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Support the arts

An Amazing Woman Foundation is accepting scholarship applications for spring and summer programming for women ages 10-18 who demonstrate a passion for her art form. Application requirements are available at www.anamazingwoman-foundation.org.

Scholarship applications are due Feb. 15. Funds can be used for art classes, materials, experiences, instrument and/or space rental, general assistance and more. AAWF is an inclusive organization, embracing art in its many and diverse forms. In its first round of scholarship awards last fall, three young women received scholarships.

An Amazing Woman Foundation was started in 2014 to develop confidence and character in young women through arts education and experience. Currently the organization is active in Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, Washtenaw and Wayne counties.

Current marriage trends: Wait, co-habitate, maybe kids first

Susan Bromley
Staff Writer

This Valentine's Day, there will likely be more than a few proposals made, although not as many in the past, while the question may not be accompanied by a ring, but a key.

Trends show that, increasingly, the question is not "Will you marry me?" but "Will you live with me?"

Americans now enter first marriages at a later age, are more likely to have lived together first and may have children before taking vows.

Janet Perez, 30, and her fiancé, Tim Albany, 31, fit the new mold. The couple began dating six years ago, have lived together in Flat Rock for four and have two children, Alexander, 4, and

Aria, 3½ months. Albany proposed to Perez in October, a week before their daughter's birth.

"I did things a little backwards," Perez said, laughing, while shopping at the Novi Bridal Expo last month in preparation for a 2017 wedding. "It just happened that way."

Her future mother-in-law, Terry Albany, who came to the bridal expo at Suburban Collection Showplace with her, said she is glad her son and Perez waited a little longer to get married than she did. Albany will celebrate her 36th wedding anniversary with her husband this year, but admits she knew a lot more at 30 than she did at 20, when she married.



Matt Matteson, 25, of White Lake, and Kasey Buchholz, 23, of Lake Orion, look at bridal gowns at the Novi Bridal Expo. They met at Michigan Tech and are now both employed as engineers. They will marry in July.

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Carol Ann Donnelly, Holy Family Christian Services and Social Ministry director, in the clothes closet where low-income residents can pick donated clothing, shoes, linens and children's books for free.

Feds: Fire victims not U.S. citizens

Philip Allmen
Staff Writer

Novi police continue their investigation into last month's fatal fire on Mystic Forest Drive, near the city of Northville border.

No new information was released early this week, but last week Novi Public Safety Chief David Molloy said the fifth victim was identified as Pablo Encino, 23. The previously identified victims are Leonel Rodriguez, 18; Miguel Diaz, 23; Brayan Contreras, 16; and Simeon Nunez, 18. All were from Mexico.

The United States Department of Homeland Security has verified the five men were not U.S. citizens, Molloy said, adding they believe all five men worked at Kim's Garden restaurant in Novi.

Police and fire personnel were alerted to the fire at about 9:30 a.m. Jan. 31 near Nine Mile and Novi roads. The home was owned by Kim's Garden owner Roger Tam. The five men apparently lived in the basement of the home and had disabled the smoke detector in the basement. The basement windows were glass blocks, so there was no secondary exit from that level, Molloy said, adding he is working with with city's community development department on "potential code violations that could have inhibited their escape." Residential building codes require secondary exit points for living quarters.

The fire itself appears to be accidental, starting on a mattress in the basement.

Preliminary autopsy results from the Oakland County Medical Examiner's Office has ruled the manner of death accidental and the cause of death smoke and soot inhalation.

Neighbors said Tam owns multiple homes and didn't live permanently at the Mystic Forest residence.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call Det. Sgt. Scott Baetens at 248-347-0530.

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Holy Family opens its doors to help homeless

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For more than 20 years, the Church of the Holy Family has opened its doors for seven days to provide the homeless a shelter, meals, support — whatever they need to get back on their feet.

"People come here for different reasons," said Carol Ann Donnelly, Holy Family director of Christian Service and Social Ministry.

That includes falling on hard times, losing homes, unemployment, battles with alcohol or drugs — for which participants must sign a contract that there will be none of that. "Some are recently homeless," she said. "For others, it has been long term."

Donnelly talked of a mother



Church of the Holy Family clothes closet volunteer Ann Gayton organizes shoes.

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and son, both of whom work, yet can't earn enough to have a permanent place to live.

Last week's effort — as in each year previously — brings the church community together. The program through the Cass United Methodist Church in Detroit is similar to Oakland County's South Oakland Shelter that travels throughout the county.

The more than 100 homeless men and women who arrived last week at Holy Family follow a specific program that begins with a bus arriving at 7:30 a.m. each day. The group is driven — with a sack lunch in hand — to Detroit every morn-

ing to work on any one of three tasks: find a place to live, schooling or a job, Donnelly said.

The Cass Methodist Church, which runs the homeless program for Wayne County, offers a transition program, as well as a variety of social services.

When the group arrives back at Holy Family, there are more meals — prepared by volunteers — as well as opportunities for entertainment, such as bingo and movies, help with resumes, haircuts, theme dinners, music and dance.

The annual effort not only brings together church volunteers, including the youth group, but help from other churches, such as blankets from Our Lady of Victory and dinner from St. Michael's in Livonia.

Gift cards are provided through donations from individuals and companies. The church also provides a clothing closet, which is run by parishioner Ann Gayton.

"She works so hard. Everything is organized. She pours her heart and soul into this," Donnelly said.

The week is all about giving and helping others. A fun part is the Luxury Store that Holy Family volunteers set up. The participants are given play money — "buying power" — to buy what they need. That can include jackets, slippers, nail polish, you name it. They are also given three wishes for anything they want or need.

"After doing this for so many years, volunteers know what the people like," Donnelly said.

The program also builds camaraderie. "We mix it up with church people and youths," she said, adding rooms are set up for basketball and television, for example. "We use the whole building."

During the week, the church also offers support services such as Alcoholics Anonymous and an opportunity for the homeless to talk about their lives. "A lot of people give testimonies. We find a lot of them are so talented," Donnelly said.

And the kindness is non-ending. "They are so kind. They ask me how I am doing. They care enough and are thankful enough to ask how we are," she added.

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Happy new year!



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Novi High School sophomores Dilan Huang (left) and Rebecca Isley work Feb. 8 on piecing together Chinese lanterns at the Novi Library as they celebrate the beginning of the Chinese lunar new year. Visitors to the library that afternoon could also sample some Chinese food, including a few egg rolls and stir-fried rice.

Teen book club kicks off at Novi Library

The Novi Public Library is once again benefiting from the generosity of a local business, the creativity of staff and effort of the Friends of the Novi Library.

Community Financial was founded in Plymouth in 1951 by the Daisy Air Rifle Co. and has always been community focused. This summer, CF gave \$1,000 each day for 60 days to worthy charities based on the description of the project that the charity planned to fund with the grant. In July, Lindsay Fricke, information services librarian, partnered with the Friends in applying for the Summer of Sharing Grant which would go toward the start up for a new Teen Book Club at the library.

The Friends group was awarded \$1,000. Fricke has been working with the library's Teen Advisory Board to plan the book club, which will kick off at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17, when pizza will be served. The first meeting will be more of a planning session, where the teens will discuss the titles they would like to read as well as how often they want to meet.

The money that was granted will allow the first 10 participants who sign up for the book club to receive a free copy of the book being read. Members of the Friends and a representative from Community Financial will be in attendance at the first book club to present the check

and show their support. "NPL is starting a teen book club that will reinforce reading skills and allow teens to relate reading to personal experiences. The funding will allow us to provide books as well as invite speakers/authors to partner with us in fostering a love of reading and provide a fun way to get teens in the community involved," Fricke said.

The library sends a big thank you to all involved in supporting the new book club especially to Community Financial for sponsoring this program and for their financial contributions.

For more information on the Teen Book Club or the Novi Public Library, go to novilibrary.org or call 248-349-0720.

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"They've really gotten to know each other and will have the money they need," Albany said. "I think it's smart to wait."

Older vows

When Albany married in 1980, the median age of first marriage was 23 for women and 25 for men, according to U.S. Census data and the American Community Survey. In 2010, that number had risen to about 28.5 years old for men and nearly 27 for women.

"This is a striking increase," said Pamela Smock, Ph.D., professor of sociology, Population Studies Center at the University of Michigan. "What people are doing before marriage has also continued to change; they are living together first. Three out of four marrying couples these days live together before tying the knot."

Such is the case with Chereese Gould and Nicholas Skora, both 30, who began dating eight years ago. In fall 2014, Skora took Gould back to Henry Ford Academy, where the two graduated high school and first became friends, and asked her to marry him. They live together in Detroit and note that many of their friends who are similar in age are engaged or living with their significant others.

Gould said their friends, like themselves, have goals they want to accomplish, including completing higher education and establishing careers.

Skora and Gould are both working toward degrees and also work in maintenance, he in public schools, she at a church. They were attending the bridal expo for the second year in a row, with plans to seal the deal in an October wedding.

"I feel people are taking their time and



Kimyata Smith (left) and Katelyn Bedi, friends and co-workers, with flowers Smith's live-in boyfriend sent to her at Marlee's in Twelve Oaks mall. Both women say marriage can wait.

want to make sure it lasts," Skora said. "Some of my guy friends are concerned about the financial costs of a wedding and how much it costs on average."

Smock said it is important to note that cohabitation is now widely considered an acceptable alternative to marriage in most segments of society, with the possible exception of those with strongly-held religious convictions. Many couples who live together achieve the same benefits as those who are married — companionship, childbearing and economies of scale, such as two people sharing the expenses of maintaining one household.

Economic reality

She has interviewed lower middle-class and working-class cohabitating young adults who have also voiced their concerns about wedding costs.

"They have mentioned they don't want to just go to the justice of the peace, they want a 'real wedding,'" Smock said. "One young man said he didn't know how he could possibly come up with \$5,000 for a wedding. This amount would seem like very little to someone from the upper middle class."

She adds that marriage itself is perceived as having a higher economic bar than co-habi-

tation, with couples wanting to be sure they are economically "set" before marriage. She has interviewed men who also often held fast to the gender stereotype that the male should be the primary breadwinner, even as women are more likely to be in the workforce as well.

Kasey Buchholz, 23, of Lake Orion and Matt Matteson, 25, of White Lake will marry this summer. Both work as engineers and met in an engineering class at Michigan Technological University in 2012. Matteson proposed two years later.

"I have a lot of friends that I thought would have gotten married, but they're putting their careers in front of dating and marriage," he said. "For me, it was about finding the person you can spend your whole life with and who will love you, even on your worst days."

People who are economically disadvantaged may never feel ready for marriage, Smock noted. As a demographer, she has seen projections that suggest it is likely there will be fewer marriages going forward among the least advantaged groups in society, while the middle class and above are likely to still marry.

Staying single

U.S. Census data and the American Communi-



Janet Perez, 30, with her daughter Aria and future mother-in-law, Terry Albany, at the Novi Bridal Expo last month. Perez plans to marry her long-time live-in boyfriend next year.

ty Survey reflect her comments, showing that in 2010, more than 25 percent of black men and black women older than 35 in the U.S. had never married, compared to roughly 12 percent of white men and about 8 percent of white women of the same age. At age 45, the 2010 number still hovered at around 20 percent of black men and black women having never married, with about 9 percent of white men and 7 percent of white women never taking wedding vows.

Duran Crosby, a 21-year-old Novi resident, is single, but says he wants a serious relationship. His parents are divorced, but he proudly notes that his grandparents have been married for 40 years and together for 52. He has other family members that have long-standing marriages that he aspires to one day as well.

"Teamwork makes the dream work," said Crosby, who currently sells hoverboards while trying to make it as the hip-hop artist Decando and hopes to attend school this year for radio broadcasting. "I am hoping one day it all comes true. I'm still young. The love stuff can wait. I am working on my education and making money and having fun right now."

Katelyn Bedi, 22, of Novi, has a similar mindset.

"The reason I'm single is because I have so many things I want to do," she said. "I want to travel, I'm going to school. I want to be happy with myself before I officially make someone else happy."

On a recent Friday evening, she was working alongside Kimyata Smith, 22, at Marlee's in Twelve Oaks mall when a floral delivery arrived at the store.

Smith's boyfriend, Roderick Hurst, 26, had sent her two dozen red roses, which she says is an apology for not spending enough time alone with her at the Southfield home they have shared for the past month.

The two began dating six months ago, after Hurst saw her on a mutual friend's social media account and sent her a friend request. He has told her she is someone he wants to marry, but she is in no rush.

"I'm not ready for that," Smith said. "I came from a broken home. My parents divorced when I was 5 and watching them go through it — it was something I don't want to go through."

Divorce rates

Smock notes the divorce rate, which hovers at about 50 percent, has plateaued since the 1980s. There is evidence that for most educated and high social economic status individuals, di-

orce has even decreased, but it remains high and perhaps increasing for the less educated. Most people remarry, although they increasingly live together first or co-habitate instead of remarrying. She adds that studies also suggest second marriages are somewhat more fragile than first marriages.

Older studies showed that living together before marriage had a subsequent negative effect on subsequent longevity of marriage, but now that cohabitation is so common, there is no longer any effect on whether a couple will stay married.

Co-habitation continues to increase, with half of these couples going on to marry within three years and the majority of the rest breaking up, Smock said. About 10 percent cohabitate for long periods.

Smith said she doesn't want to marry until she is perhaps 35, but she wants children and will likely have them before marriage.

"Not that I want them before, but it probably will happen that way," she said. "I don't want to make it seem like it's OK. I don't even know 100 percent that I want to get married, but I want to have kids with someone I'll be with for the rest of my life."

Marriage is still a goal for most people in this country.

"Surveys definitely show that Americans continue to view marriage as very important and the vast majority of people aspire to it," Smock said.

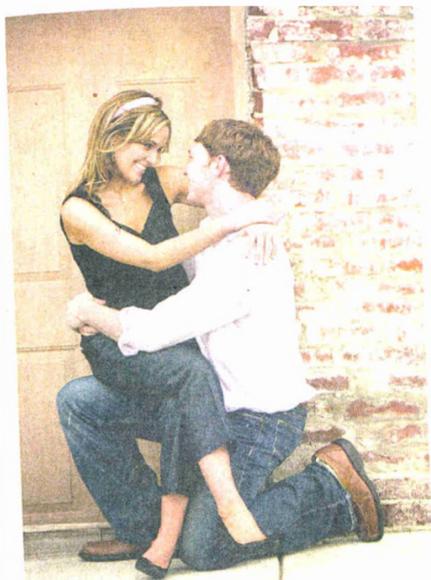
Although they already live together and have two children, Perez is looking forward to being married.

"I get to call him my husband and be with him forever," she said. "It's nice to have the title and make it official."

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State investment in schools paramount for continued success

Every week is a good week to be the superintendent in our school district. Last week was emblematic of the experiences I get to have each week.

At the middle school, I stopped in Mr. Laney's applied tech classroom. Students were preparing a template that would be used to construct the metal boxes that they would be building later in the week. In Ms. Arnold's math classroom, groups of students were busy trying to calculate how long two brothers would need to walk to finish at the same place at the same time if one brother started ahead of the other brother and they walked



Steve Matthews
SUPER TALK

at different speeds.

While at the middle school, I listened to the Ms. Rais' orchestra and Mr. Blanchard's band. I saw physical fitness testing in Ms. Whiteside's and Ms. Tomanek's gym class.

I was also able to visit Novi High School. Ms. Franchi's computer programming students were busy learning the language of python, while Ms. Ross' dance students were thinking through and practicing

their dance routine. Mr. Hourigan's band class and Mr. Van Eizenga's orchestra class were typically dynamic, while Ms. Spring led her algebra students through their paces.

A highlight of last week was my visit to Village Oaks. Mr. Belanger had the first-graders roller skating around the gym. Kindergarten students met with the fourth-grade buddies to learn from each other. Ms. Carruth had first-graders using the computers to engage in some reflective thinking as they organized their thoughts.

Over the weekend, I thought about those students and teachers and the many others that I have seen this year in Novi, as

I caught up on budget news from the state.

While times are certainly better than they have been for Michigan schools, we are not out of the woods yet. The budget for 2016-17 is not known. Quality schools require an investment of money, time and talent.

Here in Novi, we are doing our part. Teachers, staff and students invest their time and talent in our schools. Many teachers even invest their money. The students and teachers I saw last week were doing wonderful things. Students were engaged and teachers were focused on ensuring that students were learning

and having a positive experience.

What our school district needs is for the state to continue investing in our school district as well. As our state legislators and the governor think through the budget for next year, my hope is that they recognize that our community school districts need resources to continue doing the hard work of educating the children of our community.

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'Annie' on stage



Fourth-grade students at Orchard Hills perform "Annie" on stage Jan. 21 for students, staff and parents.

EDUCATION BRIEFS

Novi Woods Elementary

Feb. 15-16: District Mid-Winter Break
Feb. 17: School Resumes
Feb. 23: Rollerskating Party at Bonaventure, 6-8:30 p.m.
Feb. 24: Third Grade Parents' Conversation with the Principal, 2:30 p.m.
March 10: Milk and Cookies Night, 6:30 p.m.

Orchard Hills Elementary

The yearbook committee has begun working on this year's book. If you have any pictures that you think might be good to put in the yearbook, send them to orchardhillsyearbook@gmail.com.
Feb. 15-16: No School - Mid Winter Break
Feb. 25: Credit Union during lunches
Feb. 25: 7 p.m. first grade Music Concert

Parkview Elementary

Help restock Parkview classroom libraries by donating your used books that your child has outgrown. More than 600 books were donated last year. The school will accept all books up to a fifth grade reading level. Reading is extremely important to our children's educational development. Reading books that are in-

teresting motivates them to read more.

This year the school will also be accepting any used recess equipment. Children play with LEGOs, footballs, soccer balls, basketballs, kick balls, jump ropes, and other equipment everyday at recess time.

Feb. 15-16: Mid-winter Break- No School
Feb. 17: School Resumes
Feb. 24: Superintendent Parent Book Discussion 6:30 p.m.
Feb. 25: First Grade Concert 2:30-3:30 p.m. for Parents
Feb. 26: First Grade Concert All School Assembly 2:45 p.m.
March 2: Rollerskating Night 6-8:30 p.m.
March 4: PV BEAR Club Banking Day
March 9: District Coffee with Superintendent 10:15 a.m.
March 15: Third Grade Art Show in Commons 6:15-7 p.m.
March 15: Third Grad Music Concert in PV GYM- 7 p.m.

Village Oaks Elementary

Feb. 15 and Feb 16: No School - Winter break
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Crawford named group's 'Elected Official of the Year'

State Rep. Kathy Crawford, R-Novi, has been named the mParks "Elected Official of the Year" by the Michigan Recreation and Parks Association.

Crawford's award will be presented at the MRPA's annual Conference and Trade Show, Feb. 16-19 at the Grand Traverse Resort and Spa in Traverse City.

Crawford was inducted into the mParks Hall of Fame in 2015.

A press release from Crawford stated MRPA officials were impressed by Crawford's record of support for park and recreation services throughout the state of Michigan.

"Your lifelong leadership, commitment and personal involvement in recreation, education and service to your community are exemplary," MPRA officials wrote in a letter to Crawford. "Your enthusiastic support in promoting parks & recreation services has made Michigan a great place to live, work, play and raise a family."

Crawford's public service began in Oakland County, where she directed programming for more than 30 senior centers through the Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency, an organization that also employed Crawford to manage and train staff to provide a variety of programs for low-income families in Oakland County. She was one of the first senior directors to become certified in the state of Michigan.

Crawford served as Novi's first senior citizen director, where she created a program for older adults that featured transportation, social



Crawford

services, fitness opportunities, special events, performing groups and more. While in

Novi, Crawford conceptualized, developed, planned and implemented the community's first senior center. The facility was the first city-sponsored, affordable housing for older adults.

Crawford stated she is honored and humbled by the MRPA award.

"I remain a strong believer in promoting parks and recreation services because they are a critical economic tool to the overall health and recovery of all our local communities," Crawford stated in the release. "I will continue to be a strong advocate for services to the 'older adults' community."

Crawford represents the 38th District in the state House, which includes Novi, Novi Township, Lyon Township, South Lyon, Walled Lake and the Oakland County portion of the city of Northville.

Crawford is in her first term as a state representative. She previously served seven years as an Oakland County commissioner and Novi city council member.

Kathy is married to Hugh Crawford, an Oakland County commissioner. They've been married for 51 years. They have three grown children, Doug, Amy and Kelly; and four grandchildren, Alexis, Devin, Mya and Amina.

New Innovation Center explores cutting-edge cafeteria offerings

James Mitchell
Correspondent

The challenge for a Novi food distributor specializing in school and institutional contracts isn't just how to keep its customers satisfied, but properly fed. As National Food Group president and CEO Sean Zecman said, there's more to cafeteria food than just a daily happy meal.

"We know that kids want chicken nuggets and pizza," Zecman said. "They don't want corn and spinach, so how do we provide it in something they will consume?"

Answering that and other questions is the ambition of the company's state-of-the-culinary arts Innovation Center. A ribbon-cutting last month at National Food's Magellan Drive headquarters was followed by a test run of the center's concept of bringing together vendors, customers and developers under the same oversized kitchen roof. There, Zecman said, real Michigan corn became corn muffins and home-grown fruits and vegetables sneak daily nutritional requirements into smoothies.

"We want the center to be an apex for everyone to develop and learn about food products," Zecman said. The food service industry that caters to public institutions faces additional challenges of ever-changing federal mandates for healthy meals, which Zecman said must be met within often strained budgets.



Company and city of Novi officials prepare to cut the ribbon during an open house at the National Food Group facilities in Novi.

"We have to be always innovating and finding new ways to hit nutritional guidelines, cut calories and lower costs," Zecman said. "We try to get as close to the farm in as clean a way as possible. It helps that Michigan has so much great agriculture."

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"They can watch how it's prepared and how to get the best performance," Zecman said. "And how to not mess up a recipe. Cooking is still an art and it's even more of an art when you're feeding 5,000 people."

Zecman said the facility can seat up to 60 and is already in demand for groups looking to make use of the facilities, the

classroom and the company's institutional knowledge. Zecman said the concept includes being a resource to the community-at-large, continuing the success that last year saw 25 employees added to the payroll, with more expected this year.

The Innovation Center, Zecman said, aims to bridge the gap between ever-shifting dietary fads and mandates and serving those meals up as quickly - and tasty - as possible.

"You can't just put a carrot on a plate and expect kids to eat their vegetables," Zecman said. "Finding a way to package it is always the challenge."

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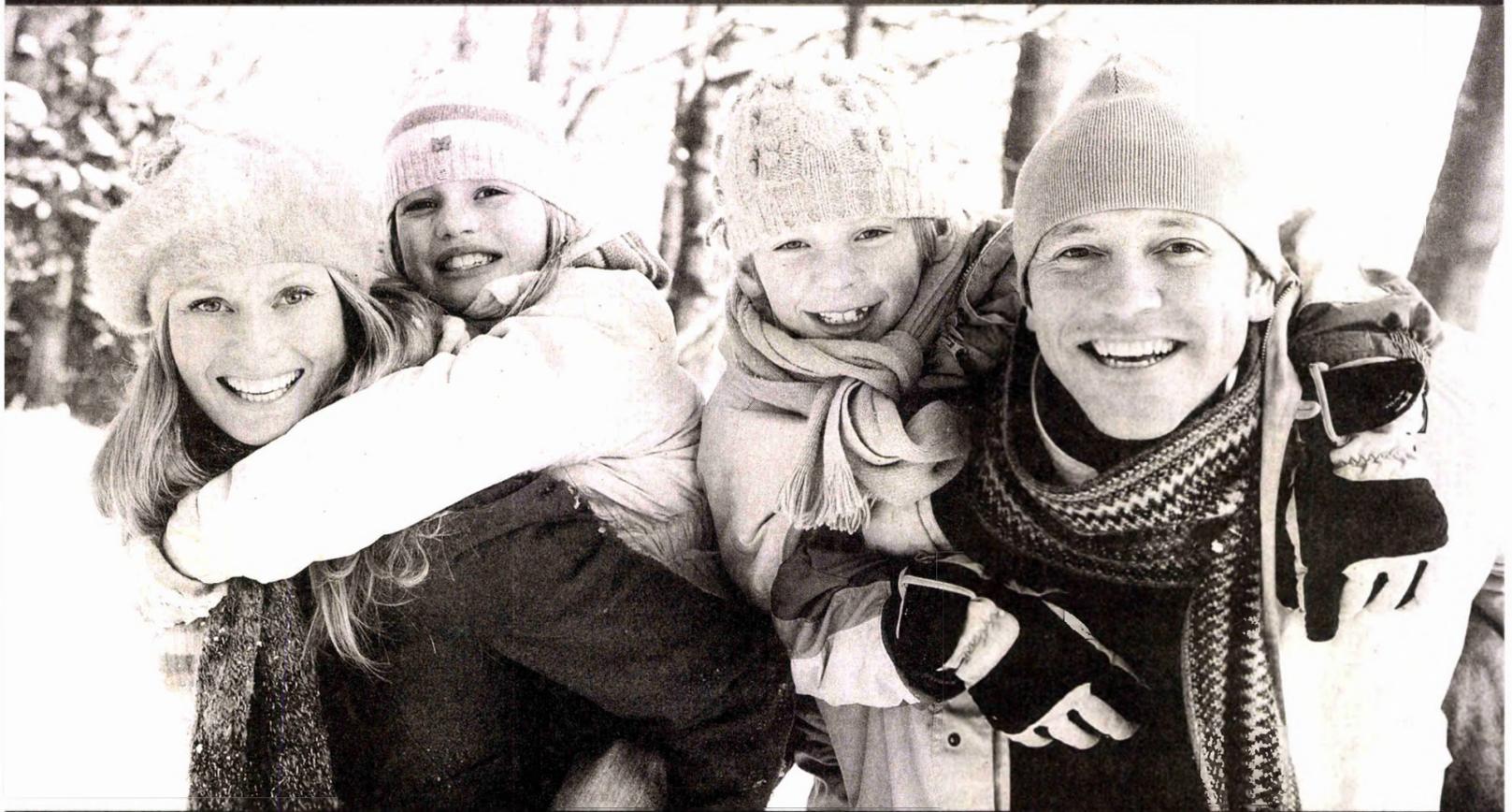
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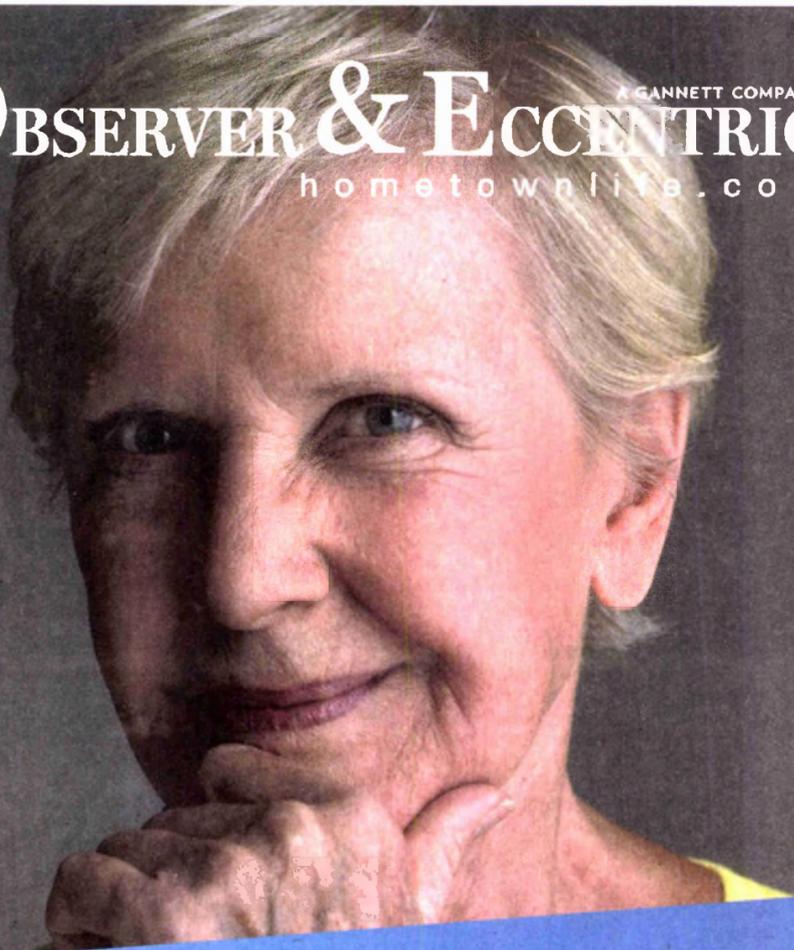
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Teen spearheads coat drive at Novi church for NSO

Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

When Amanda Hall attended the Leadership and Global Health program at Brown University in summer 2014, she conceived a community service program that would help get stray dogs off the street.

But when a professor suggested she come up with an idea that would take less time to implement and have a quicker impact on the people in her community, the 16-year-old North Farmington junior turned her attention to the weather.

That's when she decided the way she could help was to organize a coat drive, to help those in need make it through difficult Michigan winters.

Working with members of her church, Brightmoor Christian Church in Novi, and the Neighborhood Service Organization in Detroit, Hall organized a drive that saw some 2,000 articles of winter clothing make it to the hands — and backs — of those who need it the most.

"I was very happy (with the drive's success)," said Hall, who originally thought the drive might net "a couple of coats." "Michigan weather can be really



Amanda Hall, a 16-year-old junior at North Farmington High School, spearheaded a coat drive at her church, Brightmoor Christian Church in Novi, to help those in need with the Neighborhood Service Organization in Detroit.

cold and (the coat drive) is what came to mind. It was bigger than I'd ever imagined. I thought it would be just a couple of coats. My church was very supportive."

NSO hosted the kids from Brightmoor last month for the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service at the NSO Bell Building in Detroit. Dozens of volunteers from the church wound up distributing nearly 1,000 coats, along with hun-

dreds of hats, gloves and scarves.

Sheilah Clay, president and CEO of NSO, said the dignity with which the volunteers, mostly students, handled the drive was impressive.

Students acted as "personal shoppers" to those needing help, using the NSO's gym as the shopping destination. Clay said the effort helped those in need, many of whom don't like



Brightmoor Christian Church volunteer Carolyn Primeau of Novi helps a child find a nice coat.

to ask for help. "When you're working with children in low-income homes, some things they don't want to ask (for things like coats) because they know their families can't really afford it," Clay said. "The high school students handled it in such a digni-

fied manner. I was very impressed."

Hall said members of her church came through in grand fashion, not only donating coats, but also supplying a bus downtown for the volunteers and renting a truck to haul the coats. She said the drive was so success-

ful she'd like to it be an annual event.

"The congregation was very generous," Hall said. "Not only did they donate a lot of coats, they surprised me with the bus and the U-Haul."

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ENGAGEMENT

Brand-Mark

Emily and Jeremy Brand of Commerce Township and West Bloomfield announce the engagement of their daughter, Eden Brand of Somerville, Mass., to Jonathan Mark, son of Anita Mark and the late Douglas Mark of Chicago.

Brand attended West Bloomfield High School and the University of

Michigan for her undergraduate studies. She earned her master of public health at Emory University in Atlanta, Ga. Mark attended Lincoln Park High School and earned his bachelor of science at United States Military Academy at West Point.

A May 28 wedding is planned at Bay Pointe Gold Club in West Bloomfield.



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Suspected armed robber turns out to be man with umbrella

Susan Bromley
Staff Writer

Multiple police officers responded to the Hilton Garden Hotel shortly before midnight Feb. 2 after an employee reported a man in a hoodie with a gun.

Upon arrival, officers searched the building and found nothing stolen or suspicious. The complainant said he had been sitting in the back offices behind the front desk when he looked up and saw a male in a black

hoodie with a long rifle or shotgun walking behind the front desk. The complainant ran out the back door.

Another employee said she observed a man looking in the back offices right before officers arrived. As he left, he said he had been waiting for someone to check him in.

When an operations manager arrived, surveillance video was checked and showed the male in a black hoodie and gray pants carrying

a black umbrella behind the counter and dropping it off. The case was closed as the umbrella was mistaken for a lethal weapon.

Lab lost and found

A black Labrador retriever believed to have been stolen at about 2:09 p.m. Feb. 3 from outside the front of a home on Willingham Drive was returned safely. A passerby saw the dog unleashed, coaxed it into her vehicle and, before the dog's owner

could stop her, she drove away.

A police officer found the suspect vehicle nearby and the dog in the garage. The woman said she saw the dog walking through several yards with no owner in sight and said she was in the process of calling the owner, whose number was on the dog's collar, when police arrived.

Shoplifting spree

A woman who allegedly was stealing a Liz Claiborne bracelet at 8:24

p.m. Jan. 30 at the JC Penney store at Twelve Oaks mall was also reported to have been on a shoplifting spree at several stores. When arrested, it was discovered she apparently had taken unpaid for merchandise from Victoria's Secret and Forever 21 as well.

She was arrested on a charge of retail fraud, third degree.

Drunken driver

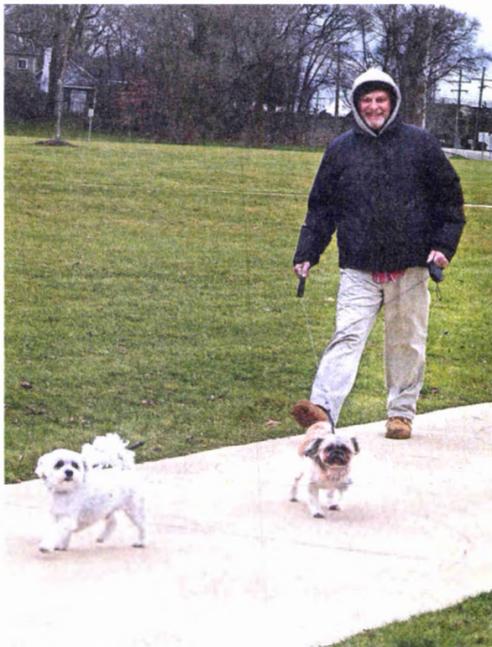
A man who ignored the "no turn on red" sign at Haggerty and Eight

Mile roads at about 2:13 a.m. Jan. 30 soon found himself detoured to a jail cell. The officer made a traffic stop on the driver, who smelled of intoxicants. A Breathalyzer test showed the man had a blood-alcohol content of 0.163 percent. The legal limit in Michigan is 0.08 percent.

He was arrested for operating while intoxicated.

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Afternoon exercise



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Novi resident Joel Street walks his dogs recently at Pavilion Shore Park. That day saw temperatures in the 40s, not an uncommon occurrence this winter.

Man found passed out along I-696

Aileen Wingblad
Staff Writer

A 34-year-old Novi man found passed out on Interstate 696 could face charges of drunken driving and intent to distribute cocaine following his arrest Jan. 30.

According to reports,

Farmington Hills police discovered the man behind the wheel of his pickup truck in the expressway's right-hand lane, west of Telegraph Road, shortly after 3:30 a.m. An officer managed to awaken the man, who appeared intoxicated. He was unaware of the cor-

rect time or his location, then admitted drinking earlier in Detroit.

A preliminary Breathalyzer test registered his blood-alcohol content at 0.21 percent, more than twice the legal limit for drivers. An open bottle of whiskey was found in the car and three bag-

gies of cocaine, totaling about two grams, were in the man's front pants pocket.

The pickup truck was impounded and the man was taken to jail.

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State inspectors find credit card skimmers

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Staff Writer

State officials say some credit card skimmers were discovered last week on a credit card reader at several pumps at Livonia and Westland gas stations.

Jennifer Holton, communications director for the state Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, said an

inspector checking gas pumps at the Shell station at 36420 Plymouth, near Levan, in Livonia found the skimmer installed on a pump.

She said two more skimmers were found at the Mobil station at 38353 Ford Road in Westland, located at the intersection of Ford Road and Hix.

She said there no way to determine how long the skimmers, used to take people's credit and debit card information, had been placed there by a suspect or suspects. The devices were removed from the pump at the station.

"It copies your information," she said. "They use it to counter-

feit the credit card."

Those who may have used their credit at the stations are encouraged to keep a close eye on their financial statements in order to detect any fraudulent charges. After being discovered, the incidents are turned over to the United States Secret Service for further investigation, Holton said.

Several dozen such skimmers have been found across the state in recent months, prompting MDARD inspectors to go across the state to inspect the pumps looking for the illegal devices.

Many gas station owners and operators are also keeping an eye out

for anyone tampering with gas pumps and attempting to install a skimmer.

"Gas station owners are doing their part to protect consumers as well," Holton said. "There's been a couple of instances where it's been the station management that have found these devices."

Holton said that is the best way to stay vigilant against someone who may have stolen someone's credit or debit card information.

"Some of the things they can do is monitor their bank account regularly," she said. "They need to work with their banking institution on that."

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OUR VIEW

Texting, phone use while driving: Best to wait

If you've watched TV sportscasts or other programming lately, you may have seen announcements for the "It Can Wait" initiative. AT&T is working to get the word out on safety as it relates to texting and driving.

The website www.advocate.att.com notes, "Working together, we've inspired more than four million pledges never to text and drive, more than half a million 'It Can Wait' tweets and hundreds of thousands of downloads of AT&T DriveMode® and other apps since the campaign began. Today, we now have data that illustrates the deepest impact of our efforts — actual reductions in crashes.

"A word from someone you know is still one of the most effective ways to share the message. Use the resources on this site to empower your colleagues, employees and community to make a personal commitment not to text and drive."

The Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning notes in a report, prepared by Wayne State University Transportation Research Group, that electronic use device impacts driving.

Females are more likely to use a cellphone while

driving than males (8.8 percent and 6.4 percent, respectively). The electronic device use rate was found to be highest between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. at 8.1 percent, while the cellphone use rate was lowest between 7 a.m. and 8 a.m. as well as 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. (6.3 percent).

The 2015 Michigan report also notes cellphone use among drivers less than 30 years of age was greatest at 10.6 percent, in comparison to 7.1 percent among those between ages 30 and 59 and 2.5 percent for drivers age 60 and above.

The AT&T website offers resources for youth, including a simulator, as well as the chance to make a promise not to text and drive. Young people are urged to "Keep your eyes on the road, not on your phone." That's a good lesson for motorists of all ages.

When you see the driver next to you looking at their phone, it's no longer safe to assume they're texting. New research from AT&T shows nearly four in 10 smart phone users tap into social media while driving. Almost three in 10 surf the net. And, surprisingly, one in 10 video chat.

Seven in 10 people engage in smart phone activ-

ities while driving. Texting and emailing are still the most prevalent. But other smart phone activity use behind the wheel is now common, the website notes. Among social platforms, Facebook tops the list, with more than a quarter of those polled using the app while driving. About one in seven said they're on Twitter behind the wheel.

The company's campaign puts the focus on texting and driving, although phone use while driving raises larger safety concerns. We've all seen the distracted driver on the phone ignoring traffic nearby and the road ahead or behind. Even eating, applying makeup or shaving can lead to distracted driving — and tragedy.

Driving has gotten easier in some ways as cars have become easier to handle and the once-science-fiction concept of the self-driving car is emerging as reality. Nevertheless, an attentive driver is the best weapon today to see that traffic safety laws are followed and attention kept on the road and nearby traffic.

You just never know what that next driver over will do.

LETTERS

What to do about abortions

Shootings are something that we all have to unfortunately deal with. We have all heard about the shootings in schools, stores, concert halls, etc. These shootings seem to be happening more frequently.

In recent news there has been a terrible shooting at a Planned Parenthood Center in Colorado Springs, Colo. The shooter was 57-year-old Robert Lewis Dear. He killed three and wounded five. It is not known if the attack was against the

center or a group of people. The police are refusing to give a possible motive.

Ever since abortions became legal in 1973 in the case of *Roe vs. Wade*, abortion clinics have been subjected to threats. Some have even gotten bomb threats.

The most recent news on abortions is that after the fetus is aborted its organs will be used for research. Many people are now upset about the possible fetal testing on aborted babies.

These acts of violence show us the problems that some of us still have

with abortions. Although some individuals may be upset, committing these violent acts will not help the cause. This ends up only hurting the shooter. Approximately 50 percent of Americans are pro choice and 44 percent are pro life. The other 6 percent don't care what happens.

Those of us who are pro life are obviously upset about abortions, but there are better ways of handling it. Instead of committing acts of violence we should be volunteering at pregnancy centers and raising awareness for the babies who don't have a voice.

Maranda Ferrell
Novi

2016 elections critical

The elections of 2016 for Michigan and our nation will be a major turning point in our history. In the past few elections "we the people"

turned on our turn signal with a historic movement toward the freedom direction. In 2016, we can make the turn.

Our choice is west European socialism or turn toward restoring founding father values of constitutionally limited government, free market capitalism, states rights, sound money, individual freedom, personal responsibility, charity and prosperity. Multiple countries across the world are on the verge of collapse due to over spending, excessive debt, entitlements and under working. We need to at least get pointed in the right direction.

Both political parties over the past decades ran the U.S. to near collapse today. We are now \$19 trillion in debt and rising fast. That is \$172,000 for each American household. According to the Congressional Budget Office, we also have \$200

trillion in unfunded liabilities, including Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid. The federal government spends many billions more than it takes in every year! Real unemployment (that includes those who stopped looking for work) is 10 percent. We have out-of-control entitlements, programs, bailouts and crippling regulations like Obamacare and EPA CO2 regulations.

Have you noticed higher prices for food over the past few years? Thank our feds for mandating corn-based ethanol and Federal Reserve for printing trillions of dollars out of thin air that devalue the currency and raise prices. The interest rates will rise on our debt and this will further raise our spending, deficits and debt.

Tax increases will only hurt the economy more. Both parties allow open

borders, including illegal aliens and visa programs. Democrats want future voters and GOP want cheap labor for big corporations. We have D.C. anarchy and are on the fast path to collapse under the debt bubble. Neither party has the fortitude or urgency to avoid collapse by cutting spending, regulations that stifle entrepreneurs and businesses and taxes and weaning Americans off of socialist welfare programs with millions of new jobs.

The current Democrats are sending us off the cliff at 90 mph and the current Republicans at 70 mph. Get involved in the 2016 elections and help to find, support and elect new principled citizens in either party who have the courage to help end the insanity. Vote in the Michigan primary March 8.

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Lawmakers offer Flint water, Tesla sales bills

Kathleen Gray
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Luxury automaker Tesla wants to sell its pricey cars in Michigan without having to open a dealership and a state representative from Sturgis introduced a bill last week that will try to make that happen.

State law prohibits direct sales of automobiles by manufacturers who don't have any dealerships in the state. That leaves Michigan residents who want to buy a Tesla — the cars that start at about \$100,000 —

searching in nearby states for the vehicles.

"In light of our fast-changing world, I think it's worth talking about other ways of doing things," said state Rep. Aaron Miller, R-Sturgis, who sponsored the bill. "Current law is analogous to telling anyone who wants to sell hamburgers they can't do so unless they enter a franchise agreement like McDonald's."

Tesla owners — an estimated 400 in Michigan — also are forced to travel to other states to get their cars serviced,

Miller said.

In addition to the Tesla bills, the Flint water crisis continues to dominate action in Lansing. Two bills were introduced last week to set up a revolving fund to deal with the replacement of water infrastructure pipes and another to require testing for lead and other contaminants in the water supply going into schools.

Bills introduced last week:

House bills
HB 5280, 5305-5306: 2016-17 Budget bill for

departments of higher education, licensing and regulatory affairs, insurance and financial services. Sponsors: Reps. Michael McCready, R-Birmingham; Chris Afendoulis, R-Grand Rapids Township.

HB 5281: Enact procedures to convey surplus state-owned property to other entities. Sponsor: Rep. Larry Inman, R-Williamsburg.

HB 5282: Specify rainfall levels and what constitutes a defect when determining liability for sewer and drain overflow or backups. Sponsor:

Rep. Michael Webber, R-Rochester Hills.

HB 5283: Provide for the distribution of unclaimed property account information. Sponsor: Rep. Michael Webber, R-Rochester Hills.

HB 5284: Require that elementary music instruction meet certain requirements. Sponsor, Rep. Erika Geiss, D-Taylor.

HB 5285: Require testing for levels of lead and other contaminants in water supplied to public schools. Sponsor: Rep. Adam Zemke, D-Ann Arbor.

HB 5286-5287: Require a reduction of air pollution emissions during winter thermal inversion days. Sponsor: Rep. Stephanie Chang, D-Detroit.

HB 5288-5289: Give lawyers who are spouses of military members extra time to notify the state Board of Examiners if their residence status changes because of military transfers. Sponsors: Reps. Robert Wittenberg, D-Oak Park; David Maturin, R-Vicksburg.

HB 5290: Require an explanatory statement on a ballot for a proposed millage with a duration exceeding five years. Sponsor: Rep. Peter Lucido, R-Shelby Township.

HB 5291-5300: 2016-17 Omnibus budget bills for capital outlay, government operations and school aid, higher education and community colleges and 2015-16 supplemental bills for school aid and general expenditures during 2015-16 budget year. Sponsor: Rep. Al Pscholka, R-

Stevensville.

HB 5301-5204: Repeal the requirement that a concealed weapon carry permit is needed in order to carry a concealed weapon. Sponsors: Reps. Lee Chatfield, R-Levering; Tom Barrett, R-Pottersville; Jim Runestad, R-White Lake; Triston Cole, R-Mancelona.

HB 5307: Expand the requirement for vision screening and follow-up examinations in schools to include kindergarten and grades 3, 6 and 8. Sponsor: Rep. Amanda Price, R-Park Township.

HB 5308: Provide an exemption in the open meetings act for a school board planning for security. Sponsor: Rep. Robert Kosowski, D-Westland.

HB 5309: Exempt the collection of sales tax on higher education books. Sponsor: Rep. Robert Kosowski, D-Westland.

HB 5310: Require a guardian to notify interested persons when a ward is admitted to a hospital. Sponsor: Rep. Peter Lucido, R-Shelby Township.

HB 5311: Prohibit employers from requiring certain non-compete agreements without written notice. Sponsor: Rep. Peter Lucido, R-Shelby Township.

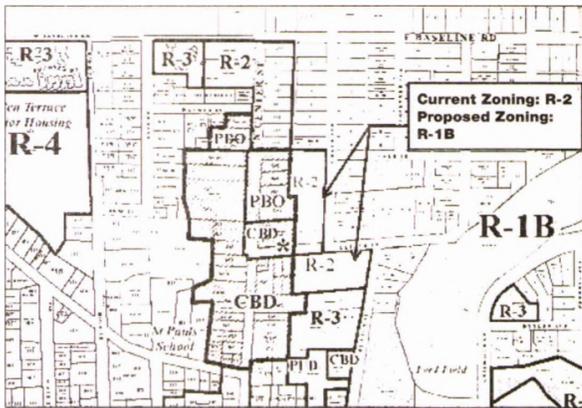
HB 5312: Allow ownership of vehicle dealerships by manufacturers, which would allow Tesla dealerships in Michigan. Sponsor: Rep. Aaron Miller, R-Sturgis.

HB 5313: Prohibit utilities from requiring that advanced meters be installed in order to get water or sewerage services. Sponsor: Rep. Henry Yanez, D-Sterling Heights.

HB 5314: Provide for a training program and written clearance form for young athletes who have suffered a concussion. Sponsor: Rep. Thomas Hooker, R-Byron Center.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF NORTHVILLE

The City of Northville is proposing to amend the Zoning Map by re-zoning thirteen (13) properties along Grace, Rayson, and Hutton Streets from R-2, Second Density Residential District, to R-1B, First Density Residential District. A number of older buildings on these parcels have been replaced with new single-family residences, which is more consistent with the proposed zoning district. The properties proposed for rezoning are shown on the map below (437, 443, 453, 465 and 483 Grace Ave.; 265 Hutton St.; and 119, 120, 131, 134, 200 and 250 Rayson St.; and 128 Rayson St. Tax Id #48-001-04-0660-000). A draft map showing the parcels proposed for rezoning is also available through the Building Department during normal business hours of Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and is available on the City's website (www.ci.northville.us - go to Services, Building Department, Planning Commission).



The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the amendments to the Zoning Map on March 1, 2016 at 7:30 pm in the City of Northville Municipal Building - Council Chambers, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-449-9902. The purpose of the hearing will be to receive public input on the proposed map amendments. Written comments will also be received at the above address.

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Senate bills

SB 727: Allow dogs in outdoor seating areas at restaurants. Sponsor: Sen. Margaret O'Brien, R-Portage.

SB 728: Reduce the number of judges in the 51st District Court from two to one when a vacancy occurs. Sponsor: Sen. David Robertson, R-Grand Blanc.

SB 729: Provide for funding for township road construction projects. Sponsor: Sen. Wayne Schmidt, R-Traverse City.

SB 730-731: Allow for the creation of a revolving fund to replace private water service lines. Sponsor, Sen. Jim Ananich, D-Flint.

SB 732: Allow for property tax exemptions for property used by Masonic associations. Sponsor: Sen. Rick Jones, R-Grand Ledge.

SB 733: Prohibit the use of eminent domain to take property by emergency managers. Sponsor: Sen. Coleman Young II, D-Detroit.

SB 734: Repeal the emergency manager law. Sponsor: Sen. David Knezek, D-Dearborn Heights.

SB 735 and 743 and 745: Require the Secretary of State to implement automatic voter registration for people who are eligible to vote and require a declaration of U.S. citizenship on personal identification cards, drivers' and chauffeur licenses for automatic registration. Sponsor: Sen. Coleman Young II, D-Detroit.

SB 736: Require emergency rooms and urgent care clinics to offer emergency contraception to victims of sexual assault. Sponsor: Sen. Rebekah Warren, D-Ann Arbor.

SB 737: Allow for the recovery of certain fees for recording documents. Sponsor: Sen. Peter MacGregor, R-Rockford.

SB 738: Require an executive summary of annual valuation reports for pension and retiree health care for state employees. Sponsor: Sen. Darwin Boher, R-Evart.

Livonia man talks about grief in new TV series on death

Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Michael Kovalcheck wants to convey a message of hope through his appearance in the new documentary TV series, *Embrace of Dying: How we deal with the end of life*.

The show, which started this week on WTVS-TV (Channel 56) Detroit Public Television, is the final installment in local filmmaker Keith Famie's three-part look at aging. Famie interviewed Kovalcheck, a Livonia resident, last year for a segment on grieving, which will air during the "Embrace of Dying" episode at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 29.

Kovalcheck and his wife Toni would have celebrated their 40th marriage anniversary last fall if she had survived another year in her battle with stage 4 cancer. Toni died in January 2015, just a few months after appearing in a segment on women and cancer in *Embrace of Aging; The Female Perspective on Growing Old*, Famie's second installment in the aging series. Toni was one of three breast cancer patients profiled in the program. The Kovalchecks explained how breast cancer had affected their lives and how they had faced challenges.

In the upcoming series, Kovalcheck will talk about his grief experience and observations about death.

"When Keith first asked me, it was fresh. I was four months into this," he said. "I thought about it. I didn't know if I could do it. Should I do it for Toni?"

"Then it came to me. I need to do this because people are grieving and they can have hope. I want to show there is



Michael Kovalcheck prepares for his on-camera interview.

hope. Will our lives be the same physically? No. But spiritually, you become stronger. My wife is more alive than when she was here. I believe that in my heart. My wife had a smile on her face when she died. She is in pure love that words can't explain. "From my perspective, dying is an earthly thing. It's the true beginning."

Grief process

After Toni died, Kovalcheck read extensively about grieving and discovered that some books on the subject "are good for kindling and some are on the mark." He attended a group workshop through Good Mourning Ministries, which is based at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth, and still attends one-on-one counseling sessions at Angela

Hospice. He also has offered encouragement and support to other individuals with loved ones in hospice and prays with those who are in mourning.

"I am a grief counseling amateur," he said. He still sets a coffee cup out each morning for Toni and visits her grave two or three times a week. He said he feels at peace there.

Kovalcheck's strong Catholic faith helped him through her death and his feelings of loss. He believes in praying daily for deceased loved ones.

"I think dying has always been a dirty word. When someone we loves dies, we have pain. We all hurt and it's not beautiful to hurt," he said. "People say they want to celebrate life on Earth. Memories are important, so we celebrate the past, but also

we should celebrate the future. What we should celebrate is the fact that they are in a spot that we want to get into. I can't wait to be with her. I'm excited about being reunited. I never say my wife died. I say, "Toni went home."

Kovalcheck acknowledges that some individuals, especially those who recently experienced the death of a loved one, may shy away from watching *Embrace of Dying*. But he said the series might also offer a path to healing.

"Maybe they will find some peace in hearing someone else verbalize how they feel," he said. "I think that can help some people."

Kovalcheck hasn't seen the series, but plans to watch the weekly episodes on TV.

The shows air at 7:30 p.m. each Monday. Epi-

sodes include:

» Introduction, Feb 8: An overview of what dying means as the Baby Boomer generation approaches its twilight years. The episode includes a look at a 96-year-old doctor still practicing medicine in Durand, a collection of "objects d'mort" in Chicago, Ill., thoughts from a psychiatric neuroscientist from Wayne State University and interviews with funeral directors.

» Hospice and Terminal Illness, Feb. 15: The episode travels to England for a historical perspective on hospice, spends a day with rabbis at the Jewish Hospice and Chaplaincy Network, visits a hospice patient and includes an interview with a "death midwife."

» Funeral Directors, Feb. 22: The episode focuses on the funeral

profession and its history, a mortuary science student from Wayne State University and military funerals. Roger Husband of Husband Funeral Home in Westland also recounts his experience preparing Rosa Parks for her funeral.

» The Eulogy, Feb. 29: The episode looks at the eulogy in the grieving process, how the Mexican culture regards death and includes stories from individuals who lost loved ones, including Kovalcheck.

» Cemeteries, March 14: The episode travels to cemeteries in England, France and Detroit.

» The Afterlife, March 21: The episode visits the Afterlife Awareness Conference and the Death Cafe in New York City, N.Y.

» Pay It Forward, March 28: The episode looks at how death can be a new beginning for someone else, through scholarships, memorial foundations and organ donation. It includes interviews with the Ingram family of Carleton, founders of Miki's Minutes, an organization that provides calling cards for deployed troops, and with organizers of the Rich Rau Memorial Bicycle Tour in West Virginia, established in honor of a bicyclist who was killed while riding his bike. Viewers also learn about the story of Jimmy Williams, who donated his heart through Gift of Life Michigan.

» Memorials, April 4: The series ends with a look at objects and activities used to remember loved ones. It also looks at the Cryonics Institute and explores memorials of the future, from new-age burial methods to the role of technology in archiving lives.

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RELIGION CALENDAR

Send calendar information to pallmen@hometownlife.com by 5 p.m. Friday to be included in Thursday's publication. The calendar is also available online at www.hometownlife.com.

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

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Location: Novi Civic Center 45175 W. 10 Mile Road
Contact: 810-599-7392
Web: www.FrankTurner.org
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Pastor: Rev Thomas E. Schroeder
Service: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible study, 10 a.m. worship

Grace Immanuel Bible Church

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

Holy Cross Episcopal

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

Immanuel Lutheran Church

Location: 330 E. Liberty, South Lyon
Contact: 248-437-2289
Pastor: Pastor Scott Miller

Legacy Church

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

Livonia Church of Christ

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

Meadowbrook Congregational Church

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

Memorial Church of Christ

Location: 35475 Five Mile Road, Livonia
Minister: Mark McGilvrey
Web: www.5milechurch.org
Contact: 734-464-6722; churchoffice@5milechurch.org

Metropolitan Seventh-day Adventist Church

Location: 15585 N Haggerty Road, Plymouth
Contact: 734-420-3131
Web: www.metrodachurch.org
Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. Saturday
Worship Service: 10:45 a.m. Saturday
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Location: 49555 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth Township

Contact: 734-233-3621; pheaton@northridgechurch.com

Northville Christian Assembly

Location: 41355 Six Mile
Contact: 248-348-9030
Web: www.ncalife.org
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Wednesday Family Night: 7 p.m.; Adult elective classes; junior and senior high ministries; children's programs, Nursery and Preschool Program on Sundays and Wednesdays Home of Northville Christian School (day care; preschool through eighth grade); call 248-348-9031.

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Contact: Rabbi Avrohom and Leah Susskind; 248-790-6075; rabbi@novijewishcenter.com
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Novi United Methodist

Location: 41671 W. 10 Mile, Novi
Contact: 248-349-2652
Web: www.umcnovi.com
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Novi-United-Methodist-Church/59782031433>
Sunday Worship: 9:45 a.m.
Healing Service and Holy Communion: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday
Peace Vigil: noon first Sundays in front of the church. Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace.

OakPointe Church

Location: 50200 W. 10 Mile, Novi
Contact: 248-912-0043
Web: www.oakpointe.org/lifegroups
Worship Services: 5:15 p.m. Saturday; 9:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m. Sunday.

ReNew Life Group Ministries: 7-9 p.m. Monday (groups meet weekly)
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tries: 7 p.m. Tuesday; 9:30 a.m. Wednesday

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

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Web: www.oaklandbaptist-novi.org

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Web: www.orchardgrove.org

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Contact: 734-453-0326, Ext. 221

Our Lady of Victory

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Sunday Worship: 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

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BELL, GEORGE R.

of Arcadia, Michigan, was an Army veteran and life-long educator. He passed away at 88 years old on January 28, 2016. He is survived by Ruth, his wife and soul mate of 66 years. Survivors also include their three children, Steve (Luda), Kathy (Marty) and Robert (Gail) along with grandchildren Christopher, Taylor, Julia and Kameryn. George was the band director at Wayne Memorial High School in the 1950s and became the principal there through the 70s. He then moved on to become the superintendent of Northville Schools and retired in 1995. After his long career in the schools, he enjoyed more than 20 years of an active and adventurous retirement with his wife Ruth. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations to the Wounded Warrior Project — www.woundedwarriorproject.org. Online condolences to obrienisullivanfuneralhome.com.

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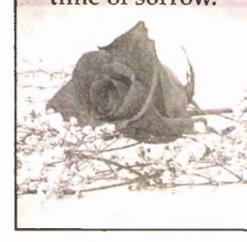
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WILLIAMS, MARJORIE L.

Age 92. February 6, 2016. Beloved aunt of John Huguélet, Robert, Paul, and Donna Williams. Loving sister of Donald Williams and Patricia Andrews. Cherished great-aunt of 12 nieces and nephews. Predeceased by her niece, Lynne Huguélet; and brother, Richard Williams. Marjorie graduated from MacKenzie High School in Detroit and had been a valued employee at Ditzler Paint Co., Max Klein Co. and the Olsonite Corp. She was an avid fan of the Detroit Tigers and University of Michigan football. Marjorie also had a long held interest in planes and flying and had taken flying lessons. Funeral Service 1:00 p.m., Friday, February 12, 2016, at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Ave., Farmington (1 block W. of Farmington Rd.). Visitation Friday, February 12, 2016 from 11 a.m. until the time of the service at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home.

ZUCAL, CHRISTOPHER

January 6, 1962 - January 23, 2016. Phillips Funeral Home. www.phillipsfuneral.com



Volunteers wanted for frog and toad survey

Aileen Wingblad
Staff Writer

It's a sure sign spring is coming - Friends of the Rouge is recruiting volunteers for the 19th annual Rouge Frog and Toad Survey.

Interested volunteers are invited to sign up for the training workshop, scheduled for 10 a.m. to noon Saturday,

Feb. 27, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road.

This is the first and only training offered for new volunteers since 2014. Last year, only veteran volunteers participated in the surveys due to issues with funding and to allow time for data analysis. The data was used to identify habitat restoration projects in

the watershed, available on-line.

Volunteers interested in surveying must attend the Feb. 27 workshop. Surveyors are provided with a CD of the calls and are assigned their own survey area within the Rouge River watershed. Surveys are conducted independently on warm spring evenings after dark, several

times a month from March through June. Interested volunteers need to pre-register for the workshop.

The presence of frogs and toads is used as an indicator of wetland health as the animals disappear when wetlands are overly-polluted. Diverse, healthy wetlands support diverse assemblages of amphibians.

MORE INFORMATION

» To learn more about the findings from the survey, visit the FOTR website at www.therouge.org.
» Friends of the Rouge is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting restoration and stewardship of the Rouge River ecosystem through education, citizen involvement and other collaborative efforts, for the purpose of improving the quality of life for the people, plants and animals of the watershed. The Rouge River covers 466 square miles in three counties and 42 communities in the Detroit area.

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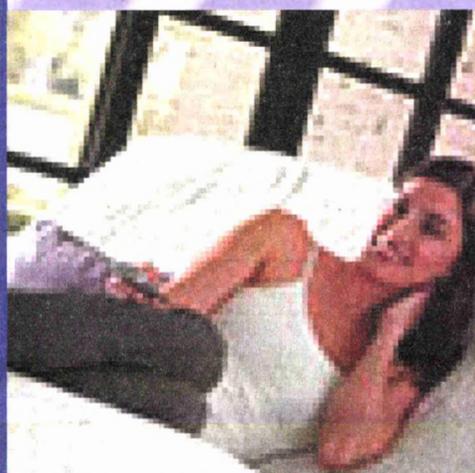
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Legislators at Chamber breakfast

Time/Date: 7:30-9 a.m. Friday, Feb. 12

Details: State Reps. Kathy Crawford, R-Novi, and Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth, and state Sens. Mike Kowall, R-White Lake, and Pat Colbeck, R-Canton, will be the four presenters at the "Meet Your Legislators Breakfast," hosted by the Northville Chamber of Commerce. The breakfast takes place at Geniti's Hole in the Wall, 108 E. Main St., Northville.

The legislators will give updates on current and future state legislation, as it affects the Northville-Novi communities. Tickets are \$15 for members and \$18 for non-members. Registration information can be found on the chamber's website at www.northville.org.

Democrats to meet

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16

Details: The Democrats of West Oakland County will hold its monthly meeting at the Novi United Methodist Church, 41671 W. 10 Mile, Novi. Brandon Dillon, chair of the Michigan Democratic Party, will be the featured speaker. Go to www.dwoc.info for more.

Novi Concert Band performs

Time/Date: 7-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18

Details: The Novi Concert Band is performing at the Novi Public Library. Music will feature music from the movies, popular music and a flute section feature. Donations accepted. **Time/Date:** 3-4:30 p.m. Sunday, March 6

Low level



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

This Feb. 3 photo from the south shore of Walled Lake shows a retreating ice surface and relatively low water levels along the shore. While ice may re-form later this winter, the lake's levels will remain low until spring, when it's typically raised with melting snow runoff and precipitation.

perfect place to begin treatment.

Time/Date: Noon to 2 p.m. Thursday, March 17

Details: Leaping Leprechauns Luncheon. An afternoon of toe tapping music is just what the doctor ordered. A traditional Irish meal will be on the menu along with entertainment by musician Tom Slatton. Don't forget to wear green to prevent getting pinched by a sneaky leprechaun. This program is proudly presented in partnership with Enriched Life Home Care Service. Tickets are \$7 per resident and \$8.50 per non-resident.

Tickets for special events must be purchased in advance and are available at the Older Adult Services office, 45175 10 Mile Road and the Meadowbrook Activity Center, 25075 Meadowbrook Road. For more information, contact city of Novi Older Adult Services at 248-347-0414.

Widowed Friends

Time/Date: 9 a.m. the second and fourth Thursday of each month.

Details: Join Widowed Friends, a peer support group, hosting a Men's Only Breakfast and Fellowship at Steve's Family Restaurant, 15800 Middlebelt Road, Livonia. Contact Dick at 313-534-0399.

Time/Date: 9 a.m. the first and third Monday of each month.

Details: Join Widowed Friends, a peer support group, hosting a Ladies Only Breakfast and Fellowship at Connor's Restaurant on Haggerty/Five Mile Road, Northville. To save a seat, contact Carol at 313-562-3080.

Time/Date: 9 a.m. the first Thursday of each month.

Details: Join Widowed Friends, a peer support group, hosting Co-Ed Breakfast at Richard's Restaurant on Plymouth Road at Eckles Road. Contact Jerry at 734-455-2651.

Details: The Novi Concert Band will perform a combined concert with the Novi Chorales at the Novi Civic Center on 10 Mile Road. The theme for this concert is "Stage and Screen." Each ensemble will perform their selections and combine for two songs. Donations accepted at the door.

Preschool open house

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 20

Details: A Growing Place Preschool, 40700 W. 10 Mile Road in Novi, will hold its annual open house, which includes free activities, crafts and snacks. It will give prospective parents an opportunity to visit the school, meet the staff and learn about the classes and programs offered.

A Growing Place Preschool will continue to offer a Young 5s program, full- and half-day preschool classes for 3- and 4-year-olds as well as pre-kindergarten sessions for children going off to kindergarten next fall. For more information, call 248-471-2333.

Motorcycle swap meet

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21

Details: Motorcycle enthusiasts are expected to pack the Suburban Collection Showplace during the Detroit Area Motorcycle Swap Meet. With a new event manager, the swap meet returns after a one-year absence. The event will be a one-stop-shop for bikers looking to buy, sell and swap motorcycles. Individuals attending the event will also have the opportunity to shop a variety of vendors offering one-of-a-kind accessories, bike parts, leather apparel and more.

Admission for the event will be \$8 per person and free for children 12 years of age and younger. For more information on the Detroit Area Motorcycle Swap Meet call 989-225-1244 or go to www.hugeswap-meets.com.

Preschool open house

Time/Date: 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23

Details: Novi Coopera-

tive Preschool is hosting an open house. Bring your preschooler to visit the classroom and meet the teachers. Enrollment materials for the 2016-17 school year will be available. The preschool has programs for 2-, 3- and 4-year-olds. It is located on 10 Mile at Meadowbrook Road. Go to www.novipreschool.com for more.

Chorales, concert band concert

Time/Date: 3 p.m. Sunday, March 6

Details: Novi's community chorus and community band are joining forces to host a community concert: "Music of Stage and Screen." The Novi Concert Band and The Novi Chorales are both made up of men and women from Novi and the surrounding area with a passion for music and performing. A free will donation is accepted.

The Chorales perform at many community events during their season from January through May, while the Concert Band performs nearly a dozen annual public concerts throughout the region. Go to

novichorales.org, email noviconcertband@live.com or find each group on Facebook.

Bollywood Bash

Time/Date: 6 p.m. to midnight Friday, March 11

Details: Third annual Bollywood Bash to benefit Good News India, which rescues children from bonded labor, sex slavery, providing them a safe haven. It runs the largest network of care centers for orphaned and destitute children, seeing them through university and vo-tech training. GNI currently owns and operates 30 "Dream Centers." To be held at Novi Christian Community Center, 45301 W. 11 Mile Road, Novi. Tickets are \$12 online or \$15 at the door. Email novibollywoodbash@gmail.com or go to www.facebook.com/nccc78 for more.

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Drop-In Little Me Storytime

Time/Date: 10:30-11:15 a.m. Friday, Feb. 12
Details: Little ones, babies to 2 years old, along with parents or caregivers, enjoy music, simple stories and playtime. No registration

needed. Preschoolers welcome too!

Jigsaw Puzzle Challenge

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 15
Details: Compete in our puzzle challenge! Register as a team of two to four or as individuals (we will find you a team).

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 Helene Meizler enjoys a few rounds of Rainy Day Solitaire while online Feb. 3 at Novi's Meadowbrook Commons. The senior residence offers a number of computers with online access for residents to check email or cruise the Internet.

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE HAPPENINGS

The Northville Art House is at 215 W. Cady Street 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. Online registration is now available for winter and spring classes and workshops for artists, children, teens and adults at www.northvillearthouse.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.

Upcoming events

The Northville Art House is proud to present its 10th annual Member Exhibition showcasing a wide range of fantastic art in this all-media, non-juried member show. New, emerging and experienced artists come together to present some of their favorite works of art in this highly anticipated exhibition. This exhibit will continue through March 19 during regular Art House hours.

The Art House will be hosting a series of DIA

“Behind the Scene” art talks this upcoming Winter/Spring season. Each talk will be delivered by a DIA docent in the Upper Gallery. Go to www.northvillearthouse.org for specific dates and times.

Store

The Northville Art House Store is proud to feature Jennifer Helner through April. Helner is a Northville resident who is a realist watercolor painter of flowers, landscapes and creative lettering. She teaches watercolor, drawing, pastels and calligraphy and is also well-known for her custom framing. Helner's artwork and framing compositions are in many private residences throughout the U.S. and she receives many requests for her calligraphy work on a commissioned basis. Visit Helner's beautiful work as well as the work of more than 40 local artists at the Art House Store. Buy local, buy art and buy Michigan!

Art classes and workshops

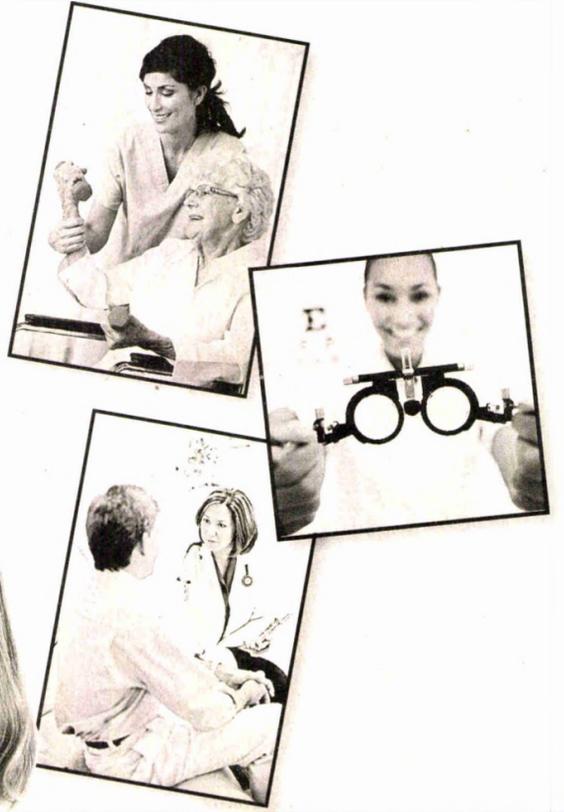
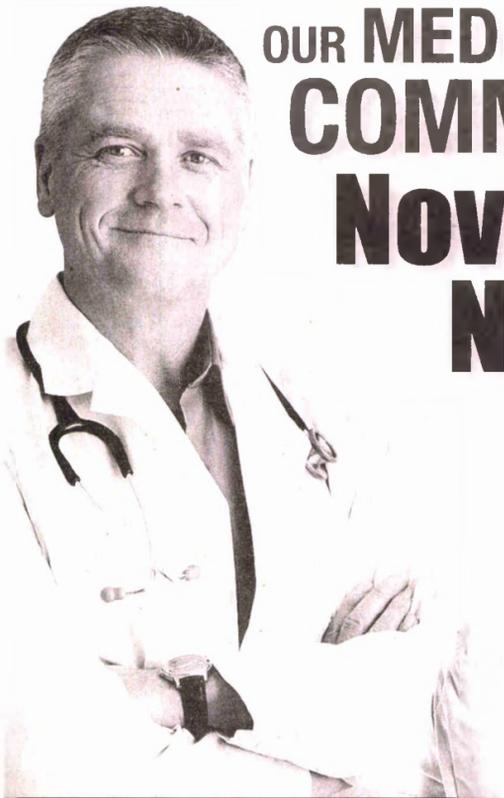
Winter and spring classes and workshops for tots, preschoolers, older children, teens, adults and artists are

available online and brochures are available at the Art House. Learn to make felted decorative pins, hair accessories and jewelry in a fun class from noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21. Unique workshops open to teens and adults include creating a Ceramic Luminary with artisans from Detroit's Pewabic Tile for a fun night 7-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26. We have lots more fun, creative and serious classes offered in art exploration, drawing, watercolor, acrylics, crafts, metal work and jewelry making, fashion design, oil painting, pastel, ink, photography, soap making and fiber. Go to www.northvillearthouse.org.

Volunteers and other support

Volunteers are the heart of the Art House. Call if you're interested in getting involved. You can also offer support through an annual membership to the Friends of the Northville Art House which supports Art House activities and gives members a discount on store items and classes. We are a community based art center and you can be a PART of it!

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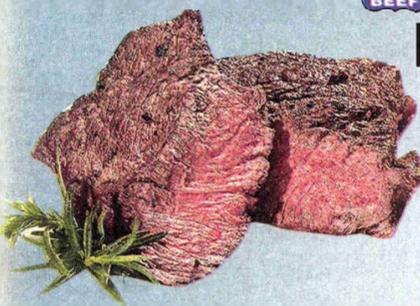
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SCHOOL VISIT

Olympian's message is elementary

Wrestler Herbert advocates physical literacy to students

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Olympic wrestler Jake Herbert is a man of many talents on and off the mat, with a message that resonates and captivates.

He's part actor, entrepreneur, philanthropist, motivational speaker and Ninja who has aspirations of earning his second straight Summer Games berth on the U.S. freestyle team at 84 kilograms (185 pounds).

Taking a break from his training at the nearby Cliff Keen Wrestling Club in Ann Arbor, the Pittsburgh native and two-time NCAA champion stopped by Feb. 3 to speak to an all-school assembly for the second year in a row at Northville's Silver Springs Elementary.

The 30-year-old Herbert, a 2009 World silver medalist and 2015 Pan Am Games silver medalist, also put on a youth wrestling clinic later that eve-

ning at Northville High School.

"I don't just teach wrestling," Herbert said. "I really hype on physical literacy. That's my big key, because if these kids can forward roll, backwards roll, walk on their hands, front hand-spring, back hand-spring, then it's not just wrestling. It's whatever sport they want to learn, then by the age of 10, it's something they're going to be able to do."

Herbert was three-time Big Ten Conference champion and four-time NCAA All-American who went 149-4 during his stellar career at Northwestern University. He earned the 2009 Dan Hodge Trophy, awarded to the best college wrestler in the nation, and the 2009 Big Ten Athlete of the Year award.

Wrestling has taken him to more than 30 countries. He has met rock stars, celebrities, billionaires and presidents. He is the co-founder of Base Wrestling, a training program, and Double Leg Ninja, a wrestling apparel company.



BRAD EMONS

See HERBERT, Page B5 Jake Herbert (top) has become a favorite son at Northville's Silver Springs Elementary School.

BOYS BASKETBALL



BRAD EMONS

Northville clinched its first boys basketball division title since moving into the KLAAs in 2008.

Northville downs Stevenson to earn Central title outright

Senior Justin Zimbo scores 26 points as Mustangs improve to 14-0 overall

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

The last time the Northville boys basketball team captured a division title, President Barack Obama hadn't even taken office yet.

But the nine-year drought ended Friday night at home as the unbeaten Mustangs staged an inauguration ceremony of their own by clinching the KLAAs Central outright with a 79-64 triumph over Livonia Stevenson.

It was back in the days of President Bush and the old Western Lakes Activities Association when the Mustangs captured their last division crown in 2007 as Alvin Storrs led the way.

"It's very exciting," said Northville coach Todd Sander, whose team improved to 14-0 overall and 8-0 in the Central. "I'm so happy and proud for my team. They're happy, but at the same time all year long they've had that 'next game' mentality, so I hope they enjoy it for a couple of days and then come back ready to work and finish it off next week."

The Mustangs were able to withstand Stevenson's high-powered offense, getting a game-high 26 points from senior guard Justin Zimbo, who nailed four 3-pointers.

Senior forwards Justin Gibbons and

Nick Wilds chipped in 16 and 12, respectively, while junior guard Jake Justice came off the bench to score eight.

The Mustangs shot 46.9 percent from the floor (23-of-49) and made 80.6 percent of their free throws (25-of-31) to hold the Spartans at bay.

"I think they've had at least three games in the 80s, so we had a pretty good feel it would be up and down," Sander said. "If we had tried to slow it down, I don't think we'd be able to do that, so we had to run with them. We can score, too, and we did tonight."

Northville led 22-18 after one quarter and 42-31 at halftime.

The Mustangs then opened up a 19-point third-quarter lead, 58-39, on a basket by Jack Burke with 3:22 left in the quarter.

Stevenson clawed back and made it a two-possession game, 66-60, with 5:51 left in the final quarter on a steal and basket by Nader Kandalaft.

But Northville regrouped and finished the game on a 13-4 run, keyed by a block, a steal and layup by Gibbons with 1:08 remaining to put the Mustangs back up by 13.

"It feels great, knowing that we already clinched," said Burke, a 6-foot junior who contributed five points. "It's definitely chemistry. We get along

really well and we play as a team and that really helps us."

Devin Dunn and Kandalaft, both sophomores, finished with 16 points, while junior Ian Knoph added 11 for the Spartans, who slipped to 8-6 overall and 4-4 in the KLAAs Central.

"Our defense was pretty bad tonight," Stevenson coach Kareem Smart said. "And then, too, our shot selection ... guys I don't think were real confident shooting the ball tonight as we normally are. It happens sometimes."

Stevenson shot only 35.9 percent from the field (23-of-64) and was 10-of-13 from the foul line (76.9 percent).

"Some days we have a lot of confidence, some days we don't," Smart said. "When we have shots going down, everyone is feeling good and certain days we don't. We're not that big, of course, but we try to get off a lot of shots and try and play aggressive defense on the other end."

Smart said there is a reason why Northville stands atop the division.

"None of their guys are afraid to shoot," he added. "They play tough, they play physical. They come off screens really well. They play a complete game."

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Northville gets share of division hoops title

Mustangs stampede Stevenson in KLAAs Central encounter, 48-10

Ed Wright
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Friday's girls basketball game between Northville and host Livonia Stevenson could have doubled as a Geico commercial.

From the opening tip to the final buzzer, the Mustangs ran, ran and ran some more, which is what mustangs do.

When the dust settled, Northville had galloped to a resounding 48-10 victory – a Grand Canyon-esque margin of victory that surprised both teams' coaches.

"We weren't expecting this, by any means," Northville coach Todd Gudith said, motioning toward the scoreboard. "We were down a player tonight – one of our starters – and we thought we were going to have our work cut out for us."

"Our defense was strong tonight and they weren't able to really figure it out. Offensively, we made enough in the first half to make it comfortable in the second half."

Northville improved to 13-1 overall and 8-0 in the KLAAs Central Division, while clinching a share of the title.

The Mustangs bolted to a 20-2 lead at

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Stevenson's Jenna Tanderys (left) dribbles against Northville's Jenna Lauderback.

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BOYS SWIMMING

Novi a surprise second in Oakland County

Berman, Katulski capture individual titles; Rice first

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

The Novi boys swimming and diving coach Brent Pohlonski had reason to smile Saturday after the Wildcats recorded their highest finish ever in the Oakland County Championships held last weekend at Lake Orion.



Two-time defending MHSAA Division 1 champion Birmingham Brother Rice led the 28-school field with 369 points, while Novi was runner-up with 228.

Rounding out the top five was two-time defending Division 2 champ Birmingham Seaholm (212) and two-time defending Division 2 champion Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook (211.5), along with Novi Detroit Catholic Central (200).

“This meet was beyond our wildest expectations,” Novi coach Brett Pohlonski said. “We never spoke about finishing second. This gives us a lot of confidence as we prepare for the state meet in March and how high we can place there. We trusted some new people in key positions on our relays and they all came through huge for us.”

Divers Jimmy Ciolli (second, 360.10 points) and Nathan Pellerito (12th, 332.00) got the scoring started Friday night for Novi and it carried over.

On Saturday, senior Ryan Katulski and junior Joey Berman each earned



The Novi boys swimming and diving team finished runner-up in the Oakland County Championships.

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individual county titles in the 100-yard freestyle (47.18) and 100 backstroke (52.66), respectively.

Katulski (21.56) was also runner-up to Seaholm's Liam Little (21.18) in the 50 freestyle, while Siddhardha Kareddy placed third in both the 200 individual

medley (1:57.75) and 100 butterfly (52.15).

The Wildcats' 200 freestyle relay team of Philip Billiu, Siddhardha Kareddy, Alexander Yuan and Katulski, which placed third, also set a new school record (1:28.31).

Novi's 200 medley relay team of Berman, Narayan Manivannan, Siddhardha Kareddy and Philip Billiu (1:38.21) was third as well.

Meanwhile, the Wildcats' 400 freestyle relay team of Yuan, Berman, Joel Kotyk and Katulski) contributed a third in 3:16.84.

The Wildcats close out their dual meet season with a senior night ceremony beginning at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at home against Livonia Stevenson.

OAKLAND COUNTY BOYS SWIM CHAMPIONSHIPS
Feb. 5-6 at Lake Orion H.S.

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Birmingham Brother Rice, 369; 2. Novi, 228; 3. Birmingham Seaholm, 212; 4. Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook, 211.5; 5. Novi Detroit Catholic Central, 200; 6. Rochester Adams, 176; 7. Birmingham Groves, 159; 8. South Lyon Unified, 119.5; 9. Bloomfield Hills, 84; 10. Walled Lake Central, 75; 21. White Lake Lakeland, 17; 28. Milford, 6.

FINAL RESULTS

200-yard medley relay: 1. Brother Rice (Alex Margherio, Drew Grady, Jake Zielinski, Jack Grady), 1:36.06; 3. Novi (Joey Berman, Narayan Manivannan, Siddhardha Kareddy, Phillip Billiu), 1:38.21; 4. Detroit CC (Matt Loniewski, Jonathan Lee, Kyle Tschannen, Tommy Wiaduck), 1:38.47.

200 freestyle: 1. Cal Cerny (Groves), 1:42.95; 6. Kempisty (SLU), 1:46.02; 9. Joy (SLU), 1:46.8; 15. (tie) Christian Etnyre (SLU), 1:49.42.

200 individual medley: 1. Zielinski (Rice), 1:56.09; 3. Kareddy (Novi), 1:57.75; 4. Lee (CC), 1:57.86; 11. Billiu (Novi), 2:00.06; 12. Loniewski (CC), 2:00.23; 13. Charlie Walsh (CC), 2:00.48.

50 freestyle: 1. Liam Little (Seaholm), 21.18; 2. Ryan Katulski (Novi), 21.56.

1-meter diving: 1. Sebastian Fay (Seaholm), 431.85 points; 6. James Ciolli (Novi), 360.10; 10. David DeBaacker (CC), 350.10; 12. Nathan Pellerito (Novi), 332.00; 14. Robert Vance (CC), 307.75.

100 butterfly: 1. Josh Pascua (W.L. Central), 51.98; 3. Kareddy (Novi), 52.15; 5. Tschannen (CC), 52.47; 12. Walsh (CC), 54.30.

100 freestyle: 1. Katulski (Novi), 47.18; 13. Wiaduck (CC), 49.68.

500 freestyle: 1. Graham Mlotke (Adams), 4:36.96; 5. Vela (CC), 4:50.46; 6. Berman (Novi), 4:52.57; 7. Ethan Bezzina (CC), 4:52.65; 9. Loniewski (CC), 4:56.69.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Seaholm (Ryan Lawrence, Fay, Little, Len Ciemnicki), 1:26.58; 3. Novi (Billiu, Kareddy, Alexander Yuan, Katulski), 1:28.31.

100 backstroke: 1. Berman (Novi), 52.66; 7. Chris Barron (CC), 54.56; 11. Maxwell Williams (Novi), 55.61.

100 breaststroke: 1. Brenden French (Groves), 57.69; 4. Lee (CC), 59.52; 10. Loniewski (CC), 1:00.83.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Seaholm (Lawrence, Michael Arpa, Ciemnicki, Little), 3:12.78; 3. Novi (Yuan, Berman, Joel Kotyk, Katulski), 3:16.84; 5. Detroit CC (Tschannen, Wiaduck, Lee, Loniewski), 3:17.49.

BOYS SWIMMING

Northville just misses out on Wayne County championship

Host team Grosse Pointe South captures crown by 1.5 points

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Host Grosse Pointe South captured four events Saturday to come away with the Wayne County Invitational boys swimming and diving championship by defeating Northville by 1.5 points.

The Blue Devils, led by Jacob Montague, scored a team-high 371.5, while the Mustangs scored 370. Rounding out the top five in the 18-school field was Salem (209), Livonia Stevenson (206.5) and University of Detroit Jesuit (195).

Montague captured the 200-yard freestyle (1:39.33) and 100 butterfly (49.28). He also was a member of South's first-place 400 freestyle relay (3:16.38).

Travis Nitkiewicz was a county champ in the 100 breaststroke as Northville swept the first four places (1:01.78).

“We are starting to swim and dive better,” Northville coach Rich Bennetts said. “We picked up a couple more state cuts at the county meet so that is a good sign that we are starting to come around. We have one more dual meet (Thursday at Salem) and then we have to get ready for the championships where we hope to qualify more guys for the state meet and swim real fast.”

Stevenson's Jackson O'Dowd was also a double winner sweeping the 50- and 100 freestyles in 21.52 and 47.41, respectively.

WAYNE COUNTY INVITATIONAL BOYS SWIM MEET
Feb. 6 at Grosse Pointe South

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Grosse Pointe South, 371.5 points; 2. Northville, 370; 3. Salem, 209; 4. Livonia Stevenson, 206; 5. University of Detroit Jesuit, 195; 6. Allen Park, 192; 7. (tie) Plymouth and Canton, 146 each; 9. Brownstown Woodhaven, 129; 10. Riverview, 89.5 (18 schools).

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

200-yard medley relay: 1. G.P. South (Ethan Briggs, Matthew Koueiter, Matthew Melican, Patrick Waterson), 1:39.84; 3. Northville (Larry Zhao, Jason Nitkiewicz, James Xue, Nikolai Arton), 1:42.26.

200 freestyle: 1. Jacob Montague (GPS), 1:39.33; 6. Connor Lepish (N'ville), 1:53.13; 7. Jack Breuch (N'ville), 1:53.48; 12. David Alameddine (N'ville), 1:55.69; 13. Arthur Greenlee (N'ville), 1:55.69; 14. Nicholas Mouaikel (N'ville), 1:57.39.

200 individual medley: 1. Eugene Li (Salem), 1:58.81; 6. Trevor Degroot (N'ville), 2:05.13; 10. Zhao (N'ville), 2:08.58; 11. Chris Geng (N'ville), 2:08.72; 13. Taiyo Ichikawa (N'ville), 2:09.68; 14. J. Nitkiewicz (N'ville), 2:10.03.

50 freestyle: 1. Jackson O'Dowd (Stevenson), 21.52.

1-meter diving: 1. William McNellis (GPN), 467.70 points; 7. Christian Field (N'ville), 309.10; 13. Thomas Rys (N'ville), 252.50.

100 butterfly: 1. Montague (GPS), 49.28; 3. Xue (N'ville), 54.0; 10. J. Nitkiewicz (N'ville), 56.64; 12. Ali Pazooki (N'ville), 58.63.

100 freestyle: 1. O'Dowd (Stevenson), 47.41; 8. Zhao (N'ville), 50.01; 16. Taiyo Ichikawa (N'ville), 51.23.

500 freestyle: 1. Benjamin Rojewski (Stevenson), 4:55.49; 3. Jack Breuch (N'ville), 5:03.44; 6. David Alameddine (N'ville), 5:12.16; 7. Pazooki (N'ville), 5:16.04; 8. Mouaikel (N'ville), 5:17.04; 12. Jacob Tebbe (N'ville), 5:24.56.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Salem (Phillip Collingwood, Nathan Budnick, Matthew Croop, Li), 1:30.71; 3. Northville (Xue, Zhao, T. Nitkiewicz, Shane Boran), 1:32.43.

100 backstroke: 1. Parker Wasielewski (Stevenson), 54.63; 5. Greenlee (N'ville), 57.21.

100 breaststroke: 1. T. Nitkiewicz (N'ville), 1:01.78; 2. Arton (N'ville), 1:01.9; 3. Geng (N'ville), 1:02.05; 4. Xue (N'ville), 1:02.67; 8. Haotian Jiang (N'ville), 1:04.18; 15. Roman Grossi (N'ville), 1:06.83.

400 freestyle relay: 1. G.P. South (Montague, Nick Vallan, Briggs, Cam Francis), 3:16.38; 5. Northville (Heaven, Ichikawa, Lepish, Degroot), 3:25.35.

DUAL MEET RESULTS
NORTHVILLE 148
WALLED LAKE WESTERN 36
Feb. 6 at Northville

200-yard medley: 1. Northville (Ali Pazooki, Travis Nitkiewicz, Jason Nietkiewicz, Kenta Kikumori), 1:46.97; 2. Northville (Jack Breuch, Chris Geng, James Xue, Connor Lepish), 1:47.99.

200 freestyle: 1. Larry Zhao (N'ville), 1:52.67; 2. Cameron Heaven (N'ville), 1:52.94; 3. Jacob Tebbe (N'ville), 1:58.53.

200 individual medley: 1. David Alameddine (N'ville), 2:09.66; 2. Taiyo Ichikawa (N'ville), 2:10.13; 3. Geng (N'ville), 2:13.35.

50 freestyle: 1. David Handy (N'ville), 25.04; 3. Taran Deshpande (N'ville), 27.1.

1-meter diving: 1. Christian Field (N'ville), 183.90 points; 2. Thomas Rys (N'ville), 172.10.

100 butterfly: 1. Pazooki (N'ville), 58.85; 2. Haotian Jiang (N'ville), 1:01.14.

100 freestyle: 1. Xue (N'ville), 49.45; 2. Troy Stacer (N'ville), 53.7; 3. Ryan Smelt (N'ville), 53.56.

500 freestyle: 1. J. Nitkiewicz (N'ville), 5:06.58; 2. Nicholas Mouaikel (N'ville), 5:13.75; 3. Lepish (N'ville), 5:16.01.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Northville (Arthur Greenlee, Zhao, Handy, Roman Grossi), 1:40.72; 2. Northville (Stacer, Smelt, Shane Boran, Field), 1:40.72.

100 backstroke: 1. John Duan (N'ville), 59.82; 2. Kikumori (N'ville), 1:03.14; 3. Jacob Grimm (N'ville), 1:03.91.

100 breaststroke: 1. Nikoai Arton (N'ville), 1:02.62; 2. Ancheng Da (N'ville), 1:07.49.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Northville (Heaven, Tebbe, Mouaikel, Kikumori), 3:35.23; 2. Northville (Lepish, Geng, Breuch, Xue), 3:36.44.

Dual meet records: Northville, 8-2 overall; Western, 0-6.

BOYS SWIMMING

Novi splashes past Salem

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

The Novi boys swim team motored to another KLAAC Central Division dual meet victory with a 119-67 triumph at Salem.

The Wildcats, who improved to 8-1 overall, can wrap up the Central title next Thursday at home on senior night with a win over Livonia Stevenson. (The meet starts at 6:30 p.m.)

Novi captured 8-of-12 events paced by individual winners Joey Berman, 200-yard individual medley (2:04.42); Alexander Yuan, 50 freestyle (23.4); James Ciolli, 1-meter diving (247.95 points); Ryan Katulski, 100 butterfly (55.38); Maxwell Williams, 100 freestyle (52.24); and Phillip Billiu, 500 freestyle (5:04.81).

Novi's 200 freestyle relay foursome of Narayan Manivannan, Joel Kotyk, Bradley Huang and Katulski took first (1:33.83), while the quartet of Billiu, Stephen Siitari, Tomoki Moriya and Brian Son also captured the 400 freestyle (3:31.09).

Eugene Li paced Salem with wins in the 200 freestyle (1:47.66) and 100

breaststroke (1:01.36). He also teamed up with Nick Landon, Nathan Budnick and Phillip Collingwood for a victory in the 200 medley relay (1:42.79).

Budnick also added a first in the 100 backstroke (59.92) as the Rocks slipped to 0-3 in the KLAAC Central.

DUAL MEET RESULTS
NOVI 117, SALEM 69
Feb. 4 at Salem

200-yard medley relay: 1. Salem (Eugene Li, Nick Landon, Nathan Budnick, Phillip Collingwood), 1:42.79; 2. Novi (Phillip Billiu, Alexander Yuan, Ryan Katulski, Bradley Huang), 1:45.01; 3. Novi (Joel Kotyk, Joey Berman, Maxwell Williams, Narayan Manivannan), 1:50.83.

200 freestyle: 1. Li (Salem), 1:47.66; 2. Brian Son (Novi), 1:55.74.

200 individual medley: 1. Berman (Novi), 2:04.42; 2. Katulski (Novi), 2:06.5; 3. Stephen Siitari (Novi), 2:06.5.

50 freestyle: 1. Yuan (Novi), 23.4.

1-meter diving: 1. James Ciolli (Novi), 247.95 points; 2. Nathan Pellerito (Novi), 216.95; 3. Mitchell Russell (Novi), 173.70.

100 butterfly: 1. Katulski (Novi), 55.38; 3. Erik Halboth (Novi), 1:03.07.

100 freestyle: 1. Williams (Novi), 52.24; 3. Son (Novi), 53.56.

500 freestyle: 1. Billiu (Novi), 5:04.81; 2. Minjae Kim (Novi), 5:29.45.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Novi (Manivannan, Kotyk, Huang, Katulski), 1:33.83; 3. Novi (Williams, Son, Yuan, Berman), 1:34.88.

100 backstroke: 1. Budnick (Salem), 59.92; 2. Daniel Chung (Novi), 1:03.77; 3. Preston Harrell (Novi), 1:04.06.

100 breaststroke: 1. Li (Salem), 1:01.36; 2. Yuan (Novi), 1:06.1.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Novi (Billiu, Siitari, Tomoki Moriya, Son), 3:31.09; 3. Novi (Andrew Kipponen, Harrell, Ben Robbins, Chung), 3:41.27.

Dual meet records: Novi, 8-1 overall; 3-0 KLAAC Central Division; Salem, 0-3 KLAAC Central.

PREP GYMNASTICS

Northville takes 11th at Canton Invitational

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Despite an unfortunate season-ending injury to sophomore standout Grace Jankowski, the Northville gymnastics team rallied for an 11th-place finish at Saturday's Canton Invitational.

In a meet that drew 20 of the state's top teams at Plymouth High School, Rockford-Sparta placed first with a total of 146.75 points, while Northville's total was 133.525.

Northville's top individual performer was Erin McCallum, who scored 9.1 to place 11th in the Division 1 balance beam.

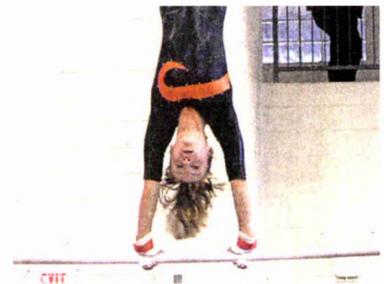
Freshman Lora Haupt added 8.575 on vault, while Grace Milligan, returning to the lineup from a tailbone injury following a month-long absence, scored 8.525 on floor exercise.

The Mustangs return to action at 6 p.m. Thursday dual at Saline.

Mustangs rule quad meet

Northville scored 133.2 points Feb. 2 to best Walled Lake Northern, host Walled Lake Central and Waterford United in the annual "Pink Out" quad meet for breast cancer awareness.

Other team scores included North-



Northville's Erin McCallum performs on the uneven parallel bars at the Canton Invite.

KAREN MCCALLUM

ern (116.7), Central (109.975) and Waterford (113.6).

The Mustangs, who improved to 8-4 overall and 3-3 in the KLAAC's Kensington Division, got an outstanding performance by Erin McCallum, who posted the high score of the night with 9.2 on vault.

Other high scorers included Maddy Lewis, uneven parallel bars (8.625); Mackenzie Willson, balance beam (8.6); and Lora Haupt, floor exercise (8.075).

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BOYS BASKETBALL

Mustangs stave off Salem's challenge

Zimbo's 21-point effort sparks victory in KLAAs Central match-up

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Although Punxsutawney Phil forecast an early spring on Groundhog Day, Northville continues to cast a giant shadow on the 2015-16 winter boys basketball season.

The unbeaten Mustangs made it 13 straight and gave themselves a three-game cushion in the KLAAs Central race with only three division games remaining following a 59-55 win Feb. 2 over visiting Salem.

Northville, which earned at least a share of the title, improved to 7-0 in the division. The Mustangs are three games up on Novi, Livonia Stevenson and Salem, which all stand at 4-3.

Senior guard Justin Zimbo once again paced Northville's offensive attack with 21 points, including two big triples at the end of the third quarter to

spark an 8-0 mini-run that put the Mustangs ahead 47-38 entering the fourth.

But the big play came with just 0.05 seconds remaining in the third, when



Zimbo

6-foot junior guard Kevin Morrissey tipped in a one-hander at the horn off a lob pass from teammate Justin Gibbons (17 points) to put Northville up by nine.

"Unbelievable," Northville coach Todd Sander said of the in-bound play. "Kevin is a freak athlete in that way. That might have been more impressive than the game-winner a couple of weeks ago (a 3-pointer at the buzzer to beat Novi). It's about the fourth option on a play that we ran halfway right, but fortunately it worked out for us."

Salem (8-5), which had taken Northville down to the wire Jan. 12 in the first meeting between the two teams before losing, 53-52, rallied again from eight points down with 2:43 left after Nick

Wilds made a layup to put the Mustangs up 54-46.

A 3-pointer by junior guard Cameron Grace (23 points) with 43 seconds left, followed by two Grace free throws with 22.4 remaining, cut the deficit to 56-54. But Zimbo made 3-of-4 free throws during the final 18 seconds to secure the victory.

"There were a number of things that cost us," Salem coach Bob Brodie said. "There were lane violations, stepping on the line, missed shots. That's a good, solid ball club, Northville. They take care of the basketball. They're big. They can shoot the basketball and every time we tried to make a run at them, they had an answer at the other end, so it was tough."

It was another tip-in at the buzzer by Jake Justice that gave Northville a 27-25 halftime lead.

After going 5-of-20 from the field in the second quarter, the Mustangs turned things around by becoming more efficient offensively in the third, hitting 6-of-9 shots, including three

triples by Zimbo, to go along with 5-of-6 from the foul line. It all added up to a 20-13 advantage in the quarter.

"The halftime speech was obviously big, got us fired up," Zimbo said. "We got our starters back in to start the third quarter. Wilds and I were in foul trouble and Gibbons was a little off in the second quarter, so we just had to basically stick with it and we knew we could pull it out at the end."

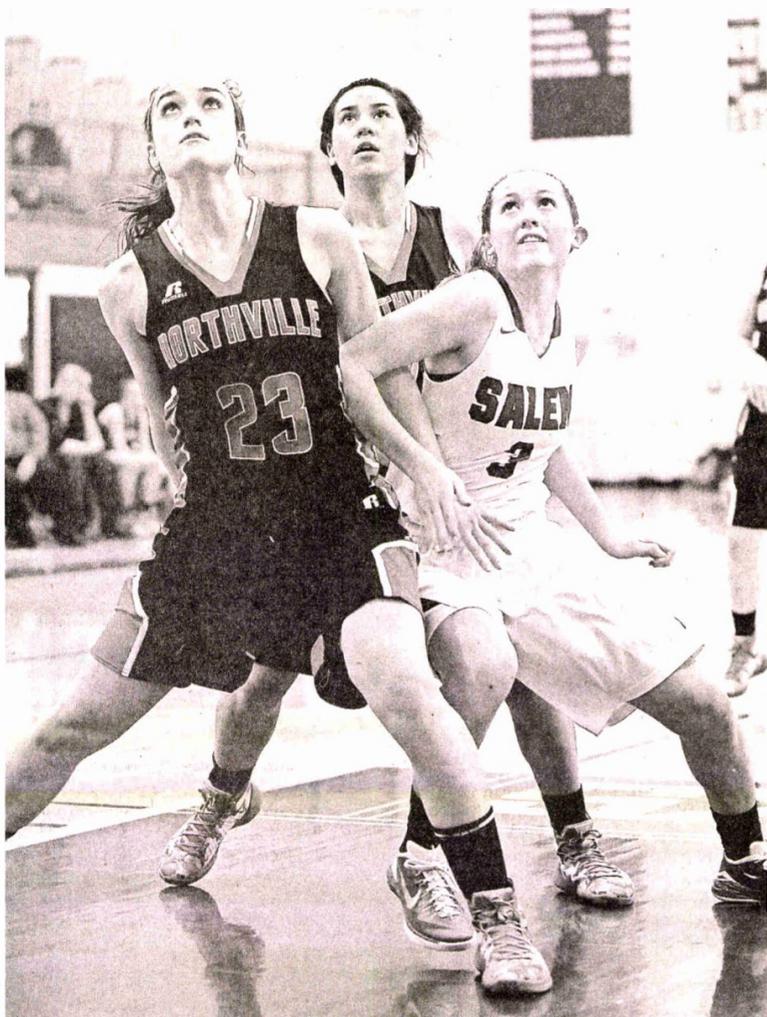
Northville didn't try to deviate from its season-long formula.

"Basically, just keep playing hard defense, take open shots and they'll eventually fall," Zimbo said. "We're a good shooting team and just get to the hoop. (Salem) played us really tough when they were at home. We only beat them by one. They're a great team."

Salem senior guard Calin Crawford, who got into early first-quarter foul trouble and had to sit a majority of the first half, scored all 13 of his points in the second half.

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GIRLS BASKETBALL



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Tracking the basketball under the rim are Northville's Lindsay Rathsburg (left) and Salem's Leah Moss.

Northville outlasts shorthanded Rocks

Salem hangs tough despite Petree sisters leaving squad

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

On Feb. 1, the Salem varsity girls basketball team found out the Petree sisters were leaving, reportedly bound for Ypsilanti Arbor Preparatory.

A day later, with only seven players dressed for a KLAAs Central match-up against first-place Northville, the host Rocks showed plenty of grit and resolve — although the Mustangs had enough in the tank to post a 41-32 victory.

"That was all that I asked of the kids today, was to give me all you have, play like it's your last and go ahead and give all the effort in the world," Salem coach Lindsay Klemmer said. "Play as a team. I am extremely, extremely proud of the way they showed up tonight."

Klemmer said sophomore forward Jala Petree, sophomore guard Lasha Petree and freshman guard Mahrianna Petree and Salem came to a mutual decision to immediately part ways.

The Salem coach said it is "95 percent" settled that the Petrees will go to Arbor Prep (which reached the Class C state semifinals last year).

On the court, the Rocks did not go quietly, although the outcome never was in doubt.

"Both of the runs they went on were our unforced turnovers," said Klemmer, whose team dropped to 8-5 overall and 3-4 in the division. "If we clean those up, those runs don't happen, it's a closer game."

Northville head coach Todd Gudith's squad led wire-to-wire, but it wasn't exactly a cake walk. The Mus-

tangs (12-1, 7-0) did take advantage of strong starts to each half, leading 11-3 after the opening quarter and going off on a 11-0 run midway through the third to break it open.

Gudith said he informed players before the game about Salem losing the Petrees, adding the rumors had been circulating for a little while.

"We didn't change anything," Gudith said. "I told our kids before the game that (the Rocks) are dealing with a lot of stuff right now, but it doesn't change the way we play offense, it doesn't change the way we play defense."

"It's about us and our effort. It's just different players on the floor. And they've got enough good players, obviously, they played really hard tonight and they played like a really good team."

One of Northville's standouts was junior Jessica Moorman, who scored 11 of her 16 points in the third, when the Mustangs enjoyed a 19-6 edge to take a 35-17 lead.

"That (third) seems to be my quarter throughout the season," Moorman said. "So I just decided to come out and play how I like to play, so it worked out pretty well."

Also solid for Northville was junior Brook Adams, who scored 14 points before leaving the game early in the fourth after bruising a knee.

"I think the difference in the third quarter, quite frankly, was just the fact they only had seven dressed tonight," Gudith continued. "And I think we just wore them down in the third quarter."

For the Rocks, juniors Jayna Lenders (13 points) and Darby Scott (10 points) played solid all-around games.

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GIRLS BASKETBALL WRAP

Franklin Road falters; Novi splits in division

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Naja Farrell's game-high 15 points Friday carried Harper Woods Chandler Park Academy to a 51-42 non-conference girls basketball victory over host Novi Franklin Road Christian.

Chandler Park (10-7) led, 35-23, at halftime.

Hannah Rayburn, a senior guard, led the Warriors (5-10) with 12 points.

Franklin Road Christian made only 12-of-27 free throws (44.4 percent), while Chandler Park was only 7-of-17 (41.1 percent).

NOVI 46, SOUTH LYON 22: Sophomore guard Ellie Mackay scored 17 points and added eight steals, leading the Wildcats (12-2, 6-2) to a KLAAs Central Division win Friday over the visiting Lions (1-13, 0-8).

Julia Lalain chipped in nine points and five rebounds, while Allie Lipson and Marissa Dunn each added five points for Novi, which led 14-1 after one quarter and 23-6 at halftime.

South Lyon also grabbed a team-high seven rebounds.

SOUTH LYON EAST 52, NOVI 43: Senior guard Peyton Jones scored a game-high 25 points Feb. 2 as the host the Cougars (5-8, 3-4) downed the Wildcats (11-2, 5-2) in a KLAAs Central Division encounter.

"We've lost so many close games that we were right there, but we just couldn't turn the corner," East coach Rob Leadley said. "I

think this is a huge boost for us, no question."

Jones scored 12 of her team's 20 fourth-quarter points with a 3-pointer while going 9-of-10 from the foul line as East outscored the second place Wildcats by a 20-9 margin. Jones went 13-of-15 total from the free-throw line.

"Ellie Mackay getting in foul trouble was big for us," said Leadley, whose team was tied 32-32 after three quarters. "They had a couple girls foul out and that changed things quite a bit. I think we just settled down and controlled the ball a little bit. We took our time, we took good shots and played pretty good defense and rebounded well. It was a pretty complete second half, that's for sure."

Danielle Waranauckas added 10 points, while Abby Jones chipped in five points and a team-high 12 rebounds for the Cougars, who shot 16-of-41 from the field (39 percent) and 18-of-27 from the foul line (66.7 percent).

"I think Abby Jones had one of her best games," Leadley said. "Lauren Kuznicki came off the bench and did a great job for us, got some offensive rebounds and did a pretty good job on defense. I thought she played one of her best games, as well."

Ellie Mackay, a sophomore guard, scored 18 points and added six rebounds for Novi, which shot 34.1 percent from the floor (15-of-44) and 62.5 percent from the line (10-of-16).

Mikayla Jones, who fouled out, contributed eight points for the Wildcats, as did Julia Lalain.

The Wildcats, who committed 18 turnovers, were also missing Cara Ninkovich (ankle injury), while Jessie Banydk (illness) played only a half.

FRANKLIN ROAD 66, CLARENCEVILLE 18: Chanelle Lochrie and Hannah Rayburn scored 18 and 17 points, respectively, leading host Novi Franklin Road Christian (5-9) to the non-conference victory Feb. 2 over Livonia Clarenceville (0-13).

Danielle Fusco chipped in 13 points for the Warriors, who led 33-14 at halftime and 54-16 after three quarters. Franklin Road made 14-of-19 free throws (73.6 percent).

A'Sha Whittaker scored eight points for the Trojans, who went 6-for-10 from the foul line.

BOYS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Top-ranked U-D Jesuit decks Shamrocks; Lions upset Novi

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Mr. Basketball candidate and Michigan State guard signee Cassius Winston poured in a game-high 25 points Friday leading unbeaten University of Detroit Jesuit to a convincing 64-32 victory over visiting Novi Detroit Catholic Central.

The Class A top-ranked Cubs, who improved to 15-0 overall and 6-0 in the Catholic League's Central Division, jumped out to a 32-19 halftime advantage and put it away with a 21-6 third quarter run.

Scott Nelson and Greg Eboigbodin each added eight points for U-D Jesuit, which won an earlier meeting between the two teams, 77-56 (on Jan. 19).

Brandon Recto and Austin Brown each tallied six points for the Shamrocks (7-5, 4-3).

SOUTH LYON 55, NOVI 51: Junior Nick Flynn poured in a game-high 27 points and hit a key three-pointer in the final minute Friday to spark the host Lions (4-10, 3-5) to a KLAAs Central Division win over the Wildcats (7-7, 4-4).

Senior Josh Remstad, who added 12 points, also hit two free throws with only three seconds remaining after coming up with a clutch steal to secure the victory.

Johnny Davis and Naji Ozeir each scored 11 for the Wildcats, who led 39-38 after three quarters before being outscored 17-12 in the fourth.

South Lyon made 14-of-18 free throws, while Novi was 7-of-11.

"Both teams played hard, no question," Novi coach Brandon Sinawi said. "Anytime you play at South Lyon it's going to be a hard-fought game regardless of who wins. You got to make plays late in games and our team tonight played as hard as they could, but we made some mistakes. Defensively late in the game we had a chance to stop them late in the game and they hit a big shot. We were in a position to win the game and came out empty handed."

The Wildcats played without 6-foot-4 starting point-guard Kam Hankerson, a Wisconsin-Green Bay signee, who could be out as many as three weeks with a knee injury, according to Sinawi.

NOVI 71, SOUTH LYON EAST 36: Eleven different players scored on Feb. 2 as the host Wildcats (7-6, 4-3) pulled away in the second half for a KLAAs Central Division victory over visiting South Lyon East (0-13, 0-7).

Trendon Hankerson, Traveon Maddox, Jr. and Bradley Wenner finished 11 points apiece for the victorious Wildcats, who went 15-of-23 from the foul line.

Novi only led 4-3 after one quarter and 26-14 at halftime before outscoring the Cougars by a 45-21 margin in the second half.

Luke Trent scored 11 points for the Cougars, who went 7-of-11 from the foul line.

DIVINE CHILD 55, DETROIT CC 54: Val Vena tallied 19 points, including three triples, to spark Dearborn Divine Child (10-1) to a Catholic League inter-sectional victory Feb. 2 at Novi Detroit Catholic Central (7-4).

The Falcons, who also got 10 points from Quinn Blair, led 28-20 at halftime and 42-38 after three quarters.

Freshman guard Austin Brown scored a game-high 23 points, while senior center Tom Smulski added 12 for the Shamrocks, who went 9-of-13 from the free throw line (69.2 percent).

Divine Child connected on only 12-of-24 free throws (50 percent).

FRANKLIN ROAD 73, CLARENCEVILLE 64: On Feb. 2, Mitchell Kubiak's game-high 31 points wasn't enough as host Livonia Clarenceville (1-11) fell to Novi Franklin Road Christian (10-5) in a non-conference game.

Austin Hearn, a senior guard, led the victorious Warriors with 20 points and 11 boards, while Joshua Betcher (16 points, 13 rebounds) and Joshua Bause (10 points, 15 rebounds) also posted double-doubles.

Franklin Road led 34-26 at halftime and increased its lead to 58-42 after three quarters before coasting home.

"We pressed them, they made mistakes and we capitalized on that," said Franklin Road first-year coach Matt Mikel, whose team went 6-of-15 from the foul line.

Clarenceville was only 1-of-5 from the free throw line.

MUSTANGS

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the break, thanks to an across-the-roster smorgasbord of fast, savvy players who seem to enjoy playing defense.

"They run the same press as we do and we knew it was coming at us, but they're as athletic as get-out and we kept shooting ourselves in the foot. We ended up caving in to their pressure," Stevenson coach Tim Newman said.

Sophomore Roan Haines led a balanced Northville attack with 10 points. Senior Lindsey Rathsburg added nine and Jessica Moorman contributed six.

With their starters sitting out most of the fourth quarter, the Mustangs checked loudly when reserves such as Ella Doudworth (four points) and Julia Calderon (four points) lit up the scoreboard.

"We're not a big team, by any means," Gudith said, "but it's a scrappy group. Our athleticism and quickness



ED WRIGHT

Northville's Julia Calderon is pursued by a trio of Stevenson defenders during a third-quarter fast break Friday night.

make up for our lack of height." Northville obliterated any hopes of a miraculous second-half rally for the Spartans by outscoring them 15-2 during the anti-climactic third quarter.

Five different players scored a single bucket for the Spartans, who slipped to 7-7 overall and 3-5 in the KLAAs Central Division.

BOYS HOCKEY

Shamrocks ice Green Bay opponent, 5-1

CC goalie Calvaruso solid in 5-1 MIHL Showcase win

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

As the team's goalie, Alec Calvaruso knows he's the last line of defense.

But senior had to like what he was seeing much of the time in the offensive end of Teifer Rink as his Novi Detroit Catholic Central teammates kept the pressure up for all 51 minutes en route to a 5-1 victory Saturday over Green Bay (Wis.) Notre Dame Academy in a Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League Showcase game held in Trenton.

Calvaruso was good when he needed to be turning away 17-of-18 shots as the defending MHSAA Division 1 champs improved to 13-6 overall to complete a 2-0 Showcase weekend.

"They played very well, they played start-to-finish, and it's how we can play," Calvaruso said. "They just went into it like it was a state final game and played well."

The only thing missing from Calvaruso's game resumé was a shutout, which was spoiled with

only 3:13 left in the final period when the Tritons' Jadon Motquin scored on a power play.

"I was screened, I really couldn't see, but you got to keep your head and keep playing," Calvaruso said.

CC had plenty of jump in its step during the first period outshooting Notre Dame 8-3 while getting a goal by

Brendan West with only 12.1 seconds left. Jared Lee, who drew an assist, poked the puck away on a giveaway in just in front of Notre Dame netminder Jason Revolinsky.

"I thought the first 12-to-14 minutes of the game was good," Notre Dame coach Cory McCracken said. "I thought we were pretty even with Catholic Central at that point. The goal at the end of the first period put us on our heels a little bit and it's always tough when you get scored on at the end of the period."

The Shamrocks (13-6) upped their lead to 3-0 after two periods as Kam Ottenbreit scored at 8:33 from Cody Burke and Brendan Cleary followed by JoJo Mancinelli's nifty back-

handed effort from J.P. Lafferty and Kyle Mulka at 9:45.

"They took it to us the first 10-to-12 minutes of the second period," McCracken said.

"They made a strong push and we didn't have a lot of answers frankly at the that point and time. We looked tired and got a little loose in our structure. And they took advantage of it like a good team does."

The second proved to be another good period for the Shamrocks.

"When we play the game that we need to play we can be very successful ... get pucks in, moving our feet, possessing the puck in the offensive zone ... we can be a good hockey team," CC coach Brandon Kaleniecki said.

"It's not always going to be pretty, but it's just got to be a workmanlike effort every night, one line after the other. We're pretty deep and confident that all the lines can compete and contribute. So we just have to play the way we need to play, though."

Mulka then scored just 46 seconds into the second period off assists from Mancinelli and Lafferty to make it 4-0.

"The goal at the start of the third was much like the goal at the end of the first period,"

McCracken said. "You can't give a team like Catholic Central two soft, easy goals, and bounce back and score five against them. That's not going to work. So we respect their program, they're a great high school team and that's the reason we came over here to get competition like that. I just wish we had given them more competition."

After Notre Dame (10-13-1) got its power play goal from Motquin, the Shamrocks' Austin Roell took a face-off from Burke and ripped a shot from the right blue line to complete the scoring for CC with 44.8 seconds left in the game.

"I kind of feel maybe we've found a little more speed than we had earlier in the year," said Kaleniecki, whose team outshot the Tritons 29-18. "That's good to see, whether it's just used to playing in a high-tempo all the time. And with our schedule we play high-end teams all the time, so you have to play that way and have that jump every night or it's going to be a tough night."

The top-ranked Shamrocks, who hit a big speed bump during mid-season losing four of five games, including two against national power Culver

Military Academy (Ind.), have now won four straight.

"We learned how hard we have to compete every night," Kaleniecki said. "When we went down there we had to compete to our max. That's all there really was to it. We learned how hard we can compete. We learned that's how we have to compete all the time."

And from the back-end, there were some valuable lessons learned from that Jan. 22-23 trip.

"We learned we got to come into every game and we learned that's how we can play and that's how we have to play every game like we're playing Culver," Calvaruso said.

The Shamrocks remained the No. 1-ranked team in Division 1.

DETROIT CC 6, GRAND RAPIDS CC 3: JoJo Mancinelli collected a goal and three assists Friday to power Novi Detroit Catholic Central (12-6) to a victory over Grand Rapids Catholic Central in a battle of state-ranked teams in the MIHL Showcase at Trenton's Kennedy Arena.

J.P. Lafferty also scored twice, while Kyle Mulka assisted on three goals for the Shamrocks, who were tied 2-2 after one period before going up 4-2 after two.

Anthony Esser also chipped in with a goal and assist, while Nick Macari and Michael Considine had the other goals for the Shamrocks.

Will Korte tallied a goal and assist, while Brian Pattison and Jared Jackson had the other goals for the Cougars, who were ranked No. 1 in Division 3. CC goaltender Alec Calvaruso made 12 saves, while Grand Rapids CC's Jacob McClelland had 20.

BOYS HOCKEY ROUNDUP

MIHL Showcase: Mustangs wind up splitting pair

Mustangs fall to U-D after upending Cranbrook, 3-1

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Dylan Manning's goal with 6:23 left in the final period proved to be the difference Saturday as the University of Detroit-Jesuit stopped Northville, 4-2, in the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League Showcase at Trenton's Teifer Rink.

Teddy Apap and Sam Knoblauch assisted on the game-winner, while Apap added an unassisted empty-netter with only 17 second left to seal the victory for the state-ranked Cubs (No. 3 Division 1, 10-4-5 overall).

Knoblauch opened the scoring at 13:38 of the opening period, assisted by Lorenzo D'Agostini and Manning. D'Agostini, then made it 2-0 for U-D at 23 seconds of the second period.

Northville (14-6-1), ranked No. 6 in Division 1, made a third-period comeback to knot the count at 2-2, getting a goal from Nick Bonofiglio at 0:34 (from Jimmy Dales and Ian Welsch) followed by Kyle Dann's unassisted goal at 7:53.

Northville goaltender Brett Miller made 20 saves, while U-D's Jake Robinson had 19.

NORTHVILLE 3, CRANBROOK 1: Senior Kyle Dann scored a pair of goals Friday as the Mustangs (14-5-1) defeated Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook (11-7-1) in a meeting of state-ranked teams in the MIHL at Trenton's Kennedy Arena.

Northville jumped out to a 1-0 lead on Daniel McKee's power-play goal at 1:49 of the opening period from Jack Sargent and Nick Williams. Dann then made it 2-0 at 6:59 of the second period, from Jimmy Dales, and added his second at 0:38 of the third from Anthony Solack and Riley Brass.

C.J. Regula's power-play goal at 12:41 of the third, from Alex Lyckett and Dawson Zahorian, spoiled Northville goaltender Brett Miller's shutout bid.

Miller made 23 saves, while Stephen Friedlund also had 23 saves for Cranbrook.

CHURCHILL 5, NOVI 0: John Doyle tallied a goal and assist Friday as host Livonia Churchill (16-3-1, 7-2 KLAAs South) downed the Wildcats (6-13-1, 2-10 KLAAs Central) in a Kensington Conference crossover game at Livonia's Edgar Arena.

The Chargers, who jumped out to a 3-1 first-period lead, also got goals from Josh Friend, Griffin Ahmet and Jordan Vengoni, while Nolan Coich had two assists.

Alex Cai had two unassisted goals for Novi, including a power-play effort. Jake Cyr also scored, from Brandon Kour and Brennan Martin, in the final period.

BRIGHTON 3, NOVI 0: Jay Keranen scored a pair of power-play goals Feb. 2 as the state-ranked Bulldogs (13-6, 9-2) skated to a KLAAs Central Division victory over the Wildcats (6-12-1, 2-9) at the Kensington Valley Ice House.

Keranen opened the scoring at 8:26 of the opening period on a power-play effort from Joey Clifford and Lee Pietila. At 15:31 of the second, Keranen scored again from Pietila on another power play to make it 2-0. Will Mosssett's goal from Nick Foran with 8:39 left in the third gave the Bulldogs a three-goal cushion.

Goalie Logan Neaton made 24 saves to earn the shutout for the Bulldogs.

The Wildcats, who did not get a power-play opportunity in the game, got 28 saves from senior goalie Josh Richardson.

College-bound Wildcats



BRIAN GORDON

Novi High School recognized its college-bound student-athletes on the Feb. 3 National Signing Day, including (from left): Hope Kapelanski, softball, Hope College; Emanuel Jackson, football, Western Michigan University; Katrina Koomen, soccer, College of Charleston (S.C.); Megan Riley, soccer, Central Michigan University; Chloe Allen, soccer, Akron University; Allie Lipson, basketball, Albion College; Alex McAleer, soccer, Schoolcraft College; and Joost Plaetinck, cross country and track, University of Michigan.

Shamrocks signees



AARON BABICZ

Novi Detroit Catholic Central High recently recognized 19 student-athletes on its 2016 signing day. Among those headed to play college football include: Tom Kowalkoski, Boston College; Tyler Laurentius, Hillsdale College; Alex Bock, Ferris State; Tarek Dalou and Concordia University. Soccer commits include Justin Murray, University of Detroit Mercy; Matt Turton, Kalamazoo College; Peter Kirouac and Ben Sargent, Albion College; and Connor Gaskin, Claremont McKenna (Calif.) College. Lacrosse commits include Alex Jarzebowski, U-D Mercy; Nick Bazany, Rocco Mularoni and Kyle Gaines, Hope College; and Matt Jarzynski, Augustana (Ill.) College. Baseball commits include Grant Hartwig, Miami of Ohio; Nick Marcon, College of Central Florida; and Brendan Charette, Carroll (Wis.) University. Golf commits are Max Palmer, Robert Morris University, and Josh Stein, Lawrence Tech.

GIRLS BOWLING ROUNDUP

Wayne Memorial rolls past Wildcats, 28-2

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Wayne Memorial put on a dominating performance Monday, rolling to a 28-2 KLAA Central Division girls bowling victory over Novi at Canton's Super Bowl.

The Zebras, who improved to 11-3 overall and 7-3 in the division, captured both Baker games, 215-109 and 155-103, along with both regular games, 780-657 and 794-627.

Madison Murphy won both her matches, 128-76 and 124-86, for the Wildcats (2-12, 1-10), who were coming off their first division win of the season, a 16-14 triumph Feb. 2 over Plymouth at Town 'N Country Lanes in Westland.

The Wildcats (2-11, 1-9) won

the first Baker set, 124-118, while losing the second, 208-162, along with losing on totals, 326-286.

Novi, however, captured the first regular game, 728-687, along with three single points before losing a close second game, 748-740. But the Wildcats took three single points and totals, 1,468-1,435.

Nicole Kilikevicius rolled four strikes in frames 6-9, while making the second game close enough to win totals and gave her a 195-194 victory, her second point of the match, to secure the victory.

Megan Hartmuts (170-135) also scored two points, while Murphy (160) and Marissa Huth (141) both scored a point for Novi.

The loss dropped Plymouth

to 5-7 overall and 4-5 in the KLAA Central.

Mustangs stopped

It was no contest Monday, as host Canton (6-8, 4-7) posted a convincing 29-1 victory over Northville (2-13, 2-8) at Super Bowl. The Chiefs won on Baker totals, 311-211, and regular game totals, 1,573-1,193.

Beatrice Nayh scored the lone point for the Mustangs with a 153 game.

On Feb. 2, Salem (9-3, 7-2) earned a 25-5 KLAA Central Division victory over Northville (2-10, 2-7) at Super Bowl in Canton, as the Rocks won both Bakers and totals, 307-292, along with regular game totals, 1,761-1,307.

Nayh paced the Mustangs with a high game of 188.

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL
Friday, Feb. 12
Novi at Northville, 7 p.m.
Brother Rice at Detroit CC, 7:30 p.m.
Franklin Rd. at Oak Christian, 8 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 16
W.L. Central at Detroit CC, 7:30 p.m.
GIRLS BASKETBALL
Friday, Feb. 12
Novi at Northville, 5:30 p.m.
Franklin Rd. at Luth. N'west, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 16
Franklin Road at Roeper, 7 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 19
Franklin Rd. at Taylor BAPT., 7 p.m.
BOYS HOCKEY
Friday, Feb. 12
Northville vs. Franklin at Livonia's Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.
Detroit CC vs. Stevenson at Livonia's Edgar Arena, 8 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 13
Novi vs. Utica Eisenhower at Macomb Ice Arena, 6:30 p.m.
Detroit CC vs. Grandville at USA Hockey Arena, 5:30 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 16
Novi vs. Stevenson at Novi Ice Arena, 6 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 17
Detroit CC vs. DeLaSalle at USA Hockey Arena, 7:30 p.m.
GIRLS HOCKEY
Friday, Feb. 12
N'ville vs. Ply.-Canton-Salem at Canton's Arctic Edge, 8 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 18
Northville vs. Cranbrook at Livonia's Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 21
Northville vs. Warren Regina at Livonia's Edgar Arena, 5 p.m.
PREP WRESTLING
Thursday, Feb. 11
(Division 1 District at Plymouth)
Northville vs. Plymouth, 5:30 p.m.
Canton vs. Salem, 5:30 p.m.
Championship final, 7 p.m.
(Division 1 District at Detroit CC)
Detroit CC vs. South Lyon, 5:30 p.m.
Novi vs. W.L. Western, 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 13
(MHSAA Individual District)
Division 1 at Canton, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 17
(MHSAA Team Regional)
Division 1 at Salem, 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 20
(MHSAA Individual Regional)
Division 1 at Saline, 10 a.m.
BOYS SWIMMING
Thursday, Feb. 11
Stevenson at Novi, 6:30 p.m.
Northville at Salem, 6:30 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 12
MISCA Diving at EMU, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 13
MISCA Meet at EMU, noon.
Thursday, Feb. 18
Detroit CC vs. Brother Rice at Livonia Comm. Rec., 7 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 19
KLAA Central Diving at Novi, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 20
KLAA Central at Novi, noon.
PREP GYMNASTICS
Thursday, Feb. 11
Northville at Saline, 6:30 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 15
Northville vs. Livonia Blue at Churchill H.S., 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 20
KLAA Inv. at Plymouth, TBA.
PREP BOWLING
Friday, Feb. 12
Detroit CC vs. Divine Child at Sterling Lanes, 3:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 13
Bowl Swami Tournery at 5 Star Lanes, 8 a.m.
Sunday, Feb. 14
Novi Bowl Tournery, 9 a.m.
Monday, Feb. 16
(at Town 'N Country)
Northville vs. John Glenn, 3:30 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 19
KLAA Tournery at 300 Bowl, TBA.
Saturday, Feb. 20
Catholic League Tournery at Oak Lanes, 9 a.m.
COMPETITIVE CHEER
Saturday, Feb. 13
N'ville at Roch. Adams Inv., TBA.
Saturday, Feb. 20
(MHSAA Districts)
Division 1 at Lake Orion, 10 a.m.
Division 4 at Lake Orion, 4:30 p.m.
TBA - time to be announced.

PREP WRESTLING ROUNDUP

CC seizes 22nd straight league title

Shamrocks earn nine individual crowns

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Novi Detroit Catholic Central scored a team-best 268.5 points on Saturday to walk away with its 22nd consecutive Catholic League wrestling championships.

Orchard Lake St. Mary Prep was runner-up with 127, while Warren DeLaSalle (124), Pontiac Notre Dame Prep (103) and University of Detroit Jesuit (86) rounded out the top five.

The host Blue and White squad put 12 grapplers in the finals and came away with nine

individual titles led by Devon Johnsen (103 pounds), Brent Butwill (112), Nick McGrath (119), Kale Kazyak (125), Joe Urso (135), Rory Cox (160), Phil Calhoun (189), Jack Ross (215) and Dane Flynn (285).

CC's runner-up finishers included Robert Watson (140), Seth Swihart (152) and Easton Turner (171), while Chase Moscovic (130) and Dillon Dejong (145) each placed third.

"It was rewarding to wrestle at home in front of our fans and family," CC assistant coach Nieko Ianni said. "The boys wrestled hard and were very aggressive at every weight. We don't have a senior in our lineup, which is impressive."

KLAA tourney recap

Hartland came away with six individual titles Saturday to wrestle away the Kensington Lakes Activities Association team championship with 283.5 points in the 24-school tournament held at Howell.

Westland John Glenn was runner-up with 201 points, while defending champion Brighton took third with 156.5.

Novi placed 18th with 50 points, while Northville took 23rd with 22.

The Eagles were led by champions Sage Castillo (152 pounds), Logan Vish (160), Lucas LaForge (171), Brandon Krol (285), Noah Lopez (125) and Reece Hughes (140).

Top finishers for Novi included Willy Jackson, who took seventh at 135 and Neil Haakenson, who placed eighth at 160. Jackson stands 27-12 overall, while Haakenson is 22-17.

Novi's Eric Wright (130) was a consolation A bracket runner-up and stands 24-15.

Northville's top player was freshman Adam Lewis (103), who took fifth with a 6-2 decision against Walled Lake Western's Jack Greenstein to improve to 21-8 overall.

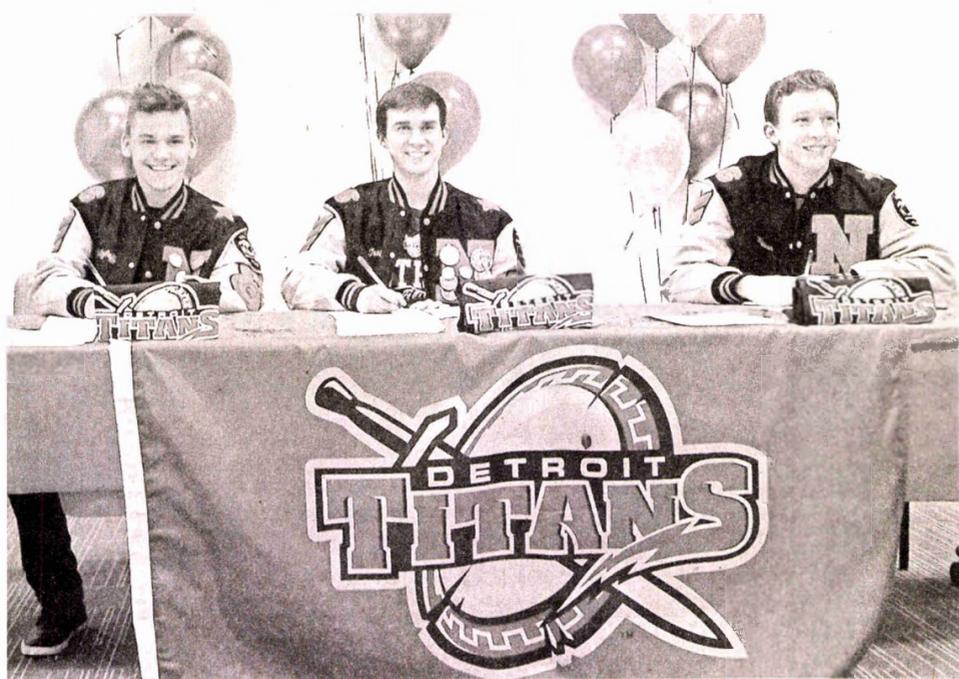
Meanwhile, the Mustangs' Omar Labbiki was the Consolation A champ at 119.

KLAA CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS
Feb. 6 at Howell
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Hartland, 283.5 points; 2. Westland John Glenn, 201; 3. Brighton, 156.5; 4. Walled Lake Central, 156; 5. Livonia Churchill, 108.5;

6. Howell, 96; 7. Salem, 94.5; 8. Waterford Kettering, 94; 9. Plymouth, 92; 10. Livonia Franklin, 87.5; 11. Grand Blanc, 82; 12. South Lyon, 76.5; 13. Walled Lake Northern, 71; 14. White Lake Lakeland, 69.5; 15. Pinckney, 63; 16. Canton, 63; 17. Waterford Mott, 53; 18. Novi, 50; 19. Livonia Stevenson, 45; 20. Walled Lake Western, 40; 21. South Lyon East, 36.5; 22. Wayne Memorial, 24; 23. Northville, 22; 24. Milford, 20.

INDIVIDUAL FINALS
103 pounds: Isaiah Berry (Ply.) decision Kyle Kantola (Hartland), 5-3; **112:** Michael Mars (Glenn) dec. Nolan Klapek (Lakeland), 11-4; **119:** Caleb Marion (W.L. Central) won by technical fall over Carter Hawkins (Hartland), 17-1; **125:** Noah Lopez (Hartland) won by tech. fall over Harrison Samoy (Canton), 16-1; **130:** Grant Morrison (Brighton) dec. Nick Freeman (W.L. Central), 6-1; **135:** Ben Freeman (W.L. Central) won by major dec. over John Siemasz (Glenn), 19-7; **140:** Reece Hughes (Hartland) pinned Payton Beneteau (Glenn), 2:23; **145:** Nathan Alienza (Franklin) dec. Nick Costanzo (W.L. Western), 4-0; **152:** Sage Castillo (Hartland) dec. Timmy Hagein (Kettering), 8-3; **160:** Logan Vish (Hartland) won by major dec. over Hayden Kijorski (W.L. Central), 13-5; **171:** Lucas LaForge (Hartland) dec. Nick Omwenu (W.L. Central), 8-5; **189:** Austin Hanson (Howell) p. Roy Foster (Salem), 3:27; **215:** Robert McQueen (Howell) dec. Eric Conquest (Brighton), 4-2 (overtime); **285:** Brandon Krol (Hartland) p. Quentin Logan (Mott), 0:56.

Titans territory



Northville High's (from left) Jake Reitzloff, Nick Toupin and Garret Weaver recently signed NCAA Division I letters of intent to play men's soccer at the University of Detroit Mercy, a member of the Horizon League. Weaver, the all-area Player of the Year as a defender, is a member of the National Honor Society with a 3.88 grade-point average. Toupin, a first team all-area midfielder, along with Reitzloff, a second team all-area midfielder, carry 3.76 and 3.67 GPAs, respectively. They helped the Mustangs finish 16-3-1 overall, while earning KLAA Central and Kensington Conference titles.

HERBERT

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His message to the students at Silver Springs remains one of inspiration.

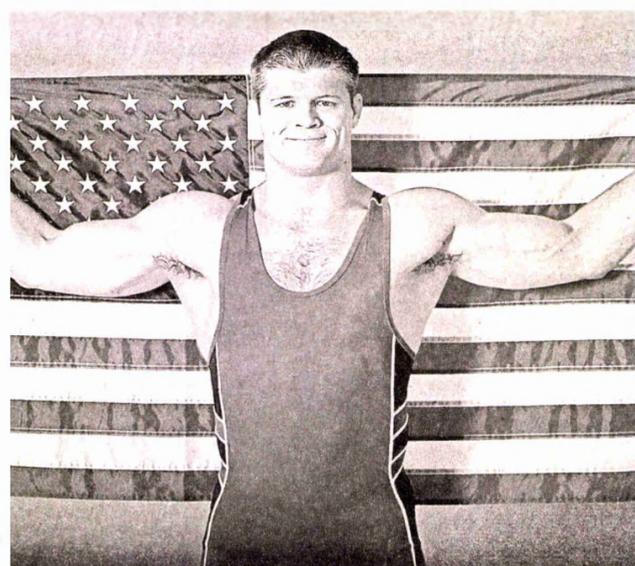
"These are the future leaders of America," he said. "They're going to be the ones, they're going to be the Olympians, the doctors that find those cures for everything. It's the future; just inspire them and let them know anything that they can put their minds to that they can do."

Herbert incorporates cross training, while applying that to wrestling skills, for the youths who participate in his clinics.

"I teach them body control," he said. "I'll do a back-flip and they'll go, 'Oh my gosh, that's awesome, I wish I could do a back flip.' I'll go, 'All right, let's start with a backwards roll,' then we'll actually start with a backwards walkover. Then we can go to a back hand-spring and then, before you know it, you're going to be back-flipping. It's going to take time, but we've got it all broken down. We have a base training wrestling system that we have to teach. And we're actually going to team up with Mike Barwis (Methods) down here to really promote that physical literacy and put like the science behind it all."

Growing in Pittsburgh, Herbert learned a variety of athletic skills. "I was always very athletic, but I kind of worked a lot more on it, because wrestling is a very physical sport," he said. "I got to be able to control my body before I can control their body. Especially with kids, that's the biggest thing, because once they get that confidence of learning how to control their body and move, then it's just the ability of finding what their passionate about, whether it's wrestling, football, lacrosse, basketball. Then they're going to have the physical ability to do that and now all they have to do is get that passion and learn the skill. So that's a really big thing."

"I think that's really important to me, because we all know the mind and body, they're not separate. You can't work one without the other; they're the same. So you got to be able to work both, so that a



Wrestler Jake Herbert hopes to make his second straight Olympic Games appearance this summer in Rio de Janeiro.

kid teaching himself to do a cartwheel or a round-off is going to then transfer (that) over and benefit him and make him to be able to learn math and science and everything like that better. It just really strengthens the neurons and everything like that and all your pathways."

Herbert is also trying to buck a growing trend in youth sports, which is concentrating on only one sport.

"The wrestling clinic I do is 45 minutes of athletic development for any sport and it will be 45 minutes for a little bit of wrestling," he said. "Specialization kills kids. It's a horrible thing. Parents are like, 'Oh, he's third grade, football is his sport.' He's in third grade. I say, 'What do you mean, that's his sport?'"

Herbert noted that 96 percent of Ohio State coach Urban Meyer's 2016 football letter of intent signees played more than one high school sport.

"I'll go toe-for-toe about that with anybody," he said. "Everybody on the Olympic team in 2012 ... not one us wrestled full time until college. So all the way through high school - granted it was cross country and other things - but it's good to take that break and step back."

The U.S. Olympic Wrestling Trials, scheduled for April 9-10

at the University of Iowa's Carver-Hawkeye Arena, are drawing near and Herbert hopes to earn a spot in Rio de Janeiro, representing his country once again.

"I'm the number one seed going into the tournament, but that really doesn't mean anything," Herbert said. "I still got to win those matches to make the team."

Meanwhile, he looks forward to reaching his goal of creating 50,000 Ninjas by 2020 through helping, teaching and educating coaches, kids and parents about the importance of installing physical literacy to America's youth.

"It's something I'm going to get into more, post the Olympics," he said. "I did a lot after 2012, but I'll continue to do more because I'll be retired after this."

At the 2012 London Games, Herbert just missed out on an Olympic medal following a controversial referee's decision which resulted in a loss. He would like nothing better than to come away with a medal, perhaps even a gold, to show to the students next time he visits Silver Springs.

"It will eventually be a cool thing to have and do," Herbert said.

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BOYS BOWLING ROUNDUP

Novi captures first divisional triumph

Shamrocks lose two of three league encounters

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

The Novi boys bowling squad notched its first KLAA Central Division victory of the season Monday with a 16-14 win over Wayne Memorial at Canton's Super Bowl.

The Wildcats, who improved to 3-11 overall and 1-10 in the Central, won the first Baker game, 162-151, but lost the second, 200-177, and totals.

Wayne (9-5, 5-5) captured the first regular game, 827-797, but Novi earned three singles points to cut the deficit to 12-7. The Wildcats then opened a big lead through six frames and hung on to win the second game, 831-768, along with totals, 1,628-1,595.

Novi got three singles points from Chris Fisher (189-177). Brandon Tally, who needed a mark in the 10th frame for a 141-132 win, also got a point, while Peter Koomen notched his second of the match with four consecutive strikes in the seventh through the 10th frames to propel him to a 209-125 win and give Novi the victory.

Meanwhile, in Saturday's Farmington Hills Mercy Invitational at Drakeshire Lanes, Novi finished 10th out of a 12-school field with a pin total of 3,606 based on a six Baker and three regular game format.

Novi's top scorers were Tally and Pryson, with three-game totals of 586 and 572, respectively.

In a KLAA Central match Feb. 2 at Town 'N Country Lanes, Plymouth (6-6, 5-4) romped to a 28-2 triumph over the Wildcats (2-11, 0-1) by winning both Bakers, 166-152 and 198-169, along with both regular games, 996-829 and 938-819.

Pryson tallied both Novi's points with games of 207-192.

CC downs Irish

On Monday, host Novi Detroit Catholic Central defeated Pontiac Notre Dame Prep in a Catholic League match, 21-9, at Woodland Lanes in Livonia as both teams stand 3-6 overall and 3-6 in the league.

The Shamrocks won the first Baker, 174-164, but the Fighting Irish fought back winning the second, 226-210, and totals for a 6-4 lead.

In the first regular game,

CC earned three wins and won totals, 988-877, thanks to wins by Nathan Geddes (172), Brian Hohentanner (235) and Nathan Gaissert (236).

CC stayed hot in the second game with a 997-879 win, led by Andrew Lack (243), Hohentanner (225), Geddes (203) and Nick Green (186).

On Feb. 3, host Birmingham Brother Rice (5-3, 5-3) defeated the Shamrocks (2-6, 2-6) at Airway Lanes in Waterford, 185-115.

Rice won both Bakers, 184-182 and 207-167, while taking team totals in the first regular game, 905-855, led by Zach Oancea (237) and Parker Miller (214), while Lack won for CC with 193.

In the second game, CC refused to fold, winning three of five individual matches, including high games from Geddes (265) and Lack (222) as the Shamrocks won on totals, 972-876, but couldn't make up the early deficit.

On Feb. 1, Warren DeLaSalle (5-2, 5-2) defeated the Shamrocks (2-5, 2-5) in a league match at Sterling Lanes, 25-5.

The Pilots jumped out to a 10-0 lead by winning both Bakers, 205-204 and 207-193, along with both regular games, 969-911 and 910-898.

Everett Latos (212) and Brendan DeSantis (207) scored points in the first game for DeLaSalle, while Geddes (210) and Gaissert (183) countered for CC.

Geddes (204), Sean Ebben (192) and Gaissert (189) earned points for CC in the second game.

Northville falls

In a KLAA Central Division match Monday, first-place Canton (12-2, 10-1) cruised to a 28-2 victory over Northville (2-11, 1-9) at Super Bowl at Canton.

The Chiefs won on Baker totals, 446-310, and regular games totals, 1,905-1,587.

High games for the Mustangs came from Collin Fowler (188), Zach Gaiski (181) and Liam Munro (180).

In match Feb. 2 at Town 'N Country Lanes, KLAA Central co-leader Salem (10-2, 8-1) rolled to a 28-2 victory over the Mustangs (2-10, 1-8).

The Rocks prevailed on Baker totals, 446-310, and regular game totals, 1,905-1,587.

Top scorers for Northville included Fowler (188), Gaiski (181) and Munro (180).

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Northville spring training baseball

The ninth annual Northville Mustang Spring Training Baseball camp for boys and girls ages 7-14 will be Saturday and Sunday, March 19-20, at the high school gymnasium. The cost for each

camp is \$45 (if registered by March 15). Registration at the door is \$50. Included in the cost is a camp T-shirt.

For more information, email Kris Yanagi at KristineYanagi@gmail.com or baseball coach John Kostrzewa at kostrzjo@northvilleschools.org.

PREP SKI RESULTS

MT. BRIGHTON H.S. SKI ASSOCIATION GIANT SLALOM RESULTS
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BOYS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Brighton, 19 points; 2. Novi Detroit Catholic Central, 51.5; 3. Birmingham United, 60; 4. South Lyon Unified, 68; 5. University of Detroit Jesuit, 87.
Individual winner: Tucker Pfaff (Birmingham), 33.06 seconds
Detroit CC scorers: 5. Max Tokarz, 33.09; 11. Logan Friesmuth, 35.56; 16. Blake Rickert, 36.58;

19. Caleb Ernst, 36.91.
South Lyon scorers: 13. Brendan Cleary, 35.86; 14. Adam Caruso, 36.33; 15. Adam Lefevere, 36.45; 26. Evan Leslie, 38.77.
GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Birmingham United, 25; 2. Brighton, 55; 3. South Lyon Unified, 59; 4. Okemos, 76; 5. Farmington Hills Mercy, 77.
Individual winner: Katie Bridges (Birmingham), 33.52.
South Lyon scorers: 2. Anna Geyer, 33.81; 6. Natalie Aulicino, 35.67; 25. Alexis Bidwell, 42.43; 26. Erika Auner, 42.83.

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Snyder cuts focused on unionized workers

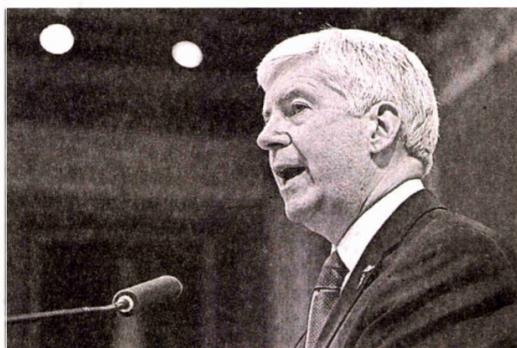
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Gov. Rick Snyder cut fewer civil service positions in his first five years than his predecessor cut in her last five years, but the current administration has focused its cuts on unionized workers.

More than a 10th of the state government workforce has been shaved over the last decade, under both Snyder, a Republican, and his Democratic predecessor, Jennifer Granholm.

But, while Granholm's departments cut both frontline staff and management, Snyder's administration has continued to cut frontline staff while adding non-unionized managers and agency chiefs back into the pool, according to a State Journal analysis of Workforce Reports from the state Civil Service Commission.

Union officials said that approach has pulled resources from the kinds of hands-on positions actually providing services to Michiganders,



Gov. Rick Snyder

while adding unnecessary overhead.

"Governor Snyder has actually created more bureaucracy," said Ray Holman, legislative liaison for the United Auto Workers Local 6000, the largest state-worker union.

Administration spokesman Dave Murray said in an email to the State Journal that the governor "has been a strong proponent of moving government into the 21st century by utilizing technology to make oper-

ations more efficient while providing better customer service. To make this transition, the workforce required more employees with professional knowledge and expertise, which has led to an increase in business and administrative positions."

The Workforce Reports show Snyder has added positions to some unionized fields, most notably growing Michigan State Police troopers by a net 13 percent from fall 2011 to fall 2015.

But the management force saw the largest increase under Snyder's watch, growing about 33 percent in that time. Snyder has more managers now than Granholm had during her last year in office. Those employees are paid more than other groups.

Murray noted that the largest number of employees were added to the "business and administration" group, which includes everything from financial professionals to researchers. Those employees are not unionized, but are not managers.

Granholm added a significant number of those employees during her last five years, too, though Snyder has added more.

On pocketbook issues, employees took lumps under both administrations.

The growth in average salary has slowed under Snyder, but total compensation for the typical state worker has increased faster under the Republican, largely because the cost of health insurance, for both the

state and its workers, has climbed.

Both governors roughly doubled the percentage of insurance premiums covered by employees.

As of September, the average state worker received \$105,566 in total compensation and had been on the job for nearly 13 years. At the end of Granholm's tenure, the average was \$87,178 for 14 years of service.

Data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics show that, while Michigan state workers still make more than the typical state or local government employee nationwide, their compensation is increasing at a slower pace than both government and private-sector workers.

The Great Recession slammed Michigan and the state budget during Granholm's tenure, and its effects were still lingering when Snyder took office. But many union officials blame the sitting governor for giving businesses a major tax cut when he came into office.

"We'd be in a much better place if he hadn't

made those policies," Holman said.

Holman credited Snyder with avoiding pay freezes and furlough days seen under Granholm, but he and other union officials said Snyder and Republican lawmakers have taken more from their pockets with a 2011 law requiring employees on pension plans to pay more to keep full retirement benefits.

The loudest criticism of the governor came over his decision to sign a controversial right-to-work law, allowing workers to opt out of their unions without paying so-called "fair share fees." But, for state employees, anyway, that law doesn't seem to have been the union-buster many feared.

The Workforce Reports show union participation among civil servants is the lowest it's been over the last decade, but it sat at a still-strong 88 percent as of September. That number has ebbed and flowed in the past, though it's only ebbed since the law took effect in 2013.

Valentine's Day a time to celebrate love

It has been some time since I've had the pleasure of writing a culinary story, other than for my weekly restaurant blog. My first major at Michigan State University was journalism because I have always loved the art of the pen. Although I followed a culinary career, I've enjoyed writing in some form or fashion on a regular basis. Writing is for me like cooking — relaxing, yet mentally invigorating.

And there is no greater time to talk about our love for doing something than in February. Valentine's Day is the celebration of St. Valentine, the patron saint of love. More than a billion Valentine's Day cards are sent every year. Teachers receive the most. And many are just signed "Love, Your Valentine" from supposed anonymous admirers.



The heat is on in the kitchen, as we gear up for a busy weekend that includes Friday, Saturday and Sunday's Valentine's Day. We are prepared everyday as friends and "early (love) birds" celebrate. The biggest challenge for us to ensure a smooth holiday is the pre-planning, which started a few weeks ago with sketching out a menu. There is an art to this process and it can even be interpreted as a "game" to some. Since we wouldn't have our bid sheets from our meat, fish and produce purveyors until a few days before, we can't actually write it in stone, but instead have to plan an outline of what we

may do if we got "X, Y or Z" delicacies.

It reminds me of past culinary competitions, when I'd be handed a mystery basket and have four hours to prepare an appetizer, main course with accompaniments and dessert. Mind you, major prior preparation, even without knowing what I'd have to work with, was the key to being awarded a medal or not.

It goes like this: You always know that there will be a protein, pantry items available to all contestants, some sort of unusual produce and, of course, always an odd ingredient of some sort that we needed to incorporate into the competition meal. If you have a plan to begin with, all of the above can be "plugged" in and — voila! The culinary medal challenges were not as easy as I make it sound, but

the dedicated ground-work and training paid off every time.

Putting our "love" menu together for this weekend involves including our guests' favorites. For Valentine's Day, lobster is a must, followed by shrimp and crab based on their popularity. A big, meaty, well-marbled steak always has a place at the table and an appetizer

and chocolate dessert is mandatory. Just as important as the food is the drink, so there is always a craft cocktail at the ready. To give you some options this weekend to add to your Valentine's Day celebrations, I've included an easy make-ahead chocolate mousse and our very popular Blushing Lady Martini for your pleasure. We will have both available

this weekend, along with plenty more.

Whether you're staying home to share a special meal or dining out, happy Valentine's Day.

Mary Brady is a certified executive chef by the American Culinary Federation and owner of Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro, located in the Novi Town Center. You can reach her by email at djbistro@aol.com or go to www.djbistro.com.

BISTRO CHOCOLATE MOUSSE

1 pound Semi-Sweet Chocolate
2 Cups Whipped Cream

Melt Chocolate over a double boiler. Heat 1 cup of the cream to body temperature and add to melted chocolate, whisking to incorporate. Whip remaining cream to soft peak stage. Slowly fold 1/2 into the cream-chocolate mixture, mixing well. Fold in the other 1/2 of whipped cream. Divide into ramekins or wine glasses. Chill. Good with a chocolate dipped lady finger as a garnish or with fresh berries. Serves 4

BLUSHING LADY

2 Parts Pama Pomegranate Liqueur
2 Parts Gypsy (or your favorite) Vodka
1 Part Fresh Pink Grapefruit Juice

Shake well with ice and strain into a chilled, sugar rimmed martini glass. Serves 1

OAKLAND COUNTY BUSINESS WORKSHOPS

Business owners and entrepreneurs who need assistance are invited to attend seminars offered by the Oakland County One Stop Shop Business Center.

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

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minutes and available on a first come, first served basis. No fee.

Starting A Business

9-11:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 11

This workshop is for individuals at the beginning stages of starting a business. It will help aspiring entrepreneurs assess their abilities to lead and manage a company, as well as evaluate market and sales potential for their products/services. Topics discussed include start-up costs, financing options and business planning along with necessary steps to getting started. Presented by the Michigan Small Business Development Center. Free.

Team SBA Financing Roundtable

9 a.m. to noon Thursday, Feb. 25

Do you know the secret to getting a business loan? Attend this free Financing Roundtable and find out how banks look at your application, what you can do to improve your chances for a loan and how SBA loan guarantee programs can help you get the financ-

ing you need. This session is best suited to those who have good credit, a solid business idea and some money to invest in their business. NOTE: The SBA does not provide loan guarantees to real estate investment firms, including purchasing and rehabbing houses for resale and this type of financing will not be discussed. Free.

CEED Lending Small Business Loan Orientation

9-11 a.m. Wednesday, March 9

Many small businesses face obstacles when trying to obtain a business loan. If your business is located in Oakland County and you have a need for alternative financing consider the CEED (Center for Empowerment and Economic Development) Lending Small Business Loan Program. Discover the requirements and process necessary to apply for and obtain a Small Business Loan. CEED Lending is an initiative of Great Lakes Women's Business Council. Free.

Charter Township of Northville Election Workers Needed Presidential Primary Election March 8, 2016

Northville Township is looking for several election workers who have strong computer skills to work the Electronic Poll Book at the March 8, 2016 Presidential Primary Election.

Details and Requirements:

- Must be a registered voter in Michigan
- Must attend a 2 hour training class on Thursday, March 3rd at 9 a.m.
- Must arrive at polls by 6:15 a.m. on March 8 and work until polls close - 8 p.m.
- Lunch and dinner breaks
- Pay is \$160.00 per day (no tax withholding) and \$20.00 for attending training
- Must complete an application to become an election inspector

If you are interested, please contact the Northville Township Clerk, Sue Hillebrand at 248-662-0491 or email her at: shillebrand@twp.northville.mi.us as soon as possible.

Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk
Charter Township of Northville

Published: February 11, 2016

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE 2016 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW DATES

The Northville Township 2016 Board of Review will conduct hearings on the following dates for appeals from citizens, regarding the 2016 assessment, at the Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road. All appeals are by appointment. **Starting Friday, February 26, 2016 please call (248) 348-5800, extension 10133 to schedule an appointment. Letters of appeal must be received by 8:00 p.m., on March 17, 2016. Postmarks are not accepted.**

Day	Date	Time	Meeting
Tuesday	March 08, 2016	9:00 am	Organizational Meeting

Appointment Dates for Hearing:

Saturday	March 12, 2016	9:00 am to 12 Noon
Monday	March 14, 2016	9:00 am to 12 Noon and 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Tuesday	March 15, 2016	1:00 pm to 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Thursday	March 17, 2016	6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

All persons protesting their assessment must complete a petition (form L-4035) which can be obtained at Northville Township Hall or on the Township website twp.northville.mi.us click on Board of Review or at www.michigan.gov/treasury.

Sue A. Hillebrand, M.M.C.
Clerk

Published: February 4, 11 & 18, 2016

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD ON March 8, 2016

To the qualified Electors of the Township of Northville, County of Wayne, notice is hereby given that a PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION will be held in the Township of Northville on **Tuesday, March 8, 2016** from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of nominating candidates of the Republican and Democratic parties for PRESIDENT of the UNITED STATES.

The Republican Party candidates on the ballot are: Jeb Bush, Ben Carson, Chris Christie, Ted Cruz, Carly Fiorina, Lindsey Graham, Mike Huckabee, John R. Kasich, George Pataki, Rand Paul, Marco Rubio, Rick Santorum, Donald Trump. **The Democratic Party candidates on the ballot are:** Hillary Clinton, Roque Rocky DeLaFuente, Martin J. O'Malley, Bernie Sanders.

A sample of each Presidential Primary Election ballot is available at the Northville Township's Clerk's department and on the township's website: www.twp.northville.mi.us

NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP POLLING LOCATIONS:

Precincts	Location	Address
Precincts 1 & 2	Moraine Elementary	46811 Eight Mile Road
Precincts 3 & 4	Northville High School	45700 Six Mile Rd.
Precinct 5	Northville Township Hall	44405 Six Mile Road
Precinct 6	Winchester Elementary	16141 Winchester Dr.
Precincts 7 & 12	Meads Mill Middle School	16700 Franklin Rd.
Precincts 8 & 9	Silver Springs Elementary	19801 Silver Springs Dr.
Precincts 10 & 11	Ridge Wood Elementary	49775 Six Mile Rd.

All polling locations are open from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. and are accessible for voters with disabilities. Voting instructions are available in alternative formats at each precinct.

The Township Clerk's office, located at Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168, will be open from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 5, 2016 for the purpose of obtaining an absentee ballot. The **deadline** to receive applications for ballots to be mailed is 2 p.m. Saturday, March 5, 2016

Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk
Charter Township of Northville

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Learn to avoid home repair scams at AG consumer program Feb. 24

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

A consumer education program on home repair and improvement through the Michigan Attorney General's Office is set for 12:15 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24, at the Maplewood Community Center, on Maplewood west of Merriman in Garden City.

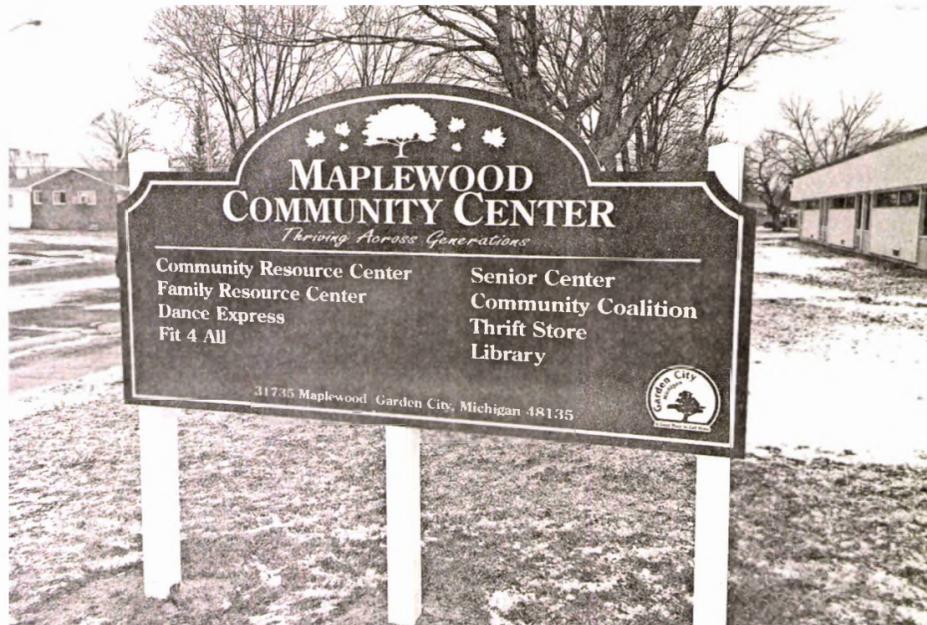
"Anybody can come, definitely," said Garden City's senior activities coordinator Sheila Sulewski, noting residents of all communities are welcome that day as walk-ins.

"I haven't done anything with them before," she said of AG Bill Schuette's office. "This is going to be new to me, too. I think it's good information."

She was online for the Michigan Attorney General website and found programming details, which will include upcoming sessions at Maplewood to be publicized later.

Sulewski agreed on home repair and improvement seniors can be "taken advantage of. It can happen to anybody, too. Always get a second opinion. You forget a lot of times."

Participants on Feb. 24 will learn:



A Feb. 24 program through the Michigan Attorney General's Office is on tap at the Maplewood Community Center in Garden City, focusing on avoiding home repair and improvement scams.

- » the telltale signs of home repair scams;
- » how to recognize unscrupulous contractor red flags;
- » how to navigate the home repair project process.

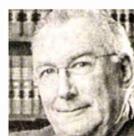
Additional information is available at www.mi.gov/ce. Questions may be referred to agcp@mi.gov. Schuette's Consumer Programs team offers the pro-

grams including the Feb. 24 one at Maplewood in Garden City. Garden City's Sulewski can be reached at 734-793-1870.

Developer's right doubtful under state statute

Q: A developer came into our condominium project and wants to complete the unbuilt units which were labeled as need not be built, but it has been 12 years. Does he have a right to do that?

A: More than likely not and you should assert your rights as the association under Section 67(3) of the Michigan Condominium Act. This in imperative because there is a movement on the part of certain special interests groups to change the statute to basically eliminate the right of the co-owners in the condominium to obtain property which was labeled "need not be built," but was not constructed by the developer for a period of 10 years in certain situations. If you do not perfect your rights by bringing legal action, you will more than likely find it much more difficult to do so because the proposed legislation attempts to close any reasonable recourse by the association. Get a community association lawyer who knows these issues immediately to protect the interests of the association and to get the benefit financially that the association is entitled to with respect to those unbuilt units.



Robert Meisner

Q: I am currently serving as a director on our Condominium Association Board of Directors. At one of our recent meetings, one of the board members raised a question about providing cable services to our co-owners. Specifically, she was wondering if it would be a good idea to inquire with a local cable provider as to whether it would give our association a bulk rate discount for all residents in the condominium complex. Do you think it's a good idea for our association to be involved in something like that?

A: First, you should review the association condominium documents to determine if the bylaws authorize the association to provide such services to the units. If not, you may not be able to simply treat bulk cable the same way the association would a utility service without amending the bylaws. Many cable providers prefer not to be classified as a utility provider for other reasons and therefore take the approach that they are not an "everyday necessity." (However, some states, such as Washington, regulate telecommunication service providers the same way as other utility companies).

The other problem is that the board may not have the authority to budget and classify such charges as a limited common expense. It may be difficult to determine what percentage interest each unit should be allocated as an expense based upon relative value. This would come into play if some residents want certain premium channels that others do not. One way to solve this problem would be to have all residents receive a set menu of basic channels through the association at a bulk discount rate. Then, anyone that prefers premium services could contact the cable service provider and arrange for that on their own. You may also be able to negotiate a payment to the association by the cable company in consideration for allowing cable to be available at the condominium.

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Good Neighbor Society effort seeks Realtor nominations by Feb. 26

For eight years, *REALTOR Magazine's* Good Neighbor Society has helped Realtors extend and enhance their charitable work through the Volunteering Works grant and mentoring program. The program, which assigns mentors to Realtors who want to increase and expand their community service outreach, is now seeking entries.

"Realtors build, change and improve communities across the nation every day," said National Association of Realtors President Tom Salomone, broker-owner of Real Estate II Inc. in Coral Springs, Fla. "Through the Volunteering Works program, we can help Realtors build upon and advance their volunteer efforts to help even more through community service."

The Good Neighbor Society is seeking applications from Realtors who work on small-scale charitable efforts that have growth potential. The society is comprised of past recipients of *REALTOR Mag-*

azine's Good Neighbor Award, which recognizes outstanding achievement in community service. Five Volunteering Works recipients will benefit from a year of one-on-one mentoring from a member of the Good Neighbor Society and a \$1,000 grant as seed money to help implement improvements in their community program.

Volunteering Works recipients will be selected based on their dedication to their volunteer work and the potential for their charitable work to be expanded or improved with the help of an expert mentor. Ideal candidates have been active in charity work, can identify specific challenges they would like to address with the help of a mentor and have specific goals for the future of their community service project. Applicants must be NAR members.

"We created Volunteering Works to benefit Realtors who have a passion to make life better in their community,"

said LeRoy Bendickson, of Edina Realty in Edina, Minn., who is the Good Neighbor Society advisory council chair and a 2011 Good Neighbor Award winner. "As they work on refining their charitable efforts, they can get advice and guidance from a mentor who has been in their shoes."

Kristin Joyner, 2015 Volunteering Works recipient, has served the Sawnee Women's Club on many projects, providing backpacks full of weekend food to schoolchildren in need. Joyner says the Volunteering Works experience has benefited her charity in seeking ways to start a vegetable garden at a high school, which will provide fresh produce for struggling families.

"I received encouragement from my mentor, who shared some scripts with me on how to get corporate sponsors," says Joyner, a Realtor with Designer Realty, Dacula, Ga. "With her enthusiasm, I wrote for another grant with Whole

Foods and most important of all, she gave me confidence by telling me, "Your cause is worthy." Joyner's mentor was 2014 Good Neighbor Kristina Rhodes, with F.C. Tucker Emge Realtors Evansville, Ind. Joyner says the \$1,000 grant enabled her to get "good old fashioned dirt and seeds" to get the garden under way at the high school.

The Good Neighbor Award winners, who mentor the Volunteering Works recipients, on average spend more than 20 hours a week on volunteer work and have built and led some of the most effective charitable organizations in the country. Since 2000, there have been more than 160 winners and honorable mentions of the Good Neighbor Award.

Volunteering Works is funded by The Stuart & Jill Siegel Charitable Foundation.

For a Volunteering Works entry form, visit www.Realtor.org/gna and click on "Nominate." The entry deadline is Feb. 26.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Sept. 8-11, 2015, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS	
16996 Madoline St	\$277,000
BINGHAM FARMS	
32896 Bingham Ln	\$525,000
24138 Bingham Pointe Dr	\$400,000
BIRMINGHAM	
631 Bird Ave	\$635,000
1066 Chapin Ave	\$248,000
2056 Derby Rd	\$265,000
1351 E Maple Rd	\$331,000
1732 Holland St	\$189,000
1666 Mansfield Rd	\$310,000
662 Purdy St # 217	\$269,000
327 Southfield Rd # 11	\$135,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
1725 Huntingwood Ln # C	\$152,000
4296 Margate Ln	\$384,000
4045 W Maple Rd # C102	\$90,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
574 E Fox Hills Dr	\$55,000

607 E Fox Hills Dr	\$73,000
78 Highland Dr	\$250,000
2760 Hunters Blif	\$546,000
3374 Morningview Ter	\$889,000
1689 S Hill Blvd	\$177,000
662 Wattles Rd	\$298,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	
5630 Deerwood	\$298,000
138 Demarist St	\$89,000
3211 Newton Rd	\$167,000
5460 Riverwalk Trl	\$330,000
3663 Sandbar Dr	\$370,000
6120 Warwick Dr	\$260,000
FARMINGTON	
33230 Kirby St	\$185,000
34076 Moore Dr	\$190,000
36245 W Lyman Rd	\$317,000
23724 Warner St	\$349,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
29494 Beau Rdg	\$145,000
32615 Bnarcrcst Knls	\$161,000
37555 Burton Dr	\$235,000
25322 Carrollton Dr	\$361,000
35986 Fair Oaks Ct	\$203,000
29941 Fox Club Dr	\$374,000
26782 Holly Hill Dr	\$277,000
38105 Lantern Hill Ct	\$365,000
25074 Lyncastle St	\$215,000

26133 Meadowview Dr	\$350,000
30816 Misty Pines Dr	\$167,000
28814 Raleigh Rd	\$221,000
37865 River Bnd	\$312,000
30133 Southampton Ln	\$289,000
22588 Whittington St	\$10,000
HIGHLAND	
3375 Bunwood Ln	\$204,000
2383 Canterwood	\$830,000
1085 Clyde Rd	\$139,000
669 Turney	\$165,000
LATHRUP VILLAGE	
27653 Rackham Dr	\$289,000
MILFORD	
316 Bennett St	\$225,000
3032 Central Blvd	\$110,000
3093 Exeter Dr	\$575,000
647 Sleepy Holw	\$350,000
NORTHVILLE	
760 Carpenter St	\$210,000
21973 Heatheridge Ln	\$280,000
21577 Lujon Dr	\$325,000
NOVI	
27597 Albert St	\$345,000
1359 E Lake Dr	\$240,000
40357 Guilford	\$236,000
45254 Jacob Dr	\$396,000
24407 Olde Orchard St	\$118,000

40570 Rock Hill St	\$160,000
45767 Sheffield Dr	\$325,000
25901 Strath Haven Dr	\$365,000
23604 Wintergreen Cir	\$578,000
SOUTH LYON	
1165 Fountain View Cir	\$140,000
705 Kestrel Ct	\$228,000
23590 Millwood	\$461,000
23633 Millwood	\$599,000
23656 Millwood	\$462,000
24823 Puritan Ct	\$410,000
61800 Richfield St	\$194,000
23706 Stoneleigh Dr	\$526,000
903 Westbrooke Dr	\$565,000
550 Woodland Dr	\$165,000
SOUTHFIELD	
29190 Briarbank Ct	\$219,000
25675 Grand Concourse St	\$197,000
28398 Lady K Ct	\$232,000
19073 Melrose Ave	\$26,000
23941 Plumbrooke Dr	\$138,000
28045 Tyler St	\$109,000
16003 W 13 Mile Rd	\$89,000
19589 W 9 Mile Rd	\$190,000
WHITE LAKE	
8344 Fox Bay Dr	\$185,000
408 Rosario Ln	\$90,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Sept. 28 to Oct. 2, 2015, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON	
7717 Alton St	\$139,000
47316 Bartlett Dr	\$252,000
6800 Chadwick Dr	\$305,000
3980 Elizabeth Ave	\$133,000
404 Forest Bridge Dr	\$235,000
4339 Hunters Cir W	\$110,000
45760 Larchmont Dr	\$285,000
2611 Liberty St S	\$370,000
42732 Lilley Pointe Dr	\$91,000
551 Meadowlake Rd	\$170,000
4212 Monarch Ave	\$207,000
50276 Monroe St	\$360,000
1943 Morrison Blvd	\$203,000
1604 Mulberry Ln	\$198,000
44428 Newburyport Dr	\$65,000
6771 Norwood Dr	\$289,000
47563 Ormskirk Dr	\$129,000
47739 Ormskirk Dr	\$152,000
639 Pheasant Woods Dr	\$325,000
1843 Pinecroft Dr	\$165,000
6017 Portenidge Ln	\$235,000

43950 Saltz Rd	\$140,000
43880 Somerset Sq	\$215,000
47811 Vistas Circle Dr N	\$293,000
46723 Woodside Dr	\$326,000
GARDEN CITY	
583 Arcola St	\$127,000
28428 Donnelly St	\$85,000
31457 Leona St	\$84,000
32444 Marquette St	\$100,000
33215 Pardo St	\$81,000
6601 Whitby St	\$87,000
LIVONIA	
11400 Berwick St	\$210,000
11405 Blackburn St	\$165,000
30227 Bolrich St	\$193,000
33362 Broadmoor Ct	\$296,000
14215 Carwell St	\$115,000
14740 Cavell St	\$132,000
14666 Country Club Dr	\$187,000
17364 Cross Winds Rd	\$309,000
8962 Deering St	\$74,000
18512 Deering St	\$115,000
17550 Dolores St	\$145,000
9348 Eastwind Dr	\$187,000
35325 Elmira St	\$160,000
38474 Elsie St	\$182,000
17551 Fairfield St	\$260,000
8926 Georgia Dr	\$143,000
14487 Huff Ct	\$358,000
8911 Inker Rd	\$156,000
9605 Loveland St	\$153,000

14418 Melvin St	\$152,000
9363 Montana St	\$171,000
30554 Munger Dr	\$204,000
15159 Norman St	\$188,000
19297 Osmus St	\$175,000
14381 Ramblewood St	\$218,000
14098 Stamford St	\$220,000
18280 University Park Dr	\$138,000
8902 W Deborah Ct	\$160,000
27496 Whitcomb St	\$150,000
32523 Wisconsin St	\$166,000
17396 Woodside St	\$215,000
14629 Yale St	\$152,000
NORTHVILLE	
18262 Blue Heron Dr W	\$515,000
437 Covington Ct	\$370,000
17860 Cranbrook Dr	\$770,000
445 East St	\$685,000
40160 Fairway III Rd	\$375,000
44138 Greenview Ln	\$553,000
19677 Ironwood Ct	\$123,000
17637 Rolling Woods Cir	\$587,000
17551 Stonebrook Dr	\$689,000
46250 W Main St	\$255,000
PLYMOUTH	
885 Church St	\$165,000
50431 Elmwood St	\$395,000
8986 Hackberry Ave	\$190,000
42005 Micol Dr	\$140,000
671 N Evergreen St	\$679,000
11535 Parkview Dr	\$187,000

212 Pinewood Dr	\$100,000
434 Provincetown Ln	\$229,000
REDFORD	
25373 S Mile Rd	\$30,000
9176 Berwyn	\$85,000
13968 Berwyn	\$55,000
16867 Brady	\$20,000
20503 Centralia	\$42,000
15543 Delaware Ave	\$85,000
9536 Garfield	\$86,000
20045 Indian	\$52,000
14049 Lucerne	\$79,000
12730 Nathalie	\$89,000
9632 Seminole	\$56,000
11792 Tecumseh	\$90,000
15659 Wakenden	\$65,000
17388 Wakenden	\$53,000
WAYNE	
4000 Hayes St	\$70,000
4451 S Hubbard St	\$55,000
WESTLAND	
31460 Ann Arbor Trl	\$75,000
202 Fischer Dr	\$210,000
27940 Hanover Blvd	\$4,000
635 N Karle St	\$55,000
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Build a brand that sends the right message

BY DEANNA HARTLEY
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It's nearly impossible to remain anonymous in today's connected world. The rise of the Internet and social media has had a profound impact on how we ought to conduct ourselves in the public eye — which extends to the job search as well.

Here are five tips to help you build and maintain your personal brand.

1. Identify your brand.

In today's digital age, you already have a brand, whether you like it or not. Do some research to find out what that is.

"Google yourself (and) see what your potential employers see," says Darius Fisher, president and co-founder of Status Labs, an online-reputation management firm. "Search yourself and analyze what shows up online. Anything you want to improve? Immediately tackle and correct areas of vulnerability."

"It's natural to be concerned with negative publicity or unflattering photos, but be equally concerned if nothing shows up in your search results," he adds. "If you have no digital footprint, create one today."

2. Be authentic.

It's important to be yourself, or people will see right through you. "Be authentic in all communications. Be likable and someone your audience can relate to," says Trish McDermott, co-founder of Panic Media Training. "When thinking in terms of your personal brand, you must first



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be authentic with yourself."

Lida Citroën, owner of reputation-management company LIDA360, echoes that sentiment. "Strive for consistency in building a reputation that's authentic and compelling," she says. "Be the same person online as in person, stay authentic and relevant, and build your reputation over time to achieve your desired brand."

3. Add value on social media.

Ross Simmonds, a strategist and entrepreneur who co-founded Crate content marketing software and the Hustle + Grind subscription service, suggests leveraging social media to drive awareness to your personal brand.

"It's very important for individuals looking to build their personal brands

to be consistent in telling their story," he says. "You need to identify the channels — Twitter, LinkedIn, Facebook, Instagram or Snapchat — that you want to use as your primary channel for communication, and be consistent in adding value in that space."

4. Start a website or blog.

It may seem intimidating or tedious, but a website or blog is a great way to control your messaging while showing off your interests and areas of expertise.

"Start a blog based on a passion or hobby or something having to do with your career," says Jennifer Krosche, president and founder of Blue Frog Communications. "For instance, if you are an HR person, you can write about connections and helping people; or if

you are (an) accountant, you can write about tax tips and deduction; or if you are a nurse, maybe a blog on health and wellness."

Regardless of the avenue, what's important is to put yourself out there. "Whether through blogging, podcasting, creating videos or self-publishing a book, if you can find a way to share your ideas publicly, it reduces the risk for employers to hire you because they already will have a sense of who you are and whether you'd be a good fit for the organization," says Dorie Clark, an adjunct professor at Duke University's Fuqua School of Business and the author of "Reinventing You" and "Stand Out."

5. Don't be afraid to show your personality.

While you should be letting your professional side out for the world to see, it's equally important to show a little personality.

"If you love travel, you may want to have pictures of the places you have gone or want to go; if you are athletic, maybe posts of fitness and health; and if you are focused on goals, maybe inspirational quotes, books you are reading and workshops you attend," Krosche says. "Whatever your hobbies, you should communicate those in a positive and fun manner to let people get to know the real you as well as the professional you."

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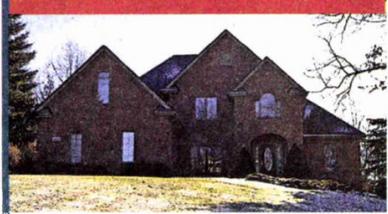
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