

Police, fire awards

Join the Novi Police and Fire departments in honoring staff members for providing great service to the community at the city's annual awards program at 7:30 p.m. tonight, March 3.

Police Officer of the Year, Civilian **Police Employee of** the Year and Firefighter of the Year will be recognized. Additional awards will be given to staff for their service and accomplishments throughout the last year.

The event, origi-nally scheduled for last week but was postponed due to the weather, is free and open to the public. It will take place at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 10 Mile Road.

In concert

Novi's community chorus and community band are joining forces to host a community concert, "Music of Stage and Screen," at 3 p.m. Sunday at the Novi Civic Center.. A free will donation is accepted.

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Couple indicted on harboring, conspiracy charges after fire kills five

Susan Bromley Staff Writer

Roger Tam and Ada Mei Lei were indicted by a grand jury Feb. 25 on five counts of harboring illegal aliens, one for each victim that died in a Novi basement fire last month, as well as one count of conspiracy.

The indictment occurred in Eastern District Court in Detroit and paves the way for the federal government to pursue the felony charges against Tam and Lei at trial.

"A grand jury of 23 citizens returned a six-count indictment," said Gina Bayala, public information officer for the U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Michigan. "They all voted there was probable cause and returned a true bill of indictment."

The first five counts allege that "from an unknown date until on or about Jan. 31, 2016, in the Eastern District of Michigan, defendants Roger Tam and Ada Mei Lei, knowing and in reckless disregard of the fact than an alien had come to, entered, and remained in the United States in violation of law, did conceal, harbor and shield from detection such alien in buildings and other places for the purpose of commercial advantage and private financial gain.'

These counts name each of the victims that were harbored and who died in the Jan. 31 fire in the defendants' Mystic Court

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Novi fire and rescue personnel responded Sunday to at fire at this home in the Mystic Forest subdivision. They found five victims inside of the home, all dead from smoke inhalation.





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A trio of friends work on making a snowman Feb. 25 at Novi's Lakeshore Park (from left): Mikayla Matteson, 16, Jenna Ling, 13, and Amanda Ling, 17. The group was joined by friend Delany Gawenda in the crafting of the four-sectioned snowman. All area schools had the day off after the area received about eight inches of snow over two days.

Voters to weigh in on presidential candidates this Tuesday

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Philip Allmen Staff Writer

Republican or Democrat, voters have a chance Tuesday to make their voice heard on who should represent their political party in the race to be the next .S. president.

The field of candidates has decreased considerably in both parties since the Iowa caucuses last month.

On the Republican side, candidates include businessman Donald Trump, Texas Sen. Ted Cruz, Florida Sen. Marco Rubio, Ohio Gov. John Kasich and retired neurosurgeon Ben Carson. On the Democrat side are Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and California businessman Roque (Rocky) DeLaFuente. While the candidate pool has dropped to these eight, voters will see 13 Republicans and four Democrats on the ballot.

With Super Tuesday earlier this week (results were not available before deadline), the number of candidates still running for their respective party nomi-



Carson

Clinton



Cruz

Sanders

nations may change by next

week. Super Tuesday is the day

when a dozen states will hold

their nominating contests and

generally gives an indication of a

candidate's national electability.

States to have voted Tuesday for

both parties include: Alabama,

Arkansas, Georgia, Massachu-

Tennessee, Texas, Vermont and

Virginia. Republicans in Alaska

held caucuses, as did Democrats

setts, Minnesota, Oklahoma,



Kasich



Rubio





registered will actually vote. 'This election has been a hard one to predict. I thought lower turnout since we have a lot of people away for the winter, but with the debates

DeLaFuente

in Colorado.

Turnout question

Locally, clerks are preparing for a big turnout, but with presidential primaries every four years, there's always uncertainty in how many actually will show up at the polls.

'I always expect a big turnout," Lyon Township Clerk Michele Cash said, adding that she has to prepare as if everyone

INSIDE Meet some of the volunteers working for their favorite candidate, A6 and A7



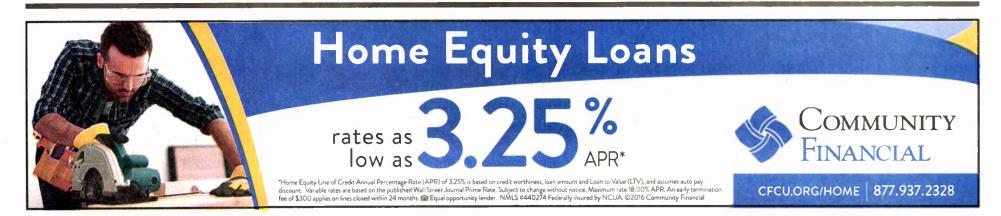
as heated and controversial, I think a lot of people will either come out to support --- now that the race has narrowed - or come out in full force to vote

against certain candidates.¹ Absentee ballots in Lyon are down this year, compared to last May's road funding ballot issue.

Highland Township Clerk Mary McDonell said she expects a larger turnout than the previous two presidential primaries, perhaps as much as 10 percent more. "I always hope for a good turnout and it seems there is a lot of interest this year," she said.

There are more absentee ballots this year compared to the last primary, but by comparison, it's still less than half of what the

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residence: Brayan Medina Contreras, Leonel Alvarado-Rodriguez, Simeon Diaz-Nunez, Miguel Nunez-Diaz and Pablo Alvaro-Encino.

The sixth count in the indictment alleges that "from an unknown date until or on about Jan. 31, 2016, in the Eastern District of Michigan and elsewhere, defendants Roger Tam and Ada Mei Lei, did unlawfully, knowingly and intentionally, combine, conspire, confederate and agree together and with each other, and agree with other persons whose names are known and

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township sees in the November presidential election.

Milford Township Clerk Holly Brandt said absentee ballots are keeping pace with the 2012 primary, but it's difficult to determine what Tuesday's turnout will be. "I have been following the previous states' caucuses and primaries trying to gauge our turnout, which I can't," she said.

Novi City Clerk Maryanne Cornelius said the city has averaged between 20-26 percent turnout in the primary and, based on absentee ballots, she expects this year's election will fall into that range, as well.

"Absentee ballots are being requested in the usual amount, so nothing out of the ordinary there," she said.

South Lyon City Clerk Lisa Deaton said there are fewer absentee ballots this year, though she expects plenty of people will be voting, whether absentee on in person.

"We have been told by the state to expect a higher turnout than normal and I agree," she said. "We have been receiving unknown to the grand jury, to commit the following offense against the United States, to wit: harboring illegal aliens for the purpose of commercial advantage and private financial gain."

Forfeiture possible

The indictment also includes forfeiture allegations, putting restaurant owner Tam and his wife Lei on notice of the government's intention to seek "forfeiture of all proceeds, direct or indirect, or property traceable thereto, all property that facilitated the commission of the violations alleged or property traceable thereto, of the violations set forth in this indictment.

Tam owns Kim's Gar-

UPCOMING EVENTS

Candidates were scheduled to make several appearances in Michigan between now and next Tuesday. As of late Monday, none of those were scheduled in Oakland County.

THURSDAY

» Republican debate at the Fox Theatre in Detroit at 9 p.m. It will be broadcast on the Fox News channel and live streamed at www.foxnews.com.

FRIDAY

» Donald Trump at Macomb Community College, Sports and Expo Center, 14500 E. 12 Mile, Warren. Doors open at 6 a.m.; Wexford Civic Center, 1320 N. Mitchell in Cadillac at 1 p.m. Doors open at 10 a.m. To register:

www.eventbrite.com and search for Trump.

» John Kasich, Ottawa County rally, Herman Miller Greenhouse, 10201 Adams, in Holland. Doors open at 5 p.m. To register:

many calls of people checking on their voter registration, as well as the location they will be voting."

Absentee ballot

There is still time for voters to obtain an absentee ballot. As a registered voter, you may obtain an den in Novi, where the victims allegedly worked without documentation, as well as at least two homes in Novi, including the residence on East Lake Road, where Tam, 55, and Lei, 48, had allegedly been staying when the fire started in the basement of their 23184 Mystic Court residence, where the victims were sleeping the morning of Jan. 31.

According to a U.S. District Court criminal complaint, Tam arrived at the Mystic Court home that morning to pick up his employees, who stayed in the basement where a kitchen and five beds were located with a disabled smoke detector, and found his house on fire.

www.eventbrite.com and search for Kasich.

SATURDAY

» John Kasich, Traverse City Town Hall, Park Place Hotel, 300 E. State, in Traverse City. Doors open at 9 a.m.; Marquette Town Hall, Ramada of Marquette, 412 W. Washington St. Doors open at 2 p.m.; Saginaw County Republican Party Lincoln Day dinner at the Birch Run Expo Center. Doors open at 6 p.m. To register, go to www.eventbrite.com and search for Kasich.

SUNDAY

 Wayne County GOP 11th Congressional District. Meet the candidates dinner at 6 p.m. Laurel Manor in Livonia. All the presidential candidates are invited.
 Democratic debate in Flint, Whiting Auditorium, 1241 E. Kearsley, at 8 p.m. Broadcast on CNN. Information on how to get tickets has not been released yet.

— Michigan.com

absentee ballot if you are: age 60 or older; physically unable to attend the polls without the assistance of another; expecting to be out of town for the entire time the polls are open Election Day; in jail awaiting arraignment or trial; unable to attend the polls due to religious

LOCAL NEWS

In a 9-1-1 call placed at 9:31 a.m., flames are reported in the basement and when the dispatcher asked if everyone was out of the house, the caller responded, "Yes." A second 9-1-1 called placed seven minutes later does not make mention of the victims in the basement. It was not until a Novi police officer arrived and met Tam and his college-age daughter in the driveway that the information was shared "there may be" men in the home. Tam claimed not to

know the names of the men who worked for him, who were later identified as Mexican nationals and who ranged in age from 16 to 23.Tam could not provide

reasons; or appointed to work as an election inspector in a precinct outside of your precinct of residence.

Voters who wish to receive their absentee ballot by mail must submit their application by 2 p.m. Saturday and must indicate their political party ballot choice in writing (Republican ballot; Democratic ballot; or ballot without presidential primary, for jurisdictions with local issues on the ballot). Municipal offices will be open until 2 p.m. Saturday for absentee voters.

Absentee ballots can be obtained in person from the voter's local clerk any time through 4 p.m. Monday. Voters who request an absentee ballot in person Monday must vote the ballot in the clerk's office. All absentee ballots must be returned before 8 p.m. Tuesday to count.

At the polling place, voters will be asked to select a presidential primary ballot for either the Democratic or Republican parties. The presidential primary is open to all registered voters. There is no political party registration requirement in Michigan, so voters can choose to participate in either the Democratic documentation for the men and said that approximately six months prior, they had come to his business looking for employment. They were hired, paid in cash and permitted to live in his basement on a nightly basis as a condition of employment at Kim's Garden.

The Mexican consul in Detroit, Juan M. Solana, financially assisted the victims' families in returning the remains of their loved ones to Mexico.

"We are fully working with the authorities so we can ensure justice will be given to the families," Solana said.

Tam and Lei were each released on \$10,000 unsecured bonds Feb. 18.

or Republican party primary.

Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. To obtain a sample ballot, determine whether you're registered to vote and find your polling place, you

ri- can go to the Michigan Voter Information Center at www.michigan. n a gov/vote.

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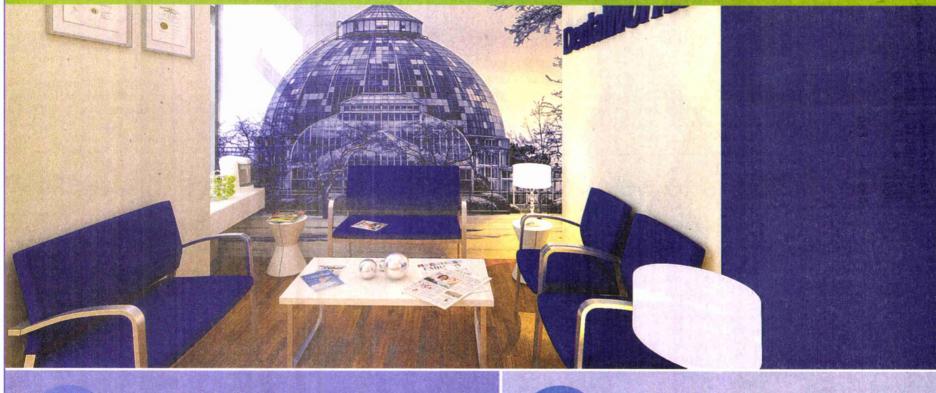
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Tam is on a tether and conditions of their bond included surrender of their passports and agreement to not obtain a new passport or other international travel documents, as well as restrictions on travel to the Eastern District of Michigan.

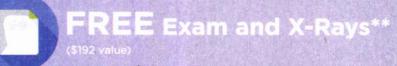
If they are found guilty, **Tam** and Lei face a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine on each count.

Bayala said she expects Tam and Lei to be arraigned on the charges Friday in front of Eastern District Court Judge Marianne Battani.

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Novi man latest victim of FBI phone scam

Susan Bromley Staff Writer

A Novi resident is out \$900 after wire transferring the money to a man who claimed he was from the FBI and the victim was in trouble for obtaining an "illegal education credit."

The man filed a police report with the Novi Police Department and said the fraud occurred shortly before 1:30 p.m. Feb. 23, when the victim talked to a man with a heavy Indian accent who identified himself as "Brad" and said the victim owed the FBI \$1,850 and would need to send it via Western Union in order to wipe off the charge.

When the victim said he didn't have that amount, "Brad" told him to send what he could and pay the rest later. He was given instructions to send it to a woman in North Carolina and, once the victim sent the money, he was told by "Brad" to contact his mother to obtain the rest of the money. He did not send any more and filed a fraud report, but the money had already been picked up.

Police advised the victim these kind of scam artists often pose as federal government agents to try to coerce people to send money for falsified charges and generate fake phone numbers through phone apps and websites. He was advised to never send money to someone he doesn't know.

Dream chaser runs out of gas

A Novi police officer who responded at about 3:09 p.m. Feb. 20 to Delmont Drive for a report of a suspicious Mountaineer vehicle parked on the south side of the road for approximately 45 minutes found a man with a dream.



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A motorist stands by their car Feb. 24 after going off the road on Nine Mile, just west of Taft. The day saw lots of slipping and sliding by motorists as they dealt with about six inches of wet, slippery snow.

The man, who had an Indiana registration, told the officer he was following a dream that day and set off to follow the dream after leaving friends in Canton, but ran out of gas.

The officer drove him to a gas station to get gas and he was sent on his way to follow his dream without further incident.

Road rage

A Novi police officer responded to the area of Novi Road and Grand River Avenue for a traffic complaint at about 10:15 a.m. Feb. 22. A woman called dispatch to report a black Mazda was tailgating her at a high rate of speed in the far right lane on eastbound Interstate 96, between Beck and Novi roads, and continued to tailgate her while she was on the exit ramp for Novi.

She braked to slow her speed and the vehicle pulled between her and another vehicle to address her, yelling at her and asking if she thought driving was a game. They pulled on to southbound Novi Road and were stopped at Crescent Boulevard when he attempted to engage her again and she dialed 9-1-1.

The officer located a phone number for the suspect, who said he assumed she called the police as she was pointing to her phone. He told the officer he did not believe he was tailgating her on the freeway and was upset because she slammed on her brakes on the exit ramp and stopped way short of the light for Novi Road. He advised she pulled over, almost to let him go around and this is when he confronted her about slamming on the brakes. He said he was en route to his doctor's office and was not following her.

Jury duty

A Novi woman reported to police that she received a suspicious phone call at about 11 a.m. Feb. 20, from a man who identified himself as a lieutenant from the Oakland County Sheriff's Department. She said he told her she had a criminal bench warrant out for her arrest for failing to show for jury duty Feb. 4.

The woman informed the caller she had never received anything in the mail regarding jury duty and he told her she should report to the warrant and citations division of the OCS, located at 1200 N. Telegraph in Pontiac, to take care of the warrant and pay a \$1,500 fine.

She believed the call to be a scam and did not give him any personal information. She was suspicious that she received the call on a Saturday when courts are closed and even drove to the Oakland County Jail to see if they could give her more information about the situation and was informed by a sergeant on duty that it was indeed a scam.

She requested the Novi officer document the incident and gave her the number the suspect had given her to call back.

Posing as police

A Novi officer responded to a group home on Vasilios Court shortly after noon Feb. 21, after an employee of the home reported that a man stating he was a police officer came to the front door of the home. She said the man was dressed in a dark blue jacket, dark blue pants and a dark blue baseball hat, had a holstered handgun on his waist and showed a badge in his

wallet that identified him as "Officer Lacomb."

The suspect asked for the complainant's boss by her first name and didn't know her last name, but said he needed to speak with her in regards to a case. When the complainant said she wasn't there, the man looked around and left. He was reluctant to give his name, but finally said 'Officer Lacomb" and refused to give the name of the department he was supposedly with. The staff of the home was advised to call if the subject returns.

Missing iPad

A Novi resident received notice at about 3:09 a.m. Feb. 23, that his Apple ID had been locked due to too many password attempts on his iPad. The location of the iPad was shown to be in the rear yard of a home on Hickory Grove in Southfield, a few homes west of where the victim had been.

The last time the iPad was seen was around 1 p.m. Feb. 21, when his son was playing with it. He believes the iPad was left behind in their vehicle, which was parked in the driveway of a Southfield residence. There was no damage to the vehicle. A police officer made contact with a resident of the home where Apple had determined its last location and searched the back yard with no results.

Unlatched Edge

A woman who left her purse on the front passenger seat of her red Ford Edge vehicle parked outside Nordstrom's at Twelve Oaks Mall while she was in the mall between 2-9:30 p.m. Feb. 19 returned to find it gone. While the woman was walking toward her vehicle, she noticed a male looking around the

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exterior of her vehicle, who then drove away in an older model, beigecolored sedan before she reached her vehicle.

She is uncertain if he was involved in the theft, but found it unusual. At her vehicle, she found the back trunk latch open. When she returned home to cancel her credit and debit cards, she was notified by two banks that there had been various fraudulent transactions in Wixom on the recently stolen cards, including the first one at 9:50 p.m. at the Wixom Meijer.

Mall security was called and video of the parking lot was reviewed. One of the security employees reported he had been dispatched at 3 p.m. to secure an unoccupied Ford Edge's trunk latch, but it kept reopening. He said he stayed on scene for about a half-hour before he was dispatched to another call.

Credit card fraud

Five credit cards that a Novi resident did not apply for appeared in her mailbox between Feb. 19-22. The woman learned that a \$972.04 charge had been made to a New York Company card, a \$677 charge was made to a Victoria's Secret card and an \$884 charge was made to an Express card. There are no known charges at this time to a Pottery Barn and Loft card that apparently were also fraudulently opened.

The woman has contacted her bank and was advised to call all three credit bureaus to advise them her name, address and Social Security number had been compromised to prevent any further fraudulent activity.

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Programs develop skills, character in Novi students

A hat do Milk and Cookies Night, a March is Reading Month activity at some of our elementary schools and the induction of students into Novi High School's National Honor Society have in common? More than you might think.

Reading is clearly an important skill. In schools, we spend significant time and energy ensuring that students develop the ability to read well. Reading well means that students are fluent, can make meaning from what they read, challenge themselves appropriately and enjoy the process of reading.

Milk and Cookies Night celebrates reading. Guest readers are invited to read to students in grades K-4. This night is an attempt to demon-



strate to our students in grades K-4 that reading is something to enjoy and celebrate. The goal is to develop positive attitudes and habits around reading, believing that this investment, while they are young, will pay off as these young

students grow. Milk and Cookies Night is part of March is Reading Month activities that go on around the district. Special reading events, in addition to Milk and Cookies Night, are planned throughout the month of March, especially at the

elementary level, to encourage and promote reading.

On Tuesday, a new group of Novi High School students was inducted into the Novi High School National Honor Society. The National Honor Society honors students for their scholarship, but it also recognizes students for their efforts in the areas of leadership, service and character. Getting good grades is important, but earning entrance into the National Honor Society also requires other key attributes.

So how does Milk and Cookies Night connect to National Honor Society induction at the high school?

Our goal in the Novi Community School District is to ensure that all students develop the knowledge, skills and

character necessary to achieve their highest potential and to be productive members of an ever-changing global society. We recognize that we cannot teach students everything ... What we want to do is help them develop the skills that they will need to become independent and successful as they leave our school district.

Activities like Milk and Cookies Night and the National Honor Society induction reflect our commitment to helping our students develop the skills that they will need to be successful. Stressing both academics and "soft skills" communicates to our students that success is a combination of many attributes.

Reading is a fundamental skill. Developing into a critical reader requires time and effort. Activities like Milk and Cookies Night promote reading as valuable and worthwhile. It is part of the process of laying a strong academic foundation.

The National Honor Society is recognition for students that scholarship, while important, is not enough in and of itself. Also important are leadership, service and character. Success requires effort across a broad spectrum of activities.

I am proud to be part of a district that encourages and challenges our students to be the best that they can be.

Steve M. Matthews, Ed.D., is superintendent of the Novi Community School District. He can be reached at smatthews @novischools.net.

Lasting memories



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Friends of the Library president Sue Johnson (left) talks to a gathering Feb. 11 at the Novi Library about "Priceless Photo Preservation."

JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Kathy Mutch snaps a few photos with her smart phone during a Feb. 11 meeting of the Friends of the Library at the Novi Library. The group gathered there that day to learn about "Priceless Photo Preservation." The group listened as Friends president Sue Johnson talked about the best ways to preserve already-printed photos and which software and modern printing methods were best for today's digital photos.



Parkview students wear hats to help



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Staff and students of Novi's **Parkview Elementary School were** able to wear hats Feb. 19 for a \$1 donation to the Giving Songs organization. From left are Johanna Werth, Jack Johnson, Yudai Yamaoka, and Matthew Klein. Giving Songs is a group that raises money for families with disabled kids so that they can afford motorized wheelchairs and other health expenses.

Schoolcraft offers new teacher certification program

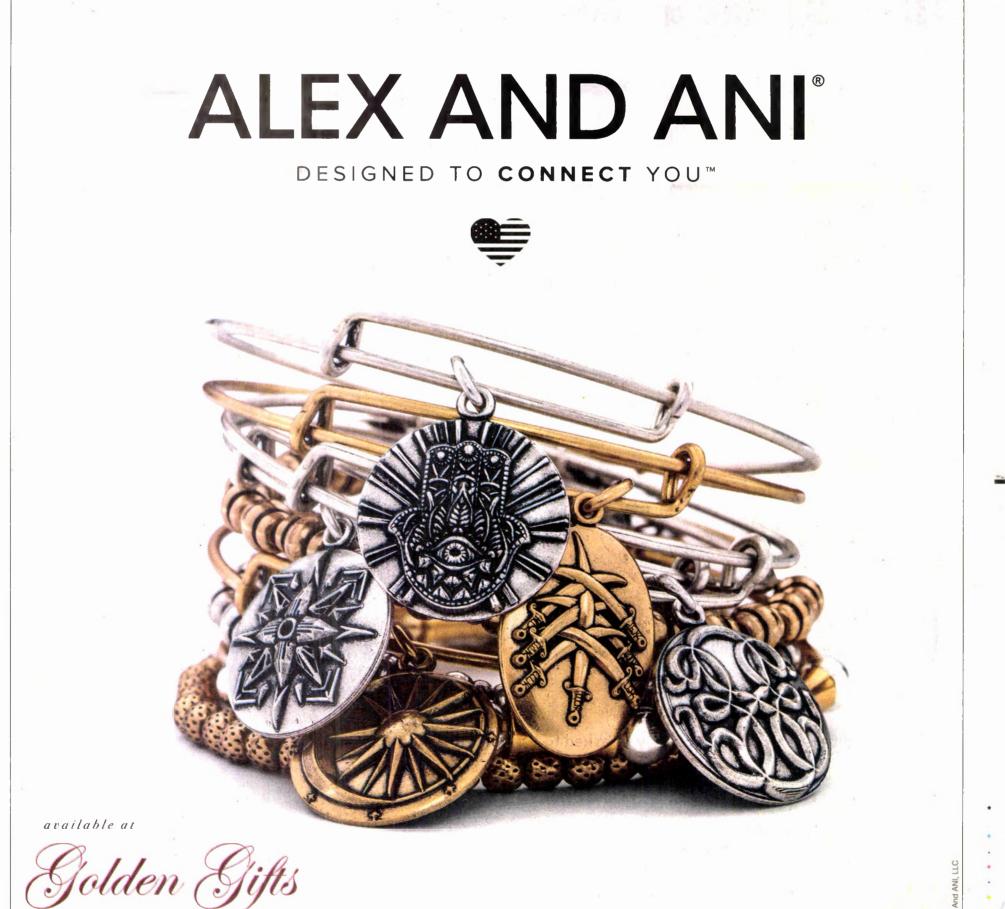
Individuals who have aspired to become a classroom teacher can now do so using Michigan's Alternate Route to **Interim Teacher Certification** Program. Schoolcraft College's Alternate Route Program enables qualified individuals to become certified teachers through an accelerated program designed specifically for the person transi-

tioning to a new career. In order to be admitted to Schoolcraft's Alternate Route Program, individuals need to have a bachelor's or graduate degree with a GPA of 3.0 or higher and also pass the ap-propriate MTTC exams. Applicants can apply to the program, regardless of their college majors.

Schoolcraft offers both an

elementary and a secondary education program.

Individuals interested in learning more about the opportunity to become a certified teacher through Schoolcraft's Alternate Route Program can contact Schoolcraft's Teacher Education office at 734-462-4335 or go to www.schoolcraft.edu/ arcteacher.



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Super Smash



A group of Northville High School students gathers in the school's corridor after school to play a round or two of Super Smash Brothers Melee on a laptop (from left): Tim Shalom, Kurt Wigent, Harrison Foster and Wonne Peter Koh.

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its 10th annual Member www.northvillearthouse-

.org for specific dates and times!

Volunteers

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Expert Linda Last will show members how to research Scottish background. Al Smitley will talk about the Erie Canal. Many people came to Michigan after the canal opened up access to Michigan. He will also play his banjo and sing songs related to the canal.

The roundtable, "Researching Scottish Records," will begin at 1:15 p.m., a short business meeting and refreshments will begin at 2:30 p.m., followed by Smitley presenting "The Ditch that Built Michigan - The Erie Canal" at 3 p.m.

The public is invited to attend, free of charge.

Smitley was the local history expert at the Northville library and has been active in a variety of historical groups. This will be a lively presentation, but also related to history and genealogy. Individual help on

genealogy is offered 1-3 p.m. each Monday in the Local History Room at the Northville District Library and also by appointment.

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Primary goals: Feeling the Bern, hoping for Hillary

Dedicated Democrats knock on doors and place calls

Susan Bromley Staff Writer

Gerry Haran wears his Hillary Clinton campaign button proudly and is happy to put in a plug for the presidential candidate wherever he goes — including Nevada last week.

"I wear the button all the time, and I'll point to it and say, 'Vote for Hillary," said Haran, 76, a Novi resident. "You have naysayers and I'll say, 'We need to try a woman president, try something different, because we've had the men and it's not working too well.""

On Saturday, just hours after returning from Nevada, Haran was ready to get to work gathering support for Clinton in the March 8 Michigan presidential primary election.

Only a mile away, Cynthia Churches, also a Novi resident, was campaigning for Clinton's competitor for the Democratic nomination, Bernie Sanders.

"We need a revolution," Churches said. "Nothing against Hillary, but I'm 70 and too old to wait."

Both she and Haran are members of the Democrats of West Oakland County, which meets at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at Novi United Methodist Church. Although not currently united on their choice of candidate, they consider themselves friends. They are also both long-time campaign volunteers.

Long history

Haran traces his political activism back to 1991, about a decade after he and his wife moved to Novi from New York when Haran was trans-



Cynthia Churches, a Bernie Sanders campaign volunteer, makes a house call on Walter Sobczak at his Novi residence.

ferred with General Motors.

"I really liked Bill Clinton," Haran said of the former president and husband of Hillary Clinton. "I made phone calls, handed out literature and sold buttons and political paraphernalia around the country."

He recalls meeting Bill Clinton and the eventual Vice President Al Gore on a bus as they dressed for church in Charlottesville, Va., and laughs that he got to see a little bit more of Clinton and Gore than most people. He attended the first inauguration of Bill Clinton in 1993 and met the President again, as well as his wife. He would also volunteer in Clinton's successful reelection campaign four years later and, when he saw him during a UAW campaign event at Cobo Hall, was amazed when the president remembered his name.

"I was flabbergasted," Haran said. "The biggest thing about Bill Clinton, to me, is the ability he has, charisma or whatever, to make you feel like you're the only one there in the room he is talking to."

Busy with work and family, Haran didn't work as much on Gore's failed campaign against successor George W. Bush. He returned to a more active role as a campaign volunteer when John Kerry ran for president in 2004 in another failed Democratic bid. He also worked on both of President Barack Obama's campaigns, although early on in 2008 he supported Hillary Clinton as Obama's challenger for the Democratic presidential nomination.

"Back then, in the beginning, I was for Hillary, but I could see the writing on the wall," Haran said. "Obama was really getting his message out and, when it became a rout, I moved over."

While Haran likes the current president, Hillary Clinton was always his preferred choice and he is happy she is running a second time, particularly with added foreign policy experience after serving as Secretary of State during Obama's first term.

Bernie supporter

Novi resident Cynthia Churches said she would support Clinton if she is the eventual nominee, but Sanders is the change she believes America needs.

"I've been politically active for a number of years and I'm too old to settle," said the married mother of one and retired accountant. "People say you need to be pragmatic, but we need a political revolution. We need free college education and single-payer health care and no war. We need a complete change for the middle class. I hope he's elected. He could really do something great for our coun-

try." Churches has been campaigning for political candidates ever since Kerry's bid against Bush.

"I was driven by our involvement in the war in Iraq and Afghanistan and



SUSAN BROMLEY

Gerry Haran of Novi makes calls urging voters to support Hillary Clinton in Michigan's Presidential primary election.

the neglect of education," she said.

Since then, she has made thousands of phone calls and knocked on hundreds of doors in various campaigns for Democrats at the federal, state and local level. Sometimes her efforts are well-received, sometimes not.

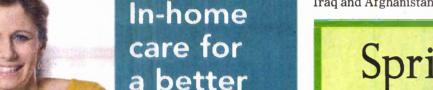
"I get everything from 'Go away' and the door shut in my face to 'Come in and have a cup of tea,'" Churches said. "Sometimes you have lists of registered voters, sometimes you don't ... I love to walk and make phone calls, all the grassroots things."

She tries to share her views in a non-threatening way, giving fodder for discussion in what is usually a conversation between two to five minutes. Regardless of an individual's stance on various issues, she continually tries to awaken the spirit of political involvement in a society she believes is increasingly apathetic.

"People are so disgusted with politics in general," she said. "There is an apathy and they think they can't make a difference, so they don't do anything at all. They feel powerless. Donald Trump said the other night in the Republican debate, 'I love the poorly educated.' It's ridiculous, but it's sadly true. People are not educated enough."

To become better educated on issues, both Churches and Haran encourage involvement at the local level, by writing letters to legislators and newspapers, attending school board and city council meetings and, of course, voting in all elections, including Tuesday's presidential primary.

"The main goal is participation," Churches said. "Everyone, regardless, just get out and vote and be aware of the issues that impact your life and your children's lives."



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Trump gathers support locally as primary nears

Susan Bromley Staff Writer

Viggo Pihl isn't old enough to vote, nor is he a U.S. citizen, but Saturday he was making phone calls on behalf of the Donald Trump presidential campaign.

'Since I can't vote, I figured this is the best way to help out," said Pihl, a Swedish exchange student currently living with a host family in Milford and attending Brighton High School. "I share a lot of values with Trump; he's the only one capable of doing the change everyone talks about.

Pihl was one of about 10 young men who looked to be similar in age who sat around a table calling potential voters Saturday at the makeshift Farmington Hills headquarters of the Trump campaign located at 24283 Middlebelt Road.

A man and a woman at the front desk of the storefront refused comment and photos of volunteers, directing all inquiries to a general Trump email address.

Army veteran Richard Stover entered the front door wearing a cap bearing Trump's slogan "Make America Great Again" and, when asked if he would like to comment on his support for Trump, staffers objected before he could answer, saying solicitation was not allowed.

Outside the office, Stover spoke freely.

"Immigration is destroying the country like the Trojan wars," said the 73-year-old Livonia resident, who served in the U.S. Army from 1961-64, was active during the Cuban missile crisis and is urging his family and friends to vote for Trump. "You know how vets are treated — you can't get an appointment for months at the VA Hospital. Those are the two big issues for me: immigration and veterans. A lot of people are ticked off. It's going to be settled at the ballot box or the bullet box.'

Young volunteers

Pihl stepped outside for a break and also answered questions about



SUSAN BROMLEY

Viggo Pihl volunteered Saturday at the Donald Trump Farmington Hills campaign headquarters. Pihl is a Swedish exchange student at Brighton High School.

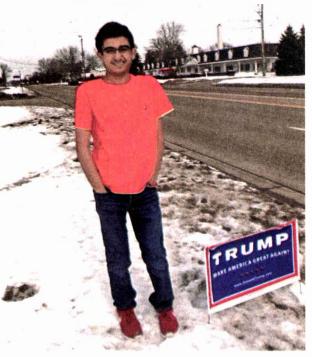


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Richard Stover of Livonia, an Army veteran, supports Donald Trump for president.

"There are three different factions of the party right now," Staudt said. "There's an establishment side, the conser-

vative side and those that are angry about government. That is why there are three fairly close candidates right now



Road.

Trump, Marco Rubio and Ted Cruz. Trump clearly represents those who are angry about the way government functions and the direction our country is moving.'

Cruz is representing the conservative side. more aligned with the Tea Party movement, Staudt continued, while Rubio considers himself an establishment Republican, with a less conservative viewpoint, although Staudt said he believes all three are fairly conservative.

The Republican field has been narrowed from 17 presidential candidates to five seeking the nomination. Besides

Trump, Rubio and Cruz, Ben Carson and John Kasich remained in the race, at least before Super Tuesday. The candidate Staudt favored, Jeb Bush, also considered an establishment candidate, has dropped out and he believes the support Trump has garnered above the remaining candidates shows that the voters turning out for the presidential primaries and caucuses are angry

'The primaries are interesting; they bring out the serious political people," Staudt said. 'General elections bring out everyone. This will be extremely different

than November."

The Michigan presidential primary election is Tuesday and it appeared Trump had the momentum going in, although as of press time, the results of Super Tuesday, when voters would cast their ballots in 13 states, were not yet known.

'On Super Tuesday, we will get a clear idea," Staudt said. "If Trump wins (the majority), realistically, will anyone beat him?'

Staudt said the anger voters feel toward President Barack Obama's administration is benefiting Trump. He also believes if Trump is the eventual Republican presidential nominee, he will represent a difficult challenge for either one of the current Democratic candidates, Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders, although the Republican Party is facing its own challenges.

"We are becoming a more diverse party," Staudt said. "We have to convince women and minorities that Republicans have something to offer them. We have not done a great job of that over the last eight years.

.. One of the things the Republican Party struggles with are social issues, whether Second Amendment rights, same-sex marriage or abortion. We have to figure out how to deal with those who disagree on one or all of those issues."

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SUSAN BROMLEY Brock Thomas, a 16-year-old West Bloomfield High School student, campaigned Saturday on behalf of Donald Trump at the Farmington Hills campaign headquarters on Middlebelt

his first day volunteering for an American political campaign. He was invited by a friend at his high school and they are calling people to ask if they're going to vote for Trump. He explained that if the person answering the phone says "no," the volunteers thank them and end the call.

"If they are undecided, we try to explain what Trump stands for." Pihl said. "Building a wall against immigrants, national security, giving power back to the people. Some say 'yes' they will vote for Trump. We tell them a little about Trump.'

Brock Thomas, 16, stopped to talk on the sidewalk outside the headquarters, as well. He also heard about the volunteer opportunity from a classmate of his at West Bloomfield High School. He was not financially compensated, nor is he receiving community service hours for school. He was there because he agrees with Trump on most of the issues.

"I like Mr. Trump's way to fix America," Thomas said. "I don't agree with deporting immigrants, but I like the idea of stricter entrance guidelines and his economic policies, like trade agreements. He wants to go in and fight ISIS and I like that rather than waiting for something to happen.'

Party diversity

Dave Staudt, Novi mayor pro tem, treasurer of the Oakland County **Republican** Party and political candidate consultant as owner of Core Communications, said the current race for the **Republican Party presi**dential nomination reflects the diversity in the party.

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Even with a week shortened by the cancellation of legislative sessions Feb. 25 because of a snowstorm that dumped several inches of snow across the state, lawmakers managed to introduce a couple of dozen new bills.

Legalizing marijuana, rewriting the laws surrounding parental surrogacy and freeing up some more money for Flint to deal with the ongoing crisis of lead contaminated water were among the bills that were put into the legislative hopper.

And while the likelihood of the Legislature legalizing marijuana or wading into the controversial subject of surrogacy this session were slim, other bills could see action, including exempting veterans from the



Sen. Coleman Young II, D-Detroit, has offered a bill to provide for the legalization and regulation of marijuana. It's Senate Bill 813.

requirement to get a recreational passport to get into state parks and having to pay for fishing licenses. Bills introduced last

week:

House bills

HB 5392: Provide for the regulation of purity of germination and other seed testing. Sponsor: Rep. Brett Roberts, R-Charlotte.

HB 5393: Modify the qualifying period for economic development assessments. Sponsor: Rep. Stephanie Chang, D-Detroit.

HB 5394: Revise postgraduate education requirements for physicians practicing in underserved areas. Sponsor: Rep. Ed Canfield, R-Sebawaing. **HB 5395**: Expand the

HB 5395: Expand the grant program for sewage collection and treatment systems that are at risk of failure. Sponsor: Rep. Joel Johnson, R-Clare.

HB 5396: Modify the procedure for reporting and collecting certain education data related to the required 180-day school calendar and create forms for school districts to report noncompliance. Sponsor: Rep. Joel Johnson, R-Clare.

HB 5397: Make a supplemental appropriation, in an amount to be determined, to help pay for the Michigan State Police emergency response to the City of Flint. Sponsor: Rep. Phil Phelps, D-

Flushing. **HB 5398-5399**: Allow all-union agreements in the private and public sector under certain conditions. Sponsor: Rep. Robert Kosowski, D-Westland.

Westland. HB 5400: Allow for the licensing and regulation of advanced practice registered nurses. Sponsor: Rep. Ken Yonker, R-Caledonia.

Senate bills

SB 811: Repeal and replace the existing Surrogate Parenting Act. Sponsor: Sen. Rebekah Warren, D-Ann Arbor.

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SB 813: Provide for the legalization and regulation of marijuana. Sponsor: Sen. Coleman Young II, D-Detroit.

SB 814-815: Provide for a supplemental budget appropriation for a department and amount to be determined. Sponsor: Sen. David Hildenbrand, R-Lowell.

SB 816-817: Exempt veterans from the requirement to get a recreation passport to get into state parks and provide waiver of fishing licensing fees for honorably discharged members of the military. Sponsor: Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton.

R-Canton. **SB 818**: Exempt yoga teacher training programs from occupational school regulations. Sponsor: Sen. Tonya Schuitmaker, R-Lawton.

SB 819-822: A four-bill package on the Detroit Public Schools, to allow a new district to be able to receive the per-pupil foundation allowance, transfer \$200 million for transitional purposes and allow the DPS superintendent and CEO to serve on the financial review commission. Sponsor: Sen. Goeff Hansen, R-Hart.

Oakland County Child Killer case: Unsolved after 40 years

Father of victim starts blog in hopes of shedding new light

Jay Grossman Staff Writer

It began Feb. 15, 1976, with the disappearance of Mark Stebbins.

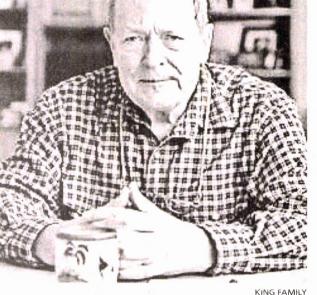
The 12-year-old Ferndale boy was the first of four children kidnapped and killed by a person or persons since dubbed the Oakland County Child Killer. The murders took place over a period of 13 months and led to one of the largest police manhunts in U.S. history.

Forty years later, all four cases remain unsolved.

Barry King, whose 11-year-old son Timothy was abducted in March 1977, is still searching for answers. The retired Birmingham attorney decided last month to start blogging about the murders in hopes he might flesh out new information about the crimes.

He named his blog "A Father's Story-OCCK." "I'm doing a page or

a page or His olde



Birmingham resident Barry King, the father of one of the victims, has started blogging about the OCCK case in hopes of shedding new light on the investigation.

grabbed his skateboard and headed a few blocks to the corner drugstore at Maple and Woodward to buy some candy. He never came back.

His older brother

frantic attempt to find the missing boy.

Timothy's body was discovered six days later by the side of a road in Livonia, the last confirmed victim of the Oakland County Child Killer.



In a horrific crime that remains unsolved after 40 years, four children from Oakland County were abducted and killed over a 13-month period in 1976-77.

"There was a major pedophile ring out here and Wayne County in-It

fore his body was found in Southfield. It wasn't until 10

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the former Busch home in Bloomfield Township to see if investigators could find any fibers or other evidence connected to the murders. The results of that search were never made public.

But King acknowledges others could be involved. Mitochondrial DNA evidence, for example, was later found in several vehicles that possibly connect Gunnels and Sloan with two of the victims. Lamborgine once refused to take a lie detector test in exchange for a lighter prison sentence.

Searching for answers

For their part, authorities have consistently declined to comment about any specifics in the case, mainly because it's still an open investigation. That lack of communication has prompted several of the families to file lawsuits against various departments and individuals in an attempt to obtain more information.

King, for example, said he was told in 2010 that Busch was no longer a suspect, but was never told why. For now, he hopes the blog will shed new light on the case. In one of his first postings, he debunks a popular theory that a blue AMC Gremlin was involved in his son's disappearance. "The King family never believed a blue Gremlin was involved," he said. "A Pontiac Le-Mans is associated with three of the victims and a Pontiac was also tied in with the fourth victim." Mihelich's sister was one of the first to comment on the blog, thanking King for keeping the investigation alive. King said he also stays in touch with Mike Stebbins, brother of Mark Stebbins. In addition to the blog, King started a Facebook page and a Twitter account to gain a wider audience. The Facebook page already has more than 1,100 followers. Nearly all the public comments come from people who were growing up in the area at the time of the murders. Many of Timothy's former classmates wrote messages of encouragement, hoping one day the cases will be solved. King acknowledges the strain his children have felt over the years from losing their younger brother, as well as the bitterness that comes from knowing nobody has been punished. Forty years have passed and he realizes it will probably take a deathbed confession to solve his son's murder. It doesn't stop him from asking more questions and searching for answers. It's all he can do as a father.

two a day, so nobody has to read on forever," said King, who turns 85 next month. "I would just like some questions answered for me and I don't have much time left."

Timothy King was the youngest of four children, outgoing and friendly. The evening of March 16, 1977, he Christopher had just gotten his driver's license the day before. That night, armed with a baseball bat, he walked the neighborhood in search of his brother. It was quickly determined he had been abducted, leading police to literally stop and search cars on Woodward Avenue in a

Who did it?

King said he initially believed "one diabolically clever person" was behind the killings, but now suspects it's possible the children might have been abducted for a suspected pedophile ring.

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KATHLEEN J. Age 56, passed away February 22, 2016. She was born April 9, 1959 in Garden City, daughter of the late Ronald and Eileen Bennett. She was a 1977 graduate of South Lyon High School. In her younger years, Kathy enjoyed acting and being active in local theater productions. She attended college and became a Registered Nurse. She was an avid reader and also enjoyed writing and making personalized greeting cards with her stamping collection. Kathy also enjoyed making homemade bath oils and bath salts. She is survived by her son, Matthew (Heather) Link; her grandchildren: Ethan and Hannah and he siblings: Thomas Bennett, Ann Hoffmeyer, Ronald (Annette) Bennett and Colleen Coble Kathleen is also survived by many nieces, nephews and loving friends. She was preceded in death by her son Bradley in 2004. Visitation was held on Thursday, February 25 with a funeral service held on Friday. February 26 at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME. 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. Memorial donations may be made to the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation

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ANDREW A. Age 89, of Northville, died February 27, 2016. Share condolences at casterlinefuneralhome.com

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LORRAINE 89, of Milford and later in life of Beaufort, South Carolina passed away on Monday, January 11, 2016. Lorraine was born Lorraine Horoszy on August 4, 1926 in Dearborn MI and married her life partner, Joseph F. Wojichowski in August of 1952. Lorraine and Joe spent their married lives raising their family and enjoying the out-of-doors while living in Livonia and Milford. After Joe's death in 2005, Lorraine lived in Beaufort, SC where she peacefully passed away at NHC Nursing Home. She is survived by her children and their families, Joseph and Terese Wojichowski of Milford, David and Marianne Wojichowski of East Hampstead, NH; and Frank and Lori Stec of Beaufort, SC and grandchildren Barry, Troy, Sean, Jennifer, Caitlin, and Samuel. A Memorial Mass will be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Milford, MI on May 21, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. with a reception immediately following. Interment will be at Raber Cemetary, Raber, date to be determined.

vestigated it," King said. "They knew boys were being taken ... somebody was paying a lot of money for that and the guys paying a lot of money are not picking these boys up."

If there is a short list of suspects, it would include Christopher Busch, Gregory Greene, Vince Gunnels, Ted Lamborgine and Arch Sloan. Each of them was tied to pedophile rings that operated throughout southeast Michigan in the 1970s.

Getting someone to talk won't be easy. Greene died of a heart attack in prison nearly two decades ago, while Sloan and Lambrogine are serving life sentences for pedophile convictions.

Busch, the son of a former General Motors executive, was a fourtime convicted pedophile who barely spent any time in jail because of his family's influence. Roughly 18 months after the Timothy King abduction, Busch committed suicide in August 1978 at his family's home in Bloomfield Township.

King actually met with Gunnels several years ago in the Kalamazoo area, but said little came of the conversation.

"He told the story he wanted to tell, but his stories have been largely inconsistent," King said.

Several similar homicides involving children were reported before and after in Michigan and Ohio, but only the four victims from Oakland County are directly tied to a possible serial killer.

Scars that never heal

Stebbins was abducted in the middle of the day. He was missing for a period of four days bemonths later, Dec. 22, 1976, that 12-year-old Jill Robinson was reported missing in Royal Oak. Her body was found three days later in Troy.

Seven days after Robinson's body was discovered, Kristine Mihelich was reported missing Jan. 2, 1977, in Berkley. The body of the 10-yearold girl was found 19 days later in Franklin Village. Timothy King was the fourth victim. And then, the killings

stopped.

Autopsies indicated the two boys were sexually assaulted, but not the two girls. White animal hairs, presumably from a dog, were found on the victims. All four children were neatly dressed when their bodies were discovered and it appeared they had been bathed.

Three of the children were suffocated, while Robinson died from a shotgun blast. Police speculate the killer was dumping her body and might have panicked that she was still alive.

If King were to point the finger at one suspect, it would be Busch.

When police found Busch's body in 1978, they took photographs of a penciled drawing pinned to his bedroom wall that depicts a screaming boy wearing a hooded jacket. The drawing bears a close resemblance to Stebbins and the clothing he wore the day of his disappearance.

Another photograph taken of his bedroom shows pieces of rope on a closet floor that have dark red stains. Investigators also noted the Busch family, at the time of the murders, owned a white-haired Welsh terrier.

In October 2008, a task force of investigators coordinated a search of jgrossman@hometownlife.com 586-826-7030 Twitter: @BhmEccentric

In Oakland County, two deaths of kids with fever reported

Daniel Bethencourt Michigan.com

Health officials in Oakland County are reporting an increase in flu activity and urging residents to get vaccinations.

The increase comes days after two children died following battles with fever, though it's not clear whether those children died of the flu. Officials made the

announcement last week and George Miller, the director of the Oakland County Department of Health and Human Services, added that it's still not too late to get a flu shot.

"While we are currently seeing an increase in flu activity; it is not uncommon for flu cases to peak at this time of year," Miller said in a news release.

The announcement comes after the Feb. 20 death of a 4-year-old boy in Rochester Hills whose parents called 9-1-1 for help because their son wasn't breathing properly, the Oakland County Sheriff's Office said. The boy had been battling a high fever earlier in the day. Medical staff pronounced him dead at a hospital.

Two days later, a 4month-old boy from Novi died after fighting a fever as well, *T he Oakland Press* reported.

The causes of death for the two boys are still pending and the results will not be available for weeks, according to the Oakland County Medical Examiner's Office.

When asked about the deaths last week, Miller said he did not have details about the deaths, but added, "This is a horrific situation for the parents and the family as a whole." He could not be reached for comment Monday.

The deaths come weeks after the Jan. 25 death of West Bloomfield kindergartner Ashton Arabo, who was believed to be Michigan's first pediatric flu-related death this year.

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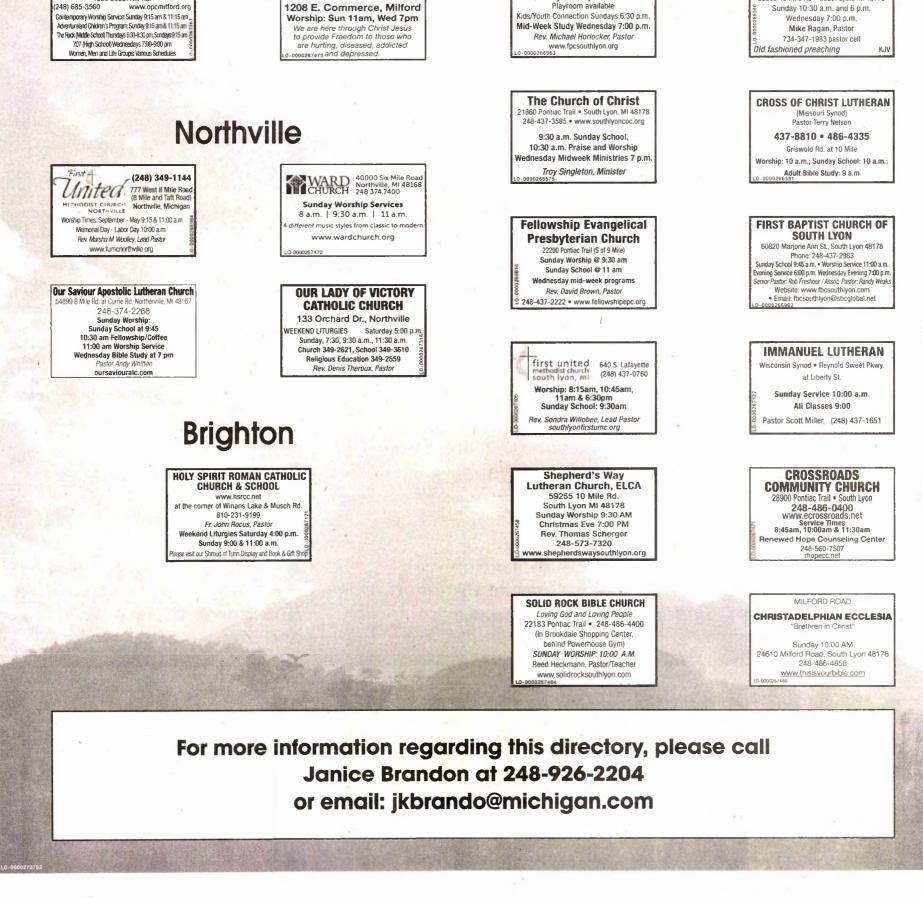
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Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the hometowns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

OUR VIEW Prove transparency by using FOIA

Gov. Rick Snyder is employed by Michigan taxpayers. So are our legislators. Yet they continue to scoff at the notion of being accountable to the very people who elect them. Yes, they are accountable come election time, but what about all the important work being done - or not being done - in the interim?

It is way past time for the governor's office and the Legislature to be subject to the same Freedom of Information Act as the rest of the state's public bodies. Taxpayers have a right to know how the state's business is being conducted. The governor and legislators don't merit special dispensation.

Snyder, addressing the Flint water crisis during the 2016 State of the State, said, "You deserve better. You deserve accountability. You deserve to know the buck stops here with me. Most of all, you deserve to know the truth and I have a responsibility to tell the truth. The truth about what we've done and what we'll do to overcome this challenge."

Truth starts with transparency. Transparency requires full disclosure.

The fact is when Snyder released more than 274 pages of personal emails last month, supposedly



It's time for the governor's office and the Legislature to be subject to the same FOIA laws as everyone else.

showing transparency on the water crisis in Flint, much was redacted. And as more and more emails are released, the picture gets more frightening. For true transparency to work, all emails must be released.

As one of only two states with a blanket exemption from FOIA for the executive branch (the other is Massachusetts), Michigan seems to have followed a winding road with an attorney general's opinion also including the Legislature in the exemption.

Let's remember: FOIA law already has exemptions within which government agencies, municipalities and public school districts and universities operate. Under Section 13 of the act, there are 24 subsections exempting items ranging from trade secrets to Social Security numbers to information that might, if public, impede ongoing law enforcement investigations.

If that works for everyone else, then it should work for executive and legislative staff as well.

And if Snyder and the Legislature want to send a strong message about how to prevent another Flinttype crisis from happening in Michigan, they would immediately pass legislation subjecting themselves to the same accountability as others.

Failure to do so sends a simple message: They don't want voters to know what they are doing.

Michiganders should expect more from their elected leaders.

Find out more about 'orphan' diseases through NIH clinics

rare disorder or, as they are sometimes referred to, an orphan disease, is a medical mystery that needs our attention.

Increasing awareness of various infrequent and sometimes unheard of medical disorders may prompt more research into potential treatments and cures. The more attention a condition gets, the better the odds are that something can be done about it. Interest-



ingly, the criteria for identification of rare disorders is that few people in the world have them and yet there are 7,000 separate identified orphan diseases in existence. Rare Disease Awareness Day on Feb.

Phil Allmen, Community editor Larry Ruehlen, Managing editor



29 shined a light on them.

Examples of rare disorders include: Marfan syndrome, neuro-fibromatosis, Niemann-Pick disease, Turner syndrome, FG syndrome, Tourette's syndrome and Addison's disease, which was said to afflict President John F. Kennedy.

I've had the opportunity to meet with and speak to various support groups that exist for individuals with some of these conditions. It led me to a realization that the one thing they have in common is a lack of attention paid to the mental health issues associated with being in a "medical minority." While much attention needs to be paid to the medical management of rare diseases including surgical procedures, medication trials and so forth, it can also be beneficial to address the psychological and emotional consequences of such conditions.

Therapeutic progress for individuals often can be seen when the question, "Why me?" evolves into "What am I going to do about it now?" To get past the "Why me?" often seems to entail a modification in identity which can now incorporate the medical diagnosis into the mainstream of one's personality. Then a question of "How can I build a life after tragedy?" can be asked and answered.

Getting help

The February-March 2016 issue of "Neurology Now," a free publication of the American Brain

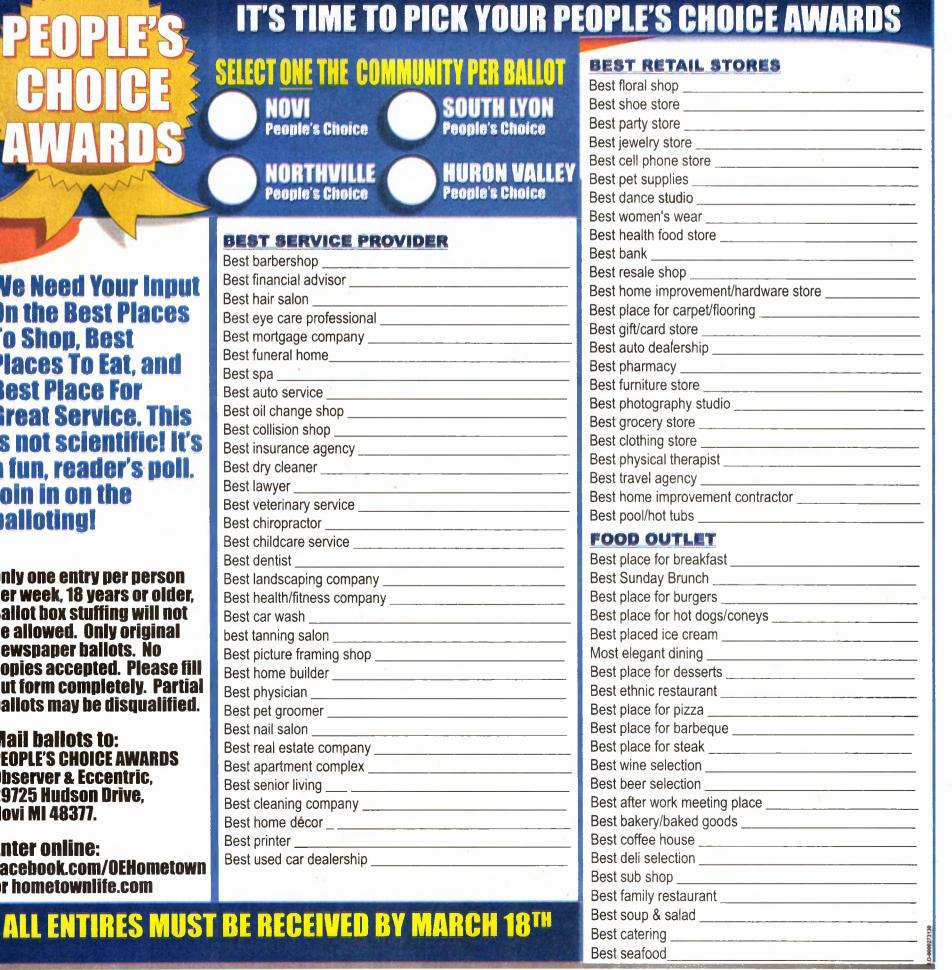
Foundation's American Academy of Neurology, reported that the National Institutes of Health created a network of medical centers dedicated to diagnosing rare diseases. Typically, the diseases they discover affect fewer than 50 people in the world with an array of symptoms that have stumped other physicians, sometimes for years. Many of these patients and their families have already been to dozens of doctors and have taken hundreds of tests, but remain undiag-nosed or find only more dead ends. Through the Undiagnosed Diseases Network Program, these individuals now can benefit from the expertise of a panel of physicians and receive unrestricted access to the latest med-

ical technology.

Last September, the NIH launched the network at seven medical centers across the country, which dramatically increased the number of patients that can be accepted.

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CITY OF NORTHVILLE 2016 BOARD OF REVIEW WAYNE AND OAKLAND COUNTIES

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Review of the City of Northville, Wayne and Oakland Counties, will meet at the City Hall, 215 West Main Street, for the purpose of reviewing and adjusting the 2016 Assessment Rolls of the City of Northville on the following dates:

TUESDAY,	MARCH 8, 2016:	10:00 a.m. Administrative Meeting
MONDAY,	MARCH 14, 2016:	1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY,	MARCH 16, 2016:	1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m

Unless otherwise specified the dates above are for Public Hearings

Pursuant to Act 165 of 1971 and based on the proposed changes to assessed value for 2016, the Wayne and Oakland County Equalization Departments have set the following tentative equalization factors relative to the 2016 Real and Personal Property Assessments: WAYNE COUNTY - Commercial Real 1.00; Industrial Real 1.00; Residential Real 1.00; All Personal Property 1.00. OAKLAND COUNTY - Commercial Real 1.00; Industrial Real 1.00; Residential Real 1.00; All Personal Property 1.00.

Mail-in Petitions must be received by March 15, 2016 before 5:00 p.m. ALL **TAXPAYERS** wishing to petition their property's taxable value or assessment in person with the Board of Review will be seen by **APPOINTMENT ONLY**. To ensure every appeal is heard it is requested that appointments be scheduled prior to Tuesday, March 8, 2016. Please contact the City of Northville Tax Department at (248) 449-9901 for an appointment or with any questions you may have regarding your 2016 taxable or assessed value.

BOARD OF REVIEW

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CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF MEETING **OF BOARD OF REVIEW**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Review shall convene for the Organizational Meeting at 9:00 a.m. EST, Tuesday, March 8th, 2016 in the Novi Assessing Department at 45175 W. Ten Mile Road for the purpose of reviewing and correcting the assessment roll.

Notice is further given that the second session of the Board of Review will meet for the purpose of hearing and considering assessment appeals in the Novi City Council Chambers at 45175 W. Ten Mile Road on March 14, 15 and 16, 2016.

All appearances before the Board will be by appointment only.

Published: February 18, 25 & March 3, 2016

If you or your representative wants to appear in person, the appointment must be made on or before 5:00 p.m. EST, Friday, March 11, 2016. Appearances before the Board of Review are limited to ten (10) minutes or less. Petitions are available at the Assessor's Office or at www.citvofnovi.org

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

Letters of protest will be accepted on or before 5:00 p.m. EST, Tuesday, March 15, 2016. Postmarks will not be considered. When submitting a letter of protest for the Board of Review consideration, you must attach a completed petition along with any supporting information.

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

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

BOARD OF REVIEW SCHEDULE

Monday, March 14, 2016 - 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Council Chambers Tuesday, March 15, 2016 - 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Council Chambers Wednesday, March 16, 2016 - 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Council Chambers Located in the Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road Novi, MI 48375.

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

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DR. MICHAEL J. REDMOND, FOUNDER OF THE REGION'S MOST COMPREHENSIVE DERMATOLOGY PRACTICE. **IS PLEASED TO...**

State police to host female recruiting event this month

David Veselenak Staff Writer

The Michigan State Police hope to attract more women into their ranks. They hope a recruiting event in Livonia will do just that.

The state police will hold a recruiting event more targeted toward women looking to join the ranks of the agency from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 19 in Schoolcraft College's VisTaTech Center, 18600 Haggerty, in Livonia.

The event, Trooper Marjorie Richardson said, will hopefully help bring in more female candidates for the state police, which she said has been an issue for several years. Nationally, about 12 percent of police officers are female, a figure that's higher than where the Michigan State Police is currently.

"For MSP, it seems to hover around 9 percent," said Richardson, a recruiter for the state police's second district, which consists of Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. "We do need to get our numbers up. There's no question."

The event will feature current female troopers discussing the roles for women within the agency, as well as training and the lifestyle of a state police trooper. Information on several units, including Forensic Science Division, Canine Unit, Special Investigations, Computer Crimes and the Gaming Section will also be available.

Requirements of those interested in applying include: good moral character; a U.S. citizen and Michigan resident at the time of appointment to

the academy; be at least 21 years of age; and have a high school diploma or G.E.D., as well as a good driving record. Candidates must also possess a stable credit history and have no felony convictions on their record. Attire for the event is business casual.

Starting salary for troopers after they graduate from the 21-week academy is \$44,000 annually, with a \$7,800 raise after completion of the first year.

Those interested in attending are encourage to email Richardson at richardsonm2@michigan.gov and are encouraged to arrive at the event at 9:45 a.m.

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Winter stroll with a friend



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Friends Beth Brandvine (left) and Karen Lewis head off for a hike Feb. 15 at Novi's Lakeshore Park trails. The pair have enjoyed hiking the park's many miles of wooded paths in the past.



DR. RENATA T. BRINDISE

Dr. Brindise's interests include skin cancer screening, prevention, and treatment, and management of skin conditions including acne, hair loss, eczema, and psoriasis in patients of all ages. She has a particular interest in cosmetic dermatology, with a focus on BOTOX* and Dermal Fillers, and served as a Cosmetic Dermatology Training Coordinator for residents. She has also published articles on general, surgical, and cosmetic dermatology. Dr. Brindise also speaks fluent Polish.

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Labs fetch first place in AKC breed popularity ranking

Sharon Dargay Staff Writer

Labrador retrievers rank first in purebredpopularity. They've been the top dog in America for the past 25 years, according to the American Kennel Club.

The organization tallies purebred dog registrations each year and uses those statistics as the basis for its annual breed popularity list, which it released this week. According to AKC's 2015 stats, the Labrador retriever took the top spot.

Marla Stuck isn't surprised.

"I think it's because they are naturally a friendly dog. They are super duper smart and they are easy to train and good with children. You can't have a better family dog. If you want a guard dog, you're not going to get a Lab," said Stuck, president of MI Lab Rescue

But there's a downside

to popularity.

"People go to the breeder and buy these puppies and then no one wants to potty train and clean up," Stuck said. "People buy this dog because they want to go hunting and then they never hunt. Or they don't want to train them and don't understand positive training like we do. They don't want to walk them. Labs are athletes and, if you don't exercise them, it makes them go crazy.'

Or they buy a puppy as a family Christmas gift, but soon discover dog ownership is too much work.

"So a lot of people don't understand basic stuff before getting a dog and how much work it is, she said. "The shelters are full of the number one breed."

A quick check of Petfinder.com turns up 525 Labs or Lab mixes for adoption within 100 miles of Livonia's 48150 zip code. Eighty-seven German shepherds, AKC's

second most popular breed, are listed for adoption within the same geographic area.

Stuck started the Ypsilanti-based rescue two years ago upon the urging of an acquaintance. The nonprofit organization has a seven-member board of directors and volunteers who foster the dogs. MI Lab Rescue adopted out 16 dogs its first year, 23 dogs last year and four this year. Stuck said the organization placed two new rescued Labs in foster care this week.

"She was a puppy mill dog," Stuck said of one of the newcomers. "They used her as a puppy mill dog and then tied her to a picnic table at a shelter up north and drove away."

Dog decides

Stuck said all of the rescue's dogs are vetted and spayed or neutered. The organization requires a home visit and a meet-and-greet before an

TOP 10 AKC DOG BREEDS IN AMERICA

1. Labrador retriever — "Friendly, active, outgoing. Labs play well with others." 2. German shepherd — "Smart, confident, courageous and steady. A true dog

lover's dog." "Intelligent, friendly and devoted "

4. Bulldog --- "Calm, courageous and friendly, dignified but amusing."

5. Beagle — "Curious,

adoption is finalized. The dogs have the final say. I tell people if the dog doesn't want to be with you, the dog won't be with you," she said.

Stuck recalls one potential adopter that passed the home visit. but failed to make the cut after the dog became shy, stressed and urinated inside the house

My vice president knelt down and (the dog) put both paws around her friendly, merry ... loving and lovable, happy, easygoing and companionable."

6. French bulldog — "Playful, smart, adaptable and completely irresistible."

7. Yorkshire terrier — "Affectionate, sprightly, tomboyish."

8. Poodle — "Active, proud, very smart."

9. Rottweiler --- "Confident guardian, loving, reserved with strangers and affection-

ate and loyal with his family." 10. Boxer — "Active, bright, fun-loving, and loyal."

head and hugged her tight," she said. "When I opened the door, she made a beeline for my van.'

New life

In some cases, dogs go from a rags-to-riches existence when they're placed with a new family. Stuck said an adopter in Plymouth offered the perfect setting — a big backyard — for their rescued Lab, which initially had been heart-worm positive and came from a shelter in Mobile, Ala.

"We got quite a few of ours from Alabama," she said. "We had one pup that had been tossed out onto a highway in Alabama. Someone took it to a shelter there, but it was a high-kill shelter."

MI Lab Rescue pulls dogs from high-kill shelters in Michigan and Alabama. Its adoption fees are \$250 per dog. Stuck said her organization spends approximately \$1,000 on each dog it prepares for adoption. All of its members are volunteers and it relies on donations to pay expenses.

Its first fundraising event is a four-person golf scramble, 10 a.m. May 21, at Pine View Golf Course, 5820 Stony Creek Road, Ypsilanti. Register for MI Lab Rescue's Par For Pups golf outing or check out the rescue's success stories and adoptable dogs at milabrescue.com.

Veterinarian's new book helps dog owners recognize canine pain

Sharon Dargay Staff Writer

You notice that your dog has stopped using stairs and suddenly doesn't like being petted.

He doesn't run and jump like he used to and tends to stand up front legs first.

He avoids slippery floors and has stopped initiating play. In fact, he suddenly has started growling at his canine friends and housemates.

Is your dog just slowing down as he ages or could he be in pain?

Michael Petty, D.M.V., hopes his new book, Dr. Petty's Pain Relief for Dogs, will give dog owners the information they need to recognize physical and behavioral signs of pain and to understand the kinds of treatment available and where to

find it. "There are certain breeds that are tough and they put up with pain well. In golden retrievers, sometimes pain is advanced before the owner notices," Petty said, adding that animals tend to hide their pain. "Not every dog shows every sign of pain. Some people just think their dogs are just getting lazy or old.'

Pain can result from osteoarthritis, surgery, neurological problems and diseases. Most dogs don't yelp when they're in chronic discomfort, but they express the pain through a combination of physical and behavioral

signs.

See your vet

Petty, who owns the Arbor Pointe Veterinary Hospital and Arbor Pointe Animal Pain Center in Canton, says a veterinary checkup may be in order if a dog shows some of the pain symptoms described in his book. Early diagnosis of pain and its source gives veterinarians a better chance of changing or slowing progression of a disease

"That's when we do the most treatment," he said. "The number one dog I see is the arthritic dog. Unfortunately, they often come to me at a state when they're hard to treat. Not every dog, but 60 percent of dogs

over (age) 6 have some degree of arthritis.

"My patients are lucky in that we discuss it earlier. They're always asking me about it."

The second most common pain problem he sees in dogs is acute pain from a back issue, such as a slipped disc.

Some owners bring their dogs for diagnosis after they've developed a

limp "We do a thorough physical exam to look for neurological issues. The second thing we need to do is to take them to the x-ray machine," Petty said. "We have to know if it is arthritis and nothing else. Recently, we had a case where the owner thought the dog had arthritis and it turned out

to be a bone tumor."

Lessening pain

Petty tailors pain treatment to the dog and its owner. He might try acupuncture, for example, but also prescribe weight loss if the dog is carrying too many pounds. Laser therapy can reduce inflammation, but he generally uses it in conjunction with another treatment, such as rehabilitation therapy, massage or medications. Even simple treatment, like icing after surgery, can go a long way toward mitigating pain.

"Another thing in the book that is useful is I spend an entire chapter on what you can do if your dog is in pain and you don't have money for high-end treatment," he said. "I discuss what kinds of things can be done as alternatives." A dog owner might try massage or rehab therapy - with some professional guidance — on their own. Some pharmaceutical companies also may help subsidize the cost of pain medications.

Petty said he wrote Dr. Petty's Pain Relief for Dogs because he wants dog owners to know "what's real and not pop medicine," when they seek pain treatment for their pets.

Dr. Petty's Pain Relief for Dogs, available at Amazon.com and barnesandnoble.com, also stresses the responsibilities that comes with pet ownership.



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Zinn and the art of chalk

James Mitchell Correspondent

It started while taking a break from work. David Zinn just wanted to get outside and enjoy "those perfect Michigan summer days." The deadline-driven contracts for commercial art and company logos that paid the bills could wait, he thought.

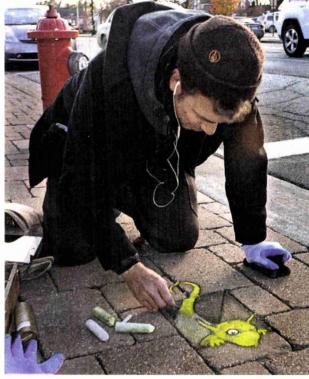
It wasn't all down time. The creative urges that had inspired his career joined him as he strolled the sidewalks of Ann Arbor — a contrast to the dirt roads and open fields of his South Lyon and Green Oak upbringing. Where others saw pavement, Zinn saw concrete canvases waiting to be filled. "I was still making

art," Zinn said. "The irony of that is I started chalk drawing to get away from the computer. Rather than my choosing to make it a focus, it's made itself a focus. The street art interest has taken on a life of its own."

Drawings designed to be as temporary as cloudless days have now been captured and preserved between the covers of a book, Temporary Preserves: Chalk Art by David Zinn, which he'd published in early November. Those initial drawings of a decade ago had evolved into an ongoing work-in-progress, with recurring characters including Sluggo a green monster — and a flying pig, Philomena.

"The book is more permanent than a picture on the Internet," Zinn said. "You can take it anywhere, it ends up on shelves and it's a curiosity for years to come.'

Zinn credits social media's role in the path toward publication and the growing interest for his images as shared online. A following on Facebook, Instagram and Tumblr brought Zinn invitations to join street artists from around the world at festivals in



JOHN HEIDER I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Artist David Zinn fleshes out a dragon emerging from the

Houston, Florida and, earlier this year, the No Limits Festival in Sweden.

sidewalk

As second careers go Zinn, 46, soon embraced non-commercial art for its own sake. It wasn't something he'd taken too seriously as a Sayre Elementary and South Lyon Middle School student in the 1970s, a childhood that he credits for instilling a work ethic necessary to forge a career in the graphic arts. Business logos, brochure illustrations, theatrical posters and other work provided the foundation for a freelance career, the artist as independent businessman.

"It's all very well to like drawing," Zinn said. "But you have to make yourself useful and contribute to society in a practical way.'

Yet the muse remained and what began as simple sidewalk sketches evolved as Zinn applied chalk and charcoal in concert with found objects at the

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location, where the drawings and characters interact with the scenery. Photos of Zinn's creations began appearing on forums, including the Huffington Post UK, Street Art Utopia and the Cheezburger Network.

Art is in the eyes of the beholder and appreciation of the form as contemporary folk art has grown considerably since Zinn first passed a harmless afternoon coloring an Ann Arbor side-walk. With each photo of his work that had been captured and shared with the world, Zinn moved closer to this year's book project, which began in late 2014 as a crowd-sourced Indiegogo campaign supported by VideoVision 360. Several months later, contributions from more than 30 countries set the stage and Temporary Preserves became a permanent reality.

For information on Zinn's art and to order Temporary Preserves, go to www.zinnart.com.

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Novi Choralaires, 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 Choralaires 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 concert takes place at the Novi Civic Center.

The Choralaires 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 novichoralaires.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. Tickets are \$12 online or \$15 at the door. Email novibollywoodbash@ gmail.com or go to www.facebook.com/ nccc78 for more.

Mom-2-Mom sale

Time/Date: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 12 Details: Hillside Elementary School hosts its fourth annual Mom-2-Mom sale, featuring 70 tables of gently used baby, maternity and children's clothing, toys and equipment. Early bird admission at 8 a.m. is \$3; general admission after 9 a.m. is \$2.

Hillside Elementary School is located at 36801 W. 11 Mile in Farmington Hills.

Garden club

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. refreshments, 7 p.m. program, Monday, March 14

Details: Gardeners of Northville and Novi will host Gerald Wykes presenting "Ethnobotany," how people and plants are interdependent. As an interpretive presenter with 30 years of experience incorporating the language of nature and the voices of history.

The program will take place at Novi High School, 24062 Taft Road. Use the Tafte entrance, door #43. Guests \$5.

Older Adult Services programs

Have you been diagnosed with "cabin fever?" Friends and fun are the prescription for feeling better and events hosted by Novi's Older Adult Services are the 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.



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Amanda Ling (left) is joined by Delany Gawenda, both 17, in putting together a snowman Feb. 25 at Novi's Lakeshore Park. All area schools were closed that day after the snowfall.

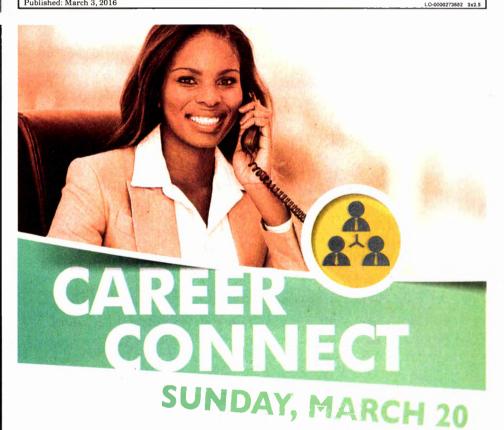
City of Northville Proposed Amendment to Chapter 82 Traffic and Vehicles in the Code of Ordinances

At its regular meeting on March 21, 2016, the Northville City Council will consider introducing for first reading an ordinance to amend Chapter 82 Traffic and Vehicles, Section 82-130 Overnight Parking in the City of Northville Code of Ordinances. The proposed amendment would prohibit parking between the hours of 3:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. on any public street, court, alley, or municipal parking lot within the city limits. The current ordinance prohibits parking between the hours of 3:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. on any public street, court, alley, or municipal parking lot within the city limits

Public comments will be received at the City Council meeting scheduled for March 21, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. at the City of Northville Municipal Building, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-349-1300. Written comments may also be submitted to the above address. Complete text of the proposed ordinance amendment is available for review at the City Clerk's Office during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, local prevailing time.

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Novi's Krygier goes to Valley of Sun



SUN DEVIL ATHLETICS Novi resident Brock Krygier transferred from Michigan State to play hockey and go to grad school at Arizona State.

PREP WRESTLING

Shamrocks pinned by **Davison** in semifinals

Cardinals go on 10-0 run to close out Division 1 triumph at CMU

> **Brad Emons** Staff Writer

Novi Detroit Catholic Central couldn't shake nemesis Davison for the second straight year Saturday in the MHSAA Division 1 wrestling team state finals Central Michigan University's McGuirk Arena.

The second-seeded Cardinals, who trailed, 25-19, after CC's 130-pounder Aaron Rehfeldt defeated Ryan Schlak, 6-0, went on a 10-0 run over the final three matches to pull out a 29-25 semifinal victory over the third-seeded Shamrocks, who finished the year 16-6.

Four of the matches were decided by one point, with each team winning two

The Davison comeback started when Brian Case (135) edged CC freshman Cameron Amine, 2-1, in a pivotal match.

'Aaron is wrestling really well right now and we believed he could beat Schlak," CC coach Mitch Hancock said. "We didn't score bonus points as planned up top or at 103 pounds, which forced us to wrestle Rehfeldt at 130 and bump Amine to 135. We needed to win both and we were forced to put Amine in a difficult position in going up three weight classes. He understood the challenge and accepted the task like a champion."

Former MSU defenseman lands at brand new Arizona State program

Brad Emons

Staff Writer

It didn't take long for Brock Krygier to become fond of his new-found hockey oasis in the desert.

After playing two seasons at Michigan State and with a bachelor's degree already in hand, the Novi resident decided to embark on a journey out west and become part of a brand new NCAA Division I program at Arizona State.

Krygier, a junior defenseman, is currently a graduate student at ASU. with one season of hockey eligibility remaining.

"In terms of lifestyle here, I'm lov-ing every second of it," Krygier said. "It's been 80 degrees here all this week. Talking to my parents, I know in Michi-gan, it's been in single digits, in the teens, so it's awesome going down to the pool in our apartment complex, hanging out with the teammates or just doing homework outside. Just the weather has been amazing. It's been a really cool lifestyle experience for me."

After helping Novi to an MHSAA Division 1 state championship his junior season while playing for his father Todd, Krygier spent his senior year of high school with Honeybaked's Midget Major AAA team before earning a scholarship to MSU.

Spartans days

BRAD EMONS, EDITOR

After red-shirting his freshman year at MSU, the 6-foot, 190-pound Krygier played the 2013-14 and 2014-15 seasons with the Spartans, appearing in a total of 58 games with six assists and a pluseight rating.

Krygier was also a two-time Distinguished Big Ten Scholar, carrying over a 3.7 grade-point average as well as earning academic all-Big Ten honors.

"The coaching staff at Michigan State understood that academics are a very big priority to me," Krygier said. "They completely understood and they were happy for me to pursue what I wanted to do. I worked hard in school. I

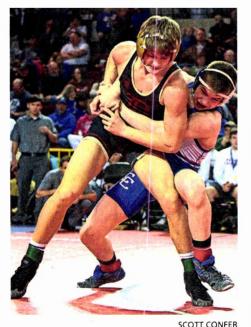
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BOYS HOCKEY CC passes stiff first-round test against Northville, 4-1



A stalling call against Amine was a deciding factor in the match.

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CC's Aaron Rehfeldt (right) scored a victory at 130 pounds.

Catholic Central's Cody Borke (left) puts the puck past Northville goalie Brett Miller in the first period for the game's opening goal.

Defending Division 1 champs win pre-regional opener

Brad Emons Staff Writer

Novi Detroit Catholic Central successfully opened defense of its MHSAA Division 1 boys hockey state title at the same venue at which it won the title and hopes to be back next week - USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth, where the state finals will be played March 12.

The top-ranked Shamrocks passed an tournament early test Monday by ousting No 5-ranked Northville, 4-1, in the pre-regional.

Catholic Central, which improved to 19-7 overall, advanced to the regional semifinal at USA against North Farmington-Harrision.

Despite taking six penalties, CC first-year coach Brandon Kaleniecki was generally pleased with his team's performance.

"We just played with tenacity," Kaleniecki said. "We were hard on pucks, we were working, we were back-checking. I think, at times, we took a few too many penalties to my liking, that's for sure. If we don't take those penalties, we kind of limit their opportunities a little bit. At times, we were playing long stretches in the offensive zone. That's a good thing. I'll take that all night.'

The Shamrocks outshot the Mustangs, 11-4, during the opening period and grabbed a 2-0 lead on a backhanded tip-in goal by Cody Borke at 5:32 (from Glynn Robitaille and Alex Kreutzer), followed by Jared Lee's goal at 10:32 (from J.P. Lafferty and Brendan West).

"The first period, we didn't come out with the intensity and the energy that I thought we would," Northville first-year interim coach Jon Gates

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said. "Maybe their speed took us by surprise a little bit and, consequently, (we) gave up a couple of goals up front there. We didn't cover the man and we know they like to go hard to the net. They got rewarded and we didn't keep them out of there.'

But the Mustangs (16-8-1) regrouped at intermission and got back into it on Dylan Coomes' goal at 2:51 of the second period, off an assist from Nick Bonofiglio.

During the second period, Northville narrowed the gap in shots to 9-8.

"The second period, we got it to 2-1 throwing the puck to the net and then had a couple of real nice chances for quite a bit of that second period," Gates said. "I thought we played toeto-toe with them."

But Kyle Mulka made it a two-goal

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LOCAL SPORTS

BOYS SWIMMING

Northville edges Novi to take victory dip

Relay DQ costs Wildcats in conference battle for first

> **Brad Emons** Staff Writer

Emotions ran the gamut in Saturday's KLAA Kensington Conference boys swim meet, with Northville successfully defending its title by the slimmest of margins at South Lyon East High School.

The Mustangs got a clutch performance from their thirdplace 400-yard freestyle relay team to deny rival Central Division rival Novi its firstever championship by two points, 897-895.

Host South Lyon Unified placed third with 508, while Livonia Stevenson (499), Canton (486) and Plymouth (416)rounded out the top six in the 11-school field.

"We got our tails kicked in this weekend, but we just kept on fighting," Northville coach Rich Bennetts said. "We had an awful day today. The last four guys on the relay just kind of decided they didn't want to blow it, which we were doing a really good job of the entire afternoon today."

Stevenson captured the final event, the 400 freestyle relay, in 3:15.43 to edge Canton's runner-up finish (3:15.81).

But Northville got the allimportant third as James Xue, Taiyo Ichikawa, Larry Zhao and Trevor Degroot swam 3:17.14 - two seconds clear of fourth-place South Lyon – to wrap up the crown.

We tried everything, literally. We just didn't have anybody swimming well, so we were trying to patchwork guys together to try and find somebody that's not going to lose us points," Bennetts said. "And the last four guys had no business breaking 3:20, but they went 3:17. I aged 10 years in the last three hours. I think they enjoy making me sweat."

Novi might have been poised to win the team title, but suffered an unfortunate break when its 400 freestyle relay team was disqualified for a false start in Friday's prelims. The Wildcats, who were the top seed going in, went scoreless in the final relay race.

"My boys are incredible," Novi coach Brent Pohlonski said. "Yesterday, after the

PREP BOWLING



The Northville boys swim team takes a victory dip after winning the Kensington Conference championship.

disappointment on the relay, they started firing each other up. They didn't get mad, they didn't point fingers, they just started building each other up. We met this morning for breakfast and they just decided, 'We're going to win it anyway. We're going to go out and give it everything we have and see if we could pull it off.'

And Novi nearly did as it captured two of the three relays

The Wildcats' Joey Berman, Narayan Manivannan, Siddhardha Kareddy and Ryan Katulski took the 200 medley relay (meet record 1:36.15), while the foursome of Phillip Billiu, Kareddy, Alexander Yuan and Katulski took the 200 freestyle relay (1:27.88).

'Earlier in the week, we had it Northville 37 points ahead of us and we knew we'd have to come in and swim great," Pohlonski said. "We did yesterday, but when you disqualify a relay on Friday, usually you don't plan on winning on Saturday."

Kareddy captured the 100 butterfly in 52.08, plus the Wildcats swept the first three places in the 100 backstroke, led by Berman's 53.22.

"I'm just so proud of my guys, that they didn't fold," Pohlonski said. "They didn't give up. Even though we put ourselves in the hole, we came out and still almost pulled it out. And to only lose by two, we know we lost a golden opportunitv here.'

Northville's lone first came from Nikolai Arton in the 100 breaststroke (59.71), while Degroot (200 freestyle) and Kirk Maibach (50 freestyle and 100 butterfly) each placed second. The Mustangs also got a runner-up finish in the 200 medley relay.

"I'm proud of the guys, but we have to do a much better job in the future, but I ain't worried about that today," Bennetts said. "I will never apologize for a win. There's a reason why they have Friday prelims and I've lost on DQs before. It's part of the game, so you have to be mentally ready to go on Friday and your relays have to do their job. And our relays did. (Novi) had a mistake and mistakes are part of sports. That's just the way it goes. We tried everything to blow this one, but we managed to swim the last four lengths when we needed to.'

South Lyon, meanwhile, finished nine points ahead of Stevenson for third.

"I thought it was a great meet for us," South Lyon Uni-fied coach John Burch said. "We're not at the level of Northville or Novi. They just have more kids than we do. We only have 23 kids on our team, but for us to finish third, it was our goal going in and we swam really well this weekend and really well today and I'm really proud of the kids."

South Lyon's best finish was third in 200 medley relay as

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Logan Boals, Brandon Bell, Max Kempisty and Zach Denny were clocked in 1:39.22.

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"One of the things that really helped us was some of our second-tier guys dropped a lot of time," Burch said. "You look at a guy like Preston Healy (22nd) and James Perry (16th), both of those guys dropped 20 seconds in the 500 freestyle to score points.

"I knew our top kids would go fast, but that next tier stepped up and that's what you need to have for a championship team or a team that performs well in the conference meet.'

The meet's individual star was Stevenson senior Jackson O'Dowd, who swept the 50 and 100 freestyles in 21.25 and 46.45, respectively.

O'Dowd, headed to swim for the University of Pennsylvania of the Ivy League, also anchored the first-place 400freestyle relay and was a part of the Spartans' runner-up 200 freestyle relay (1:28.56).

"He's got the competitive edge and he wants to win, without a doubt," Stevenson coach Jeff Shoemaker said. "He loves hunting down people. And I don't care how fast they are, he'll hunt them down to the best of his extent, if possible.'

Stevenson's other first-place finish came from freshman Benjamin Rojewski in the 500 freestyle (4:43.59). "We don't have a lot of arsenal to begin with, but we really swam well and they made me extremely happy," Shoemaker said. "We won four events. Four out of the 11 isn't bad.

Other individual conference champions crowned on Saturday included Canton's Daniel Mullen, 200 freestyle (1:45.59); Plymouth's Garrett Beauprez, 200 individual medley (1:57.50); and Livonia Churchill's Ethan Burke, 1-meter diving (446.00 points).

KENSINGTON CONFERENCE BOYS SWIM MEET Feb. 26-27 at South Lyon East TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Northville, 897 points; 2.

Novi, 895; 3. South Lyon Unified, 508; 4. Livonia Stevenson, 499; 5. Canton, 486; 6. Plymouth, 416; 7. Salem, 400; 8. Livonia Churchill, 295; 9. Wayne Memorial, 164; 10. Westland John Glenn, 121; 11 Livonia Franklin, 67

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1:48.21; 8. Philip Billiu (Novi), 1:48.22.
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446.00 points; 2. James Ciolli (Novi), 396.45; 3. Nathan Pellerito (Novi), 342.30; 4. Jordan Groves (Ply.), 341.90; 5. Christian Field (N'ville), 321.80; 6. Ben Kirchoff (Ply.), 307.70; 7. Mitchell Russell (Novi), 280.35: 8. Patrick Holton (Churchill), 273.45 280.357.8. Patrick holiton (Lnurchill), 273.45. 100 butterfly: 1. Kareddy (Novi), 52.08; 2. Maibach (N'ville), 52.32; 3. Xue (N'ville), 53.36; 4. Parker Wasielewski (Stevenson), 54.41; 5. Preston Harrell (Novi), 54.59; 6. Kempisty (SLU), 54.78; 7. Budnick (Salem), 54.95; 8. Jason Nitkiewicz (N'ville), 54.457

100 freestyle: 1. O'Dowd (Stevenson), 46.45; 2. Katulski (Novi), 47.20; 3. Niermann (Canton), 48.26; 4. Zhao (N'ville), 49.34; 5. Kyle Amick (Canton), 49.56; 6. Kotyk (Novi), 49.74; 7. Yuan (Novi), 49.83; 8.

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 Northville, 1:29,22; 5. South Lyon, 1:29,85; 6. Salem, 1:30,45; 7. Plymouth, 1:33,56; 8. Wayne, 1:34,93.
 100 backstroke: 1. Berman (Novi), 53,22; 2.
 Billiu (Novi), 54,46; 3. Maxwell Williams (Novi), 54,56; 4. Boals (SLU), 55,08; 5. Wasielewski (Steven-son), 55,41:6. Zhao (Mixil), 55,80; 7. Arthur. son), 55.41; 6. Zhao (N'ville). 55.80: 7. Arthu reenlee (N'ville), 56.02; 8. Erik Halboth (Novi),

100 breaststroke: 1. Arton (N'ville), 59.71; 2. Li

100 breaststroke: 1. Arton (N'ville), 59.71; 2. Li (Salem), 1:00.52; 3. T. Nitkiewicz (N'ville), 1:01.18; 4. Kevin Taylor (Churchill), 101.58; 5. Manivannan (Novi), 1:01.68; 6. Chris Geng (N'ville), 1:01.94; 7. Visai (Ply.), 1:01.97; 8. Haotian Jiang (N'ville), 1:02.90. **400 freestyle relay**: 1. Stevenson (Wasielewski, Beck, Santi, O'Dowd), 3:15.43; 2. Canton (Mullen, Goderis, Amick, Niermann), 3:15.81; 3. Northville (Xue, Taiyo Ichikawa, Zhao, Degroot), 3:17.14; 4. South Lyon, 3:19.39; 5. Plymouth, 3:22.32; 6. Churchill, 3:34.34; 7. Wayne, 3:35.10; 8. Salem, 3:36.19.

Area teams miss out on Division 1 cut at Super Bowl regional

CC senior earns individual berth in state singles final

Brad Emons

Staff Write

It was noisy all weekend inside Canton's Super Bowl, but for area girls and boys bowling squads, the season ended quietly at the MHSAA Division 1 regional tournament.

In Friday's girls team regional, Farmington captured the title with a total of 3,820 pins in a nine-game format that featured six Baker games and three regular games.

Also headed to Sterling Lanes this Friday for the state finals is regional runner-up Westland John Glenn (3,758) and third-place finisher Salem (3.483)

Meanwhile, the Novi girls wound up 10th with 2,931, while Northville placed 12th in the 13-team field with 2,493.

In Saturday's individual girls singles, Farmington junior Candyce Bradley captured regional honors with a six-game set of 1,290. She posted six straight plus-200 games, highlighted by a high of 244.

Novi sophomore Megan Hartmus wound up 17th overall in the field of 73 with 982, including a high game of 205.

Other finishers for the Wildcats included Marissa Huth, 48th (806), Heather Gregory, 51st (796), Madison Murphy, 57th (750) and Sarah Erno, 63rd (726).

Northville's top finisher was senior Beatrice Nayh, who placed 33rd with 876, highlighted by a 210 game.

Other finishers for the Mustangs included Rileigh Freeman, 54th (780), Delaney Compeau, tied for 69th (640) and Jeniya Dabish, 71st (567).

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Regional champion Salem (972), Wayne Memorial (3,947) and Belleville (3,882) all earned a trip to Friday's Division 1 boys team state finals in Sterling Heights.

Novi Detroit Catholic Central finished sixth with a 3,664 total, while Novi and Northville took 11th and 13th, respectively with 3,415 and 3,274.

In Saturday's individual singles, CC senior Brian Hohentanner made the cut with a six-game total of 1,202, including games of 236, 213 and 200

Other finishers for the Shamrocks included Nathan Gaissert, 32nd (1,070), Andrew Lack, 40th (1,047), Nicholas Grenn, 59th (957) and Peter Ebaugh, 69th (908).

Novi sophomore Scott Pryson was just 10 pins away from going to the state singles finals, placing 11th overall in the field of 84 with a 1,172 total. including high games of 205, 201 and 200.

Other finishers for the Wildcats included Chris Fisher, 56th (972), Brenden Tally, 57th (970), Peter Koomen, 73rd (879) and Nick Ditri, 84th (754)

Senior Collin Fowler paced Northville with 1,080, including a high game of 218. He was followed by Liam Munro, 31st (1,070), T.J. Newman, 49th (1,009), Payton Korhumel, tied for 61st (949), Connor Eadeh, 77th (850) and Nathan Colosimo, 83rd (764).

Belleville, which had four make the top 10, was led by regional champion Dylan Bentley, who finished with a sixgame set of 1,347. He was only 10 pins ahead of teammate **Richard Allison**

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Lexa Barrott led the way as the Northville XC Running Club came away with a pair of first-place finishes at the Michigan Indoor Track Series this past weekend at Aquinas College in Grand Rapids. Barrott, headed to Indiana University, captured the 1,600-meter run in 4:57.98 and also teamed with Ana Barrott, Chloe Abbott and Cayla Eckenroth for first in the distance medley relay (12:08.3). Other top NXC finishers included Purdue University-bound Abbott, 400 (57.37); Ana Barrott, fourth, 3,200 (11:08.6); Conor Naughton, fourth, 3,200 (9:36.48); Kenny Goolsby, eighth, 1,600 (4:29.46); and Olivia Harp, 16th, 3,200 (11:45.23). Lexa and Ana Barrott, along with Abbott, Eckenroth and Naughton, will be competing March 11-13 in Port Jefferson, N.Y., at the New Balance Nationals Indoor at the Armory.

THE WEEK AHEAD

GIRLS BASKETBALL DISTRICT TOURNEY DRAWS CLASS A PLYMOUTH (Host)

Friday, March 4: Championship final, 7:30 m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals uesday, March 8, at Novi vs. Highland Milford district champion.)

CLASS D at DETROIT PUBLIC SAFETY Friday, March 4: Championship final, 6 pm. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals, Tuesday, March 8, at Waterford Our Lady of Lakes vs. Lansing Christian district champion.) BOYS HOCKEY MHSAA REGIONAL DRAWS **DIVISION 1**

DIVISION 1 at USA HOCKEY ARENAS Saturday, March 5: Championship final, 1:30 p.m. (Winner advances to state quarterfi-nals, 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 9, at Flint's Dort Event Center vs. Lake Orion regional champion.) DIVISION 2 NOVI ICE ARENA (HOST) Thursday, March 3: White Ide Lakeland

Thursday, March 3: White Lake Lakeland vs. Fenton-Hartland winner, 6:30 p.m. at Hartland Sports Center, South Lyon Unified vs. Novi-Walled Lake Central winner, 7:15 p.m. at Novi Ice

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Saturday, March 5: Championship final. 7:30 p.m. at Novi Ice Arena (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals, Tuesday, March 8, at Novi Ice Arena vs. Brother Rice regional champion.) PREP WRESTLING Thursday-Saturday, March 3-5 MHSAA Individual Finals at Palace of Aubum Hills, TBA. BOYS SWIMMING (MHSAA Championships) Friday-Saturday, March 11-12 Division 1 at Holland Aquatics, noon. Division 2 at Saginaw Valley St., noon. PREP GYMNASTICS Saturday, March 5 MHSAA Feinals at Rockford) Friday, March 10 a.m. (MHSAA Finals at Rockford) Friday, March 12 Individual finals, 10 a.m. PREP BOWLING Friday, March 4 (MHSAA Team Finals) Division 1 at Sterling Lanes, 8:25 a.m. at Palace of Auburn Hills, TBA.

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GIRLS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Northville staves off **Waterford Kettering**

Mustangs hang on for 39-38 win; Wildcats split pair of KLAA games

Brad Emons

Staff Writer

There were a few anxious moments down the stretch Friday as Northville held off a late fourth-quarter run by host Waterford Kettering to earn a 39-38 KLAA consolation girls basketball triumph.

The Mustangs, who ended the reg-ular season 17-3 overall, got a team-high 14 points from Jessica Moorman, while Kendall Dillon and Brianna Drummond added five each.

Northville led 25-17 at halftime and 35-25 after three quarters before the Captains (14-6) made a late charge, pulling to within one on a late 3-pointer.

But despite making only 14-of-25 free throws, including 2-of-10 in the final quarter, Northville survived an ill-fated Kettering half-court shot at the buzzer to earn the victory.

Haley Tewes scored a game-high 15 points for the Captains, who made only 7-of-20 foul shots.

FRANKLIN ROAD 41, INTER-CITY 37: Senior guard Hannah Rayburn scored a game-high 18 points Friday as host Novi Franklin Road Christian (7-12, 4-8) stormed back in the final quarter to stun Allen Park Inter-City Baptist (11-9, 5-7) in a Michigan Independent

Athletic Conference Blue Division game. Karalynn Goering led the Chargers, who were outscored 20-9 in the decisive fourth quarter, with 12 points. Franklin Road made 9-of-12 free throws, while Inter-City was

Part 7, 2017, BRIGHTON 48, NOVI 37: Senior center Beth Dziekan scored a team-high 17 points Feb. 25 as the host Bulldogs (13-7) closed the regular season with a KLAA consolation bracket win over visiting Wildcats (16-4)

Wildcats (16-4). Junior guard Julianna Pietila added nine points, while senior guard Brianna Possorek had eight points and 10 rebounds for the Bulldogs, who overcame 26 turnovers. Novi, which trailed 26-17 at the half before rallying with a 13-5 third-quarter run, got a game-high 18 points from sophomore guard Ellie Mackay, who made 10-of-13 free throws. Julia Lalain contributed eight points, while Allie Lipson added six points and five boards for the foul-plagued Wildcats. Jessie Bandyk

also had four steals.

also had four steals. Novi, which led early in the fourth quarter before being outscored 17-7, made only 11-of-34 shots from the floor (32.4 percent). The Wildcats were 15-of-23 from the foul stripe (65.2 percent). Brighton made 15-of-32 shots from the floor (46.9 percent) and shot 15-of-24 from the free-throw line (62.5 percent). **NORTHVILLE 58, MOTT 38**: Junior forward Jessica Moorman scored a team-high 10 points, leading the Mustangs (16-3) to a KLAA consolation game victory Feb. 23 at home over Waterford Mott (12-7).

Mott (12-7) Mott (12-7). Brook Adams, Lindsay Rathsburg, Sam Cantie and Ella Duckworth each added seven points for the Mustangs, who led 25-19 at halftime before breaking it wide open with a 21-6 third-quarter run. Northville made 14-of-21 free throws. Monica Reiche scored 10 for the Corsairs, who went 6-of-13 from

NOVI 40, W.L. NORTHERN 23: The Wildcats (16-3) steadily pulled away in the second half to earn a KLAA consolation brac victory Feb. 23 over visiting Walled Lake Northern (7-12). The Wildcats, who led 21-14 at halftime and 27-19 after three

quarters, outscored the Knights 13-4 in the final quarter. Senior forward Allie Lipson paced a balanced attack for the Wildcats as she finished with 11 points and nine rebounds. Ellie Mackay and Carson Garguilo each added nine points, while Julia Lalain chipped in seven points and six boards. Novi went 12-of-13 from the foul line (92.3 percent) and hit 13-of-38 shots from the floor (34.2 percent).

The Knights, who shot only 9-of-50 from the floor (18 percent) and primitted 19 turnovers, got five points apiece from Raven Rogers

and Marly Gingras.



Sophomore guard Kendall Dillon helped Northville to a 17-3 record in the regular season.

BOYS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Zimbo's six triples lead **Mustangs to KLAA** victory

Brad Emons Staff Write

Senior guard Justin Zimbo was on target Monday night as the Northville boys basketball team earned a 67-57 road victory at Grand Blanc in a battle of KLAA division cham-

pions.



Zimbo

the Central Division champs bounced back from their first loss of the season to improve to 18-1 overall. Senior forward Nick

Zimbo finished with a

game-high 24 points as

SPORTS ROUNDUP

AAU girls hoops

The Novi Motion, an AAU girls basketball team, has announced its tryout schedule for the upcoming season at the Novi Middle School auxiliary gym.

» Incoming grades 4-5, 6:30-8 p.m.; grades 6-7, 9:30 p.m., both Tuesday, March 15.

» Incoming grades 8-9, 6:30-8 p.m.; grades 10-11, 8-9:30 p.m., both Thursday, March 17.

Players need to come 15 minutes before start time, dressed and ready to play. The tryout fee is \$20. Parent or guardian must sign a wavier form. Forms are available online at https://sites.google.com/site/novi motionbb/

For more information, call Ron Valente at 248-349-5464 or Rob Lalain at 248-767-2030.

Novi baseball registration on

Registration is now open for the 2016 Novi Youth Baseball League, which offers six divisions for players ages 7-18.

PREP GYMNASTICS

There is no Novi residency requirement for the NYBL's house league baseball divisions, but registration closes March 17 for players 14 and under.

Teams will be selected in late March, with the NYBL's opening day scheduled for Saturday, May 14. The season runs through Saturday, July 16, with games primarily played at ITC Community Sports Park.

Registration is available online at www.noviyouthbaseball.com

Novi Inferno drop-in

Registration is available for Novi Youth Baseball Inferno drop-in practices, 7:35-9:15 p.m. each Friday during March and April at the Strike Zone, 48155 West Road, Wixom.

The 7,500-square-foot indoor training facility features three batting tunnels, infield area and padded artificial turf covering the entire playing area. The Strike Zone is affiliated with the NYBL, along with Novi Heat travel baseball and Motor City Madness girls fast-pitch softball.

The Inferno is a tryout team which provides additional opportunity for house league baseball players to participate in weekend tournaments. The program is designed for families who would want to play in a higher level of competition, but do not want the commitment of a travel league team.

The cost is \$35 for eight practices or \$10 per drop-in session at the door.

For more information, go to www.noviyouthbaseball.com.

Northville spring training baseball camp March 19-20

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.

ilds also added 15 points in limited minutes due to foul trouble.

"Zimbo and Nick really carried us," Northville coach Todd Sander said. "Nick hit two huge threes to end the first quarter and Justin showed why he's such a special player.'

Junior guard Kevin Morrissey contributed nine points (all in the second half), while freshman guard Robert Johnson chipped in six off the bench, including 4-for-4 from the free-throw line.

Sophomore Jackarus Jackson scored 17 points for the KLAA West champion Bobcats, who slipped to 14-5 overall.

"Tonight was really a tremendous team win," Sander said. "We had some different lineups and guys playing out of normal positions due to foul trouble. Everyone responded. It was terrific to see.'

Northville, which built a 33-17 halftime advantage, held on despite making only 13-of-24 free throws (54.1 percent) to go with 17 turnovers.

NOVI 66, PINCKNEY 56: Sophomore Traveon Maddox Jr. oured in a game-high 29 points Monday, leading the Wildcats 0-9) to a KLAA non-tournament triumph over the host Pirates (7-12).

(7-12). Maddox scored 21 of his 29 points during the second half as Novi rallied from a 25-19 halftime deficit by outscoring Pinckney, 47-31. Senior foward Johnny Davis added 15 points, while junior forward Alec Bageris chipped in 11 for the Wildcats, who made 19-of-25 free therma (76 counce)

Interview (76 percent). Junior Kolton Pavlicek scored 19 and senior Michael Bankes added 10 for the Pirates, who went 12-of-17 (70.5 percent) from the foul

DETROIT CC 54, NOTRE DAME PREP 33: A 21-0 second quarter run proved to be the difference Saturday as Novi Detroit Catholic Central (10-8) rolled to a victory at Pontiac Notre Dame Prep (5-13).

Prep (5-13). Freshman guard Austin Brown and junior forward C.J. Baird scored 11 and 10 points, respectively, for the Shamrocks. Junior guard Gio Genrich added eight points for CC, which led 14-11 after one guarter and 35-11 at halftime. Joshua Johnston scored eight points for the Fighting Irish. The Shamrocks made 13-of-19 free throws (68.4 percent), while Notro Dame Prep was 26-of-650 neuront). Notre Dame Prep was 3-of-6 (50 percent).

INTER-CITY 54, FRANKLIN ROAD 45: Garrett Kraatz scored a game-high 25 points and Josh Estell chipped in 12, leading Allen Park Inter-City Baptist (13-6, 7-5) to the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference victory Friday at Novi Franklin Road Christian

Inter-City, making 13-of-15 free throws, led 28-20 at halftime and

A2-33 after three quarters before closing out the win. Senior guard Austin Hearns had 12 points and 10 rebounds in a losing cause. Senior forward Joshua Betcher added 10 points. The Warrior were S-of-6 from the foul stripe. DETROIT CC 52, CARLSON 42: Juniors CJ. Baird and Gio

Genrich led the way Friday as Novi Detroit Catholic Central (9-8) earned a non-league victory over host Gibraltar Carlson (8-11). The Shamrocks trailed 29-26 at halftime before outscoring the

Marauders 26-13 in the second half to win going away. Senior center Tom Smulsky added 10 for the Shamrocks, who went 8-for-12 from the foul line.

Sophomore Jaylyn Franklin scored a team-high 12 for the Maraud-rs, who made 3-of-6 free throws.

FRANKLIN ROAD 77, GREENHILLS 47: Joshua Betcher, a 6-foot-6 senior forward, led the way with 26 points and added 10 rebounds, while 6-7 senior center Joshua Bause also posted a rebounds, while 6-7 senior center Joshua Bause also posted a double-double with 10 points and 12 boards, as Novi Franklin Road Christian (13-5, 8-3) rolled to the MIAC Blue Division victory Feb. 23 at Ann Arbor Greenhills (6-10, 3-8). Senior guard Austin Hearns also chipped in 10 points and 10 assists for the Warriors, who led 38-10 at halftime and 59-31 after

three guarters.

Louie Meeks paced the Gryphons with 12 points, while Raman Sahota and Oladele Gaba added 11 and 10 points, respectively Franklin Road made 12-of-14 free throws (85.7 percent), while Greenhills was 2-for-3.

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Northville soars to season-best score

Brad Emons Staff Writer

Erin McCallum's career-best 9.45 score on floor exercise highlighted Northville's 138.1-132.1 gymnastics dual meet victory Feb. 23 over host Birmingham United.

Also leading the Mustangs, who finished the year 9-5 overall, was Maddy Lewis, who scored 9.1 on balance beam and 8.725 on the uneven parallel bars

Freshman Lora Haupt and junior Emma Cemalovic scored matching 8.6 scores on vault, while junior Neha Vallabhaneni and freshman Ellie Cotter posted career-bests 8.45 and 8.4, respectively, on beam.

The Mustangs now turn their attention to the MHŠAA regional beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday at Plymouth High School.

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Northville's Lora Haupt competes on the uneven parallel bars in a recent dual meet.

Madness win title



RICHARD CUMMINGS

KAREN MCCALLUM

The Madness '02 girls softball team finished 5-0, including a 7-5 victory in the championship final, to capture the Knock It Out of the Yard 14-and-under title last month at the Oakland Yard in Waterford. Team members of the Madness, who outscored their opponents 54-3 leading up to the final, include (front row, from left): Kylie Millhorn, Cassidy Brendtke, Gaby Cummings and Shae Scott and (back row, from left) Chelsea Collins, Abbey Barta, Bella Brass, Karlie Moore and McKenna Kin.

LOCAL SPORTS

BOYS HOCKEY ROUNDUP

Shamrocks gain MIHL North Division title

Wildcats nip Lake Orion in regular season finale; pre-regional next

Brad Emons

Staff Write

Novi Detroit Catholic Central wrapped up the North Division title in the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League with a 3-2 win over upset-mind-ed Grosse Pointe North at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth.

The top-ranked and defending MHSAA Division 1 champion Shamrocks finished 10-2 in the MIHL North with 20 points, one ahead of Birmingham Brother Rice, while ending the

PRE-REGIONAL

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cushion again when he rifled a shot just from inside the blue line that seemed to fool Northville goaltender Brett Miller at 10:55 of the second. Luc Krasicky picked up the assist.

"I just came around, I saw the guy standing in front of me, so I just gave him a shot fake and tried to find the open space and found a lane to shoot it and I was just praying it went in, Mulka said. "I saw the lane, wasn't completely sure it was going in or not, but thank God it did."

It was a Northville turnover which led to Mulka's goal.

"We didn't get a body in front of the shot," Gates said. "We had plenty of opportunities. It's just things like tha.t When you play a team of that caliber, you've got to do those little things to be successful and we didn't quite do it tonight."

After successfully fighting off four Northville power-play attempts during the first two periods, CC scored one of its own with only 7:04 remaining in the third on JoJo Mancinelli's backhand off a rebound, with Krasicky picking up his second assist.

"We talked about the momentum swings during the course of the game, especially the playoffs," Kaleniecki said. "You throw in the fact that you have a pretty big crowd and a rivalry game, the emotions can get going one way real quick, so that (Mulka) goal was absolutely huge. I kind of swung it back into our favor and you tell from then on you could feel more comfortable."

Meanwhile, CC goaltender Alec Calvaruso made 20 saves. But that total might have been less had the Shamrocks played more at even strength.

"We just got to be more disci-plined," said Mulka, who took an elbowing penalty himself in the second period. "We've got to use our heads more. Even though we're good on the penalty kill, we got to avoid (penalties) regular season with an 18-7 overall

record. CC led 1-0 after one period on JoJo Mancinelli's short-handed goal from Kyle Mulka at 7:54.

The Shamrocks went up 2-0 at 4:14 of the second period on Mulka's powerplay goal from Alex Kruetzer. But the Norsemen (6-15-3, 1-10-1) pulled to within one at 11:32 of the same period on Paul Lucchese's goal from Joe Lucchese and Michael Keelan.

CC's Glynn Robitaille made it a two-goal cushion again with 9:31 left in the third, assisted by Austin Roell

Bbut North narrowed the deficit to 3-2 with only 50 seconds remaining on Stephen Kent's goal from J.D. Navetta and Joe Lucchese.

CC starting goaltender Alec Calvaruso played the first 24 minutes and had to make only one save before giving way to Mitchell Kieffer, who stopped 10 shots in 27 minutes of action.

Grosse Pointe North's Brian Wenz went all the way in net, making 25 saves.

NOVI 2, LAKE ORION 1: Goalie Josh Richardson turned away

NOVI 2, LAKE ORION 1: Goalie Josh Richardson turned away 23 shots Saturday as the host Wildcats (8-15-2) edged the Dragons (10-5) on senior night at the Novi Ice Arena. Novi jumped out to a 1-0 lead at 4:37 of the opening period on Brennan Martin's goal from Alex Scarozza and Alec Giragosian before Lake Orion tied it at 11:39 of the same period on Jake Chapie's goal from Drew Casey and Bridger Stephenson. Cam Czapski then scored what proved to be the game-winner at 10:59 of the second period on a power-play effort assisted by Andy Mizerruwki and Sam Inelvins.

Mizerowski and Sam Jenkins. Lake Orion goaltender Jack Barker made 25 saves NORTHVILLE 4, PLYMOUTH 3: The outcome wasn't decided until the final seconds Feb. 23 as the host Mustangs (16-7-1) held off the Wildcats (12-11-1) at Novi Ice Arena.

the WildCats (12-11-1) at Novi Ice Arena. It was 2-2 after one period as Northville's Brendan Hicks opened the scoring at 3:49 from Sam Bradley and Jimmy Dales, but Plymouth's Zack Weiner answered on a power play from James Baldwin and Kyle Kozler at 5:21. Alex Jafrate put Northville back on top 2-1 at 13:50 of the same period from Bradley and Zac Osaer before Plymouth's Jake Sylvester knotted it at 2-2 just four seconds before Plymouth's Jake Sylvester

knotted it at 2-2 just four seconds before the period ended off assists from Colton Borke and Ryan Radwan. Northville's Kyle Dann made it 3-2 at 6:35 of the second and the

Mustangs took a two-goal lead on Anthony Solack's power-play goal from Jack Sargent and Dales at 2:34 of the third. The Wildcats closed the gap to 4-3 with 5:51 to go in regulation on Alex Burny's goal from Ryan Radwan and C.J. Mullenax. But Northville held on for the victory, fighting off heavy Plymouth pressure during a six-on-four in the final minute after taking a penalty.

seconds remaining to preserve the victory. Northville goaltender Brett Miller turned aside 32 shots, while Trevor McManus had 31 saves for Plymouth.

Osaer came up with a huge block of a Wildcats shot with only five



as much as we can, be smarter than that."

And Kaleniecki hammered that point home, as well, in the dressing room afterward.

'Fortunately for us, we killed them off," he said. "It was a good job by our PK to bail them out, but you can't do that going forward every round.'

Northville, which defeated Rochester Stoney Creek in Friday's regular season finale, 5-3, ended its season at 17-8-1 overall.

"We had a phenomenal year," said Gates, who will return next season as an assistant to Clint Robert, who took a year's leave of absence. "I told them inside (the locker room), from last

year we lost three first team all-state Division 1 (players), a second team all-state player, two just outstanding high school defensemen graduated and we lost a 20-goal scorer and we had a better win-loss record than that team

last year and we played probably as hard of a schedule, if not harder.

Northville's Shane Bryans (right) is chased out of his own end by Catholic Central's Brian Kearns in Monday's Division 1 pre-regional game.

'So we got everything we could out of this team. They battled, they played strong defensively. They feel bad today, they'll feel bad tomorrow, they'll

Hockey League, played 534 games in the National Hockey League, including stints with the Hartford Whalers, Wash-

ington Capitals and Anaheim Ducks. He played at Anaheim with firstyear ASU assistant coach Alex Hicks

and a relationship was formed. "(Hicks) told me when I was really little, my dad used to bring me to the rink in Anaheim," Krygier said. "I'd hang out and run around, so he remembers me when I was really little, but I don't remember much of that. But that, obviously, helped out with the recruiting process a little bit."

Many options

With one year of eligibility left, Krygier said he's got several options moving forward after earning his master's.

"I like to continue my hockey career, if I can," he said. "We'll have to see what happens with that. We'll have to see if I get any offers for tryouts or a chance at the next level. That would, obviously, be really cool and a unique opportunity. I'd try to pursue that, then if doesn't pan out, I can fall back on the health care field and a career in that path."

Meanwhile, Krygier feels he's found an oasis second to none.

"From an academic standpoint, I'm really enjoying my classes," he said. "I did my undergrad in human biology. Did a lot of sciences and biology, chemistry, physics, anatomy. Now my major is focusing on the business side of the health care profession and how health care organizations are providing their care to patients and how it's all financed through insurance or through other methods, just the quality aspect of hospitals. So I'm learning a lot and really enjoying it. I think it will be a huge benefit to me in the future down the road, because I plan to be in the

feel bad on the weekend. But farther away from it, they'll feel it was a pretty special group and they'll feel it was a pretty special year."

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was able to finish my degree at Michigan State in three years. Obviously, they hated to see me go, but it was more than just athletically-related. It had to do with other factors. But they were very good and understanding.'

Krygier considered remaining at MSU, but wanted to explore other options after earning his undergraduate degree.

Changing gears

"The programs at Michigan State weren't suited for me to go in. I asked for my release so I could start contacting different schools, to see which schools might be interested for the possibility to play for them, as well as my degree," he said. "The program at Arizona State really piqued my interest, which is what I'm in now - science of health care delivery. It was just more tailored to what I was doing after my hockey career is over. It was a good situation, academically, where I could get this master's degree and play hock-ey at the same time."

With the ASU program in its infant stages, Krygier played in 30 of the team's 38 games, with a goal and two assists and a minus-three rating. He is one of two Michiganders on the roster.

The Sun Devils, who ended their season last weekend with a two-game home stand against USA Under-18 National Team, finished 10-23-5 overall, including a 5-22-2 record against NCAA Division I schools, including Wisconsin, Lake Superior State, St. Cloud State, Yale, UConn, Bemidji State, Yale and Quinnipiac.

Arizona State's schedule was a mix

of not only NCAA Division I, but also NCAA Division II and club programs.

New teammates

"From an athletic perspective, it's been an up-and-down season." Krygier said. "We're developing and it's been a process because, obviously, going from the club level to the Division I level is a big step. Obviously, we didn't think it would be an easy or overnight transition, so it's been a lot of hard work and just resilience in practicing and games and just trying to get a little better every day. But I've enjoyed every minute of it. I wouldn't have it any other way.'

With two seasons under his belt at MSU, Krygier's arrival at ASU proved to highly beneficial.

"I've tried to just lead by example for the rest of my teammates," said Krygier, 22. "We have quite a few that came from the club team that we brought over and a lot of the other guys are straight out of junior, so this is their freshman year. We have a couple of transfers, as well as me, that are a little more experienced. So we've sort of tried to cohesively mesh together and work hard and I feel like we're making progress and getting better every day. I don't regret the hockey decision at all since I've been here.'

Showing the way

ASU head coach Greg Powers also leaned on Krygier's expertise.

"Brock has great Division I experience we can draw on and is a natural leader both on and off the ice," Powers said in the preseason outlook. "We are thrilled to have such a model studentathlete a part of our program.'

Krygier's father Todd, now in his second season coaching the Muskegon Lumberjacks of the North American

medical field. What I'm learning now, I feel will be applicable to my career in

Supportive fans

the future.

The Sun Devils play at two different sites, including Oceanside Arena, a small venue just off the Tempe campus, and the Gila River Arena in Glendale, home of the NHL's Arizona Coyotes.

So far, ASU men's hockey has found its niche and the team has developed a small, but loyal following.

"I think it's great for the sport of hockey," Krygier said. "The Arizona Coyotes ... their program is starting to get more and more recognition. Just from a Division I college perspective, I think us coming out with a program here will really get the students involved. We've been selling out our games at Oceanside. Next year, I'm pretty sure we'll be having more games at the Arizona Coyotes' rink, Gila River, and I know more and more students will drive out to that."

ASU is undergoing a series of construction phases to upgrade several of its athletic facilities.

"Eventually, when we get a rink on campus, it will be a huge selling point," Krygier said. "So far, the students have really enjoyed our games. We've had great turnouts and I think it's been catching on in this whole area, as well as well as the West Coast. And I think now other colleges and other teams since we've made the inaugural jump -I think maybe some other schools will follow suit and make the jump, as well. I think it will really expand the sport out west and could be beneficial for getting hockey out here."

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MHSAA SKI FINALS

Marquette sits atop its own mountain

Milford girls, Lakeland boys place fifth in Division 1; CC gets seventh

> **Brad Emons** Staff Writer

Marquette Mountain proved to be home course advantage Monday as Marquette High captured both the MHSAA Division 1 boys and girls ski state championships.

The Redettes earned their first girls team title since 2009 with 84 points, while Birmingham Marian was runnerup with 101.

Rounding out the nine-school field was Traverse City Central (103), Traverse City West (124), Milford (183), South Lyon United (206), Bloomfield Hills (215), Lake Orion (216) and Walled Lake Northern (255).

In giant slalom, North Farmington's Amelie Perez took individual firstplace honors with a two-run total of 1 minute, 02.66 seconds.

South Lyon's Anna Geyer (fourth, 1:03.21) and Milford's Morgan Watts (eighth, 1:04.74) both earned top 10 finishes, while Milford's Natalie Kerwin (11th, 1:04.98) and White Lake Lakeland's Katie White (12th, 1:05.17) were not far behind.

Other Milford giant slalom finishers included Alex Youngblood, 37th (1:08.03), Jordan Misaros, 46th (1:09.63) and Sierra Staman, 55th (1:19.59)

Rounding out South Lyon's slalom contingent were Natalie Aulicino, 28th (1:06.97); Lex Bidwell, 53rd (1:13.95); Erika Auner, 54th (1:18.41); and Sydney Shaver, 59th (1:31.65)

In slalom, Marquette's Sadah Scheidt won with a two-run total of 1:25.11, while Kerwin and Geyer finished fourth and seventh, respectively, in 1:30.20 and 1:31.07.

Other Milford finishers included Youngblood, 18th (1:38.56), Watts, 47th (2:03.21), Staman, 53rd (2:12.46) and Misaros, 55th (2:32.57).

South Lyon's Jenna Paulsen was 43rd in 2:00.77, followed by Bidwell (51st, 2:05.13) and Camille Cave (54th,



Novi's Mitch Goodman was ninth in giant slalom and 13th in slalom at the MHSAA Division 1 boys ski state finals Monday at Marquette Mountain.

2:21.32)

Novi's Unie Gu, an individual qualifier, placed 42nd overall in 1:53.31.

Lakeland boys fifth

In the boys meet, Marquette won its fourth straight state title with 22 points, getting individual first-place showings from Joe Weber in giant slalom (57.54) and Bradley Seaborg in slalom (1:11.30).

Traverse City Central was runnerup with 90, followed by Bloomfield Hills (135), Clarkston (154), Lakeland (185), Traverse City West (205.5), Novi Detroit Catholic Central (242), Rochester Adams (248.5) and Brighton (284).

Novi's Mitch Goodman earned a top 10 finish in giant slalom with a time of 1:01.11. He also was 13th in slalom (1:20.44).

Meanwhile, South Lyon's Brendan Clancy plaed 16th in GS (1:01.94)

James Wenzloff was Lakeland's top giant slalom finisher in 11th (1:01.38), followed by teammates Brennan Holton, 36th (1:04.09), Drew Massey, 44th (1:05.12), Andre Brown, 49th (1:06.50), Tommy McCarthy, 51st (1:06.64), Brendan Morell, 57th (1:07.91) and Dillon Massey, 64th (1:15.68).

Sawyer Reed led CC in giant slalom

in 40th (1:04.28), followed by Caleb Ernst, 46th (1:05.59), Blake Rickert, 53rd (1:06.84) and Logan Freismuth, 65th (1:16.82).

In slalom, Lakeland finishers included McCarthy, 26th (1:24.71), Dillon Massey, 27th (1:24.73), Nick Boyd, 33rd (1:26.86), Morell, 41st (1:32.84) and Nathan Hoyer, 46th (1:37.17)

Justin Woolhiser led CC in 29th (1:25.00), followed by Reed, 32nd (1:26.3), Freismuth, 35th (1:29.01) and Rickert, 52nd (1:49.51).

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PREP SKIING

Marian girls, Adams boys seize SEMSL crowns

Catholic Central finishes seventh; Goodman top placer for Wildcats

Brad Emons Staff Write

The top teams from four different Southeast Michigan Ski League divisions squared off Feb. 23 at Mt. Holly, with Rochester Adams (boys) and Birmingham Marian (girls) emerging as team champions. Marian earned the girls team title with 79 points, followed by runner-up Lake Orion (95), Fenton-Linden (148), Milford (152), Birmingham United (161), Livonia Ladywood-Sacred Heart-Shrine (210), Pontiac Notre Dame Prep (223), Grand Blanc (256) and Okemos (321). North Farmington's Amelie Perez was slalom champion in 56.48, while Milford's Morgan Watts and Natalie Kerwin took third and fourth, respectively, with times of 1:00.62 and 1:00.81.

Alex Youngblood, 65th (1:25.08), Sierra Staman, 68th (1:29.25) and Abby Catarina, 70th (1:33.35).

Fenton-Linden's Zoe Weinberg captured giant slalom in 44.67, while Ker-win was ninth (44.86) and Watts was 16th (47.21).

Rounding out Milford's squad was Youngblood, 28th (47.99), Misaros, 49th (49.71), Staman, 72nd (59.36) and Catarina, 73rd (1:02.59). Meanwhile, Adams led the 10-team boys field with 113 points in a meet that featured schools from the SEMSL's Alpine Valley, Pine Knob, Brighton and Mt. Holly divisions. Other team finishers for the boys included runner-up Bloomfield Hills (123), Oxford-Holly (132), Flint Powers Catholic (137), White Lake Lakeland (147), Birmingham United (175.5), Novi Detroit Catholic Central (218), Novi (223), Birmingham Brother Rice (234) and Clarkston (258).

how tough the boys were and very close in the standings," Lakeland coach Sue Wiberg said. "They all skied very well and consistently, which has been one of our main goals for the season."

Bloomfield Hills' Ryan Stewart was slalom champ in 54.84, while Novi's Mitch Goodman took fourth overall (56.64) and Lakeland freshman Tommy McCarthy placed 18th (59.72).

Other slalom scorers for Lak

(1:02.71), Josh Blossfeld (1:07.19) and Blake Richert, 76th (1:37.23).

In giant slalom, Holly-Oxford's Keith Coatling was first overall in 44.20, while Wenzloff took sixth (44.86) and Goodman 19th (45.70).

Other top giant slalom finishers for Lakeland were senior Mueller, 27th (45.96), Brown, 41st (46.67), Morell, 45th (46.80), Brennan Holton, 49th (47.17), Andrew Massev, 52nd (47.32) and McCarthy, 57th (47.56). Meanwhile, Novi's other giant slalom finishers included Jamison, 44th (46.76); O'Donnell, 66th (48.29); Jack Grove, 72nd (48.88); Max Grove, 76th (50.65) and Tommy Warner, 83rd (1:05.38).

Other finishers for the Mavericks included Jordan Misaros, 21st (1:05.56),

Lakeland was third in slalom and fifth in giant slalom.

"This race showcases the talent in southeast Michigan and I'm proud of the Division 1 regional champion, were freshman James Wenzloff, 24th (1:00.51), sophomore Dillon Massey, 31st (1:00.96), sophomore Nick Schulte, 35th (1:01.23), senior captain Brendan Morrell, 42nd (1:02.25), Andre Brown, 40th (1:01.88) and Brennen Mueller, 71st (1:14.45)

Rounding out Novi's slalom contingent was Jack Grove, 37th (1:01.6), Andrew Jamison and Ross O'Donnell, 48th (1:03.32 each), Max Grove, 70th (1:12.44) and Nate Wood, 70th (1:12.87).

Max Tokarz was CC's top finisher in 25th (1:00.71), followed by Justin Woolhiser, 27th (1:00.81), Logan Freismuth, 28th (1:00.92), Sawyer Reed, 44th

CC's top finisher in giant slalom was Woolhiser, 40th (46.64), followed by Reed, 46th (46.84); Caleb Ernst, 62nd (47.830), Richert, 67th (48.32); Tokarz, 81st (56.07) and Freismuth, 82nd (59.72).

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WRESTLING

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"That call was frustrating. Those are veteran officials and you would think they would allow the wrestlers to decide the match and they didn't," Hancock said. "We bump a wrestler up three weight classes and were the aggressor for the entire match and we got banged for stalling. It's frustrating, especially when no take-down is scored."

Cal Stefanko then pulled the Cardinals even at 25-25 with a 7-1 decision over Joe McGrath at 140 and Kurt Schlak (145) scored a four-point 16-8 major decision over CC's Tyler John-

son to seal the victory. "Those guys wrestled hard and left it out on the mat," Hancock said.

Top-seeded Hartland (34-1), last vear's Division 1 runner-up, then went on to win its first wrestling state title in school history with a 36-23 win in the final over Davison, which ended the year 24-5.

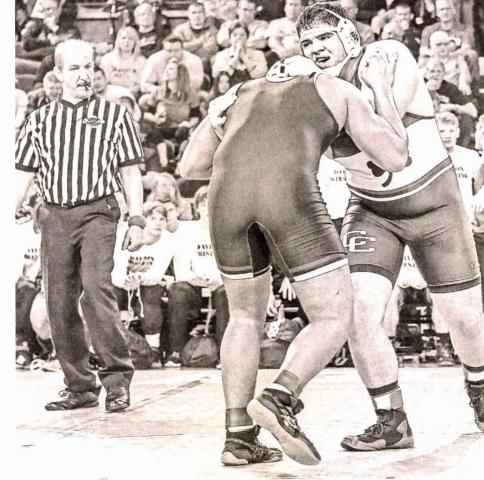
Davison, the only team from Michigan to defeat CC this year, also got victories from Brendan McRill (171), pin in 1:43; Tanner Thomas (215), 3-2 decision; Max Johnson (112), pin in 1:44; and A.J. Facundo (119), 16-7 major decision.

Tyler Morland (189) scored the lone pin for the Shamrocks in 3:15, while Ben Kamali (112) added four points with a major decision.

Aidan Wagh (152), Conor Cox (160), Nick Jenkins (285) and Kevon Davenport (125) also all earned a victory for the Shamrocks, who were eliminated by Davison in last year's state quarterfinal.

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Catholic Central heavyweight Nick Jenkins (right) earned a 7-0 decision over Davison's Reme Martin in the Division 1 team semifinals Saturday at CMU.

"I love this team and I love the way they represent us and Catholic Cen-tral," Hancock said. "They all are phe-

nomenal young men who have impacted our program and community immensely."

In Friday's quarterfinal, CC captured nine of the first 10 matches to build a 33-point advantage en route to a 36-16 victory over Macomb Dakota (27-12).

CC got a six-point pin from Davenport (125 pounds), while Jackson Ross (215), Jenkins (285) and Kamali (112) each earned a four-point major decision.

Other wins came from Easton Turner (171), Rhett Newton (103), Amine (130) and Rehfeldt (135). Morland (171) was also awarded six points by forfeit.

MHSAA DIVISION 1 WRESTLING TOURNEY Feb. 27 at CMU's McGuirk Arena (Semifinal match) DAVISON 29 DETROIT CATHOLIC CENTRAL 25

DETROIT CATHOLIC CENTRAL 25 Feb. 27 at CMU's McGuirk Arena 152 pounds: Aidan Wagh (CC) decisioned Trevor McGowan, 7-6; 160: Conor Cox (CC) dec. Gabe Ellis, 8-2; 171: Brenden McRill (Davison) pinned Easton Turner, 1:43; 189: Tyler Morland (CC) p. Logan Mabbitt, 3:15; 215: Tanner Thomas (Davison) dec. Jackson Ross, 3-2; 285: Nick Jenkins (CC) dec. Reme Martin, 7-0; 103: Ben Kamali (CC) won by major dec. over Steven Garty, 15-4; 112: Max Johnson (Davison) p. Davis Rastigue, 1:44; 119: A.J. Facundo (Davison) won by major dec. over Chase Moscovic, 16-7; 125: Kevon Davenport (CC) dec. Deven Perez (Davison), 4-3 (overtime); 130: Aaron Rehfeldt (CC) dec. Ryan Schlak, 6-0; 135: Brian Case (Davison) dec. Cameron Amine, 2-1; 140: Cal Stefanko (Davison) dec. Joe McGrath, 7-1; 145: Kurt Schlak (Davison) won by major dec. over Tyler Johnson, 16-8. over Tyler Johnson, 16-8.

Dual meet records: Davison, 24-4 overall; Detroit CC, 16-6

(Quarterfinal match) DETROIT CATHOLIC CENTRAL 36

DETROIT CATHOLIC CENTRAL 36 MACOMB DAKOTA 16 Feb. 26 at CMU's McGuirk Arena 171 pounds: Easton Turner (CC) decisioned Fran Alcini, 5-1; 189: Tyler Morland (CC) won by void; 215: Jackson Ross (CC) won by major dec. over Jason Wahby, 14-5; 285: Nick Jenkins (CC) won by major dec. over Jason Wahby, 14-5; 285: Nick Jenkins (CC) won by major dec. over Jason Wahby, 14-5; 285: Nick Jenkins (CC) won by major dec. over Jason Wahby, 14-5; 285: Nick Jenkins (CC) won by major dec. over Bahmi Kahlil, 8-0; 103: Rhett Newton (CC) dec. Nick Alayan, 9-7; 112: Ben Kamali (CC) won by major dec. over Justin Tiburcio, 10-2; 119: Nick Barrett (Dakota) dec. Stone Moscovic, 3-1; 125: Kevon Davenport (CC) pinned Kelton Burch, 3:44; 130: Cameron Amine (CC) dec. Tommy Gawlowski, 5-0; 140: Layne Malczewski (Dakota) won by major dec. over Joe McGrath, 11-1; Malczewski (Dakota) won by major dec. over Joe McGrath, 11-1; 145: Dustin Soloman (Dakota) dec. Aidan Wagh, 4-3; 152: Christian Karges (Dakota) dec. Tyler Johnson, 3-1; 160: Jack Morris (Dakota) dec. Conor Cox. 4-2.

Dual match records: Detroit CC, 16-5 overall; Dakota, 27-12

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Officials examine proposed shopping center

David Veselenak Staff Writer

More discussion on the planned shopping center on Haggerty continues as the Livonia **City Council examines** portions of a site plan for the new retail and dining district.

The council has discussed the proposed Haggerty Marketplace development, located at 19700 and 19750 Haggerty between Seven and Eight Mile, for several months as developers submit portions for review. Last week, members of the council met in committee to discuss the two restaurant pads proposed close to Haggerty, as well as the multi-tenant retail building for the site.

"Primarily, the small shop space is a designed commitment that we're ready to proceed with," said Frank Jonna, a developer with Jonna Realty Ventures, looking to construct the shopping center. "We have a lot of interest for that piece of the puzzle."

Councilwoman Mau-



FILE PHOTO The site of the proposed new shopping center on Haggerty, currently under review by Livonia officials.

reen Miller Brosnan said her concerns stemmed from the fact that council was being asked to not approve a site plan, but plans before a site plan for the restaurants were submitted for review. Those issues were part of the reason the project was sent to committee for further discussion.

"It's the notion that we're going to give the preliminary approval to the two restaurant site pads, when normally our process is one where we understand a phase I and a phase II of a development," she said. "But we've got a site plan we

can commit to, not a preliminary approval idea. It's the process that's creating holdup for me.

"I don't recall we've done it this way before." Jonna said with some environmental issues at the site, it makes decisions regarding building changes a bit difficult to

manage. The two restaurants' identities have not yet been confirmed.

"For the restaurant pads, what we're asking for is a placeholder," he said. "What being able to identify these restaurant sites does for us, is it allows us to address

restaurant users and say, 'This is how you'll go.'

Planning Director Mark Taormina said giving the preliminary approval would still require the petitioner to return for additional site plan approvals on other buildings on the site at a later date.

"The way I see this plan, with plan approval involving the retail and the restaurants, what I think is probably preliminary approval at this point is something that is very early ... is what happens to the other buildings on the proper-ty," he said. "I see three, maybe five, subsequent petitions toward the final development of this property.'

Restaurants could not be constructed until the waiver use approval was granted, Taormina said.

The proposed shopping center, as currently planned, would consist of the restaurants, small shops and an unnamed anchor tenant at the site of the formal technical center. In the application for a commercial rehabilitation exemption

certificate submitted last fall, the project was expected to invest more than \$23 million into the new shopping center, creating more than 120 new retail and restaurant jobs once filled.

Small shop space discussed

In addition to the restaurant pads, council wanted to have a bit more info on the retail center with several small storefronts.

Council Vice President Brandon Kritzman said he thought the design of the strip center could see some sort of additional detail to make it look a little less plain.

"This is really, potentially, our last chance to have any say on this building," Kritzman said. "Most retail environments want to have some differentiation of entry ways and something to be more of a visual marker for each individual store."

In the multi-tenant retail building, Jonna said there has been some interest from fast-casual restaurants looking for

space.

He said he feels the design is an appropriate one, especially given the additional signage and landscaping that will adorn the shopping center once businesses are brought in.

"I kind of like the sleek look of it," he said. "I see a lot of ornate details that don't kind of fit the intent sometimes."

Council is expected to take the item up again at a regular meeting in March.

Councilman Brian Meakin offered an approving resolution for the currently-proposed plan, saying the property's been empty long enough and that he wanted to see it move forward.

"It's been five years we've been looking at this," he said. "We've got to get something on this property."

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Observer & Eccentric to connect businesses with seniors

The Observer & Eccentric presents the 13th annual Spring Senior Expo, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 5, in the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

This tradition for seniors features diverse demonstrations and

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workshops, local business exhibitors, prizes, free admission, free parking and free refreshments. Learn to live healthy, make wise financial decisions and enhance life to make it the best ever.

Businesses wishing to participate can take ad-

CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE FOR SERVICE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES **PSLU16-0001** NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the applicant, Primanti Bros, is requesting Special Land Use approval at 43335 Crescent Blvd. Parcel number 50-22-14-351-063. The applicant is requesting approval to use a portion of the parcel for service of alcoholic beverages in accordance with Section 2525 of the Zoning Ordinance. A public hearing will be held on March 17, 2016 at 9 AM in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan to consider the request

vantage of various exhibitor and sponsorship packages.

Prior to the expo, a Spring Senior Expo special publication will be inserted into all Observer, Novi News, Northville Record, Milford Times and South Lyon Herald newspapers Thursday,



The 13th annual Spring Senior Expo will be held April 5 inside Schoolcraft's VisTaTech Center.

and any written comments may be made to the Community Development Department, 45175March 31, and in all Eccentric newspapers Sunday, April 3. This special publication will feature articles, interests and resources for today's seniors. The publication will also include participating local business

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All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing

Plans are available for review at the Community Development Department.

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND GRANT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Novi will hold a Public Hearing on the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) Grant Application Proposal for land acquisition of parcel 50-22-30-476-005, for 12.57 acres of property located on Nine Mile Road, west of Garfield Road. The hearing will be held 7 p.m. Monday, March 14, 2016, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 10 Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375, for the purpose of hearing public comments on land acquisition of parcel 50-22-30-476-005, for 12.57 acres of property located on Nine Mile Road, west of Garfield Road.

All interested citizens are requested to attend these hearings

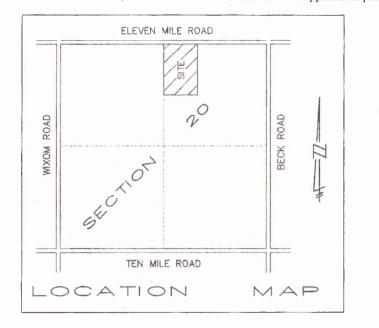
Comments will also be received in writing or in person at the City Clerks Office - City of Novi, 45175 10 Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375 until 5 p.m. March 14, 2016.

Arrangements to reasonably accommodate special needs, including handicap accessibility or interpreter, will be made upon receiving 72-hour advance. Contact Maryanne Cornelius at 248.347.0456 for special services.

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CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 9, 2016 at 7:00P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, Ml to consider OBERLIN JSP 14-42, FOR REVISED PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN UTILIZING OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION OPTION AND REVISED WOODLAND PERMIT APPROVAL. The subject property totals 29.9 acres and is located on the south side of Eleven Mile Road, west of Beck Road in Section 20. The applicant is proposing



72 single-family detached homes with associated infrastructure. Plans are available for review at the Community Development Department in the Novi Civic Center.

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be made to the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, Ml 48375 during the City's regular business hours, Monday thru Friday, from 8:00A.M. to 5:00P.M., and must be received by 4:00P.M., Wednesday, March 9, 2016.

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Novi Planning Commission Michael Lynch, Secretary

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exhibitors and information on all demonstrations and workshops being offered for this vear's event.

For those interested in greater involvement and exposure, there are speaking, advertorial and

various sponsorship level opportunities.

Businesses interested in learning more about how to become an exhibitor or sponsor should contact Choya Jordan at 248-926-2203 or cbjordan@michigan.com.

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, go to www.advantageoakland.com/businessworkshops or call 248-858-0783.

Start-Up Thursdays Free Business Counseling

9:30 a.m. to noon and 1:30-4:30 p.m. Thursday

Entrepreneurs who want to start a business but do not know where to begin can receive confidential, one-on-one advice from an experienced business counselor with no appointment necessary. Counselors will provide direct answers to start-up questions, suggest next steps and provide guidance on business planning tools. Sessions will be limited to 15 minutes and available on a first come, first served basis. No fee.

Business Research: Feasibility to Expansion

9-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 1 For a start-up or existing small business looking to research a business idea or business plan. This workshop shows you ways to find your ideal customers, find your competitors, diversify your market base, perform competitive analysis and more. 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.

Starting A Business

9-11:30 a.m. Thursday, March 10 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.

Five Steps to LinkedIn Mastery

9-11:30 a.m. Thursday, March 17 While Facebook looks like any number of reality TV shows, LinkedIn is the business documentary you need to watch. You have done the "google myself" thing and are surprised to find their LinkedIn profile is the first result. Since Google uses LinkedIn that well, shouldn't you? When you use LinkedIn correctly, it is much easier to be found by prospective clients and/or employers, locate and learn about the decision makers you need to meet; stay current in your industry; stay top of mind with your network; check out future employees and partners and use all of the bells and whistles you did not know existed. Speaker: Terry Bean, Founder of Networked Inc. and Motor City Connect. \$40 per person.

Capital Raise

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9:30-11 a.m. Tuesday, March 22 If you are a startup or early-stage growth-based business looking for funding, we invite you to attend a 90minute presentation by our capital strategist, Mike Brennan. He will detail the various capital sources in Michigan and talk about how to position your company to qualify for various funding sources, including private/angel, SBA, short-term private lending, private equity, venture capital and angel network. He will also discuss state and federally supported grant, loan, and matching programs. Free.

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Electrical safety key for home owners, apartment dwellers

The National Fire Protection Association and the United States Fire Administration are teaming up to help reduce your risk to winter fires and other hazards, including carbon monoxide poisoning and electrical fires. Winter fire safety has several key components.

In February, the "Put a Freeze on Winter Fires" campaign focus is on electrical safetv

Electricity is so ingrained in our daily lives that most of us take it for granted, but it does carry fire risks. In fact, electrical home fires are a leading cause of home fires in the U.S. In 2013, electrical fires or malfunctions were factors in an estimated 44,900 home structure fires reported to U.S. fire departments. These fires caused 410 deaths, 1,180 injuries and \$1.3 billion in direct property damage. On average each year between 2007 and 2011, roughly half of all home electrical fires involved electrical distribution or lighting equipment, while nearly another half involved other known types of equipment

Safety tips include:

» Have all electrical work done by a qualified electrician.

» When you are buying or remodeling a home, have it inspected by a qualified electrician.

» Only plug one heat-producing appliance (such as a coffee maker, toaster, space heater, etc.) into a receptacle outlet at a time.

» Major appliances (refrigerators, dryers, washers, stoves, air conditioners, etc.) should be plugged directly into a wall receptacle outlet. Extension cords and plug strips should not be used.

» Arc fault circuit interrupters (AF-CIs) are a kind of circuit breaker that shuts off electricity when a dangerous condition occurs. Consider having them installed in your home. Use a qualified electrician

» Use ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs) to reduce the risk of shock. GFCIs shut off an electrical circuit when it becomes a shock hazard. They should be installed inside the home in bathrooms, kitchens, garages and basements. All outdoor receptacles should be GFCI-

protected.

» Test AFCIs and GFCIs once a month to make sure they are working properly.

» Check electrical cords to make sure they are not running across doorways or under carpets. Extension cords are intended for temporary use. Have a qualified electrician add more receptacle outlets so you don't have to use extension cords

» Use light bulbs that match the recommended wattage on the lamp or fixture. There should be a sticker that indicates the maximum wattage light bulb to use.

You should call a qualified electrician, or alert your landlord immediately, if you have:

» Frequent problems with blowing fuses or tripping circuit breakers;

» A tingling feeling when you touch an electrical appliance;

» Discolored or warm wall outlets; » A burning or rubbery smell coming from an appliance;

» Flickering or dimming lights:

» Sparks from an outlet.

community can allow under age residents Q: I live in a 55 and over community and the board of our association is considering a policy that would allow

under-age occupants to live in the community under certain circumstances. Is that prohibited under the statute requiring certain persons to be 55 and over?

A: No. There are a number

of requirements that a community must satisfy in order to be considered housing for older persons, but the main point of being

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a community is that the families with children can be excluded, which is otherwise illegal under state and federal anti-discrimination laws. In addition to having a provision in your governing documents establishing age requirements for occupants and registering with the state, the community must also perform a periodic census to verify that at least 80 percent of the homes are occupied by at least one individual over the age of 55. However the law does not address how the community must regulate the remaining 20 percent leaving it to the community's governing documents which presumably would preclude someone from having children under the age of 21.

Q: We are fighting with our neighbor regarding an easement over a driveway that they have blocked in our opinion. We tried to work it out but we don't seem to have an ability to do so. What is our recourse?

A: Your recourse is to seek an attorney to attempt to resolve the matter through mediation if at all possible. If that doesn't work, you should bring a claim for nuisance, interference with contractual relations and a violation of your access rights in regard to the express provisions of the easement depending on what it says among other particular claims. Each case is fact-intensive so it is difficult to tell you exactly what the basis for your claims will be with certainty but these are some of the arguments that are typically raised in that type of situation by a good real estate lawyer depending on the circumstances. **Robert M. Meisner** is a lawyer and the author of "Condo Living 2: An Authoritative Guide to Buying, Selling and Operating a Condominium." He is also the author of "Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track," second edition. Visit bmeisner@meisner-law.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Sept. 28 to Oct. 2, 2015, at the **Oakland County Register of Deeds** FARMINGTON 24002 Colchester Dr 33935 Glenview Dr 31831 Grand River Ave Unit 51 \$165,000 \$189,000 \$33,000 33297 Kingslane Ct 33297 Kingslane Ct \$450,000 \$505,000 \$178,000 \$185,000 \$119,000 เเร \$93,000 \$133,000 \$206,000 \$228,000 \$235,000 \$180,000 Cir \$353,000 \$345,000 \$140,000 \$242,000 St \$153,000 \$330,000 \$240,000 \$132,000 \$295,000 \$120,000 \$101,000 \$239,000 Rd Unit 65 \$255,000 \$130,000 \$332,000 \$152,000 \$200,000 \$365,000 \$483,000 \$140,000 \$210,000 Unit 310 \$46,000 \$205,000 \$267,000 \$595,000 \$138.000 2413 Jackson Blvd

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HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Oct. 19-23, 2015, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices. 806 Adams St 822 Adams St \$267,000 \$297,000

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re you the type of person who marches to the beat of your own drum? Who goes against the grain and prefers to stand out from the crowd? Does that mentality apply to your professional life as well as your personal life? If so, then you should consider a job that no one else you know is likely to have. And the good news is that even uncommon occupations can have big paydays.

Here are eight less-thancommon occupations that offer competitive salaries. (Occupation descriptions are from the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Occupational Outlook Handbook. Average hourly earnings and 2015 U.S. job numbers are provided by Economic Modeling Specialists Intl.)



or photograph structures or marine life. 2015 jobs: 3,519 **Average hourly** earnings: \$24.19

7. Transit and railroad

police patrol railroad yards and transit stations. They protect property, employees and passengers from crimes such as thefts and robberies. They remove trespassers and check IDs of people who try to enter secure areas. **2015 jobs: 3,902**

Average hourly earnings: \$25.53

8. Broadcast news analysts are often called upon to provide their opinions, rather than reporting, on a particular news story. They may appear on television, on radio or in print. Most come from fields outside of journalism, have expertise in a particular subject - for example, politics, business or medicine - and are hired on a contract basis to provide their opinions of the subjects being discussed. 2015 jobs: 4,316 **Average hourly** earnings: \$39.19

1. Astronomers study planets, stars, galaxies and other celestial bodies. Some astronomers focus their research on objects in our solar system, such as the sun or planets. Others study distant stars, galaxies and phenomena such as neutron stars and black holes, and some monitor space debris that could interfere with satellite operations. 2015 jobs: 1,945 **Average hourly** earnings: \$52.48

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2. Forest fire inspectors and prevention special-

ists assess fire hazards in both public and residential areas. They look for fire code infractions and conditions that pose wildfire risks. They also recommend ways to reduce fire hazards. During patrols, they enforce fire regulations and report fire conditions to their central command center. 2015 jobs: 2,105 **Average hourly** earnings: \$20.15

3. Genetic counselors assess individual or family

risks for a variety of inherited conditions, such as genetic disorders and birth defects. They provide information and support to other health care providers or to individuals and families concerned with the risk of inherited conditions. 2015 jobs: 2,451 **Average hourly** earnings: \$34.33

4. Theatrical and performance makeup artists apply makeup to performers to reflect the period, setting and situation of their roles.

2015 jobs: 2,752

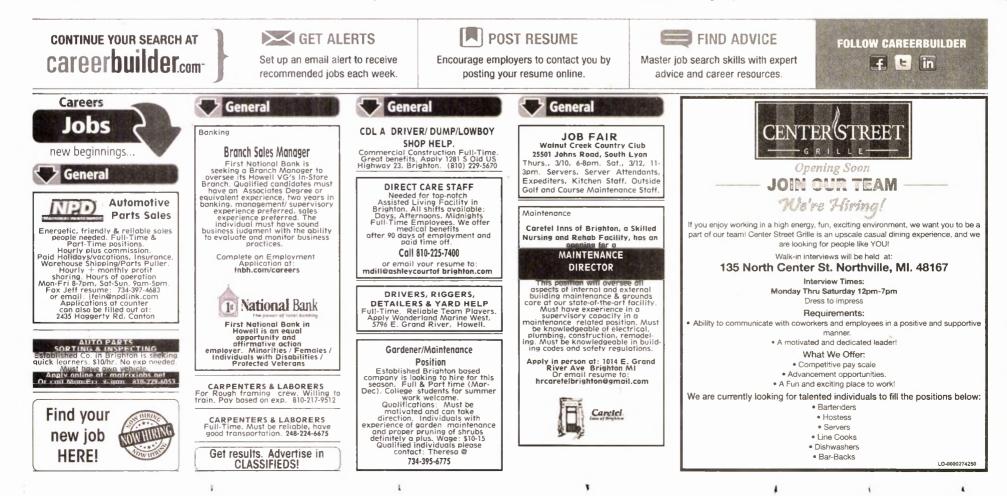
Average hourly earnings: \$31.47

Historians research. analyze, interpret and present the past by studying historical documents and sources. 2015 iobs: 3.407 Average hourly earnings: \$29.45

6. Commercial divers

work below the surface of the water, using scuba gear to inspect, repair, remove or install equipment and structures. They may conduct tests or experiments, rig explosives

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Audi's Continued Rise Rewards Efforts of 'Challenger' Brand To Take On Stalwarts of Luxury Market



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parents at Volkswagen AG or its siblings at VW.

Only a relative handful of Audi vehicles were implicated in the matter, which helps, while Audi has kept its own momentum going in the U.S. with key new products, major branding initiatives-and, most recently, significant thirdparty endorsements.



Consumer Reports just declared Audi the #1 brand for luxury car-buyers in the U.S. (Subaru was named the best mainstream brand). Fully 100 percent of Audi models tested by the magazine are recommended by it, which is particularly high praise as a distinction that none of its premium market rivals enjoy.

And in the latest, equally influential J.D. Power annual study of vehicle quality and reliability, Audi did trail Lexus, its sibling Porsche brand, and even Lincoln among luxury marques, although it beat fierce rivals Mercedes-Benz and BMW. And the German automaker's A4 sedan was among the highest-ranked in its category.

Audi also has begun volume sales of its substantially overhauled Q7 SUV in a segment that is among the industry's hottest these days. The brand is looking forward to the launch of a new version of A4, its bread-and-butter sedan. And it won acclaim for its David Bowie-esque Super Bowl ad, "Commander."

Loren Angelo, director of marketing for Audi of America. told me that, "As a challenger brand, you have to look at your category, your situation ... and attack it head-on." We chatted more about how to keep the momentum and growth goingand how long Audi can continue to keep calling itself a challenger brand:

Q: The Audi brand rose like a rocket over the last seven years. Now, given how Audi's sales have continued to surge lately and have moved you closer to the U.S. luxury-market leaders, how do you direct the brand?

Angelo: We need to continue to challenge. That's what allowed us to drive our position and to turn the brand around beginning in 2008. A challenger brand doesn't mean we only challenge the competition, but we communicate how we challenge the status quo and challenge complacency in our industry and in culture.

That type of approach keeps us nimble and allows us to continue to convey that Audi is a brand that pushes the edge. We see that in our motorsports program, in our leadership in piloted driving technology and in new products that come to market with leading edge technologies such as the virtual cockpit. Those are all things that we celebrate in our advertising and marketing.

Q: What has the A3 Sedan, introduced last year, done for the Audi brand-and vice versa?

Angelo: A3 has given us an incredible opportunity to speak to a new audience of first-time luxury buyers, bringing in almost 70 percent new consumers who have come from the mass market. It allows us to give those buyers a chance to experience the new Audi with leading design, technologies and our sophisticated new environments with our premium dealership network. We get to expose millennials to a brand



The A4 sedan is one that helped Audi score high for Consumer Reports

they've been aspiring to for years.

Q: Your Super Bowl ad once again featured your most highly aspirational model, R8. What has that halo car meant for the Audi brand in the US market?

Angelo: It has allowed us to draw a line in the sand and make it very clear that there was a new luxury player in the game-having a supercar with that stopping power in our portfolio made a powerful brand statement.

We started advertising it in the Super Bowl, and it has continued to be a halo for the brand, allowing us also to talk about our pioneering aluminum space frame, our leadership in motorsports and that this car shares more than 50 percent of its parts with the R8 LMS racer, so our consumers are

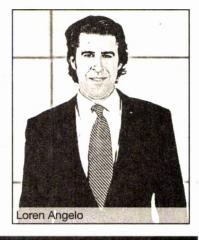
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