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Primary results



Trump Sanders

Voters across Michigan made their voice heard for who they thought should be the Republican and Democrat candidates for U.S. president.

On the Republican side, voters in Novi and Novi Township supported:

- » Ted Cruz 1,520; 8
- » John Kasich 3,399; 21
- » Marco Rubio 843; 7
- » Donald Trump 2,953; 11

On the Democrat side, voters in Novi and Novi Township supported:

- » Hillary Clinton 3,250; 13
- » Bernie Sanders 3,005; 13

Delegate counts weren't finalized at press time, but the delegates in Michigan's primary election are split proportionally among the candidates, based on vote totals. Leading into Tuesday's election, Trump was leading in the Republican delegate count, while Clinton was leading on the Democrat side.

Novi's water cost to drop 24 percent, but not residents'

Philip Allmen
Staff Writer

Many communities in metro Detroit will see water rates increase under the latest proposal by the Great Lakes Water Authority.

But not Novi, which actually will see a 23.7-percent decrease in wholesale water costs with

the plan. On average, water rates are expected to increase by 6.1 percent for municipalities.

Novi's an anomaly among the 80 suburban water customers. The South Oakland County Water Authority and the city of Warren are the only other customers expected to see a drop in rates, but nothing to the extent

for Novi.

Some prior planning led the rate decrease. Last July, a new water storage reservoir at the corner of 12 Mile and West Park Road became operational, increasing the city's capacity for water by 1.5 million gallons, enough water to fill two Olympic-size swimming pools or to flush 938,000 toilets. Work be-

gan in summer 2014.

The \$3.9 million was paid through the city's Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund, said Rob Hayes, Novi's public services director. Novi expects to lower its wholesale water bill by about \$3 million annually, so the facility should pay for itself

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Novi Public Safety Director David Molloy presents Novi Police Officer Jason Bergtold with a citation from MADD for his top-of-the-department efforts in getting drunken drivers off the street during a March 3 awards ceremony.

Tales of courage at awards ceremony

First responders and civilians honored for selfless acts

Susan Bromley
Staff Writer

The lobby of the Novi Civic Center was filled with heroes and stories of courage March 3 during the annual Police and Fire Awards Ceremony.

Applause rang out again and again as Director of Public Safety David Molloy praised the actions of police officers, fire-

fighters and civilians in the city that saved lives, assisted colleagues and worked to protect the safety and well-being of the general public in 2015.

"Police officers take risks, firefighters take risks, to serve the public on behalf of complete strangers and they do it without hesitation," Molloy said in his opening remarks, noting that the profession of public safety is

one of the most noble, selfless occupations. "We will honor them and recognize their service and also recognize several citizens."

He proceeded to do just that, calling to the front of the room numerous individuals, some multiple times, to deliver awards, handshakes and gratitude.

Among the honorees was William Sample, who observed from the balcony of his residence off Springlake Boulevard

a speeding vehicle at 2 a.m. July 18, 2015. The vehicle jumped the curb and struck two trees. As sparks flew from underneath the vehicle, the engine roaring as it was stuck in full throttle, Sample rushed to the accident scene, joined by Carmen Fernandez.

The two began trying to free the incoherent driver from the smoking vehicle. Unable to pull the victim through the window,

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9-1-1 operator answers call to save despondent man's life

Susan Bromley
Staff Writer

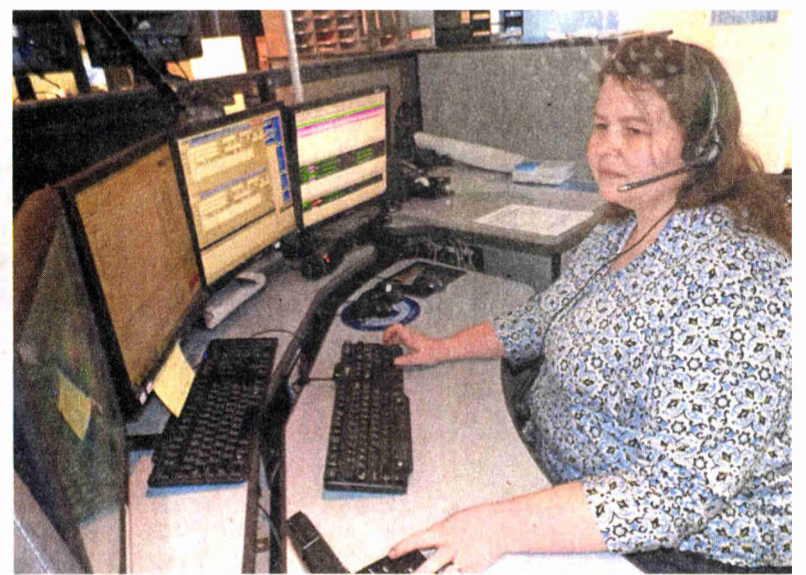
Karen Patterson answered the call at work as she always does, "9-1-1, what is the location of your emergency?"

The man on the other end of the line gave her his address and told her he was going to blow his head off.

"He was very matter of fact," Patterson said. "His clear intent was to let us know so someone could take care of the scene before his daughter showed up." Over the course of the next

80 minutes, the most stressful of an emergency dispatcher career filled with stressful situations, Patterson worked to prevent the suicide and succeeded, earning her a lifesaving citation March 3 at the annual Novi Police and Fire Awards Ceremony.

The fateful call that led to the honor came in the early morning hours of July 29, 2015, with Patterson sending police officers to the man's Novi address as she began engaging him in conversation with two thoughts in



SUSAN BROMLEY

Karen Patterson at work at the Novi Regional Communications Center.

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WATER

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in less than two years, Hayes said.

The tank is filled nightly during low demand times and discharged daily during hours of peak use (when it's more expensive to supply water) to reduce peak water rates for Novi customers, according to Hayes.

That doesn't mean city residents will see any relief on their water bills. Hayes said residents will not see as large of increases in future years.

The largest proposed rate increases go to Royal Oak Township at 20 percent, village of

New Haven at 14.1 percent and village of Romeo at 11.7 percent.

Nearby communities using the system will see rate increases: Commerce Township, 7.8 percent; Farmington Hills, 6.5 percent; Northville, 5.9 percent; Northville Township, 9.8 percent; Walled Lake, 7.6 percent; and Wixom, 7.1 percent.

The overall increase is far less than last year's average increase of 11.3 percent — an anomaly that officials had attributed to falling water sales. When sales volumes decline, so does revenue and rates must rise to provide enough money to maintain the system.

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OPERATOR

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mind: preventing him from taking his own life and keeping responders safe. Suicidal persons worried that someone will stop them from carrying through with their plan can turn violent with responders or use police as a means of ending their own life.

"Some people think you shouldn't ask questions about suicide, because it plants ideas, but we have to ask if they have a specified means," Patterson said. "It's a difficult question to ask: 'How do you intend to kill yourself?' But it tells you if they are serious, whether they are holding a gun, whether they are holding the bottle of pills. It makes it more real to express it verbally, but it doesn't plant an idea they don't already have."

Call back

The 74-year-old widower held a loaded gun, despondent from multiple health issues that had left him wheelchair-bound, but he talked to Patterson about his daughters, grandchildren and late wife. He hung up, but she called back, relieved when he answered and she established a rapport.

"He was a storyteller and interested in telling me about his family and stories of things that had happened earlier in his life," Patterson said. "I told him he still has stories to tell and it was not time for it to be over."

There were a few times where it seemed he would again hang up, but she maintained the connection, telling him about people in her own family. She learned he was a military veteran, so she told him one of the police sergeants waiting for him to put the gun down and come outside was a Marine who would love to meet him and exchange stories.

Her challenge was to

"He laughed. It was like talking to a friend instead of a stranger. Unfortunately, he would always return to he can't make it better, so it's time to just end it. It was 80 of the hardest minutes of my career."

KAREN PATTERSON

Novi 9-1-1 operator, about talking on the phone to a man who was contemplating suicide

keep him talking, plus remembering information he had already given her. If the conversation seemed about to lag, she quickly switched topics, asking about another family member or the last time he had seen his grandson. The man lamented his lack of energy for his grandchildren and Patterson, a mother of six, told him she understood as she didn't have enough energy for her teenagers.

"He laughed. It was like talking to a friend instead of a stranger," said Patterson, 39. "Unfortunately, he would always return to he can't make it better, so it's time to just end it. It was 80 of the hardest minutes of my career."

Call waiting

More than 30 minutes into the call, she convinced him to lay the gun down to reassure responders that they were safe, but she still had to talk him into leaving the house so officers wouldn't enter into a volatile situation.

Because no one else was in the house or endangered, officers waited outside the home as Patterson paced the floor at the Novi Regional Communications Center, her stress building even as she gently persuaded the man that life was still worth living, his family loved and needed him and that to take his own life would be devastating to those left behind.

Patterson told the man it was obvious he is a good father and cares for his daughters, but he lacked understanding of

how taking his own life would impact them. She told him his grandson was too young to hear the happy stories he had shared, but if he stuck around, the boy could hear them firsthand from his grandfather one day.

At last, after what seemed an eternity to Patterson, the man seemed convinced that he should not end his own life and agreed to go outside and meet the officers. The ensuing minutes would be the scariest for Patterson, as the man set the phone down and maneuvered from his bed into his wheelchair.

"I told him, 'Make sure you pick me up again,'" Patterson said. "I wasn't sure he would go to the door without me in his ear encouraging him to do that. It probably wasn't even five minutes, but it felt like forever in my mind."

She breathed a sigh of relief when he came back on the line. As he exited the front door, leaving three guns and his plan to use one on himself behind, he told Patterson, "You did it; you talked me out of it."

Lifesaving call

She told him he owed her an ice cream sundae and they laughed, their bond forged over an 80-minute phone call when life hung in the balance.

"Her persistence, determination, outstanding demeanor and calming voice brought this very explosive situation to a peaceful resolution," Police Chief David Molloy said as he presented

Patterson with the life-saving citation. "The gentleman was transported to an area hospital for a mental health evaluation and has ultimately reintegrated back to his home."

Molloy had two letters of commendation for Patterson as well, one for her persistence in locating a man who called 9-1-1 for help after drinking heavily for 11 days and the other for her diligence in researching the background of a domestic violence suspect, learning he was armed. The information she provided to responding officers helped deliver a safe outcome to the situation.

After 16 years with the Novi Regional Communications Center, which also handles all 9-1-1 calls from South Lyon, Patterson is accustomed to remaining calm even as she talks to people who may be having the hardest moment of their life, with a loved one in cardiac arrest or their house on fire. For her and her colleagues, it is a matter of getting the information that is needed to send emergency responders.

Each call ends when emergency responders arrive and, more often than not, the caller hanging up results in a cliff-hanger for Patterson. She doesn't know what happens next in the lives of the people who called for help. When she goes home, she lets go of what she heard at work, except in extraordinary cases, like that of the man she saved last summer, whom she never met, but still hopes to someday.

"At the end of that call, I really felt I had saved him and it's the only time I've ever felt like that," Patterson said. "He was a sweetheart and the world is a better place with him in it. I feel good about that."

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they used their combined strength to bend the door frame, getting the driver partially out before two more residents, Kyndal Lanier and Linda Oliver, arrived and all four worked together to save the man just before the vehicle burst into flames.



Garbarino



Korzeniowski



Kulikowski

"If not for the courageous, selfless and spontaneous actions of Mr. Sample, Ms. Fernandez, Ms. Oliver and Mr. Lanier, the driver of the vehicle would have surely perished on that night," said Molloy, who awarded all four civilian citations. Debra Guffey and Sirini Kilambi

were also honored for their efforts that saved the life of a 4-year-old boy who nearly drowned Sept. 8, 2015, after entering a retention pond at Christina Lane and Sussex Drive.

The child had been reported missing by his mother just prior to a 9-1-1 call. Guffy and Kilambi, both in their homes at the time, saw the child walk into the pond alone and go under. They ran outside to the pond and Guffy went in as Kilambi, unable to swim, gave directions to the last visible location of the child. Guffy pulled the boy from the water and began administering back thrusts to the child, who was not breathing. He began vomiting and coughing up water as emergency responders arrived and was able to make a full recovery.

Matt Harris and Alexis O'Brien were also awarded civilian citations, the former after he spotted smoke coming from a garage and alerted workers at the home, the latter after she followed suspects in an armed robbery, giving valuable information to police.

Imagine Entertainment CEO Paul Glantz was given a civilian commendation for a decade of opening the Novi theater to students for an evening of being "Addicted to Movies, Not Drugs," with in-kind donations of the program estimated to be more than \$250,000.

Civilian Employee of the Year was Raymond Garbarino, the city's emergency management coordinator since 2012, who Molloy said has greatly enhanced the emergency response capabilities of the city and its citizens through tireless efforts in the field.

Bonnie and William Charles also received a governmental service award for their efforts with the Community Emergency Response Team, which also addresses preparedness for catastrophic events.

Behind the scenes, 9-1-1 dispatchers Janet Kaplan and Karen Patterson were awarded for their exceptional efforts in performing their duties. Kaplan's work resulted in locating the home of a lost autistic child, while Patterson received recognition for three separate incidents.

The most awards of course, went to the men and women who serve the city daily in uniform, with recognition for their training of fellow officers and firefighters; updating of policies and procedures; coordination of lifesaving programs and equipment initiatives; leadership; dedication to attaining higher education; and extraordinary efforts in the line of duty, including arrests of drunken drivers, ad-

AWARD WINNERS

NOVI POLICE DEPARTMENT

Officer of the Year: Sgt. Amanda Kulikowski
Civilian of the Year: Emergency management coordinator Raymond Garbarino
Civilian Commendation: Paul Glantz
Civilian Citation: Alexis O'Brien; William Sample; Carmen Fernandez; Kyndal Lanier; Linda Oliver
Life Saving: Dispatch shift leader Karen Patterson; Police Officer Paul Leslie; Sgt. Patrick Fanning; Sgt. Michael Warren; Police Officer Scott Tewes; Police Officer/K-9 handler Michael Daisley; Police Officer Joshua Johnson
Advanced Degree: School Resource Officer Jon Zabick; Police Officer Hailey Penzak
Departmental Citation: Lt. John Nelson; Lt. Keith Wuotinen; Sgt. Michael Warren; Police Officer Scott Tewes; Police Officer Andrew Hudechek; Police Officer Jason Bergtold; Police Officer Akthar Hossain
Leadership Award: Lt. John Nelson
Staff and Command: Sgt. Kevin Gilmore
Merit Citation: Det. Michael Bender
Letter of Commendation: Dispatch shift leader Karen Patterson; dispatcher Janet Kaplan; Police Officer Jason Bergtold; Police Officer John

Corder
Unit Citation: Sgt. Amanda Kulikowski; Detective Eric Lindblade; Police Officer Jason Meier; Police Officer Robert Manar; Police Officer Tom Orlovski; Police Officer Brian Tillman; Police Officer Dan Jenkinson; Police Officer/K-9 handler Shawn Penzak
MADD Award: Police Officer Jason Bergtold

NOVI FIRE DEPARTMENT

Firefighter of the Year: Lt. Carlton Korzeniowski
Life Saving Award: Capt. John Martin; Fire Protection Officer Michael Jacobs; Fire Protection Officer Jeffrey Lachman; Fire Protection Officer Tim Krajnovich; Fire Protection Officer Brian Luke
Civilian Life Saving: Debra Guffey; Sirini Kilambi
Civilian Citation: Matt Harris
Governmental Service Award: Bonnie Charles and William Charles
Leadership Award: Capt. John Martin
Advanced Degree: Capt. Phil Duczynski; Capt. Todd Seog; Capt. John Martin; Capt. Mark Theisen
Letters of Commendation: Capt. Todd Seog; Fire Marshal Joe Shelton; Capt. Phil Duczynski; Fire Protection Officer Andrew Copeland
Fire Staff and Command: Capt. Todd Seog
Merit Citation: Firefighter Eric Nyberg

vocating for victims of crimes including sexual assault and individual lifesaving missions, including Officer Paul Leslie, who responded to an injury accident the afternoon of Dec. 4, found the vehicle on fire in a ravine, smashed a window and pulled the driver to safety.

Fire Protection Officers Michael Jacobs and Jeffrey Lachman also saved a life when they

were called upon to perform CPR on a woman at Lifetime Fitness. She made a full recovery, which emergency room physicians credited to Jacobs and Lachman.

The highest honors for those in uniform went to Lt. Carlton Korzeniowski, named Firefighter of the Year, and Sgt. Amanda Kulikowski, Police Officer of the Year.

Of Korzeniowski, Molloy said, in part, "A



Novi Fire Capt. Mark Theisen takes an oath of service during last week's awards ceremony.

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Director of Public Safety David Molloy begins the awards ceremony for the fire and police departments at the Novi Civic Center.



consummate professional, Carl always strives to do the best that he possibly can. His drive and determination exemplifies him as a leader among his fellow firefighters. ... He works diligently to lead, train and educate our new fire personnel so they are as prepared as they can be before heading into

harm's way."

Molloy noted that Kulikowski was a proven leader in the field training program throughout 2015, as well as excelling as a police officer, ranking in the top third of the uniform operations division in self-initiated field activity, conducting 469 traffic stops and making 63 arrests. She pursued a

promotion for rank of sergeant and finished as the No. 1 candidate, earning the distinction in December.

"Recognizing an individual as police officer of the year is rarely done for simply one major arrest or one significant incident," Molloy said. "It's done to recognize an individual who embodies our core values, who has a sustained commitment to excellence in everything they do and for one who treats everyone exactly how they would want to be treated."

For more information on the Novi Police and Fire Departments, go to cityofnovi.org.

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Put family reading on your to-do list

We live in a busy world. Most of us cannot fit the things that are on our schedule into the time that we have each day. Between work, driving our children to music practice and soccer practice, making dinner, helping our children with homework, paying the bills, catching up on *Downton Abbey*, walking the dog, doing the dishes and on and on, each day is filled with more than enough activity.

But I want to encourage you to add one more thing to your daily to-do list. Read with your children!

If your children are older (in high school or beyond), encourage them to read. Talk about great books that you are reading or that you have read. Give them books for gifts. Have books around the house that they might pick up and read.

If your children are eighth grade or younger, find a favorite spot and read with them each day. Take your children to the Novi Public Library. Buy them books for their birthday. Take them to bookstores to browse.

I say this because reading is such a fundamental and important part of academic success. As parents, if we can find ways to develop a love of reading and instill confidence about reading in our children, they will have the opportunity to find success.

When we read with our children, it is important to not make it a chore or a task to check off the list. First and foremost, reading with our child is about taking time to be with your child.

But reading with your child can also have additional aca-



Steve Matthews

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demical benefits.

As we read with our children, if the book has pictures, we can engage in conversations about the pictures. What do you see in the picture? Does the picture show what you see as you read the book? Is the picture surprising? Does the picture add to your understanding of the book?

As we read with our children, we can also talk about the words that the author uses. What does that word mean? Is there another word that makes sense here? Do you think that the author used that word for a reason?

Finally, as we read with our children, talk about the things that you find interesting about the book. Characters? Setting? Connections that you can make between the book and your own experiences?

When parents take time to read with their children, there can be some powerful outcomes. That is why every year in March, we celebrate March is Reading Month. Reading — and talking about reading — has the potential to help every student become more successful in our schools. I would encourage every parent to find time to read every day with your children.

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Keeping the beat



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The Novi High Winter Drumline practices March 3 in the school's cafeteria. The performance group had a competition meet at the school Saturday.

Novi youth baseball registration underway

Registration for the Novi Youth Baseball League's 2016 season is open for all divisions. Registration will close for players 14 years and younger March 17.

The NYBL has six divisions for players ages 7-18 and there is no Novi residency requirement for the House League baseball divisions. Registration can be done at www.noviyouthbaseball.com. Teams will be picked in late March and opening day is scheduled for May 14. The season runs through July 16.

Games are primarily played at ITC Community Sports Park. In 2015, approximately 450 players participated in NYBL baseball.

Registration is now open for Friday Night Novi Inferno Drop In practices in March and April. The Inferno Drop In times is loosely-run practice time for players who are interested in working on their skills and/or trying out for the Novi Inferno tournament team in April. The NYBL's Novi Inferno is a tryout team



The deadline to sign up for Novi Youth Baseball is March 17.

which provides additional opportunity for House League baseball players to participate in weekend tournaments.

Registration for Inferno Drop In can be done at www.noviyouthbaseball.com and the cost is \$35 for eight practices in March and April. Cost for Drop In time at the door is \$10 per night. The Inferno Drop In time is 7:35-9:15 p.m. and is held at the Strike Zone Indoor Training

Facility which is a partnership between the NYBL, Novi Heat Travel Baseball and Motor City Madness Girls Fastpitch Softball. The Strike Zone is located at 48155 West Road in Wixom.

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Disney is a year-round feature at Fox Run

It's all Disney all the time in the office of Peggy Mather, community resources manager for Fox Run retirement community, where 120 items – stuffed Disney characters and lithographs and cells of Disney pictures and movies – are rotated and displayed year-round.

The more prominent items are the cells of the pictures that Mather started collecting nearly 30 years ago. They represent an assortment of Disney dogs. A special cell that was given to her by her family is from the Millennium Year 2000 and is a collage of a variety of famous Disney characters. It includes a picture of Walt Disney and is one of just 2,000 produced.

"I love it," said Mather, who first visited the Magic Kingdom in Florida in 1971 – the year it



Fox Run's Peggy Mather is seen in her wonderful world of Disney office.

opened – when she was 13 years old. "It probably my favorite piece."

Her collection includes stuffed Disney characters such as Lion King, Beauty and the Beast, Aladdin, Little

Mermaid, Mickey Mouse, Minnie Mouse, Goofy and Pluto. There is even a vintage stuffed Steamboat Willie, the first incarnation of what would become Mickey Mouse.

Her wonderful world of Disney attracts visitors daily. It has prompted many conversations among residents and staff who share their stories about their special Disney moments.

"Disney is the best thing to rejuvenate my energy for so many things in my life. I laugh when I say it is my 'therapy.'"

PEGGY MATHER
Fox Run resident and Disney collector

Many grandchildren of residents delight in stopping in and picking up Pluto, Minnie or Goofy and giving them a big hug.

Mather has been to Disney World and Disneyland a combined 62 times. She travels with her daughters and her four grandchildren.

"I truly see and enjoy something different each time I go," Mather said. "Disney thinks of every detail."

Mather's favorite Disney movie is *Mary*

Poppins, a film that combines live action with animation and that stars Julie Andrews in the title role who visits a family in London and employs her unique brand of life-style to improve the family's dynamic.

Poppins' enthusiasm for life – much like that of Mather's – is contagious.

"Disney is the best thing to rejuvenate my energy for so many things in my life," Mather said. "I laugh when I say it is my 'therapy.'"

Northville, Plymouth Presbyterian choirs sing 'Messiah'

First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth and First Presbyterian Church of Northville are planning a joint presentation of the Easter portion of Handel's *Messiah* Sunday, March 20, at the downtown Northville church. The concert will be presented at 6 p.m. and will feature the combined choirs of the two churches, professional soloists and musicians from the Great Lakes Consort.

The Northville church presented *Messiah* every December for many years. When Carole Halmekangas, interim director of music at FPCN, decided to revive the tradition, she contacted Jerry Smith at the Plymouth church to see if he and his choir would be interested in a joint concert. The two musicians worked together

for 27 years at Ward Presbyterian Church and continue to maintain a warm friendship and respect for each other's musical talents.

Both musicians have been active in the Detroit music scene for many years and earned their doctoral degrees from the University of Michigan. Halmekangas served at Ward Presbyterian Church for 45 years until her retirement in 2012 and has been with First Presbyterian Church of Northville since 2014. She has been an organist, accompanist and choral director for many Detroit musical groups. Smith has had a long career as both an educator and choral director. He currently serves First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth as director of music ministries.

This Easter concert will focus on Part II of Handel's *Messiah*. Part II contains work that illustrates the suffering and resurrection of Christ and culminates with the *Hallelujah Chorus*. The concert will also feature other favorite arias and choruses, including *I Know That My Redeemer Liveth*.

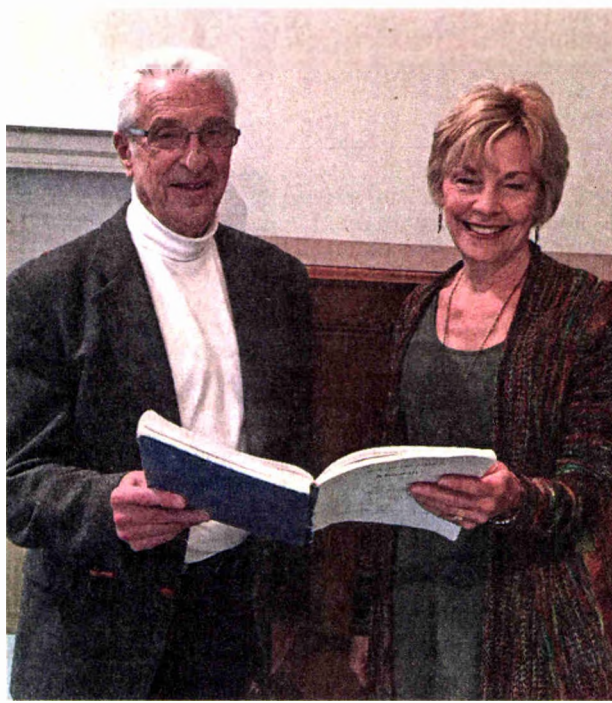
The two choirs have been practicing separately for several months and recently met for the first of their two joint rehearsals. "The sound was amazing," Halmekangas said. "Both choirs were well-prepared and I was so impressed with their technical ability, as well as the beauty of their singing. Even though the combined choir contains more than 60 members, they are able to sing softly and with great

emotion as well as with enormous power. Concert-goers are in for a real treat."

The concert will feature professional soloists Kim Swan (soprano), Louise Fisher (alto), James Moore (tenor) and Theodore Jones (baritone).

The chorus and soloists will be accompanied by Sharon Smith at the piano, Halmekangas at the organ and members of the Great Lakes Consort playing string instruments. Jerry Smith will be at the podium as director.

The concert is open to the public at no charge. A free will offering will be accepted to help cover the cost of the professional musicians. A reception following the concert will be held at First Presbyterian Church of Northville.



Carole Halmekangas, interim director of music at FPCN, contacted Jerry Smith at the Plymouth church to see if he and his choir would be interested in a joint concert.

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Buy Michigan Now announces annual contest for businesses

The Buy Michigan Now campaign is dedicated to helping businesses succeed in Michigan and creating awareness of products made in the state. For the fifth consecutive year, it is giving one new business owner a chance to win free marketing exposure via its Up and Coming Entrepreneur Contest.

"Each of the past contest winners has credited the opportunity with helping them to establish their new businesses and that's what the Buy Michigan Now campaign is all about," Buy Michigan Now founder Lisa Diggs said. "This year, we're particularly excited to be able to offer vendor opportu-

nities for the winner at new events in Frankenmuth and Jackson in addition to the Buy Michigan Now Festival in Northville."

Buy Michigan Now will select one grand prize-winning business and two runners-up. The grand prize winner will receive vendor space at Michigan Market & Mayhem (Frankenmuth, July 16-17), Buy Michigan Now Festival (Northville, Aug. 5-7) and Buy Michigan Now Fall Fest (Jackson, Oct. 22-23), as well as many other opportunities for exposure.

The runners-up will receive vendor space at one of the three previously listed events of their choice, in addition

to several of the same opportunities as the business winning the grand prize.

If interested, send an email with "Up and Coming" in the subject line to Fest@BuyMichiganNow.com by March 31.

Submissions must include: submitter's name, title and phone number, company name and city where product (s) is grown or made, date company began, website (if applicable), description of product, picture(s) of product and explanation in 200 words or less of what makes the company/product unique and why the entrepreneur deserves this opportunity.

Taking the plunge



DAWN CARSON

Michael Carson ("Star Wars" Storm Trooper) is in the water. Evan Carson (Iron Man) is on top of the stand, Ben Schmidt (Luigi) and Tyler Troyer (Batman), all cheering Carson on as he is the first one of the group to jump. The group of 20 Northville High athletes all wore movie-themed pajamas. The team was able to tour the U-M football locker room, get a pre-plunge pep talk from coach Jim Harbaugh — "Do it with some style, do it with some flair and do it for fun" — enter the famed Michigan Stadium playing field through the tunnel, run onto the field and do a pregame warmup for the Plunge, hang out in the U-M Stadium luxury suites for an after-party including now-traditional helpings of chili and cornbread. For the Northville High School team, "Plunging for a Purpose" was the fifth leading fundraising team in terms of donations, raising more than \$5,000 for Special Olympics Michigan. The full complement of Plungers raised more than \$100,000 on that warm and windy evening.

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Highland volunteer going strong at 85

Laura Colvin
Staff Writer

Glo Jackson's plans don't include slowing down any time soon or even doing much sitting, for that matter.

At 85, the longtime Highland Township resident begins each day with a 15-minute ride on her stationary bike. She also exercises three times each week at Curves and works part time at the Meijer store in White Lake.

Over the course of her life, Jackson, who worked 25 years at Michigan Bell, has traveled to Russia, China, France and other international destinations and still loves to travel. These days, she prefers to avoid lengthy overseas flights and travels just in the U.S.

Jackson also keeps an eye on her elderly neighbors, takes friends to doctors appointments and visits other friends in nursing homes.

'Never stop'

And every Monday without fail, she climbs into her car and heads for the Highland Activity Center, picks up about 14 hot meals and spends the next two hours delivering those meals to home-bound seniors in the community.

Jackson began volunteering as a driver for the Western Oakland Meals on Wheels program 25 years ago.

The nonprofit program serves multiple communities — locally that includes Commerce, Highland, Lyon, Milford, Northville, Novi, South Lyon, White Lake and Wixom — and currently sends meals to about 350 meals each day to home-bound individuals who are unable to plan, shop or prepare food due to illness, disability or advanced age.

Jackson often finds she's actually older than some of the recipients along her route and she

doesn't mind sharing her secret for a long, active lifestyle.

"Just keep moving," she said, noting both her parents lived into their 90s. "Never stop. I tell (meal recipients) how old I am and tell them about everything I do, hoping maybe they'll get inspired."

While she takes a no-nonsense approach to her deliveries, stopping long enough to say hello and perhaps chat for a minute or two before moving along to the next stop, Jackson also keeps a watchful eye on those along her route.

Recently, for example, she noticed one home-bound woman wearing a new robe.

"It was too long," she

said. "I was afraid she was going to fall, so I took it home and cut it down."

Volunteers needed

About 28 of the 350 meals delivered each Monday through Friday by the Western Oakland County Meals on Wheels program go to Highland Township residents, divided into two routes. Some volunteers, like Jackson, deliver meals each week. Others come every other week, while some help out just once a month or when a substitute is needed.

"They need more drivers," Jackson said, noting meals are prepackaged, presorted and ready to go when she arrives for her route each Monday. "There's really nothing to

it." At the Highland Activity Center, Meals on Wheels site hostess Claudia Bower said while she frequently finds herself scrambling for drivers, one thing is always certain.

"I know I can wake up on Monday morning and know my Route 2 is covered," she said. "Glo is a friendly-faced go getter, a bundle of energy and an inspiration to all of us. I could use more people like her."

In fact, Bower said, she could use about 12 more drivers. Each route, she said, takes two hours or less and is suitable for retirees, stay-at-home moms and others who can carve a block of time out of their day on a weekly,



LAURA COLVIN

Highland resident Glo Jackson, 85, loads her car and prepares to head out on her weekly Meals on Wheels route. Additional volunteers are needed in the various communities the organization supports.

biweekly or monthly basis — or only in summer or winter.

Those interested in becoming a Meals on Wheels volunteer driver must attend a short orientation and training

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Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road, Novi
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Holy days: 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment
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Contact: 248-669-9400, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday
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Sunday worship: 11 a.m.
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Location: Ridge Wood Elementary School, 41355 Six Mile, Northville
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Location: 45301 11 Mile, Novi
Contact: Kanji Fuki
Contact: 248-756-3336

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Web: www.emmanuel-livonia.org
Contact: 248-442-8822
Sunday worship: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. (child care available at final service)
Youth group: 7 p.m. Wednesday
Special Needs Ministry: Judy Cook, 248-442-8822
Women's Coffee Break Bible Study: 10:11-30 a.m. Mondays
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Web: www.faithcommunity-novi.org
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.
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Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m.
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Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. - Caravan Scouting program for kids ages 4 through fifth grade; Club 45 for fourth- and fifth-graders; Merge Middle School Worship night; Bible Study with Troy Ogle; Little Critters preschool program; Alpha class from 6:30-8 p.m. - an opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment. Alpha is for high school to adult.
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Contact: 248-344-4465

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Contact: 248-427-1175; holycrossnovi@gmail.com
Web: www.holycrossnovi.org
Sunday Worship: 7:45 and 10 a.m.
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Contact: pastor Jon Hix, 248-349-5665
Web: www.legacychurch.us
Sunday School/Small Groups for all ages: 9:45 a.m.
Worship Services: 11 a.m.
Bible Study/Prayer: Wednesday 7 p.m.

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Location: 41355 Six Mile
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Web: www.ncalife.org
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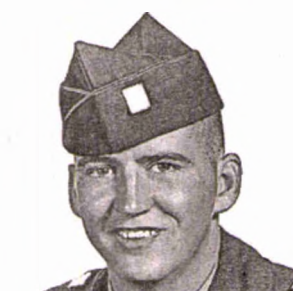
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FLORENCE "MARILYN" (MULL) Age 88, of Westfield, New York and formerly of South Lyon, Michigan, died Sunday, February 28, 2016 at home in Westfield, New York with her brother at her side, following an extended illness. Marilyn was born on August 23, 1927 in South Bend, Indiana, daughter of the late Victor and Meredith (Felker) Mull. She graduated from Buchanan (Michigan) High School in 1944 and later moved to Ypsilanti, and then Ann Arbor. She subsequently lived in Illinois, California, and Arizona at various times, returning to Michigan after retirement. She had a lengthy secretarial career supporting research and management staff at numerous aerospace companies. She retired from Rockwell International, in California as an Executive Administrative Assistant in 1991. During retirement, Marilyn enjoyed simple pleasures; a good biography, a drive in the country, watching the sunset from her living room window. She was a friend to all creatures, great and small, but especially dogs and birds (robins, in particular). She treasured family time and always encouraged that family members stay connected. She assumed her role as mother with all her heart, offering unconditional love and support to the very end. Friends remember her quick wit and infectious laugh. Others remember that she was gentle and kind, a beautiful spirit. Always appreciative, she greeted most days with the words "thank you, thank you!" As we say goodbye, we echo those very words in return. Rest in peace, dear mother, sister, and friend. She is survived by one daughter, Mary Beth Fairman, of Palo Alto, CA and one son, Robert Edmund Fairman, Jr., of Ypsilanti, Michigan. She is further survived by her sister, Nancy Jo Hilligoss of Congress, Arizona and her brother, Victor L. Mull of Westfield, NY; two nieces and one nephew also survive. All services will be private. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Mason Funeral Home, 37 Clinton St., Westfield, NY 14787.

KASSE

ERIKA U. age 83, passed away March 6, 2016. She is survived by her husband Heinz for 61 years; daughter Betsy (Andrew A.) Myer, grandchildren: Erin Kendall, Daniel and A.J.; brother Walter (Peggy) Bartsch and niece Heidi Fitch. Services were held from Phillips Funeral Home, www.phillipsfuneral.com

O'SULLIVAN



THOMAS MICHAEL "TOM" 81, of South Lyon, Michigan, passed away peacefully at his home on Sunday, March 06, 2016. Tom was a passionate man who loved his family, Catholic faith, Irish Heritage, his country, Notre Dame Football and John Wayne movies. He had a wonderful sense of humor and, like a true Irishman, he had a gift for telling stories and making everyone laugh. Tom devoted himself after retirement to serving those in need. He served tirelessly as lead of St. Vincent De Paul through his Catholic parish for twenty years and loved every minute. Tom is survived by his wife Eileen of 42 years, daughters Angela (Mike) Stiff, Annie (Steve) Campbell, sister Kathleen "Kitty" Kozlowski, grandchildren Stephanie Smith, Hunter Stiff, Claire Campbell, Aidan Campbell, great-grandchildren Harper and Koa Smith and his many loving nieces, nephews, and friends. Tom truly loved life and serves as an inspiration to all of us. Visitation will be held on Friday, March 11 from 4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. with Rosary at 7:00 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. A funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, March 12 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 830 S. Lafayette, South Lyon. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Vincent De Paul at your local Catholic parish.
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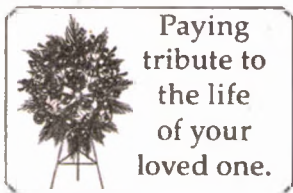
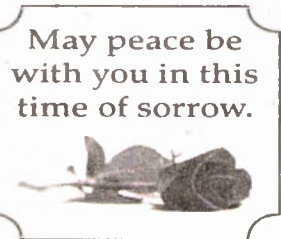
EILEEN April 25, 1917 - February 27, 2016. Eileen Hlohinec, a long time resident of Northville, passed away February 27, 2016. She was the beloved wife to John M. and the loving mother of Michael, Sharon (Raymond) Morganti, Mark, and John (Sue). She cherished her grandchildren, Lynn (Jonathan) Strong, Lisa (Kirk) Reau, Laura, Thomas, Andrew (Sheryl), Katie, and the late Greg; and her great-grandchildren, Theo, Isabella, and Anna. Eileen was a nurse and in later years a piano teacher. She was active in Our Lady of Victory's music and choir programs. She loved to golf, play bridge, and go horse back riding. Eileen was the youngest of 10 children. She loved her family and loved Jesus and lived her life accordingly. She had a big heart for helping others and teaching. Her funeral was held at Our Lady of Victory on March 2 and her final resting place is with her husband, John, at Rural Hill Cemetery.

STEPHENS

ROBERT D. of Howell, MI and Ivins, UT aged 65 passed away on Tuesday March 1, 2016 in Salt Lake City, UT. Robert retired as a Research Scientist from the General Motors Research and Development Laboratories in 2008. He graduated from Washburn University of Topeka, KS in 1975 with a BA in Psychology and Chemistry. He also graduated in the top 1% of all graduates in Communications Electronics from the USAF's Keesler Technical Training Center in 1969. He served in the US Air Force from 1968 through 1972 after graduating from South Lyon High School in 1968. Robert also supplemented his understanding of chemistry, electronics, and computer programming by taking courses from Kansas University, the University of Michigan, Lawrence Technological University, the University of Detroit, and Wayne State University. During a 31-year career with General Motors, Robert authored and co-authored nearly 50 scientific articles, earned four patents, and a number of defensive publications. His career spanned research areas including atmospheric chemistry, automotive emissions, cradle-to-grave environmental impacts of products and manufacturing processes, and the storage of hydrogen for vehicular applications. In his spare time, he also wrote a number of short stories and two unpublished novels. Robert also traveled extensively around the world, relishing the experiences gained from many divergent: world cultures, treks through the mountains of North America, South America, Asia, and New Zealand, as well as exploring jungles and deserts in Africa, Asia and South America. He was an amateur photographer that enjoyed recording landscapes, flowers, people, and wildlife during his many travels. His travel photos and stories are posted on "TheWorldInLight.com", a website he created and maintained for the last eleven years of his life. His world experiences convinced him that people everywhere were more alike than different and that America and the world would be a far better place if it adopted the values of other cultures rather than pressing American values upon them. Robert also loved adventure and had the pleasure of experiencing hang gliding, parachuting, hot-air ballooning, bungee jumping, and scuba diving. He loved his life and wanted to leave it with few regrets of things left undone. He was preceded in death by his parents LaVerne and Lloyd, his sister Anne and brother Rick. Robert was the father of Brian, who graduated from Eastern Michigan University in 2008. Grandfather to Bradley, who brought him endless joy. Brother to Joe, Mary and Jim. A Memorial service will be held on Friday March 18, 2016 at 12:00pm at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. www.phillipsfuneral.com

WHITE

OWEN BARNETT went home to be with our heavenly father on March 2, 2016. Dearly devoted husband of Marlyn; father of Glenn (Sharon), Kurt, David, and Ross (Kelly); grandfather and great-grandfather. Own passed peacefully surrounded by his loving family. The visitation will be held on Thursday, March 10, 5:00-8:00 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, 122 W. Lake St. A Mass of Christian Burial will take place on Friday, March 11, 11:00 a.m., in state 10:00 a.m., at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 9565 Musch Rd., Brighton.
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Novi man stars in 'Lend Me A Tenor'

Lend Me A Tenor, a comedy written by Ken Ludwig, opens Friday, March 11, and runs until March 26 at St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook.

This rollicking farce is set in 1934 and tells the story of world-renowned tenor, Tito Merelli, who is scheduled to perform at the Cleveland opera company. Through a set of

crazy circumstances, Merelli passes out after mixing wine with a huge dose of tranquilizers. Believing that the star is dead, the excitable opera manager taps his hapless assistant, an aspiring singer named Max, to suit up and replace Merelli.

This production includes Gannon Styles (Novi) as Max, Molly Dorset (Birmingham) as

Maggie, Janie Minchella (Sterling Heights) as Maria, Nasir Khawaja (Southfield) as Tito, Deb Dworkin (Berkley) as Diana, Kori Bielaniac (Dearborn) as Julia, Andrew McMechan (Birmingham) as Saunders and Tony Targan (West Bloomfield) as the Bellhop.

Performance dates are 8 p.m. Friday and Sat-

urday, March 11-12, 18-19 and 25-26. Matinees are at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 13 and 20. Ticket prices are \$18 adult, \$16 seniors/students. Purchase tickets at www.stdunstanstheatre.com or by phone at 248-737-3587, ext. 1, or 888-718-4253.

St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook is at 400 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills.



Andrew McMechan (Birmingham) as Saunders, Molly Dorset (Birmingham) as Maggie and Gannon Styles (Novi) as Max star in Ken Ludwig's hilarious farce "Lend Me a Tenor" running three weekends at St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills March 11-26.

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We have to keep 'public' in public education

Early in American history, the Founders realized just how important education would be to America's future. During the middle 1780s, a series of land ordinances was passed by the Continental Congress, culminating in the Northwest Ordinance of 1787.

They stated, "Religion, morality and knowledge, being necessary to good government of mankind, schools and the means of education, shall forever be encouraged." Today, however, we are being told our schools are failing.

We are not doing well on international tests, it is said. We need charter schools, vouchers, standardized tests. Punish students, educators and unions. Create online courses. Grade our schools A-F. Unfortunately, our schools are not failing. They are doing pretty darn good. Schools that are not doing well,



Al Churchill
 GUEST COLUMNIST

generally, exist in the midst of poverty.

For decades, it has been accepted in educational circles that poverty and a broad range of socio-economic factors play a huge role in determining student proficiency. Commissioned by the U.S. Office of Education in 1966, James Coleman of Johns Hopkins University studied 600,000 students and teachers. He concluded that academic achievement is less related to the quality of the school than it is to the social composition of the school, the verbal skills of the teacher and the students' family background.

The gist of the Coleman Report suggested that one-third of student success is determined by

the quality of the school, while two-thirds is to be found in factors outside of the school.

Ditto Stanford University in 2011. Sean Reardon released a study that concluded family income is, by far, the most significant factor in predicting student success in school. It is simply a fact that parental income and education, parental involvement in student school activities, neighborhood environment, health care, home stability and so on provide the underpinning of student school proficiency.

The Michigan Department of Education states, forcefully, that the most reliable predictor of success in school is the degree that parents are involved in a child's education.

Indeed, according to former Assistant Secretary of Education Diane Ravitch, "American schools, in which fewer than 10 percent of the

students were poor, outperformed the top schools of Finland, Japan and Korea." Call it whatever you like: poverty, demographics or socio-economic circumstance. It matters and, generally, American schools do well when demographics are considered.

But you'd never know it when people passing as "reformers" compare the raw scores of American schools to countries that do well on international tests. Frantically, they howl that we're losing the race. Our schools are failing. Let's do something — anything!

Well, what do the "reformers" want? Neglecting that vouchers have been used in Milwaukee for nearly 25 years and are a dismal failure, they chant, "Give us a voucher." Ditto for corporate charter schools. All you have to do is look at the nations' report card, the NAEP report. When tested, voucher schools have

never outperformed public schools in Milwaukee. Being generous, charter schools do about the same as traditional public schools nationally.

That aside, Finland, a perennial top performer on PISA, provides a good example of what can be done to achieve educational merit. The Finns have no charters, no vouchers. They do not have a testing obsession like we do. Finnish children are exposed to high-stakes testing a grand total of one time during the entirety of their school experience. They do not evaluate teachers and schools, based upon one high stakes test given annually. They do not grade their schools A-F. They have strong unions. In a word, they do nothing that "reformers" in this country endorse.

Finland's teachers are trusted to do whatever it takes to educate their kids. Teachers in Finland are treated like profes-

sionals, like doctors and lawyers. They are supported by nurses, social workers and psychologists. They spend much more of their school day planning and collaborating with other teachers than we do. There is much to be learned from Finnish schools.

Can American schools be improved? You bet! For a start, we might focus on teacher training and development. We might also focus more on thinking skills: creativity and problem solving, critical thinking generally. We need wrap-around services for those kids that aren't doing well. There is much that can be done that, presently, is not being done.

Most importantly, we need to keep the public in public education.

Al Churchill is a Livonia resident who is a retired member of the UAW and earned a bachelor's degree in education from Eastern Michigan University.

How AMBER system really works and why we continue to use it

Jan. 13, 1996: Amber Hagerman, a 9-year-old girl who lived in Arlington, Texas, was last seen riding her bike in a parking lot. A witness saw a man with a black flatbed truck snatch Amber from her bicycle. Four days later, Amber's body was found in a creek approximately three miles from her home. Her murder re-



Sgt. Michael Sura
 ASK A TROOPER

mains unsolved.

Residents in the area were outraged and began calling radio stations to vent their anger and frustration, as well as

offer suggestions to prevent such crimes in the future. One person, Diana Simone, suggested a program be implemented allowing use of the Emergency Alert System, known as the EAS, to notify the public when a child has been abducted.

Simone's letter was received by local broadcasters, who then met with local law enforcement and created Amber's Plan, in memory of Amber Hagerman. It is now known nationwide as the AMBER Alert system.

The question this week: What is an AMBER Alert and how does it get activated? The Michigan AMBER Alert is a partnership between law

enforcement and the media to help in the immediate dissemination of information to the public about an endangered missing child. AMBER Alerts are urgent bulletins issued in the most serious of child-abduction cases.

Now for the next part of that question: What are the criteria and how does it get activated? Any of these criteria must be met to activate the Michigan AMBER Alert system: The child suffers from a severe mental or physical disability that greatly impairs the child's ability to care for him/herself; the child is a victim of stranger or acquaintance kidnapping (stranger

kidnapping is defined as a child being taken against his/her will by a stranger, acquaintance kidnapping is defined as a child being taken against his/her will by an acquaintance of the child or the child's family); the child is in the company of a person who has a confirmed criminal history of child abuse/neglect, sexual assault, domestic assault, a crime involving the victimization of children or has made statements of intent to harm the missing child or is suicidal; the child has been abducted by a non-custodial parent whose parental rights have been terminated.

The law enforcement agency investigating the

endangered missing child case contacts the Michigan State Police, supplying information on the case. If the request meets the activation criteria, the Michigan State Police activates the Michigan AMBER Alert by activating the EAS. Broadcasters immediately break into broadcasting after learning of the AMBER Alert activation. The public actively searches for the endangered missing child after hearing the AMBER Alert activation on the radio or television, reporting any sightings to law enforcement.

If you have questions or comments, email them to askatrooper12@gmail.com.

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Daughter inspired by mom's illness to start clothing line for patients

Jay Grossman
Staff Writer

Karen MacDonald never thought she'd run her own business.

She had been with The Taubman Co. for more than 30 years, enjoying a successful career as communications director. But her mother's illness in 2014 prompted MacDonald to start a clothing line of merchandise designed for hospital patients.

"My mom was in the hospital before she passed away," MacDonald said. "It was Christmas Eve and she didn't want to see anyone because she didn't like the way she looked. I decided to make her a wrap to go over her patient gown, to make her feel special and pretty."

That moment inspired MacDonald to launch Wrapped in Love.

Her company designs wraps, head wraps and scarves for anyone in a hospital who's in need of some warmth, beauty and dignity. That includes new moms, patients undergoing chemotherapy and other procedures or ones recovering from illness.

"They are accessories that are easy to wear for those who may have limited mobility," Mac-



Karen MacDonald with her mom, Theresa, who passed away last year.

Donald said. "The wraps come in a variety of styles, colors and fabrics. I designed everything as 'one-size-fits-most' so you can give them as gifts and not have to worry about the size."

They're manufactured locally in Lansing and MacDonald is donating 10 percent of each sale to the American Cancer Society as a tribute to her mother.

A number of local retailers carry the wraps and they're also available online at wrappedinlove.com. The head wraps start at \$30, the scarves are \$40 and the body wraps start at \$60.

"They're currently designed for women, but

I have been getting a lot of requests to design something similar for men and children, too, which I will start working on shortly," she said.

So far, MacDonald has enjoyed the challenges of being her own boss.

"It's been great, but right off the bat, you learn that you can't be everything," she said. "So it's important to find good resources that you can rely on. Luckily, I've been able to find everything I've needed right here in our great state of Michigan."

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Family welcomes first Feb. 29 baby

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Staff Writer

Add Leap Day to the list of holidays that double as birthdays in the Gustafson household.

Livonia resident Cassandra Gustafson gave birth early Feb. 29 to her and her husband Brady's fourth child, Miriam Jean, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia. Miriam Gustafson gained distinction as a baby born on the day that only comes around every four years.

She joins her three siblings as all having very distinct birthdays: the couple's oldest child was born Christmas, the second-oldest was born Independence Day and their third child was born April 15, more commonly known as tax day.

Cassandra Gustafson said she thought her most recent child would come on another winter holiday. She said she thought she was having contractions back on Feb. 14 and went to see a doctor, only to come back two weeks later to give birth on Leap Day.

"We thought she'd be a Valentine's baby instead," she said. Her due date was Feb. 29, a date she and her husband, who are both teachers at Clar-



Cassandra Gustafson with her newborn, Miriam Jean, in her right arm. Her third child, Annika, is in her left arm. Miriam Gustafson was the first Leap Day baby born at St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

enceville High School, thought was a strange occurrence.

"We were surprised that that was the actual due date," she said. "No planning involved in it either."

Despite being born on a day that comes around only every four years, it doesn't sound like Miriam Gustafson is going to be missing out on any of that birthday cake when

she gets older. In fact, she may have gotten an additional day of presents and fun: Cassandra Gustafson said they could just celebrate Feb. 28 and March 1 each year.

"We'll probably spoil her," she said.

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City of Northville
Proposed Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance
Article 18 General Provisions, Article 26 Definitions
Arbor, Pergola, and Trellis

At its regular meeting on March 21, 2016, the Northville City Council will introduce for first reading proposed amendments to the City of Northville Zoning Ordinance. The proposed amendments would add the definitions of Arbor, Pergola, Trellis, and Required and Non-Required Yard to Article 26 Construction of Language and Definitions Section 26.02 Definitions, and amend Article 18 General Provisions, Section 18.04 Accessory Buildings to allow one (1) Arbor, Pergola or Trellis, within certain size limitations, in a front yard setback provided it does not interfere with visibility from a driveway or intersection.

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 - Council Chambers, 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 or on the City's website www.ci.northville.mi.us.

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City of Northville
Proposed Amendment to the Zoning Map
Rezone Properties from R-2 to R-1B

At its regular meeting on March 21, 2016, the Northville City Council will introduce for first reading amendments to the City of Northville Zoning Ordinance to amend Article 2 Zoning Districts and Mapping Interpretation to rezone the following properties from R-2 Second Density Residential District to R-1B First Density Residential District:

483 Grace Ave (#48-001-02-0009-000)	443 Grace Ave (#48-001-04-0652-007)
465 Grace Ave (#48-001-02-0010-000)	119 Rayson St. (#48-001-04-0652-003)
453 Grace Ave (#48-001-02-0011-000)	131 Rayson St. (#48-001-04-0652-004)
437 Grace Ave (#48-001-04-0652-006)	

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NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

Thieves distract shopper, use cards in crime spree

A group of thieves allegedly conspired to distract a shopper, then stole her wallet out of her purse, fled the premises and used her credit cards to make several quick fraudulent purchases at other stores.

The woman was shopping in the Home Goods store on West Oaks Drive at about noon Feb. 28 and told police that while she was shopping, she was approached by subjects that began asking her questions about merchandise pricing.

Two young males were talking on their cell-phones near her while another male and female started asking her questions. Her purse was on her shopping cart and she took her eyes off it as she bent down to help the two people asking her questions, a report stated. When she turned back toward her purse, she noticed it had been unzipped and her wallet was gone.

She located the two males she had seen behind her talking on their cellphones, walking toward the front of the store, and tried to get their attention. They walked out of the store and picked up their pace. She told police she followed them and the suspects started running.

She called the police and started calling credit card companies to cancel her cards. She was on the phone with her Chase Bank Visa and was informed that two large transactions had just been authorized at the Target in Walled Lake. It was determined that those making the purchases matched the description of the suspects. The suspects had made a transaction of about \$1,000 buying gift cards and a second transaction of \$2,800 for miscellaneous iPads.

The victim's Macy's card was also used, reportedly for \$800 in fraudulent charges at the Novi store. The Target store in Novi then reported the suspects were currently in their store attempting to make more purchases. They were declined on one card, but approved for \$846.94 on a second card. The case is open.

Veterans vandalized

Officers responded to about 11:25 a.m. March 1 to Paralyzed Veterans of America on Grand River Avenue for suspicious circumstances. The complainant said that Feb. 23 she noticed the glass door on the west side of the building was cracked and a piece of glass was missing. Entry was not gained. This door is not used, so she is unsure of a time frame for the damage.

She told officers she noticed the gate which fences in the back area was broken. The locking bar was broken off, the gate was pushed in and there was red paint on part of the gate. It appeared as though a vehicle rammed the gate and it may have been damaged in the last week because it is not used often, only opened for the garbage truck to collect refuse. There have not been any recent problems with clients.

Woman stalks neighborhood for package deliveries

A woman who has a residence on Stonehenge Boulevard reported Feb. 27 she had ordered two bottles of Skin Obsession skin care products through Amazon.com, but never received them.

She was advised that there had been recent mail thefts in the area in which a middle-aged black female driving a burgundy Chevy Equinox is suspected to be involved. The woman verified she had observed the Equinox driven by a black female in the subdivision lately, but couldn't positively associate her with the thefts.

Beer drinking shoe shopper busted

Officers responded to Dick's Sporting Goods on 12 Mile Road at 7:49 p.m. March 2 for suspicious circumstances.

Upon arrival, officers found a male sitting alone in his vehicle. They asked him what he was doing and he said he was buying some items at the store. When asked why the man, who resides in Detroit, was shopping at the store when there were other locations closer, he said the selection was better at the store.

He had multiple empty Miller Lite beer bottles outside the driver side door and a case of Miller Lite on the passenger seat. There was a half-empty bottle in the center console cup holder. The vehicle was running. When asked if he was drinking, he replied he was and admitted to owning all the empty beer bottles. A preliminary Breathalyzer test showed he had a blood-alcohol content of 0.05 percent. A BAC of .08 percent is considered legally drunk.

He was arrested for open intoxicants and store employees reported that he was believed to have stolen a pair of \$130 Nike Air Max shoes, putting his old shoes in the new shoebox. When asked if he stole the shoes he was wearing, he admitted he had, a police report stated. The shoes were removed from his feet and replaced with his old pair of shoes.

He was cited for open

intoxicants and retail fraud third degree. He posted bond and was issued a trespass warning and told not to return to the sporting goods store.

Drunken husband

Police were called at 9:25 p.m. Feb. 27, to a business on Main Street for an elderly man who apparently was heavily intoxicated and refusing to leave. The complainant had attempted to get a taxi for the man, but the man refused to give him a home address. The man then left the restaurant and walked across the street to the Michigan Beer Co.

The officers found him there drinking a glass of water. He said he lives with his wife in Novi and took a taxi to the bar earlier in the night. He agreed to let the officer drive him home. The circumstances were explained to his wife.

Consumers savings suspicious

Officers responded to a business on Novi Road at 3:14 p.m. March 1 for suspicious circumstances after a woman stated three males came into the business asking for her Consumers Energy bill so they could provide the most savings to the business. They showed a badge, but pulled it away before she could read any information. She said she would not show them paperwork and told them to leave.

— By Susan Bromley

Police seek woman who dragged officer with car

Philip Allmen
Staff Writer

A Novi police officer dragged alongside a car for about 60 feet early Monday isn't expected to miss any time from work.

Novi Assistant Chief of Police Erick Zinser said the officer was treated at St. Providence Hospital for minor scrapes and bruises following what initially seemed to be a routine traffic stop.

The officer stopped a Detroit woman at 2:13 a.m. Monday on northbound Haggerty Road, north of Eight Mile

Road, Zinser said, for disobeying a traffic signal. The woman had multiple warrants out for her arrest, plus she was driving on a suspended license. There were two children who appeared younger than 10 in the car with her.

The woman got out of the car and was told she would be arrested.

She began crying and said "she wanted to get her cellphone from her car to make arrangements for the kids," Zinser said.

Once back in the car, she refused to get out again and then started to drive away. The offi-

cer grabbed the woman's arm and ran with the vehicle before letting go. The woman continued north. Zinser said officers didn't pursue because they knew her identity and had children in the car.

Police were looking Monday for the woman and Zinser said "we encourage her to turn herself in. Anyone with information can contact our department."

Reach the Novi Police at 248-348-7100.

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**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.

MARYANNE CORNELIUS
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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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 present-

er 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 Taft entrance, door #43. Guests \$5.

Democrats to meet

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Tuesday, March 15

Details: The Democrats of West Oakland County will meet at Novi United Methodist Church, 41671 W. 10 Mile, in Novi. Guest speaker is Dr. Anil Kumar, candidate for U.S. Congress. The evening will include roundtable discussions. Go to www.dwoc.info for more.

Seed saving 101

Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 16

Details: It's spring and time to think about gardening. Learn the basics of seed saving and the importance of Great Lakes adapted plant varieties at this Wixom Public Library program. Presented by Stefanie T. Stauffer, PhD, program manager of Tilian Farm Development Center in Ann Arbor.

The library is at 49015 Pontiac Trail, Wixom. 248-624-2512.

Water safety town hall

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, March 17

Details: The Democrats of West Oakland County will host a town hall meeting on water safety at the Novi Public Library, 45255 W. 10 Mile Road. Guest speakers are Oakland County Resources Commissioner Jim Nash on "Preventing the next Flint crisis in our cities" and Dr. Anil Kumar, 11th District candidate for U.S. Congress on "Medical effects of lead poisoning, treatment and

prevention."

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.

Easter Egg drop

Time/Date: 1:30 p.m. Sunday, March 20

Details: Orchard Grove Community Church will host a free Easter Egg Drop at the church, 850 Ladd Road, Building C, Walled Lake. The drop is for children birth through fifth grade and features more than 12,000 eggs filled with candy being dropped to the ground by a helicopter. Once the eggs have been dropped, kids can hunt for the eggs divided by age. Go to www.orchardgorve.org for more.

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HAVEN reaches capital campaign goal of \$5 million

HAVEN, Oakland County's Center for the treatment and prevention of domestic violence and sexual assault, recently announced that it has concluded its five-year capital campaign, raising \$5,277,032, 5.5 percent more than the \$5 million goal.

"It is with great pleasure and deep gratitude that we announce the completion of our Plant the Seeds of Hope campaign," said Beth Morrison, president and CEO. "From the beginning, we were confident in our plan and purpose and now, at the conclusion, we are in awe of the incredible generosity of those that chose to invest in us and our mission."

The campaign, focused on raising funds for HAVEN's new facility, was the first major capital campaign conducted by HAVEN. It was launched during a challenging economic climate in Michigan, but successfully followed its original time line and campaign plan.

"This labor of love included lots of hard work and many tough decisions," said Brad Simmons, campaign co-chair and director, Government & Stakeholder Relations, Ford Motor Co. "From start to finish, the team was focused on one goal: Building a comfortable and efficient building that provided a safe place for survivors of domestic and sexual violence to come for healing and growth. To that I say, mission accomplished, well done team."

Monies secured supported the purchase of six acres of land and the construction of HAVEN's new 36,000-square-foot campus. Located in Pontiac, just south of the Oakland County com-



Andrew Danaher, project architect, Stucky Vitale Architects; John Vitale, principal Stucky Vitale Architects; Beth Morrison, HAVEN president and CEO; and Frank Rewold, president and CEO, Frank Rewold and Son Inc., pose inside HAVEN's new facility in Pontiac.

plex, the new building officially opened Jan. 8 and features:

» Space to house all of HAVEN programs — bringing three locations under one roof to provide shelter, counseling, advocacy and educational programming to nearly 20,000 people each year.

» An expanded Residential Program with 16 bedrooms that can house up to 60 people at once, depending on the makeup of the residents (i.e. single person, family with children).

» Space for a staffed client resource room, on-site job training, a leadership center and a multi-purpose room that can be screened off to create two meeting rooms.

» Outside spaces including a meditation garden, an organic produce garden, a playground area and an area that will be the site of a future pet shelter.

"The generous contributions from our community not only allowed us to exceed our \$5 million campaign goal but, more importantly, we have been able to transform and enhance the delivery of services to our amazing survivors and client

base," said Sarah L. McClelland, campaign co-chair.

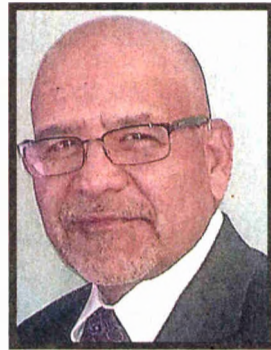
The new building enables programmatic improvements and the implementation of a modified Family Justice Center service model, proven to:

- » Reduce homicides
- » Increase victim safety, autonomy, and empowerment
- » Reduce fear and anxiety for victims and their children
- » Reduce recantation and minimization by victims

Nearly 700 individuals, corporations and foundations from all over metro Detroit contributed to achieving the campaign goal. For those who did not yet get a chance to participate, there are still opportunities to name rooms in the building or secure permanent recognition via a leaf on the Donor Wall. For more information, contact Rachel Decker at 248-322-3703.

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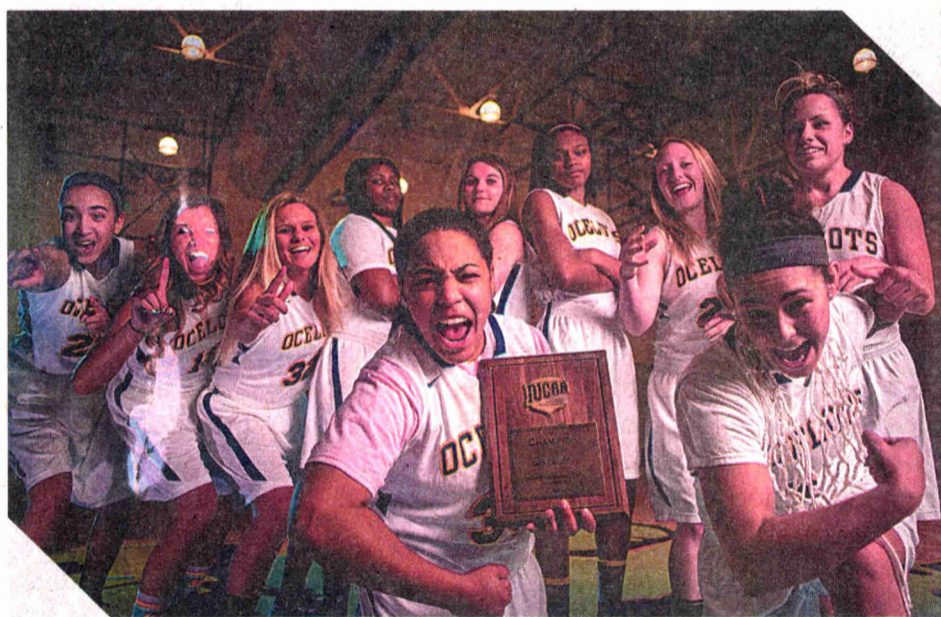
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Meadowbrook Commons Manager Tom Gordon helps Bill Deighton (left) with his tablet computer during a Feb. 18 meeting of the Bits and Bytes Cafe inside the Novi Senior Center. Gordon organizes an informational meeting the third Thursday of each month for seniors, held in the large meeting room at Meadowbrook Commons, to get helpful information out about how to best utilize tablet and smart phones and manage their myriad settings. The group meets at 10 a.m.

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New bills: Lawmakers couldn't run for office after quitting

Kathleen Gray
Michigan.com

The case of former state Reps. Todd Courser and Cindy Gamrat, who left office in the wake of a sex and cover-up scandal, prompted new legislation to be introduced in Lansing last week.

Courser resigned his seat shortly before his former colleagues in the House of Representatives were getting ready to vote to expel him. Gamrat was expelled by the House. Both ran in the race to regain their seats and lost.

But a bill introduced by Rep. Lisa Lyons, R-Alto, would prohibit lawmakers who resign or are expelled from office from running for their office to finish out the term.

In other bills introduced last week, the use of restraints or seclusion tactics for special education students would be restricted under a package of bills introduced in both the House and Senate.

And Democrats introduced resolutions to give subpoena power to two committees that are investigating problems with the Grand Rapids Veterans Home and the Flint water crisis.

House bills

HB 5401: Require applicants for an air or water pollution control tax exemption to also provide an affidavit from a licensed environmental engineer. Sponsor: Rep. Jeff Farrington, R-Utica.

HB 5402: Require development of policy and "pay to play" fees for student-athletes. Sponsor: Rep. Sam Singh, D-East Lansing.

HB 5403-5406 and SB 829-831: Provide for water quality alliances,

water resources and air pollution control commissions, oversight for the Department of Environmental Quality. Sponsors: Reps. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth; Phil Phelps, D-Flushing; Sheldon Neeley, D-Flint; Stephanie Chang, D-Detroit, and Sens. Jim Ananich, D-Flint; Coleman Young II, D-Detroit; Hoon-Yung Hoppood, D-Taylor.

HB 5407: Prohibit lawmakers who resign or who are removed from office for running for election to regain their seat. Sponsor: Rep. Lisa Lyons, R-Alto.

HB 5408: Provide appropriate clinical services in a residential placement facility that is licensed for at least 40 people ages 17 and younger. Sponsor: Rep. Wendell Byrd, D-Detroit.

HB 5409-5418 and SB 835-838: A package of bills regarding state discipline policy in schools that would include positive intervention, training and restricting the use of seclusion and restraint for students. Sponsors: Reps. Frank Liberati, D-Allen Park; Christine Greig, D-Northville; Amanda Price, R-Holland; Hank Vaupel, R-Fowlerville; Jim Tedder, R-Clarkston; Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth, and Sens. Margaret O'Brien, R-Portage; Rick Jones, R-Grand Ledge; Curtis Hertel, D-East Lansing; Hoon-Yung Hoppood, D-Taylor.

HB 5419: Enact a law defining surveillance technology for law enforcement. Sponsor: Rep. Jim Runestad, R-White Lake.

HB 5420 and 5422: Expand the definition and revise the penalties for abuse of a vulnerable adult to include someone who poses an unreasonable risk of harm or

injury to a vulnerable adult. Sponsors: Reps. Peter Lucido, R-Shelby Township and John Chirkun, D-Roseville.

HB 5421: Modify the management of certain health care trust funds. Sponsor: Rep. Laura Cox, R-Livonia.

HB 5423: Create a new act that would provide for the replacement of residential lead pipe service lines with financing coming through water supply bills. Sponsor: Rep. Amanda Price, R-Holland.

HB 5424: Exempt the detachment to a charter township under certain circumstances. Sponsor: Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth.

Senate bills

SB 823-824: Create the vehicle bills for the 2016-17 budgets for state government and the school aid fund and higher education. Sponsor: Sen. David Hildenbrand, R-Lowell.

SB 825: Prohibit the use of bridge cards at restaurants. Sponsor: Sen. Jack Brandenburg, R-Harrison Township.

SB 826: Replace common core curriculum standards. Sponsor: Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton.

SB 827: Establish a special review committee to review environmental rules. Sponsor: Sen. Tom Casperson, R-Escanaba.

SB 828: Remove the exemption for reporting requirements from the Michigan automated prescription system. Sponsor: Sen. Dale Zorn, R-Ida.

SB 832: Eliminate the misdemeanor election charge against a member of a religious society for influencing an elector at an election. Sponsor: Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton.

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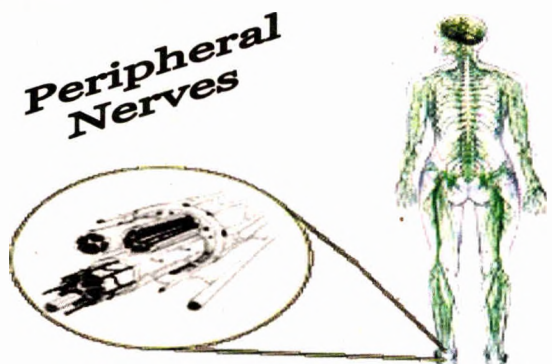


Figure 1: Notice the very small blood vessels surrounding each nerve

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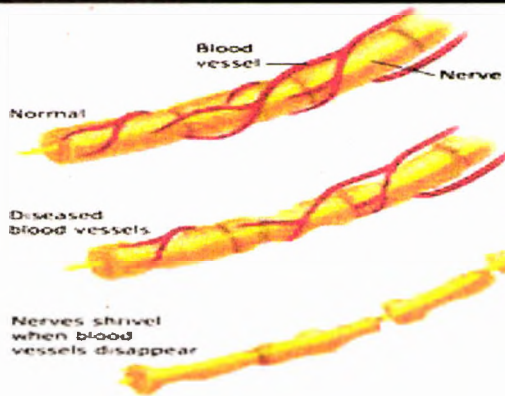


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Canton's Erin Hult (left) launches a jumper over the outstretched arms of Northville defender Jessica Moorman.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Northville captures Class A district

Balanced Mustangs edge Canton; advance to regional

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

If you're looking to take stock in the girls basketball team these days, then Northville might be the next good investment.

The Mustangs traded baskets for much of the night with Canton in Friday's Class A district championship game, but came through at the closing bell by outscoring the Chiefs, 15-9, in the final quarter and claim the title with a 44-38 victory at Salem.

Northville, which improved to 19-3 overall, also earned a spot in the regional semifinals Tuesday against Milford (10-

11). The Mustangs, who were tied 29-29 heading into the final quarter, separated themselves from Canton in the final three minutes, getting a big rebound basket by Brook Adams with 2:56 left to make it a four-point spread, 37-33.

Northville then followed by making 7-of-8 free throws during the final 1:23 to seal the victory.

"We knew it was going to be back and forth," Northville coach Todd Gudith said. "It was probably going to come down to the end. I just liked the resiliency on defense. We had a couple of turnovers in the fourth where we had a

chance maybe to break it open and we just couldn't break it open, but we got stops on defense when we needed to. And Jess Moorman was just ice in her veins there from the foul line and that was big."

The 6-foot Moorman, who finished with a team-high 17 points, seemed oblivious to the pressure down the stretch.

"I tried to put that aside and just shot free throws the way I know how to shoot them," the junior said.

The Mustangs overcame a heroic offensive effort from Canton junior forward Erin Hult, who led all scorers with 23 points. Hult was 8-of-17 from the floor and made all five of her free throws as she carried the Chiefs offensively

throughout the 32 minutes.

Her clutch triple with 1:11 left after Northville went up by six pulled Canton to within three, 39-36, but the Chiefs couldn't get any closer.

"Hult was almost impossible to stop," Gudith said. "She came out hot right from the start and it didn't really matter who we had on her. It was a tough go and it wasn't like she made easy shots. They were all deep twos or threes. It wasn't like she was scoring at the rim. We switched and put a couple of different girls on her. Luckily, we were able to make a few stops there late in the fourth."

Hult scored seven points in

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PREP WRESTLING

CC grapplers wind up five-for-five at Palace



CC's Ben Kamali (right) tries to put points on the board against Ann Arbor Pioneer's Rayvon Foley as CC coach Mitch Hancock (far right) exhorts his wrestler.

SCOTT CONFER

Senior heavyweight Jenkins spurs Shamrocks day

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

The Palace of Auburn Hills witnessed a brand new Fab Five in Saturday's MHSAA Division 1 wrestling individual state finals.

Getting titles from a wrestler in each grade, Novi Detroit Catholic Central went five-for-five to duplicate its feat from 2014.

Among those crowned individual champions for the Shamrocks were senior Nick Jenkins (285 pounds), junior Tyler Morland (171), sophomore Ben Kamali (103) and two freshmen, Kevon Davenport (119) and Cameron Amine (125).

"If you look at the five finalists we had, three guys beat guys that they lost to this year already," CC coach Mitch Hancock said. "We just put a plan together for each one of those guys and it worked. Our guys went out and executed the game plans and won."

Jenkins had lost three straight times to

Dearborn Heights Crestwood's Ali Wahab dating back to his junior year, but came away with a 5-1 victory in the finals to finish the year 39-10 after winning his first three matches by a total of three points.

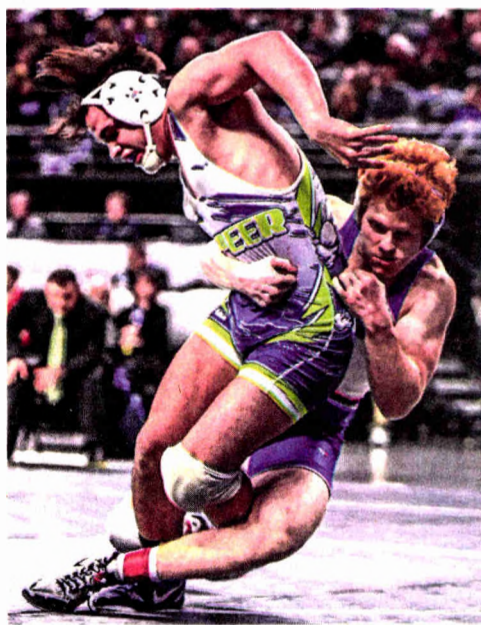
It was Wahab's first loss in 61 matches this season.

"He went 3-2 with him at the region and we were in deep on a leg attack late in the match," Hancock said of Wahab. "I think that gave (Jenkins) a belief that he could win and beat that kid."

"I think a lot of people go in intimidated and I don't think Nick was very intimidated this time around by Wahab's size. He's a great wrestler, great young man, pretty athletic, but I think we used Nick's strength. And Nick's strength is his front headlock; he's got a pretty darn good front headlock."

Jenkins, who hopes to wrestle in college, was confident going into the finals.

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Catholic Central's Tyler Morland (right) won the 171-pound Division 1 state title over Devon Pingel of Lapeer.

SCOTT CONFER

BOYS HOCKEY

Shamrocks impressive in regional finals, 6-0

Catholic Central skates past Rochester United

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

It took a while but, once the floodgates opened, it was another dominating performance for defending boys hockey state champion Novi Detroit Catholic Central.

The Shamrocks, who enjoyed a 37-8 shot advantage, were kept off the board for the first 24 minutes, 34 seconds before going on to earn a 6-0 victory over Rochester United in the Division 1 regional final at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth.

CC, which improved to 21-7 overall, moved into state quarterfinals against Saginaw Swan Valley.

The first period, CC was all over over Rochester United, but goalie Trevor Szfran stopped all 12 shots to keep it scoreless.

CC got one power-play opportunity during the first, when Drew Dishinger was sent off at 10:18 for high sticking, but the Shamrocks could not convert.

The Shamrocks' best chance came with 1:30 left in the first, when Anthony Esser's shot from the point rang off the right post.

But at 7:32 of the second period, CC finally broke through against Szafran on Brendan West's rebound goal from Cody Borke and Jared Lee.

"We talked about sticking to the game plan and keep doing what we were supposed to be doing and, eventually, it will pay off and, eventually, it did," first-year CC coach Brandon Kaleniecki said. "It's a positive, but it's a little nerve-wracking when you feel like you're getting tons of chances and nothing is going in. We hit a few posts, you automatically starting thinking, 'Oh, no, it bounced the other way and it changes.' But that's what we talked to the kids about, just staying with the game plan,

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BOYS BASKETBALL DISTRICT

Mustangs rev it up in second half to advance

Northville secures 66-45 triumph vs. Plymouth in opener

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

The first half of Monday's Class A boys basketball district opener between Northville and Plymouth was a wild and wacky one, a back-and-forth 16 minutes played almost at warp speed.

Up just 21-20 at the break, the Mustangs used the intermission to exhale and get back to playing the kind of basketball that enabled them to go 19-1 during the regular season.

Northville did just that, outscoring Plymouth 11-0 to open the third quarter and going on to a 66-45 victory at Salem High School. The win set up a semifinal against Canton.

"First game of the district. Guys might have been a little tight," said Northville head coach Todd Sander, whose team improved to 20-1. "We really settled in. Kevin Morrissey stepped up huge tonight, Nick Wilds was amazing, he was not going to let us lose."

"(Justin) Zimbo's always good, (Justin) Gibbons does his thing.

We've got a team; it's kind of what we've seen all year with this group."

The Mustangs started the third quarter on a layup by Wilds, followed by a bucket in the lane by Jack Burke (five points). Next came back-to-back field goals by Morrissey (who scored a team-high 17 points) and Wilds.

Then Gibbons dished the ball to Wilds in the right corner for a trey that opened up a 32-20 advantage and prompted happy hand slaps between the seniors, who scored 12 and 16 points, respectively.

"We score a high amount of points each game, but we only had 21 in the first half," Gibbons said. "We were playing good 'D,' we just weren't making shots and we just opened up in the second half."

Northville only connected on 22-of-56 field-goal tries, but 10 of those buckets were three-pointers.

The big thorn in Plymouth's side was Morrissey, who drained five triples. Also strong from behind the arc for the Mustangs were Zimbo (three triples among his 13 points) and Wilds (two treys).

"We played really well in the first half. They turned it up a little bit



Northville's Jack Burke (left) picks up his dribble against Plymouth defender Brent Davis.

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higher in the second half and we just weren't able to get to that level," said Plymouth coach Mike Soukup, whose hard-working team (9-13) finished one round short of

last year's trip to the regional. "Credit them, they made some big shots. We tried to speed them up. Morrissey especially did, (with) some dagger 'threes' in the

corner against us." The top scorer for the Wildcats was senior guard Brent Davis, who scored 11 points in the first half and 16 for the contest.

Davis said he and his teammates still remembered the 53-25 pounding at the hands of the Mustangs in the KLAA tournament Feb. 18.

"We're not a team that likes to lose," Davis said. "We didn't want to lose again. We came out in the first half, our motivation was we didn't want to go home tonight."

"It happened, but we played a heck of a game. You got to give credit where credit's due. I said the same thing about Canton. (The Mustangs) only lost one game for a reason, they're a good team."

In addition to Davis, another senior with an excellent game for the Wildcats was guard LeDoux, who scored 13 points (including three treys).

Sander said it was important for his team to not take Plymouth lightly, stressing that he knew the Wildcats were a much better squad than the one that showed up Feb. 18.

"Plymouth's got a lot of skill," Sander said. "They played a tremendous first half, they made us look really stupid at times. But I'm proud of the way our guys responded in the second half."

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BOYS BASKETBALL DISTRICT

Novi's Maddox crushes Rocks' state tournament aspirations

Sophomore guard notches 21 points in Class A district

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Traveon Maddox Jr. admitted he needed a little helpful advice to get through the second half of Monday's Class A district boys basketball opener against host Salem.

"Tra, he was a little frustrated in the first half," Novi coach Brandon Sinawi said. "And he sort of ask me in the third quarter, 'Hey, what do you want me to do?' I said, 'Play your game, just go out and play, have fun and let the game come to you.' And he looked at me and he winked and I knew that we were going to get something special out of him."

The 6-foot-3 sophomore guard was special, indeed, during the final quarter as he scored 14 of his game-high 21 points to lead the Wildcats (12-9) to a 59-56 win over the Rocks, setting up a semifinal clash against Novi Detroit Catholic Central (12-8).

And Maddox admitted he heard another friendly voice from the upstairs bleachers from his father, Traveon Maddox Sr.

"My dad in the stands yelled, 'Shoot more Tra, shoot more, set your feet Tra, set your feet,'" Maddox said. "So that's my dad and your dad tell will tell you right."

With perhaps the most youthful back court going into the tournament after University of Wisconsin-Green Bay signee Kam Hankerson was lost for the season (knee), the Wildcats (12-9) start two sophomore guards, Trendon Hankerson and Maddox, while freshman Giovanni Miles is the first to come off the bench.

And the ninth-grader made a big contribution with 10 points, including a key rebound basket with only 1:38 left to give Novi a 57-54 advantage.

"He played really well defensively," Sinawi said of Miles. "It's his offensive ability sometimes, but he played well defensively and he was leading us in huddles. He was getting after guys. He was talking and he was loud. And he was leading us in that fourth quarter. It was hard for me to take him out of the game."

Salem, meanwhile, had its chances down the stretch. The Rocks missed twice to tie it in the final 10 seconds, with junior Cameron Grace's triple try from the top of the key with only 8.8 seconds remaining rimming off on a perfectly designed play coming out a timeout.

"We got the shot we wanted



Novi sophomore guard Traveon Maddox Jr. (right) takes Salem defender Freddie McGee III off the dribble.

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out of the timeout, so you can't knock that. They did what they were supposed to, you just got to have it fall down and we didn't do it," Salem coach Bob Brodie said.

Salem led 42-41 going into the final quarter following a cork-screw 3-point attempt from junior Camren Barden as the buzzer sounded. But the Rocks, who shot 4-of-13 in the final quarter, couldn't get over the hump after Maddox nailed three consecutive 3-pointers to put Novi ahead for keeps.

"Just staying composed, just staying calm, keep our team in check and just being great (in) clutch factors during the game," Maddox said of his fourth-quarter mindset. "Go to the basket harder, start to draw fouls. The more free throws I shot, the more 3-pointers I shot. Get myself in a rhythm and calm myself down and stop being so frustrated."

Calin Crawford, a senior guard, also added 12 points for the Rocks, who shot 23-of-52 from the floor (44.2 percent).

"We did not play very well, but not to take anything away from Novi," Brodie said. "We made a lot of mistakes. And there are things that we see as coaches and the players know that we just didn't do stuff we were supposed to do. Not only execution, but some mental mistakes."

The teams split during the

regular season, with Novi winning the last time out, 67-53, after falling, 55-52, in the first meeting.

"They've got weapons," Brodie said of the Wildcats. "We knew (Maddox) was a good player. We shot ourselves in the foot a little bit and we have to play better than that to win the basketball game."

Salem bowed out with a 12-9 record.

"They survived. They never quit," Brodie said. "They had a good season. They got a championship in a Christmas tournament. They won more than they lost, which is important. But I know they wanted more and we wanted more from a coaches' standpoint. I'm proud of the way they played. We think we had a good season."

Meanwhile, it was survive and advance for the Wildcats, who also got eight points off the bench from senior forward Johnny Davis, along with a big block from senior center Jay Duarte in the final minute that set up two made free throws by Maddox with 22.5 seconds to play.

"Fourteen or 15 in the fourth quarter ... just kind of shows what kind of player he can be," Sinawi said of Maddox. "And he's only a sophomore, so he played really gutsy."

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BOYS BASKETBALL WRAP

Northville, Novi triumph in regular season finales

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Northville capped off a memorable regular season March 3 with a 60-57 KLAA consolation bracket boys basketball win over visiting Howell.

Senior guard Justin Zimbo and senior forward Justin Gibbons both scored 15 points to lead the Mustangs, who entered the Class A district tournament with a 19-1 record.

Northville, the KLAA Central Division champion, led 28-20 at halftime, but Howell cut the deficit to 41-38 after three quarters.

"It was a grind all night," Northville coach Todd Sander said. "They scored the first eight points of the third quarter to tie it up after we turned it over, like, three or four times in a row. After that, it was back and forth the whole second half. We would get up seven or eight and they would come right back at us."

Zimbo made 7-of-8 free throws, while Gibbons was 4-of-4. For the game Northville was 17-of-26 (65.3 percent).

"Jake Justice gave us a spark off the bench tonight," Sander said. "He was active on the glass and got us some big hoops."

Jonathan Shields and Derek Kerner paced the Highlanders (13-7) with 17 and 11 points, respectively. Howell went 10-of-17 from the foul stripe (58.8 percent).

"Credit Howell tonight," Sander said. "They punched us in the mouth a number of

times and it took us a while, but we answered back finally."

NOVI 74, BRIGHTON 62: Junior guard Alec Bageris scored 11 of his game-high 18 points in the final quarter to spark the Wildcats (11-9) to a KLAA non-tournament victory March 3 over the visiting Bulldogs (10-10).

Novi led 35-29 at halftime and 51-46 after three quarters before outscoring Brighton 23-16 in the fourth thanks to three triples from the 6-foot-3 Bageris.

Senior center Najj Ozeir added 16 points and 10 rebounds, while sophomore guard Traveon Maddox Jr. added 15 points and eight rebounds.

Both teams shot 83.3 percent from the foul line as Novi made 15-of-18 free throws, while Brighton was 10-of-12.

Nick Crocker and Connor Cavallaro scored 17 and 13, respectively, for Brighton.

"We did a nice job defensively, limiting their big guys," Novi coach Brandon Sinawi said. "It was a total team effort on senior night. Our guys played hard. We played an entire 32 minutes, which we haven't had a lot of this year."

DETROIT CC 61, FORDSON 41: Novi Detroit Catholic Central (11-9) had three players score in double figures March 3 en route to a non-league triumph at Dearborn Fordson (7-13).

Junior guard Gio Genrich and freshman guard Austin Brown both scored 15 points for the Shamrocks, who made only 9-of-18 free throws. Junior forward C.J. Baird added 13 as CC overcame a 24-21 halftime deficit by outscoring the Tractors 40-17 in the second half.

Fordson's Aban Aluslami was the game's leading scorer, with 17 points.

FRANKLIN ROAD 56, GENESEE CHRISTIAN 43: Senior center Joshua Bause posted a double-double with 24 points and 12 rebounds, leading Novi Franklin Road Christian (14-6) to the non-conference win March 3 over Burton Genesee Christian (12-7).

Senior forward Joshua Betcher contributed 15 points, while senior guard Austin Hears added 12 points and 10 assist for the Warriors, who jumped out to a 24-7 first-quarter lead.

Tyler Rose led the Soldiers with 15 points.

Franklin Road made only 6-of-16 free throws (37.5 percent), while Genesee Christian was 4-of-7 (57.1 percent).

OSBORN 63, DETROIT CC 57: Detroit Osborn won the 33-point shooting battle March 1 en route to a non-league victory at Novi Detroit Catholic Central (10-9).

Armonee Felder paced the Knights with a game-high 20 points, including a pair of triples, while also going 4-of-4 from the foul line.

Rashard Zimmerman chipped in 17 points with all five field-goal attempts made coming from 3-point range as Osborn improved to 9-10 overall.

The Shamrocks, unable to overcome a 28-21 halftime deficit, got 14 points from junior guard Gio Genrich, who made four 3-pointers.

Junior forward C.J. Baird contributed 13, including three triples, while 6-8 senior center Tom Smulsky had 11 points as CC made six 3-pointers and connected on all seven free throw attempts.

Osborn made a total of seven triples and was 8-of-11 from the foul line.



Novi's Trendon Hankerson (right) plays some harassing defense against Brighton.

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Canton survives district test vs. Novi

Gritty Wildcats can't get over hump in Plymouth semifinal

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It was a Class A girls basketball district semifinal that resembled a 15-round prize fight March 2 at Plymouth.

It was an Olivia Newton John *Let's Get Physical* kind of game as Canton and Novi traded body blows for 32 minutes.

And it was Canton that came away with the 37-35 decision over the Wildcats in a game that wasn't decided until the final possession.

The defenses dominated and baskets proved hard to come by, as evidenced by the shooting percentages of both teams. Canton shot 11-of-32 (34.3 percent) from the field, while Novi was 14-of-53 (26.4 percent).

In a game that remained tight throughout, things got really interesting when Ellie Mackay's basket with 1:50 left pulled Novi (16-5) within one, 36-35.

But the Wildcats missed two shots during a tense final 18 seconds before Canton's Shanya Butler split a pair of free throws with only 3.3 seconds to make it a two-point cushion.

Mackay's last-ditch heave from just from beyond half-court missed the mark as the buzzer sounded and Canton

(18-4) held on to advance to the district final against Northville.

"(Bill) Kelp had his kids ready to play," Canton's Rob Heitmeyer said of his rival coach. "It was a physical game. Certainly, it was in the battle plan for both teams. It's too bad someone has to lose a game like this, because it was a gutsy game all the way around."

Canton made 6-of-10 free throws during the final quarter, outscoring the Wildcats, 10-6, after trailing 29-27 after three quarters.

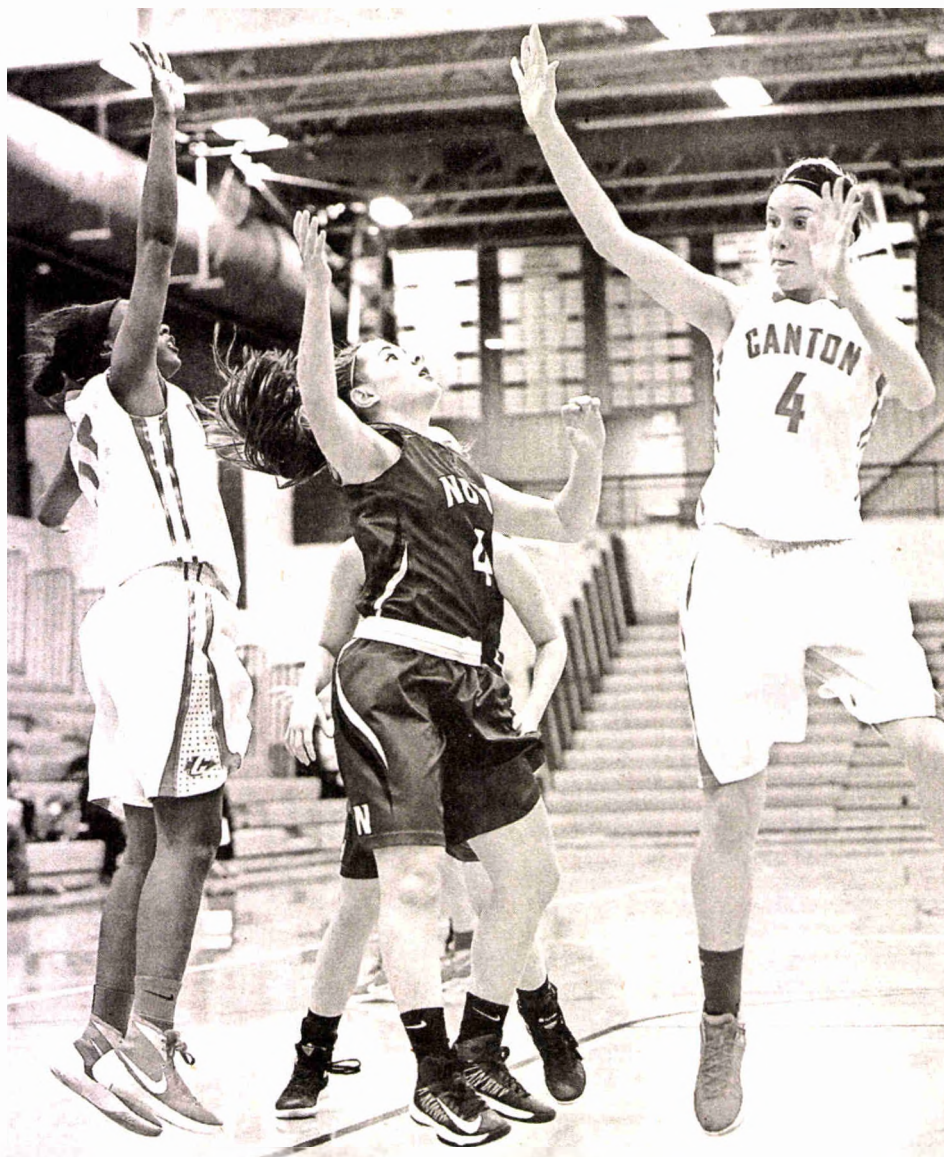
The Chiefs' balanced scoring attack was led by Brianna Finn's eight points. Erin Hult, Raquel Church and Butler each added seven, while Madison Wolfbauer had six.

Canton made 14-of-22 free throws for the game (63.6 percent), but committed 21 turnovers, including two costly ones in the final minute that gave the Wildcats a chance to tie or go ahead.

"Both teams were in the (free throw) bonus, so we certainly didn't want to foul," Heitmeyer said. "We certainly wanted to put ourselves in position to be fouled. We shot the free throws pretty well tonight. If they were going to put us at the line at the end, we felt comfortable there."

Mackay, a sophomore point guard, was the only player to score in double figures with 12, while senior forward Allie Lipson added nine.

"I thought in the sec-



Novi's Jessie Bandyk (middle) gets a shot off against Canton defenders Shanya Butler (left) and Erin Hult.

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ond half, we had lot of shots that went in and came out," Novi coach Bill Kelp said. "We just didn't make enough plays

down there at the end." Canton led 11-5 after one quarter, but Novi rallied with a 14-5 run in the second to take a 19-16

halftime lead. Over the final two quarters, the teams were never separated by more than four points.

Despite taking 21 fewer shots from the floor, Canton tried to make the most of its opportunities.

"We've been working on being more judicious all year," Heitmeyer said. "When we take 32 shots, our idea is to take 32 quality shots. When your shooting percentage goes up, you give them less chance to score. It fit a little more into our game plan to be more judicious on the offensive side."

Novi, meanwhile, proved to be scrappy group throughout the game.

"We started with our little guard (Jessie Bandyk) on Hult and that worked pretty good," Kelp said, "but then in the third quarter, their guards starting scoring a little more and we switched things up a little bit."

With Marissa Dunn and Lipson being the team's only two seniors, Novi hopes to piggyback on its 16-5 season.

"We play a lot of young kids and, as I just told them, the experience that they got this year will hopefully play dividends the next two or three years with them," Kelp said. "They're going to get bigger, get stronger. With that said, we lose two really good seniors in our program who have been in our program for four years. We're going to miss them."

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GIRLS BASKETBALL



Northville's Brook Adams (left) looks for an opening against Plymouth defender Elise Wehmer.

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Mustangs 'school' Plymouth in district semifinals, 45-23

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Staff Writer

Although Northville was off school March 2 for a snow day, the Mustangs proved to be in the mood to take their first girls basketball state tournament opponent to school themselves.

Northville did just that, putting on a dominating display from start to finish with a convincing 45-23 Class A district semifinal victory over host Plymouth.

The Mustangs earned a spot in the district final against Canton.

Junior forward Brook Adams was the catalyst in the Northville victory as she scored all 13 of her game-high points during the first half to stake the Mustangs to a commanding 25-8 advantage.

The lead mushroomed to 35-11 after three quarters before Northville coach Todd Gudith emptied his bench in the final quarter.

A majority of Adams' baskets came on high-percentage shots.

"Brook really stepped up in the first half," Gudith said. "I don't think (Plymouth) really had a chance to stop her big size advantage and she really took advantage of that early on, made a few close shots inside. And defensively, we just locked up on them."

Plymouth (8-13) did not make a field goal for 12 minutes, 38 seconds

during the first half before a Chantal LeDoux basket with 30.2 seconds broke the drought.

The Wildcats also committed a total of 21 turnovers and shot only 5-of-28 from the floor (17.8 percent) for the game.

"I just thought our communication was really good," Gudith said of his defense. "Plymouth screens a ton in their offense. We told our kids we've got to be able to switch on those screens and talk each other through it. That was the only way we were going to be able to keep them in front of us. And I thought the communication was outstanding."

Sophomore guard Kendall Dillon and junior forward Jessica Moorman contributed nine and seven points, respectively, for the Mustangs, who shot 19-of-43 from the floor (44.1 percent).

"I think the kids were happy to have the day off today," Gudith said. "It was kind of unexpected, but we were able to come into the gym and get a short shootaround this afternoon to kind of wake everybody up and get loose."

LeDoux, a sophomore, and senior Cassidy Lewis scored nine and eight points, respectively, for the Wildcats.

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Franklin Road seizes district crown, 61-34

Rayburn scores 27 in Class D win over Southfield Christian

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Senior guard Hannah Rayburn fired in a game-high 27 points Friday as Novi Franklin Road Christian notched its second Class D girls basketball district title in three years with a convincing 61-34 triumph over Southfield Christian in the final at Detroit Public Safety Academy.

Rayburn helped the Warriors jump out to a 34-14 halftime lead by making four 3-pointers.

Danielle Fusco chipped in 12 points, while Reagan Mumford added seven points and seven rebounds as the Warriors advanced to the March 9 regional semifinal match against Morrice (14-7) at Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes.

"The girls came back tonight after a really tough game Wednesday night, kept their intensity up. They played really hard on the defensive



Novi Franklin Road Christian defeated Southfield Christian to win its second Class D girls basketball district title in three years.

end," third-year Franklin Road coach Tiffany Butler said. "I think we had about 15 steals and got the win."

Rayburn had five triples on the night and also went 4-of-5 from the foul line. As a team, the Warriors went 7-of-9 (77.7 percent).

"Rayburn was outstanding tonight," Butler

said. "She hit five threes. Defensively, she had four steals. Offensively, she got us ahead and we never looked back."

Tiara Francisco scored a team-high eight points for Southfield Christian (8-14), which made 13-of-22 free throws (59 percent).

FRANKLIN ROAD 52, DETROIT PUBLIC SAFETY 29: Hannah Rayburn scored 13 points and Chanelle Lochrie chipped in 11 as Novi Franklin Road Christian (8-12) bounced host Detroit Public Safety Academy (13-3) in a Class D district semifinal March 1.

The Warriors, who led 20-14 at halftime and 35-24 after three quarters, broke open the game with a 17-5 fourth-quarter run.

Deashia Young scored 13 points for the Eagles, who made only 7-of-18 free throws (38.8 percent).

(Franklin Road was 19-of-31 from the foul line (61.2 percent).

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the opening quarter as Canton jumped out to a 13-8 advantage, but Northville took the lead at halftime, 21-20, thanks to a triple from Moorman at the buzzer. Both teams struggled shooting the ball in the third quarter, with Northville going 3-of-16, while Canton was 4-of-12. It resulted in a 29-29 deadlock.

But in the fourth quarter, Northville got to the line and made 11-of-14 free throws.

"That (free throws) obviously made all the difference in the world trying to keep it at least a two possession game because Hult hit a couple there late to kind of get them within arm's reach and we wanted to make sure we just had a little wiggle room," Gudith said.



The Northville girls basketball team won the Class A district title with a 44-38 win over Canton in the finals Friday at Salem.

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Turnovers played a big factor in the outcome as Canton had a total of 20, while Northville had 13.

"With about three minutes to go, for some reason we got butter fingers a little bit," Heitmeyer said. "Some of that is nerves, but these girls live for these moments. All season, they've been in some big games and they've come through. This is just one of those times where the

ball didn't bounce our way."

While Hult finished with 23, Madison Wolfbauer was Canton's next high scorer with five as the Chiefs went 13-of-38 from the floor (34.2 percent) and 10-of-11 from the foul line (90.9 percent).

"We call her 'Hot-Handed Hult,'" Canton coach Rob Heitmeyer said. "She loves to find a rhythm and for her team, she delivered."

Northville, meanwhile, had more of a balanced scoring attack as Adams, a junior, added 10, while sophomore guards Kendall Dillon and Roan Haines contributed eight and seven, respectively.

The Mustangs made 16-of-50 shots from the floor (32 percent) and 14-of-20 free throws (70 percent).

For the Mustangs, it was their first district title since 2012.

"We just knew we needed one more win to win the district, obviously, so we put all of our hard work out on the court and left it all on the court," Moorman said. "Win or lose, you got to be ready to play. I think it was more defense but, obviously, we finished on offense. We've been really working on our defense and it showed today."

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PREP GYMNASTICS

Mustang duo eye trip to Rockford

Canton earns MHSAA regional team crown; Northville places fifth

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Another year, another regional title for Canton's gymnastics team.

But veteran Chiefs coach John Cunningham tipped his cap to the other strong squads competing in the MHSAA regional Saturday at Plymouth High School, including the other teams who will make the trip to Rockford this weekend, runner-up Plymouth and third-place Livonia Blue.

"It was a tough region," Cunningham said. "We actually had five teams coming in that had scored above 140. We were really disappointed for Livonia Red, because they had a 138.9; they would have had an opportunity to go."

Canton's outstanding depth, epitomized by having four of six gymnasts in Division 1 all-around qualify for the state finals, led the way with 146.425.

In second with a 143.175 score was Plymouth, followed by Livonia Blue (141.575), Livonia Red (138.825) and Northville (137.450).

The Mustangs were led by individual state qualifier Erin McCallum, who placed sixth in the Division 1 all-around (35.65). The sophomore



Northville gymnastics coach Erin McWatt (middle) is flanked by state qualifiers Erin McCallum (left) and Maddy Lewis.

took third on vault (9.2), fourth on balance beam (9.2) and tied for sixth on the uneven bars (8.5).

Joining her at the Division 1 state finals is freshman standout Maddy Lewis, who placed fourth on the uneven bars with 8.675.

Freshman Mackenzie

Willson put together the most impressive floor score for the Mustangs (8.825), which earned her a 10th-place finish among all Division 1 competitors.

"What a fantastic way to end an amazing season," Northville coach Erin McWatt said. "Best

of luck to Erin and Maddy as they set their sights on all-state performances next weekend in Rockford.

"We are easily the toughest region out there ... our 'kiddos' will be bringing it big time to Rockford next weekend, teams and individuals

alike." The team event starts at 2 p.m. Friday, while the individual finals begins at noon on Saturday.

MHSAA GYMNASTICS REGION 3 RESULTS
March 5 at Plymouth H.S.
TEAM STANDINGS (Top three)

qualify for state finals: 1. Canton, 146.425; 2. Plymouth, 143.175; 3. Livonia Blue, 141.575; 4. Livonia Red, 138.825; 5. Northville, 137.450; 6. Saline, 137.025; 7. Salem, 136.450; 8. Tecumseh, 135.650; 9. Dearborn Edsel Ford, 31.950.

DIVISION 1 (top eight qualify for state finals)
Vault: 1. Kernosek (C), 9.5; 2. Dickson (C), 9.350; 3. McCallum (N), 9.2; 4. Hilditch (C), 9.1; 5. (tie) Fontana (P), 9.050; Williams (Salem), 9.050; 7. (tie) Cox (C), 8.9; Hattley (LR), 8.9; 9. Metz (P), 8.8; 10. (tie) Simu (P) and Eliola (P), 8.650 each.

Uneven parallel bars: 1. Metz (P), 9.450; 2. Hilditch (C), 9.0; 3. Dickson (C), 8.850; 4. Lewis (N), 8.675; 5. Cox (C), 8.6; 6. (tie) Eliola (P) and McCallum (N), 8.5 each; 8. Kernosek (C), 8.475; 9. Hosmer (P), 8.250; 10. Hattley (LR), 8.025.

Balance beam: 1. Metz (P), 9.375; 2. Cox (C), 9.325; 3. Dickson (C), 9.250; 4. (tie) McCallum (N) and Kernosek (C), 9.2 each; 6. Eliola (P), 8.950; 7. Simu (P), 8.925; 8. Hilditch (C), 8.650; 9. Willson (N), 8.575; 10. Hattley (LR), 8.4.

Floor exercise: 1. Williams (Salem), 9.850; 2. Simu (P), 9.5; 3. Hilditch (C), 9.475; 4. Metz (P), 9.350; 5. Cox (C), 9.250; 6. Kernosek (C), 9.175; 7. Hattley (LR), 9.075; 8. Dickson (C), 9.050; 9. Wagner (Saline), 8.9; 10. Willson (N), 8.825.

All-around (top six qualify): 1. Metz (P), 36.975; 2. Dickson (C), 36.5; 3. Kernosek (C), 36.350; 4. Hilditch (C), 36.225; 5. Cox (C), 36.075; 6. McCallum (N), 35.650; 7. Eliola (P), 34.675; 8. Williams (Salem), 34.525; 9. Hattley (LR), 34.4; 10. Simu (P), 34.225.

DIVISION 2 (top eight qualify for state finals)
Vault: 1. Hillie (LR), 9.2; 2. Rhoad (LB), 9.175; 3. (tie) Weak (LB), 9.150; Emily Welch (P), 9.150; Borrmann (LR), 9.150; 6. McVey (LR), 9.125; 7. (tie) Najduk (C), Hodgson (C) and Waters (LR), 9.1 each; 10. Chapski (LB), 9.050.

Uneven parallel bars: 1. Weak (LB), 9.175; 2. Amstutz (Saline), 8.850; 3. (tie) Welch (P) and Heider (Saline), 8.675 each; 5. Chatterjee (LB), 8.450; 6. Rhoad (LB), 8.425; 7. Longeway (Salem), 8.325; 8. McVey (LR), 8.3; 9. Bogrow (T), 8.1; 10. (tie) Hillie (LR) and Ryktarsky (LR), 8.175 each.

Balance beam: 1. Rhoad (LB), 9.250; 2. Socha (C), 9.2; 3. Hodgson (C), 9.150; 4. (tie) Fisher (Salem) and Friedrichsen (Saline), 8.850 each; 6. Weak (LB), 8.775; 7. Longeway (Salem), 8.750; 8. (tie) Chatterjee (LB), 8.575; Heider (Saline), 8.575; 10. Borrmann (LR), 8.550.

Floor exercise: 1. Rhoad (LB), 9.675; 2. Hodgson (C), 9.575; 3. (tie) Morgan Cadmus (T), 9.225; McVey (LR), 9.225; 5. Chatterjee (LB), 9.175; 6. (tie) Swan (T) and Tapia (Saline), 9.075 each; 8. Carr (T), 9.050; 9. Silvester (P), 9.025; 10. Brianna Price (T), 9.0.

All-around (top six qualify): 1. Rhoad (LB), 36.525; 2. Weak (LB), 35.950; 3. Hodgson (C), 35.725; 4. McVey (LR), 34.725; 5. Socha (C), 34.675; 6. Welch (P), 34.525; 7. Fisher (Salem), 34.500; 8. Heider (Saline), 34.250; 9. Longeway (Salem), 33.950; 10. Amstutz (Saline), 33.900.

PREP BOWLING

S.L. East's Lancioni is ousted by D2 champ

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South Lyon East's Makayla Lancioni reached the elimination round of the MHSAA girls bowling Division 2 individual singles state finals before being ousted by eventual champion Hannah Ploof of Flint Kearsley at Super Bowl in Canton.

Lancioni, a junior, rolled a 1,071 total, including a high game of 206, in the six-game qualifying block to earn the 16th and final spot in the match play round, which consisted of two-game total pin fall.

Ploof rolled 159-224-383, while Lancioni, a regional champ, fell 30 pins short with a two-game set of 198-155-353.

South Lyon senior Cassie Dorony was 48th overall in the qualifying block with a 940 total, highlighted by a pair of 171 games.

On the boys side, East junior Brendan Mackeridge took 47th in the qualifying block with a 1,020 total, including 247 in his final game.

Austin Robinson of Sturgis was the Division 2 boys singles champion with a 427-399 victory over Melvindale's Marcus McClain.

In Saturday's Division 1 boys singles finals at Sterling Lanes, Warren Mott's Brad Delmarle defeated Wyandotte's Gabe Cassisse, 459-393, for the title.

Novi Detroit Catholic Central senior Brad Hohentanner was 60th in the qualifying block with a 927 total, with a high game of 178.

In the Division 1 girls singles final, Davison's Taylor Davis had a 300 game to go along with 179 for a 479 total to beat Westland John Glenn's Julia Huren (195-215-410) for the title.

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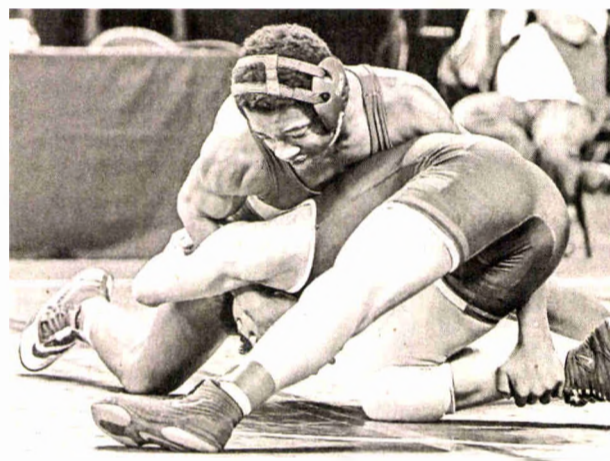
MHSAA WRESTLING RESULTS

MHSAA WRESTLING INDIVIDUAL FINALS DIVISION 1
March 2-5 at Palace of Auburn Hills
AREA FINISHERS
Tyler Morland, Detroit CC (171 pounds), first place: pinned Jon Gough (Grosse Pointe South, 2:31; won by technical fall over Nick Mason (Utica, 18-2; won by major decision over Cole Rechsteiner (Bay City Western, 18-7; dec. Devon Pingel (Lapeer), 6-2. **Final record:** 45-1.
Nick Jenkins, Detroit CC (285), first place: dec. Reno Giacalone (Anchor Bay), 3-2; Matt Lloyd (Grandville), 2-1; dec. Tim Stevens (Temperance Bedford), 3-2 (overtime); dec. Ali Wahab (Dearborn Heights Crestwood), 5-1. **Final record:** 39-10.
Ben Kamali, Detroit CC (103), first place: won by tech. fall over Varan Mangal (Rochester), 16-1; dec. Jack Samuels (Hudsonville), 7-3; dec. Nathan Hollifield (Fraser), 8-2; dec. Rayvon Foley (Ann Arbor Pioneer), 10-8. **Final record:** 37-13.

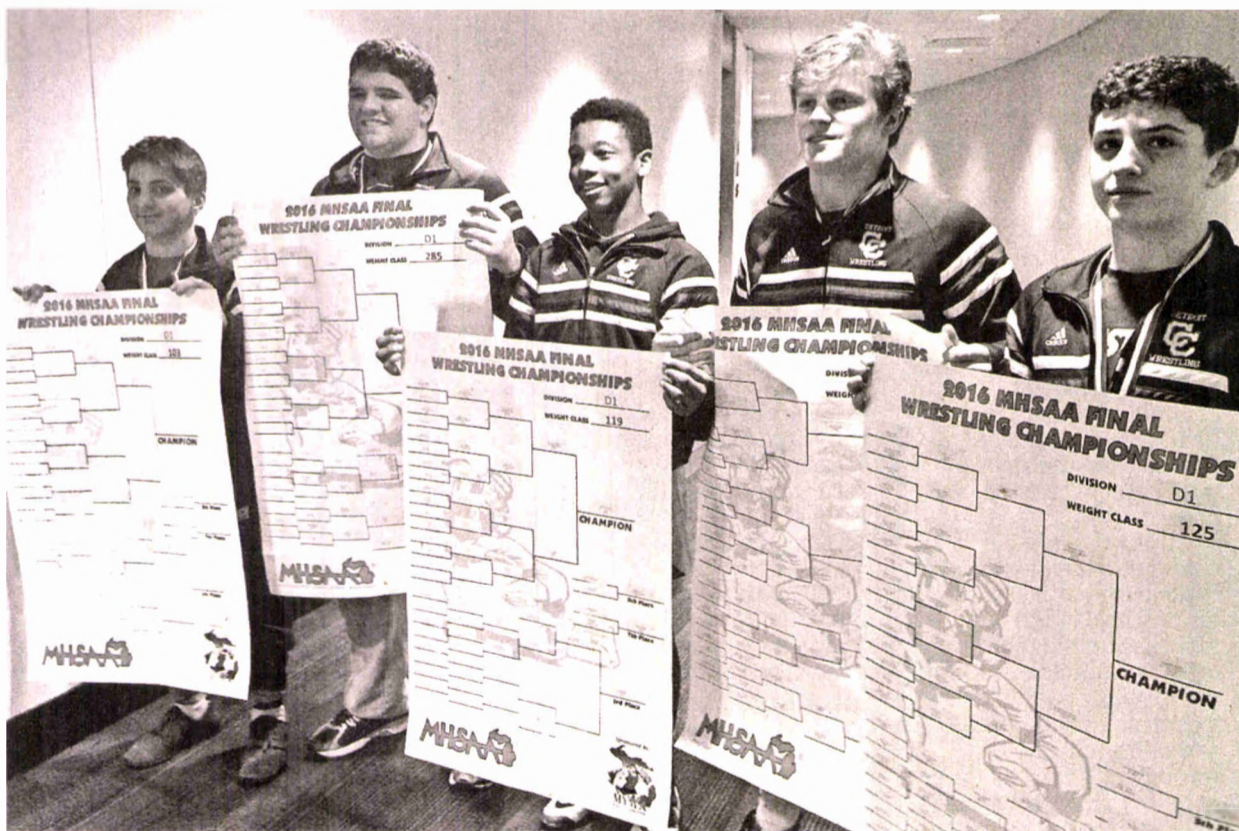
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Kevon Davenport, Detroit CC (119), first place: won by tech. fall over Michael Romanoski (Anchor Bay), 20-5; p. Nate Hampton (Rochester Stony Creek), 0:39; dec. Kaleb Marion (Walled Lake Central), 3-2; dec. A.J. Facundo (Davison), 8-1. **Final record:** 47-3.
Cameron Amine, Detroit CC (125), first place: dec. Jackson Renicker (Brighton), 5-0; dec. Deven Perez (Davison), 1-0; dec. Xavier Graham (Woodhaven), 7-4; dec. Donte Rivera Garcia (Southgate), 6-0. **Final record:** 39-9.
Jackson Ross, Detroit CC (215), sixth place: dec. by Eric Conquest (Brighton), 2-1; dec. Michael Schulz (Birmingham Seaholm), 3-0; dec. Jaren McFerrin-Pace (Kalamazoo Loy Norrix), 2-1; dec. Tanner Thomas (Davison), 2-1 (OT); dec. by Josh Rettig (Livonia Franklin), 3-0; major dec. by Conquest (Brighton), 10-1. **Final record:** 37-13.

Stone Moscovic, Detroit CC (112), sixth place: p. by Jack Medley (Anchor Bay), 3:24; won by major dec. over Dominic Todaro (Romeo), 9-1; dec. Nolan Klappac (Lakeland), 3-2; dec. Cole Janes (Grandville), 5-3 (OT); p. by Medley (Anchor Bay), 1:54; p. by Logan Palsham (Southgate), 2:13. **Final record:** 29-15.
Aaron Rehfeldt, Detroit CC (130), seventh place: dec. Austin Fine (Hudsonville), 2-0; dec. by Noah Schoehrer (Bay City Western), 7-2; dec. Lee Grabowski (Brighton), 3-1; dec. by Warren Stanfield (North Farmington), 6-4; dec. Chris Brown (Belleville), 3-2. **Final record:** 33-18.
Nolan Klappac, Lakeland (112), did not place: p. Isaac Lefler (Westland John Glenn), 1:07; dec. by Max Johnson (Davison), 6-2; dec. by Stone Moscovic (Detroit CC), 3-2. **Final record:** 42-5.
Willy Jackson, Novi (135), did not place: dec. by Carol Marceau (Utica), 3-0; dec. by Jimmy Muscato (Pinckney), 7-2. **Final record:** 30-17.
Aidan Waugh, Detroit CC (140): p. by Reece Hughes (Hartland), 4:48; dec. by Mason Evans (Battle Creek Lakeview), 10-3. **Final record:** 31-18.

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Catholic Central's Kevon Davenport (top) decided Davison's reigning state champ A.J. Facundo, 8-1, in the finals.



Catholic Central's five individual wrestling state champions included (from left) Ben Kamali, Nick Jenkins, Kevon Davenport, Tyler Morland and Cameron Amine.

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"I knew that I could beat him, I just had to keep focus," Jenkins said. "The last match was pretty close and I knew I could come out on top this time."

Jenkins, who got his start wrestling as an eighth-grader at Stevenson Middle School in Westland, placed sixth in last year's individual finals.

"I wanted to win a state championship," he said. "I knew that the ability to and that was my main goal all year, to be at the top of the podium."

Morland dominated in his four state tournament matches, capped by a 6-2 win over Lapeer's Devon Pingel in the finals. Morland finished the year 45-1.

"He beat a guy who beat me earlier in the year," Hancock said. "That young man who beat Tyler, Devon Pingel, beat us at the CC Invite finals. So Tyler was 0-1 versus Pingel at 171 and he was 1-0 versus (Brendan) McRill at 189 (the state champ). And Tyler is sort of a tweener. He's weighs about 178 and he goes up to 189 for us at times and beat McRill earlier this year, so it was a

tough choice for him to make on whether to go 171 or 189 to win a title. He chose to take the tougher route and get that loss back."

Kamali, a transfer from East Lansing, became eligible mid-semester and finished the year 20-1, capped by a 10-8 triumph in the finals over Rayvon Foley of Ann Arbor Pioneer.

"Kamali is special," Hancock said. "His brother was a senior (last year) at East Lansing, so Ben wanted to come to Catholic Central as a freshman, but chose to compete with his brother being a senior at East Lansing."

"Made the change-

over this year and then was eligible after Martin Luther King Day. His dad, I don't think will find out about the state title until tonight when they speak. He's on a mission in Afghanistan and you can't have communication with his family until Monday."

Davenport, meanwhile, went 47-3 overall, ending with an 8-1 decision over Davison's A.J. Facundo, the Division 1 state champion at 112 from a year ago. In the semifinals, Davenport edged Walled Lake Central's Kaleb Marion, 3-2.

"Kevon is just as confident as they get," Hancock said. "He works extremely hard in

our room. Just believes in himself, believes in his ability, believes in our staff and our program and I think you saw that this week. To beat a returning state champ as bad as he did was pretty exciting to watch. Kevon is a fantastic fit here at CC."

Amine's draw was one of the most daunting, as he finished the year 39-9 overall.

"I think Cameron's path was a little more difficult in the fact that he had to beat so many quality wrestlers en route to winning it, starting with Jackson Renicker, then Perez and then beats the kid (Graham) who beat him last week," Hancock said. "It's incredible the tournament that he put together and did it without giving up a single point (in the finals). Won unscored upon."

Hancock called it "just absolutely remarkable" getting two ninth-graders on the top podium.

"First time in our school history that we've had two freshman state champs," Hancock said. "It should be interesting to look up to see schools have two freshmen win state titles in the same year. I can't recall in recent history that being done."

Junior Jackson Ross (215) and sophomore Stone Moscovic (112) and both placed sixth to finish 37-13 and 33-18, respectively, for the Shamrocks.

CC senior Aaron Rehfeldt (130) finished the year 33-18 after taking seventh.

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BOYS HOCKEY

Vikings goaltender Butler ends Novi's quest

33-save effort does in Wildcats in D2 pre-regional game

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While drivers struggled to navigate March 1 through an unforgiving snowstorm, Novi faced an obstacle of its own against Walled Lake Central in a Division 2 pre-regional boys hockey game at the Novi Ice Arena.

The Wildcats threw everything but the kitchen sink at their counterparts, as they outshot the Vikings by a 36-16 margin, but were unable to sneak enough of them past Jake Butler in a 6-3 loss.

"We outshot them 14-6 in the first period and I think we certainly came

out ready, prepared and fired up for the game," Novi assistant coach Jim Lewis said. "We knew Walled Lake Central was a good team and with 20 wins on the season, you have to be prepared for that. Problem is, their goaltender made some big saves when he needed to and we walked out of that period with virtually nothing. It was disappointing, but they played well and you have to give them credit, especially their goaltender."

Walled Lake Central (21-5-0) began to tilt the scales in its favor during the second period, when Novi was called for four minor penalties within a five-minute span.

Tied at 2-2, the Vikings notched the first of three power-play goals at the 8:55 mark, with Cam Stevenson finishing off a cross-ice pass from Ian

Smith.

Just more than two minutes later, the Wildcats (8-15-2) were able to even the score, courtesy of a Sam Jenkins goal from the high slot, with assists to juniors Cam Czapski and Ryan Fonda.

The draw was short-lived, as Central would once again score while on the man-advantage, what turned out to be the game-winning goal.

Defenseman Jackson Esterline sent the puck over with pinpoint accuracy to Smith, who returned the favor by going top shelf over the shoulder of Novi goaltender Josh Richardson.

Just before the end of the period, the Vikings were also able to garner some production from their penalty-killing unit, thanks to Ryan Kalis intercepting the puck in the Wildcats' defensive

zone to make it a 5-3 affair.

Central coach Gary Quitquit talked about his team's scoring frenzy in the second period.

"After the first period, I told them that the home team will get the first seven to 10 minutes of energy and we just have to withstand that storm and then, after that, we need to start playing our game," he said. "We talked about that after the first period and that's basically when we started playing our game and taking over the boards. I told them to keep the shots on the outside and as long as Butler can see it, he'll stop it."

"We did a real good job at driving the net and we've been working on that, knowing that we needed to put a lot of pressure and shoot on the goalie. And if the goalie

coughed it up, we'd be right there and that's how we got some of our goals."

Lewis pointed to the penalty-laden second period as the point in which momentum switched sides.

"We had a five-minute spurt there in the second period where we lost our focus and we lost our discipline," he said. "To go down five-on-three like we did and give up a power-play goal ... I think that's what turned the tides on the whole game and that's what changed everything."

Novi took control early, with Fonda, a junior defenseman, knocking home a rebound at 4:28 of the opening period.

Noah Luff's goal from the slot less than two minutes later evened the score before junior for-

ward Zach Perpich restored Novi's lead on a scramble outside the crease with 11:45 elapsed.

Just when the Wildcats looked to be going into the intermission with a one-goal lead, Esterline managed to sneak in a slap shot from the left face-off circle with less than a second remaining to place some momentum back in Central's favor.

As if that wasn't enough, Esterline also added a power-play goal in the third off a one-timer from senior Nick Wood (four assists).

Butler had 33 saves to his credit, while Richardson and Manny Legace Jr. combined for 10.

Central went on to eliminate South Lyon Unified, 4-0, before falling to Hartland, 7-2, in Saturday's regional championship final.

Alma golf commit



MICHAEL F. KOWALCZYK

Northville High senior captain Jennifer Kowalczyk has committed to play golf next year at Alma College, where she plans to major in athletic training. Under coach Jeff Balagna (left), Kowalczyk helped the Mustangs to back-to-back MHSAA Division 1 state finals appearances and was a three-time all-Kensington Lakes and two-time All-Area honoree.

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keep doing what you're doing and it, eventually, will pay off."

The Shamrocks then scored two goals 27 seconds apart to make it 3-0 at the end of two - JoJo Mancinelli on a two-on-one break from Brian Kearns at 12:05, followed by Alex Kreutzer's goal at 12:32 from Kyle Mulka and Mancinelli.

After two periods, CC enjoyed a 27-2 shot advantage.

"I can't complain; we had chances," said Mancinelli, a senior forward. "As long as we keep getting chances, it will come, eventually. We knew the goalie would break, eventually. We just kept getting shots from all over and, eventually, they'd just go in."

At 2:32 of the final period CC's Jared Lee

made it 4-0 from Sheldon Wasik and West.

Zachary Sprys-Tellner gave CC a five-goal cushion at 8:34 scoring on a break-out play from Nick Macari. Luc Krasicky completed the CC scoring from Glynn Robitaille at 10:30.

CC, getting the shut-out from goalie Alec Calvaruso, also won the first meeting this season between the two teams, 5-0, Dec. 18.

"They were short-handed last time we played them, so we knew it was going to be a different hockey game and they had some guys that could hurt us if we let them," Kaleniecki said.

One guy who tried to make it his own show was Szafran, who stood on his head for much of the first two periods.

"He was amazing. I don't know what else he could have done," said Rochester United coach Craig Staskowski, whose team finished 13-15 over-

all. "He was an acrobat in there. He gave us a chance. We just couldn't get if figured out there. I feel like we played a little better at the end of the second and parts of the third, but I think we let it get away from ourselves at that point. But he was really good."

For Staskowski, it became sort of a helpless feeling standing on the bench trying to figure out a way to stop the fast-paced Shamrocks.

"It's everything," Staskowski said. "It's their depth, for sure. All their guys are good skaters, just a good team and they're very well-coached. You think you have areas where you might be able to move the puck, but it always seemed like they always had a guy there to make a play on you. We ran into buzz-saw today. I think that's the best way to put it."

In the tradition of the NHL Stanley Cup play-

offs, the Shamrocks did not touch the regional trophy during the awards ceremony. Instead, CC athletic director Aaron Babicz walked off the ice with it in hand.

"I know last year, we didn't touch it," Mancinelli said. "I'm not sure how long it's been going on."

DETROIT CC 8, NORTH-HARRISON 0: Zachary Sprys-Tellner's goal with 3:33 remaining in the final period closed out a Novi Detroit Catholic Central (20-7) mercy rule victory March 2 over North Farmington-Harrison (8-18) in a Division 1 regional semifinal at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth.

Nick Macari and Luc Krasicky drew assists on Sprys-Tellner's game-ending goal.

CC jumped out to a 2-0 first-period lead on power-play goals by Brendan West at 11:57 (from Anthony Esser and Austin Roell) and Kyle Mulka at 13:34 (from Alex Kreutzer and JoJo Mancinelli).

The Shamrocks added three more goals in the second period to increase their lead to 5-0 - Brian Kearns at 10:32 on a power play (from Krasicky and Kreutzer); Glynn Robitaille at 11:05 (from J.P. Lafferty); and Lafferty unassisted at 15:50.

Sheldon Wasik then made it 6-0 at 1:33 of the third period from West and Jared Lee, followed by Mancinelli's short-handed goal at 11:17 from Kearns.

Alec Calvaruso posted the shutout in goal for the Shamrocks, while Thomas Bacon started in net for the Flyers.

COLLEGE SOCCER

Michigan Bucks to host College Challenge March 19 at Ultimate Arenas

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Collegesoccer at its finest will be on display Saturday, March 19, at the Michigan Bucks eighth annual College Challenge at Ultimate Soccer Arenas in Pontiac.

Men's soccer teams from Butler University, Michigan State, Notre Dame and Oakland University will play, with the day's first match at 12:30

p.m. featuring MSU against the Fighting Irish. Each of the four games will be only 70 minutes in length at the request of the teams.

The No. 10 nationally ranked Irish will play back-to-back matches, with their next game at 2:10 p.m. against Horizon League Tournament champion OU. The Spartans' next competition will be at 3:50 p.m. against Big East Confer-

ence third seed Butler.

The final match is scheduled for 5:30 p.m., with Oakland facing Butler in a coaching match-up that features two former Bucks players, Eric Pogue (OU) and Paul Snape (Butler), both whom were leaders on the field as players and now as head coaches facing each other for the second consecutive year.

Tickets are \$12 at the door (all ages), which

includes admission to all four games. Discount tickets can be purchased in advance for \$8 at the Bucks website www.BucksSoccer.com (click on the flier to continue to the link).

To purchase online, registration will be required once to create an account and ensure the Bucks ticket buying process will be an easy one all year-round. Once purchased, print a copy

of the tickets and bring to will-call on game day. (Tickets will not be mailed.)

All college students will gain admission for only \$6 when showing a valid student ID at the door.

Groups that want to purchase 20 or more tickets in advance for \$6 each can contact KHaapala@BucksSoccer.com. Tickets are also available for sale at Ultimate Soc-

cer Arenas for \$8 prior to game day. Children 5 and under are always free to Bucks events.

The Bucks coaching staff will be on hand evaluating the current talent, many of who are auditioning for a spot on the 2016 Bucks roster.

The Bucks will begin their 21st season in the Premier Development League in May as the defending PDL regular season champs.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Adult softball leagues

Registration is now open for the Northville Parks and Recreation adult morning, afternoon and evening softball leagues (free agents included).

Among the leagues offered are Sunday afternoon (co-ed); Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday (men's); Wednesday morning (men's); Tuesday 55-and-over (senior men's); and Thursday 52-and-over (senior men's).

For more information, call Charlie Gabbart at 248-449-9947 or email cgabbeart@ci.northville.mi.us.

Novi Motion 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 waiver form. Forms are available online at <https://sites.google.com/site/novimotionbb/>

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

Novi baseball registration open

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

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

Inferno drop-in practices

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 scheduled

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 KrisYanagi@gmail.com or baseball coach John Kostrzewa at kostrzjo@northvilleschools.org.

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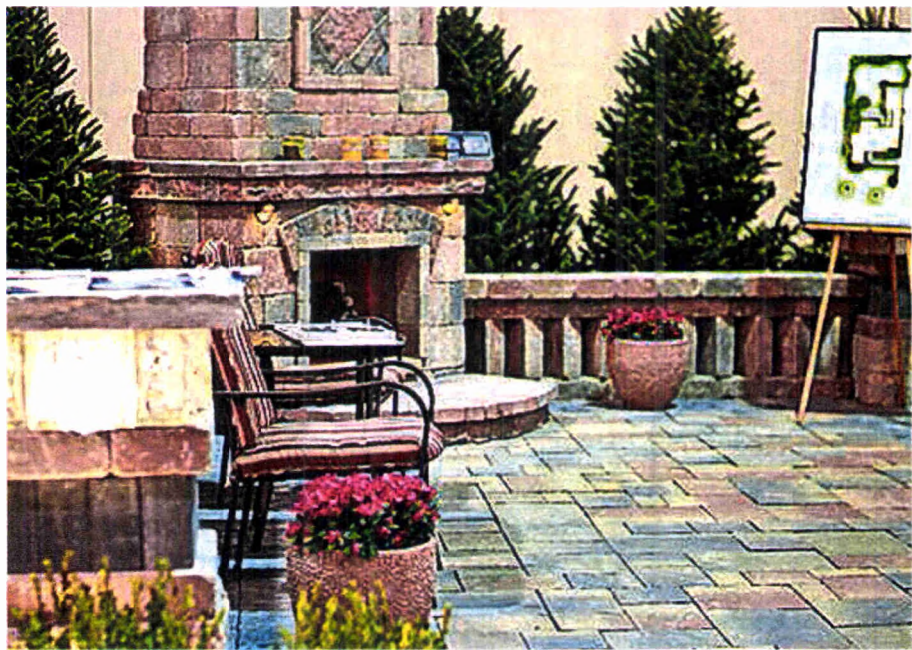
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Find some inspiration for your next home project.

Novi Backyard, Pool & Spa Show opens March 18

The 21st annual Novi Backyard, Pool & Spa Show returns March 18-20 to the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi.

"Swim, entertain, exercise and make a big splash this summer for your family and friends with a new or renovated outdoor living space," Richard Martin, president of Association of Pool & Spa Professionals, Michigan Chapter, stated in a press release. "Our show exhibitors can create a new backyard environment or renew an existing backyard with their design, equipment, construction, servicing or refurbishing."

APSP is the event sponsor and a nonprofit local trade association composed of member companies in the pool, spa and backyard living

business.

Hundreds of ideas, products and services are available from the major outdoor living environment categories, including in-ground and above ground pools, spas, swim spas, hot tubs, saunas, decks, patios, fencing, outdoor kitchens and living spaces, landscaping, water features, brick paving, decorative concrete, patio furniture and accessories.

Homeowners will find the information they need about building and buying a pool or spa at show exhibits. Experts are available with tips and advice on purchasing, planning, maintenance, safety and landscaping.

"Every weekend this summer will be a vacation for homeowners with a new backyard

setting," Martin said.

"Exhibitors will have a wide selection on display and showcase the latest trends and innovations in action to fit any space or budget for backyard living relaxation and fun.

Suburban Collection Showplace is located at 46100 Grand River Avenue, between Novi and Beck roads. Show hours are 3-9 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$8; \$4 for children 6-14 and children 5 and younger free. Discount coupons for \$2 off adult admission are available at show's website. On-site parking is available for a fee. For information on APSP, go to www.apspmi.org. For show information, go to www.novipoolshow.com or call 734-398-9700.

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Novi-based Franzese introduces new gelato, pasta mixes

Novi-based Franzese announces new gelato and pasta mix product lines through its partnership with KitchenAid. These mixes have been specifically designed for use with the KitchenAid Stand Mixer's Ice Cream Maker and Pasta Maker attachments and can be made in 11 minutes.

"We are really excited about our partnership with KitchenAid," Paolo Franzese, CEO of Franzese, stated in a press release. "It's a company that thrives on innovation, which is our sole focus. So the partnership is a perfect match."

"We're delighted to partner with another brand that encourages cooks to experiment and

build their culinary skills at their own pace," said Michael Huie, global business unit director for KitchenAid. "Considering that tens of millions of American kitchens are outfitted with our stand mixers, we're confident that these mixes will become a staple in many pantries."

Franzese gelato and pasta mixes will be offered in a variety of flavors, including pumpkin spice, salted caramel, chocolate, vanilla, lemon and strawberry. The pasta mix is offered in five flavors. The classic egg, whole wheat, garlic & parsley and spinach mixes are produced within the United States, with 100 percent durum wheat

semolina flour that has been imported from Italy. The gluten-free pasta mix is sourced within the United States with certified ingredients.

The gelato and pasta mixes will hit specialty retailer shelves Sept. 1 throughout the U.S.

Since its founding in 2011, Franzese has grown in the U.S. market through product development and corporate partnerships — including a successful partnership with retail giant Nordstrom, where Franzese Italian Hot Chocolate is served and sold in Nordstrom Cafes and E-bars throughout the United States and Canada. To learn more, go to experiencefranzese.com.

Don't panic — filing for an extension is not difficult

The other day, I received a call from a client who was quite nervous. During these turbulent times, it's not unusual to talk with clients who are uneasy about the current market conditions. This call didn't deal with the market, rather it dealt with the caller's tax situation. Since the client retired about seven years ago, he and his wife spend from mid-March to early June in Arizona. What made the client nervous is the fact that he typically has his tax return done and filed before he leaves, but that's not the case now.

As the client informed me, he is leaving next week and he still does not have all his information. As a result, he cannot complete his tax return and that's what's causing his problem. I suggested that all he would need to do was to file for an extension. When I mentioned the word extension, he even got more concerned.

It's a myth that if you file for an extension it will open you up to more IRS scrutiny. For as long as I've been in the business, I've heard that urban legend. It's not true. As I explained to the client, there is no



Rick Bloom
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evidence that filing for an extension increases your audit risk. What would increase his audit risk is to file an incorrect return. After having a discussion with the client, he agreed that filing for an extension would be the most appropriate course of action.

Filing for an extension to complete your tax return is not difficult and you would be surprised how many people do it. There are lots of reasons why people cannot complete their return by April 15 (April 18 this year). It could be that you don't have all the necessary information to complete your return, you're going to be out of the country or, plain and simple, you're too lazy to file by the deadline. The bottom line is, extensions are automatic and you don't need a reason. By filing IRS Form 4868, you receive an automatic six-month extension to file your return. It's automatic; you don't have to worry about obtaining approval. As long as you file the form, you get the

extension.

What confuses people about extensions is that it is not an extension of time to pay your taxes, but only to file your return. I recommended to the client that he estimate the missing information to determine whether money will be owed or he will receive a refund. If you're receiving a refund, all you need to do is file the extension form — that's it. If you are going to owe money, then you can make an estimated payment with your extensor.

We still have a month before taxes are due and there is still plenty of time for people to complete their return. If you can't, don't panic. As I said earlier, filing an extension will not increase your audit risk. What increases audit risks are inaccurate and sloppy returns. It is much better for you to take your time and complete your return accurately than it is to rush at the last minute and file an inaccurate return.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is www.bloomassetmanagement.com. If you would like him to respond to questions, email rick@bloomassetmanagement.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.

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

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 90-minute 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.

Women's Business Enterprise Certification Orientation

9-11 a.m. Wednesday, March 30

Learn about the benefits and process of becoming a Women's Business Enterprise. Benefits include certification to private sector WBE's and access to procurement opportunities with major national companies. Presented by: Great Lakes Women's Business Council. To register please call 248-858-0783 or email smallbusiness@oak.gov. \$25 per person.



Some 70 vendors were featured at the Canton Home Improvement Expo March 5-6 at the Summit on the Park.

JULIE BROWN

Canton Home Expo: Focus on local real estate, building, home upgrades

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Realtor Desiree Heck, with Century 21 Premier on Ford Road in Canton, was busy Saturday, March 5, at Canton's Home Improvement Expo.

"This is my first year doing it and I'm very excited," said Heck, who's been in her field since 2001. "People have been coming through nonstop. It's a great way to get to know your neighbors and network with other business professionals."

She works with husband Scott Heck, a mortgage loan officer, and notes that husband-and-wife Realtor teams are common but their arrangement less so. "We're always on top of everyone's deals and loan processes," she said.

Heck agreed with other Realtors the market's strong. "Amazing," she said. "I'm swamped. Homes are selling in two to three weeks when they're priced properly and staged right." Market analysts tell her the market should be strong in the coming years, she said, helped by low interest rates.

"Events happen that affect everything. I'm thinking positive and see nothing but a bright horizon for home buyers and sellers. And inventory is low," she said. "Canton is extremely popular. Plymouth, Northville. Right now, there really isn't a bad area in western Wayne County and south Oakland."

Heck said people getting back to work impacts home sales. "Definitely the economy and the employment level affects people's ability to buy a home. We're seeing people moving into the area," she said.

She gives people she works with at least three recommendations on a lender, and doesn't always work with her husband on that. "It works out well. We like it a lot," she said of their work.

Toll Brothers, based in Horsham, Pa., also had a booth at the Expo. "We're premiering two new locations for Toll Brothers" in Canton, said Kendall Henaughen, sales manager for one of those, Hamlet Pointe.

She works with Nadia Mekled, senior sales manager for the other Canton site, Westridge Estates. Henaughen, who grew up in Plymouth and lives now out of the area, said, "We're super-excited to be in the market."

The Canton luxury home sites have a couple hundred lots between them, she said, with a handful of spec houses. Most people will buy and build themselves through Toll Brothers.

"We've been wanting to come to the area for a long time. Canton is booming. So we wanted to become part of the market," said Henaughen. Toll Brothers is now in Northville, Novi and Ann Arbor



Realtor Desiree Heck of Century 21 Premier in Canton works with husband Scott Heck, a mortgage loan officer. They were among some 70 vendors at the Canton Home Improvement Expo.

JULIE BROWN

"and then many more coming," she said.

"What's great is we have just about every product you're looking for," Henaughen said. Hamlet Meadows will come to Canton soon. "That's going to be even more affordable," she noted.

The Home Expo is offered by Canton Township's Building and Inspection Services Division the first weekend of March. Partners include the Canton Chamber of Commerce and the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Joe Gagnon, "The Appliance Doctor," also participated in the Saturday and Sunday, March 5-6, event at Summit on the Park.

Some 70 vendors were present, along with a steady stream of visitors including Mary Smith of Canton with her daughter, Lauren.

"Oh, I like it," said Mary Smith, who also attended a few years ago. "We're looking for new countertops for our kitchen. There are a lot of vendors to get information from."

Smith agreed the annual event's a good reminder spring is approaching. "I just wish spring was here," she said, noting the snowfall outside the nearby window. "Next week, it'll be 60s."

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Home Depot offered fun building projects for kids, a popular part of the Canton Home Improvement Expo.

JULIE BROWN

Eminent domain: Due process due to all

Q: I hear the politicians talking about eminent domain, something they seem to be arguing over. What exactly is it?

A: Eminent domain is a legal concept whereby a public authority, normally a governmental agency, can condemn or take property from a private individual under the authority vested in the public authority but can only do so if the recipient receives due process and just compensation under the Fifth Amendment to the United States Constitution.

Frequently eminent domain is used to condemn property for highways and governmental buildings but the controversy arises when the governmental entity condemns the property for utilization by a private industry, which was the case in Michigan regarding the GM Hamtramck auto factory. There are various types of what is called a "taking" by the government of one's private property which has resulted in volumes in legislation and cases.

Q: I understand that there has been a bill introduced into the Michigan House, Bill 4919, dealing with the issue of abrogating the requirement of a two-thirds vote of co-owners before litigation can be commenced by a condominium association. What is the basis for this type of legislation?

A: Many community association documents contain provisions drafted by developers attorneys which make it next to impossible for a condominium association to bring a lawsuit against anyone other than for non-payment of assessments and bylaw enforcement without obtaining a two-thirds vote of the co-owners and jumping through a number of other generally unreasonable hoops imposed upon the association and its retained counsel. This legislation is an attempt to circumvent a Court of Appeals decision which supported this type of requirement. If you are interested in the particular rights of a community condominium association, you will seek to have this bill brought before the Legislature, passed and signed by the governor.

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.

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Study the decision to go back to school

BY DEANNA HARTLEY
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When is it worthwhile for individuals looking for a job or seeking career advancement to go back for more schooling, and when does it not make sense to pursue higher education?

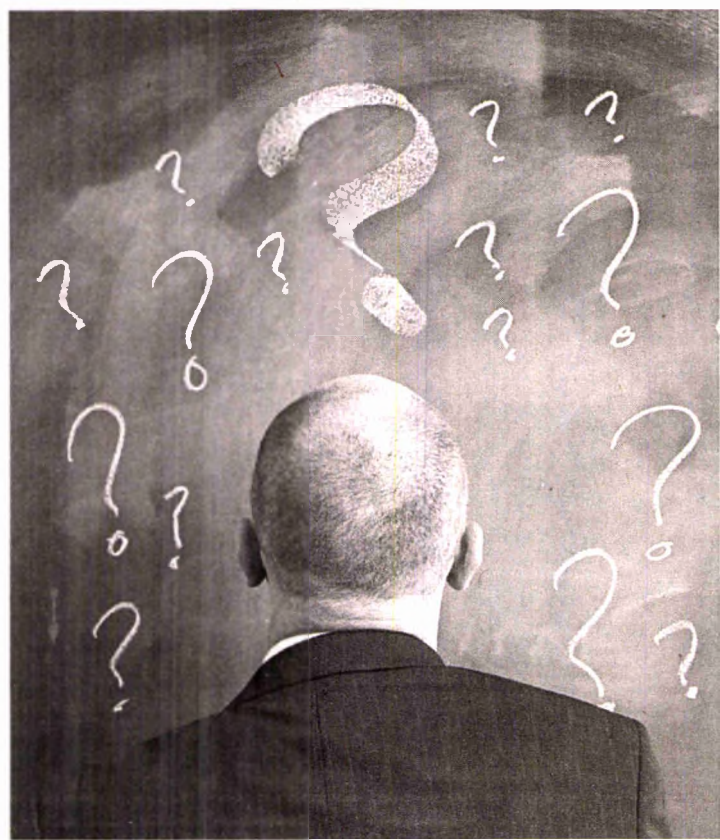
Going back to school is a big decision, so take some time to evaluate your options first.

"Certain situations, careers and jobs warrant additional education, but extensive research, self-reflection, financial evaluation and planning should come first," says Kaitlyn Riley, assistant director of the Starr Career Development Center at Baruch College of the City University of New York.

Ask yourself these questions if you're considering pursuing further education.

Are you making a career transition? "The top reason these days is to help facilitate a career transition for which an educational degree is required," says Steve Bohler, founder of the Oxford Program, a career guidance program. "Going back to school can improve your situation by redirecting the skills and experience you already have with new knowledge and a degree."

Joni Holderman, a professional résumé writer who



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founded Thrive! Resumes, echoes that advice. "The best time to go back to school is when it is directly related to a career goal, especially a major transition — (for example) an accountant who wants to become an RN will need additional education to achieve that."

What are others in your industry doing? "It makes

sense to go back to school if your industry is especially technologically fast-moving, because it's easy for a candidate to be ignored due to not knowing the correct software packages," says Joe Flanagan, a career adviser at VelvetJobs.

In some cases, however, returning to school may not be the most viable option. "It doesn't make sense to go back

to school if the job progression is transparent, linear and you see many of your other colleagues who are above you in the company hierarchy getting promoted without going to school," Flanagan says.

Is a degree essential to advance your career or earning potential?

"Your ability to advance in your career may depend on your educational level," says Cheryl E. Palmer, owner of Call to Career and a certified career coach. "You may be in IT, for example, but to move into senior-level management, an MBA may be the best route. That way, you can demonstrate to employers that you have the technical skills as well as leadership skills."

Sometimes, there's the additional financial incentive as well. "Generally speaking, more education usually equals more money," Palmer explains. "There are exceptions to this, of course, but this generally is the case. An additional degree or certification will usually give you more income because of the additional credentials."

Is your degree related to your long-term career goals?

"The worst time to go back to school is when you quit your job to pursue a degree that's not related to your career goals," Holderman says.

"There is significant prejudice in the recruiting world against candidates who are unemployed, and many employers see full-time school attendance by adults over 25 as unemployment, no matter how many degrees they earn."

The notion that you are earning a degree in an unrelated field often perpetuates the stigma that you are unfocused and unreliable, she says.

Do you have compelling internal motivation?

Carolyn Edwards, a career and life coach and graduate professor, explains that individuals should have a strong reason for going back to school before they make that level of financial and time investment.

"There are no guarantees that once you complete your training, degree or certification that you will make more money, get a promotion or successfully change jobs immediately or ever," she says. "Find a clear motivation that will provide joy, fulfillment or a sense of accomplishment that will meet an internal or personal goal."

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Lexus Promotes Safety System+ Technologies in Space-Oriented Marketing Campaign for New RX



By Dale Buss

Albeit two inches taller and needing a shower, American astronaut Scott Kelly returned home safely earlier this month after a record-breaking 340 days in space and accompanied by a live-stream broadcast of the landing, on Time.com.

Lexus has been getting in on the space-age action on behalf of its crucial new version of the RX mid-size crossover, through its sponsorship of Time's documentary series on Kelly,



A huge touchscreen joins advanced safety technologies.

"A Year in Space," as well as the luxury-car brand's own new digital-only 60-second spot that ran as an introduction to the live-stream. It touts Lexus RX as "the official luxury crossover of getting home safe."

The ad features footage from historical space homecomings, which are part of the B-roll of life in many boomers' heads but

which are relatively new events to millennials. The soundtrack is a remake of Diddy and Skylar Grey's "Coming Home."

"While others keep our astronauts safe, we'll help take care of our future astronauts," the spot concludes, with a scene of a little girl in an astronaut suit, playing with a space-shuttle model--and ensconced safely in the rear seat of a new Lexus RX that features the brand's Safety System+ technologies.

The Safety System package includes:

Lexus Pre-Collision System with Pedestrian Detection: It uses millimeter-wave radar and a camera to detect other vehicles; in the Safety System+ version it also can detect people in the vehicle's forward path under certain conditions.

Lane Departure Alert: It uses a camera to monitor visible lane markings, and is designed to warn you with a steering wheel vibration if you're drifting so that you can steer back into the lane.

All-Speed Dynamic Radar Cruise Control: It long has been available as a stand-alone Lexus safety system that enhances the capability of traditional cruise control. In the higher-speed highway environment, Dynamic Radar Cruise Control uses

millimeter-wave radar, assisted by a forward-facing camera, to detect a vehicle ahead and then determine its speed. The system then adjusts your vehicle speed to help maintain a preset following distance. With Lexus Safety System+, a further enhancement is now available in some models: "all-speed" Dynamic Radar Cruise Control. In this version, the system is active at a wider range of speeds, even in stop-and-go environments.

Intelligent high-beam headlamps: In most vehicles, the driver is responsible for flipping the high beams on and off as nighttime traffic approaches or comes into view ahead of the vehicle. The intelligent high-beam headlamp system helps take this job off your hands so you can focus on the road. The system uses a camera to detect the headlights of oncoming vehicles and the taillights of vehicles ahead, and then automatically switches between high beams and low beams to help avoid distracting other drivers.

Lexus also has set up a custom content hub that explains various aspects of the most comprehensive safety system ever offered on a Lexus RX.

"The opportunity for Lexus was twofold," Brian Bolain,



The 2016 Lexus RX.

general manager of Lexus product and consumer marketing, told me. "The association with space provides an unspoken association with technology and with being forward-thinking, and gave us an opportunity to talk about safety that emanates from the technology."

And the brand plans to build the association between Lexus and the new space age. "The nice thing about this affiliation is that it goes on for a while," Bolain said. "We have a several-month deal with Time and a print opportunity coming up later in this partnership. We can keep talking about it. It serves us real well in the social space, and we've got millions of followers and we'd like to give them some interesting things to hang onto."

Otherwise, in terms of the RX launch, Lexus dedicated January and February to the nameplate. "For instance, we did a really interesting thing with Facebook based on changes that users made to profiles," Bolain said. "If you said, for example, that you just got married, we'd serve you up an ad that was contextual about recently getting married, and fitting RX into your life. We've also got a Hulu integration with The Mindy Project. We want to move our demographics younger."

Did he think the astronaut, Brian Kelly, was aware that Lexus was sponsoring his re-entry?

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- * Stunning Colonial, five bedroom, three and half bathroom on one acre.
- * Cathedral ceilings, gas fireplace
- * Walk out basement
- * Four and half car heated garage

MLS 216019763 248.684.1065 \$350,000

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Waterfront Home!

- * Three bedroom, one and half bathroom on Charlick Lake
- * Updated kitchen, gas fireplace
- * Florida room, wrap around deck
- * Finished basement

MLS 216018618 248.684.1065 \$228,900

OPEN HOUSE SAT MARCH 12 • 12:00-3:00 PM

Welcome Home!

- * Three bedroom, two bathroom, charming home
- * Open floor plan with lots of potential
- * Beautiful deck, screened front porch
- * Great location in downtown Brighton

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Peaceful & Private!

- * Three bedroom, three bathroom Cape Cod
- * First floor master suite
- * Two car detached garage
- * Gas fireplace

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Welcome Home!

- * Three bedrooms, three and half bathrooms, beautiful colonial
- * Just minutes away from beautiful downtown Howell
- * Wood floors and high ceilings
- * Walkout basement

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Step inside and fall in love!

- * 1.5 story home on a 3/4 acre lot.
- * First floor master suite with large fenced yard.
- * Beautiful yard with deluxe pool, deck, fire pit and play-structure.
- * Move in Ready!

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Move in Ready!

- * Three bedroom, two bathroom beautiful Cape Cod
- * Located in walking distance to Downtown Milford
- * Granite kitchen with wood floors and open floor plan
- * Covered front porch to enjoy views of the river

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Beautiful Updated Ranch!

- * Five bedroom, three bathroom on one acre
- * Stone fireplace, updates throughout
- * Two car garage with workshop
- * A must see!

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Beautiful Ranch Condo!

- * Two bedroom, two bathroom end unit condo
- * Many upgrades, jetted tub, extra pantry
- * Hardwood flooring, granite countertops
- * Views of the lake from the front porch

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OPEN HOUSE SUN MARCH 13 • 1:00-3:00 PM

Just minutes from Milford!

- * Custom home on five lush acres
- * Four bedrooms, Five bathrooms
- * First floor laundry, pantry, dining room and office.
- * Finished walkout with bedroom, bathroom, second laundry, kitchen and wet bar.

MLS 215075647 248.684.1065 \$610,000

Welcome Home!

- * Four bedrooms, two and half baths on 1.84 acres.
- * Two story ceramic foyer with vaulted ceiling
- * First floor laundry
- * Finished three car garage

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Beautiful Updated Ranch!

- * Five bedroom, three bathroom located on a large corner lot
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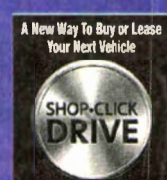
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