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Gun boards are gone

Changes that standardize how a concealed pistol license is issued or renewed in Michigan took effect this week.

Under the new law, it is the responsibility of the county clerk to issue a CPL to an applicant who is not statutorily disqualified to receive a CPL under the Firearms Act (1927 PA 372) within 45 days of when classifiable fingerprints are taken. The Michigan State Police will verify through the Law Enforcement Information Network and National Instant Criminal Background Check System that the applicant meets certain statutory requirements and will report all statutory disqualifications to the county clerk.

County concealed weapon licensing boards that previously performed this verification process cease to exist, and official documents held by those boards were transferred to the county clerk.

Other changes include an initial application and licensing fee of \$100 and a renewal application and licensing fee of \$115.

Residents challenge council's plan to unify trash service

James Mitchell
Correspondent

Earlier this year city officials were united in support of an ordinance that would lead to a single hauler for most residential trash and recycling removal. Mayor Bob Gatt said the city was well within its rights to adopt the policy and explore ways to save money.

In equally unanimous fashion, residents – including homeowner association representatives and a former mayor – questioned whether adopting the ordinance was the right thing to do.

A public hearing was held Nov. 23 during the Novi City Council meeting to allow resident comments on a proposed bid package for waste removal. Gatt stressed that statements

and questions – which would not be answered that night – should address the request for proposal as indicated on the agenda and not the policy itself.

"This is not about the city's right or authority to adopt a single waste hauler ordinance or the council's decision to do so," Gatt said. "Garbage disposal is a core function of government."

Gatt said the council had been unanimous in August when members took the first steps toward having one company contract with the city to service all single-family homes and some condominium complexes. The ordinance did not include apartment buildings and mobile home parks.

Most speakers, however, wondered if the city could or



FILE PHOTO
Novi officials held a public hearing last week regarding a request for proposals for a citywide trash contract. Residents who spoke at the meeting said they want garbage service to be left alone.

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Visiting with Santa



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Hanna McFarlane, 3, shows her stuffed animal to Santa at Novi's Twelve Oaks mall during a recent visit. Hanna and her mom were visiting the area from Lansing that day. Santa will be available for visits and photos in the mall's center lower area every day during mall hours until Christmas.

Site showcases memories via social media

BeRemembered allows loved ones to share stories

James Mitchell
Correspondent

The best scenario for a memorial service is less about mournful memories than a celebration of a person's life. Sometimes, though, even relatives don't have the entire story. A social network site launched this year – BeRemembered – lets the narrator tell their own tale.

It's a stressful time for loved ones and relatives, said John P. O'Brien of O'Brien-Sullivan Funeral Home in Novi, who often discovers things they hadn't known: Foreign trips, military service, honors won or cherished friends from the past.

"Part of what we do is put together information about someone's life," O'Brien said. "So many times, we have family members finding out things about mom or dad that they weren't even aware of."

Painting a more complete picture was part of what inspired O'Brien to partner online with Remembrance Services Group on BeRemembered, which launched earlier this year. Capturing someone's journey through life takes more than a photo-filled display board and the free site brings together the best elements of family albums, living wills and testimonials.

BeRemembered offers user-friendly pages for uploads of a basic biography, "My Life in Pictures" and sections for favorite people, places and things. O'Brien recently taught several classes about the site for seniors at Fox Run and was pleasantly surprised when retirees showed up armed with iPads and laptops ready to go. Needing only an email address to set up an account, users soon discovered a versatile platform for showcasing the important times and people in their lives.

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Novi man to appear on 'Let's Make a Deal'

Philip Allmen
Staff Writer

For fans of *Let's Make a Deal* on CBS, there will be a local connection next week.

Chase Kreger of Novi is one of the contestants on the popular game show, set to air Monday. Kreger said being on the show was "a lot of fun."

Let's Make a Deal, hosted by comedian Wayne Brady, features audience members who dress up in outlandish costumes to get the host's attention in an attempt to make deals for either trips, prizes, cars, cash or the dreaded Zonks.



BRET HARTMAN | CBS
A Novi resident will appear Monday on the game show "Let's Make a Deal."

The show is in its seventh season and premiered Oct. 5, 2009, on CBS.

The show airs locally at 10 a.m. on CBS affiliate WWJ-TV (Channel 62).

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Johnson collecting more than \$200,000 as money manager for Oak Park, Novi

City officials say they benefit by sharing him

Daniel Bethencourt
Michigan.com

Carl Johnson Jr. works two jobs. He has been managing finances for the city of Novi for almost two years. And for the last four months or so, he has been managing Oak Park's money at the same time, for a combined salary topping \$200,000.

The arrangement is

unusual. How does he do it? By working long hours, Johnson said by phone.

"I work 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. five nights a week," Johnson said, adding, "there is no story."

His bosses also say that the arrangement breaks no contracts nor rules. They say they knew of the situation in advance and agreed to it.

"I'm 110 percent comfortable with our arrangement," said Oak Park City Manager Erik Tungate, who added of Johnson: "His expertise level is unprecedented."

If anyone could handle this, perhaps it would be Johnson, who is very familiar with the finances of city governments. Before working in Novi, he was a partner at the Plante Moran accounting firm, where he founded a division for governmental accounting, Tungate said.

After leaving Plante Moran, he first joined Novi as a full-time director of finance/treasurer in January 2014. The city agreed to pay him an annual salary of \$115,000, plus \$4,800 in automobile allowance, according to a

copy of the contract.

Then more than a year later, in July, Oak Park hired Johnson for his second role as interim finance director. This new salary, \$90,000, was also full time and it came with a 90-day probationary period that he has recently surpassed. To meet the hours, he sends Tungate a schedule in advance, which can vary.

Whatever the hours, Johnson has delivered results in both roles, according to his bosses. Novi's "rainy day" fund is at its highest level in years, while its bond

rating was elevated to AAA last week, Assistant City Manager Victor Cardenas said. And Tungate said that Oak Park's budget hasn't been this good in 15 years.

"This is something that it is in his nature," Cardenas said of Johnson's work ethic. "He's been able to perform at a high level for several years now."

Qualified money managers are difficult to come by in Michigan these days. People with similar skills tend to chase more lucrative careers. The recent re-

cession also hurt the profession's appeal, Cardenas said.

"We didn't have a large pool to choose from," he added.

Tungate agreed.

"If I had a pot of gold, qualified, exceptional people to choose from, would I pick this arrangement? Probably not," he said. "At the same time, Carl is a very, very qualified person and one of the best municipal finance people around."

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would reconsider the ordinance. Representatives of several homeowner associations said their memberships are satisfied by the current service provided by companies including Duncan Disposal, Rizzo Environmental Services and Advanced Disposal. Many felt that the ordinance represented a solution in search of a problem and had done so without taxpayer input.

"There should have been a public meeting to determine how homeowners felt about having one trash hauler," said Phil Galicki, a Weston Estates resident. "We don't feel we should be forced to change."

John Kuenzel of the Echo Valley Homeowners Association said that residential boards would lose control over service quality if the city administered trash contracts.

"We're happy with our current provider," Kuenzel said. "Now the coun-

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Echo Valley Homeowners Association

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Follow the money

Several speakers said the ordinance invited problems and also raised separate questions. Several speakers pointed out that Rizzo Environmental – a likely bidder for the contract – had contributed to the recent campaigns of Gatt, Councilman Wayne Wrobel and the West Oakland Republican Club, which is led by Mayor Pro Tem David Staudt.

"If Rizzo is awarded the contract, it raises the appearance of impropriety," Kuenzel said.

Others said that the timetable – with bids to go out early in 2016 for

April or May service to begin – created problems for homeowner associations preparing to bill member residents by month's end for annual services to include waste removal for 2016. Other concerns included stipulations as to size and number of containers and pickup schedules.

Gatt had previously told the *Novi News* that the goal remained to save residents money and that existing contracts would remain in place until their conclusion. City officials expect to introduce the new contract to about 15,000 homes, with another 3,000 added during the first two years of the expected five-year contract.

Former Mayor Patricia Karevich, a member

of the Novi Heights Homeowners Association, said she hadn't seen specifics, including pick-up of bulk materials, during her review of the request for proposals. Karevich wondered if city officials were determined to follow the ordinance through to awarding a contract for a single hauler.

"If the bids are higher than what you're anticipating, is it still a done deal?" Karevich asked.

More than two dozen residents spoke or asked questions that city officials said would be addressed in time. No comments were made to indicate that council might revisit the ordinance.

"You have the right to do what you wish," said Tom Duncan, of prospective bidder Duncan Disposal. "But you have a bigger obligation to support the citizens. People have been speaking and don't have a lot of confidence in (city council) choosing for them. They like the choices of dealing directly with people and not the government."

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Police, fire departments offer holiday safety tips

Thanksgiving marked the beginning of the shopping season and the stores and parking lots will soon be crowded with holiday shoppers. Navigating one's way through a crowded store with packages can leave you feeling overwhelmed and distracted, as well as a target of unsuspecting crime.

This holiday season, the Novi Police Department will engage in its successful crime and traffic safety initiative known as Data Driven Approaches to Crime and Traffic Safety. Through highly-visible traffic enforcement, the Novi Police department will aim to reduce traffic crashes and targeted crimes throughout its retail districts to provide a safe and enjoyable holiday shopping experience.



Novi Director of Public Safety and Chief of Police David E. Molloy also encourages residents and visitors to the city to look out for each other and report any suspicious activity to police.

"We all must work together and remain vigilant in reporting suspicious behavior or events," Molloy said. "If you see something, say something."

In an effort to ensure everyone has a safe and fun holiday shopping season the Novi Police and Fire departments would like to offer the following holiday shopping safety tips.

Safe shopping should be a priority for everyone. When out shopping remember:

- » Have a shopping plan ... let someone else know what your plan is including when you intend on being home.
- » Coordinate shopping trips with friends and family.
- » Park in a well-lighted area and try not to walk to your car alone.
- » Lock your car and remember where you parked it. When you return, be prepared to enter your vehicle and leave, don't loiter about holding packages.
- » Park as close as you can to your destination and take notice of where you parked.
- » Never leave your car unoccupied with the motor running.
- » Be sure to locate your keys prior to going

into the store or mall.

- » Secure packages in the trunk of your vehicle.
- » If you place packages in your vehicle, mid-trip, you may want to move your car.
- » Avoid carrying large amounts of cash.
- » Be mindful of your wallet and/or purse.
- » Before leaving your workplace, lock your laptop or valuables in your trunk in case you have to make a stop. You don't want potential thieves to see you placing valuables in the trunk.

Children

- » If possible, leave small children at home with a trusted babysitter.
- » Teach your child to go to a store clerk and ask for help in case your child is separated from you.
- » Teach children to stay close to you at all times while shopping.
- » Accompany children to the restroom.
- » Children should never be allowed to go to the car alone and they should never be left alone in the car.
- » Teach children their full name, address and telephone number to give to police officers or mall security in the event they get separated from you.

Protect your identity

- » Only carry the cred-

it/debit cards you will be using.

- » Remember to sign your credit/debit cards.
- » Guard any keypads as you enter your pin number.

- » When paying for gasoline with a debit or credit card, pay inside versus at the pump.

- » When using an ATM, look around to ensure nobody is watching as you enter your pin number. Use only ATM machines that are located in well-lighted and populated areas.

Shopping online

- » Use only reputable companies and websites that have proper security features. Secure sites have an address that begins with https://. Beware of pop-ups ads that lead you to another website or ask you personal information or account numbers.
- » Do not give out your Social Security number, email address, telephone number or address, unless you know who is collecting the information, why they are collecting it and how they'll use it.
- » Save all transaction information, taking screen shots if necessary.

Package delivery

- » Request a signature confirmation upon deliv-

ery.

- » Consider shipping the item to a location where someone is available to receive it in person. Suggestions include a trustworthy neighbor, your place of business (if allowed) or a family member.
- » Most shipping companies allow you to track your package and notify you of delivery. Once notified of a delivery, ask a neighbor to retrieve the item.
- » Insure valuable items.
- » Request the shipper hold the package at their local facility for pick up.

Home safety tips

- » Ask a trusted neighbor to tend the yard, shovel the snow, pick up the mail/newspaper and watch your home when you are away or have a trusted friend or relative house sit in your absence.
- » At least two light timers should be set to turn the lights and TV on and off in a logical sequence when away for an extended time period to give the appearance that someone is home.
- » The motion detector or other alarm system (if you have one) should be activated when you leave home.
- » Make sure all doors and windows are locked

when you leave, even if you have an alarm system.

Christmas tree safety

- » Natural trees should be cut at a 45-degree angle at the base and placed in water.
- » Place the tree away from a heat source. A heat source too close to the tree causes roughly one in every six Christmas tree fires.
- » Use only non-flammable decorations.
- » Use only lighting evaluated by a nationally recognized laboratory, such as Underwriters Laboratories.
- » Do not leave lights on and unattended.
- » Keep natural tree stands filled with water at all times.
- » Inspect holiday lights each year for frayed wires, bare spots and excessive kinking or wear before putting them up.
- » One of every three home Christmas tree fires is caused by electrical problems.
- » Although Christmas tree fires are not common, when they do occur, they are more likely to be serious. On average, one of every 40 reported residential Christmas tree fires results in a fatality.

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"It's a chance to pass on so many of the great stories through written form, audio, video and photos," O'Brien said. Common hesitations – "But I'm not a writer" or "I don't know how to start" – are soon put to the side as BeRemembered prompts the memories with a series of questions to start the conversation.

Although the site is intended for eventual

public display, the work-in-progress remains hidden until ready and includes a place for final, discreet moments.

"It allows people to leave private messages to someone," O'Brien said. "The information remains private until you want to make it public and you control where it goes."

Like the best technologies, O'Brien said the platform provided un-expected benefits and uses. The profiles have proven invaluable to caretakers of family genealogies, with trea-

sured memories more accessible than boxes of old photographs.

The site also encourages frequent updates, sometimes through a personal challenge. A page dedicated to "My Bucket List" prompts users to consider more than just how they're remembered, but to also think about memories still to be made.

"This really lets someone tell their story, but also look at things they still want to do and experience," O'Brien said.

BeRemembered is about taking charge of

memories, O'Brien said, a one-stop portal that celebrates a life through words and pictures shared with everyone – the final profile can be sent to Facebook and other social media platforms – or just the closest of family and friends.

"It's all about celebrating a person's life," O'Brien said. "You can put your story down in your words and you control where it goes."

For information, go to www.bereRemembered.com or contact O'Brien-Sullivan Funeral Home at 248-348-1800.

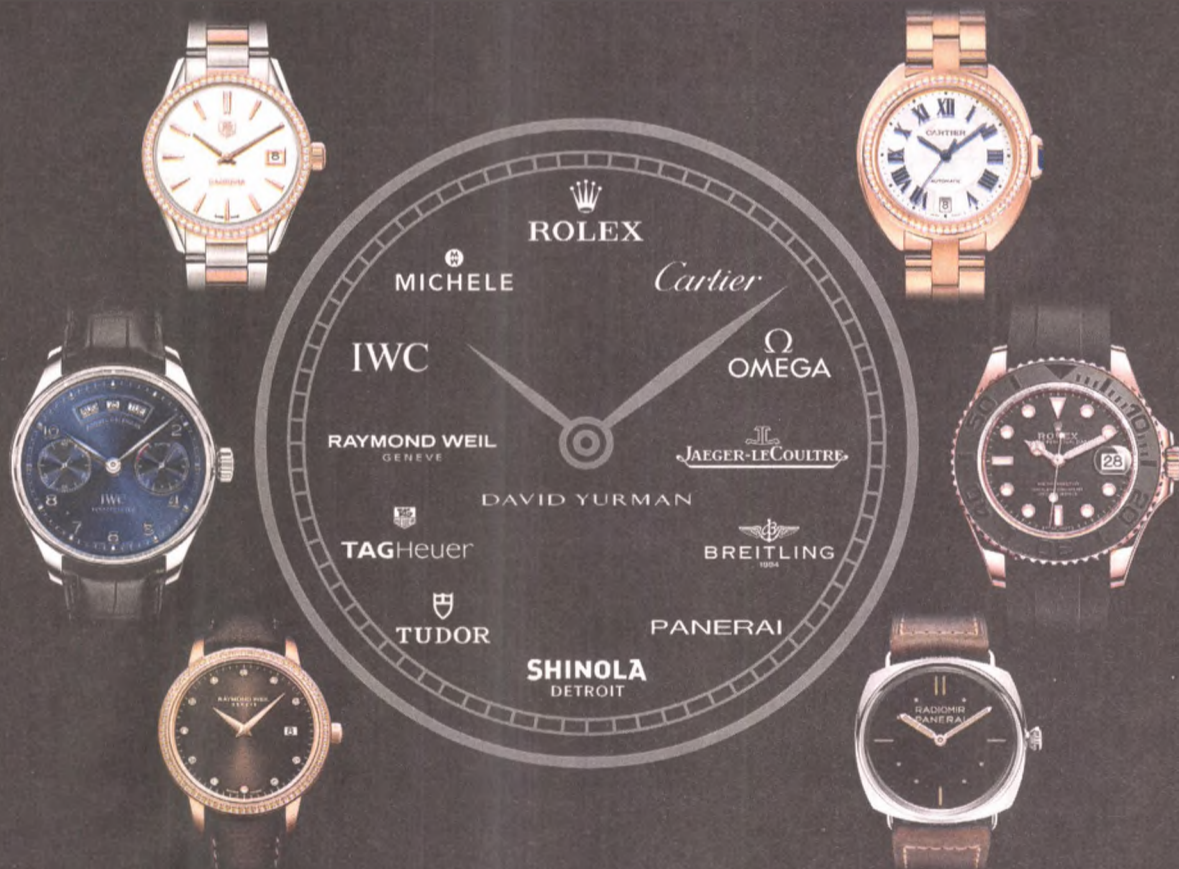


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John O'Brien and O'Brien-Sullivan Funeral Home in Novi have begun to utilize an online archiving system called BeRemembered that allows clients to begin to document their lives for loved ones.

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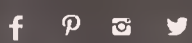
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Classroom setting promotes critical thinking

What kind of classroom experiences should we construct to ensure that our students develop the kind of skills that matter?

We live in an interesting age. When I was growing up, there was value in knowing more than other people. Information was not easily accessible. Those who were willing could learn a lot, but it took some time and some effort.

But the most important skill for our students now is not how much you know. We have more than enough information surrounding us. We can Google anything. There are apps for your phone that will give you the answer to high-level math questions. We can find the most obscure report in just a few clicks. The problem today is not a lack of information. The skills that our students



Steve Matthews
 SUPER TALK

need now are critical thinking skills – asking great questions, analyzing the information, understanding the ideas, collaborating to find solutions and communicating ideas to others. Students still need to be able to read and write and figure. But we can no longer be satisfied with just those skills.

So that brings us back to this question: What kind of classroom experiences should we construct to ensure that our students develop the kind of skills that matter?

When I went to school, sitting in rows was important. It was important because class

assignments were generally done alone. “Do the odd problems.” “Complete this work on your own.” Working with others – collaborating – was not a skill that was encouraged.

Sitting in rows was also important because noisy classrooms were seen as off-task. Quiet classrooms were seen as serious and focused.

Today, I believe, collaboration and noise are seen as positive parts of a classroom. Clearly, there are times when students need to work alone or there needs to be quiet, but now collaboration and noise are a valuable part of the classroom experience.

So again, we come back to our central question: What kind of classroom experiences should we construct to ensure that our students develop the kind of skills that matter?

Here in Novi, we are working to build classrooms that will promote the kind of skills that students need to be successful in their education, their career and their neighborhood.

We are piloting chairs, desks and tables in classrooms that will allow our classrooms to be more flexible. If straight rows are needed, we can create straight rows. If we need collaborative teams, we can create collaborative teams. If we need to use hallways as classroom space, we can easily move our chairs and desks into the hallway. Because of our 2014 bond, we have the opportunity to increase access to more flexible furniture.

We are also embedding more technology into classroom spaces. Technology for the sake of technology is not our goal. Technology must be

purposeful and focused. It is a tool to aid in the learning; it is not the learning itself. Because of our 2014 bond, we have the opportunity to increase access to technology.

We are thinking through our classroom furniture and our technology so that we can answer this question for our community: What kind of classroom experiences should we construct to ensure that our students develop the kind of skills that matter?

Here in Novi, I am confident that our classrooms experiences will help our students develop skills that matter in their lives.

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EDUCATION CALENDAR

Novi High School

Dec. 16: Novi High School Financial Aid Night. 6 p.m. in Lecture Area A, High School Auditorium.

Novi Meadows Elementary

Dec. 21: Winter Break Begins

Jan. 4: Classes Resume

Jan. 18: MLK Day, No school for students

Jan. 20: Novi Meadows PTO meeting, 7 p.m. at 6th grade Media Center

Jan. 22: Novi Meadows Family Volleyball Night, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at NMS Gym

Jan. 27: Roller-skating Party, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Bonaventure

Jan. 29: End of 2nd Marking Period – half day for students, students will be released from school at 11:30 a.m.

Novi Woods Elementary

Dec. 3: Kindergarten Holiday Performance, 2:15 p.m.

Dec. 8: Holiday Shop, 3:30 p.m.

Dec. 21: District Winter Break – No School

Jan. 4: Classes Resume

Deerfield Elementary

Dec. 9-10: Holiday Shop 2015. Time to shop for our family and friends at the Deerfield Holiday Shop in the cafeteria. All students, siblings and family are welcome. Volunteers will be needed.

Novi Middle School

Dec. 7: Game Club will meet after school.

Dec. 9: 2016 D.C. Trip Parent Meeting. 7 p.m. in the auditorium to explain the trip and answer questions. All registration and payments are handled by Worldstrides, not the school. The trip is chaperoned each year by NMS teachers and other district employees. Registration deadline is Jan. 29.

Dec. 15: Final day for Mittens and Hats Drive. Students can bring in as many gently used or new items as they want. Final day for “We Care!” Food Drive. The PTO, Interact Club and administration are hosting a food drive. A20 classes are assigned a food item. Each class is responsible for bringing in 10 of

that item. The items will be combined to form a We Care Package to be delivered for families. The package will include a total of 10 meals (3 breakfast, 3 lunch, 4 dinner).

Jan. 11: Letters About Literature. Deadline for Level II entries (grades 7-8). The Library of Michigan is announcing the 2016 Letters about Literature program. They are the Michigan host for this national program from the Library of Congress. It is a reading-writing contest that invites readers in grades 4 through 12 to write letters to authors of books that have changed their lives. This program gives students the opportunity to reflect deeply on a book. As readers, they come to understand how literature is more than assignment, but also a life changing experience. Children and teens can participate on their own or as part of a library or class project. Log into Mrs. Wesner’s Google Classroom or see her for more information. Winners announced in May.

Singing ‘Turkey’



Deerfield Elementary School first-graders present their “Turkey Tunes” musical to their family, friends and schoolmates Nov. 24. The musical included such tunes as “A Turkey Tom,” “Turkey Trot Blues,” “Thanks a Lot” and “I Have a Fat Turkey Named Chicken.”



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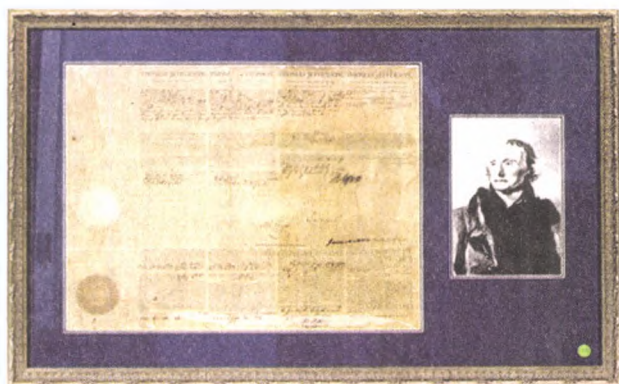
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Rochon's art on display at Liberty Street Brewing

Plymouth's Liberty Street Brewing Co.'s Upper Hall Gallery will showcase the work of fine artist and photographer Joanne Rochon from Dec. 5 through Jan. 29. An opening reception will kick off the exhibit 6-8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, at the brewery, 149 W. Liberty Street.

Daily dream-like twists and nightly dreams influence the compelling paintings of local artist, graphic designer and Northville Art House Exhibit Committee Chair Joanne Rochon. One glance at Rochon's oil paintings "Parade Float" or "Eleven Forty Five" and the viewer is taken into another space, where the artist graciously allows you to experience and escape to a psychological landscape based more on emotion than reality.

Choosing to define the moment by light and color versus digital manipulation, reality shifts into secondary images can be seen in Rochon's



"Family of Tornadoes" by Joanne Rochon.

photography, all meticulously captured by her camera in a specific moment in time.

Born and reared in Detroit, Rochon earned her bachelor of fine arts degree at Eastern Michi-

gan University, concentrating on painting and photography. While at EMU, she established one of only three student-run galleries in the United States – the Intermedia Gallery, which

is still in operation today.

Shortly after college, Rochon and husband moved to New York City, where she exhibited her art in solo and group shows in venues around Manhattan, while cre-



"Shipping Sheep," is among the art to be exhibited by Joanne Rochon.

ating Joanne Rochon Design, a graphic design firm whose clients included Estee Lauder, Brooklyn Conservatory of Music and The Lincoln Center for Performing Arts.

A recent move back to Michigan has allowed

Rochon to display her work at various galleries, including The Scarab Club in Detroit, The Northville Art House, The Crooked Tree Art Center in Petoskey and The Muskegon Museum of Art.

ART HOUSE HAPPENINGS

The Northville Art House is at 215 W. Cady St. in historic downtown Northville and is celebrating 10 years of providing art enrichment and education to the community through classes, art shows and public art. New for this fall is online registration.

Check out classes and workshops for artists, children, teens and adults at www.northvillearthhouse.org. Register early as classes fill quickly. Art House hours are noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, noon to 4 p.m. Saturday and 1-9 p.m. First Fridays only. Call 248-344-0497 for more information.

Small works

The Northville Art House continues its All Media Small Works exhibit through Dec. 12. This exhibit showcases works of art limited to 12 inches by 12 inches by artists from throughout metro Detroit and several other states.



Small works at the Art House include "When I Don't Want to Leave" by Rita Lee.

Consider giving a small work of art during this holiday season! There will be a free reception 6-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4. The show will continue through Dec. 12 during Art House Gallery hours.

Store

Featured Store artist through January is Carolyn Barritt, an Ann Arbor artist. Carolyn uses acrylic

ink on paper to explore the tension between forced order and the unpredictable nature of the environment. She has exhibited her work throughout the nation and we are proud to display several of her landscape series. Visit her work as well as the work of more than 40 local artists. Buy local, buy art and buy Michigan at the Northville Art House Store.

Art classes and workshops

Classes for children, teens, adults and artists are available online and brochures are available at the Art House. Go to www.northvillearthhouse.org.

Volunteers and other support

Volunteers are the heart of the Art House. Call us if you're interested in getting involved. You can also offer support through an annual membership to the Friends of the Northville Art House.

Still time to help kids with library Angel Tree

There is still time to make a child's holiday brighter this year. There are gift tags remaining on the Salvation Army's Angel Tree displayed at the Northville District Library. Angel tags represent a child or teen given assistance through the Salvation Army. Donated gifts are placed in the Salvation Army's Toy Shop and the parents select gifts for their children from your generous donations.

Gift tags feature a suggested gift idea or you can choose a tag for a teen that requests a gift card. Gifts must be new and unwrapped, with the gift tag attached. Return your donations to the Library by 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13.

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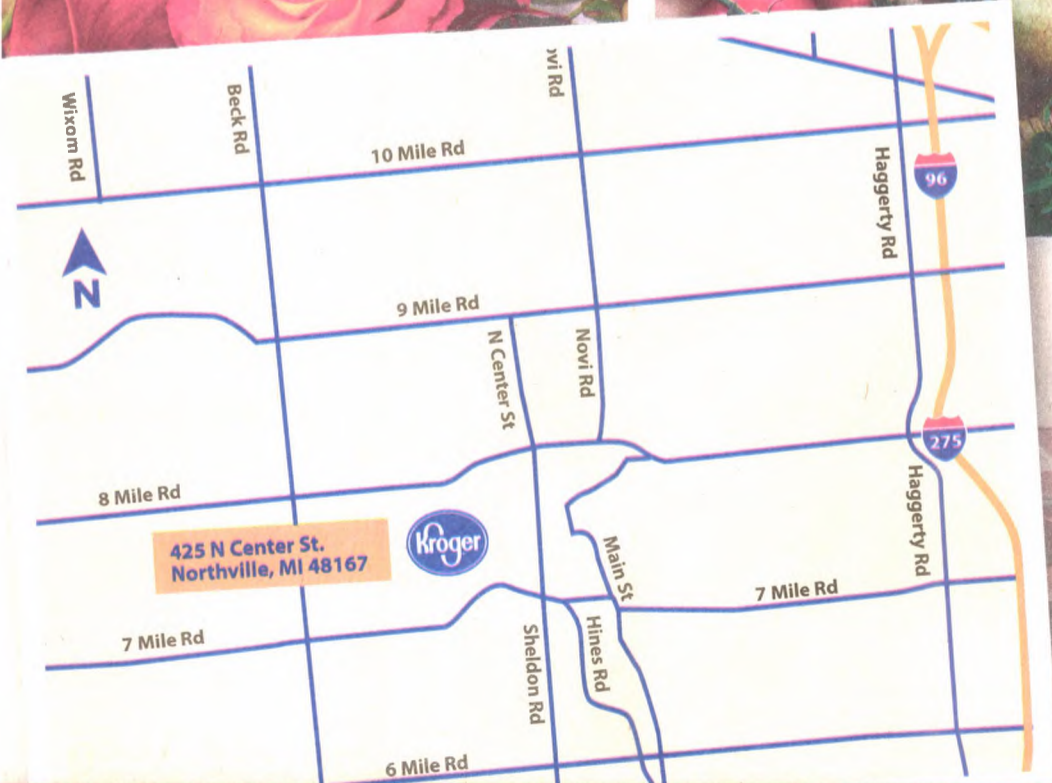
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State parks see banner year for camping

Kathleen Lavey
Michigan.com

Low fuel prices and an improved economy have helped boost the number of nights spent camping in Michigan's state parks and recreation areas past 1 million for 2015.

That's the first time the state has hit that number since 2012 and it's 9 percent higher than

2014 reservations. Even better news: Campers say they like what they're getting.

"Overall, the numbers are up and the customer feedback we're getting has been really positive," said Jason Fleming, resource management chief for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources' parks division.

Fleming said surveys of campers during the 2015 year show that 89 percent rate the experience as "good" or "very good."

"First of all, they really like the services," Fleming said. "They like the fact that we go in and we take care of the facilities." Fleming said the state is always working on off-season improve-

ments such as updating facilities or upgrading electrical service throughout a campground. Another priority is improving accessibility.

He said campers also gave the state parks' reservation system good marks.

The majority of campers in state parks use tents or recreational

vehicles, but Fleming said cabins, mini-cabins, yurts and a handful of lodges that once served as residences for park supervisors are popular. They're also a good choice for first-time visitors or people who want less-rustic lodging in the outdoors.

"How do we reach out to people who don't camp?" Fleming said. "Is that through cabins or our camping 101 program?" That program offers all equipment

necessary and help with set up at selected campgrounds to teach newbies the ropes of camping.

Fleming said the state's recreation staffers are trying to find ways to expand on mid-week camping, when parks tend to be less full.

The 1 millionth camper of 2015 was Cameron Wells of New Hudson, who made the 1 millionth camping night reservation at Proud Lake Recreation Area in Oakland County.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Send Novi calendar items to pallmen@hometownlife.com and Northville calendar items to jmaliszews@hometownlife.com by 9 a.m. Monday for consideration for the Thursday edition.

IN CONCERT
Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 5; and 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 6.

Details: The Sounds of Christmas features the BeckRidge Chorale, Cherry Hill Singers, the BeckRidge Youth Choirs and YOU. That's right, our annual Christmas concert will feature all our vocal ensembles and you. Throughout the concert, the audience will add their voices to the music of the season. This is a concert for the entire family. Sure to put you in the holiday spirit.

Tickets \$12 to \$18 for the concert at Hillside Middle School in Northville. Purchase tickets online at www.beckridge.org or at the door.

COOKIE WALK
Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Dec. 5.

Details: Northville First United Methodist Church is hosting Cookie Walk 2015 as a fundraiser for the Appalachian Service Project, a Christian home repair/home building ministry through which volunteers and staff repair and build homes for low-income families in rural Appalachia. Youth in grades 7-12, along with adult chaperones, travel and stay for a week in Appalachia each summer on this mission to make homes warmer, safer, and drier for families in need.

Purchase fresh, homemade holiday cookies at the church, 777 Eight Mile Road, Northville. Homemade nut-free and gluten-free cookies as well additional holiday treats.

'AMAH AND THE NIGHT VISITORS'
Time/Date: 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6

Details: Tickets for Arbor Opera Theater's production of *Amahl and the Night Visitors* at Meadowbrook Congregational Church in Novi are available through the church website at www.mbccc.org and at the door. This short (45-minute long) story of the young boy, Amahl, and his surprise meeting with the Three Wise Men, is a holiday classic for both children and adults. Tickets are \$9 per

person. Arbor Opera Theater's production with Meadowbrook soloist Stephanie Rose Kanak in the role of the Mother will be presented in Meadowbrook's stunning sanctuary with its superior acoustics.

The church is located at 21355 Meadowbrook Road, north of Eight Mile and one mile west of Haggerty. Seating is general admission; doors will open at 4:30 p.m.

SPECIAL LUNCHEONS
Time: Noon to 2 p.m.

Details: Holiday special event luncheons coming to Meadowbrook Activity Center are a great way to enjoy a delicious meal and entertainment with friends. Tickets (\$7 per Novi resident and \$8.50 per non-resident) must be purchased in advance at the city of Novi Older Adult Services office (45175 10 Mile Road) or the Meadowbrook Activity Center (25075 Meadowbrook Road).

Thursday, Dec. 10: Are you a believer? Does Santa exist? Travel on a magical adventure to the North Pole and rekindle the wonder of Christmas at the All Aboard the Polar Express Holiday Luncheon. Join your friends for a gleeful afternoon with sounds of the season presented by Eric Engblade. Wellbridge of Novi Rehab Center will sponsor this event.

For more information about the holiday luncheons, contact Judy Klein, recreation programmer, Older Adult Services, at 248-347-0414.

LANGSFORD MEN IN CONCERT

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

Details: Langsford Men's Chorus will present its "Celebrate Christmas" concert with a variety of Christmas favorites, ranging from the classical to the traditional to contemporary. The chorus features men from throughout Oakland and Wayne counties. Directed by Steven SeGraves, the 55-member chorus is considered one of Michigan's premier male choruses. Named in honor of its namesake, the late Dr. Harry M. Langsford, founder and director of the Wayne State University Men's Glee Club for more than

45 years. Tickets \$15 at door, \$12 in advance, available online at www.langsfordmenschorus.org.

NOVI CHORALAIRES HOLIDAY CONCERTS

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

Details: The Novi Choralaires is a chorus of men and women from the city of Novi and surrounding communities, founded in 1975 and operating under the umbrella of Novi Parks Performing Arts. Directed by their artistic music director Liz Wolber.

This Holiday season the Novi Choralaires present "A Very British Christmas." The program includes songs and carols from Great Britain highlighting music from the 15th century through modern day. Favorites include arrangements by John Rutter. Tickets \$12 adults or \$10 for seniors and children younger than 12. Group rates available.

CONCERT BAND PERFORMANCE

Time/Date: 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13.

Details: The Novi Concert Band, the community band for the city of Novi, will perform its holiday show *Music for the Holidays*. The group will perform music for all ages and tastes. The performance is free, but donations welcome. The concert will take place at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 10 Mile Road.

CHILLY SOFTBALL

Time/Date: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9; registration deadline Dec. 29.

Details: The city of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department hosts the second annual Chilly Softball Showdown at Ella Mae Power Park. The co-ed event features wooden bats, a 16-inch ball, one pitch per at bat, prizes for all participants and a lunch featuring coney dogs from Kerby's Koney Island. 18 years of age or older. \$250 per team. Double elimination format with games lasting six innings.


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

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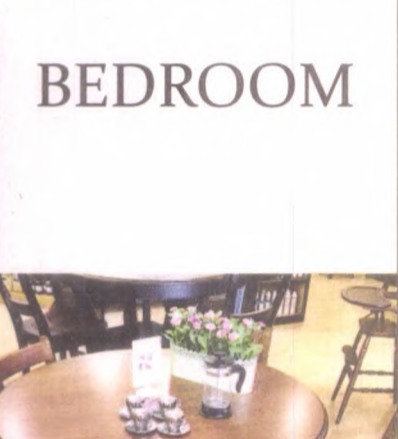
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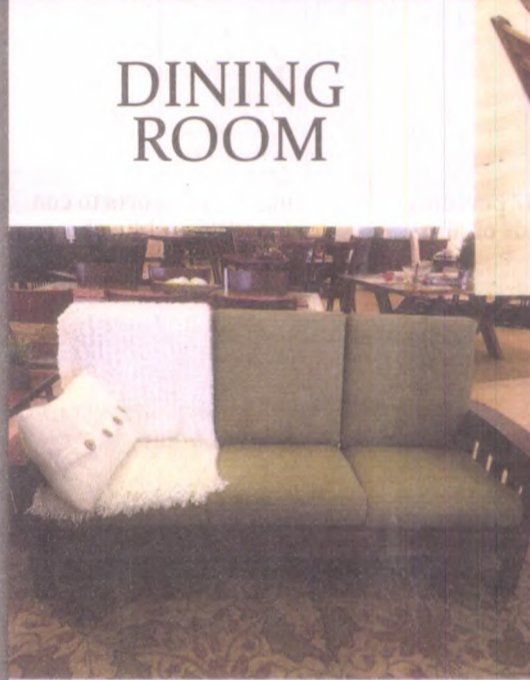
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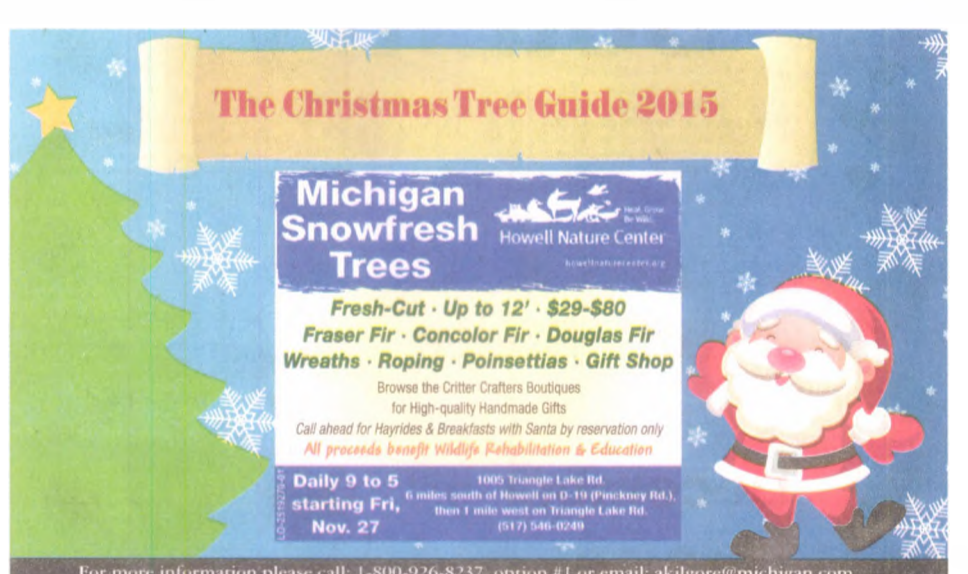
Fun on the run



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Orchard Hills Elementary School student Gabby Ansara begins her part of the Nov. 5 Wildcat Run fundraiser. The event, where students and staff took donations to run or walk around the school's track, is to raise funds for its PTO.

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OUR VIEW

Tech talk: Digital age calls for savvy parenting

As parents head to stores with children's gift wishes, it's worth pausing for a minute to consider electronic gifts and their impact. Technology has changed our world and certainly brings many pluses. It remains key to think through use of technology, especially for children and teens.

In a world where children are "growing up digital," it's important to help them learn healthy concepts of digital use and citizenship. Parents play an important role in teaching these skills. Here are tips from the American Academy of Pediatrics to help parents manage the digital landscape they're exploring with their children.

» **Treat media as you would any other environment in your child's life.** The same parenting guidelines apply in both real and virtual environments. Set limits; kids need and expect them. Know your children's friends, both online and off. Know what platforms, software and apps your children are using, where they are going on the web and what they are doing online.

» **Set limits and encourage playtime.** Tech use, like all other activities, should have reasonable limits. Unstructured and offline play stimulates creativity. Make unplugged playtime a daily priority, especially for very young children. And don't forget to join your children in unplugged play whenever you're able.

» **Families who play together, learn together.** Family participation is also great for media activities — it encourages social interactions, bonding and learning. Play a video game with your kids. It's a good way to demonstrate good sportsmanship and gaming etiquette. And you can introduce and share your own life experiences and perspectives — and guidance — as you play the game.

» **Be a good role model.** Teach and model kindness and good manners online. Because children are great mimics, limit your own media use. In fact, you'll be more available for and connected with your children if you're interacting, hugging and playing with them rather than simply staring at a screen.

» **Know the value of face-to-face communication.** Very young children learn best through two-way communication. Engaging in back-and-forth "talk time" is critical for language development. Conversations can be face-to-face or, if necessary, by video chat, with a traveling parent or faraway grandparent. Research has shown that it's that "back-and-forth conversation" that improves language skills — much more so than "passive" listening or one-way interaction with a screen.

» **Create tech-free zones.** Keep family mealtimes and other family and social gatherings tech-free. Recharge devices overnight — outside your child's bedroom to help children avoid the temptation to use them when they should be sleeping. These changes encourage more family time, healthier eating habits and better sleep, all critical for children's wellness.

» **Don't use technology as an emotional pacifier.** Media can be very effective in keeping kids calm and quiet, but it should not be the only way they learn to calm down. Children need to be taught how to identify and handle strong emotions, come up with activities to manage boredom or calm down through breathing, talking about ways to solve the problem and finding other strategies for channeling emotions.

» **Apps for kids — do your homework.** More than 80,000 apps are labeled as educational, but little research has demonstrated their actual quality, the AAP says. Products pitched as "interactive" should

require more than "pushing and swiping." Look to organizations like Common Sense Media (www.commonsensemedia.org) for reviews about age-appropriate apps, games and programs to guide you in making the best choices for your children.

» **It's OK for your teen to be online.** Online relationships are part of typical adolescent development. Social media can support teens as they explore and discover more about themselves and their place in the grown-up world. Just be sure your teen is behaving appropriately in both the real and online worlds. Many teens need to be reminded that a platform's privacy settings do not make things actually "private" and that images, thoughts and behaviors teens share online will instantly become a part of their digital footprint indefinitely. Keep lines of communication open and let them know you're there if they have questions or concerns.

» **Remember: Kids will be kids.** Kids will make mistakes using media. Try to handle errors with empathy and turn a mistake into a teachable moment. But some indiscretions, such as sexting, bullying or posting self-harm images, may be a red flag that hints at trouble ahead. Parents should take a closer look at their child's behaviors and, if needed, enlist professional help, including from your pediatrician.

Media and digital devices are an integral part of our world today. The benefits of these devices, if used moderately and appropriately, can be great. But research has shown that face-to-face time with family, friends and teachers plays a pivotal and even more important role in promoting children's learning and healthy development. Keep the face-to-face up front and don't let it get lost behind a stream of media and tech, the AAP recommends.

LETTERS

Keep garbage plan as is

Thanks to a lead article in the *Novi News*, more than 100 people attended the Novi City Council hearing about trash Monday, Nov. 23. Virtually everyone who spoke was against the mayor's plan.

I have lived in Novi for 43 years. In all that time, our subdivision contracted successfully for our own garbage and waste removal. We are happy with Republic, our current trash hauling company.

Now, the Novi mayor and council majority are telling us that city gov-

ernment is the answer to a problem we don't have. Currently, if we have a concern with trash removal (which is seldom), we call Republic and it takes care of the problem.

If the city council persists with its new plan to take over trash removal, a new layer of contract and governance will be superimposed upon us. We will lose our direct control over cost and performance. Currently, we can easily fire a company for non-performance or rate changes.

By taking away our contracting right, the city council is saying that government can do a

better job than citizens. It will be picking winners and losers in a system which sets up a monopoly for one company.

We have recently learned that one company, Rizzo Environmental Services, made sizable contributions to the election campaigns of Mayor Gatt and other city council members in the last city election. If, after those contributions of thousands of dollars, Rizzo is awarded the monopoly contract for waste hauling for all of Novi, an appearance of impropriety would be unavoidable.

John A. Kuenzel
Novi

Don't deny climate change

Please, please, stop the irrational, biased climate change denial. We need to move the discussion to solutions and stop delaying action. Our children and grandchildren will thank you.

The deniers continue to throw the same old weak lies at the public because it has worked to sow doubt. But think about what the deniers are saying. They are saying that the vast majority (97 percent) of thousands of highly-skilled scientists from countries all over the world, from different cultures, from different universities, from differ-

ent corporations, have all conspired to lie about climate change or are flat out wrong. Clearly that is not rational. And keep in mind that the science is not that complicated. We are releasing at least 30 billion tons of carbon into the atmosphere every year that was previously stored underground for 300 million years. This greatly affects the atmosphere, it's that simple.

If the downside of the delays caused by the deniers wasn't so damaging, their efforts to convince the public of a conspiracy might be funny, but it's just sad.

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In Lansing, majority rules on number of bills passed

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There are many ways to determine the effectiveness of elected representatives in the state Legislature: leadership positions, constituent services and length of service.

But another way is how much influence a lawmaker has in actually making laws. So far this year, 202 bills passed by the Michigan Legislature have been signed into law — everything from a package of bills to fix the state's roads to allowing religiously affiliated adoption agencies to decline services to clients based on religious or moral reasons.

The one thing in common with most of the bills: the vast majority were sponsored by Republicans, who have clear control of the House (61-46) and Senate (27-11). Of the 202 bills signed into law, 179 were sponsored by Republicans and 23 by Democrats. Meanwhile, 22 Republicans and 35 Democrats have had none of the bills they've sponsored passed this year. And only two Detroit members have gotten any bills passed and signed into law.

"Obviously, the party that's in power passes the most bills," said former Speaker of the House Rick Johnson, R-LeRoy.

"But when I was there, I always tried to make sure that everybody had some type of legislation that got passed. I wanted to make sure that everyone was part of the process."

In Johnson's first year as Speaker, 49 of the 506 bills passed and signed into law in 2001 were sponsored by Democrats. By Johnson's last year as Speaker in 2004, 89 of the 596 bills signed into law were sponsored by Democrats.

"It is frustrating, particularly when you're working in good faith on issues and most of my bills are non-partisan. I've had some bills pass the Senate, but nothing that's gone through the House yet," said state Sen. Steven Bieda, D-Warren, who has sponsored 25 bills, but hasn't seen one pass. "You don't get a ton of bills in the minority, but you get some."

"It bites being in the minority." It's not that Democrats aren't trying to influence policy. Of the 1,081 bills introduced so far this year, 377, or 35 percent have been introduced by Democrats while 704 have been put in the legislative hopper by Republicans.

At the other end is state Rep. Al Pscholka, R-Stevensville, who has the most sponsored bills, at 51, and the most that

have passed, at 14. Most of that is a function of his role as chairman of the Appropriations Committee, with budget bills introduced with him as the lead sponsor. But he also has had bills that require school attendance for families with children to qualify for state assistance and that prohibit the Michigan Economic Development Corp. from participating in any more venture capital programs.

"I've always been known as an active legislator," he said. "The other side has had some opportunities this year to get things done, but I think their leadership has failed them. They could be a more effective minority, but their unwillingness to meet us halfway has led them to be ineffective."

State Rep. Harvey Santana, D-Detroit, is the exception to that rule. He has the most bills passed of any Democrat, at five, but that's because he has worked with Republicans on the Appropriations Committee and supported some controversial issues that, in part, have caused him to get kicked out of the Democratic caucus. Santana is often the only Democratic vote on controversial bills, and he doesn't meet with Democrats during closed-door caucus meetings.

As a result, five of the

19 bills he has sponsored, including some of his pet issues like expanding the eligible age for young people convicted of a crime to be granted youthful trainee status and regulating mixed martial arts competitions, have been brought up for hearings and passed in the House and Senate.

"I've done a good job of trying to strengthen relationships on the other side, which makes it easier to approach leaders on the other side for support for my bills," Santana said. "Democrats don't allow me in the caucus room and by the time the issue comes down where they've taken a caucus position, I'm never part of that discussion. What that has left me with is, I'm the guy who is the Republican go-to when they need a critical vote."

For others, like state Rep. Sam Singh, D-East Lansing, the lack of movement on Democratic bills is a disappointing reality of serving in the minority.

"I understand that for a variety of political reasons, our bills won't be brought up," said Singh, who has introduced 14 bills, but seen only one pass. "But many of our bills have bipartisan support, and those are the bills I'd like to see brought forward in committees for a hearing."

The one he'd really like to see more action on is a bill that would provide limited amnesty for people who are suffering from an overdose from an illegal drug, like heroin, and who seek assistance for that health crisis. The House has passed legislation — sponsored by Pscholka — that would provide that amnesty for minors who are experiencing an overdose on prescription drugs or their friends who are trying to find emergency health care for them.

"Both prescription drugs and heroin are significant issues," Singh said. "It was a great first step by Pscholka, but it didn't go far enough."

At the far end of the bill-passing spectrum are three legislators who have no bills under their belts, either introduced or passed, including Speaker of the House Kevin Cotter, R-Mt. Pleasant, state Rep. Frank Liberati, D-Allen Park, and Sen. Tory Rocca, R-Sterling Heights.

But that doesn't necessarily mean they have little influence. Cotter, like Johnson before him, spends more time setting the agenda for the majority Republicans than sponsoring bills.

"Under the rules, the Speaker could get unlimited priorities on bills and a super priority is when the Speaker and the ma-

majority leader are asking for something together. I never did either," Johnson said. "When I became Speaker, I never even cosigned on a bill. I always thought that was a good rule because it didn't influence a bill one way or another."

"I always said it doesn't matter who introduces the bills, it's how people vote on them. Nobody remembers that so and so introduced the bill."

Now that the roads improvement package has passed the Legislature, with little Democratic support (only Santana and Sen. Virgil Smith, D-Detroit, voted for the main bills in the package) state Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth, said he hopes some other things come to the forefront. He has sponsored 33 bills this year and gotten only four passed.

"Things got slowed down because of the roads debate, and this is going to free up quite a few items. We have several bills, perhaps a dozen dealing with old and outdated laws. I've also got the whole presumptive parole as well and criminal justice reform," he said. "I've got a lot of bills out there. I think they're very worthwhile, and it takes time to get them through the system. But I'm also very patient."

Proposed bill would give some state workers police powers

Justin A. Hinkley
Michigan.com

Critics say a bill giving new police powers to certain state workers would create "welfare police" to punish the poor, but supporters say it's a stride toward efficiency and protecting taxpayer dollars.

State Sen. Peter MacGregor's Senate Bill 384 would give arrest

powers to employees of the Department of Health & Human Service's Office of Inspector General. That agency investigates welfare fraud, such as when food stamps are sold for cash or used for ineligible items such as cigarettes.

Under the bill, which passed the state Senate 27-11 in September and is awaiting a committee vote in the House, OIG

agents could arrest people for trafficking food stamps or other benefits or if the agents have "probable cause" to believe a person committed a felony.

A companion bill from state Sen. Rick Jones, R-Grand Ledge, would exempt those agents from certain firearm restrictions.

DHHS spokesman Bob Wheaton wrote in an

email there are 240 employees in the OIG, but the department plans to have fewer than 10 inspectors with the new police powers.

Wheaton said DHHS supports the bill because its agents can currently only take action against the benefits recipients for violations, but must rely on U.S. Department of Agriculture agents to handle the retailers who



The Michigan Capitol is seen at the end of Michigan Avenue. State Sen. Peter MacGregor's Senate Bill 384 would give arrest powers to employees of the Department of Health & Human Service's Office of Inspector General.

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participate in fraud. There are only five federal agents across Michigan, he said, and "our Office of Inspector General receives daily tips on retailer trafficking."

But the bill has both bipartisan support and bipartisan opposition.

Speaking against the bill on the Senate floor in September, Democratic state Sen. Coleman Young II said the bill "seeks to criminalize the very act of being a member of the working poor."

"This bill would allow the Department of Health & Human Services to create its own police force," Young said. "That's right, welfare police. Literally, the welfare police. This is insane; it's crazy."

Republican state Sen. Patrick Colbeck said on the floor that he opposed the bill because DHHS typically implements

federal policy, including the Affordable Care Act, and the bill would lead to "the camel's nose under the tent giving more and more credence to the concern of the federal government's overreach into areas where they have no authority."

In Michigan, the OIG found \$2.4 million in fraud from trafficking last year, according to the office's annual report. The office claims every dollar invested in enforcement yields \$26 in taxpayer savings.

According to the House Fiscal Agency, DHHS would spend about \$300,000 to arm and train eight agents in a Michigan State Police training program.

"A lot of people think we're going to give social workers guns," MacGregor said, "and that is not what's happening."

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Pelican Foundation, Lowe's help family

Diane Gale Andreassi
Staff Writer

Dave and Kim Strange knew it would only be a matter of time before one of them would fall down the steps of their South Lyon home while carrying their 14-year-old daughter Breanna from her second floor bedroom to the main level.

Once the Pelican Foundation, a local non-profit organization, heard about their plight, it enlisted the help of Lowe's and got to work on making life a little easier for the Strange family with a new addition on the ground level.

Just like that, the perilous descent down the steps was eliminated and no more wondering and worrying about carrying Breanna, who weighs 90 pounds. Breanna has dystonia, which causes her muscles to become so tight she can't do much for herself. When she is medicated, she becomes very limp, Dave said.

Foundation volunteers and Lowe's employees came together to build a



Kim Strange (left) watches as Lowe's employee Todd Amprim (right) cuts a piece of flooring for the Strange home in South Lyon recently during Lowe's Local Heroes effort. Lowe's and its employees were helping to renovate and make the house more accessible for their daughter Breanna, who has dystonia.

first-floor bedroom, a caregiver's room and a bathroom in the Strange home. The renovation and amenities cost \$80,000, said Jay Howie, Pelican Foundation vice president.

"I don't have the

words to express our gratitude," Dave Strange said. "It wasn't a matter of if, but when we would have fallen. We are so incredibly grateful. The people in the Pelican Foundation are amazing people. Jay has led the

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Lowe's employees Russ Bruner (left) and Jeff Stroble work on adding wood flooring to the Strange house.

a problem in our community and solve it," he said. "The community really did this. It was the residents from Northville to Milford and Brighton to Novi who come to our fundraisers and spent the money to put into these causes and if it wasn't for them we couldn't do this. It's about our community. When we take our kids out there they see why we are doing it."

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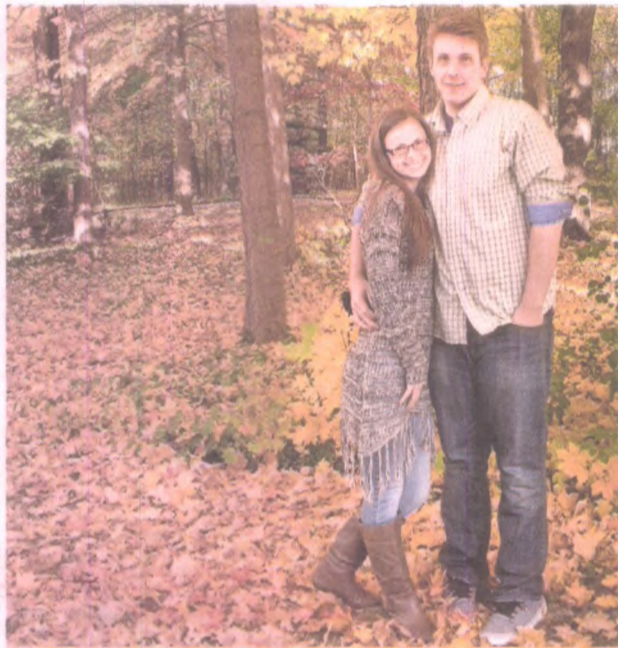
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St. Amour earned her BBA in accounting from Western Michigan University. She is employed as an accountant for New Mind Group, Inc., in Kalamazoo.

Wilde earned his bachelor of science in biometric security from Davenport University. He is employed as a software developer for IBM in East Lansing.

A June 25, 2016, wedding is planned in Kalamazoo.



Alissa K. St. Amour and John R. Wilde

Development work begins



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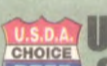
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GIRLS BASKETBALL PREVIEW

Northville and Novi will rely on youth movement

Mustangs, Wildcats boast only two seniors each

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Youth will be served – and then some – for both the Northville and Novi girls basketball teams this season.

Both teams posted a 13-8 record a year ago and boast a roster full of underclassmen, as Northville and Novi feature only two seniors apiece.

“We lost a few more players than expected – initially only graduating one starter from

last year – but it wasn’t a total surprise to us as we knew late last season that Mariah (Modkins) most likely was moving and that Bryce (Quick) would focus on volleyball, so we were prepared for those changes,” Northville coach Todd Gudith said. “That opened the door for us to bring in a few more newcomers.”

Modkins, a speedy point guard, transferred to Solon (Ohio) High School, but Northville’s back court remains in good shape with the return of 6-foot junior guard Jessica Moorman, who averaged 8.6

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points per game, along with 5-7 sophomore guard Kendall Dillon, who averaged 6.3 points.

Moorman, who shot 38 percent from the field and 71 percent from the foul line, earned first team All-Area honors last season.

Other key returnees include junior Brook Adams and sophomore Roan Haines, while foreign exchange student

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Novi sophomore guard Ellie Mackay (middle) returns after averaging 10.2 points per game.

BOYS HOCKEY



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Northville’s Jack Mitchell (front) seizes possession of the puck and heads toward the Novi goal.

BOYS HOCKEY

Late goals boost CC in victory over Rice

CC senior Mancinelli tallies game-winner vs. Warriors win early showdown, 3-1

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

The Catholic Central-Brother Rice hockey rivalry had all the Thanksgiving eve trimmings and more Nov. 25 at USA Hockey Arena.

The battle between state champions did not disappoint as the host Shamrocks, the defending MHSAA Division 1 champs, got a late goal from senior JoJo Mancinelli, followed by Brian Kearns’ empty-netter in the waning seconds, to upend the defending Division 2 champion Warriors, 3-1.



Mancinelli

CC, which improved to 3-0 overall and 2-0 in the North Division of the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League, scored the game-winner with only 3:27 remaining on a power play to break a 1-1 deadlock just 11 seconds after Rice’s Jack Clement was sent to the penalty box for an inadvertent high stick.

Catholic Central’s Kyle Mulka then won the face-off to set up Mancinelli’s game-winner. Nick Macari and Luc Krasicky got credit for assists.

“I think there was a scrum in the middle, we got the puck high, did a little criss-cross up top, (Luc) Krasicky pulled the ‘D’ over, passed it right back to me and I had a clear lane to shoot the puck and just got it to the net,” Mancinelli said. “I saw it the whole way.”

Getting pucks to the net was the main focus late in the game, according to CC coach Brandon Kaleniecki.

“We win the draw, we get possession of it, move it around the top and a net-front guy, Macari did a great job in front of the net and JoJo (Mancinelli) puts it on net and there you go,” the first-year coach said. “The goalie (Daniel Sendek) couldn’t see it. That’s how you score in

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MUSTANGS WIN GOALTENDER BATTLE AGAINST WILDCATS, 1-0

Miller, Richardson star in defensive struggle

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

It was pretty cut-and-dry determining the three stars Nov. 24 following the KLAA Central Division boys hockey game between Northville and Novi.

Northville goaltender Brett Miller, who stopped all 26 shots he face, got the nod for No. 1, while Novi netminder Josh Richardson, who made 28 saves, was No. 2.

No. 3, meanwhile, went to Northville senior forward Kyle Dann, who scored the game’s only goal with 4:09 remaining in the second period to give the host Mustangs a rare 1-0 triumph over the Wildcats at Novi Ice Arena.

“Really a great defensive game for us,” Northville first-year coach Jon Gates said. “Miller in goal played outstanding. He played great on Saturday (4-1 win over Lake Orion), a real asset for us in between the pipes. Our team is really buying into team defense.”

Sam Bradley and Riley

Brass picked up assists on the game-winning goal by Dann, who ripped a shot from 18 feet, near the left slot and past Richardson.

“We’re not going to light up the scoreboard like we did last year with (Jack) Meacham and (Alec) Morgan, but we’re going to win a lot of games,” said Gates, whose team improved to 2-1 overall. “We’re going to be in a lot of games, these one-goal games. It was just the determination. The grit of our team just kind of got us over the hump today.”

Miller, a junior, has be-

come a welcome addition for the Mustangs after playing two seasons for Belle Tire’s Under-15 AAA team, and prior to that for the Oakland Junior Grizzlies.

“Best defense is good goaltending and he got his first shutout today,” Gates said. “He’s quality, great technique. He’ll keep us in all our games.”

Miller helped preserve the victory when he denied Ryan Wexler from point-blank range with 8:59 left in the third period.

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STATE GOLF

Novi's Johnson named GAM Player of Year



GREGORY JOHNSON | GAM

Novi resident Ryan Johnson was recently named Golf Association of Michigan Player of the Year.

Gregory Johnson
Correspondent

Novi's Ryan Johnson is a quiet guy who prefers to let his golf clubs do the talking — and in 2016, the clubs sounded off.

Johnson, a 30-year-old club fitter for Carl's Golfand, has been named the Golf Association of Michigan Men's Player of the Year.

The announcement was made recently by Ken Hartmann, senior director of rules and competitions for the GAM.

"I look back on the year and this caps it off with the way I played," said Johnson, a New Boston native. "It's pretty exciting. There are always things I could have done better, but I'm very pleased with how it turned out."

Johnson, who won the 104th Michigan Amateur Championship at Plum Hollow Coun-

try Club to highlight his year, finished with 735 Honor Roll points.

Reed Hrynewich of Muskegon, a University of Michigan golfer who plays out of Muskegon Country Club and made it to match play in the U.S. Amateur, was second with 610.

Tom Werkmeister of Kentwood and Sunnybrook Country Club and John Quigley of St. Clair Shores and Scalawags Country Club tied for third with 465. Anthony Sorentino of Shelby Township and the Michigan Publinx Golf Association rounded out the top five with 410.

Johnson captured the Michigan Amateur with a 3 and 1 win over Kory Roberts of Battle Creek in the final match and was part of a three-way sudden death playoff in the GAM Championship at Country Club of Lansing. He tied for second with Max Kollin of Farmington when Mus-

kegon's Mitchell White made a birdie on the second hole of the playoff to win.

"At the beginning of the year, I was talking to my dad and out of that I kind of developed a different mindset," Johnson said. "I didn't put too much pressure on myself. In the Amateur, even in the later matches, I just didn't think about losing or even winning. I thought about just having fun, keeping a cool head and going about my business. It worked all season and it was a good year for me."

Johnson said his goals in golf are to compete in significant tournaments and get in contention to win.

"To be a Player of the Year is a great bonus and pretty cool," he said. "I'm honored. This state has so many good golfers. It's tough competition every tournament."

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL
Monday, Dec. 7
Novi at Rochester, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 8
Northville at Hartland, 7 p.m.
Detroit CC at Farmington, 7 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 11
Northville at Fordson, 7 p.m.
Det. Edison at Novi, 7 p.m.
Franklin Rd. at Riv. Richard, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 12
Detroit CC at Windsor CC, 4:30 p.m.
Franklin Road vs. Waterford Mott at North Farmington, TBA
GIRLS BASKETBALL
Friday, Dec. 4
Dearborn at Northville, 7 p.m.
Novi at Hazel Park, 7 p.m.
Franklin Rd. at St. Catherine, 7 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 7
Novi at Hazel Park, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 8
Northville at A.A. Skyline, 7 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 11
Novi at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 12
Franklin Rd. at O.L. Lakes, 1:30 p.m.
BOYS HOCKEY
Friday, Dec. 4
Novi vs. Stevenson at Livonia's Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.
Detroit CC at O.L. St. Mary, 7:30 p.m.
Northville at Trav. City West at Howe Arena, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 5
Detroit CC vs. O.L. St. Mary at USA Hockey Arena, 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 9
Brighton at Novi (Ice Arena), 6 p.m.
Northville vs. Hartland at Hartland Sports Ctr., 7 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 12
CC at St. Andrew's (Ont.), 7 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 12
Northville at Plymouth, TBA.
S. Lyon at Novi (Ice Arena), 3:30 p.m.
CC at St. Andrew's (Ont.), 12:15 p.m.

GIRLS HOCKEY
Thursday, Dec. 3
Northville vs. Grosse Pte. North at Livonia's Edgar Arena, 4 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 7
Northville at Liggett (McCann), 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 12
Northville vs. Grosse Pte. South at G.P. Community Rink, 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 13
Northville vs. Walled Lake at Livonia's Edgar Arena, 5 p.m.
WRESTLING
Wednesday, Dec. 9
Bedford at Detroit CC, 1:45 p.m.
Northville, N. Farmington, Farm. at Novi Quad, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 12
Northville Invitational, 9 a.m.
Detroit CC at Rocket Duals, 9 a.m.
Novi at Romeo Inv., 9:30 a.m.
BOYS SWIMMING
Saturday, Dec. 5
Novi, Milford at Fenton Tiger Relays, 9 a.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 8
Canton at Novi, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 10
Northville at Churchill, 6:30 p.m.
Detroit CC at G.P. North, 6 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 11
Novi at Okemos, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 13
Detroit CC at EMU Inv., 1 p.m.
PREP BOWLING
Monday, Dec. 7
Northville at South Lyon, 3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 8
Northville vs. S. Lyon East at Novi Bowl, 3:30 p.m.
GIRLS GYMNASTICS
Wednesday, Dec. 9
Northville at Canton, 6:30 p.m.
TBA - time to be announced.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Novi to stage Chili Chilly Softball Showdown at Power Park

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

The co-ed event features the use of wooden bats, a 16-inch ball, one pitch per at bat, prizes for all participants and a lunch featuring coney dogs from Kerby's Koney Island.

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

"The tournament offers a unique outdoor experience for both the participants and the spectators," recreation supervisor Greg Morris said. "The Chili Chilly Softball Showdown is designed to break the notion of winter hibernation and provide the opportunity to play softball, eat a delicious meal and create memories not to be forgotten."

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

The deadline to register is Tuesday, Dec. 29. For more information, call 248-347-0400.

Reinig earns all-Big Ten honors

Michigan State University junior outside hitter Chloe Reinig (South Lyon) was recently named an honorable mention all-Big Ten selection in women's volleyball.

Reinig was a first-team selection in 2014, but missed seven matches and the start of Big Ten play this season with a thumb injury.

She has battled her way back into form and is averaging 3.00 kills, hitting .195, and contributing 0.65 blocks per set. Over the last five matches, she is hitting .340 while averaging 3.74 kills, 0.79 blocks and 0.42 digs per set.

Reinig has had double-digit kill efforts in her last six matches and nine of her last 10. This included her season-bests of kills (18 vs. Northwestern), hitting (.382 at Indiana) and three times matching her season-high in block assists with four.

"Chloe's injury was a tough one to come back from, but as the season has worn on, I think that people are really taking notice that she's getting back to her form," MSU coach Cathy George said.

Michigan State (18-13) will open NCAA tournament play Friday against Arkansas State in Seattle, Wash. The Spartans will play the winner of Denver or host University of Washington on Saturday.

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tight games.”
The loss dropped the Warriors to 2-1 overall and 0-1 in the MIHL North.

“I think we just ran out of a little bit of steam towards that third period,” Rice coach Lou Schmidt said. “And, of course, we took that fluky penalty. Our defenseman turned around and hit their guy in the head with his stick. It was an accident and, the next thing, you’re on a penalty kill with three minutes left. They win the face-off and it’s in the net.”

The Shamrocks were on their heels during the opening period. But despite being out-shot 9-4, they took a 1-0 advantage into the first intermission after sophomore Kam Ottenbreit went top shelf into the upper left corner, with Jared Lee and Cody Borke drawing assists, with 4:33 left in the period.

“(Rice) came out in the first period and kind of took it to us,” Kaleniecki said. “I thought we adjusted well in the second and the third and kind of turned it around. The first period, we end up 1-0 when we really didn’t deserve to be. Our goalie (Alec Calvaruso) played really well. We made one nice play at the end and we got out of there with a 1-0 lead when we really didn’t deserve that, I think.”

Rice tied it 1-1 with 11:44 remaining in the second period, as Mitch Schultz intercepted a pass just outside his own blue line along the boards and streaked in unassisted to beat Calvaruso.

“I felt like we carried the play in the second period and the one they took advantage of the turnover on ours and it ends up in the back of our net,” Kaleniecki said. “That’s what happens when you play good hockey teams. You can give them one chance and it can go the other way. The third period, I thought, was a very even period. I thought at times we were controlling the play and at times they were. That’s what you expect in a rivalry game like that.”

Calvaruso, who finished with 16 saves, made big back-to-back stops with just under five minutes remaining against Rice’s Garrett Moore to keep it deadlocked.

“I think the game kind of boiled down to a goalie contest,” Schmidt said. “I thought both guys played outstanding. Their guy made some great saves when he had to and, of course, Danny Sendek, I think, stood on his head.”

And once CC got the lead, Rice was forced to pull Sendek (19 saves) for an extra attacker with just over a minute to play.

During a timeout, the Shamrocks went over their defensive assignments.

“That’s the nitty-gritty time, when you just have to make sure on everything,” Kaleniecki said. “We weren’t designing any specific face-off play. We were just making sure where we needed to be.”

The two teams will meet again Wednesday, Jan. 20, at Oak Park Arena.

“I know when we go there in a couple of months, it will be another fun hockey game,” Kaleniecki said. “They’re a good hockey team. That’s the fun part of this league (MIHL) we’re playing in. It’s going to be like that. We turn around from (Thanksgiving) break and play Trenton and Orchard Lake (St. Mary’s) twice. Probably going to be very similar hockey games. I’m going to get older every day.”

Meanwhile, Schmidt is looking forward to the second encounter with the Shamrocks, as well.

“Again, I’m proud of the kids,” he said. “I thought they played really, really hard. I thought it was two good teams out there today. We’re going to have another battle with them later in the season.”

BROTHER RICE 3, LIVONIA STEVENSON 1: Birmingham Brother Rice won this rematch from the Division 2 championship game Nov. 21 at Oak Park Ice Arena.

Warriors goalie Daniel Sendel was perfect, except for the third-period goal he allowed to Stevenson’s Joe Alcantara, who was assisted by Zach Finzel.

Brother Rice grabbed a 1-0 lead in the first period thanks to a power-play goal from Michael McInerney, assisted by Garrett Moore and Nick Bowman.

Following a scoreless second period, Bowman scored an insurance goal for the Warriors off assists from Mitchell Shults and McInerney.

McInerney then capped his dazzling season debut with an empty-net goal in the waning seconds.



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Novi’s David DeNova (back) tries to send the puck past Northville defenseman Nick Williams.

ICE RIVALS

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“We got off to a really good start,” the junior goaltender said. “They played a hard first period. They bailed me out a few times, a two-on-one in the third period. We were able to get a good goal in the second (period) and just kept playing good defense and kept it to a 1-0 win.”

Northville defenseman Shane Bryans also came up with a sliding save to break up a dangerous Novi two-on-one situation with 11:59 remaining in the game.

“Those two-on-ones, those are hard to stop, so my defense really helped me out,” Miller said.

Not to be outdone was Richardson, who robbed Northville’s Nick Bonofiglio on a breakaway with 6:08 left in the second period. He also kept it a one-goal game when he denied Northville’s Brendan Hicks on a short-handed breakaway attempt with 10:43 remaining in the third.

“He was our number one star,” Novi coach Mark Vellucci said of his senior backstop. “That was his best game as a varsity player in his two years here and

since he’s been part of the program, for sure. Their goal (Miller) played well, too. He made some nice, timely saves.”

Northville was whistled for six penalties, while Novi had only three, but one was a costly five-minute major that occurred with 1:10 to go in the first period and carried over for another 3:50 to start the second.

But the Wildcats were able to fight it off.

“The last couple of games, we’ve had a couple of five-minute penalties that we had to kill off,” Vellucci said. “For the most part, we’ve killed them off. That’s how they’re calling high school hockey. There’s a lot more five minutes for boarding and five minutes for checking from behind. As much as we tell the guys to be careful and play smart, but you want them to be aggressive, too.”

Midway through the second period, Novi was unable to convert after having a two-man advantage for nearly 40 seconds.

“We had a couple of power plays, a couple of chances, but (Northville) worked hard on their PK,” Vellucci said. “They’re aggressive on their PK and we tried to work on it in practice yesterday, but we still have a lot of work to do.”

Vellucci pulled Richardson for the extra attacker with 1:15 left, but the Wildcats were unable to score the equalizer as Northville survived a pair of face-offs in its own end with 15 seconds remaining.

Novi’s Cam Czapski lifted a backhand during the final seconds, but Miller was able to make the save.

“We had chances, a couple of open nets where we flubbed a shot on, the puck was bouncing,” Vellucci said.

Gates remembers back in 2009, when Northville was on the short end of a pair of 1-0 setbacks to Novi Detroit Catholic Central, once during the regular season and the other in the state tournament. This time, Northville was on the winning side of a 1-0 ledger.

“So they do happen,” Gates said. Meanwhile, the loss dropped the Wildcats to 1-2 overall.

“We just told our guys it stinks losing to your rival, but when you play hard ... both teams played competitive and that’s all you can ask out of the boys,” Vellucci said. “It was a good night for high school hockey, a good night for Novi and Northville, for sure.”

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PREVIEW

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Julia Calderon and Lindsey Rathsburg are the team’s lone seniors.

“We’re just average size-wise, but athletic and we’ll have to rely on our athleticism and defense every night,” Gudith said.

Wildcats ready

Novi, meanwhile, will be led by 5-7 sophomore guard Ellie Mackay, who averaged 10.2 points, 4.5 rebounds, 2.0 assists and 2.7 steals per game in her inaugural season en route to first team All-Area honors.

Juniors Carson Garguilo, Cara Ninkovich and Mary Grace Sinkovich also return, along with sophomore Julia Lalain.

“I’m excited to see what these kids can do, but keeping in mind there are only two seniors with three juniors, six sophomores and a freshman,” said Novi coach Bill Kelp, entering his 13th season. “It’s the youngest team we’ve had. It all depends on how quickly they come together. We’ve got to make up for that senior class.”

The Wildcats’ lone two seniors are centers Allie Lipson and Marissa Dunn.

“I thought we’d be a little more athletic than last year, but maybe not as strong,” Kelp said. “They had a really good summer and, in the summer, we had a really good team camp and did some good things. We’re just trying to get back to where we were at the end of the summer.”

Central race

Last season, Salem won the KLAA Central, Kensington Conference and Association titles, but after the Rocks were hard-hit by graduation losses, the playing field appears to be more even entering 2015-16.

“The division should be interesting and fairly balanced,” Gudith said. “I’d say Salem, Novi and us are probably the teams that will be



Northville’s Jessica Moorman, a 6-foot junior, returns after earning first team All-Area honors.

FILE PHOTO

there at the end. Salem graduates a bunch of seniors that took them a long way, but they have the Petree sisters that will carry the load. Novi is always in the mix and brings back their talented point guard for her sophomore campaign.

“East lost (Gabi) Bird, but Peyton Jones is back and she has a couple of teammates that will help them battle it out every night. (Livonia) Stevenson is big and brings back a couple of players that were young last year and that experience should bode well for them. South Lyon is still in a rebuild mode, but going into year two with their coach (John Mackson), it should make things a little easier for them.”

Warriors primed

Novi Franklyn Road Christian (11-11), a member of the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division, reached the Class D district final last season before losing to Bloomfield Hills Roeper.

Third-year coach Tiffany Butler returns three starters, including second team All-Area selection Hannah Rayburn, a 5-6 senior guard who averaged 11.7 points, 5.0 rebounds and 4.3 assists per game.

Rayburn is joined by 5-3 junior guard Danielle Fusco, along with 5-11 junior center Reagan Mumford.

Chanelle Lochrie, a 5-7 freshman forward, and Haley Thrift, a 5-7 sophomore forward, will round out the Warriors’ starting five.

“We lost Katie Larabell, which was a big hit for us,” Butler said. “But we have a freshman in Chanelle Lochrie, who is stepping up big and we’re looking for a breakout season from one of my sophomores Haley Thrift. She looked fantastic in our scrimmages. Hannah (Rayburn) is back. She had a great season last year. We’re hoping our junior center Reagan Mumford will step up this year.”

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GIRLS HOOPS 2015-16 TEAM OUTLOOKS

NOVI

Head coach: Bill Kelp, 13th season.
League: KLAA Kensington Conference (Central Division).

Last year’s record: 13-8.
Notable losses to graduation: Alex Felice (second team All-Area), Kelsey Miller, Jenna Lowrey.

Leading returnees: Ellie Mackay, 5-7 Soph. PG (first team All-Area, 10.2 ppg, 4.7 rebs, 2.7 steals); Allie Lipson, 5-11 Sr. C; Marissa Dunn, 5-10 Sr. C; Carson Garguilo, 5-8 Jr. G; Cara Ninkovich, 5-8 Jr. G; Mary Grace Sinkovich, 5-3 Jr. G; Julia Lalain, 5-10 Soph. F.

Promising newcomers: Mikayla Lynch, 5-9 Soph. G; Ireland Whalen, 5-7 Soph. G; Ally Pringle, 5-8 Soph. G-F; Mackenzie Kwassnikiewicz, 5-8 Soph. F; Jessie Bardyk, 5-2 Fr. G.

Kelp’s 2015-16 outlook: “We’re even younger than last year, but we’re athletic and hope to surprise some people. I’m excited to see what these kids can do, but keeping in mind there are only two seniors with three juniors, six sophomores and a freshman. It’s the youngest team we’ve had. It all depends on how quickly they come together. We’ve got to make up for that senior class.”

NORTHVILLE

Head coach: Todd Gudith.
League: KLAA Kensington Conference (Central Division).

Last year’s record: 13-8.
Notable losses to graduation: Emily Maresh (second team All-Area).

Leading returnees: Jessica Moorman, 6-0 Jr. F (first team All-Area, 8.6 ppg, 3 rebs.); Kendal Dillon, 5-7 Soph. G (6.3 ppg); Roan Haines, 5-8 Soph. G; Brook Adams, 6-1 Jr. C (6.1 ppg); Lindsey Rathsburg, 5-11 F (4.1 rebs.).

Promising newcomers: Jasmin Prince, 5-7 Soph. G; Julia Calderon, 5-9 Sr. F (foreign exchange student); Sarah Toth, 5-8 Soph. F; Lauren Lambert, 5-9 Jr. F; Sam Cantie, 5-8 Jr. F; Jenna Lauderback, 5-5 Fr. G; Brianna Drummond, 5-9 Jr. F; Ella Duckworth, 5-6 Soph. G.

Gudith’s 2015-16 outlook: “This has been a fun group to coach so far. Maybe the most complete team I’ve had from a talent perspective, top to bottom. Real hard-working group that gets after it at practice. With only five returning players, we are searching to find which incoming players can step up and solidify a role. Still pretty young, with just two seniors and half the roster are freshmen and sophomores, but we still have the pieces to compete. All five returners saw significant playing time last season and that should help us, especially early on, while our newcomers find their way. I know our group will play hard every night and our chemistry is good. They care about each other’s success and have been very positive so far. Our work ethic and attitude is going to make all the difference.”

FRANKLIN ROAD CHRISTIAN

Head coach: Tiffany Butler, third year.
League: Michigan Independent Athletic Conference (Blue Division).

Last year’s record: 11-11.
Notable losses to graduation: Katie Larabell.

Leading returnees: Hannah Rayburn, 5-6 Sr. G (second team All-Area, 11.7 ppg, 5 rebs., 4.3 assists); Reagan Mumford 5-11 Jr. C; Danielle Fusco 5-3 Jr. G.

Promising newcomers: Chanelle Lochrie, 5-7 Fr. F; Haley Thrift, 5-7 Soph. F.

Butler’s 2015-16 outlook: “We look pretty good. We lost Katie Larabell, which was a big hit for us. But we have a freshman in Chanelle Lochrie, who is stepping up big and we’re looking for a breakout season from one of my sophomores, Haley Thrift. She looked fantastic in our scrimmages. Hannah (Rayburn) is back. She had a great season last year. We’re hoping our junior center, Reagan Mumford, will step up this year.”

ALL-AREA BOYS SOCCER

Dream Weaver: N'ville defender area's best

Senior caps season after helping Mustangs to win division, conference titles

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Garret Weaver stood tall in more ways than one this season as a defender for the Northville boys soccer team.

The 6-foot-2 Weaver was the team's lead sweeper, a Hoover vacuum of sorts, while leading the Mustangs (16-3-1) to both the KLAA Central and Kensington Conference title.

Weaver also was selected to the Dream Team by the Michigan High School Soccer Coaches Association, leading to his choice as All-Area Player of the Year.

Weaver proved to be a threat on the offensive end, scoring five goals and adding six assists, as he was adept at going high while using his head on corner kicks.

The all-KLAA, all-district and all-region performer will be taking his talents next season to the University of Detroit Mercy.

"Just a man amongst boys," Northville coach Henry Klimes said. "Just probably one of the best center-backs Northville has had in quite a long time. Just a tremendous player. Game-in and game-out, just solid."

First team

Peter Kirouac, G, Detroit CC: The four-year varsity player posted a total of nine shutouts, including four in the state tourney with a goals-against average of 0.43 as the Shamrocks reached the Division 1 state semifinals.

Kirouac was named to the Dream Team, along with being recognized as all-Catholic, all-region and all-district.

"Peter is an outstanding leader, an outstanding person and an outstanding goalkeeper," CC coach Gene Pulice said. "I couldn't ask more out of a kid as person or a soccer player and he was huge for us. He came up with some great saves."

Cole Moscovic, D, Detroit CC: The senior made second team all-state in Division 1 as well as all-Catholic, all-district and all-region for the district and regional champions.

"Cole is one of the hardest working guys you'll ever meet in your life," Pulice said. "He's got so much heart and determination. He's got enough for two teams' worth of guys. Another morally sound, very good representative for his family and what Catholic Central stands for. As a soccer player, technically and tactically, don't get much better than him."

Matt Netter, D, Novi: The first team all-KLAA, all-district, all-region and honorable mention all-state pick anchored the Wildcats' defense while scoring three goals and adding six assists (third-best on the team).

The senior captain also maintains a 3.32 grade-point



SCOTT CONFER

Northville's Garret Weaver (left), taking on Catholic Central's Noah Walter, was named Area Boys Soccer Player of the Year.

average.

"Matt is one of the best leaders I have ever coached," Novi coach Brian O'Leary said. "He represents the team well in every situation on and off the field. He is one of the best players in the state of Michigan in the air. So he is a huge threat offensively on all set pieces and he does a great job of clearing the ball out of our box on the other team's set pieces."

Brent Pederson, D, Lakeland: The senior earned all-KLAA honors and was named the Eagles' MVP as Lakeland captured the KLAA North Division crown.

"Brent was our strongest defender," Lakeland coach Anthony Ibrahim said. "He was kind of the brains of the entire team. He saved us on so many chances when it looked like we'd concede a goal and he came out of nowhere. On the attack as well, he was very calm on possession. Just overall great for us all season long."

Justin Murray, M, Detroit CC: The senior, who is committed to the University of Detroit Mercy, helped the Shamrocks to a 20-3-3 record, their best season in school history.

Murray also earned Division 1 first team all-state honors, as well as all-region, all-district and all-Catholic.

"He's athletic, he's a big kid who can play," Pulice said.

Nick Toupin, M, Northville: The senior, a first team Division 1 all-state player, paced the Mustangs with 10 goals to go along with 10 assists.

Toupin also earned all-KLAA, all-district and all-region honors. He earned all-academic state recognition as well.

"Nick had a very consistent year," Klimes said. "He was the man in the middle that created everything for us. If he wasn't scoring, he was definitely setting up Johnny (Rodriguez) and the rest of the boys. You couldn't ask for a better four-year starter than Nick Toupin."

Connor O'Leary, M, Novi: The senior earned third team Division 1 all-state, all-region, all-district and all-KLAA honors.

The team captain finished second on the team in goals with seven and added 12 assists for a team-high 19 points while playing defensive center-midfield.

O'Leary also excels in the classroom with a 3.89 grade-point average.

"Connor is a great team-first player, willing to play any role on the team to help the team," Brian O'Leary said. "He was our best set piece player. His free kicks and long throw-ins were a dangerous weapon for us all season."

David Bonhard, M, Milford: The senior, an all-KLAA selection, paced the Mavericks offensively with 17 goals to go along with 16 assists.

"He was our team captain, a leader on and off the field," Milford coach Tommy Hipple said.

Tyler Green, M, Lakeland: The junior captain, named all-KLAA, helped the Eagles to their first division championship in 29 years.

"Tyler pulled the whole string for us in the midfield and conducted the game," Ibrahim said. "He scored a couple of big goals for us and had a big goal for us against Walled Lake Western."

Dante D'Aliosio, FP, Milford: The junior proved to be

a valuable do-it-all player for the KLAA North Division champs as he wound up with three game-winning goals, including two against rival Lakeland.

D'Aliosio made all-KLAA, all-district, all-region and honorable mention all-state in Division 1.

"Dante controlled the middle and provided both offense and defense for the team," Hipple said.

Second team

Daniel Weaver, G, Franklin Road: The senior earned team MVP, all-conference and second team Division 4 all-district honors in while averaging double digits in saves and allowing less than three goals per match.

Matt Turton, D, Detroit CC: The senior captain helped solidify the Shamrocks' defense while also taking penalty kicks en route to all-Catholic League honors.

Justin Roelant, D, South Lyon: The senior captain proved to be a rock on defense as he never came off the field while earning all-KLAA honors.

Andrew Long, D, Lakeland: The senior captain, who made all-KLAA, proved to be a hard-working and aggressive defender while providing muscle in the back for the Eagles.

Mario Plachta, M, Northville: The hard-working junior played a holding midfield spot and proved to be an unsung positional player as he finished with five assists en route to all-KLAA honors.

Bobby Lubisco, D, Northville: The senior, who made all-KLAA, took penalty kicks (scoring twice) and played solid defense all season long for the Mustangs to help complement Weaver.

Johnny Rodriguez, M, Northville: The senior, who earned all-KLAA honors, was a threat facing the goal and finished with nine goals and seven assists despite suffering a knee injury midway through the year.

Jake Reitzloff, M, Northville: The senior, an all-KLAA and all-academic choice, proved to be a very dynamic player, finishing with four goals and six assists.

Justin Savona, F, Detroit CC: The junior provided some much-needed offense for the Shamrocks as he earned all-Central Division honors in the Catholic League.

Nick Harder, F, Novi: The

2015 ALL-AREA BOYS SOCCER

PLAYER OF THE YEAR
Garret Weaver, Sr. Northville

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Tyler Green, Jr., Lakeland
Dante D'Aliosio, Sr., Milford

SECOND TEAM

Daniel Weaver, Sr., Franklin
Matt Turton, Sr., Detroit CC
Justin Roelant, Sr., S. Lyon
Andrew Long, Jr., Lakeland
Bobby Lubisco, Sr., Northville
Johnny Rodriguez, Sr., N'ville
Mario Plachta, Jr., Northville
Justin Savona, Sr., Detroit CC
Nick Harder, Sr., Novi
Eric Reiter, Sr., Lakeland
Adam Huber, Sr., Novi

HONORABLE MENTION

Novi Detroit Catholic Central: Patrick Fleming, Sr.; Connor Gaskin, Sr.; **Northville:** Mario Plachta, Jr.; Jordan Martindale, Sr.; Evan Treiber, Jr.; **Novi:** Nikhil Mundkur, Jr.; Luke McDonald, Soph.; **South Lyon:** Michael Martinez, Jr.; Owen Jarl, Sr.; **South Lyon East:** Brent Weakland, Sr.; **Highland Milford:** Tyler Welch, Soph.; Brayden Stephen, Sr.; **White Lake Lakeland:** John Jacobs Jr.; Tyler Lauer, Sr.; **Novi Franklin Road Christian:** Gavin Harris, Sr.

all-KLAA selection, a senior, paced the Wildcats with 10 goals after making the switch from midfield halfway through his junior year. Harder also carries at 3.93 G.P.A.

Eric Reiter, F, Lakeland: The senior earned all-KLAA recognition as he finished with team-best 17 goals.

Adam Huber, Sr., FP, Novi: The senior proved to be a jack-of-all-trades as he played forward, defense and midfield, finishing with three goals and four assists, while also carrying a 3.3 GPA.

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NJCAA champion



RICHARD POPP

Northville native Willson "Sam" Popp, a 2015 Detroit Catholic Central High grad and former Vardar Academy player, helped Louisburg (N.C.) College capture the National Junior College Athletic Association championship with a 1-0 double-overtime victory over defending NJCAA champion Tyler (Tex.) in the final Nov. 21 at the Smith River Sports Complex in Axton, Va. Popp, a freshman starter who played outside midfield and outside back, scored five goals and added 10 assists, fourth highest on the team this season, as the Hurricanes finished 24-1.

COLLEGE ATHLETICS

Madonna community mourns loss of Moore

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Despite being taken away at the young age of 36, Patrick Moore's impact at Madonna University reached far and wide.

The school's sports information director since 2007, the Redford resident died unexpectedly Sunday. Cause of death was a heart attack, according to a Madonna University press release.

"He was our one dependable guy is always what I said about him," Madonna athletic director Bryan Rizzo said. "No matter I needed to do, I could always count on him. Whenever I needed anything done game day, he'd be there. He always put our students first. Putting Madonna first was always the most important thing to him. That's what I'll always think of."

Moore, always accessible and always accommodating, was the pri-

mary contact for all 11 of the Crusaders' intercollegiate sports while overseeing all communications for the department. He was the webmaster for MadonnaCrusaders.com. He was also played a key role in athletic communications for the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference along with the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics.



Moore

Moore became the first three-time winner of the WHAC's highest honor, The Mike Dean Sports Information Director of the Year, award in 2010, 2011 and 2012.

"I feel Pat was the backbone of game day and obviously the media coverage, public relations and everything," Madonna University volleyball and NAIA Hall

of Fame coach Jerry Abraham said. "He was very close to the players and the teams. Just a real genuine guy that everybody liked. He's kind of been the right-hand man and just a real important part of the whole Madonna program. He was an essential part of every team."

Moore first got involved in athletics at MU as a student manager for the baseball team.

"I remember first meeting him and first reading a letter that he sent to the baseball office way back when," MU baseball coach Greg Haeger said. "It was a long note that said he wanted to be a part of something. His business card was in there, very plain and simple business card, his name on it. It said, 'Patrick Moore' and a little quote that said, 'Good all-around guy' and for 18 years he totally proved he was better than just a good guy. He was a great

guy."

Moore, a graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High, got his start in sports information as a freshman at Eastern Michigan University, where he held the role of baseball contact.

Moore transferred from EMU and worked for four years in the MU sports information office as a student and was the primary contact for the Crusaders' baseball team from 2000-03.

Along with his work in the SID office, Moore was the editor in chief of the *Madonna Herald*, the MU student newspaper, before earning a bachelor of arts degree in journalism and public relations with honors from MU in 2003.

After a four-year stint at the University of Detroit Mercy, the last two (2005-07) as assistant sports information director, Moore returned to his alma mater in summer 2007 and became the school's fourth sports

information director. Moore was involved with planning and execution of the annual Blue and Gold Awards. He served on the Madonna Athletics Hall of Fame and Julie Martin Memorial Scholarship selection committees, as well as assisting Rizzo and assistant athletic director Noel Emehiser with duties within the department.

"Madonna was his family and it's just not athletics — the whole school was," Haeger said. "What the school did for him and how he gave back to this place was genuine and priceless."

Madonna University men's soccer coach Mark Zathay was Moore's roommate and a close personal friend.

"He was very supportive of Madonna soccer and my efforts to come back to men's soccer after being away for some time," Zathay said. "Always willing to sup-

port the kids in the field and the program. He put in an extraordinary amount of hours ... ultra-dedicated to the Madonna family."

Moore is survived by his father Dennis, mother Anne Hunsaker of Apache Junction, Ariz., and a sister, Erin Moore Day, of Gilbert, Ariz.

There will be a viewing from 3-9 p.m., including a prayer service at 6 p.m., on Friday, Dec. 4 at Fred Wood Funeral Home, 36100 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

A funeral mass is scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 5 at the Madonna University Gymnasium, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia.

"I'm still kind of processing the shock," Zathay said. "He's going to be missed for years to come. Tremendous asset to the university and just an all-around good guy."

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University of Detroit Mercy women's golf team brings Northville native Shaw into the fold

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

University of Detroit Mercy women's golf coach Terri Anthony-Ryan recently announced the signing of

two area players, including Northville native Julia Shaw, who attends Farmington Hills Mercy.

Shaw played four years of golf and as well as a year of tennis as a prep. She was tabbed

all-Catholic three times and was the Catholic League medalist as a sophomore. She was also all-league three times, honorable mention all-state as a junior and senior and all-Observer

as a senior, when she posted six top 10 finishes and posted an 80.1 average.

Shaw will also be the third member of the Titans golf squad from Mercy, joining junior

Sarah Montone and freshman Erica Heath.

"Julia is someone who I think can make an immediate impact for us in our lineup," Ryan said. "She has won a lot of awards and was being

looked at by a lot of colleges, so it was great getting her commitment."

Also signing with the Titans was Livonia Franklin's Kendall Payne.

Lonergan runs NCAAs



LISA FENCHEL

Northern Michigan freshman Hannah Lonergan, a 2015 Novi High grad, posted a personal best six-kilometer time of 22:49.9 as she placed 164th in the NCAA Division II women's cross country championships Nov. 21 at Missouri Southern State University in Joplin, Mo. Lonergan was the Wildcats' sixth runner as NMU placed ninth in the team standings with 319 points. It was NMU's seventh top 10 finish since 2000. Adams (Colo.) State captured the team title with 83 points. Lonergan also placed 32nd in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference meet Oct. 24 at Kensington Metropark and was 84th in the NCAA regional Nov. 7 in Evansville, Ind.

On national stage



KEITH NAUGHTON

Former Northville High runner Clare Naughton (third from right) helped the Aquinas College women's cross country team take fourth place, the highest of any women's sport in school history, while earning a podium finish in the NAIA national championships held Nov. 21 at McAlpine Park in Charlotte, N.C. The senior finished 77th overall out of a field of 321 with a five-kilometer time of 18 minutes, 52 seconds. Two weeks earlier, the 2012 Northville grad helped set the school record for team time when she ran a personal best of 18:45 as the Saints captured the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference crown in Grand Rapids. Aquinas then went on to set new team record at NAIA meet.

SYNOPSIS
NOVEMBER 19, 2015 - REGULAR MEETING
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: Thursday, November 19, 2015
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
PLACE: 44405 Six Mile Road
CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Nix called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
PRESENT: Robert R. Nix II, Supervisor Marv Gans, Trustee
Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk Symantha Heath, Trustee
Marjorie F. Banner, Treasurer Mindy Herrmann, Trustee
Fred Shadko, Trustee

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

- Agendas:**
 - Approve the Regular Agenda and the Consent Agenda items - Approved
- Appointments, Presentations, Resolutions & Announcements:**
 - Re-appoint Mark Knoth to EDC/BRA - Approved
 - Northville High School Boys Cross Country Team - Approved
- Public Hearing:** None
 - REIS Brownfield Plan Amendment - Opened
- Brief Public Comments:** Five members of the audience had questions or comments for the Board.
- New Business:**
 - REIS Brownfield Plan Amendment - Approved
 - Temporary Sign Request - MEDC - Approved
 - Seven Mile Property - Bldg. 72 - Final Payment - Approved
 - Seven Mile Property - License Agreements - Approved
 - Amended Tax Abatement Policy - Approved
- Unfinished Business:** None
- Ordinances:**
 - Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance - Approved
- Check Registry:**
 - In the amount of \$2,417,559.88 - Approved
- Board Communication & Reports:**
 - Robert R. Nix, II, Sue Hillebrand, Marjorie Banner, Marv Gans, Symantha Heath, Mindy Herrmann, Fred Shadko
 - Board Events - None
- Other business for the Board of Trustees:** None
- ADJOURN:** Meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.
A draft of the complete minutes will be available November 30, 2015.
Respectfully submitted:
Sue A. Hillebrand, M.M.C.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID DATE EXTENSION

Novi Community Schools
Bid Package #5 - District Wide Remodeling Projects
Post Bid Addendum #1 - Bid Extension

Sealed bids for the following Divisions of Work pertaining to Novi Community School's Bid Package #5, District Wide Remodeling Projects, are being extended and will be received until **1:00 P.M. Local time on Friday, December 11, 2015** at the Novi Community Schools' Educational Services Building located at:

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

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

Faxed proposals will not be accepted.

The Bid Divisions of work in which the bids are being extended are as listed below:

105: Concrete	115: Metal Studs / Drywall / EIFS
137: Food Service Equipment	140: Plumbing
142: HVAC - Deerfield, Novi Woods, Orchard Hills, Village Oaks, Novi Middle School and Educational Services Building	58: Playground Equipment - Early Childhood Center

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

Bid Documents are available via the following:

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

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

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

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

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

End of Section

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Creams N' Caps meet and greet

The public is invited Thursday, Dec. 3, to the community meet and greet of Creams N' Caps Pharmacy for an introduction to an innovative pharmacy in Novi. The new company features custom medication formulations for clients. A compounding pharmacy, it fulfills patient specific prescription compounds, nutritional products and services, but does not offer online pharmacy products or services.

The event will take place 2-7 p.m. at the pharmacy, 25875 Novi Road. Guests will be treated to free light refreshments. A ribbon-cutting ceremony takes place at 2 p.m.

Creams N' Caps is open 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday. Go to www.creamsnocaps.com for more information.

C'est La Vie collects for HAVEN

C'est La Vie, purveyor of women's fashion-forward apparel and accessories for more than 30 years, is organizing a donation drive Dec. 4-31 benefiting HAVEN of Oakland County. Items, including children and women's clothing, household goods and gift cards, can be dropped off at the retailers' three locations: its flagship store in Farmington Hills (29977 Orchard Lake Road), Twelve Oaks Mall (27500 Novi Road) and Fairlane Town Center (18900 Michigan Avenue, Dearborn).

HAVEN is Oakland County's only comprehensive program for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. The organiza-

tion provides shelter, counseling, advocacy and educational programming to nearly 30,000 people annually. Relying on the generosity of the community in order to continue its work, donations make it possible for HAVEN to provide its services at no cost to the survivors who turn to them.

"As a retailer serving a wide demographic of women, we felt it was important to help women in need as they work to start a new life," C'est La Vie co-owner Beth Kranyak said in a release. "I encourage everyone who is out shopping this holiday season to pick up an item on the HAVEN's wish list and bring it to one of our conveniently located stores so we can get it into the right hands."

The Farmington Hills store (248-702-0622) is open 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday; Novi (248-859-4617) from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily; and Dearborn (313-441-1020) from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

Toys for Tots drop-off

The Culligan Man is partnering with Santa Claus and Toys for Tots to ensure children across the country receive presents this holiday season. Hall's Water Culligan dealers in Ohio and Michigan are now collecting toy donations on behalf of Toys for Tots.

This is the fifth year that Hall's Water Culligan has provided Toys for Tots drop-off locations. Each dealership is collecting new and unwrapped toys through Dec. 11. The local site is Culligan of Ann Arbor/

Detroit, 46902 Liberty Dr., Wixom.

"Every kid deserves a little joy this holiday season," said Leah Hudson, area marketing director for Hall's Water. "We partner with Toys for Tots because it's an incredible organization that aims to bring joy to less fortunate children during this special time of year."

For more information about Toys for Tots donations and the organization, go to www.toysfortots.org.

Detroit Dog Rescue drop-off site

Kenny's Lakes Area Auto Experts has been named the newest donation drop-off location for Detroit Dog Rescue. Located at 490 N. Pontiac Trail in Walled Lake, Lakes Area Auto Experts is a family-friendly repair shop that services all makes and models of vehicles.

Items that will be accepted at the shop include canned Pedigree Chicken & Rice puppy and adult food, Pill Pockets dog treats, collars and Kong toys of various sizes, paper towel and other cleaning supplies and new or like-new blankets. For the full wish list, go to detroit-dogrescue.com/detroit-dog-rescue-donation-wish-list; to donate money, contact the organization directly.

Detroit Dog Rescue, which is the first no-kill shelter in Detroit, is committed to changing the lives of dogs in the city. The organization works closely with municipalities to find, rehabilitate and re-home the toughest dog cases.

Reach the business at 248-668-1200 or go to lakesareaauto.com or www.facebook.com/lakesareaauto.



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A youth and parent yoga session at Verdurous Me Interactive Wellness Center.

IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A

Verdurous Me Center focuses on wellness for the whole family

Leesa Hansknecht is owner and executive director of Verdurous Me Interactive Wellness Center. The business opened in early 2014. This fall, she grew the business, moving it to neighboring Wixom. Hansknecht talked a little bit about her business and how it's progressing.

Q. Tell us about your business, including the types of services and/or products you feature.

A: In addition to our business specialties — interactive wellness coaching, life coaching, nutrition coaching, therapeutic massage, Pilates, yoga, functional fitness, educational workshop and private wellness parties — we offer enjoyable services for the entire family. Those include areas for youth, teen, men, grandparents and more.

» Youth: Parent and child yoga, animal movements for kids, Play-lates for kids

» Teens: Teen yoga, nutrition for teens workshops

» Men: Yoga for men, Pilates for backs, healthy backs workshops

» Parents: Yoga with meditation, therapeutic affirmations yoga

» Grandparents: Chair yoga

This is just to name a few. We have an extensive list of types of classes and educational workshops for any person interested in overall wellness.

Q. What are some of the outreach programs you are offering to the community?

A: We are really excited to offer our Private Wellness Parties to the community. We will work with any group or host that is interested in exposing their friends, families, members or employees to wellness. The host brings their guests and we provide chosen services for the group. We want this to be an opportunity to expose the parties to, not only our services, but the services of our wellness partners.

Our goal is to excite our community about living healthier lives in a fun and interactive way.

Q. How did you first decide to open your business?

A: The decision to start Verdurous Me was dual-fold. On one hand, I was working with youth and adults that were having major challenges with understanding what healthy nutrition was and how to decipher all of the information that is available about diets and nutrition fads that were not helpful. On the other hand, I personally have a daughter that is special needs and has had issues with eating disorders. I knew that I needed to have the education behind me for how the metabolism worked in order to help them find answers.

So I went back to school to gain that knowledge. My education has never stopped, but when the concept of Verdurous



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Verdurous Me Interactive Wellness instructor Gailanna Beauvais teaches a youth and parent yoga session at its new expanded location on the northwest corner of Grand River and Wixom Road.

AT A GLANCE

Name: Verdurous Me Interactive Wellness Center
Address: 49881 Grand River Ave., Wixom, MI 48393
Owner: Leesa Hansknecht
Opened: In Novi in February 2014; recent expansion in Wixom in October 2015
Employees: One employee (self); seven contractors
Hours: 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday; and 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday
Specialty: Interactive Wellness Coaching — life coaching, nutrition coaching, therapeutic massage, Pilates, yoga, functional fitness, educational workshop and private wellness parties
Contact: 248-229-4016, customer-care@verdurousme.com and www.verdurousme.com

Me first began, it was simply to focus on fitness and nutrition. Over the years, it has grown to encompass overall wellness and additional licensed and certified professional that can provide a complete picture of wellness for anyone.

With all of the disciplines that we offer, as well as our elite partners to refer to, we can address goals, triggers, physical hindrances, pain, weaknesses, educational deficiencies, metabolic needs and more.

Q. Why did you choose the Wixom area?

A: Wixom is a growing community with amazing potential. It's a great area to start a new wellness mentality. Wixom is now defining, as a community, who it wants to be and we are here to make sure that wellness is part of that definition. If this truly becomes the case, Wixom will be admired for its vital and vigorous community that is active and happy. That's something that other communities will want to imitate and something that our community can be proud of for healthy generations to come.

Q. What makes your business unique?

A: We are unique because of our large scope. Yes, we can and do offer that personal touch, that friendly smile, that relaxing atmosphere, but we are also creating a major shift by bringing our various disciplines together. Most business think about maximizing their bottom line, while we are thinking of what

we need to offer to maximize the vitality of the people in our community.

We see people fail or get hurt at gyms, we see people desperate to find answers for nutrition, we see people looking for answers and so we are bringing professionals together to provide answers and education. Our members are learning what is going on with their bodies, why it's happening and how to make long-term changes to remove the issues that challenge them.

Q. Do you have a funny tidbit or story to share with our readers about your experience so far as a small business owner?

A: One of our funny tidbits is about our gratitude wall. We have a very large scroll that people come in and write things they are grateful for on. It's great, we all love the joy of reading what someone has written since we were last in the center.

But one question has remained: What the heck do we do as the scroll runs long? My original plan has been to cut it as it gets longer and longer, revealing only the current gratitudes. But it has become a laughing joke that every time I get the scissors out, someone inevitably pleads for it to stay. But no one has a clue as to what we should do with the extra that remains. So our scroll is growing and I'm starting to think that we may one day need a warehouse or a crazy fun event to have reason to bring out the sacred Gratitude Scrolls that no one will part with.

Q. Any advice for other business owners?

A: What has allowed us the expansion to this new Wixom location has been: Love what you do, work as hard for others as you would for yourself, keep learning as much as you can to always provide quality service and find other professionals who do the same.

Q. What's in store for the future of your business?

A: With the interaction of our local communities, we will become a major anchor in the Wixom area, spreading education and practice for healthier lives and lifestyles. We plan to integrate with the community, empower the community and give back to it as much as we can.

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You may have scoffed when your teacher told you that what you learned in math or science class would be useful in real life, but there's no denying that those skills are helpful if you're hoping to land a lucrative job.

Still skeptical? Here are 10 growing occupations that pay an average of \$50 an hour, based on data from Economic Modeling Specialists Intl., a CareerBuilder company that specializes in employment data and labor market analysis. (All growth figures are projected through 2020.)

1. Political scientists study the origin, development and operation of political systems. They research political ideas and analyze governments, policies, political trends and related issues.

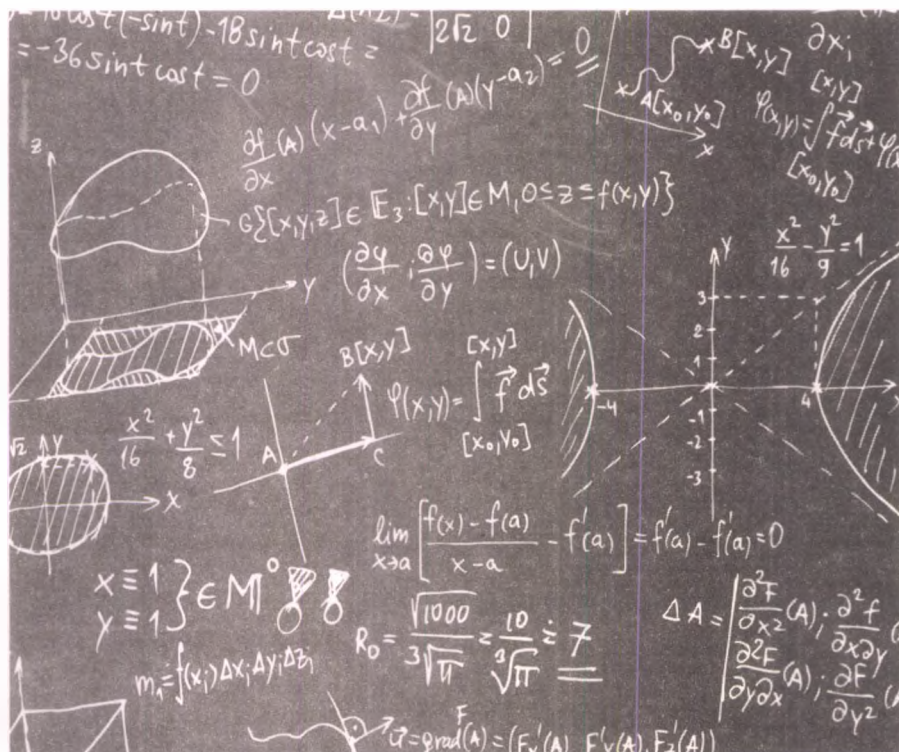
- ▶ Projected job growth: 12 percent
- ▶ Average hourly earnings: \$50

2. Mathematicians use advanced math to develop and understand mathematical principles, analyze data and solve real-world problems.

- ▶ Projected job growth: 11 percent
- ▶ Average hourly earnings: \$50.17

3. Geoscientists (except hydrologists and geographers) study the physical aspects of the Earth, such as its composition, structure and processes, to learn about its past, present and future.

- ▶ Projected job growth: 11 percent
- ▶ Average hourly earnings: \$50.67



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4. Chemical engineers apply the principles of chemistry, biology, physics and mathematics to solve problems that involve the production or use of chemicals, fuel, medications, food and many other products. They design processes and equipment for large-scale manufacturing, plan and test methods of manufacturing products and treating byproducts, and supervise production.

- ▶ Projected job growth: 4 percent
- ▶ Average hourly earnings: \$49.80

5. Medical and health-services managers plan, direct and coordinate medical and health services. They might oversee an entire facility, specialize in a specific clinical area or department, or manage a medical practice for a group of physicians.

- ▶ Projected job growth: 10 percent
- ▶ Average hourly earnings: \$49.84

6. Systems software developers create the systems that keep computers functioning properly. These could be operating systems that are part of computers for the general public or systems built specifically for an organization. They create the operating systems that control most of the consumer electronics in use today, including phones and cars.

- ▶ Projected job growth: 10 percent
- ▶ Average hourly earnings: \$50.98

7. Economists study the production and distribution of resources, goods and services by collecting and analyzing data, researching trends and evaluating economic issues.

- ▶ Projected job growth: 8 percent
- ▶ Average hourly earnings: \$50.62

8. Sales engineers sell complex scientific and technological products or services to businesses. They must have extensive knowledge of the products' parts and functions and must understand the scientific processes that make those products work.

- ▶ Projected job growth: 5 percent
- ▶ Average hourly earnings: \$50.32

9. Securities, commodities and financial services sales agents connect buyers and sellers in financial markets. They sell securities to individuals, advise companies in search of investors and conduct trades.

- ▶ Projected job growth: 4 percent
- ▶ Average hourly earnings: \$49.64

10. Nuclear engineers research and develop the processes, instruments and systems used to derive benefits from nuclear energy and radiation. Many of these engineers find industrial and medical uses for radioactive materials — for example, in equipment used in medical diagnosis and treatment. Many others specialize in the development of nuclear power sources for ships or spacecraft.

- ▶ Projected job growth: 4 percent
- ▶ Average hourly earnings: \$50.30

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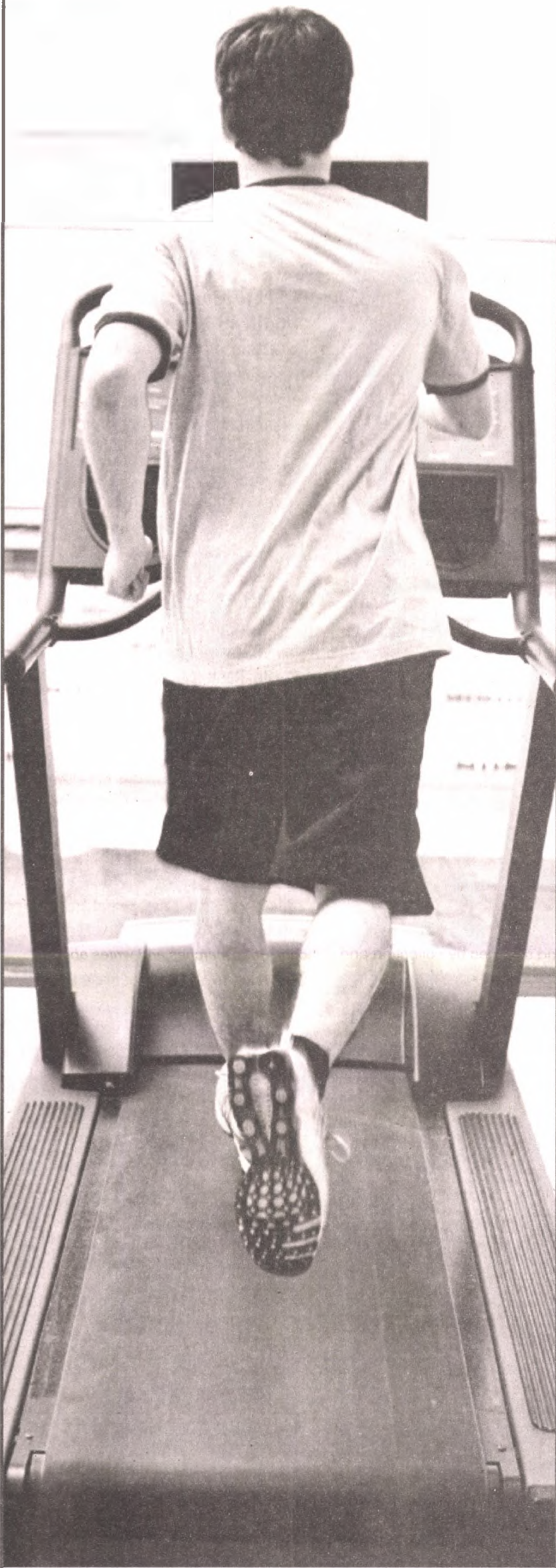
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2	4	3							
	8		5	1	2				

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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

3	6	4	2	5	1	2	6	8	7
4	9	7	6	9	8	3	6	8	4
1	5	1	7	4	3	8	7	4	2
2	7	4	8	2	4	3	1	6	5
9	8	8	3	2	7	1	7	5	6
6	2	1	5	4	7	4	8	9	3
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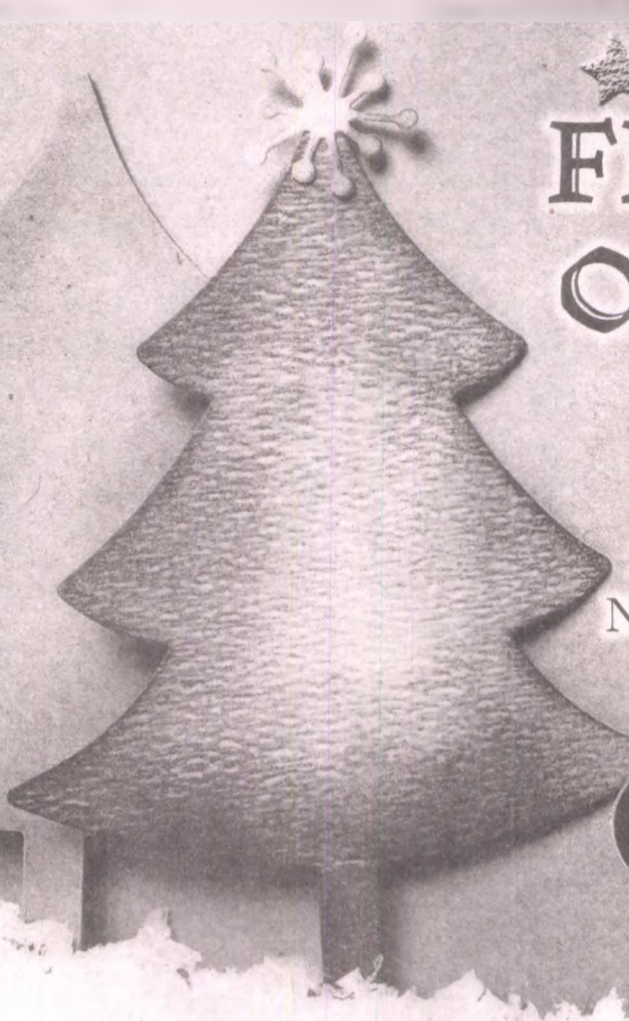
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 - LUMINOUS
 - MESOSPHERE
 - PERMAFROST
 - SATURATION
 - SLEET
 - SLOPE
 - SNOWFLAKE
 - TEMPERATUR
 - THAW
 - THICKNESS
 - VISIBILITY

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

Crossword Answers	TEEM SMALLT MBA SLEEP ABRA PILEON OIL AORTA MERC ASTMOV UNO DREAD PRONUNCIATTONGUIDE STRESS SEAT TETRAS PIE APP WRITTENTEST WORLDATLAS SIRA SAPPY AIDO OTTAWAS ARB LILL COIN NEAT MUSICALSCORE OREO CTS GOD ELATED BASKETBALLCOURT SOFINE AIR VON SPAR PRISONWARDEN MICA RTE INN TTN DESPOIT LEON RIATA SKED GRANDPTANO ISLANDCHAIN TOS TLL THENCE REOS ENTGMA THINGSTHATHAVEKEYS YOH OJH ICE AR EBBS TACHET THE SULTRAE TAW TIT SANTA TADS
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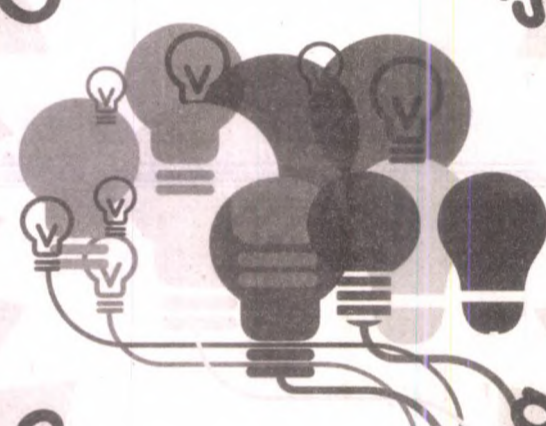


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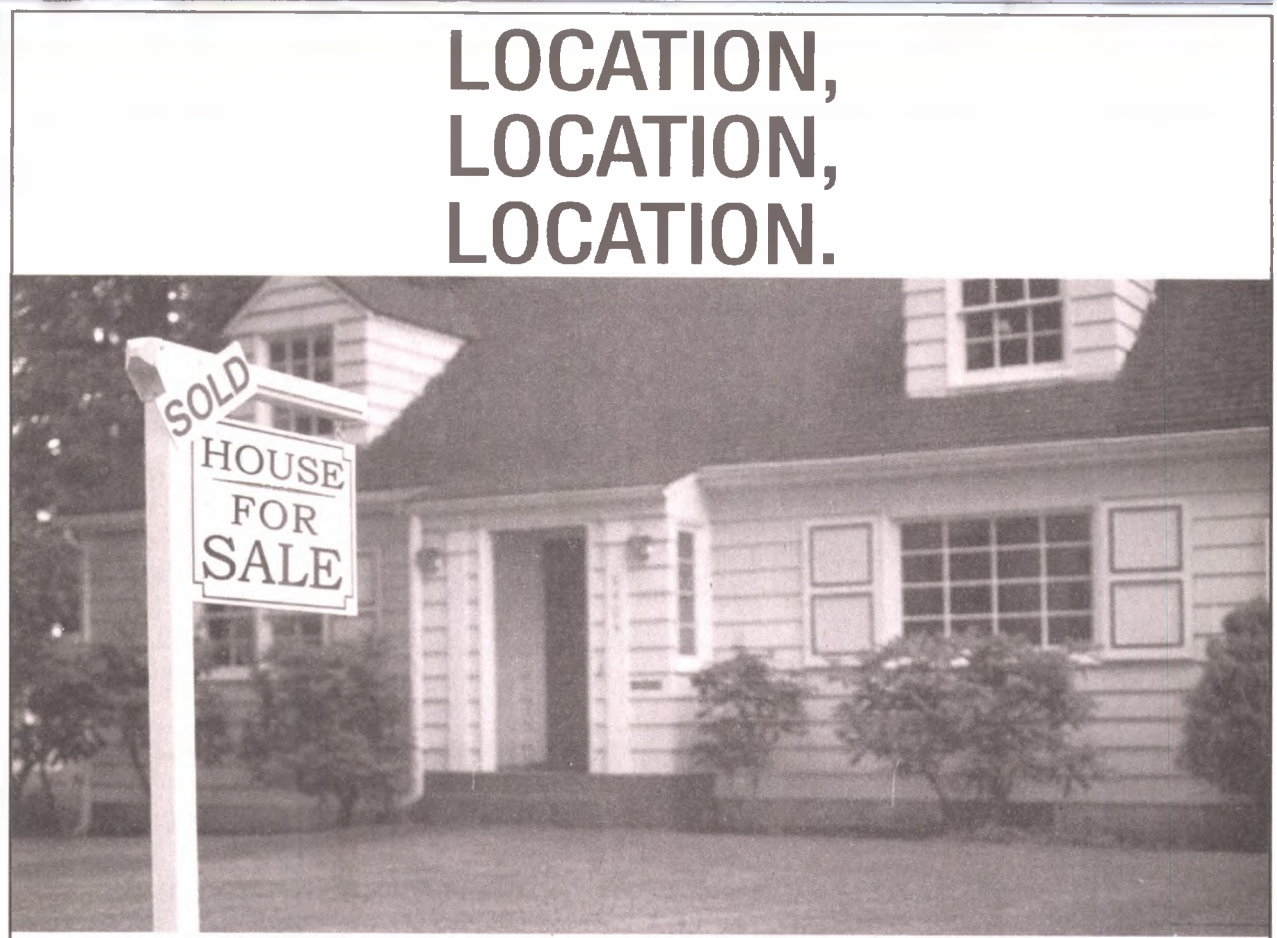
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