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Cassell & Associates clients show

The Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department has partnered with Cassell & Associates to help bring awareness to survivors of traumatic brain injuries by showcasing their artwork April 2-30 in the Civic Center. A portion of the proceeds from sales will be donated to the Brain Injury Association of Michigan.

More than 20 clients of Cassell & Associates explored Michigan's many iconic landscapes, architectural landmarks, industry leaders and natural resources to find inspiration for Made in Michigan themed works of art.

Artwork will be for sale by sealed bid auction with a minimum bid of \$100 to \$105 each. The artwork will open for bidding April 2 and conclude at 5 p.m. April 23.

For more information, contact the Novi Parks office at 248-347-0400.

Ex-CC hockey coach arrested

Novi man charged with computer crime

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

A former Detroit Catholic Central High School coach was arrested last week after an investigation which began with a report that he was sending inappropriate pictures to a student-athlete.

On March 23, the Novi Police Department arrested Robert Michael Reilly, a 26-year-old Novi resident and former junior varsity hockey coach at Detroit Catholic Central. Reilly was employed by the school for approximately one year between spring 2013 and June 2014.

"Reilly's arrest was the culmi-



Reilly

nation of a several-month investigation which began in September 2014, when the Novi Police Department received an anonymous letter alleging a hockey coach at Detroit Catholic Central was sending inappropriate pictures to a student-athlete," Novi Public Safety Director David Molloy said. "With the assistance and full cooperation of school officials, investigators were able to identify Reilly and the student-athlete."

Investigators also learned

Reilly was previously separated from the school due to an unrelated incident, according to Molloy.

The case was submitted to the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office, which authorized the following charges against Reilly:

- » Using a computer to commit a crime, a felony punishable by seven years in prison and/or \$50,000 fine.
- » Children - accosting for

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Deerfield fourth-grader Burak Arslan works on his bowl as part of the school's Empty Bowls project.

LONNIE HUHMAN

Can art help feed hungry children?

Deerfield Elementary students learn through Empty Bowls

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

The Empty Bowls project at Deerfield Elementary is truly a community effort with students, teachers, administration, school board members and parents

teaming to make pottery bowls to help raise funds for area families in need.

Over the last several weeks, fourth-graders at Deerfield have been creating bowls with some help.

The concept of Empty Bowls

began in 1990, when a Michigan art teacher wanted to come up with a way for his students to help out with the issue of hunger in communities. Since then, the project has grown to be an international initiative.

This project-based learning experience has been a good one for students, giving them a deeper look into the needs in

different communities and how they can help. Deerfield art teacher JoAnne North is working with other teachers in making the project a well-rounded one outside of the art room. Students are also learning about the different angles of the social and economic impact.

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Ascension Brewing Co. coming soon to Novi

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

A locally owned microbrewery is coming to Novi and expects to bring something different to the area's bar and restaurant scene.

The first step was taken Monday when the Novi City Council approved its request for special land use for service of alcoholic beverages and for a micro-brewery license.

Novi resident Adam Czap is proposing to establish the microbrewery called Ascension Brewing Co., which he said is a name that pays homage to his faith and

rising above life's circumstances.

"We are very excited about this and think this will be a different thing than what we have (in Novi)," he said of opening the microbrewery.

Czap has lived with his family in Novi for four years and the Novi/Northville area for the past eight years. He is currently owner and manager of Czap Studios, a boutique photography studio in Novi, which has been in business for more than seven years.

Ascension Brewing will be located at 42000 Grand River Avenue, between Meadowbrook

and Novi roads, in the building between Weinstein Jewelers and Novi Reconstructive Dentistry.

Czap said the brewery would bring a creatively fresh, local and sustainable food menu, as well as craft beers, in a family-friendly environment. He believes that the use would be unique within Novi.

"It will be really cool," he said of Novi's first "nanobrewery."

The brewery's motto: "We are a community-focused brewery specializing in locally sourced food and ales crafted with sustainable brewing and cooking methods."

No menu has been made offi-

cial yet, but according to its Facebook page it will be serving spring, summer, fall and winter menus with each featuring seasonal selections. Some highlights include Zingerman's bread, locally sourced proteins and no fried or frozen items. There will also be a few other healthy and unique surprises.

The brewery should opening in the coming month. To learn about it, go to the Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/ascensionbrewingcompany> or <http://ascension.beer>.

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immoral purposes, a felony punishable by four years in prison and/or \$4,000 fine.

Reilly was arraigned in 52-1 District Court in front of Judge Robert Bondy, who set bond in the amount of \$50,000 cash/surety. Reilly was later transported to the Oakland County Jail. His next court date, a probable cause hearing, was scheduled for Wednesday.

"In providing a Christian environment, our first priority at the school is the physical, spiritual and emotional safety, health and well-being of our students," the Rev. John Huber, CC president, said in a statement. "In this spirit, I want to inform you that the school has been informed that Robert Reilly, a former school coach, has recently been arraigned on charges of inappropri-

ate contact with a minor. "As with all employees, before hiring this former coach, the school ran a background check and fingerprinting process. In addition, he attended a Protecting God's Children mandatory workshop which trains teachers and coaches about maintaining proper boundaries with minors. We have and will continue to educate our students, teachers and coaches about inappropriate behavior and boundaries not to be crossed with minors."

Huber added that because this matter involves a pending court proceeding, school administration, faculty, staff members and he are unable to discuss this matter further at this time. If parents have any concerns related to their child, they should contact the school or the Novi Police.

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Animalscapes



Longtime Novi resident Larry G. Ciancio (left) has been called an artist and nature lover by many since his teenage years. He has painted and enjoys wildlife, especially African animals. However, of late he has created several animal paintings of North America. Ciancio majored in fine arts and is a product of State University of New York. It was during his college years he became immersed in abstract and non-objective art, but realism and wildlife became his passion as his chosen medium. His style and interpretation of animal study surrounded by imaginative landscape with a sprinkle of surrealism makes his art unique. His Animalscapes show is on display at the Nancy A. Fox Art Gallery at Providence Park Hospital in Novi. Novi Mayor Bob Gatt (right) attended a reception and showing of Ciancio's original oil/acrylic paintings was held March 23 at the gallery in the Assarian Cancer Center.

Trade Secrets



Novi resident Linda Kovan and Commerce resident Dr. Genise Kerner attended the seventh annual Trade Secrets dinner March 18 at Knollwood Country Club in West Bloomfield. The event raised more than \$160,000 which will go toward the JVS Women to Work Program that helps women re-enter the workforce after a difficult life transition such as divorce or unemployment of a spouse or partner. Women to Work informational meetings will be held April 7 at the Southfield JVS office and April 8 in the Detroit JVS office. Go to www.jvsdet.org/women.

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NOVI COMMUNITY CALENDAR

LOCAL EVENTS

CARELINK LECTURES

Transitions - Life After Treatment group

Time/Date: 6-7:30 p.m. second and fourth Monday of each month

Location: Providence Park Hospital's Assarian Cancer Center, Second floor Conference Room, 47601 Grand River Ave., Novi

Details: Those have recently finished cancer treatment or have been out of treatment for a while and would like to connect with other survivors are invited to join this informative discussion and peer support.

Contact: Jenny Bailey at 248-465-5466

FRIENDS OF ISLAND LAKE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. fourth Tuesday of each month (except December)

Location: Island Lake State Recreation Area headquarters at Kensington and Grand River Avenue

Details: Meetings are open to any interested individual. The group's purpose is to support, enhance, protect and promote the natural, historic and recreational features of the park and the Huron River by increasing awareness of the park's assets through the education and outreach activities, encouraging and facilitating communication and cooperation between users of the park and its staff, organizing volunteers and stewardship activities and fundraising through contributions and grants to support these initiatives.

Contact: www.islandlakefriends.org

BEREAVEMENT MEETING

Time/Date: 7:30-9 p.m. third Tuesday of each month

Location: Novi Civic Center (10 Mile between Taft and Novi roads)

Details: Led by Michael M. Meyer, D. Min., goal is to give each participant an opportunity to share their story.

NAMI METRO

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of each month

Location: Providence Park Hospital, Novi

Details: Family support group meetings.

Contact: For more information, or questions, contact NAMI metro at 248-348-7197 or visit <http://www.namimetro.org>.

BUSINESS

LOCAL BUSINESS NETWORK MEETING

Time/Date: 8:45-10:15 a.m. first and third Wednesday of each month

Contact: To RSVP, call 248-349-6225 or 248-685-9226

AMERICAN BUSINESS WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Time/Date: 6:15-8:30 p.m., second Wednesday of each month

Location: DoubleTree Hotel, 42100 Crescent Blvd., Novi

Details: Novi Oaks is a chapter of the American Business Women's Association. The group meets monthly for networking and a program featuring speakers on an array of market-relevant topics. Organizers strive to bring together businesswomen of diverse occupations and to provide opportunities for them to help themselves and others grow personally and professionally through leadership, education, networking support and national recognition. Guests are always welcome; advance registration is required. Visit www.abwa-novi.org. **Contact:** Holly Hengstebeck at publicity@abwa-novi.org.

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The students are trying to answer the question, "How can art feed hungry children?" The end product will be bowls to auction to help feed those in need within the community.

"This has been a lot of fun and it feels good knowing that we are helping people who need it," fourth-grader Burak Arslan said.

Novi Community Schools Board of Education President George Kortlandt participated in the making of the bowls. This was something new for him, but it was something he really wanted to help with.

"This is a great way to learn about teamwork and how it can pay off in



George Kortlandt, Novi school board president, works with fourth-grader George Kobrossy on his bowl for the Empty Bowls project.

the end," he said. "And it's so much fun to do in the process."

Deerfield teacher Ron McCurdy said another goal is helping the students become concerned citizens.

"Through different

ways, we are trying to get them to think how they can help those in need," he said.

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Tech248 connects Oakland County companies

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

The Tech248 gathering Friday at Detroit Public Television studios in Wixom was the first of several this spring that aim to better connect Oakland County's growing technology community.

Oakland County is home to more than 2,000 tech companies. Through this new initiative of Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson, county officials want to help local companies attract and keep talent and learn how to grow their business locally, nationally and even internationally.

The county is offering different resources such as access to the extensive experience of its consulting team, leading edge tools to help grow business, seeing if a company can qualify for a small business loan or alternative funding, small business workshops, helping



Attendees of a March 26 Tech 248 meeting at Detroit Public Television's Wixom building on Grand River Avenue listen to Thanh Tran talk about the need for better education programs to address future job needs in the technology field.

a company explore the requirements for exporting and selling internationally, as well as finding a building and with market research.

The guest speaker at the DPTV event was the founder of local tech

company Kidpreneur, Thanh Tran, whose company is based in Wixom. He pointed to the future of technology and how education can help it grow and succeed.

He spoke to a crowd consisting of local busi-

ness people, students and government officials about the future and how the younger generations need to see technology careers as an important option. He said according to research, by 2020 the United States may have



City of Novi Economic Development Director Lauren Royston speaks at the Tech 248 meeting.

to look overseas for computer programmers because, surprisingly, the education system here is projected to not produce enough for future needs in the technology fields.

Kidpreneur wants to help close that future gap by offering enrichment programs using science,

technology, engineering, art and math (STEAM) to teach students in grades K-8 about entrepreneurship and technology, including computer programming, game design and web development, robotics, Minecraft, video production, 3D printing and more. It's supposed to be both fun and educational - and useful.

"Coding will be a skill set needed in the future," Tran said.

Upcoming meetings will be at 2 p.m. April 21 at the Oakland County International Airport-Terminal Building and at 3:30 p.m. May 21 in Troy at 365 Retail Markets.

To learn more about the initiative, contact Chris Olzem at Oakland County at olzemc@oakgov.com or 248-858-1354. To be part of the Tech248 network, go to MITech248.com.

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Man beaten by Inkster police officers claims injustice

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

A very emotional Floyd Dent, the man whose beating by Inkster Police during a traffic stop was caught on video, went before the media Wednesday afternoon at his attorney's Novi office to talk about the incident.

He said he wants justice for the wrongdoings done to him.

"He should be in jail," Dent, 57, said in the hallway outside the law office of Gregory Rohl, who stood next his client and also spoke during the press conference.

"He" is Inkster Police Officer William Melendez, who according to his police report suffered a minor injury from a bite by Dent during the ar-



Floyd Dent (left) stood next to his attorney Gregory Rohl at his Novi office to address the media in what they claim is a case of police brutality and an unlawful arrest during a traffic stop in late January by Inkster Police.

rest. Dent was stopped Jan. 28 by Inkster Police for running a stop sign. The police report stated the arresting officer believed Dent was fleeing

and eluding prior to finally stopping his vehicle.

In the video, which was taken from the police cruiser dash camera and released initially to WDIV-TV (Channel 4)

and later to other media through his attorney, shows Dent getting pulled from his vehicle and punched numerous times in the head. He was also shot with a Taser and

then placed under arrest. Dent's injuries reportedly include an orbital fracture and blood on the brain. He spent three days in the hospital.

Rohl said Dent was unlawfully profiled and added the arresting officer, Melendez, has a record of wrongdoings as a police officer.

Dent was charged with resisting and assaulting a police officer and possession of crack cocaine, but the former charge was dropped, according to Rohl, by the district court. He will appear on April 1 in Wayne County Circuit Court on the drugs charge, which Rohl says will be found to be false because Dent said he saw the police officer plant the drugs.

In the police report, Dent was quoted to have said to the arresting officer he was going to kill him. Rohl said the report contains many falsehoods by the police.

Statements to the media from the Inkster Police have indicated the department wants to let the investigation run its course.

At the press conference, Dent's family, friends and supporters wore T-shirts that read, "Stop Police Brutality." The supporters held a protest outside of the Inkster Police Department this past week and expect to gather again April 1.

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Students at Village Oaks Elementary enter the world of the Shark Tank

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Fourth-graders at Village Oaks Elementary School recently entered the Shark Tank as part of some project-based learning.

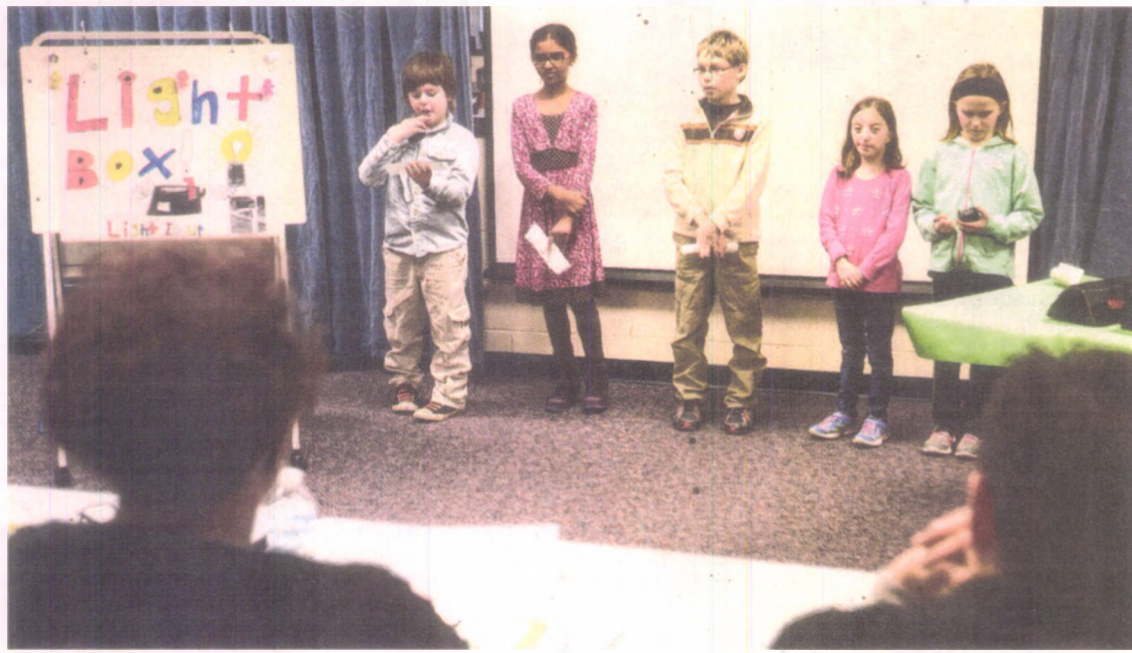
The project mimics the television series in which budding entrepreneurs get the chance to bring their dreams to fruition.

The fourth-grade students in Village Oaks worked in innovative teams to create a product in their economics unit to present to the Sharks, a panel of Novi's own local business community leaders.

The students really took to the project and impressed the judges.

"I think it was a phenomenal and fun way to introduce young people to entrepreneurship and business planning. I especially loved the engagement of the business owners and business professionals with the students," said Novi Economic Development Director Lauren Royston, one of the Sharks.

She thought the exercise really taught students how to work together, despite dif-



Village Oaks Elementary fourth-graders stand before a four-member Shark Tank panel of potential investors March 6 to pitch their entrepreneurial ideas. Presenting their idea for an automatic, solar-powered light for mailboxes are (from left) Draco Esmay, Manvita Gouni, Jason Rutenbar, Zoey McKinnon and Olivia Darnell.

fering opinions, to achieve the common goal of promoting their business.

Fourth-grader Alex Daniel agrees and said getting feedback from his fellow students

helped his team improve its product, "The No Doubt Water Spout." This was aimed at preventing the spread of germs.

"I liked it," he said of the

project that had students working in teams to do things like create a plan, business model, market survey and final presentation to potential investors. Teachers Meghan Ashkana-

ni and Lynn Cracraft said the project-based learning has sent student engagement "through the roof."

"This style of learning has them really motivated," Ashkanani said. "They are really learning to lead through this, as well."

Royston works with a variety of business people and said she went away thoroughly impressed.

"Overall, I thought the presentations and ideas were inventive, clever and well thought out. There were several that stood out tremendously and those students may need to follow up with patents for those ideas," she said.

What stood out to Royston was the level of preparedness of the students.

"I gathered that each student was such a cheerleader and believer of their product or service and they took that role seriously," she said. "What also stood out was how members of each team assumed different roles. There were clear inventors, planners, marketing gurus and strategists."

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World Autism Awareness Day is worth commemorating

By Ewa Omahen
Guest Column

April 2 has been designated by the United Nations as World Autism Awareness Day. Autism is a complex developmental disorder that is known as spectrum disorders impacting every affected person to a varying degree. According to the latest CDC statistics, one in 68 children is diagnosed with autism and the incidence is on the rise. Virtually everyone either has a family member or knows someone impacted by autism.

Characterized primarily by communication and socialization difficulties, living with autism can be an isolating and overwhelming experience for the individual and their entire family. The degree of language difficulties may vary from mild, including difficulties engaging in reciprocal conversation and understanding pragmatic language, to moderate, including the inability to speak. Similarly, the socialization difficulties can differ greatly among the individuals impacted.

Children on the spectrum tend to have difficulties processing sensory input and thus learn differently. They often require special accommodations and teaching methods, as well as specific tools, including augmentative communication, visual supports, individualized teaching and special sensory input referred to as "sensory diet" addressing their unique processing deficits.

While some children do well in school with minimal support, some require more accommodations in order to benefit from being educated in general education classrooms. Some students require special



Patrick Omahen with paraprofessional Sherry Hanovich.

programs and a structured self-contained setting to be educated successfully.

Our 13-year-old son Patrick requires intensive and individualized programming in a self-contained program specifically designed for students with autism to be able to learn skills. He is currently attending our neighborhood middle school, Hillside, in the Northville Public Schools district, with four other students. Up until this year, he attended the Sprouts ASD program at Thornton Creek.

Historically, students with autism who required more

intensive programming used to be schooled out of district. The wonderful initiative of providing in-district services for the more involved students was initiated by establishing the ASD programming at the elementary level a few years ago. The recent expansion of the programming to the middle school level has been a welcome addition for the students and families living with autism in this community. The families are hopeful that the district will expand the programming to accommodate the students as they move on to high school.

Many wonderful things are happening at Hillside in the ASD program. The students are supported by an amazing and dedicated multidisciplinary team, including the classroom teacher, para-professionals and support staff. Aside from learning academic skills catered to their individual needs, they are learning life skills including vocational, communication and peer interaction skills. The emphasis is on teaching independence and preparing these students for life in the community.

Patrick, along with the other four students, gets the benefits of community inclusion at our school, thanks to having inclusion opportunities in general education classes (gym) and peer interactions, due to wonderful initiatives such as the Peer Pals and Links programs. The typical peers volunteer their free time to spend with their friends with autism.

It takes concerted effort, administrative support and training by staff to accomplish the goal of having the students participate in activities, learn from each other and grow from the experience. Everyone benefits in the process, with the students learning communication and socialization skills from their typical peers and the typical peers learning acceptance, tolerance and empathy from their special friends.

Apparently, there is a long list of volunteers at Hillside waiting to "hang out" with the five students with autism and be their friends. A few parents of the Peer Pals have contacted me over the years with thanks and appreciation for the opportunity their children had to get to know my son. They felt the experience was invaluable in teaching their typical child

many life lessons and helping them grow as a person. It is a heartwarming and reassuring feeling for the families and the community at large to have the students fully embraced by providing amazing educational opportunities right here, in their home district. Diversity benefits us all in so many ways. The students learn amazing lessons of collaboration, leadership, understanding for differences and an appreciation for everyone's unique gifts and abilities.

The district has every reason to be proud of what has been accomplished over the last few years, in terms of developing and expanding the programming for students with autism. It takes a dedicated school community - including supportive administration with a vision, highly skilled multidisciplinary staff, general education teachers embracing inclusion and caring students and their families - to make this type of program a success.

April 2 is a special day of recognition for the amazing children and families living with autism. Let it also be a day to celebrate the many people in the Northville Schools and the community at large who support them daily. May we all continue to learn and grow along with these students, recognize the special gifts they bring into our lives and remember researcher Kathleen Seidel's words: "Autism is as much a part of humanity as is the capacity to dream."

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SCHOOL BRIEFS

Start school after Labor Day?

State Rep. Kurt Heise recently introduced legislation to allow public schools to start before Labor Day, but still ensures that schools will have the Friday before the holiday off.

"This bill is about making sure we do everything we can to guarantee that our kids have the opportunity to excel," said Heise, R-Plymouth Township. "We've seen student achievement increase when schools are given more flexibility with their academic calendar."

Heise said the bill will favor local control in education decisions, noting that local districts know what is best for their communities, families and students.

"Every time I speak with individuals in our community, I always hear how important it is to make sure our local communities succeed," Heise said. "This is just one way we can give our locals the ability to do what is best for them. The more we help our local communities succeed, the more Michigan will succeed."

Currently, the revised school code prohibits public schools from starting classes prior to Labor Day.

"I have two high school-age daughters of my own and from my experience many students are involved in extracurricular activities and are already back at school in August," Heise said. "Allowing schools the option to start earlier will also help schools avoid going later into the year due to makeup days."

HB 4396 now moves to the House Education Committee for further consideration.

Quick Tip

The Novi Community School District intro-

duced a communication feature, School Messenger Quick Tip, on the district website that allows students, staff, parents, community members, and other stake holders to submit anonymous tips and feedback to Novi School District administrators.

When a School Messenger Quick Tip is submitted, the school principal and the superintendent are notified via email. Timely and appropriate action can then be taken to ensure that problems or concerns are addressed quickly. Tips can also be used to provide feedback - both positive and negative on district and school activities - which will help to continually improve school district performance. If a person chooses, Quick Tip reports can be made anonymously.

School Messenger Quick Tip is also a smart phone app that can be downloaded. Go to <https://asp.schoolmessenger.com/novicsd/quicktip/> for more information.

Novi Co-Op Preschool events

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

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

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

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 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.

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 you can not meet on the dates listed above for your child's school, contact the school's main office. If you are unsure about which school your child will be attending, view the Attendance Boundary Map at <http://www.northvilleschools.org/node/251>.

Novi kindergarten roundup

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

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

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

Developmentally delayed students

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

Mom to Mom Sale

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

All baby, toddler and children's items will be accepted, including large items such as high

chairs, swings, strollers and large toys. Admission for adults is \$1 at the door and free for children ages 15 and under.

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

Northville roundup, parent orientation

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

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

Kindergarten Round-Up is designed for your incoming kindergartner. Your child will participate in a number of activities that will help us get to know your child better and help him or her feel more comfortable in the classroom.

When you arrive for Kindergarten Round-Up, we will greet you and your child and your child will come with us to start their busy schedule. While your child is with our staff, you will participate in an informational session highlighting our many important initiatives, including The Leader in Me. We will provide more details

about the Round-Up experience at parent orientation.

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

- Amerman - April 30, 6:30 p.m. May 1
- Moraine - May 11, 6:30 p.m. May 15
- Silver Springs - May 6, 6 p.m. May 15
- Thornton Creek - April 29, 6 p.m. May 7
- Ridge Wood - May 11, 6:30 p.m. May 15
- Winchester - May 11, 6 p.m. May 12

ABWA offering grant, scholarships

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

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

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

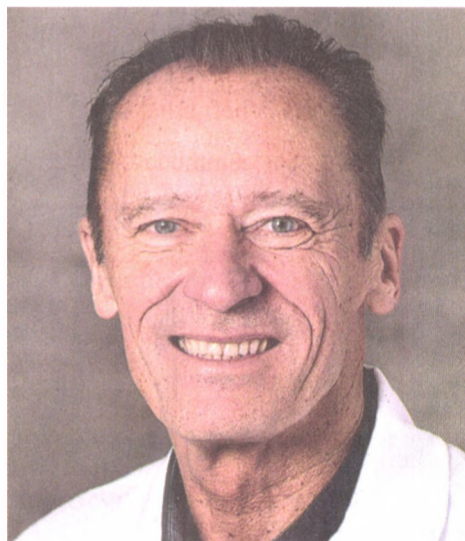
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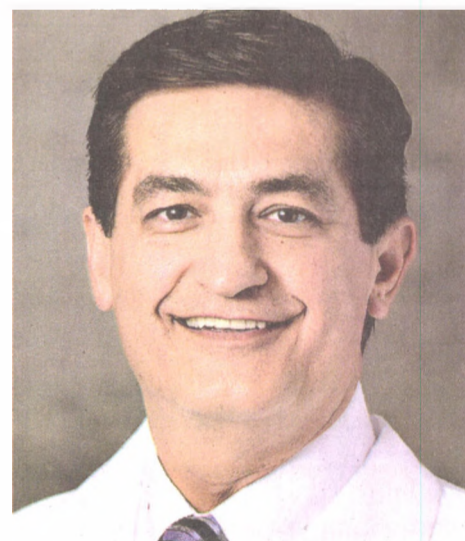
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Free health lecture

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

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

Recognize youths

Novi Youth Assistance Recognition Ceremony will be held 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.

Contact the NYA office at 248-347-0410 or stop by the office at 45175 W. 10 Mile Road for more information.

Novi Farmers Market open

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

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

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

Choralaires sneak peek

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

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

Want to be a mentor?

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

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

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

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

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

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

Grief support workshops

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

Each session will begin with a presentation on one aspect of grief followed by small group participation. Attendees will be placed in groups according to their loss (i.e. spouse, parent, child, etc.) and given the opportunity to share their feelings and challenges as well as the necessary tools to cope with difficult emotions.

The upcoming workshops are: » Livonia - Holy Cross Lutheran Church (30650 Six Mile Road, Livonia); 7-8:45 p.m. April 9 and for eight consecutive Thursday evenings.

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

Coffee with the Superintendent

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

Great Lakes Art Fair

The annual Spring Great Lakes Art Fair, April 10-12 at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi, offers patrons an opportunity to experience nearly 200 of the region's finest artists and craftspeople in a single, easily accessible indoor location. The number of artists exhibiting in the 2015 Spring GLAF is a nearly 20-percent increase over 2014 — the largest yet. The Great Lakes Art Fair is a juried art fair, with a panel of select artists and curators collaborating to determine the optimal mix of mediums and artists.

Ladies Night Out will again be Friday evening,

Library time



Daniel Gloeden looks through some storybooks with his sons Evan, 16 months, and Liam, 3, during a Feb. 20 visit to the Novi Public Library. Many visitors to the library were enjoying a day of warmth and books inside as the day had begun so cold with temperatures below 20°F. The younger Gloeden boys are big fans of books about dinosaurs and animals.

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presented by WJBK-TV (Channel 2), Carrabba's Italian Grill and WNIC-FM (100.3), with half off standard adult admission 1-8 p.m., including a free appetizer certificate for the first 500 guests, redeemable at any local Carrabba's Italian Grill location.

Tickets are \$7 for adults; free for children under 12. Hours are 1-8 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. More information and \$2 discount coupons for entry are available at www.greatlakesartfair.com, and artists are also featured on the GLAF Facebook page (http://www.facebook.com/GreatLakesArtFair).

History of chocolate

The Northville Garden Club will meet Monday, April 13 (noon social and luncheon; 12:30 meeting) at Cady Inn. This month the members will at 1:15 p.m. travel to the Schokolad Chocolate Factory at 20450 Haggerty Road. Emily Barke will be presenting "The History of Chocolate" at 1:30 p.m. Guests are always welcome. For more information, contact Inge Knoth at 248-348-1835.

Buddy's Pizza fights hunger

All 11 Buddy's pizza locations — including Novi's (44225 W. 12 Mile Road) in the Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk entertainment complex — are hosting the 39th annual "Slice for Life Event" Monday, April 13, with proceeds benefiting the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. With the purchase of an event ticket patrons may either dine in and enjoy all-you-can-eat two-topping pizzas and salad or carry-out a four-square two-topping pizza or a medium sized Antipasto, Greek or house salad.

In addition to dining on Buddy's award-winning pizza and salad, families will be assisting the Capuchin Soup Kitchen in feeding the hungry. Tickets (\$15 for adults; \$7 for children) may be purchased from the Capuchins in advance at www.cskdetroit.org or by

calling 313-579-2100, ext. 170/153, or at the door of any Buddy's pizza. All participants can also register to win one eight-square Buddy's pizza every month for a year.

Group Travel Fair

Discover where your next adventure will take you at the Group Travel Fair at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, April 16 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road.

Attendees of the free event will learn about exciting day and extended travel opportunities offered by travel agencies, enjoy refreshments, and may receive door prizes. Group travelers will experience immeasurable benefits including meeting new people and making lasting memories while safely realizing the glory of new landscapes and adventures.

The next Group Travel Fair will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 24.

For more information about the travel fairs and additional events and programs, visit cityofnovi.org or call the Older Adult Services office at 248-347-0414.

Hillside Spring Craft Fair

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

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

Library, Paradise Park team up for fundraiser party

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

Along with being the premier sponsor for the

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

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

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

Baby boomer conference

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

Boomer University-Dream Again will have something to offer all baby boomers, including live music with Michael King and The Boomer Band and Ken Calvert of WCSX-FM (98.7) and former Detroit Pistons PA announcer. Chuck Gaidica from Oak Pointe Church will lead the conference and share a bit of his story and encourage other boomers in transition or thinking about transition to dream again.

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

Veterans benefit counseling

In 2010, a nationwide Veterans Administration survey found fewer than half of all veterans understood their benefits, including medical care, college tuition reimbursement and pension or disability payments.

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A public hearing can be requested by any property owner of a structure located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for a Temporary Special Land Use permit.

This request will be considered at 3:00 PM on Wednesday, April 22nd, 2015 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to Tom Walsh and must be received prior to Tuesday, April 21st, 2015.

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Japanese local investment remains strong

By Cal Stone
Staff Writer

There are 12,828 Japanese nationals living in Michigan and 25 percent of them reside in Novi.

That, according to the Consulate General of Japan in Detroit, means Novi (3,276) has by far the largest concentration, followed by Ann Arbor (1,695), West Bloomfield (1,028), Farmington Hills (712) and Battle Creek (394).

Most are here because Japan is a leading foreign investor in our state, with 487 facilities in operation. The majority of those, 266, are in the manufacturing sector, of which 62 percent are automotive-related. Commercial trade operations make up 24 percent of all Japanese facilities in Michigan.

Based on Novi's count last August, the city had about 65 Japanese businesses, with the largest being Toyota Boshoku (200 employees), Fujitsu

Ten (90), Harada (80) and Hino Trucks (70).

"Most of the Japanese companies are smaller in scale (10-30 employees) and represent the North American sales, service or engineering location of the parent company," said Lauren Royston, Novi's economic development director.

Japanese investment is a significant contribution to the state's economy and has been for quite a few years. In fact, the Consulate General of Japan in Detroit was established in 1993 as a result of the growing number of Japanese businesses and the more than 25,000 Japanese residents here and in Ohio. It promotes trade and economic development between Japan and the U.S. and nurtures strong bilateral relations through various educational and cultural activities.

"These companies play a key role in the resurgent U.S. auto in-

JAPANESE INVESTMENT BY REGION			
Region	Facilities	Total Employees	Manufacturing Employees
Southeast	395	21,444	3,660
* Oakland	235	11,210	1,110
* Wayne	102	4,547	489
* Washtenaw	27	3,284	417
* Macomb	15	589	343
* Livingston	12	1,290	986
Southwest	50	12,491	8,231
Central	33	3,624	2,503
Northern	9	780	600

dustry, contribute greatly to Michigan's steadily improving economy and business climate and remain committed to producing, employing and investing locally," Consul General Kazuyuki Katayama said.

The survey defines a Japanese facility as one which is non-franchised with at least 10-percent share of Japanese ownership.

Bottom line: The Japanese facilities provide 38,339 direct jobs (up 552

from 2013), according to the results of the Consulate General's annual Japanese Direct Investment Survey. However, only 1,883 of those employees are Japanese.

"I am delighted to see that Japanese companies continue to boost investments in their R&D, sales, as well as manufacturing operations in the great state of Michigan, resulting in a 2-percent increase in year-over-year hiring," Katayama said.

Japanese-language programs

One of the results of this strong investment in Michigan is the increased presence of Japanese-language programs.

More than 4,000 students in the state are studying Japanese at the elementary, middle and high schools levels and another 2,000 are doing so at colleges and universities.

"It is no secret that Japanese-language education here in Michigan has remained strong for many years," Katayama said. "I have had the chance to visit dozens of schools throughout the state and I have always been impressed by the students' sincere eagerness when it comes to their language studies."

Katayama said it is certain that students who graduate with a working knowledge of the Japanese language, combined with other essential

skills, will have a wide variety of career opportunities presented to them right here in Michigan.

On average, Japanese families stay in the U.S. for three to five years. Back in 1973, local Japanese companies founded the Japanese School of Detroit - also known as Ringo Kai - to teach Japanese so children can assimilate back into their native environment when they return.

Although there are now about 800 students in K-12, it began with just 23 students and eventually expanded to three locations. The school consolidated and signed a 10-year agreement with Novi Community Schools in 2010, with classes held at Meadows Elementary most Saturdays beginning in April and ending in March - just like in Japan.

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City of Novi Older Adult Services has partnered with the Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America to increase awareness of VA benefits and medical care for those who qualify.

Bonnie Williams, a service officer from MPVA, will host free, 30-minute, one-on-one counseling sessions 1-3 p.m. Monday, **April 27** - at the Meadowbrook Activity Center (25075 Meadowbrook Road). To schedule an appointment, call 248-347-0414 or stop by Older Adult Services office in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 10 Mile.

For more information about Veterans Benefit Counseling, contact Sandy Fisher, Social Services coordinator, at 248-347-0414 or sfisher@cityofnovi.org. To learn about additional older adult social and educational programs, go to www.cityofnovi.org.

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.

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

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

Michigan International Women's Show returns

The Michigan International Women's Show returns to the Suburban Collection Showplace

(46100 Grand River Avenue) in Novi **April 30** through May 3.

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

For more information, visit www.InternationalWomenShow.com or call 800-849-0248.

'The Case of the Dead Paparazzi'

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

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

The Case of the Dead Paparazzi will take place entirely on foot and features actors, riddles, a scavenger hunt and problem solving. This event is limited to 25 teams. Register early as tickets are expected to sell out. The price is \$80 per team. There will be time for fun stops; however, purchases are not included in the registration price. For more information, contact Cultural Arts Programmer Amelia Purdy at 248-735-5615 or apurdy@cityofnovi.org.

Celebration of Hope

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

Its Celebration of Hope 15-year anniversary dinner Friday, **May 1**, at St. Mary's Cultural Center (18100 Merriman Road in Livonia) will celebrate the past, present and future of New Hope. Founders Cathy Clough and John and Betty Baird will be the guests of honor. The event starts at 6 p.m. and there will be many items for bid at the live and silent auctions, including a week-long vacation on Hilton Head Island in

South Carolina, as well as food, drinks and dancing.

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

OCRPs Lincoln Day Dinner

The Oakland County Republican Party (OCRPs) announced the keynote speaker - Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker -- for the 126th Annual Lincoln Day Dinner at 7 p.m. Monday, **May 4** at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi.

"Governor Walker brings a strong conservative message to the voters and shares a positive future for our county," said Theresa Mungoli, OCRP chair. "Governor Walker's leadership has been demonstrated by the progress he has made in Wisconsin."

Walker proposed bold reforms that eliminated Wisconsin's \$3.6 billion budget deficit and gave local schools and local governments the resources needed to balance their budgets without the massive layoffs seen in other states, all without raising taxes on the citizens of Wisconsin.

Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard is chair of the Oakland County's Lincoln Day Dinner, the longest running in the nation, and it is where Republicans and grassroots activists get together and help support the county party.

Call 248-499-7288 or visit <https://www.oaklandgop.net/2015-lincolnday-dinner> for more information.

'The Frog Prince' at Marquis

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

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

Show times are 2:30 p.m. March 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 week-day school shows are also available.

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

Tax help



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AARP Tax-Aide helper Jim Gallas (left) assists Northville residents Susan and David Davis in preparing their 2014 returns during a recent session at the Northville Community Center. AARP will be at the center each Thursday until tax day helping seniors and low-income residents file their returns at no cost. For more information, call 248-349-4140.

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Manufacturing students have little debt, land good jobs in today's economy

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

David Valencia spends his days traveling, doing repairs to machines such as CNC mills. But when he's at home, the Northville High School graduate uses his own mill to create parts, which he then sells.

"Most of the things I've made on my machine are for profit," said Valencia, a Detroit resident.

Valencia is just one of several students at Schoolcraft College who have gotten employment in the growing skilled trades field.

"I do stuff like this. I make custom parts," he said. "My main thing is I fix them."

It's a field of study at the college that has seen exponential growth the past few years, a trend that has come with a renewed push for skilled trade employees for Michigan companies.

Another student who jumped right in after high school was Canton resident Brian Merry.

"I was working in my first shop six months after high school," said Merry, 22. "I just kept it going from there."

He said he is two credits shy of earning his associate's degree from the Livonia college and has worked in six shops since leaving high school.

With the continued push for more advanced manufacturers in Michigan, Merry began determining his future quickly. Working in additive manufacturing, known more commonly as 3-D printing, he has worked full time plus overtime most weeks.

He was one of the few younger people in his first shop, a trend that has continued at his current job. That's why he sees a need for more of his peers to enter the field and join the workforce.

"I started in the shop when I was 19. The next youngest person was in their 40s. That's still how it is now," he said. "I've worked in six shops and



Schoolcraft College instructor Gene Keyes (from left) shows students Alexis Carlson of Commerce Township and Mike Guider of Livonia how to program a mill.

it's all an aging workforce. As soon as they go away, it's going to be no one."

'It's a lot different'

Gene Keyes, instructor of manufacturing at Schoolcraft College, said he's starting to see a trend in student age in his classrooms, signaling a younger generation of skilled trades workers is on the horizon.

Getting those students, who normally may be steered toward a more traditional, four-year liberal arts degree, has been a challenge, but Keyes has worked with several area school districts to show the benefits of the skilled trades field, said Conway Jeffress, president of Schoolcraft College.

"It's been a tough sell. Our approach has been to start earlier," Jeffress said. "Before they develop a picture that's so ingrained and so negative, we want to get to them and talk to them about what you can do in this profession."

Ann Owen, principal of Emerson Middle

School in Livonia, said she began working with Keyes on an increased basis over the past year after several machines owned by the district were decommissioned. She said many people still have the image of a factory as a grimy machine shop, a reality that isn't what it used to be.

She attended a grand opening recently after some work had been done at Livonia's AlphaUSA and said it was the exact opposite of a dirty factory.

"We have to get some visual representations out there to these kids and to their parents and let them know how drastically this industry and whole talent set and this pool has changed, so it looks exciting," she said. "How many images of new, clean facilities are out in publication these days?"

"This is the image we pass along to our children, because we don't know any different."

There are major benefits of attending a two-year college for a program like manufactur-

ing, Keyes said, specifically with a lot less financial problems than many four-year students experience in student loan debt.

"You can make just as much money as anyone in liberal arts with a lot less debt," he said. "Not everyone's made to go to four-year colleges. How many have a bachelor's degree and are bartenders?"

John Kozlowski, a plant manager at Star Cutter Co.'s Farmington Hills facility, can speak firsthand to the changes he's seen since entering the field.

Kozlowski joined Northern Tool in 1987 and worked his way up at the company before and after it was acquired by Star Cutter. He's seen a lot of changes that have made the industry a more advanced, technical field than before.

"Back when I graduated high school in 1986, we

were starting to lose a little bit of ground in manufacturing. I thought it was a good field for me to go into," said Kozlowski, a Holly resident. "Everything is state of the art; it's all computer-operated."

"It's a lot different."

Good pay

And with that additional skill comes a wide range of salary options. Lindsey Bielby, human resources director for Star Cutter, said entry-level positions can pay between \$35,000 and \$40,000 at his company, with the opportunity to earn more.

"There's a lot of overtime available," said Bielby, who lives in Tawas City. "You can make an additional \$10,000."

Alexis Carlson was recently hired at Star Cutter. A Walled Lake Northern High School graduate, she said she got interested in the field

OPEN HOUSE

Schoolcraft College will host a career pathways open house this spring, including the manufacturing lab, plastics lab, metallurgy lab, welding lab, CAD department and electronics lab. It will take place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 30, in the Applied Science Building at the Livonia campus. The event is open to all students and parents, from middle school to high school. Any questions can be emailed to occupationalprograms@schoolcraft.edu.

after taking some courses during high school at the Oakland Schools Technical Campus in Wixom.

She said some people's attitudes toward her are indifferent when they first meet, but they change once they see her skill set.

"I think they have lower expectations when they meet me," she said. "I'm never going to be done. I'm always going to be learning."

Dan West, president of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce, said he does not have an exact number of businesses that employ these types of workers, but several businesses, including Ford Motor Co. and NYX, Inc., are among the top 10 employers who added jobs between 2013 and 2014.

It's a trend West anticipates will continue, especially in Livonia.

"Based on most research I've read in recent years, there will be more jobs available for those who pursue skills training through a certificate or associate-degree program than those who pursue a bachelor's degree," West said.

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Surfing the challenging world of online travel sites can be tricky

The number of travel sites promising the best deals on airfare, hotel stays or car rentals seems to be growing exponentially. Years ago, the situation was tolerable as a few key players like Priceline.com and spokesman William Shatner hawked "name-your-price" hotel stays. Now there are dozens of well-known travel sites, with advertisements in heavy rotation, making their presence known.

When it comes to low-price guarantees, should you trust Shatner, the disheveled trivago guy, Captain Obvious or maybe the Roaming Gnome from Travelocity? The answer largely depends on your special travel plans and specific needs.

Priceline.com is still a tremendous site for low hotel prices if you don't mind letting the company pick your accommodations. You choose your star rating, location and price and the site will select a hotel that meets your criteria. Great for frugal travelers, but bad for picky ones.

For those who want full control of hotel stays, Hotels.com usually ranks among the lowest prices, but not always. Expedia stands out as a better value than buying direct from the Marriotts of this world - even more so when packaged with rental cars or flights. Sometimes, Travelocity and Orbitz beat Expedia, sometimes all three have the same exact prices



and sometimes the prices fluctuate daily.

Comparing prices can be so time-consuming, it's almost not worth the money you save in finding the low price. KAYAK.com aims to alleviate that pressure by comparing hotels or vacation packages for multiple sites at once. Trivago does the same, but for hotels only. And while I've never found the best price on anything direct from KAYAK.com, its tool is useful and so are some of its sister sites.

Booking.com, for instance (which is part of the KAYAK/Priceline family), saved me a great deal on a condo in Myrtle Beach in 2014 and also has some of the lowest prices on hotel rooms domestically and in Europe. Booking.com often has better room inventories as it offers condos and time shares properties, sometimes at a lower price than more basic hotel rooms.

Airbnb and VRBO.com (vacation rental by owner) provide just that - vacation rentals in the form of homes, condos and rooms that are rented by owners. The best properties are professionally managed and cleaned and still maintain the safety and security of dealing with a private travel organiza-

tion. They also provide better deals for those seeking accommodations for large groups.

Last year, my friends and I saved more than \$1,000 by renting an eight-person condo from VRBO rather than getting four separate one-bedroom hotel rooms.

When flights are involved, sometimes it pays to go direct. Delta.com, for instance, will offer room discounts and frequent flier miles for booking with Hotels.com. Plus, its flights can easily be checked against the costs for sites like Expedia.

Whether you are booking with Expedia, Delta or another site, it is important not to get hung up on the so-called low price guarantees. Most sites will only match lower prices for exact itineraries if you find them within 24 hours of booking.

I suppose you could book a package at a site for a higher price with the plan to price match, but that's a lot of work to get a \$50 voucher or whatever junk travel sites are offering for price matching these days.

Like anything, when it comes to finding the best travel prices online, it all depends on how much work you put in.

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Harman acquiring Bang & Olufsen Automotive

Harman International Industries, Inc., has signed an agreement to acquire Bang & Olufsen Automotive car audio business for €145 million.

"Harman has earned its leadership position in car audio by designing and engineering the most technologically sophisticated sound systems in the world and building the strongest portfolio of brands that help our customers distinguish their own unique brand propositions," said Dinesh C. Paliwal, Harman chairman, president and CEO. "Bang & Olufsen is a distinctive brand that will complement our existing premium branded offerings and strengthen Harman's

position in this segment. While Bang & Olufsen branded solutions will continue at the top of the high-end luxury segment, we will rapidly grow B&O PLAY branded solutions in the larger mass luxury market."

Terms of the agreement include a purchase price of €145 million, as well as license payments for an exclusive license to the Bang & Olufsen and B&O PLAY brands within the automotive industry. Harman will assume all Bang & Olufsen Automotive customer programs and all Bang & Olufsen Automotive development and production resources will be transferred to Harman.

The agreement remains subject to certain customary closing conditions, including regulatory approvals.

"In just 10 years, we have built Bang & Olufsen Automotive based on Bang & Olufsen's exclusive brand and unique capabilities within acoustics, design and craftsmanship. Harman's position as the market leader in car audio and infotainment solutions, combined with the strengths of the Bang & Olufsen brands, will create significant benefits for automotive customers, as well as for both companies," said Tue Manton, Bang & Olufsen president and CEO.

Bang & Olufsen

(www.bang-olufsen.com) was founded in Struer, Denmark, in 1925 by Peter Bang and Svend Olufsen, two innovative, young engineers devoted to high-quality audio reproduction. Bang & Olufsen Automotive most recently announced that its surround sound system is featured in the new Audi R8.

Harman brands - Bowers & Wilkins, Harman Kardon, Infinity, JBL, Lexicon, Mark Levinson and Revel - are in more than 25 million cars.

Novi ties

Harman International is based in Stamford, Conn. In September 2014, Harman Becker received

approval by the city of Novi to establish an Industrial Development District and an eight-year tax abatement to establish its new North American headquarters. The project, according to city council member Wayne Wrobel, is expected to bring a \$37 million long-term investment into the community.

Harman Becker plans to construct a state-of-the-art 188,000-square-foot facility on 16.5 acres at the northeast corner of M-5 and 13 Mile. According to Phil Eyster, senior vice president for Harman Becker, the company will relocate to the new facility, consolidating six of its seven existing southeast Michi-

gan locations into one building.

The company will bring approximately 800 existing employees to the new facility, which will serve also as the company's headquarters in Michigan, and expects to add approximately 150 positions at the new facility within the first three years of its initial occupancy.

Harman has a workforce of approximately 17,600 people across the Americas, Europe and Asia and reported sales of \$5.9 billion for the 12 months ended Dec. 31, 2014. The company's shares are traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol NYSE:HAR.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

SCORE business mentoring

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

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

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

Two-Minute Drill

Clint Longenecker, professor of management at the College of Business and Innovation at the University of Toledo, will present The Two-Minute Drill: Lessons for Rapid Organizational Improvement from America's Greatest Game at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 16, in the Jeffress Center, located on the Schoolcraft College Campus.

The Two-Minute Drill explores lessons in football, applying these same techniques to the business setting, facilitating accelerated change in a competitive marketplace. Prior to

the presentation, an assortment of hors d'oeuvres will be served from Schoolcraft College Catering.

This presentation is \$10 per person. Register online at https://www.utfoundation.org/foundation/home/Child_NewsEvents_alumni.aspx?request=2.

Schoolcraft College is located at 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia. The Jeffress Center is located at the corner of Seven Mile and Haggerty roads on the northwest corner of the college's main campus in Livonia.

Oakland County's Economic Outlook Luncheon

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

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

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

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

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

SBA launching new tool for entrepreneurs

The Small Business Administration will launch a first of its kind tool on the federal agency's website that will allow entrepreneurs looking for a small business loan to get matched with a SBA lender. This new tool, called LINC (Leveraging Information and Networks to access Capital), will

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

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

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

NEWSMAKERS

Northville au pair wins top award

AuPairCare announced that German au pair Lena Halberstadt has been crowned Au Pair of the Year. She traveled to Lisbon, Portugal, recently to accept her award at the Work Experience Travel Market and IAPA Annual Conference.



Halberstadt

IAPA's Au Pair of the Year contest has been held annually for the past 11 years and 2015 saw a record number of 59 entries from au pair host families all over the world. The essays emphasized the principle at the core of the au pair program: cultural exchange.

Halberstadt's host family, the Rasmussens, live in Northville with their five children and nominated Lena, saying: "Lena was here for only a week when I realized we

had hit the au pair jackpot. Five kids with very different personalities and a large age gap is no easy assignment, yet Lena accomplishes it with ease."

For Halberstadt, the feeling is mutual. She's thankful for all that she's been able to experience in the U.S.

"They treat me as a family member and take me to every single family event! I love that, since one of the reasons why I am here is to get to know the American culture," Halberstadt said. "We went to a real American wedding, visited festivals and parades. We also went on vacation to Florida together, which was awesome! Besides that, I went trick-or-treating with the kids on Halloween and we visited my host mom's family for a big Thanksgiving dinner in Chicago."

Read Lena's full nomination essay online at www.aupaircare.com/stories/meet-our-finalist-iapas-au-pair-year-lena-germany.

OAKLAND COUNTY BUSINESS WORKSHOPS

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

CEED Small Business Loan Orientation

Wednesday, April 8, 9-11 a.m.: Many small businesses face obsta-

cles when trying to obtain a business loan. If your business is located in Oakland County and you have a need for alternative financing consider learning more about the CEED Small Business Loan Program. Discover the requirements and process necessary to apply for and obtain a Small Business Loan. (CEED is Center for Empowerment and Economic Development) Register for CEED Small Business Loan Orientation. No fee.

Business Research: Feasibility to Expansion

Wednesday, April 8, 6-8:30 p.m.: For a startup or existing small business looking to research their business idea or find research for their business plan. This workshop will show you ways to find your ideal customers, find your competitors, diversify your market base, perform competitive analysis and more! Register for Business Research: Feasibility to Expansion. No fee.



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April 2; with Holy Communion
Good Friday service of darkness: 7:30 p.m. April 3
Easter Celebration worship with Holy Communion: 8:15 and 10:45 a.m. April 5
Fall Support Groups: Hosting two separate fall support groups: "Hope for Tomorrow" for those grieving and "Through the Fire" for those needing divorce recovery. These free support groups will meet at 7 p.m. Thursdays in the fellowship hall area. These classes will offer strength, courage and hope to individuals as they go through the process of grief and/or divorce. Space is limited. Please call the church office to pre-register or for more information.

St. James Catholic

Location: 46325 10 Mile, Novi
Contact: 248-347-7778
Web: www.sjnovi.net
Pastor: Monsignor John Kasza.
Mass schedule: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Tuesday; 7 p.m. Wednesday; 5 p.m. Saturday.

St. John Lutheran Church

Location: 23225 Gill, Farmington Hills
Contact: 248-474-0584
Web: www.stjohn-lutheran.com
Saturday Worship: 5:30 p.m.
Sunday Worship: 9, 11:15 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:15 a.m.

St. Paul's Lutheran

Location: 201 Elm Street, Northville (behind Hiller's)
Web: www.stpaulnorthville.org
Contact: 248-349-3140
Sunday worship: 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.; nursery care provided

during worship services
Sunday Morning Coffee Hour: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Youth Bible Study: 9:45 a.m. in the Youth House across Elm street
Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study: 10 a.m.
Confirmation Classes: 7 p.m. Mondays.
Women's Bible Study: 9:15 a.m. Wednesday, September through May, in the Parish Hall
Men's Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. second and fourth Saturday, September through May, in the Youth House across Elm street
AA: 8 p.m. Fridays.

The Relational Church

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

Unitarian Universalist Church of Farmington

Location: 25301 Halsted, Farmington Hills
Web: www.uufarmington.org
Details: This religious education program is open to the public and currently enrolling new students. Classes are grouped into grades K-5, 6-8 and 9-12 with age-specific education materials for all.
Contact: Jennifer Teed; 248-478-7272; dre@uufarmington.org
Details: Six weeks exploring different topics like religion, philosophy, science, health, social and political issues. No advance registration necessary; a \$5 donation is suggested. Drop in and pick the class that interests you most at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Farmington.
Contact: 248-478-7272; uufarmington.org/uucfr-lifespan

Multigenerational Services: 6:45 p.m. Fridays
Details: Family members of all ages can gather for drumming, chanting, and meditation followed by a brief participatory worship service which could include stories, songs and sharing. A religious education activity will follow, such as an art project, music, dance, game or theater. The evening will close with a light snack and a short time to socialize, ending at 8:30 p.m.

Unity of Farmington Hills

Location: 32500 W: 13 Mile, Farmington
Contact: 248-737-9191; AdministrativeDirector@unityfh.com

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville
Web: www.wardchurch.org

Contact: 248-374-7400
Sunday Worship: 8 a.m. Liturgical in the Chapel; 9:30 a.m. Contemporary in the Sanctuary; 11 a.m. Traditional in the Sanctuary; 11a.m. Post-Contemporary in Knox Hall.
Sunday Groups and Classes: Nursery, Children's and Middle School programs available on Sunday mornings. High School Sunday night at 6:30 p.m. Sunday Morning Adult Life Classes also available.
FX: A Family Experience: An interactive family production where participants ignite conversations in the home on important topics to help kids and their parents follow God together. First Sunday of the month at 9:30 a.m. In Knox Hall, September-May.
Service Broadcasts: Live at http://live.wardchurch.org at 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sundays for live interactive video web-streaming. Also, the Traditional Service is broadcast every week on WRDT-AM 560 at 11 a.m.

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OUR VIEW

Legislators should offer alternative roads plan

The spring thaw is no friend to Michigan's roads. With the snow melt and frozen groundwater thawing, potholes are popping up here, there and, sometimes it seems, everywhere.

Road conditions have been at the forefront of drivers' minds for quite a while. For much of 2014, residents have said fixing roads should be the state's biggest priority. So what did Michigan's legislators do? They waited until the last minute, then threw together a slew of bills in the lame-duck session with bipartisan support.

The result is a May 5 ballot question asking voters if they support a one-cent increase in the state sales tax.

If passed, ironically, none of that extra sales tax money would go toward roads. Instead, it would trigger implementation of several other laws. Among them are measures that would raise the fuel tax and vehicle registration fees while exempting gas from the state sales tax. That money would be dedicated to roads and mass transit and—ultimately, proponents claim—will raise the extra \$1 billion a year needed for road repairs.

Passage of the sales tax increase would also provide more money to schools, local government and restore the Earned Income Tax Credit.

It's convoluted and messy, for sure. Legislators apparently think that's good enough. The sales tax increase is a tough sell. Residents, businesses and government officials alike seem lukewarm to the proposal, at best. And a top state official, Attorney General Bill Schuette, has come out in opposition.

So what happens if the ballot proposal fails? Who knows? The roads certainly aren't going to fix themselves. And various legislators have indicated they have bills ready in case the sales tax request fails. But those are simply rehashed ideas that never saw the light of day last time around. Gov. Rick Snyder has said repeatedly there is no Plan B.

What Lansing's legislators need to do—and quickly—is devise an alternative plan to fix the state's infrastructure. It needs to be passed before the May 5 election. And if Proposal 1 fails, that Plan B should be triggered to take effect, similar to how its passage would activate those other measures.

Why? Because voters need to know what they're getting themselves into if they reject the increased sales tax. We've heard plenty of reasons why residents plan to vote no in May, including the confusing nature of the request and the expectation that the elected legislators are hired to make these types of decisions.

But since the state House of Representatives was afraid of being connected to anything resembling a tax increase, members kicked the can as far away from themselves as they could.

That's not leadership. It's pandering to their partisan districts, trying to set themselves up for their next election run.

Failure at the polls on this costly ballot proposal can't be taken by Lansing officials as a sign residents oppose any tax increase. Likely, it's an indictment on those who put the plan together.

This is one issue that deserves much, if not all, attention from our elected officials. More so than such social issues they're talking about now, like a state Religious Freedom Restoration Act, which would attempt to elevate religious beliefs above anti-discrimination laws.

Michigan residents must have an alternative plan if Proposal 1 fails May 5. Whether it's something akin to the state Senate's road funding proposal last year or something else, Michigan needs to have something in place to address road conditions.

Just like there are bills that will take effect with Proposal 1's passage, new laws should be triggered to address road funding if the measure fails.

If they don't act, legislators will be saying that roads aren't a problem—and that their personal agendas are more important than listening to residents.

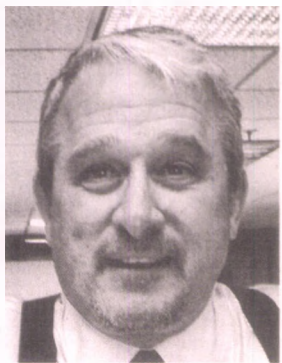


FILE PHOTO
While campaigning for Proposal 1, Gov. Rick Snyder said there is no Plan B if the measure fails on the May ballot.

COMMUNITY VOICE

"Can MSU win it all?"

Michigan State University's basketball team plays in this weekend's NCAA Final Four. This question was asked at the Novi Civic Center and in downtown Northville.



"Yes they can, but will they is another thing. I think they can beat Duke and, if Wisconsin beats Kentucky, then they have a good chance. Revenge for the Big Ten tournament championship would play a big part."

Pete Auger
Novi city manager



"I think they have a good chance against Duke, but not so sure they can beat Kentucky."

Tom Swieboda
Novi Youth Assistance



"No, I think Duke will beat them. Coach K is too tough."

Brett Harris
Northville



"They can if Wisconsin wins, but I think in the end Kentucky will be too much."

Scott Wagner
Northville

LETTERS

Roads can be fixed without tax hike

After reviewing many emails and articles, I am voting no May 5 in regards to raising our sales tax and changing Michigan's Constitution. Please do your own homework.

The tax increase would actually be closer to 17 percent. The residents in Michigan need to demand our elected politicians and their committees spend within their means and budgets, as we do, as responsible citizens. Our elected officials need to pass a road-funding plan with no tax increases. I also agree with former state Rep. Tom McMillin, we need "truthful ballot language."

Secondly, absolutely "no" to recreational marijuana uses. Think about what this would do to our children.

By voicing or voting "no" on these proposals, we are saying "yes" to Michigan. Make your voice heard.

God forgive us, God help us.
Cheryl Ann Dorough
Brighton

It's not about roads

A recent story about the May 5 statewide special election stated "When coupled with other bills Snyder signed Monday, the proposed sales tax increase is expected to dedicate an extra \$1.2 billion in new revenue toward roads, \$300 million more for education and \$70 million for local governments."

So it's not a roads bill, it's yet another unnecessary pork-filled, Rick the RINO tax and spend measure.

The article stated: "Snyder said the state cannot pay for needed road repairs within the existing \$524 billion state budget."

Snyder claims the state government cannot reallocate the mere 2.2 percent of the state budget to pay the \$1.2 billion for the roads. How insane is that?

Vote no on May 5. They already have all the money they need, and more.

Jim Kress
Salem Township

Supports ballot proposal

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

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

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

Linda Preston
2015 MTA president

GUEST COLUMN

Remember the efforts of all patriots

Americans are notoriously poor at understanding our history and what little we do know fixates on major events and figures. I'm as guilty of this as anyone. When my then 10-year-old daughter Leah and I created Patriot Week, we very intentionally determined to celebrate key patriots: John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, Patrick Henry, George Washington, John Marshall, Abraham Lincoln, Martin Luther King Jr., Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton and James Madison. No question that they need to be remembered and lauded. But in doing so, we must be careful not to unintentionally overlook the contributions of countless others who made possible the work of the giants who made possible the freedoms we enjoy today.

Adams, Jefferson and Henry's agitation for revolution and freedom would have led to their hanging if Washington had not won the American Revolution. Washington's bravery would have been fruitless without his courageous, underpaid and underfed ragtag army. Madison's masterful constitutional architecture would have been but a cheap parchment without fidelity to the Constitution by the people, military and political class. Marshall's jurisprudence would have been just meaningless pontifications had not other justices and elected officials supported it. Lincoln's words and leadership would have been for naught but for the hundreds of thousands of Union casualties. King, Anthony and Stanton's efforts required thousands of dedicated, fearless activists, religious leaders and politicians to make their efforts successful.

At Patriot Week's second annual Patrick Henry event, we were blessed to remember the life of one such hitherto unsung contributor to American liberty: James Krikor Bejian. He was the recipient of the Silver Star and Purple Heart and gave his last full measure of devotion for our nation.

In 1921, he was born the only son of Armenian immigrants



Michael Warren
GUEST COLUMNIST

John and Rose Bejian of Patterson, N.J. Bejian joined the U.S. Army in February 1940. The Japanese surprise attack Dec. 7, 1941, thrust Pvt. Bejian—and eventually more than 16 million Americans—into the defense of the United States. Bejian was assigned to the 16th Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division—commonly known as The Big Red One, based on its shoulder patch insignia.

With the Big Red One, Bejian was involved in some of the fiercest and most vital battles of World War II: the invasions of North Africa, Italy and Normandy. He was awarded the Silver Star and the Purple Heart. Most know that the Purple Heart is awarded to those injured in combat. The Silver Star is awarded for gallantry in action in combat against an enemy of the United States.

Bejian was killed in action in August 1944 as his unit was liberating the French town of Mayenne. He was buried at the Brittany American Cemetery in St. James, France.

Robert Kachadourian, a Patriot Week committee member, was asked by Bejian's only sister, 90-year-old Grace Bejian Tuninga of Grand Rapids, to find a worthy home for her brother's Silver Star and Purple Heart.

At the Patrick Henry event, Robert presented the Silver Star and Purple Heart to now 16-year-old Leah, who accepted it on behalf of Patriot Week's 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. We were humbled to do so.

Patriot Week renews America's spirit by celebrating the First Principles, Founding Fathers and other patriots, vital documents and speeches and flags that make America the greatest nation in world history. Anchored by the key dates of Sept. 11 (the anniversary of the terrorists attacks) and Sept. 17



Leah Warren (attired as Patrick Henry) and Robert Kachadourian at the Patriot Week's Patrick Henry event with James Krikor Bejian's Silver Star and Purple Heart.

(Constitution Day, the anniversary of the signing of the Constitution), the schedule for each day has a separate focus. With the acceptance of Bejian's medals, we are rededicated to recognizing all who have contributed to preserving the blessings of liberty for us. I can only hope we remain worthy of the honor.

Bejian is just one example of the heroism that has kept our nation free. One need not die on the field of battle to contribute. There are countless ways today to reinvigorate the American spirit. Participate in political campaigns; join history and civics educational efforts; volunteer for civic-minded organizations; support museums and historical sites; help Patriot Week. Do not let the efforts of those who have come before us be wasted. Do something. Our freedom depends upon it.

The Hon. Michael Warren is an Oakland County Circuit Court judge and co-founder, with his daughter Leah, of Patriot Week (www.patriotweek.org). He is also the author of America's Survival Guide (www.AmericasSurvivalGuide.com) and a former member of the State Board of Education.

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Local legislators debate merits of Proposal 1

By Laura Colvin
Staff Writer

If local legislators agree on one thing about Proposal 1, it's this: the plan is far from perfect.

Michigan voters will decide May 5 whether to approve a complex package of legislation that, among other things, would increase the state's sales tax from 6 percent to 7 percent in order to fix — in a very roundabout way — the state's crumbling roads and bridges.

Critics, like state Rep. Jim Runestad, say Proposal 1 collects too much money for items other than roads. Proponents, such as state Sen. Mike Kowall and state Rep. Kathy Crawford, agree the plan is not perfect, but say something must be done — and soon — to get the job done.

If Proposal 1 passes, the largest share of the new sales tax revenue — about \$290 million — would go to the School Aid Fund that supports K-12 schools.

New restrictions contained in Proposal 1 would bar the diversion of school aid money to colleges and universities, but allow the state to spend some of it on career education programs.

The 10-bill package also includes legislation that exempts most gasoline and diesel purchases from the sales tax and establishes a new fuel tax that would, in its first year, add about 8 cents to the total price of a gallon of gas or diesel.

The House Fiscal Agency estimates the legislation would raise an extra \$1.3 billion for roads in 2018 and every year going forward, once debt payments of \$865 million in 2016 and \$468 million in 2017 are completed.

» The extra amount going to roads would be



Runestad

Kowall

Crawford

cy. "At the same time, it's projected that in 2020, Michigan roads will no longer be in a state

about \$362 million in 2016 and about \$722 million 2017.

» Another \$111 million would be earmarked for constitutionally mandated revenue-sharing to cities, townships and villages to keep local services afloat.

» Public transit, which would be funded by the fuel tax going forward, would lose about \$14 million in sales tax revenue, but would get a \$116 million boost from the higher fuel tax.

» Buyers of new cars would lose their registration fee discounts, registration fees would be hiked for heavy commercial trucks and a new surcharge would be placed on electric vehicles.

» Meanwhile, \$260 million will eventually be allocated to restore the Earned Income Tax Credit for Michigan's poorest working families to its pre-recession level.

Funding gap will widen

Kowall, R-White Lake, voted for the proposal, but said he "didn't like the way it was done."

"It got decorated up like a Christmas tree," Kowall said. "I don't like the fact that there are other entities getting funds."

But, he said, the compromise was necessary: The crux of the problem is the steady decline in revenue from the sales tax on gasoline over the past 20 years, which will hit a new low in 2020 when government mandates require 48 miles per gallon fuel efficien-

cy. "At the same time, it's projected that in 2020, Michigan roads will no longer be in a state they can be repaired," Kowall said. "At that point, they're going to need to be replaced and the cost of road construction will spike dramatically up."

If nothing is done now, he added, the state's current \$1.5 billion road funding gap will increase to \$3.5 billion by 2020.

If the proposal fails at the polls, he said, it's back to the drawing board.

"(The state) has a \$52 billion budget and it sounds really easy to do a 1.3-percent across-the-board cut, but a lot of funding and expenses we have are either mandated by contract, mandated by constitution," Kowall said. "There's very, very little discretionary spending in our budget."

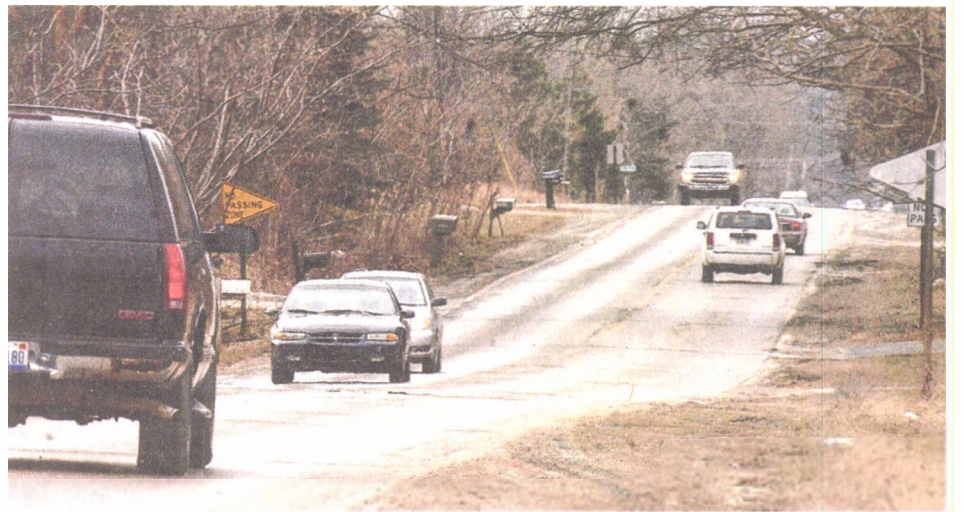
But, he added, the Senate Appropriations Committee is currently looking at revenue enhancements and across-the-board cuts.

"We have very conservative people sitting on the appropriations side of the Senate," Kowall said. "We're looking under every rock and checking under the cushions of the couches for money. But there's only so much of that we can do."

'Best chance'

Crawford, R-Novi, said that while the proposal is complex and not perfect, she does like the idea that the School Aid Fund, under the new law, would no longer be dependent on the gasoline tax.

"Personally, I think this is our best chance of



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Traffic flows along Eight Mile Road in Lyon Township. Next month, voters will decide if they support an increase to the state sales tax. Approval would among, other things, provide more money for road repair.

fixing the roads," Crawford said. "A lot of people are worried there's something scary or sinister about (Proposal 1) because there are a lot of parts. I don't feel that way. This was a compromise among all the legislators — we've been trying to solve this problem for decades; it didn't just crop up in the (last lame-duck session). It's been going on for decades."

During her tenure on the Oakland County Board of Commissioners, she added, it became abundantly clear that, with more battery-operated and fuel-efficient cars on the road, the current system for road funding isn't keeping up with inflation.

Like Kowall, Crawford said the process will have to start all over if the proposal fails.

"If we couldn't solve it in the past 20 or 30 years, I don't know if we're going to come up with a solution everyone will agree on," she said. "I don't see that in our future. There is no Plan B. There isn't. We'll have to go back to the drawing board and that will drag it out even further."

Crawford added that the "trickle-down effect" of bad roads is significant and includes safety issues, as well as repair costs for automobiles and trucking companies delivering products.

"Those things will result in increased prices in the long run for consumers," Crawford said. "It's a compromise that's doable."

'Standalone issue'

Runestad, R-White Lake, on the other hand, said he does not support Proposal 1 and believes road funding should be a standalone issue.

"(Proposal 1) was sweetened up over time, trying to get it passed, so now there's a little something in it for everyone," Runestad said. "It should be just focused on the roads."

Issues like the Earned Income Tax Credit need to be addressed separately, he said. In addition, other parts of the bill either don't apply to, or will adversely affect, his constituents.

"A major portion goes to mass transit," he added. "There's very little mass transit out in my

district; elimination of the tax deduction for registration fees is going to cost families quite a bit. If you've got two-income families and two vehicles, that's quite a hit. It also increases Internet (sales) tax.

"There are so many things I think should have been decided on their own merit so this could be a standalone road issue."

Instead of approving Proposal 1, Runestad envisions a return to "something akin to the Bolger plan," to raise \$1.2 billion via a fuel tax hike that would have added 15 cents or more to the price of gasoline.

"Certainly, it could be tweaked," Runestad said. "It's not a finalized plan anyone is married to, but something along those lines. There may be some room to make cuts in other areas so we can shift over to ensure schools and municipalities are well-funded."

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2015 SEASON PREVIEW

Baseball outlook: Pitching still name of the game

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Spring training is over – time to get out on the mound and throw some heat.

The cold weather may not be gone quite yet, but for four area baseball teams the season is underway and pitching will once again play a prominent role.

Northville, off to a 2-0 start, is coming off a 27-5 season in which the Mustangs reached the regional semifinals before losing to West Bloomfield, 4-3.

Although they lost more than 100 innings on the mound to graduation, the KLAA Central and Kensington Conference champs boast a strong one-two punch on the mound in senior left-hander Evan Flohr (7-1, 0.85 ERA) and senior right-hander Ian Borthwick (4-0, 0.23 ERA).

Flohr, an attractive college recruit who has yet to commit, is a strikeout pitcher who has increased his velocity during the off-season.

“(Flohr) is a mid-80s (mph) guy right now and last year at this time he was 83,” 11th-year Northville coach John Kostrzewa said. “This summer he was 85. And he hit some other numbers here in the fall. He’s kind of a late bloomer as a senior. I think because of that, he’s been a little late in the recruiting game.



Northville will rely on the senior quartet (from left) of Tyler Lowe, third base; Ian Borthwick, pitcher; Connor Walters, catcher; and Evan Flohr, pitcher-first baseman.

He’s 6-2 and left-handed and keeps progressing.”

Borthwick adds a slightly different flavor on the hill.

“(Borthwick) is a strike thrower,”

Kostrzewa said. “He pitches to contact. Every single time he goes out there, he throws strikes. That’s his M.O. He’s a great competitor and knows what he’s doing.”

Junior lefty Chris Dunn and senior Dugan Darnell hope to full out the rotation.

“We’re trying to figure out who that third guy is going to be in that third league game that you’re going to have to have,” Kostrzewa said. “We’ll have that figured out in the next couple of weeks.”

Senior Connor Walters inherits the catching job, while the infield will feature Flohr at first when he doesn’t pitch, Darnell (.299) at second and Tyler Lowe (.338) at third. The shortstop job is up for grabs between sophomore Nathan Wixon and senior Kevin O’Connell.

The outfield will be manned by senior Nick Zalewski in left, junior Zach Prystasy in center and senior Steven Grosz in right.

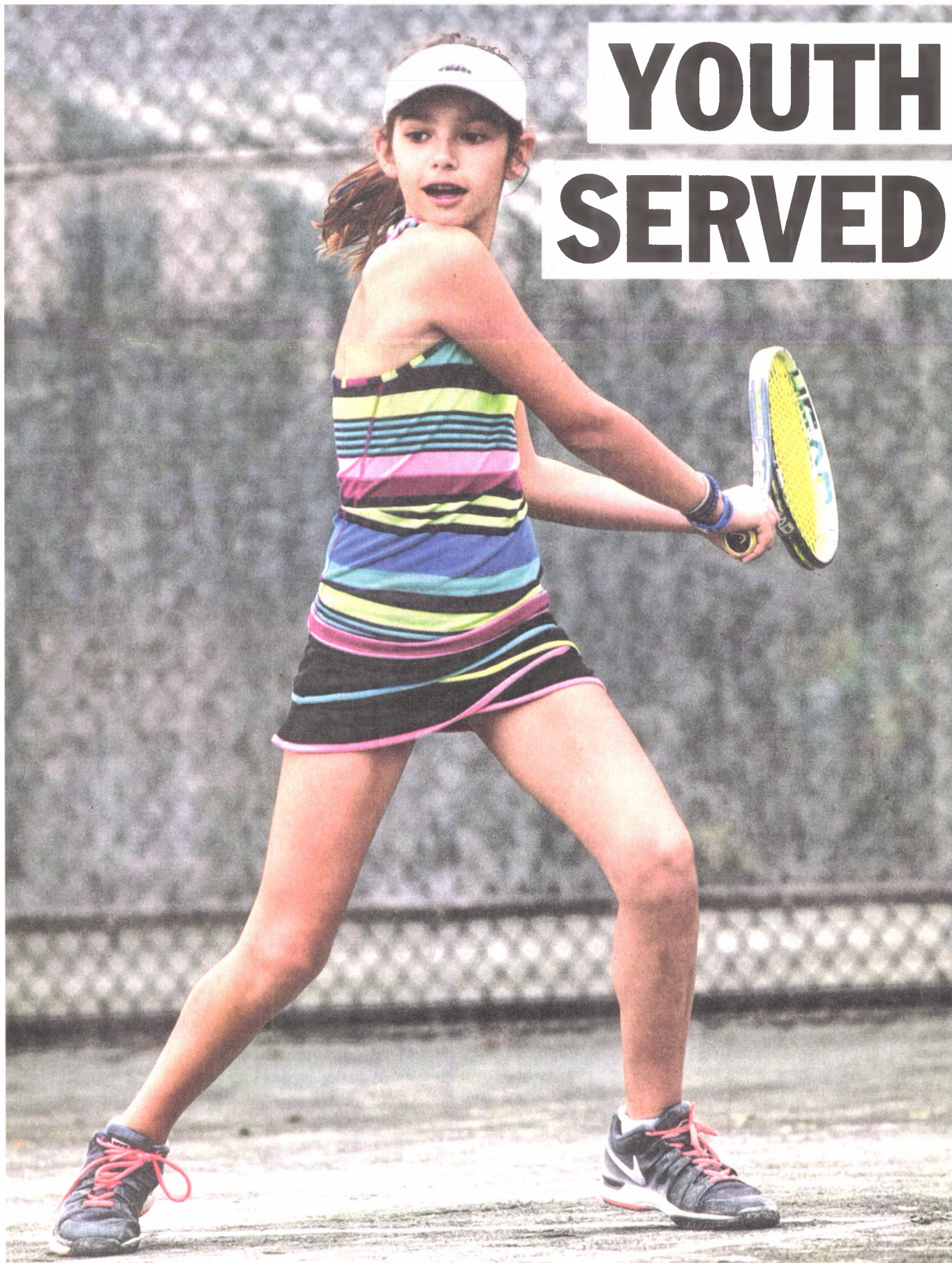
Novi confident

Novi coach Rick Green, now in his 16th season, lost some key players to graduation from a year ago, including ace Tyler Whitehead (6-2-1, 2.19 ERA).

But senior right-hander Adam Tobias (6-1, one save, 2.80 ERA in 35 innings) returns as the Wildcats went 24-15 and won a Division 1 district crown.

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HEADING TO INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT



YOUTH SERVED

Novi’s Emma Roeck captured the Little Mo International Tournament Girls 9s crown in December in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.

Novi’s Roeck, 9, shooting up junior tennis rankings

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

When you watch Emma Roeck going through a typical practice session with her coach Justin Rossi at the Novi Sports Club, it’s apparent right away that she’s no ordinary 9-year-old.

Roeck, a fourth-grader at Novi’s Deerfield Elementary, hits the ball with so much authority that juniors twice her age would be envious.

And Rossi ought to know, as former top 20-ranked junior boys player himself who once reached the fourth round of the prestigious USTA Boys 16s National Hardcourts in Kalamazoo.

“She’s super-talented,” said Rossi, a Novi native who played at the University of Michigan. “She’s got all the



Roeck

athletic ability you need. She’s ahead of the game and she’s definitely a step ahead of most 9- and 10-year-olds out there. She’s got the physical attributes. Still working on the mental part, but it’s getting there. Physically and talent-wise, best 9-year-old I’ve seen.”

Roeck, who began playing at age 3, has already established herself as one of the nation’s top players in her age group.

She made a name for herself last December when, as an unseeded player, captured the Girls 9s singles, doubles and mixed doubles (with her partner Daniel Stojanov of Novi) titles at the prestigious Little Mo International Tournament in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. The tournament is named after Maureen Connolly Brinker, winner of nine

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CHARITY BASKETBALL GAME

Northville’s hoop alums to face off vs. Lions

Fundraiser goes to substance abuse prevention for schools

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

It fits a little tighter these days, but Stephen Handley still proudly wears his Northville High letter jacket.

Handley played on school’s the only back-to-back district championship boys basketball teams in 1981-82.

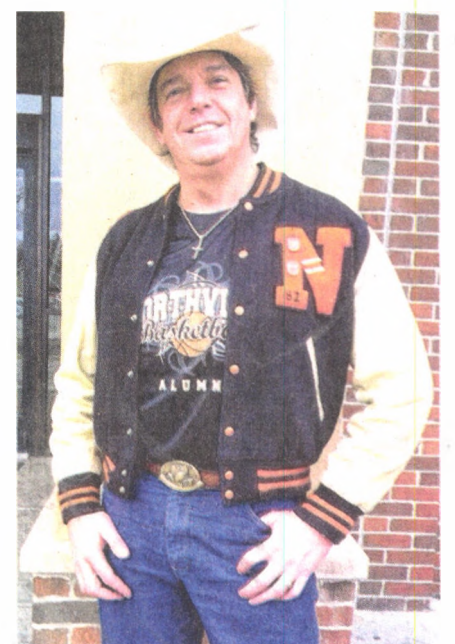
And now, along with his former teammate Tim Wagner and current Northville varsity coach Todd Sander, they have organized an alumni game for former Mustangs players, who will take on members of the Detroit Lions organization beginning at 7 p.m. Friday, April 17, at the high school.

Former Lions players Herman Moore and Rob Rubick have both committed to play, while other three current Lions players, to be announced at a later date, are scheduled participate in the fundraiser, with all proceeds going to substance abuse prevention for the Northville Public Schools district.

The game hits close to home in more ways than one for the 51-year-old Handley, who hit rock bottom in 2009 and spent 16 months at Westville Correctional Facility in Michigan City, Ind., after a conviction for being a habitual substance abuse offender.

Following his release from prison, Handley earned his master of science in addiction counseling from Grand Canyon University in 2013. Clean and sober since, Handley now

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Northville High basketball alum Stephen Handley is staging an alumni game against members of the Detroit Lions to prevent drug abuse.

PREP SOFTBALL PREVIEW



Among Novi's key returnees are seniors (from left) Casey Lawler, Jenna Lowney, Megan Hrit and Sami DeLisle.

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SOFTBALL ROUNDUP

Novi rolls to victory in opener vs. Lakers

Mustangs win in DH sweep vs. River Rats

It was no contest Monday as Novi launched its 2015 softball season with a resounding 16-1 victory in four innings over visiting West Bloomfield.

The Wildcats (1-0) unloaded for 21 hits, with Nicole Ireland and Jenna Lowney leading the way.

Ireland went 4-for-4, including three doubles, five RBIs and four runs scored, while Lowney was also 4-for-4 with a pair of triples, four RBIs and three runs.

Winning pitcher Madison Budde and Maddy Brandenstein also went 3-for-3 each as Novi scored two runs in the first, six in the second, two more in the third and six in the fourth before ending the game on a 10-run mercy.

Budde went all four innings, allowing just one hit and a pair of walks while striking out three.

The Lakers slipped to 0-1.

NORTHVILLE 11-5, A.A. HURON 0-2: The Mustangs (2-0) launched their season March 26 by sweeping a doubleheader against visiting Ann Arbor Huron, 11-0 (five innings) and 5-2.

Winning pitcher Allison Zwarka, a junior, struck out 14 of the 17 batters she faced in the opener and also went 3-for-4 at the plate.

Freshman Abby Tolstyk also homered, while four others collected two hits apiece as Northville had a total of 11 hits and played error-free in the field.

In the nightcap, starting pitcher Sarah Hige scattered six hits over seven innings to earn the victory.

Northville racked up 12 hits as Emma Canedo went 3-for-3 and freshman Sara Moos went 2-for-3, including a homer over the center field fence.

Megan Swart was Northville's top overall hitter on the day, going 5-for-8.

"The opener is always a lot of fun," Northville coach Jim Ritz said. "The girls have that nervous excitement they need to burn off. The parents are all anxious to see what the talent level is on the field and the coaches get a truer picture of real time softball knowledge of the players. Zwarka had a solid performance on the mound in Game 1. We're looking for her to have a solid year on the mound and be one of our leaders again at the plate."

PREP SOFTBALL CAPSULE OUTLOOK

NOVI

Head coach: Bruce Lenington, second year.

League affiliation: KLA A Kensington Conference (Central Division).

Last year's overall record: 24-16.

Notable losses to graduation: Mallory Daschke (Madonna University), Laura Oakley.

Leading returnees: Casey Lawler, Sr. 3B (.383, 5 HRs, 33 RBIs); Nicole Ireland, Jr. OF (.385, 4 HRs, 33 RBIs); Jenna Lowney, Sr. SS (.358); Megan Hrit, Sr. OF (.426, 20 RBIs); Ally Cummings, Soph. P (5-4, .388 ERA; .458); Madison Budde, Jr. P-OF (5-2); Sami DeLisle, Sr. OF (22 SB); Maddy Brandenstein, Jr. 2B; Hope Kapelanski, Jr. C.

Promising newcomers: Ciarra Davis, Jr. DP-OF; Bethany Kopel, Soph. 1B; Ashley Yarberry, Soph. Inf.-OF; Ireland Whalen, Fr. C-OF-Inf.; Allison Purtell, Fr. 3B-1B.

Lenington's 2015 outlook:

"Daschke pitched the second most innings for us last year. She had a lot of movement that gave some teams problems, so she was pretty successful. Ally Cummings really had the ball in the biggest games we played. When she was healthy, she had the ball. Madison Budde also got a lot of experience in the circle last year. I think that will pay off. She's older, a little bit stronger and little bit faster and a little bit tougher. That's a big key having pitching, for sure."

NORTHVILLE

Head coach: Jim Ritz, third year.

League affiliation: KLA A Kensington Conference (Central Division).

Last year's overall record: 13-11.

Notable loss to graduation: Allie Chapekis.

Leading returnees: Ashley Schiffer, Sr. 1B-3B; Melissa Swart, Sr. CF; Allison Zwarka, Jr. P; Makenzie Kamm, Soph. SS-C; Brianna Nayh, Jr. 2B; Megan Swart, Soph. 3B; Emma Canedo, Soph. Utility.

Promising newcomers: Four freshmen.

Ritz's 2015 outlook:

"2013 and 2014 were really rebuilding years. We graduated nine seniors in 2012, when we ended sixth in the state. So this year is a year where we expect those seven returners to shine, step up and really lead the team. We expect to certainly recapture the district championship and our goals are set to recapture the regional championship."

FRANKLIN ROAD

Head coach: Kim Sivyver, 11th year.

League affiliation: Michigan Independent Athletic Conference (Red Division).

Last year's overall record: 11-7.

Notable losses to graduation: Gabriel Rayburn, Tori Schinzling, Brecken Mumford.

Leading returnees: Katie Larabell, Sr. SS; Laura Warren, Sr. CF; Noel Rathnaw, Sr. 1B; Hannah Rayburn, Jr. P-SS; Danielle Fusco, Soph. C; Alex Swaffield, Jr. 2B; Alanah Cardenas-O'Toole, Jr. OF-Utility; Micah Giernanski, Jr. 2B-OF.

Promising newcomers: Haley Thrill, Fr. OF.

Sivyver's 2015 outlook:

"We hope this is our year. The season outlook is pretty good. Despite losing three starters, I have two promising freshmen that came up and joined us. That, combined with the seasoning of the girls from last year, and the possibility of a powerhouse in our conference not being as strong as they have been, we are holding out great hope for a good season."

Novi, Northville fortunes look promising

Franklin Road boasts strong plate battery

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

After five straight sub-.500 softball seasons, Novi got over the hump in 2014 in Bruce Lenington's first year as coach.

The Wildcats finished 24-16 and things appear even brighter for the upcoming season.

"I really thought we struggled in April last year, simply because we were kind of learning our system, trying to figure out what I wanted as a coach and tried to embrace our philosophy," Lenington said. "We just tried to really instill kind of a winning philosophy. We just kind of had a culture of having some hard times in the softball program for several years. These kids last year weren't involved in all of those years, but certainly that's been kind of a cloud that has been here for a while. I'm proud of our group last year. They really did a great job of busting through that ceiling."

A majority of Novi's starting lineup returns, led by Calvin College commit Casey Lawler, a senior third baseman who hit .383 with five homers and 33 RBIs.

Also returning is junior outfielder Nicole Ireland (.385, four HRs and 34 RBIs); senior shortstop Jenna Lowney (.358), a Concordia University signee; and senior outfielder Megan Hrit (.426, 20 RBIs).

Mallory Daschke, now at Madonna University, logged the most innings pitched a year ago, but



Senior first baseman Ashley Schiffer (left) and senior center fielder Melissa Swart return to lead the Mustangs.

BRAD EMONS

sophomore right-hander Ally Cummings (5-4, 3.88 ERA in 81 innings) assumes the top job on the mound.

Cummings, who also batted .458, missed the first half of the season with an injury. Junior Madison Budde (5-2) will be her backup.

"I think we were a much better team, as I

mentioned, in May because we got a little healthier with our pitching staff and then we started to click a little bit," Lenington said.

Senior outfielder Sami DeLisle can also be a game changer after stealing 22 bases last season. Junior second baseman Maddy Brandenstein, a left-handed

slap hitter, can also make things happen on the base paths.

"Speed never has a bad day," Lenington said.

Northville outlook

The Mustangs (13-11) also return a veteran group under third-year coach Jim Ritz, whose biggest concern is replacing four-year starting catcher Allie Chapekis, who started a total of 129 games.

Junior Allison Zwarka, however, returns on the mound after a year of seasoning.

"We expect big things from Zwarka," Ritz said. "She has made tremendous strides from last year. She's added a few pitches. She's hungry and another year mature. She's confident in the team behind her."

Makenzie Kamm, a sophomore shortstop and catcher, is the team's top returning hitter, while junior second baseman Brianna Nayh was a .300-plus hitter coming off a solid season.

Other returnees for the Mustangs include the Swart sisters - Melissa, a senior center fielder, and Megan, a sophomore third baseman with quick feet and a potent bat.

Senior first baseman-third baseman Ashley Schiffer and sophomore utility player Emma

Canedo give the Mustangs even more depth.

"We have a group of athletes that have a wealth of experience and a tremendous understanding of the game," Ritz said. "Now we need to figure out where best to place the pieces to achieve our goals."

Franklin Road

"We hope this is our year," said 11th-year Novi Franklin Road Christian Kim Sivyver, whose team finished 11-7 and was runner-up in the Red Division of the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

The Warriors, however, must replace five-year starting pitcher Gabriel Rayburn, who was lost to graduation.

But sister Hannah Rayburn, a junior, returns to assume the pitching duties and will be joined by seven other returning starters, led by sophomore catcher Danielle Fusco, an emerging star.

"Danielle Fusco has been playing travel ball for many years and she's got senior in high school-level talent and colleges will be looking at her very soon," Sivyver said. "The same goes with Hannah Rayburn. She's been playing travel ball for many years also."

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SUBURBAN COLLECTION SHOWPLACE

LPGA pro Zamboni at Women's Golf Summit

Teresa Zamboni, LPGA teaching pro and Michigan State alum, will be the keynote speaker Saturday, April 25, for the Michigan Women's Golf Summit at the Suburban Collection Showplace Diamond Center in Novi.



Zamboni

Co-founder of Nancy Lopez Golf Adventures, Zamboni is director of the Play

Happy Golf Adventure Golf program. The company's mission, under LPGA Hall of Fame player Nancy Lopez and her instructional staff, is to educate golfers on how to play their best golf while enjoying every moment of the game.

Zamboni has earned national acclaim and numerous recognitions since joining the LPGA teaching and club pros in 1994. In 2007, she was named LPGA National Teacher of the Year and also was the LPGA Southeast Section Teacher of the Year.

In 2008-09, she was named among the LPGA's Top 50 Teachers and in 2010-12 was recognized as one of the 50

Best Women Teachers in America by *Golf Digest*. She is a certified Titleist Performance Institute golf fitness instructor and regular tournament player, having participated in more than 90 LPGA T&CP tournaments. She also played on the LPGA Futures Tour from 1998 to 2001.

Zamboni was born in Grosse Pointe Farms and now resides in Port Orange, Fla., where she teaches at Crane Lakes Golf and Country Club.

Individual registration for the Summit is \$45 per person, which includes lunch. Deadline for registration is Friday, April 17. To register online, go to <http://2015mwgs.eventbrite.com>.

For more information, email MWGA Summit chair Joan Cleland at jcleland12@comcast.net or call 248-540-7073. You can also email Susan Bairley at sbairley@aol.com or call 734-255-8685.

ROECK

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Grand Slam titles in the early 1950s.

Foreign flavor

"It was really cool playing different kids from around the world," Emma said. "I wasn't seeded. Kind of surprised myself."

As a result of her victories at the Little Mo, Roeck is now headed to play in the 2015 Smrikva Bowl Tournament this June in Croatia.

After becoming the Girls 10s Southeast Michigan champion and earning a No. 1 USTA Midwest ranking in 2014, Roeck has now moved up to play in the Girls 12s.

She recently went 3-2 in the Girls 12s at the USTA Midwest Level 4 East Championships in Dayton, Ohio, where she fell to Madeline Atway, a sixth-grader from Powell, Ohio, in a three-set super-breaker, 6-2, 2-6, 1-0 (10-8).

"In the 10s I was the tall one, but now I'm the small one," said Emma, who stands 4 feet, 11 inches and weighs close to 80 pounds. "In the 12s, there's kids that hit with more power. In 10s, kids are a lot weaker, I guess."

Roeck practices approximately 10 hours per week while working on an array of shots with her coach. She serves somewhere in the 65-75 mph range.

Practice time

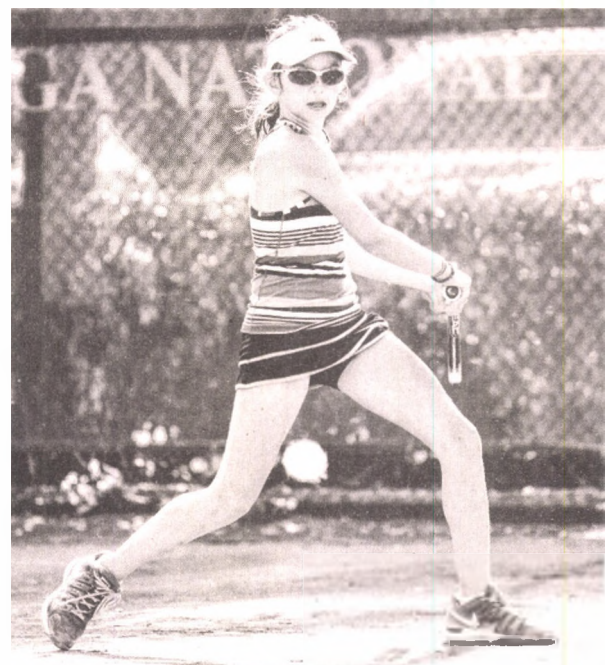
"I play with power and spin," Emma said. "Justin is teaching me a drop shot and I'm trying to get more kick on my serve, going low on my shots and stuff. My (two-hand) backhand is stronger. My serve is getting there."

Rossi said Roeck has one key component already in her arsenal.

"I'd say the way she hits the ball, just the way it comes off the racquet, is good," Rossi said. "We're still trying to work on some technical things, but you know it when you see it. When the ball comes off the racquet and it's crisp, you know that you've got something special. Most kids at that age, they're still kind of feeling the racquet or racket is kind of 'janky' in their hand. She has control over the ball and she can place it almost anywhere, so it's awesome."

Emma's favorite player is Novak Djokovic, who happens to hail from the same hometown as her mother Jelena, a Serbian who came from Belgrade of the former Yugoslavia. Emma has seen Djokovic play in person at the ATP Tournament in Cincinnati.

Jelena and her husband Siegfried, an engineer who played junior tennis in his native Austria, saw the seeds planted early with Emma and aren't about to hold their daughter back.



LITTLE MO PHOTO

Novi's Emma Roeck, a fourth-grader, is headed in June to play in the Smrikva Bowl Tournament in Croatia.

Early signs

"We saw the talent and the coaches also saw the talent," Jelena said. "She just needs work and she loves competing. It's just not about hitting the ball and playing. She loves the whole aspect of tournaments and traveling. If she could play a tournament every weekend, she would."

"She always did a lot of sports, but with tennis she just wanted to keep it going, keep it going. She's never stopping and just continued. The older she got, the more she wanted to do it. She did gymnastics, she did swimming, she did lots of sports; (we) kind of stopped that and focused on (tennis)."

Emma's tennis dreams come with a hefty price, financially.

"It's a 100-percent commitment," said Jelena, who also has daughter Mia, 6, involved in tennis as well. "Either you're in it or you're not. It's affecting our life a lot, but we love it and we love supporting her. It's good. We're really for it."

Emma will be spending 15 days next month honing her game at the Rick Macci Academy in Boca Raton, Fla.

"We now go to Florida a couple of times a year and train there," Jelena said. "(Macci) worked with Andy Roddick and Serena Williams and a couple of the other top players. He's a great coach, a great academy. She was there three times last summer. It was good. It's a lot of work, it's just not hitting the shots. It's also about a mental game in a match when she goes. It's about keeping focused from the first point until the end. That's another thing, but she's still young. It's one of the other things she needs to work on."

Mentally tough

And it's the mental aspect of tennis that can become the most tricky for any aspiring junior talent.

"When you grow up, you're negative sometimes. I was that way," Rossi said. "Every kid goes through it. (They learn) the easier the

game becomes when you learn to control your emotions. But it's hard for any 9-, 10-, 11- or 12-year-old ... you'll see it. I've even seen kids all the way up to 18 and see it. That's just the one area, I'd say, that could use work, but besides that, very sound. Game-wise it's everything, awesome."

Roeck has gone 19-12 in her last 31 singles matches, but many of those results are against players two and three years older.

"We kind of want to balance it out a bit," Jelena said. "Between training and tournaments, she goes to one (tournament) once a month. We're holding her back in the 10s where she's not competing as much. Her rankings in the 10s pretty much helps her get in any 12s tournament."

Rossi has seen the pitfalls of junior tennis up close, but believes his prized student has a proper perspective on the game. He doesn't worry about burnout at such an early age.

"Hopefully, she can fulfill all her goals," Rossi said. "I don't see why not. I think the only thing that will stop her is herself. Mentally, the game is a lot more than people really realize. You can have all the physical attributes you want, but you got to be locked in and dedicated. And every practice you step on the court, you've got to give up your all. And if you slip up one day, then there's a person out there who is trying just as hard."

"Especially now, the game is changing, more pace is being added to the ball, technology is changing. You've just got to work even harder. It's ruthless out there, more competition when than I was playing just in the 10-year span from when I was her age."

Emma's long-range and short-term goals are all part of a master plan in her mind.

"I want play on the WTA someday," she said. "I want to be top in the 18s. I want to be number two or one in the 12s by the end of the year."

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OUTDOOR SPORTS

DNR announces new licenses

Spring has arrived and with it turkey hunting season and many fishing seasons open soon. With 2015 licenses on sale now, the Department of Natural Resources reminds hunters, anglers and ORV riders of changes to Michigan's license structure that took effect just over a year ago.

The new license structure makes buying a license easier and provides vital funding to improve outdoor recreation opportunities.

Some things for hunters, anglers and ORV riders to keep in mind when buying licenses:

» A base license is required for all hunters every year. In addition to providing critical funding for wildlife conservation and management, the base license allows hunters to hunt small game and purchase additional hunting licenses for other species.

» Anglers no longer need to choose between restricted and all-species fishing licenses. All fishing licenses are good for all species.

» An ORV trail permit is required, in addition to the ORV license, for riding on state-designated trails, routes and scramble areas.



A single deer license, valid throughout archery, firearm and muzzle loader seasons, replaces the separate archery and firearm licenses in 2015.

» Outdoor enthusiasts can purchase a hunt/fish combo license that includes a base license, a deer combo license (two tags) and an all-species fishing license.

» A single deer license, valid throughout archery, firearm and muzzle loader seasons, replaces the separate archery and firearm licenses. The deer combo license remains available for hunters who wish to harvest two bucks. Additional funding from the new license structure enables the DNR and its partners to provide bet-

ter hunting and fishing opportunities through improved habitat; a first-rate ORV trail network, providing enhanced riding opportunities and benefiting local economies; increased protection of natural resources and a safer outdoor recreation experience by putting more conservation officers in the field; and expanded outreach and education for new and existing hunters and anglers.

For more information, go to www.michigan.gov/dnr and click on hunting, fishing and ORV license structure under In the Know.

Freeze state champions



MARIA FARRIS

The 10-and-under Suburban Freeze captured the Michigan Amateur Hockey Association's Tier 3 Recreation Division championship with a 5-1 victory March 15 over the Kensington Valley Ravens, following a 1-0 triumph March 13 against the Troy Honeybees at the Summit Arena in Diamondale. Team members include: Madison Farris, Julia Lorelli, Avery Peters, Daria Rorick and Anna Weber, all of Northville; Martha Blank, Ava Korte, Gabrielle Warra, all of Livonia; Shaye Eggenberger and Peighton Wells, both of Farmington Hills; Isabella Lee, Audrey Scott and Amanda Strong, all of South Lyon; Amanda Dunn, Orchard Lake; and Audrey Eckerman, Brighton. The coaching staff includes Marc Lorelli, Don Farris, Dave Scott and Jerry Warra.

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2015-16 BUDGET

In compliance with "Act No. 43," State of Michigan Public Act of 1963, and "Act No. 2," State of Michigan Public Acts of 1968 ("Section 16" of the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act), Schoolcraft College publishes this notification of a public hearing on the proposed 2015-16 College budget. This hearing is to take place at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 22, 2015, at the Jeffress Center Board Room, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia, Michigan. A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection at the above address during normal business hours.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

Glenn Cerny

Glenn Cerny
Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 18.272

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE NOVI CITY COUNCIL HAS ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 18.272 TO AMEND THE CITY OF NOVI ZONING ORDINANCE AT ARTICLE 4, USE STANDARDS, SECTION 4.29, FUELING STATIONS AND MINOR AUTOMOBILE SERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS; IN ORDER TO PERMIT FUELING STATIONS WITH ACCESSORY MINOR AUTOMOBILE SERVICES THAT PRE-DATE THE ORDINANCE TO TERMINATE FUELING OPERATIONS AND CONTINUE MINOR AUTOMOBILE REPAIR SERVICES.

The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, March 23, 2015 and the provisions of the ordinance shall become effective seven (7) days after its publication. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., prevailing local time.

Maryanne Cornelius, City Clerk

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NOTICE CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT PTSLU15-0002

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the representative for Corrigan Moving Systems is requesting a Temporary Special Land Use Permit in accordance with 3004.2 of the Novi Zoning Ordinance for temporary parking of trucks and trailers while the new parking expansion is going through the site plan approval process located at 26940 Taft Road until August 1st, 2015.

A public hearing can be requested by any property owner of a structure located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for a Temporary Special Land Use permit.

This request will be considered at 3:00 PM on Wednesday, April 22nd, 2015 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to Tom Walsh and must be received prior to Tuesday, April 21st, 2015.

Tom Walsh
Building Official
(248) 347-0415

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Final week of the Certified Pre-Owned Spring Sale-A-Thon at Varsity Lincoln

By Greg Mullin
Staff Writer

Varsity Lincoln of Novi is celebrating the start of spring with a Sale-A-Thon event. This event is different than other dealerships — no gifts, no trips, just great deals. More than 800 vehicles are ready to go. Certified Pre-Owned Lincolns are on-site, ready to drive off the lot for as little as \$12,995.+

In 2014, there were 540 Certified Pre-Owned vehicles delivered at Varsity Lincoln, making the dealership the number one Pre-Owned sales volume dealer globally. The dealership has held the honor of highest-volume sales dealer globally since 1997.* Varsity offers a newly remodeled showroom, indoor delivery area and service reception aisle.

Last year, Varsity Lincoln celebrated its 20th anniversary and won six prestigious automotive awards. They encompass the Triple Crown Award, Lincoln Leaders of Excellence, President's Award, Ford One Hundred Club, CPO Sales Leadership and Premier Club.

Visit Varsity Lincoln these next three days to catch the deals:

- » Thursday, April 2, 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- » Friday, April 3, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- » Saturday, April 4, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"Certified Pre-Owned has a wonderful warranty ... it goes up to 100,000 miles on the warranty," longtime Varsity customer John Kilby said.

Certified Pre-Owned Lincoln vehicles come with many benefits, including:

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Varsity Lincoln

Purchase this Certified Pre-Owned 2013 Lincoln MKX Ultimate at Varsity Lincoln of Novi, which is celebrating the start of spring with a Sale-A-Thon event

tory-trained technicians
» 6-year/100,000-mile comprehensive warranty coverage
» Complimentary 24/7 roadside assistance

"To get a Certified Pre-Owned that comes with a warranty and definitely has been quality-checked, that's important, especially with two girls in college," five-time customer Julie Wilk said.

"There are numerous benefits of purchasing a Certified Pre-Owned, including the outstanding warranty that comes with the vehicles," said Jere Law, Varsity Lincoln's General Sales Manager and Pre-Owned Director. "The 100,000-mile free bumper-to-

bumper warranty that comes alongside all Certified Pre-Owned purchases is better than a new car warranty! Additionally, any time the vehicle is in for a service visit, you can receive a loaner for no cost exclusively at Varsity Lincoln!"

"For the price of the car compared to the luxury cars out there, you have the opportunity to get the services that some of those other luxury services don't offer," customer Suhas Parekh said.

"The warranty is key. With Certified Pre-Owned, you get the best from Varsity Lincoln," Law said. Certified Pre-Owned financing is avail-

able this April for as low as 0.9% APR.**

"Leasing or buying from the number one dealer in the country gives you the best selection, price and service. Our dealership is ready to assist customers with anything, whether it is special financing or a specific request. We can handle every unique situation," he said.

"Loaded with features, a Lincoln will satisfy any customer. Certified Pre-Owned vehicles not only provide peace of mind on the road but also provide a combination of sportiness and luxury. Benefits include FWD or AWD, EcoBoost, Navigation, Bluetooth, SYNC, an adaptive suspension, a

panoramic roof, and heated and cooled seats for comfort, just to name a few.

"Drivers will also enjoy peace of mind from knowing that Lincoln vehicles will hold their value. Any depreciation has already been taken on by the previous owner. Plus, advanced styling and dependability add to a Lincoln vehicle's value," Law said.

"If you want a really nice experience with a dealership, go to Varsity ... I see the difference," first-time customer Loretta Mackenroth.

This dealership provides The Varsity Lincoln Advantage. Varsity Lincoln team members are selected based upon

their unwavering focus on customer care and satisfaction.

"Our customers speak for themselves and how their experience is. When you read the reviews our customers write online, you can see how happy they are before, during and after the sale," Law concluded.

*Based on 3/2015 Total Certified Pre-Owned Lincoln Sales Report.

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

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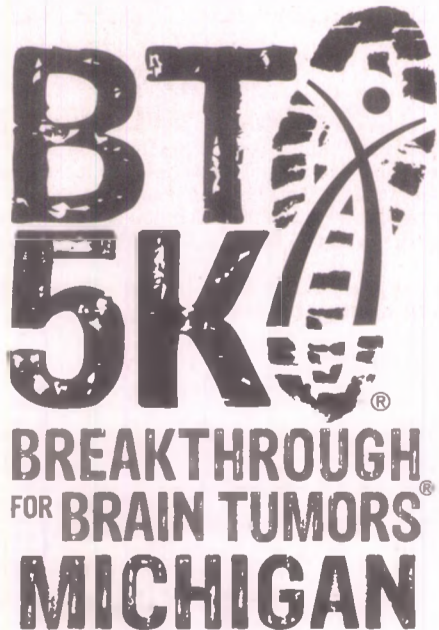
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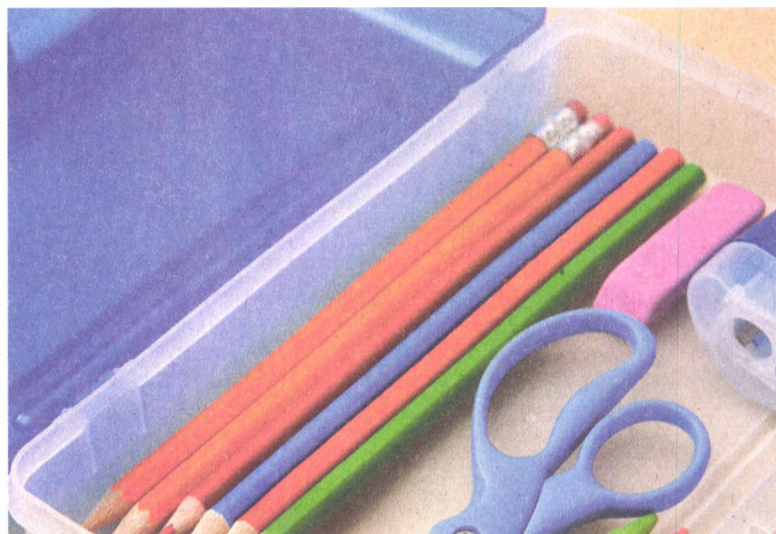
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6 careers for people who love to organize

There are careers perfect for like-minded individuals who love to organize.



Your closet is color-coded. You live by your day planner. And when you complete a task that on the off-chance didn't land on your to-do list, you add it there for the simple satisfaction of crossing it off.

Type A? We prefer to call it organized.

Thankfully there are different ways — and things — to organize. You can organize information, whether it's numbers or details. You can organize people by bringing them together for an event or overseeing a team. Maybe you prefer to organize businesses, keeping track of important documents and dates. Or perhaps you just like organizing stuff: homes, stores or closets.

Good for us — and those who are not as organized — there are careers perfect for like-minded individuals who love to organize. Here are a few:

1. Project manager

What you organize: Projects. As

a project manager, you oversee all parts of a project from inception to execution. Only the most organized can deliver projects on time, on budget and within scope.

Median annual pay: \$58,860*

2. Travel agent

What you organize: Trips. Some people like to travel by the seat of their pants but others like a plan. They just don't know how to make one themselves. You organize how to get from point A to point B, as well as accommodations and itineraries.

Median annual pay: \$34,600

3. Real estate agent

What you organize: Details. Not only do you have to organize your day, such as showing times and locations, you must also keep track of all of your customers' contact information, listing details and contract deadlines.

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4. Archivist

What you organize: Documents and records. You create and maintain databases, organize and classify archives and

help users find any reference materials.

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5. Merchandiser

What you organize: Stores. You arrange items in a way that should entice shoppers to buy them. Much of this includes straightening, putting up signage or putting items back in their correct spot. Plus, many merchandisers work for more than one store, so you must also organize your time.

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6. Event planner

What you organize: Events. You make sure everyone is in the right place at the right time and keep track of details such as cost, guest lists, accommodations, schedules, etc.

Median annual pay: \$45,810

*Pay according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Occupational Outlook Handbook.

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The Trustees of the Sheet Metal Workers' Local 80 Joint Apprenticeship Committee will accept applications for the Sheet Metal Apprentice Entrance Exam on April 8th, between the hours of 9AM & 1PM. Applications are available online at <http://www.smw80jac.org/exam.html> or at the Training Center 32700 Dequindre Rd., Warren, MI 48092. The Entrance Exam will take place on Wednesday July 29, 2015. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age, have a valid Driver's License, be a high school graduate or possess a G.E.D., citizen of the United States or a legally emigrated alien. At the time of application you must show proof of high school graduation or G.E.D., valid Driver's License and provide a \$40 cash non-refundable examination fee. The Sheet Metal Workers' Local 80 Joint Apprenticeship Committee is an equal opportunity organization admitting qualified applicants regardless of race, color, religion, sex, age or national origin. For more information please visit <http://www.smw80jac.org>

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