr	\$303,000
4510 Chevron Dr	\$625,000
2549 E Highland Rd	\$195,000
603 Fisher Rd	\$119,000
4728 Hickory Dr	\$100,000
LATHRUP VILLAGE	
26747 Bloomfield Dr S	\$160,000
28100 Goldengate Dr E	\$186,000
MILFORD	
900 E Dawson Rd	\$280,000
1722 Hidden Valley Dr	\$647,000
771 Milford Glen Ct	\$307,000
927 S Main St	\$237,000
706 S Millford Rd	\$122,000
2905 Shirley St	\$161,000
2950 Shirley St	\$218,000
NORTHVILLE	
21282 Bridle Run	\$930,000
23192 Chelsea Ct	\$100,000
379 Welch Rd	\$222,000
NOVI	
22249 Barclay Dr	\$435,000
24650 Bashian Dr	\$118,000
50917 Chesapeake Dr	\$580,000
25513 Dogwood Ln	\$558,000
41606 Hamlet Ln	\$168,000
41820 Independence Dr	\$200,000
24461 Kings Pointe	\$265,000
40648 Lenox Park Dr	\$280,000
26461 Mandalay Cir	\$785,000
41667 Sleepy Hollow Dr	\$250,000

27564 Sloan St	\$306,000
40965 W 10 Mile Rd	\$131,000
48100 W Nine Mile Rd	\$600,000
23898 W Le Best	\$150,000
29342 Weston Dr	\$230,000
44896 Yorkshire Dr	\$225,000
SOUTH LYON	
52689 Aspen Dr	\$459,000
23851 Bayberry Ct	\$386,000
1347 Coach House Ln	\$345,000
22962 Fremont Dr N	\$604,000
27901 Gallien Dr	\$352,000
999 Hidden Creek Dr	\$275,000
57611 Hidden Timbers Dr	\$365,000
23881 Maple Ct	\$366,000
1016 Paddock Ln	\$208,000
24431 Ravine Dr	\$575,000
24891 Ravine Dr	\$600,000
897 Stoney Dr	\$208,000
61130 Topsfield Ln	\$173,000
24884 Valleywood Dr	\$273,000
847 Westbrook Dr	\$218,000
SOUTHFIELD	
28132 Brentwood St	\$70,000
24435 Connecticut Dr	\$85,000
17231 Coral Gables St	\$204,000
23346 Grayson Dr	\$75,000
19151 Middlesex Ave	\$145,000
25140 Parsons Dr	\$175,000
20530 Secluded Ln	\$57,000
28049 Selkirk St	\$83,000
WHITE LAKE	
2525 Blair St	\$256,000
8624 Brazos Ct	\$226,000
396 Dakota Ln	\$180,000
9039 Mandon Rd	\$127,000
8613 Newport Dr	\$320,000
10710 Oxbow Hts	\$200,000
8151 Springdale Dr	\$215,000
8774 Townsend Dr	\$305,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Oct. 27-31, 2014, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON	
43298 Candlewood Ct	\$248,000
7828 Capri Dr	\$250,000
1728 Christopher Dr	\$120,000
1374 Elmhurst St	\$150,000
378 Filmore St	\$135,000
47033 Glastonbury Dr	\$399,000
848 Kings Way	\$136,000
7398 Kingsbridge Rd	\$216,000
42483 Lilley Pointe Dr	\$U,000
45716 Morningside Ct	\$341,000
6850 New Providence Way	\$60,000
3902 Norwich Dr	\$129,000
1971 Peerce Ct	\$95,000
47736 Pembroke Dr	\$144,000
45091 Rudgate Rd	\$175,000
416 Stonehenge Dr	\$237,000
4211 Timberline Dr	\$235,000
345 Troon Ln	\$287,000

GARDEN CITY	
29648 Beechwood St	\$125,000
854 Belton St	\$103,000
33544 Brown St	\$68,000
528 Cardwell St	\$95,000
31941 Chester St	\$31,000
1237 Gilman St	\$50,000
6417 Henry Ruff Rd	\$99,000
32503 James St	\$45,000
32742 Marquette St	\$100,000
6581 Sterling Ct	\$90,000
LIVONIA	
15429 Ashurst St	\$186,000
28665 Bayberry Park Dr	\$160,000
14519 Berwick St	\$237,000
30157 Bretton St	\$60,000
12403 Cardwell St	\$80,000
11853 Chase Blvd	\$182,000
9740 Eckles Rd	\$139,000
19423 Fairlane Ct	\$300,000
16922 Farmington Rd	\$155,000
19123 Gary Ln	\$240,000
33901 Hathaway St	\$182,000
11317 Hubbell St	\$215,000
9539 Inkster Rd	\$118,000
17964 Levan Rd	\$252,000
17964 Levan Rd	\$243,000

18741 Levan Rd	\$208,000
38351 Mason St	\$98,000
20461 Millburn St	\$150,000
9065 Newport Way	\$113,000
34054 Parkdale St	\$155,000
18546 Parklane St	\$200,000
31520 Pembroke St	\$155,000
31555 Pembroke St	\$139,000
18612 Shady Side St	\$143,000
16504 Surrey St	\$193,000
31119 W Chicago St	\$130,000
19984 Weyher St	\$150,000
NORTHVILLE	
46605 Seven Mile Rd	\$170,000
42440 Bradner Rd	\$372,000
50241 Briar Ridge Ln	\$615,000
50841 Briar Ridge Ln	\$750,000
15993 Cog Hill Dr	\$651,000
561 Grace St	\$130,000
39825 Rockcrest Cir	\$183,000
370 S Rogers St	\$610,000
45457 Tournament Dr	\$715,000
43762 Wabeek Ln	\$625,000
20209 Woodcreek Blvd	\$435,000
PLYMOUTH	
9044 N Sheldon Rd	\$125,000
1174 Palmer St	\$246,000

101 S Union St	\$280,000
376 W Spring St	\$177,000
REDFORD	
14336 Beech Daly Rd	\$122,000
25959 Dover	\$101,000
26013 Fordson Hwy	\$43,000
13201 Hemingway	\$45,000
18369 Macarthur	\$99,000
WAYNE	
4214 Cadillac Ave	\$56,000
35336 Elm St	\$134,000
33252 Gerald St	\$70,000
WESTLAND	
37155 Baker Dr	\$255,000
35636 Canyon Dr	\$135,000
7370 Central St	\$33,000
32302 Glen St	\$87,000
32720 Grandview Ave	\$95,000
35797 Hunter Ave	\$78,000
29934 Lonnie Dr	\$114,000
7300 Mohawk St	\$65,000
6926 Mohican Ln	\$130,000
492 N Bryar St	\$152,000
5884 N Newburgh Rd	\$118,000
254 S Byfield St	\$146,000

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1G4NLS277C402879
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YV1LS5515T1286118
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1G2NF52F12C112637
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1996 Dodge Intrepid
2B3HD46T9TH300007
2001 Dodge Stratus
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14 Ahead by a
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19 Otherworldly
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20 Admit openly
21 Spanish
appetizers
22 More
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23 Datum for a
hard drive
26 Brand of
fake fat
27 Geriatrics
topic
28 Vegetable in
Cajun
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29 Beach
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31 St. Patty's
land
32 Gains'
opposites
34 Australian
avian
35 Defunct
figure-
skating
show
37 Robin's
place
39 Woven
together
41 Take one's
turn after all
others

42 Actress
married to
Steven
Spielberg
47 Develops an
affinity for
48 Strong glue
49 MGM lion
50 Sling mud at
54 Mushy food
55 Itinerary info
56 Morganstem
of
1970s TV
57 Hoarse
62 Evoke
64 Camera-to-
computer
upload
66 Like some
sci-fi aliens,
location-wise
67 Caterer's
receptacle
69 Got the gold
70 Fruity frozen
dessert
71 Jackson or
Lincoln, e.g.
74 Lay to final
rest
75 Actress Daly
and novelist
O'Connell
76 Largest frat
in the U.S.
77 Pooch name
79 Lowly worker
81 — la
(utopia)
83 College e-
mail ender

84 Supreme
Court's
Solomayor
85 With 33-
Down, arm
of the Indian
Ocean
89 Voyager
Golden
Record, e.g.
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sorts
93 Is sickeningly
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96 Old fruity
soda
97 Sailor's reply
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happen that
106 Skinny
107 Epsom —
108 Redding with
a Grammy
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Car Report

Buick Leads Field Day for GM in Closely Watched Consumer Reports, J.D. Power Surveys



By Dale Buss

It's a very good time to be Buick. Two of America's most-respected arbiters of automotive quality and reliability—*Consumer Reports* and J.D. Power & Associates—have agreed that the GM-owned near-luxury brand continues to gain significant ground in the U.S. market in the quality and reliability of its vehicles.

(up from No. 12 in 2014) as rated by *Consumer Reports*—making it the top U.S. domestic brand for the second year in a row.

In addition, the Buick Regal stunned observers by besting the BMW 328i to earn Top Pick honors among sports sedans, which Jake Fisher, the director of automotive testing for *Consumer Reports*, called a "very un-Buick category."

Fisher told *Automotive News* that Buick "has a reputation for large, cushy cars, and they've [reinvented] themselves

"GM's customer-driven approach to quality and dependability is breaking through," said Grace Lieblein, vice president, global quality, for GM. "Dependability is a top purchase consideration and key to customer loyalty. These awards reflect our commitment to provide customers with the best overall experience in the industry."

The 2015 Power study tracked 2012 model year vehicles in their third year of ownership.

Chevrolet ranked higher than ever in this study, led by Malibu as the segment leader in the highly competitive Midsize Car segment. For the third year in a row, the Chevrolet Camaro ranked highest in the Midsize Sporty Car segment.

The GMC Sierra LD and Chevrolet Silverado LD ranked first and second in the Large Light Duty Pickup segment and the Chevrolet Silverado HD and GMC Sierra HD ranked first and second in the Large Heavy Duty Pickup segment.

GMC Yukon, Chevrolet Tahoe and Suburban all ranked in the Top 3 of the Large SUV segment. These models also filled the Top 3 positions in the Large SUV segment in the 2014 J.D. Power Initial Quality Study, where the 2014 Chevrolet Suburban and 2014 GMC Yukon ranked highest in a tie, along with the 2014 Chevrolet Tahoe.

Other brands and companies that scored particularly well across the two reports that were released this week were Lexus, Toyota, Tesla and Subaru.



Buick Encore has become best-selling small crossover

Most Chrysler brands, however, were notably positioned on the below-average end of the 2015 J.D. Power Vehicle Dependability study.

For the second year in a row, *Consumer Reports* once again ranked Tesla S as the best overall vehicle in the U.S. for reliability, commenting that "For all of the impressive new vehicles released in 2014, none was able to eclipse the innovation, magnificence and sheer technological arrogance of the Tesla."

Lexus executives must certainly be pleased with the fact that American consumers still find the brand highly reliable. The Toyota-owned brand finished No. 1 in *Consumer Reports'* list for the third straight year, though no individual model topped its segment.

Lexus also ranked best in the J.D. Power study for the fourth consecutive year, and its ES nameplate was rated No. 1 in the Compact Premium Car segment, while the Lexus GX was rated highest in the Midsize Premium SUV segment.

Buick, Mazda, Toyota, Audi and Subaru rounded out *Consumer Reports'* top five, while Power's top rankers after Lexus and Buick were Toyota, Cadillac and Honda.

Some divergent brand evaluations were apparent between the readers of the magazine versus auto buyers responding to Power's survey. Subaru, for instance, was ranked No. 5 by *Consumer Reports* readers but finished below the industry average for dependability in the Power study.

Power also reported that car buyers continued to downgrade many brands because of connectivity issues, such as Bluetooth problems and voice-recognition difficulties—even as infotainment becomes a more competitive platform and auto brands vow they're doing everything possible to make the experience easy and enjoyable.



Buick Regal stunned the industry by besting premium sedans in Consumer Reports

The endorsement continues a strong run for Buick lately that, globally, last year saw it deliver nearly 1.2 million vehicles, with sales in North America and China both up 13 percent. In the United States, the Buick Encore has become the industry's best-selling small crossover. On a global basis, the Encore ended 2014 with sales of 138,218 units, up 42 percent.

Buick rose to the No. 2 spot in Power's ranking and nabbed the No. 7 position

pretty quickly. They're making reliable vehicles, and they're making cars that score very well. In many ways, they're like the new Lexus, but also sporty to drive."

Actually, GM made a strong showing overall especially in the Power survey, with Cadillac ranking fourth among all brands, and Chevrolet and GMC ranking 10th (in a tie.)

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SKILLS SPOTLIGHT:

Customer service and 12 related jobs



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But that gives workers in customer service a very special set of skills that can be used in a variety of other occupations. Every organization wants its users, clients and customers to have a good experience and continue to buy from them. And those workers who are able to change a disgruntled customer's mind or help solve a problem hold a unique set of skills that can be used in a variety of other occupations.

Read on to learn about the skills workers in customer service hold and the related jobs you can consider applying those skills in.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics notes what skills workers need to perform their jobs exceptionally. For workers in customer

service and the following related positions, here are the skills you'll need:

- Communication skills
- Interpersonal skills
- Listening skills
- Patience
- Problem-solving skills
- Ability to multitask
- Decision-making skills
- Empathy
- Organizational skills
- Compassion
- Time-management skills
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- Critical-thinking skills
- Emotional stability
- Writing skills
- Detail-oriented
- Self-confidence
- Stamina

To apply those skills, consider any of these 12 jobs that demand exceptional customer service:

1. Bill and account collectors* try to recover payment on overdue bills. They negotiate repayment plans with debtors and help them find solutions to

make paying their overdue bills easier. Listening to the debtor and paying attention to his or her concerns can help the collector negotiate a solution.

2. Police, fire, and ambulance dispatchers, also called 9-1-1 operators or public safety telecommunications, answer emergency and nonemergency calls. Dispatchers must stay calm while collecting vital information from callers to determine the severity of a situation and the location of those who need help. They then give the appropriate first-responder agencies information about the call. Dispatchers keep detailed records about the calls that they take. They use computers to log important facts, such as the nature of the incident and the name and location of the caller.

3. Receptionists perform administrative tasks, such as answering phones, receiving visitors and providing general information about their organization to the public and customers. Receptionists are often the first employee of an organization to have contact with a customer or client. They are responsible for making a good first impression for the organization, which can affect the organization's success.

4. Social and human service assistants help people get through difficult times or get additional support. They help other workers, such as social workers, and they help clients find benefits or community services. They may follow up with clients to ensure that they are receiving the services and that the services are meeting their needs.

5. Training and development specialists create, administer and deliver training programs

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8. Computer network support specialists, also called technical support specialists, usually work in their organization's IT department. They help IT staff analyze, troubleshoot and evaluate computer network problems. They play an important role in the daily upkeep of their organization's networks by finding solutions to problems as they occur. Solving an IT problem in a timely manner is important because organiza-

tions depend on their computer systems.

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