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# Host kids

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# Specialty court programs aim to rehabilitate accused

**Diane Gale Andreassi** Staff Writer

Three veterans - on probation for various criminal charges - were in 52-1 District Court recently to talk about their progress. But unlike many working their way through the court system, these men have a team of professionals who are trying to help them succeed.

The three defendants are enrolled in Veterans Court, a specialty program in the Novibased court that pairs defendants with a probation officer, an attorney, Veterans Administration representatives, a therapist and even a judge. The goal is to help those charged with a crime conquer sobriety, anger

# **SPECIAL SERIES**

This is the first of a series of stories looking at the Specialty Courts operating out of the 52-1 District Court in Novi, which handles cases in west Oakland County. Next, we meet with some of those who have gone through these courts.

problems and any other issue that led up to the criminal charges.

The team met March 28 in Judge David Law's chambers to talk about each man: their progress, their fall backs, mental and physical health treatments and drug and alcohol testing

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Novi's 52-1 District Judge David Law congratulates Veterans Court attendee Christopher McKelvie on the progress he's made during a March 28 session.



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Al Demmerle steps into the conga line as celebrations continued April 8 at the Meadowbrook Activity Center for the Detroit Tigers home opener. Guests at the senior center that afternoon enjoyed live music, dancing, sing-a-longs, food and the baseball opener on TV.

# Buyer beware: Police called about sick pet shop puppy

**Susan Bromley** Staff Writer

A woman who purchased a miniature poodle at a local pet shop has buyer's remorse and her angst comes at a time when opposition to stores that sell puppies is increasing.

A Novi police officer responded April 3 to the Petland store inside Twelve Oaks mall and found the woman holding the poodle and talking to mall security officers. The woman said she purchased the puppy just over a month ago and her vet recently told her the dog is very sick and may die.

According to the police report, the officer spoke with the store manager, who confirmed the woman purchased the \$4,000 dog on Feb. 25. The problem, a manager said, is store policy allows a 48-hour window to return or exchange a dog if a customer pays with cash. This customer financed the dog with a credit company, for which there is a no return or exchange policy.

"Nothing was brought to our attention until way after the

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# A breed apart: Shop for pet dogs wisely, not impulsively

### **Susan Bromley** Staff Writer

How much is that doggie in the window?

You may save money and trouble by doing your homework and finding a puppy somewhere besides a pet shop.

"People buy dogs from pet stores because they are uninformed or making an emotional decision," said Barry Wyerman, secretary of the Oakland County Kennel Club. "People say they can't go into a pet store; it tugs at their heart strings to see puppies living in these two-by-two crates. They

can't even go in, because they know where those dogs come from, see how cute they are and it's an extremely emotional conflict."

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But last Friday evening, Petland Novi was full of people cooing over the puppies behind glass in those crates.

One woman said she brought her daughter and some of her fellow Girl Scouts, "just to look.

Employees bring out a Yorkie and a peke-a-poo, a mix of a Pekingese and poodle and the puppies romp in a pen while the

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# Tickling the ivories

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Meadowbrook Commons resident Kathryn Retich plays the piano at the Novi senior housing complex April 6. Retich said that she'd lived there for three years and liked it so much that she hoped to be there "for another 50 years."

# **COURTS**

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results. Veterans are offered the program by the probation department when officials believe they could benefit from the intense attention.

"Over a period of time, there is a connection and a bridge of support is built," Law said.

"We have found it to be very helpful. Everyone on the team is dedicated to helping the veteran.

# **Specialty courts**

Three specialty court programs operate in Novi's district court. Veterans Court, Sobriety Court and Drug Court. Each is tailored to meet the specific needs of the individual defendant Getting involved in one of these programs can

sometimes mean sidestepping jail time and getting a reduced sentence, as well as being placed on a fast track for license restoration and to be enrolled in certain treatment programs. Participants join on a voluntary basis.

Defendants who violate probation, however, face the same sanctions as anyone else, including serving jail time, said Sue Garrett, 52-1 District Court director of probation.

Each team member has a different perspective and can help the defendant in a different way, noted defense attorney Michael Schloff, a veteran himself. "We really want to help them find themselves," he

Specialty courts can be "quite demanding and we find during the first month the people are fighting the program," Garrett said. "The team in the court is on their side and we are doing whatever we can to get them to succeed and that has a big impact. All of a sudden, we're not the enemy. We're the advocate.

Law said most people who get involved in specialty courts recognize they need to make lifestyle changes and they're looking for help.

The first half of the 18-month program is rigorous, but as participants make progress, the demands are reduced, Law said. Defendants with alcohol problems



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Novi's 52-1 Veterans Court team meets before heading to the courtroom (from left): Veterans Administration representative Brad Watkins, attorney Mike Schloff, court probation director Sue Garrett, Judge David Law and court probation officers Lauryn Ferro and Mike McGlown.

usually have ignition interlock devices installed to start their cars and some are required to test for alcohol twice daily.

Each case is different, but oftentimes specialty court participants are tested for drugs every day for 90 days, plus they must complete Alcoholics Anonymous meetings once a day for 90 days. They meet with their probation officers weekly and they get together with a judge once or twice a month.

## **Michigan tops**

There are 22 veterans courts in Michigan and more than 200 across the country, according to Brad Watkins, outreach coordinator for the Veterans Administration. Michigan has more veterans courts than any other state.

After the meeting with the defendants team, Law spoke with each of the three men in court. He applauded their progress and asked if they needed any additional help.

Whatever you need to do to keep moving in the right direction, keep doing it," Law said to one of the defendants. "The team is here to help. But it all depends on you. The team can only do so much."

The three specialty courts are designed to address the defendants' differing needs. In Drug Court, some of the most heartbreaking cases involve teens who had a sports injury and were given painkillers by doctors who eventually stop the prescriptions, Garrett said. Some teens tragically turn to street drugs.

"We are having an opiate epidemic," she said. "The doctor cuts them off of the medication, they go to the streets and find it too expensive and they go to heroin. We can help these people.'

Judge Brian MacKenzie launched the Sobriety Court in 2003. It was the first of the specialty courts in 52-1 District Court. Veterans Court began in 2010, followed by Drug Court in 2013. "These people get

their lives back," Garrett said. "Sometimes they've lost their families, their jobs and sometimes they have no education. We show them how to get another job and how to get their licenses back."

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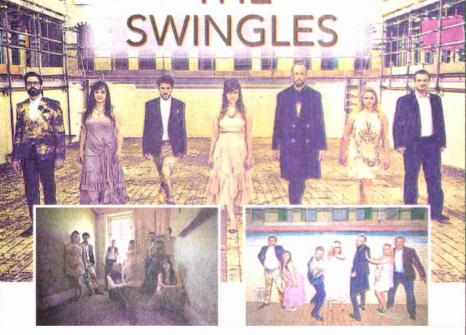
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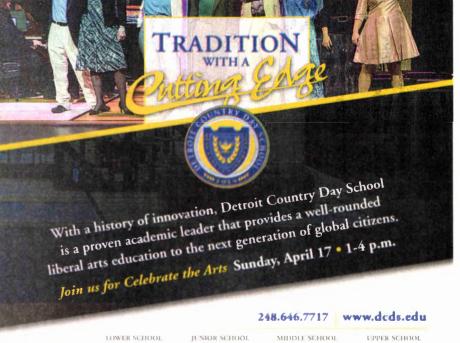
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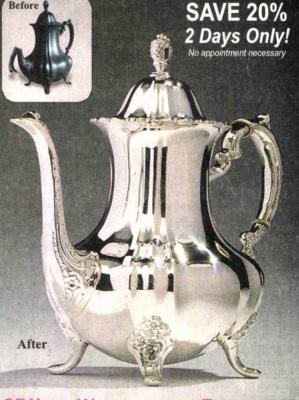
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# SHOP

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humans gather around to lean in and pet them. A miniature poodle recently purchased at Petland Novi sold for \$4,000. Gage Liberati, a store manager, said

some dogs there sell for as much as \$6,000.

# **Private practice**

Wyerman, a Novi resident, said although prices vary depending on popularity of breeds and number of pups in a litter, most people can purchase a purebred dog from a private seller for between \$600 and \$1,500. Besides offering lower prices, reputable breeders strive to maintain healthy bloodlines in dogs, he added.

There are three levels of dog breeders,' Wyerman said. "The first level are people who are very committed to the breeds; they know everything about that breed. They can look at a puppy and know what that dog is going to do. It's like trying to pick Miss America out of a baby, but they are conscious about breeding a healthy dog, they test the health of dogs before they breed them, they look for genetic markers."

The second level of breeders are ones that breed dogs based on what the dog looks like or with personality and temperament in mind.

The third level, or the one Wyerman said people don't like to talk about, are the commercial breeders, who own large kennels and are in it for the money, some of whom sell to pet stores. A litter of six or seven puppies selling for \$4,000 each equals more than some people make in an annual salary, he added.

"Dogs end up in pet

Liberati said the wom-

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market," Wyerman said.

The downside is you pay

"What is cuter than an

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Novi had several design-

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a pug and beagle, and a

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Liberati said Petland

Novi sells between 20-30

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It's a trend that that

Wyerman doesn't particularly like.

"Designer dogs are a con game breeders are putting over on the public," Wyerman said. "They seem to advocate they are taking the best characteristics of one dog and mixing it with another. ... In reality. when you shake up all these genes, 90 percent can be one dog and 10 percent another. It's really a crap shoot trying to figure out what you get. Why would I pay that kind of money for that kind of uncertainty? Other people have accepted they want a poodle with 600 years of breeding behind it or an Afghan hound with 3,000 years of breeding."

### Do your homework

The American Kennel Club keeps a registry of purebred dogs, as well as the established breed standard for 189 dogs. Information about each breed, including poten-

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ough exams, screening for parasites, heart mur-

A good appetite, playparents to get an idea of the size the puppy will eventually reach, as well

# tial health issues, personality characteristics, amount of exercise/ space required, their interactions with children, animals and strangers, the hygiene maintenance required and more can all be well as a list of people who breed those dogs.

mends doing your homework by researching the AKC website or even visiting a dog show, one of which he said can usually be found within 150 miles of one's residence on any given weekend. There, visitors can talk in person to breeders or those showing dogs they are interested in and learn

Responsible breeders will not churn out animals solely for profit, nor are they only looking to produce show-quality dogs; they want to provide healthy, companion animals and place those

as possible temperament. He notes 70 percent of a dog's personality comes from its mother. Meeting the parents will show the environment the dog has lived in, as well.

"Dogs at a shelter or from a kennel, they are just like kids who go to daycare or elementary school — it's like a petri dish, they can bring home anything, they pass things along," Osbourne said.

# Matter of civility

The fate of the poodle puppy is unknown. A released statement from Petland Novi said the customer had not yet provided requested documentation to the store and "at this point the customer has had no out of pocket expenses.'

dogs in loving homes. 'A lot of people don't want a show dog, just a pet for their kids," he said. "The reality is, I've known a lot of people who bought a dog that thought they were getting a bargain, but \$4,000 later in vet bills, it's no bargain. Do your homework, seek a reputable breeder, look for someone who will recommend one and the guarantee they might provide."

Those looking for a purebred dog may also be able to find one offered for adoption at a shelter, among the many mixed breeds also waiting for a home, or at a breed-specific rescue.

Learn more about specific breeds or finding a responsible breeder at www.oakland countykennelclub.com or www.akc.org.

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A veterinarian found the puppy to be healthy and fit for sale Feb. 25 according to the statement, which continued: "The health and wellness of our puppies is our highest priority at Petland Novi. A veterinarian comes to our store once a week to check the puppies and make sure they're up to date on vaccines and fit for sale."

The woman was advised by police that her complaint is a civil matter and can be pursued as such in court.

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# PUPPY

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fact," said Gage Liberati, one of six managers at the Petland Novi store. "She didn't come to us right away. We have paperwork with a 48hour policy and she signed."

A copy of the Petland Novi policy, titled "Puppy Warranty/Puppy for a Lifetime Program," indeed states that pets are not refundable after 48 hours (and if returned within the 48 hours, only 75 percent of the purchase price is refunded) and that financed puppies are not refundable.

'The 48 hours is to prevent rash decisions and impulse purchases and usually people know within a couple days if it's not a good option,' said Elizabeth Kunzelman, director of public affairs for Petland. "I don't have all the details on this specific situation, but we're waiting for additional documentation.'

### **Pet store sentiments**

She defends Petland Novi as "a very good store," but criticism of pet stores in general appears to be growing.

According to a news

"The biggest differpolicy further states that ence between us and a pets can only be replaced one time per purchase, breeder is care," he said. "From us you get a pupwith no exceptions made. Other stipulations on py package, a health both a limited 14-day warranty, training assispuppy warranty and the tance, products. ... We want to make sure you lifetime warranty require the puppy owner to have everything you buy specific dog food need for the puppy. As from the Petland Novi long as the puppy is happy, we are definitely

store every three months; purchase an average of \$30 a month in pet supplies from the store, excluding food and Advantix flea preventa-

### **Meet the parents**

going to be happy.'

Dr. Joe Osbourne, a veterinarian at Meadowbrook and Brecken-

in Novi, said many health issues in dogs do not show up until later. "You can't always tell what comes down the road, to what they are genetically predisposed to, like hip dysplasia," he said. "It's always important to have good, thor-

murs, things the layperson doesn't see. fulness, normal breathing and clear eves and nose should all be observed in a puppy you are considering taking home. Osbourne also recommends those shopping for a puppy meet the

found at www.akc.org, as Wyerman recom-

how to find a puppy.

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report from April 2, a retailer that planned to sell puppies in a Muskegon mall was unable to get a lease agreement after a social media outcry against the store. Protestors cited concerns of animals being bred for profit by puppy mills, without proper care or regard for healthy bloodlines, while animals in shelters are euthanized for lack of homes willing to take them in.

Since 2009, Petland Novi has been subjected to various protests, as well, according to the Facebook page "Petland Novi Boycott."

Although there is nothing governing hobby breeders or rescues. Kunzelman said, Petland franchise owners can choose to use them as long as they follow the standard of care defined in the Animal Welfare Act.

"There are approximately 10,000 dog breeders in the U.S. and, of those, only 1,600-1,700 are licensed and regulated by the USDA," Kunzel-man said. "Puppy mills are not licensed, regulated, there is no oversight. ... We do not get dogs from there."

# Fine print

Under the limited lifetime puppy warranty portion of the policy, it is stated that if a veterinarian diagnoses a congenital or hereditary disorder that interferes with a "puppy's ability to lead a normal life and will result in the pet's demise, this Petland retailer will allow full credit of the original purchase price toward the purchase of another puppy of your choice. Should your puppy pass away due to an accident, injury or illness, this Petland retailer will allow full credit of the original purchase price toward the purchase of

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# Filing deadline is Tuesday for local, county, state positions

# Staff Writer

Interested in a greater role in government? If that includes running for political office, time is running out to do so this year.

Republicans and Democrats interested in serving on a township board, Oakland County Board of Commissioners or state House of Representatives have until 4 p.m. Tuesday to file to run on this year's ballot.

In most local townships, the board of trustees is a seven-member board with a supervisor, clerk, treasurer and four trustees. In Novi Township, it's a five-member board with two trustees. Candidates can either



JOHN HEIDER STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Those interested in serving on a township board, Oakland County Board of Commissioners or state House have until 4 p.m. Tuesday to file to run.

circulate nominating petitions to get on the ballot or pay a \$100 filing fee. The number of signatures needed is based on the local population. Here's who filed locally as of early Tuesday.

# Novi Township

No one has filed for any of the five positions.

# County Board of Commissioners

District 9: Republican Hugh Crawford of Novi and Democrat Colleen Crossey of Novi. Each paid the filing fee to get on the ballot.

# State House of Representatives

District 38: Republican Kathy Crawford of Novi and Democrat Jason Dorsch of Novi. Each paid the filing fee to get on the ballot.

Nominating petitions for local office can be picked up at the township clerk's office. To seek elected office, candidates must be registered voters and a resident of that community. Those who have filed to run can remove their name from the ballot if done so before 4 p.m. April 22.

The primary election is Aug. 2. In that election, voters will narrow the choices down to the number of candidates in each political office to the number of seats available. Traditionally in the local communities, Republicans have won the elected positions, so any contested race is generally decided in the primary election.

The general election is Nov. 8.

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Novi percussion students include (back row, from left): Brendan Engelhardt, Connor Bradley, Brad Gamm and Noah D'Arcy; (middle row, from left) Lisa Tauro, Cameron Tassler, Rithika Vedamuthu, Eboni Brown, Ben Rice, Andrew Rice, Luke Snell and Morgan Burt; and (front row, from left) Connor Blaszkiewicz, Derek E'Lon, Elaine McIntyre, Connor Yergin and Gabrielle Boileau. Also on the team is Allison Rinkel.

# Novi percussion wins state crown

Novi Winter Percussion didn't miss a beat at the Michigan Color Guard Circuit State Championship competition April 3 at Saginaw Valley State University. Performing its show "Fire and Ice," the 18-member group was awarded a gold medal in its division, bringing the state championship back to Novi. The talented group competes February through April with a rigorous rehearsal schedule beginning in November. The group is under the direction of Jason Ihnat and Timon Sherman.



Grosse Pointe resident Jacqueline Wright and Novi resident Tim Farris attended the DIA's Cirque Black and White Ball, presented by the DIA's Founders Junior Council.

# Locals attended the DIA Cirque soiree



a great soiree and its recent Cirque 2016 was no exception. Inspired

by New York's legendary Black and White Ball in 1966, the FJC's

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Masquerade Gala kicked off the DIA's

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Dance America Art: 1830-1960 that will run

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tute of Arts Founders Junior Council knows how to throw through June 12. And downtown was certainly hopping Friday with the Tigers season opener, followed by a Speakeasy Dance Party at the DIA.

And next up for the family at the DIA is Sensory Friendly Saturday on April 16 and two puppet performances, Reverse Cascade, at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Sunday, April 24, in the First Level Lecture Hall.

And finally and very appropriately, DIAgoers have their last chance to see "Detroit Weather: 365 Days," which closes April 16.

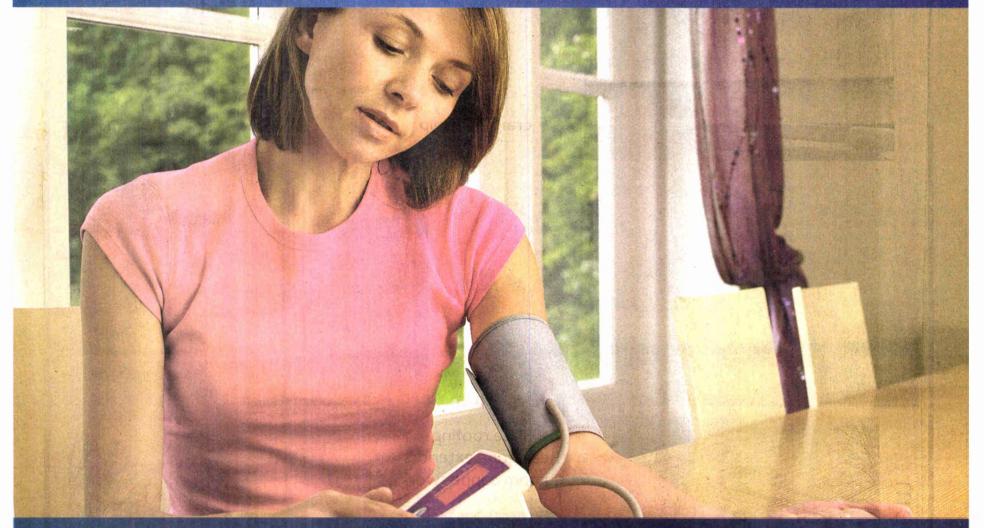
# Art on display



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Bill Senatore takes a look at a display of colored pencil artwork April 7 in the lobby of the Novi Civic Center. The center is currently hosting an exhibit of the Colored Pencil Society of America, Detroit Chapter. Some of the works are for sale ranging in cost from \$150 to \$3,000.

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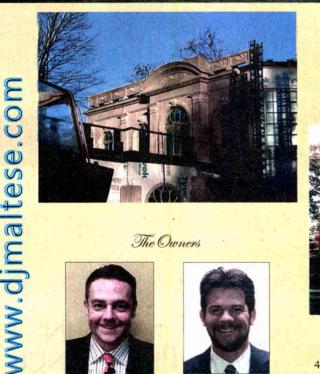


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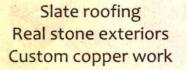
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# One expensive Whopper: Burger costs man \$300

### Susan Bromley Staff Writer

A man who bought a Whopper from a fast food restaurant told police he ultimately paid more than \$300 for the burger.

The man reported to police that he went to Burger King at about 2 p.m. April 2 and walked in with \$316 in his pocket. He ordered a Whopper meal and paid with a \$10 bill, placing the remaining \$306 on the counter top next to the cookie display. When the cashier gave him change, he put it in his pocket, but said he forgot to pocket the other \$306, left it on the counter and took his food. He did not realize he was missing the \$306 until four hours later, when he went to buy a pop from the gas station and noticed all his money was gone.

There is camera footage at the eatery, but the area where the man said he set his money down is blocked by the cookie display.

### Trumped

A Donald Trump supporter is short a political sign.

The man called police at about 8:11 p.m. April 3 to report that someone stole his Donald Trump sign that read "Make America Great Again" from his front yard on Winthrop Drive.

He said he arrived home at about 7:30 p.m. and saw the sign in his yard. About 15 minutes later, he heard his dog barking. Roughly 15 minutes after that, he said he looked outside and saw that the sign was gone. He has an identical sign in his back yard and he paid \$33 for both signs. He doesn't want to prosecute, but wanted the incident documented.

### Out of the closet

A woman claims she cut her hand on a hanger at Plato's Closet, but store employees say she cut her hand while trying to steal a purse.

Police responded to the resale store on Crescent Boulevard for a retail fraud report. An employee told the officer she watched the suspect take a brown Coach bag valued at about \$25 and cut the security sensor off of it. While cutting the sensor, the suspect allegedly cut her hand and then stuffed the bag into a purse she was already carrying and exited with-

out paying for it. The employee had the suspect's name, number and address from a store

form due to the woman selling other items before the alleged theft. The officer contacted the woman by phone, who claimed she cut her hand on a hanger and an employee gave her some tissue for the cut, then followed her out of the store and accused her of stealing a purse, which she denied. She said she decided to leave when the employee told her she was calling the police.

The woman, who has a suspended driver's license and several warrants out for her arrest, said she has mental problems and doesn't need another charge on her record. declined to meet with the officer and continually denied she had stolen anything. She was advised she is no longer welcome at Plato's Closet and told not to return or she could be subject to trespassing. She agreed not to return to the store.

# Blown second chance

A young driver found himself in trouble at about 1:06 a.m. April 2, when a Novi police officer pulled him over for erratic driving in the area of West Pontiac Trail and West Park Drive.

The truck the man was driving had a burned out

license plate light and was straddling two lanes on West Pontiac Trail, police reported. The officer stopped the vehicle and the driver gave him a graduated level 2 license. Asked if he'd been drinking, the man said he'd had one beer earlier in the day. The officer noted in the report the smell of marijuana and bloodshot eyes of the suspect. A pack of cigarettes, as well as a baggie of suspected marijuana, reportedly was found in the driver's pockets.

During a search of the vehicle, the officer found an MTech knife, roughly 9 inches long, under the front seat in a sheath.

The man was arrested for possession of marijuana, as well as possession of a dangerous weapon. During an interview at the station, he said the marijuana was not for him, that one of his friends owed another friend money and the two came to an agreement that it would be paid back in marijuana. He claimed he was taking the marijuana from one friend to another and had not used marijuana lately because of being diverted to Youth Assistance after a previous arrest. The knife was a Christmas present from his father, he said. He was issued an appearance citation for possession of marijuana and possession of a dangerous weapon and released on bond.

### No fooling

A Novi police officer apparently was not fooled by a man who moved from the driver's seat to the back seat and pretended to be sleeping after being pulled over.

The officer stopped the Dodge Charger with dark tint on the front windows at about 10:17 p.m. April 3 at West Oaks Drive and Novi Road. As the officer approached the vehicle, he observed it shake back and forth as if someone was rocking it and then saw the driver jump to the back seat.

The officer made contact with the passenger, who was now sitting in the driver's seat and noticed the male now pretending to sleep in the rear passenger side seat. While speaking with both, the officer stated he could smell marijuana.

The man admitted driving the vehicle and said he jumped in the back seat because he knew his license was suspended. A baggie of marijuana was located on the driver's side floor. The man was arrested and cited for possession of marijuana and driving while license suspended.

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# Fast driver, slow learner

A man traveling nearly 15 mph more than the speed limit was an obvious target for a police officer at about 5:06 a.m. April 2 on northbound M-5, just south of 14 Mile Road.

The officer made a traffic stop and learned the driver had an expired license, with multiple suspensions, and was currently on probation. He was arrested, issued an appearance citation for driving while license suspended and his metal plate was destroyed.

# Opportunist

Lock your cars. Police responded at about 7:04 a.m. April 3 to the Oakland Glens Complex at LeGrand Boulevard and Carousel on a report of a white male in his 20s with long hair walking around trailers and cars and looking into them.

Officers found several vehicles with their doors ajar and interior compartments opened and disturbed. The suspect was not found. The vehicle owners were contacted and found nothing of value missing.

# CITY OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF ENACTMENT ZONING ORDINANCE #03-21-16Za

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Northville City Council has adopted Ordinance No. 03-21-16Za for the purpose of amending the City of Northville Zoning Ordinance. The Zoning Ordinance text amendments 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.

The ordinance was introduced for first reading on March 21, 2016, and was adopted by the City Council on April 4, 2016. The ordinance shall become effective on April 22, 2016. The complete text of the ordinance amendment is available for public review at the City of Northville Municipal Building, Office of the City Clerk or the Building Department, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-349-1300, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or on the City's website at www.ci.northville.mi.us.

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# CITY OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF ENACTMENT ZONING ORDINANCE #03-21-16Zc

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Northville City Council has adopted Ordinance No. 03-21-16Zc for the purpose of amending the City of Northville Zoning Map. The amendment rezones the following properties from R-2 Second Density Residential District to R-1B First Density Residential District:

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

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

# Moms baby, kids and me resale

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, April 15; and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 16

Details: For more than 20 years the First United Methodist Church of Northville (777 W. Eight Mile Road) has hosted the Baby, Kids and Me Resale. The resale features over a thousand gently used children's clothing, books, toys, shoes and other children's items as well as maternity clothes. The Baby, Kids and Me Resale is a department style sale with tables arranged by gender and size and standardized low pricing. On Saturday there is a bag sale with all you can fit in a bag for \$6. Admission is \$2

The resale supports outreach programs for organizations that help women and children. Over the years, proceeds have provided play dough kits for children who have been in abusive homes and in protective homes with First Step; Christmas gifts and birthday party bags for Northville Civic Concern; and gifts for mothers and babies in the Neo-Natal Intensive Care Unit at the University of Michigan Hospital, among other things. For more information, email momsmorningoutnorthville@gmail.com.

# Mom2Mom sale

Time/Date: 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 16 Details: Novi Community Education's Child Care and Preschool is hosting its annual Mom2Mom Sale in the Novi High School Atrium. Admission is \$2 per adult and children younger than age 12 are free.

Sellers may call to rent a table and/or rack space. Tables are \$20 (five feet round) and rack space may be rented for an additional \$10. All large items are kept next to the seller with no extra fee.

Items accepted for sellers to sell range from maternity, baby, toddlers and children up to preteen. For more information, contact Community Education-Child Care at 248-449-1713. All admission proceeds will benefit the Child Care programs.

# **Band**, orchestra fundraiser

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, April 17

Details: Tom Holzer Ford and Novi High School are partnering in Ford's Drive 4 UR School event at Novi High School, in the parking lot off of 10 Mile. Anyone can support the Novi High School Orchestra & Band by taking a test drive in any brand new Ford vehicle.

For every test drive taken, Ford Motor Co. will donate \$20 to the orchestra/band with a \$6,000 cap. To date, Ford dealerships across the United States have helped raised more than \$30 million for local schools and nonprofits through this program.

# Foreign exchange meeting

Time/Date: 5:30-7:30 p.m. Monday, April 18

**Details:** Educatius International Exchange Students program is seeking families in Novi Community Schools that are interested in cultural diversity and hosting an exchange student for the 2016-17 school year.

Open house for more information and to see the students that are available for hosting will be available at the Novi Public Library. Contact Michelle Compton at 586-737-7069 or michelle.educatius@gmail.com with questions.

# **Democrats to meet**

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 19

Details: Democrats of West Oakland County will hold its monthly meeting at Novi United Methodist Church, 41671 W. 10 Mile. Planned is a recap of roundtable discussions and what's next. Go to www.dwoc.info for more.

## Dementia workshop

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to noon each Wednesday, April 20 through May 25

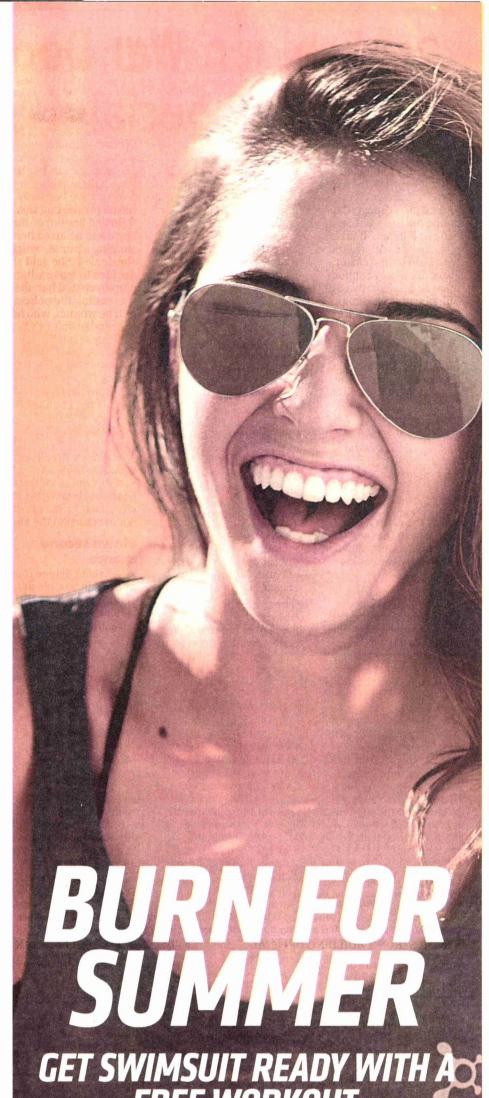
Details: The Area Agency on Aging 1-B and the Alzheimer's Association-Greater Michigan Chapter host free educational workshops for families caring for someone with a dementiarelated illness, such as Alzheimer's disease. The Creating Confident Caregivers program is a sixweek workshop series at the Novi Civic Center.

Caregivers will learn how to: reduce caregiver related stress; improve caregiver confidence; create a positive caregiving environment; plan daily activities for your loved one based on their strengths; and deal with behaviors caused by dementia and its effects on the brain. Advance registration is required. To register, call the AAA 1-B at 800-852-7795. For more information, go to www.aaa1b.com.

# **Comedy for a Cause** Time/Date: 8 p.m.

April 29

Details: Come show your support for deployed military troops. Big Tommy's will host a fundraiser for Troops Need Love Too, a Michigan nonprofit supporting deployed military. The evening features 10 comedians; two are veterans. 50/50 and silent auction planned. Doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. Call 248-762-1151 for tickets. Big Tommy's is at 40380 Grand River in Novi.





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# Michigan War Dog Memorial in Milford to host special K-9 Veterans Day event

### **James Mitchell** Correspondent

For years, it was one of the best-kept secrets in Lyon Township, a humble little pet cemetery off Milford Road. People called it the Happy Hunting Ground when the Elkow family first laid a faithful companion to rest there in the 1930s. Dozens of beloved pets had been buried there since, but as the years and decades passed, the humble plots and markers were all but forgotten

Now known as the Michigan War Dog Memorial, the rejuvenated resting grounds for beloved pets will host a special K-9 Veterans Day event Saturday, a tribute to service dogs who have taken "best friend" to life-saving levels.

'This mission has taken on a life of its own," said Phil Weitlauf, president of the Michigan War Dog Memorial, which had spear-headed the cemetery's restoration

Weitlauf - a retired veteran and dog lover had discovered the cemetery in 2010. Its markers included more than a few dogs who had served their country along with their masters in World War II, Korea, Vietnam and the Middle East. Research told him that the markers and plots had been abandoned, if not forgotten, the grounds taken over by nature.

The animals buried there, he thought, deserved better.

"I formed a detail with military veterans and K-9 supporters," Weitlauf said. "We needed to clean this up and show our

respect. Once people realized what was there and what we were doing, we had hundreds of volunteers who signed up to help.'

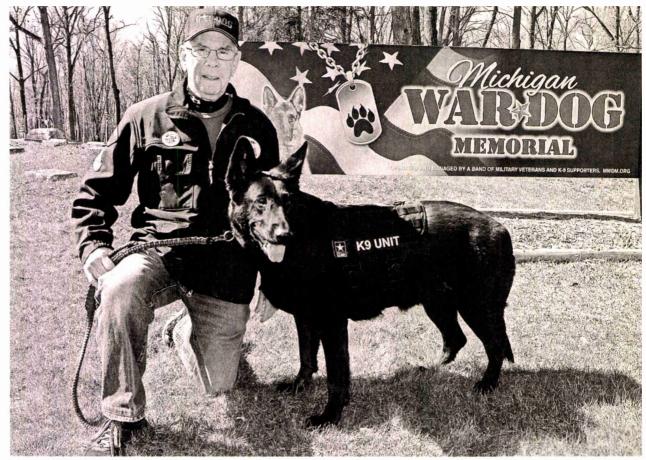
Weitlauf said that support continued growing as veterans and dog lovers realized what was there. The history of service dogs in conflict is a heroic tale of animals that have been credited with saving the lives of their masters: K-9 troops are said to have saved more than 15,000 lives in World War II, a number matched in Korea and Vietnam. Conflicts in the Middle East and the war on terror have only escalated that heritage, as have those who served with police agencies and as therapy dogs to include companionship for veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder.

'Ever since Sept. 11, the use of canines has tripled," Weitlauf said. "There are men and women who wouldn't have come home without these dogs. It's up to us to show our respect and honor these canines for what they're still doing.'

# **Ambitious plans**

In that spirit, the Happy Hunting Ground has been transformed into the Michigan War Dog Memorial. What had started as a volunteer clean-up effort became something far more ambitious. Plaques have been placed to honor dogs that had seen combat duty and plans are underway for a walking Path of Honor to salute four-legged heroes.

"We continued not only the restoration, but also some improvements and beautification," Weit-



Phil Weitlauf and his dog Ziva.

"This mission has taken on a life of its own." PHIL WEITLAUF

president, Michigan War **Dog Memorial** 

lauf said. "That's where we're at today."

Some of the upgrades will be on display during a ceremony set to begin at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 16, at the Memorial, 25805 Milford Road. The program will include an honor guard escorted by eight German shepherds, a tribute from the Rock and Roll K-9s and remarks by K-9 officers with the Oakland County Sheriff's Office and National Association of Professional Dog Handlers.

"Taps" will sound to conclude a memorial to fallen friends, including a shepherd squad trained to howl on command. The ceremony will also pay tribute to veteran, volunteer and dog lover Rob Wurtz, who died last year.

For more information about the Michigan War Dog Memorial or to volunteer, contact Weitlauf at pweitlauf@gmx.com or 248-685-8307 or go to www.mwdm.org.

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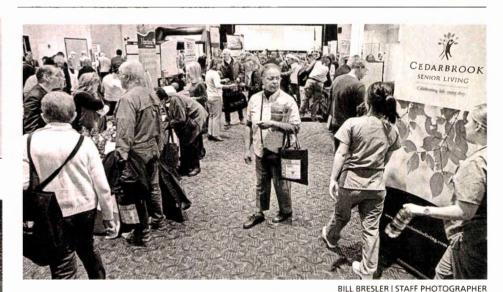


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Nearly a dozen war dogs, police K-9s and service dogs are buried at the Michigan War Dog Memorial site in Lyon Township.



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# KILLEEN

# SIEVERT



JERRY D. Age 69, passed away April 10, 2016. He was born August 20, 1946 in Plymouth, son of the late Alvin & Marja Killeen. Jerry graduated from Northville High School in 1965 and was an engineer with Chrysler for 33 years prior to his retirement. Jerry was an avid pilot and enjoyed riding his motorcycle. He is survived by his sons: Sean (Karen) Killeen and Matthew Killeen; two grandchildren: Rachael and Russell ; and his sisters Laurie Hewitt and Kristie (Ted) Hansen. Visitation will be held on Sunday, April 17 from 3:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. with a funeral service being held on Monday, April 18 at 11:00 a.m at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME. 122 W. Lake Street, South Lyon. Jerry will be laid to rest in Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens.

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# PETRICCA

MARY L. age 70, passed away April 4, 2016. She was born November 21, 1945 in Cincinnati, Ohio, daughter of the late Louis & Helen Romes Mary was a proud Registered Nurse and loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. She will always be remembered as a loving and devoted wife, mother and grandmother She is survived by her children: Jennifer London and Andrew (Erin) Petricca; her grandchildren: Devin, Alex Jacob, Nola and Cora. She is also survived by her sister Beverly; and her brother, Ken Marv was preceded in death by her husband, Richard in 2005 and her parents. A memorial service was held on Tuesday, April 12 at First United Methodist Church of South Lyon. Donations may be made to Saint Judes Children's Hospital

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# GILBERT F. age 88, of Battle

Creek passed away April 9, 2016 at Bickford Assisted Living in Battle Creek. Gil was born on February 17, 1928 in Tawas, MI to Fredrick and Alma (Quast) Sievert. He attended immanuel Lutheran School up through the 8th grade and then finished grades 9-12 at Bay City High School. After graduating high school, he earned his Bachelor's Degree and teaching certificate from the University of Michigan and later a Master's Degree in English from Eastern Michigan University. Gil served as a pilot for the United States Navy and upon discharge from active duty as a Lieutenant, he remained in the Reserves to complete 20 years. After his military career ended, Gil became a School Teacher, teaching Basic Math, Social Studies, and English at South Lyon Middle School in Oakland County, MI. He retired after 30 years of teaching. Gil loved to travel, frequenting Europe some 29 times throughout his life. With a passion for classical music, Gil enjoyed attending performances of visiting orchestras and artists as well as those presented by the University of Michigan, School of Music. Gil is survived by his 7 nieces and nephews. He also took great comfort from the friendships he had with the Marc and Merrie Pardo family, the Patrick and Kathy Smith family as well as his lifelong friend Michael Baker and his family He was preceded in death by his parents, and 6 brothers. Visitation will take place at the Kempf Family Funeral Homes. Shaw Chapel, 2838 SW Capital Ave., Battle Creek on Thursday April 14, 2016 from 1-3pm and 6-8pm. A funeral service will take place at the funeral home on Thursday April 14, 2016 at 3:00pm with Chaplain Robert Heine officiating. Interment will take place at Fort Custer National Cemetery in Augusta on Friday April 15, 2016 at 10:30am. Memorial contributions are requested to the University of Michigan, School of Music. Assistance with memorials are available at the Kempf Family Funeral Homes, Shaw Chapel. Please leave the family a personal message and sign the online guest book at www.kempffuneralhome.com



# TEKIELI-**FLORIO**



JUDITH Age 60, of Northville passed away peacefully on April 2, 2016. She was born April 11, 1955 in Detroit, Michigan; daughter of Stanley and Jane (nee Kasiewicz) Tekieli. Judy moved to Northville with her parents and made it her home for over 45 years. She was united in marriage to Nicholas F. Florio on August 25, 1996; lovingly married for nearly 20 years. Being a dedicated mom Judy was very active with the NHS Boosters Club from 1991-1995. She also became a fan of MSU football during her son's collegiate career Judy was a longtime MSU season ticket holder. She was an active member of the VFW Post 4012 Auxiliary and American Legion in Northville. Judy was very interested in computers not only for the knowledge but havingfun and playing games. She had wonderful culinary skills; Judy truly adored being in the kitchen cooking with Nick She was also an excellent baker and enjoyed tending to her flower garden. Judy had a zest for life and was a loving and compassionate wife, mother, sister and friend.She is survived by her husband Nicholas; her son Todd (Claudia) Zayti; her step-son John (Robin) Florio; her siblings, Virginia Tekieli, Thomas (Connie) Tekieli, Stanley (Renee) Tekieli, and Pamela Hewison. She was preceded in death by her parents and her sister Jane Wynkoop. A funeral mass will be held Saturday, April 16, 2016 at 10am with a time of gathering beginning at 9:30am at St. John Neumann Catholic Parish, 44800 Warren Road, Canton, Michigan 48187. In lieu of flowers contributions would be appreciated to the American Heart Association, c/o Nick Florio, PO Box 738, Northville, MI 48167. Please share condolences and memories at casterlinefuneralhome.com Arrangements entrusted to Casterline Funeral Home (248) 349-0611.

The VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College had a full house for the Senior Spring Expo.

# Hundreds attend annual O&E Spring Expo at Schoolcraft

### **David Veselenak** Staff Writer

Getting the newest information, especially for seniors, was a big theme at last week's **Observer and Eccentric** Senior Spring Expo at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. That's what drew Plymouth Township resident Kathie Gornica to the event.

The 82-year-old ballroom dance instructor, who teaches many seniors out of her home, said she comes every year to the event in Livonia to gather info and pass it along

"I like to recommend to my students who, a lot of them are seniors, that are going to have problems," she said. "I'm giving them brochures to look into it."

Gornica was one of hundreds who filled Schoolcraft College's VisTaTech Center for the annual event. Attendees sought information from the many vendors in attendance, including health care providers, estate planners and senior living facilities, among many others. Some seminars held during the event saw standing-room-only crowds to hear some of the speakers.

One such provider was Mercy Elite Sports Performance, a Livoniabased sports medicine facility located at13245 Newburgh, just south of I-96, and part of the St. Joseph Mercy Health System. Employees as well as local golf officials were on hand to examine attendees' golf swings and see what, if anything, could cause injury or other ailments while out on the links.

Terry Welsh, the outing and marketing coordinator for the city of Livonia's golf division, said it's important for those golfers to know what ails them, as golf pros don't typically go out and ask golfers about their health status on the golf course.

# **Nursing students** station

A new station this year was several tables of Schoolcraft College nursing students checking vital signs for visitors and talking to them about health. Students came and took blood pressure, among other measurements, from patrons and talked to them in a casual setting. The event replaced the students' clinicals for the day and gave them experience working with the

public out in the field. rather than in a medical setting

"This is more of a preventative-type event," said Rachel Morrow, a Westland resident and first-year nursing student.

One of those in attendance was Farmington Hills resident Rose Lehnerer, who wanted to be aware of what she and her husband needed to do to get their affairs in order.

It's something she hopes isn't needed for a long, long time, she said.

'My husband and I were interested in estate planning," she said. There's a certain amount of denial that you really need this. We all feel like we have an unlimited amount of time.'

Ingrid James of Canton said the event was the second Senior Spring Expo she's attended. She came last year and decided it was worthwhile to return this year.

She recommends others to come next year, because of all the access to information she picked up.

"I'm always trying to keep abreast of what the latest things are," she said. "This is a good place to go to find out."

# LOCAL NEWS

# Free dementia care workshops for family caregivers planned

The Area Agency on Aging 1-B and the Alzheimer's Association-Greater Michigan Chapter are hosting free educational workshops for families caring for someone with a dementiarelated illness, such as Alzheimer's disease.

The Creating Confident Caregivers program is a six-week workshop series. Classes meet for two hours for each of the six weeks. During the six weeks, family members learn practical techniques and approaches to help them care for their family member with dementia. Creating Confident Caregivers class will be held in Novi at the Novi Civic Center, beginning April 20. Classes will run from from 10 a.m. to noon each Wednesday. During the class, care-

givers learn how to: » Reduce caregiver

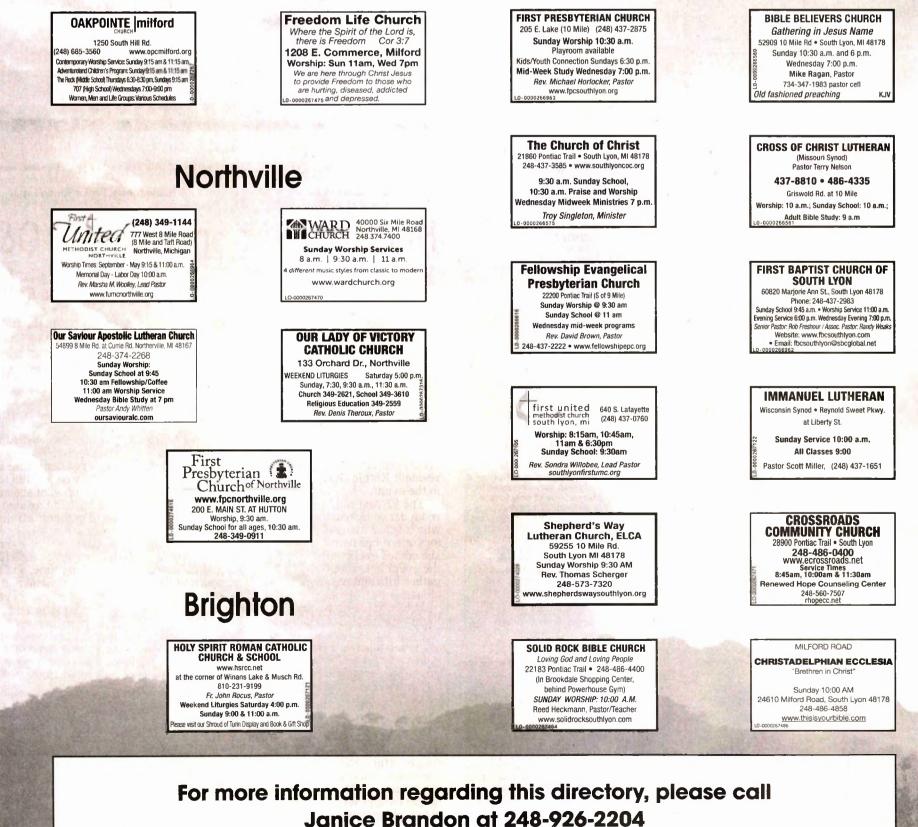
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The CCC workshops are evidence-based. This means that outcomes of the CCC program have been measured and the program has been proven to reduce caregiver stress by empowering caregivers with useful tools and information. Caregivers are encouraged to attend all six classes. There is no cost for caregivers to attend. All materials and books are provided by the AAA 1-B. Each class is limited to 12 participants. Up to three members from one family can attend a training together. On-site respite is not available at this location. In-home respite may be available. Minimum two-week advance notice required for in-home respite.

Registration is being accepted and advance registration is required. To register, call the AAA 1-B at 800-852-7795 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays. For more details or additional information, go to www.aaalb.com.

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# OPINION

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

# **OUR VIEW**

# Motorcycle safety takes smarts, sharing

As spring approaches, more motorcycles will take to Michigan roadways. All motorists, including truckers, need to keep an eye out for motorcyclists and their passengers to ensure their safety.

Motorcyclists, too, have a role to play in getting home safely. Their actions also determine how safely the road is shared.

Improving the safety of motorcyclists on our roads is the primary goal of motorcycle safety classes for all skill levels, the Schoolcraft College website of www.schoolcraft.edu notes. The Detroit Metro Motorcycle Safety Consortium, which includes Henry Ford Community College, Macomb Community College, Monroe County Community College, Oakland Community College, Schoolcraft College and Wayne County Community College District, offers hands-on, comprehensive motorcycle safety training.

The website adds that classes are taught by professional, certified instructors, who not only have a passion for riding, but riding safely. State funds from a motorcycle safety grant administered by the Michigan Department of State and federal funds from the

Beck Road.



Michigan State Police staff examine one of at least two vehicles involved in a fatal crash on D-19 south of Howell. It is believed that the driver of the pickup truck shown collided with a motorcycle, resulting in the death of the motorcyclist.

Michigan Office Highway Safety and Planning support this program.

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For your protection, all motorcycle courses re-

quire you to have a Department of Transportationapproved helmet (still required for all classes, even though the helmet law has changed). Also required are a long-sleeved jacket or heavy shirt, heavy-duty long pants, eye protection, full-fingered gloves, boots that cover ankles and have a hard sole (no high heels or high-top tennis shoes) and rain and cold weather gear.

Reading through this list is a good reminder that despite the helmet law brouhaha that brewed a while ago in our state, safety is always the top priority. A motorcycle helmet and appropriate clothing will go a long way in keeping you safe as you enjoy your motorcycle, and reduce your risk in an accident.

Closed-head injuries are a sobering reminder of how the simple act of correct use of a motorcycle helmet is simply smart.

This is especially important with the number of distracted drivers on roadways today, who may fail to notice an approaching motorcycle. Invest in a good helmet (sound advice for bicyclists, as well) and clothing that will make your ride safer and more enjoyable.

# LETTERS

# City council concerns

We need to continue to aim a spotlight on the actions of Mayor Gatt and council members Staudt, Wrobel and Burke. The dangerous and decrepit state of Beck Road between Eight Mile and Nine Mile has been known to residents for years. Instead of making a substantial reconstruction to the road, council chose to spend thousands on a road consultation firm which a few months ago held a public input session where a major topic was many aspects of the terrible state of

three council member buddies have given tax favors to a developer whose land is at the corner of Beck and Eight Mile. These tax favors reduce money to the city and state by at least \$1.1 million, much of which could also have been applied to fixing dangerous Beck Road. Gatt and his buddies also allowed the developer to increase the density of units from 19 to 31, completely ignoring the city of Novi Master Plan and adding increased demand for city services and additional cars to Beck Road.

Now, Gatt and his

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Then, Gatt and buddies topped it off by exempting the developer from Novi's outstanding tree ordinance.

As we drive down Beck Road and dodge the hazards of the crumbling pavement, we should remember that Bob Gatt, David Staudt, Wayne Wrobel and Brian Burke, by giving favors to developers, are allowing the standards of our city of Novi to crumble as well. John A. Kuenzel

# Development

concerns

As there continues to be more development on the west end of Novi and as a long-time resident who lives in that area, I am particularly concerned about three current issues.

Novi has been designated a Tree City USA for more than two decades. We have a tree department, a tree care ordinance, a community forestry program and we participate in Arbor Day each year. I consider all of this an asset to our community. Therefore, I am confused as to why the Novi City Council would weaken its own long-standing tree preservation program for the benefit of one developer who will remove 80 percent of the trees at Eight Mile and Beck without having to add one cent to the city's tree fund.

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My second concern is related to the high traffic volume on Beck Road. Currently, during the morning and afternoon rush hour, traffic along Beck Road is often backed up a mile or more between Eight Mile and Grand River. There are at least three subdivisions going in along this route, as well as a day care center, so what is being done to relieve traffic congestion in this area?

My third issue is related to accessibility to parks and green spaces in

these new subdivisions. While we have some wonderful parks in Novi, most of them require me to get in my car to get there. Building a walkable/bike-friendly community is important to the long-term viability of any community. Being able to walk my children/grandchildren to a nearby park makes my neighborhood much more attractive to families and potential home buyers.

Karen B. Zyczynski Novi

# Time for a new superintendent

I was dismayed to read about Novi Schools Superintendent Steve Matthews making yet another overture into a superintendent job with a different school district. After he lost as a finalist with Grosse Pointe Schools a year ago, he declared that his heart was still in Novi. A year later, he is now flirting with a school district in Washington. With Matthews, there's always a reason — he has a home there (Grosse Pointe), the state of Michigan legislative climate is unfriendly to public education (Bainbridge Island, Wash.).

If Matthews is selected in Washington, I wish him the best. If he is not chosen, the board would be wise to find another superintendent immediately --- one selected on the board's terms and time line, rather than waiting for Matthews to put in his two weeks' notice. By now it is evident that 2017 will bring a new year, a new opportunity for Matthews and a new reason why he "just needs to explore" and see if some other job is a fit.

Terminate him now. It's best for both parties. It will give Matthews another 40 hours a week to find that "perfect fit" he just can't seem to find here in Novi.

Larry Lewis Novi





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# Developer: Finding right space key to fill vacancies

### David Veselenak Staff Writer

Location still plays a big factor when it comes to developing land or buildings that have sat vacant over the years. Just ask Jeffrey Schostak, a vice president and director of development with Livonia-based and major area developer Schostak Bros.

Building on desirable, vacant land is great, but it needs to be in a great place to really bring in interest.

"I think with vacant land, really, the key is a good piece of dirt," he said. "Middlebelt Road, for example. That corridor has become one of the busiest retail corridors in metro Detroit.'

Schostak Bros. has some stake in Livonia along Middlebelt, south of I-96, owning several restaurants along that stretch, which has gone from fairly vacant to jam-packed in the last several years, with the

(Article 18)

development of restaurants, big-box stores and retail centers.

But moving on vacant properties that still have older buildings designed for another use is a bit trickier for developers, Schostak said, as many tenants are looking to jump right into a facility without having to make many changes to it.

The company has been involved with new developments in several area communities, including Livonia, Redford, Northville Township and Salem Township, to name a few.

That's why the company has moved forward with revitalizing the former Home Depot site, 12100 Inkster, in Redford. The 14-acre property, located just north of Plymouth Road, has been vacant for several years after Home Depot moved farther west.

"Retail location didn't work anymore and they moved to Middlebelt Road," Schostak said. "Then it turned into an

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office space. Now you're sitting on the market for a couple years trying to lease or sell a building.'

Today, the company is looking to turn that site into mostly light industrial, with some space reserved for keeping some commercial options available.

Getting it ready for potential clients and knowing what they want before it being shown is a key to moving these large vacant properties off the market, Schostak said. If a company can move right in without having to make many changes, more movement on a piece of property can happen at a faster pace.

"That's the preferred route, because you're already showing them something in their wheelhouse," he said. "Users today don't have a lot of time when they're searching for their real estate.'

# Working with local governments

These developments tend to not be worked on solely by developers. Lots of other stakeholders play a role, including local municipalities, many of whom work with zoning requirements, site plans and other conditions that affect the property

Schostak said working with entities has gotten better as the economy improves from the 2008 recession and that the company has generally had good relationships with surrounding communities when they're looking to develop. With tax bases seeing increases and a need for

more revenue emerges,

he said working with local governments has moved to a better location.

"Any redevelopment deal takes a large amount of public-private collabo-ration," he said. "Things got a little easier postrecession.'

Mark Taormina, the planning director for the city of Livonia, said vacancy rates across the 36-square-mile city have decreased throughout the last few years, with many shopping centers even seeing attractive facelifts being done as funding becomes more available for developers.

"I think what's a really positive thing that we've seen is that even the owners of our older retail plazas are recognizing

the need," he said. "Many of them are finally in a position where they can upgrade their properties and respond.

Livonia is home to plenty of vacant buildings and lots, the more noticeable ones being the former Chi-Chi's restaurant site at Schoolcraft and Middlebelt, as well as the old House of Denmark facility at 35555 Plymouth Road. "There are those prop-

erties that are a challenge, because they were built as a single-use property for a single use, Taormina said. "It is difficult to find an adaptive re-use of those properties."

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# **CITY OF NORTHVILLE** NOTICE OF ENACTMENT **ZONING ORDINANCE #03-21-16Zb**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Northville City Council has adopted Ordinance No. 03-21-16Zb for the purpose of amending the City of Northville Zoning Ordinance. The Zoning Ordinance text amendments add the definition of Garden Ornaments to Article 26 Construction of Language and Definitions, Section 26.02 Definitions, and add Section 18.11.12 to Article 18 General Provisions that allows Garden Ornaments, as defined, in a front yard setback provided it does not interfere with visibility from a driveway or intersection.

The ordinance was introduced for first reading on March 21, 2016, and was adopted by the City Council on April 4, 2016. The ordinance shall become effective on April 22, 2016. The complete text of the ordinance amendment is available for public review at the City of Northville Municipal Building, Office of the City Clerk or the Building Department, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-349-1300, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or on the City's website at www.ci.northville.mi.us

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# Notice to the Residents of the Northville Community

- Include a new requirement for a Certificate of Grading to be completed prior to the
- Certificate of Occupancy (Article 18). Add language that coordinates the first floor elevation of new structures with contiguous existing structures so that the new structure fits into the neighborhood. Flexibility for the Building Official has been added in cases of extreme topography (Article 18).

Coordinate maximum foundation wall heights with the "grade plane" standard

- Modification of Article 26, Definitions, including:
  - Adding an illustration for "Basement" and "Story" showing how both are determined on a sloping lot.
    - Basing grade plane on existing grades rather than finished grades.
  - New definition for "Grade," "Grade, Existing," and "Grade, Finished." New/amended definitions of "Mezzanine, Residential," "Mezzanine, Commercial," and "Story

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> Marie Barr, Chair Northville Township Beautification Commission

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# ST. JOHN PROVIDENCE PHYSICIAN NETWORK

No. 03-21-16Zd for the purpose of amending the City of Northville Zoning Ordinance. The Zoning Ordinance text amendments amend Article 15 Schedule of Regulations, Article 18 General Provisions, and Article 26 Construction of Language and Definitions as follows Modifications to the Schedule of Regulations (Article 15) which includes a variable height limitation based upon the size of the lot for the R-1A and R-1B Zoning Districts. The smaller the lot, the shorter the maximum height.

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# 'Jackets 4 Jackson': Tragic accident spawns program

Family, friends want law requiring all children to wear life jackets when venturing out on ice

### Laura Colvin Staff Writer

**Christina** Podvin knows it's possible her fiance and their 4-yearold son would still be alive if they'd donned life jackets before heading out on the ice to catch some fish last winter.

But David and Jackson Lyons were not wearing life jackets. When the ice on Highland Township's Alderman Lake opened up Feb. 1, Podvin lost the loves of her life: "the boys," as she calls them.

That's why, when friends and family asked for her blessing before proceeding with an idea Jackets 4 Jackson – Podvin didn't hesitate.

"I don't want this to happen to anyone else," she said. "We're getting so much support and I know the boys would want this to happen."

### An idea

Word of David and Jackson's drowning deaths hit the Huron Valley community hard. When Jennifer Zamiara picked up her daughter from Muir Middle School that day, she found Brookelyn, 13 — a close friend of Jackson's aunt, Shannon Podvin, 13 devastated by the news.

At home, they talked about the tragedy. They went online and did some research. They looked at the facts.

'We came up with a thought that we needed to raise awareness and amend a law so all kids 12 and under must wear life jackets at all times - on all bodies of water, including ice," Zamiara said

After talking it over with family and friends, Jackets 4 Jackson was born

"We didn't want this to happen to anyone else,' Brookelyn Zamiara said. "We felt like this is some-thing we needed to do."

When she told her friends about the idea, they were eager to help and quickly formed a group of six girls, including Jackson's aunts, Shannon Podvin and Jessica Podvin, 15, and many of their parents.

### The law

Laura Jennings, who is participating in the Jackets 4 Jackson cause along with her daughter Christa, also a Muir student, said the group's priority is to get a Michigan law amended so children under 12 are required to wear a PFD on the ice. "We've done a lot of

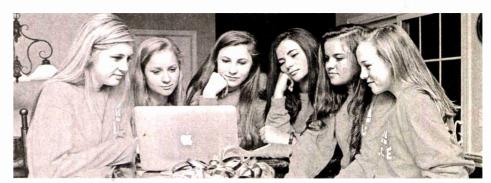
networking and had instant support," she said, noting the group has enlisted the help of those both inside and outside the community. "No one says no."

Currently, regulations for personal floatation devices, or PFDs, while boating in Michigan are spelled out in the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act of 1994: Essentially, children younger than 6 must wear a PFD when riding in the open deck area of a boat. Everyone, regardless of age, must wear a PFD while being towed in the water behind a boat and while operating, riding on or being towed behind a jet ski.

But while the Michi-gan DNR does publish detailed ice safety tips including "wear a life jacket and bright colored clothing" — the state has no laws requiring the use of a PFD on frozen lakes or rivers.

In an effort to change that, the group has met with current and former legislative leaders, including Bill Bullard, former Highland Township supervisor, state senator and Oakland County clerk, as well as current Michigan Senate Majority Floor Leader Mike Kowall.

Although Kowall's 15th District does not include Highland Township, Kowall said he planned to sit down with state Sen. Dave Robertson, whose 14th District does includes Highland, to discuss the issue and determine whether Robertson would be willing to in-



Jessica Podvin (from left), a Milford High School student, and Kaitlyn Lavery, Shannon Podvin, Sabrina VanAcker, Christa Jennings and Brookelyn Zamiara, all Muir Middle School students, watch a YouTube video created by Shannon Podvin in honor of her nephew, Jackson Lyons. The girls are working together, along with their parents, to amend a law that would require children under 12 wear a life jacket on the ice.

troduce an amendment to the law.

"Any time you change any rules, especially when it comes to the outdoors — hunting and fishing, etc., people tend to get upset about the government sticking its nose in," Kowall said, noting he was also seeking weigh-in from ice safety experts.

"It will be an uphill battle," he added. "I told them the first thing they need to do is raise some

public awareness.' They plan to do just that.

### **Awareness**

The girls recently made a presentation to Muir Middle School Principal Martin Lindberg and plan to speak before students at Muir and other Huron Valley schools. They've also got a speaking engagement in the works with Utica Schools and plan to approach other districts, as well.

On Friday, April 22,

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CHRISTINA PODVIN **David and Jackson Lyons** show off their catch after coming off the boat last summer. The father and son drowned Feb. 1 after falling through the ice on Alderman Lake in Highland Township.

the Jackets 4 Jackson group will take part in the annual Huron Valley Youth Baseball Softball League Parade at 6 p.m. in downtown Milford. The following day,

they'll be set up all day at Duck Lake Pines Park in Highland Township during the league's spring

"Even though Dave

and Jackson passed away, this is like their legacy,' said Sabrina VanAcker, a Muir student who is also participating in the project. "We don't want other people to feel the sadness we do.'

T-shirts designed by the girls in orange – Jackson's favorite color

- and wrist bands will be available for sale as a fundraiser to support the cause. The group will also collect signatures to garner support for amending the law and provide information on ice safety.

Eventually, the hope is to establish Jackets 4 Jackson as a nonprofit organization.

For more information or to contact the group, go to jackets4jackson.com or search Jackets 4 Jackson on Facebook.

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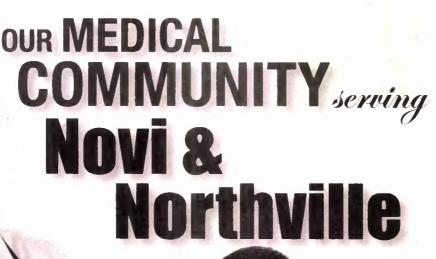
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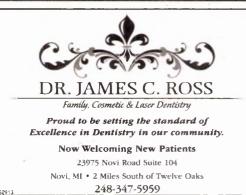
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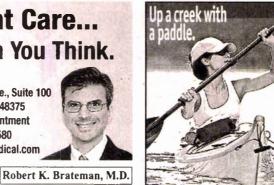


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# **Drop-In Little Me Storytime**

Time/Date: 10:30-11:15 a.m. Friday, April 8

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### **Book Discussion for Adults**

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Monday, April 11 Details: Enjoy a lively discussion of Susan Cain's "Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World that Can't Stop Talking." Just drop in.

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# **Relationship Matter\$ with Mark** Robinson

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 20

**Details:** "Evaluating Investment Professionals" How to establish an open and beneficial relationship that is based upon your best interests, fair play, accountability and trust. Register online at www.northvillelibrary.org or by phone at 248-349-3020.

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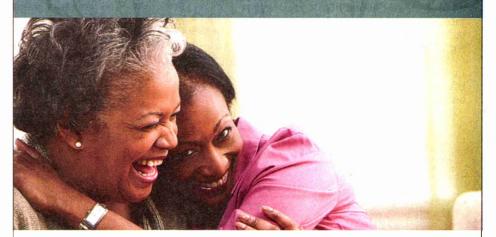
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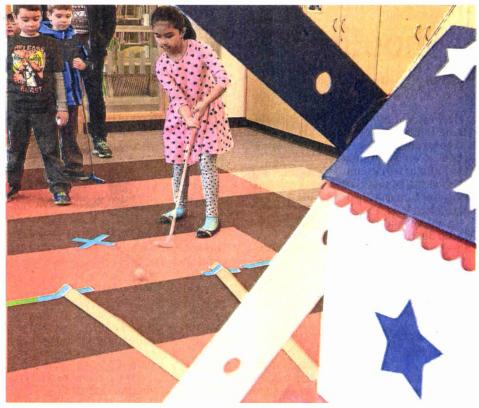
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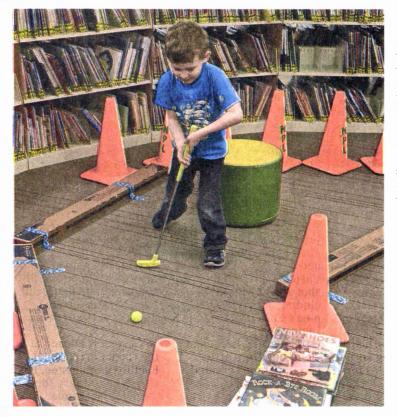


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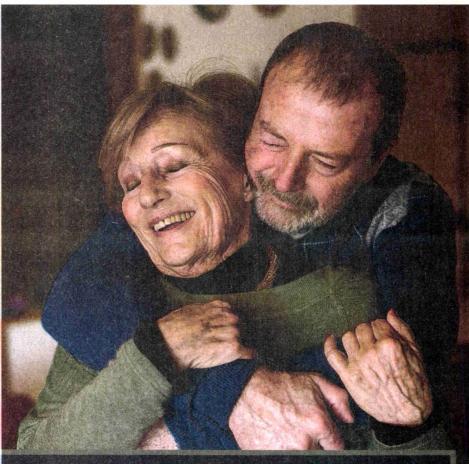
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Riya Mane, 7, tries to get the timing right for a shot through the windmill April 5 at the mini-golf event at the Novi Public Library. Librarians and building engineers set up the course throughout the library that day so that local kids on spring break could enjoy some fun indoor activities.



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PHOTOGRAPHER Graham Long, 6, enjoys dashing about the mini-golf range set up inside the Novi Public Library. The library was hoping to give local kids on spring break some fun indoor activities.



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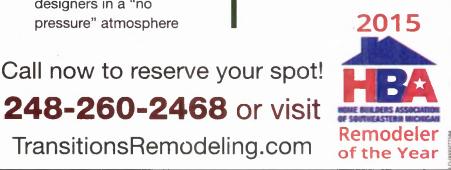


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# Michigan Supreme Court denies appeal in I-96 shooting case from 2012

Lisa Roose-Church Michigan.com

The Michigan Supreme Court has denied a request to hear the appeal of a Wixom man convicted of terrorism for shooting at motorists along the Interstate 96 corridor in 2012.

In a decision released March 30, the state's highest court said only that it was "not persuaded that the questions presented" in the case of Raulie Wayne Casteel should be reviewed.

The state's appeals court upheld Casteel's conviction in 2015.

Casteel's attorney appealed the conviction, alleging the 46-year-old man was denied the right to present expert testimony regarding his mental illness.

The appeals court disagreed, saying a diminished capacity defense is not applicable under Michigan law. The appeals court further refused his argument there wasn't sufficient evidence to support the jury's conviction on the terrorism charge.

Casteel also alleged his constitutional rights were violated when the prosecutor solicited testimony at trial that he had invoked his right to remain silent when he was arrested.

The appeals court judges said the questioning was "ill-conceived" and "inappropriate," but they ruled that the error did not result in a substantial diminishment of his rights to a fair trial.

Casteel was sentenced in February 2014 to 18-40 years in prison for his three-day shooting spree in which he fired a 9 mm pistol out the window of his vehicle, targeting 23



At trial, Raulie Casteel testified that he was not trying to harm people when he shot at motorists, but was shooting at cars because he was told to by a coded message he received at a Detroit Tigers game.

separate vehicles. The incidents began Oct. 16, 2012, and stopped Oct. 18, 2012, occurring in Livingston, Oakland, Shiawassee and Ingham counties.

At trial, Casteel testified that he was not trying to harm people, but was shooting at cars because he was told to by a coded message he received at a Detroit Tigers game and because the long lines of traffic triggered the "demons" in his mind. His paranoia included believing people were targeting his family and that military aircraft were flying over his home when he lived in Kentucky.

"To my way of thinking, at the time, (shooting) was to get rid of the demons, so to speak, the fear, the anxiety," the Michigan State University graduate told the jury in January 2014.

In a monotone voice and with little emotion, Casteel admitted that he shot at 23 vehicles, including Jennifer Kupiec's Cadillac on I-96 in Livingston County in October 2012, because "long lines of traffic coming at me" created "a lot of anxiety" about people following or monitoring him. To shoot Kupiec's passing vehicle was a decision, he said, that was made in seconds because "anxiety set in and fear."

"At the time, I can't say I had any thoughts of murder," he said. "It was never my intent to murder. ... Terrorizing the government, terrorizing the people, that never crossed my mind."

In addition to terrorism, the jury convicted Casteel of felonious assault, carrying a dangerous weapon with unlawful intention, intentional discharge of a firearm from a motor vehicle and possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony

Casteel also was sentenced in Oakland County to up to 12 years in prison for shootings that occurred on Wixom Road in Wixom. His sentence was part of a plea deal with prosecutors, in which Casteel pleaded no contest but mentally ill to nine counts of assault with intent to cause great bodily harm less than murder.

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Madonna University students toured studios and met industry pros during their spring break trip to Los Angeles.

MADONNA UNIVERSITY

# Madonna University students explore entertainment careers in L.A. trek

Julie Brown Staff Writer

Madonna University students visited Los Angeles over spring break to learn about careers in film, TV and more. Meghan Griesbeck, 20, a Highland Township resident, was among them.

dent, was among them. "I loved L.A.," said Griesbeck, a junior in broadcast and cinema arts. "I thought it was amazing. We were meeting with people in the industry."

She liked meeting directors, producers and a writer. "So we were really able to completely delve into the whole experience of Hollywood,' said Griesbeck, a Western Michigan University transfer who graduated from Milford High School in 2013. A total of 21 undergraduates and two Madonna faculty members headed to Hollywood for spring break, said Sue Boyd, a faculty member in broadcast and cinema arts from Highland. "We've been going out to Hollywood for probably 10 years," she said. "We've made such great connections.'





MADONNA UNIVERSITY Madonna University's Nancy Boyd on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

Nancy Boyd, who also visited L.A. as a Madonna freshman. "It was really great. We had so many opportunities. We actually reach out to people who work in the industry and get an inside look."

She noted Madonna's student visit goes beyond a standard Universal Studios tour. "I really enjoyed talking to the script analyst," Boyd said. "It was great talking to him about what makes a compelling sto-

He's also a screenwrit-

ry.'

# 'A giving community'

Added Boyd, on the faculty 35 years, "It's pretty amazing the people they get to meet. The arts seems to be such a MADONNA UNIVERSITY

Madonna University students Nancy Boyd and Meghan Griesbeck are startled to "meet" famed director Alfred Hitchcock during their L.A. trek.

giving community."

In past years, Madonna students had gone to Los Angeles in October and participated in a Project Accessible Hollywood that included a film festival. This year's focus was on tours and meeting industry pros.

"Spring break is a perfect fit for us," Boyd said. "They feel like they're getting a little break, too," she added of students.

Griesbeck liked the Sunset Gower Studios visit, where a lot of ABC and HBO shows are made, including "How To Get Away With Murder," for which they visited the set.

She liked an on-location lunch there, too. She's unsure of postgraduation plans and is interested in TV or film producing.

"Michigan doesn't have a huge incentive anymore," she noted of film making, although many Madonna alumni work in the industry here. "It depends on what kind of opportunities."

'Great opportunity' Kara Kwiecinski, 19,

of Plymouth Township is

a Madonna sophomore in broadcast and cinema arts. She graduated from Plymouth Salem High School in 2014 and has a Madonna marketing minor.

"I thought it was a great opportunity," Kwiecinski said of the trip. "They were just so willing to talk to us. It was really cool."

Like Griesbeck, this was Kwiecinski's first Madonna L.A. trip, although she's visited with family. Kwiecinski had been planning on directing and found her West Coast trek opened her mind to other options. Kwiecinski met a makeup artist she liked, as well as an actor/direc-

as well as an actor/director who's close to students' age. He has done a lot of work with Disney. "They're pursuing their dreams already," Kwiecinski said. "We can do that, too."

Of the trip, she said, laughingly, "Since we come from Michigan, the weather. Seeing what we're doing in Michigan really comes into play. That was the best part, just knowing what we're doing is worth it."

Kwiecinski plans to return her senior year. "It was very educational. It was also very fun, too," she said. "It was a great trip."

Nancy Boyd, 20, is a Madonna junior with a double major in music as well as broadcast and cinema arts. She's from Highland and a 2013 Milford High School graduate.

"Oh, I loved it," said

er who reads a lot of scripts; he recommends some be made, others considered with changes. "He definitely encouraged all of us to read scripts," to improve their own writing, student Boyd said.

She hopes to become a screenwriter and director. "I would love to hear an audience react to a film I've made," Boyd said. She recommends Madonna for film, radio and TV students, noting its hands-on approach.

Sue Boyd added, "We never know what's going to happen, which is good. We try to give them a range of things. You don't learn those things in a book. You need to go out and talk to people."

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# LOCAL NEWS

# My list of apps that everyone should consider

or those who have grown bored with Snapchat, Periscope, Trivia Crack and their existing emoji keyboard, here is a look at some apps that are worth consideration. Despite reaching app saturation and full phones, these productivity and entertainment apps are worth the download.

BitMoji: An increasingly popular app for millennials, this app merges popular emojis with the dated Bit Strip. Don't know what either of these means? That's OK. Download BitMoji, create a character and you can text custom images such as your character celebrating a holiday or playing a sport. Use BitMoji to randomly text a friend or family member. Your pop-culture knowledge may surprise them

**UltraText**: UltraText allows you to create and send GIFs (animated



images) through messaging apps on your phone. It is worth noting that Facebook messenger has GIF capabilities linked through an additional GIF app. But do you really need three apps from Facebook (or four or five if you count Instagram and What's App)? Soon they will control your entire phone!

**ESPN App:** A fixture on every sports fan's phone got much better recently as ESPN merged its traditional Score Center app with the Watch ESPN app. Now users can check scores, read news and even watch live games on their phone. Last month, I used my home's WiFi connection to watch a bowl game on my smart phone without experiencing any lag or issues. Simply select your cable carrier and get mobile access to live games and programming, which is usually abundant considering the breadth of ESPN networks.

Untappd: The craft beer craze is not slowing down. Users can down load Untappd to rate beers, discover nearby breweries, trending drinks and see what friends are trying. Untappd is a terrific way to find a drink that suits your tastes while also documenting what you've already tried. Didn't like a specific brew? Mark it down so you don't get fooled again. The more you try, the more badges you can earn - just remember to pull up your Uber app if you've overdone it and need to get home.

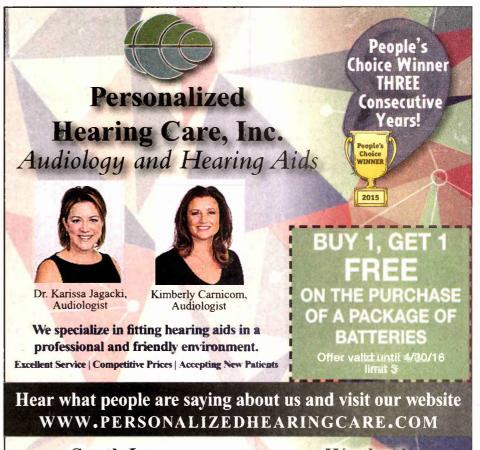
**Hyperlapse**: Not exactly new, but a great tool nonetheless to create

quick and easy Hyperlapse video on your phone. Great for recapping a landscaping or DIY project around the house, capturing a sunset or anything else you can think of. Like the other apps on this list, Hyperlapse is free, but some premium features may cost you a few dollars.

One Second Every Day: If you love capturing photos and videos of your pets, kids or lifestyle, consider downloading One Second Every Day. Like Hyperlapse, it gives users an easy tool to create videos or photo galleries using a few seconds of content from each day. Consider it the opposite of Snapchat as you can create memories that last instead of those that disappear after 10 seconds. **Games:** Even if your

storage and cloud space are bursting at the seams there is always room for another game, right? Candy Crush Jelly Saga, Surfingers, Hay Day and **Terarria** remain chart toppers in for free games in the Apple Store. Meanwhile, **Madden NFL** mobile might help you get through the months without football. movie fans can also get their fix via a variety of **Marvel** and **StarWars** games — some even for free.

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# WWCCA hosts eighth dinner, gun raffle

The Western Wayne County Conservation Association is putting out a call to firearm enthusiasts to get their tickets now for its eighth annual Friends of the NRA Dinner and Auction Fundraiser and gun raffle.

This is the second year the Hellenic Center in Westland is serving as host of the event. More than 250 people turned out for last year's event and WWCCA president Bob Havilland hopes to fill the hall this year.

"We can go up to 800 people," said Havilland, a Livonia resident. "We started at 165 people eight years ago and maxed out at 350 at Fox Hills. Last year, at the Hellenic, we had 250. Hopefully, that was because it was a new venue."

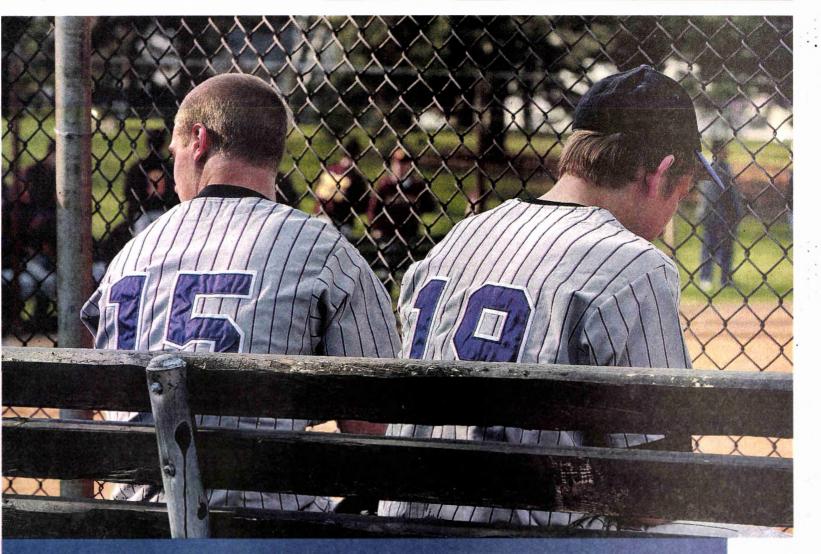
The banquet will be Friday, May 7, at the Hellenic Center, 36375 Joy, Westland. Doors open at 5 p.m. to view prizes and the silent auction. Games start at 6 p.m., with a sit-down dinner served at 7 p.m. In addition to a live auction popular at the banquet and is looking to add up 15-20 more as prizes in the raffles and drawings.

The WWCCA is partnering with the Firing Line in Westland for the event. It will be bringing a selection of guns to the event for the popular 52-card game in which player holding the winning card has his or her choice of weapon.

This is the first time Firing Line has been a part of the event. The indoor gun shop has provided use of its gun range for the WWCCA's youth programs, making it a logical choice to handle the firearms. Co-owner Tommy Vaughn is excited about being there and promises to "bring things people want."

Banquet tickets must be purchased in advance. No tickets will be available at the door.

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at 8 p.m., there will be special drawings and door prizes. Banquet tickets are \$40 each and include entry in a drawing to win a .22 caliber rifle.

The club also has begun selling raffle tickets for the chance to the NRA Gun of the Year, a Montana Rifle American Legends .300 Win Mag rifle, or Winchester lever action Model 1886 short rifle. Tickets are \$5. Both rifles will be given away in the winner gets first choice raffle.

"Each year, we try to do something different," Havilland said. "Last year, we raffled off a Kimber with the \$5 ticket. People like it in that they know the money goes for a good cause."

A variety of NRA Foundation rifle and handguns will be given away during the event. Among the guns are a Henry Golden Boy Second Amendment Tribute Edition .22 LR rifle, a Ruger GP100 double action revolver, Walther CCP 9mm white edition, Taurus Curve .380 and a children's Crickett .22 LR rifle.

Some will be used in games and others will be used in the popular bucket raffles. Havilland knows that firearms are

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# **GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD PREVIEW**

# **Big Ten talent leads Mustangs again**

All-state performers Abbott, Barrott bolster Northville

> **Brad Emons** Staff Writer

At least for one more season, Northville all-state runners Lexa Barrott and Chloe Abbott will be teammates before going their separate ways. Barrott and Abbott, however, won't

be far apart next season, but will be arch-rivals in the Big Ten at Indiana and Purdue universities, respectively.

The seniors are two of the big reasons why the Mustangs have posted a third-place finish (2015) and a runnerup finish (2014) in the MHSAA Division 1 state finals.

Barrott enjoyed a stellar junior season, finishing third in both the 1,600 (4:55.23) and the 3,200 (10:37.52) at the Division 1 state finals, while also being a member of the sixth-place 3,200 relay team (9:19.45).

Barrott was regional and Kensington

Conference champion in all three events.

Abbott, meanwhile, placed third in the 400 (56.53) and was seventh in the 200 (25.35), while also anchoring the Mustangs to a third in the 1,600 relay (4:00.98) at the Division 1 state meet. At the regional, Abbott figured in

four first-place finishes and added three wins in the conference meet as Northville captured both team titles. "It's something we talk about often

as a coaching staff, that we have to enjoy the team we have right now, Northville coach Tim Dalton said. "What makes them unique? Their work ethic. If you were here before practice, you'd see they're the first ones here and then at the end of practice they're the last ones doing hurdle drills, stretching, doing the little things to make themselves as good as they are.

"It's funny to compare them to where they were two years ago, three years ago ... to where they are now. And

we talk to our younger kids that if want

to get to that level, they're kind of the

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measuring stick for our kids. They want to be a Chloe Abbott, they want to be a Lexa Barrott. And if you follow their example and put the work in, you'll get there."

Also returning for the Mustangs is junior distance runner Cayla Eckenroth, who placed sixth in the state finals in the 3,200 (10:42.72) and was a member of the all-state 3,200 relay.

Senior Lindsay Walters, another returnee, was a member of that 1,600 relay and was a state qualifier in the 400 (57.75), placing 11th. Second team All-Area pick Emma Herrman, a senior, was also a state qualifier in the 3,200 (11:17.19) and member of the all-state 3,200 relay.

And although all-state hurdler Lauren Rodriguez, runner-up in the 100

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BRAD EMONS Big Ten recruits Chloe Abbott (left) and Lexa Barrott will lead the Northville girls track team this spring.

# **BOYS TRACK PREVIEW**

# Northville's conference hopes raised by returnees

Novi expects improvement; Graduation losses hit CC

> Brad Emons Staff Writer

Coming off a third-place finish in the KLAA Kensington Conference meet and a fifth at the Division 1 regional, an even more balanced lineup should bode well this season for the Northville boys track and field squad.

The Mustangs feature a talented group of distance runners, who took a runner-up finish in last fall's state cross country meet, as well as some experienced sprinters



# **GIRLS TENNIS PREVIEW UNDERDOG? NORTHVILLE COULD REPEAT STATE TITLE**

Novi also boasts strong contending squad for 2016

# **Brad Emons**

Staff Writer

On the heels of its first-ever state championship, the Northville girls tennis team goes into the 2016 season with a No. 1 ranking in Division 1.

But fourth-year coach Linda Jones cautions that the turnover throughout her doubles lineup due to graduation could put the Mustangs in more of an underdog role entering the season. Jones, however, will get a better

take on her team Saturday at the Utica Eisenhower, where the Mustangs play in a tournament that will feature last year's state runner-up Midland Dow, ranked No. 2, along with Bloomfield Hills, ranked No. 3.

"I really didn't expect them to put us number one, because we lost such good players last year," Jones said. It's going to be tough, personally between Bloomfield (Hills) and Midland Dow." Northville boasted a strong doubles lineup last season, capturing the Nos. 2, 3 and 4 flights at the state finals last June in Midland, while earning a run ner-up finish at No. 1. But only three of those eight players return, led by senior Reeshma Kumar (No. 1), senior Molly Bis (No. 4) and Serena Wang (No. 4). Bis and Wang combined for a 30-0 record last year. Meanwhile, three of the four top singles players return, including No. 1 Emma Worley, a senior who has signed with Nebraska, state singles champions Shanoli Kumar (No. 2), a sophomore, and Joanne Gao (No. 3), a junior. Worley, who battled a torn bicep that kept her out of 10 matches last season, still finished 18-4 as she reached the state quarterfinals. She was the KLAA 'A' tourney champion and regional runner-up.



Worley is the 12th-ranked senior from the state and a three-star recruit, according to TennisRecruiting.net.

'Emma is playing very well and is so much stronger than last year," Jones said.

Not far behind is Kumar, who went 29-2 en route to regional, KLAA 'A" and regional titles. Gao, meanwhile, was 30-1 with Division 1, regional and KLAA 'A' tournament titles as well.

Last year's No. 4 singles player, Neha Chava, went 24-3 and reached the state quarterfinals. She will play No. 3 doubles this year, while freshman Renee Torres moves into the

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Northville senior Emma Worley, the Mustangs' No. 1 singles player, has signed with Nebraska

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# fourth singles slot.

"It's tough trying to compare yourself to a team that has returning players from last year when I have so many freshmen," Jones said. "But

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# they're really good players."

# Wildcats outlook

Although overshadowed by rival Northville in the Central Division, Novi is coming off a stellar season of its own, finishing runner-up in the KLAA 'A' and regional tournaments

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and field event perform-Naughton

ers. "Aside from their individual goals for 2016, a group of athletes on our team have set the goal to challenge for the corference champi-onship this spring," Northville coach Tim Dalton said. "In order to do so, we will have to make individual sacrifices and be at our best for the conference meet. But this group realizes that and is up to the task. We have a strong foundation of multi-sport athletes that understands and values hard work and dedication.

First team All-Area performer Co-

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FILE PHOTO Senior sprinter Adam Ghabra (right) returns for the Northville boys track team.



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# **BOYS LACROSSE Mustangs race to victory over Cranbrook**

Northville uses balanced scoring attack to capture first three games in '16 campaign

# **Brad Emons**

Staff Write

Anthony Salamone finished with three goals and two assists, while Brennan Sweeney chipped in a goal and five assists Monday as Northville improved its boys lacrosse record to 3-0 with a 12-8 win at home over Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook.

Zach Tardich and Connor Sweeney added three goals and two assists, respectively, while Harry Dyson, Josh Bentley and Spencer Gonda each con-tributed a goal. Brendan Hicks also collected an assist.

Gonda was also 9-of-22 on face-offs.

The Mustangs, who led 8-4 at halftime, were led defensively by goalie Jeff Varner (12 saves), Abe Khoury (four ground balls) and Ty Kilar (three ground balls).

"It was a good, solid game and our guys played hard," Northville coach Greg Durham said

Jacob Cook scored three goals, while Willis Reasoner added two goals and an assist for the Cranes (0-3).

**BOYS LACROSSE ROUNDUP** 

NORTHVILLE 19, BELLEVILLE 3: Despite a slow start, the Mustangs (2-0) rolled to a non-conference win Friday over the host Tigers (3-1).

"We were careless, threw the ball away, so I called a timeout," said Northville coach Greg Durham, whose team led 3-1 after one quarter. "We had to be more aggressive. They picked it up and they played a lot better."

Northville led 9-2 at halftime and outscored Belleville 10-1 in the second half as Brennan Sweeney

drew an assist.

Meanwhile, Spencer Gonda continued his strong play, going 21-of-27 exclusively on face-offs. Kyle Condino and Abe Khoury led in ground balls with eight and four, respectively, while goalles Jeff Varner and Vaughn Browser combined for six saves. NORTHVILLE 19, HOWELL 4: The Mustangs (1-0) were bitting on all cyclinders Arris 5 as they

go along with five ground balls. Goalies Jeff Varner and Vaughn Browser combined to make eight saves for Northville.

Northville's Kyle Condino (left) streaks up the field in Monday's 12-8 win over Cranbrook.

# CC drops two out of three matches for week

Shamrocks edged by Ohio team after win at Brighton

**Brad Emons** 

Staff Writer

It proved to be a tough week for the Novi Detroit Catholic Central lacrosse squad, which suffered a pair of losses to fall to 3-2 on the year.

**GIRLS LACROSSE ROUNDUP** 

On Saturday, CC traveled to take on Midwest power Upper Arlington (Ohio) and couldn't overcome a 3-1 halftime deficit in an 8-6 setback.

Peter Thompson and Cole Gingell each scored twice for the Shamrocks, while Collin Burgin also added a goal.

Alex Jarzembowski dominated on face-offs to keep CC in it, but the normally penalty-

free Shamrocks found themselves frequently in the box.

Junior Hunter Braun stood out in goal for the Shamrocks with some timely saves.

"No shame in this one, as Upper Arlington proved to be very efficient and disciplined," CC coach Dave Wilson said. "That's been their trademark of the last 25 years.'

Upper Arlington improved

to 4-1 overall with the win.

On April 7, CC overcame a 5-4 halftime deficit with nine unanswered second half goals in a 13-5 win at Brighton (1-1) as Rocco Mularoni, Burgin and Gingell each scored twice.

Braun was the winning goalie for the Shamrocks, last year's MHSAA Division 1 runner-up

On April 5, CC suffered a

# PREP BASEBALL ROUNDUP

**Colliau sharp on** mound as Novi defuses Rockets

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10-3 setback to Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day (3-2) in a rematch of last year's Division 1 state semifinals.

"It was our worst loss in a few seasons ... lots of turnovers and lack of energy versus a good team really cost us," Wilson said.

and 0-1 in the KLAA South

NOVI 6-16, UTICA FORD 5-10: It's often the little things that add up to a big victory and that was certainly the case Friday as the host Wildcats (4-2) swept a non-conference double-header from Utica Ford (0-3).

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also went 2-for-3 with three RBIs and a run

VanKirk as Novi captured the opener in walk-off

Novi out-hit the Falcons, 10-9, as Alec Bageris

The Wildcats used four different pitchers, with

Scott Beaton going the final two innings in relief to pick up the victory. The senior right-hander allowed one hit. Jac Colliau, the starter, gave up five earned runs

on six hits and two walks in 3% innings before giving way to Shinyu Imamura and Czapski. In Game 2, Spencer VanKirk went 4-for-5 with two RBIs and two runs score to spark a 16-hit

Bageris, who had a big day at the plate, also went 3-for-5 with four RBIs and a run scored. Winning pitcher Nathan Lys, who pitched the

middle innings in relief, also went 2-for-3 with an RBI and run scored. Noah Matthews knocked in three more runs to go along with a hit and walk.

Bageris, the starter gave up five earned runs one seven hits in two innings before Lys went the next two, giving up an earned run on two hits. Johnny Bean, who also went two, allowed one earned run on two walks, while Imamura pitched

a scoreless inning. "We hit the ball pretty well against some pretty good pitchers from Utica Ford," said Novi coach

Rick Green, whose team improved to 4-2 overall. "We've been stressing trying to be disciplined at the plate and Mike Hrit drew a big walk to set up that big two-run rally (in the first game). When

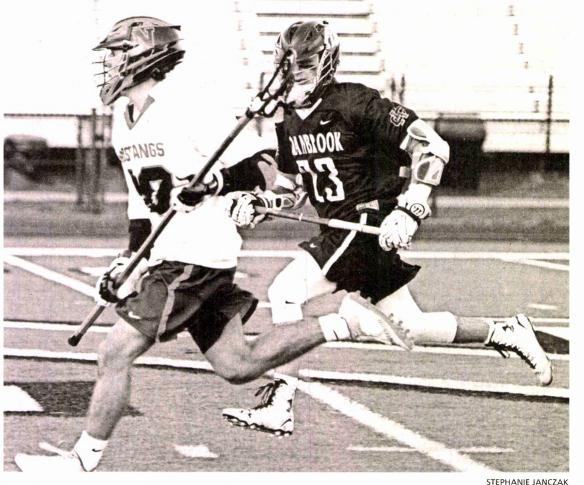
you keep battling at the plate, you can have big moments like that. It's the kind of sacrifice that carried onto the next game where we had eight

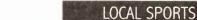
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led the way with two goals and eight assists. Midfielder Ty Kilar added four goals and two assists, while Connor Sweeney and Zach Tardich chipped in four and three goals, respectively. Josh Bentley and Harry Dyson each contributed two goals and one assist, while Brendan Hicks and Jacob Accardo scored a goal apiece. Anthony Salamone also drew an assist

(1-0) were hitting on all cylinders April 5 as they rolled over the visiting Highlanders (0-1) at Tom

rolled over the visiting Highlanders (0-1) at 10m Holzer Field. Coach Greg Durham's squad dominated from start to finish while building a 12-1 halftime advantage. Brothers Brennan (one goal, seven assists) and Connor (four goals, one assist) Sweeney led the way offensively. Josh Bentley, Jacob Accardo and Harry Dyson each contributed hat a trick, while Zach Tardich chipped in two goals apiece. Other goals came from Brendan Hicks and Jacob Murphy. "We ran our offense efficiently and we're starting to get it," Durham said. "It's a motion offense and the kids are doing a pretty good job. "(Brennan) Sweeney was feeding the ball like a machine. He was seeing everything. Accardo played well and Dyson was all over the field." Dyson also came up with eight ground balls, while Spencer Gonda won 88 percent of his 23 face-offs to go along with five ground balls.







Northville's Erin Scott (right) looks for an opening against the Plymouth defense.

# **Grosse Pointe South stops Northville**

**Brad Emons** Staff Writer

Elise Whitney scored what proved to be the game-winning goal late in the final quarter and Grosse Pointe South played keep away for the final two-and-a-half minutes to close out a 7-6 girls lacrosse victory Friday over host Northville at Tom Holzer Field.

Carson Dennis scored the game-tying goal as the Blue Devils captured their season opener.

Northville (2-1) took a 2-0 lead just two minutes into the match on goals by freshman Jessica Tardich and junior Emma Dietrich.

But South's Elizabeth Rauh, Ryley Kerik and Juliana Berkowski each scored to make it 3-2 before junior Sarah Chase tied the game for Northville at 3-3 just before the half.

Dietrich then scored two minutes into the second half to make it 4-3, but Julia Fox tied it a minute later with a goal of her own.

Northville answered right back on a goal by freshman Kendall Wasik to make it 5-4 with 20 minutes remaining, but the Blue Devils responded immediately on a goal by Margaret Reilly.

Dietrich put the Mustangs back in front 6-5 on a deep shot from above the 8-meter arc with 12 minutes to go, but that was the last Northville score. (Charlotte Beaudoin and Wasik also had assists in the loss.)

"I was happy with the way our girls competed tonight,' Northville coach Amanda Asher said. "It was our third game in four days and they fought through it, but we just could not quite pull it out against a very good Grosse Pointe South team.

Northville goalie Maddie Caffee, meanwhile, stood tall with 16 saves.

'Maddie played outstanding in goal and kept us in it in the second half," Åsher said. "We have really stepped up our non-conference schedule this year, so while it is tough to lose a game like this. Playing against strong competition in our non-conference should make us better in the long run."

NORTHVILLE 19, HURON VALLEY 3: The Mustangs (2-0) jumped out to an 8-0 lead after 10 minutes and cruised to a victory April 6 over Huron Valley Unified (0-1) at Tom Holzer Field. Junior Emma Dietrich led the way for Northville

with six goals and one assist, while juniors Sarah Chase and Ally Blough chipped in three goals apiece. Northville had six different players score goals in

the opening half to lead 11-2. Also getting into the scoring act were freshmen Jessica Tardich and Kendall Wasik with two goals

Amanda Malpede added one each. Chase and Beaudoin also added two assists, while Scott, Wasik and Malpede had one. Junior goalie Maddie Caffee, who played the first 30 minutes, made four saves, while junior Kat Weissert finished up with three saves.

"It was good to see the girls come out strong tonight after a grueling game last night," Northville coach Amanda Asher said. "We had great energy from the beginning and were able to jump out to lead and get everyone involved. Our girls were very unselfish and got each other great shots all night. It was a good victory for us." McKenna Miesclier tallied all three goals for Huron

Valley

### NORTHVILLE 10, PLYMOUTH 7: Emma

Dietrich scored four of her six goals in the opening half April 5 as the Mustangs (1-0, 1-0) opened KLAA Kensington Conference play with a hard-fought win over the host Wildcats (0-1, 0-1).

Northville trailed 2-0 early and then took a 6-4 halftime lead before Plymouth rallied in the second half to tie it a 7-7 with 10 minutes remaining. Junior Sarah Chase then put Northville ahead for

keeps with a goal. Dietrich and junior Ally Blough followed with late insurance goals to secure the

Freshmen Kendall Wasik and Jessica Tardich each

Chipped in their first career varsity goal. Tardich add Chase also collected assists. Northville's defense, anchored by the foursome of seniors Kelly and Shannon Leary, along with junior Anatasia Heath-Sheppard and sophomore Olivia Lesh, came up big during a three-minute stretch in the second half as Plymouth held possession of the ball from the nine- to six-minute mark.

Gaile Maddie Caffee, a junior, made a couple of key saves during that three-minute Plymouth possession and finished the match with seven total. "I was really proud of the way my team played," Northville coach Amanda Asher said. "Plymouth is a very tough team and it was a battle the whole way. I have a few girls who have been through these tough have a few girls who have been through these tough these the user but the new origin to their first varsity. games last year, but the new girls in their first varsity game really impressed me as well. It was a nice first win and an important win because it was a conference match-up.

# Wildcats also sweep Utica Ford in doubleheader

### **Brad Emons** Staff Writer

Jac Colliau pitched six strong innings Monday, leading host Novi to a 7-1 KLAA Kensington Conference baseball crossover victory over Westland John Glenn.

The senior right-hander, using a good curve and fastball, allowed just one earned run, a third-inning homer to Noah Damien, while allowing just three hits and one walk while striking out 12.

Cam Czapski came on to pitch a scoreless inning as the Wildcats improved to 5-2 overall and 1-0 in the KLAA's Central Division.

Offensively, Alec Bageris went 2-for-3 and scored three runs, while Scott Beaton, Andy Mizerowski and Nathan Lys each knocked in a pair of runs.

Losing pitcher Jordan Fuchs gave up five earned runs on five hits and seven walks in five innings as the Rockets slipped to 0-1 overall

# **PREP SOFTBALL**

Mustangs' new coach records first triumph with program

Northville cruises past Churchill in opener, 9-2

## **Brad Emons** Staff Writer

It didn't take long for Rebecca Quinn to get her first win as Northville softball coach.

Allison Zwarka did it with her arm and bat April 5 as the Mustangs rolled to a 9-2 season-opening triumph at Livonia Churchill.

Zwarka, a senior, struck out nine and allowed just two runs in pitching a complete game. She also helped her own cause, going 2-for-2 with an RBI.

Quinn

or nine walks."

Also chipping in offensively for the Mustangs were sophomore Sarah Hige, two

doubles and



Sophomore Megan Hotchkin also contributed a double for the

Mustangs, who had a sched-uled doubleheader rained out Saturday against Garden City.

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**GIRLS SOCCER** 

# **Battling the elements: Chiefs best Northville**

Mustangs defeated by Canton on night when weather ruled

### Tom Morelli Correspondent

Sometimes, it's just the way the ball bounces.

And with unforgiving snow to match the frigid 34 degrees at kickoff April 7 between Northville and Canton, the ball bounced every which way in what was the season opener for both girls soccer teams.

In the end, it was the Chiefs who were able to catch more breaks, but none were more important than junior Raquel Church's spontaneous drive in the 19th minute that turned out to be the difference for Canton in a 1-0 victory over the Mustangs at Tom Holzer Field.

As the Chiefs employed a hefty attack inside the Mustangs' box, Northville attempted to clear the ball out of the area, only to have it fall right into the path of Church for a smooth finish from point-blank range.

"It was definitely a matter of being in the right place at the right time," Church said. "Those easy ones are sometimes easy to miss.

Canton nearly doubled its lead three minutes later, but Church's crossing pass to senior Mary Galm was broken

up by the Mustangs' defense. Northville picked up the pace in the second half with a handful of scoring opportunities, including a blast by Abby Henzi off a feed from Sydney Schembri that went just left of the net in the 62nd minute.

The first official shot on net for the

Mustangs came with three minutes remaining, as Schembri's laser from 20 yards out was denied by Canton goalkeeper Sarah Hammond.

A stutter step by senior Alissa Moore warded off Chiefs defenders in the final minute of play en route to a 10-yard attempt, but Hammond negated it to preserve the win.

Jordan Anheuser and Hammond each played a half to earn a shared shutout for Canton.

"It was definitely crazy weather," Canton assistant coach Mark Zemanski said. "Northville's a really good team. We got the early goal and we were able to hold them out. They had some quality chances, but that's the way soccer goes.

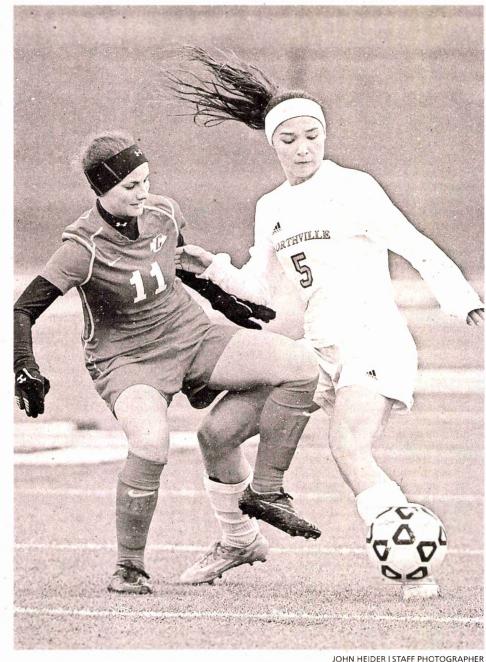
Although Northville coach Eric Brucker was happy to see his squad come alive in the second half, he believes that it could have taken more chances.

"We strung a couple more passes together and had opportunities, but we didn't adapt to the high-style their back line was playing," he said. "The space was behind them and we didn't use it. We generated more scoring opportuni-ties, but based on how Mother Nature was treating us, we should have had more.'

Sophomore goalkeeper Carlie Castiglione made five saves for the Mustangs.

BRIGHTON 3, NORTHVILLE 0: The visiting Bulldogs (2-0) scored three unanswered goals in the second half Saturday to beat the Mustangs (0-2) at Tom Holzer Field.

the Mustangs (0-2) at from Holzer Heid. Casey Codd scored what proved to be the game-winning goal in the 44th minute off a deflection that got past Northville goalkeeper Carlie Castiglione, who finished with 10 saves. Brighton went on to score a pair of insurance goals in the 53rd and 66th privates. and 66th minutes



Canton's Madison Archibald (left) contests with Northville's Morgan Osaer for the 50/50 ball.

GIRLS TENNIS TEAM CAPSULES



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Novi's Katie Xie earned second team All-Area honors last season in singles.

# THE WEEK AHEAD

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Promising newcomers: Renee Torres, Fr. (No. 4 singles); Maya Mulchandani, Fr. (No. 1 doubles); Andrea Nam, Fr. (No. 6 doubles); Connie Gao, Fr. (Nos. 4-5 doubles); Madison DeYoung, Fr. (Nos. 4-5 doubles).

Jones' outlook: "Our 2016 season is very promising, but not enough to capture another state title (yet). We are very deep in every position and hope to be bracket busters and cause disruption in every flight. Northville singles positions are very deep, though, with two returning state champs and a freshman in No. 4 singles (Torres) that is even stronger than our previous No. 4 singles position last year. All our incoming freshmen are very promising doubles players. I believe we will be strong enough to win our division, association, conference and regional titles again this year. I predict that we will finish third in the state with everyone returning for 2017 except our four seniors (Worley, Reeshma Kumar, Bis and Macaddino)."

# **TENNIS**

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before placing eighth in the Division 1 state finals.

Novi coach Jim Hanson, entering his 32nd season, lost four key players to graduation, but returns three of his top four singles players, led by senior Allison Lollo (No. 1), junior Jessica Lypka (No. 2) and sophomore Katie Xie (No. 4).

Lollo went 13-12 last year and was a KLAA 'A' semifinalist and regional runner-up, while Lypka finished 17-10 with second-place finishes in the Association and regional tournaments.

Xie finished 13-10 and reached the KLAA semifinals before finishing second in the regional, while freshman Jamie Fu will take over at No. 2 singles.

Returning to No. 1 doubles is senior Youna Lee. She will team with senior Carolyn Zhang, who played No. 2 doubles last year.

The Wildcats No. 2 doubles team will feature junior Teja Mogasala and freshman Michelle Wange, while senior Morgan Krupic and junior Alexis Malecki will team at No. 3.

Holdovers Katie Telder, a senior, and Katie Valade, a sophomore, will join forces at No. 4.

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Northville sophomore Shanoli Kumar, the Division 1 state champion at No. 2 singles, finished 29-2 a year ago.

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# PREP VOLLEYBALL

# **McKouen takes over Milford program**

### **Brad Emons** Staff Writer

Nancy McKouen has been installed as the new varsity volleyball coach at Milford High School.

McKouen, who spent the past two seasons as an assistant at Milford, replaces Mary Shelton, who stepped down after leading the Mavericks to a 61-26-2 overall record and one Class A district crown in two seasons.

'She couldn't give the Milford program the commitment she thought it deserved," Milford athletic director Jim Marszalek said.

McKouen, an Oakland University grad who was a member of Livonia Churchill's 1991 Class A state championship team, has experience coaching at the middle school, club, high school and collegiate levels.

She coached two varsity seasons at Troy High (2008-09) and was also an assistant coach at Wayne State University.

"Mrs. McKouen is a high-energy

volleyball coach with over 18 years in athletics and coaching, who aims to inspire athletes to do their best,' Marszalek said. "She offers a comprehensive background in sports psychology, fitness and injury prevention and motivational techniques. She is focused on cultivating hardworking and focused athletes and teams with an emphasis on teamwork and perseverance. She has excellent leadership skills, dynamic interpersonal communication skills and strong mentoring ability."

McKouen, who works as a fitness professional, hopes to build upon last year's 29-9-2 season.

Last year the Mavericks captured the KLAA West Division title with a 10-0 record.

'The core of kids we have coming back have bought into our system," McKouen said.

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# LOCAL SPORTS

# **BOYS TRACK AND FIELD**

# Shamrocks run straight past U-D High, 97-31

Catholic Central captures 13 of the 17 events in dual meet win

### **Brad Emons** Staff Writer

Just being outdoors was a victory in itself as host Novi Detroit Catholic Central launched its dual meet season Monday afternoon with a 97-31 Catholic League boys track and field win over University of Detroit-Jesuit.

"That's our first experience at running a dual meet this year," CC coach Tony Magni said. "Because of the weather so far, we've haven't done anything at all. And I thought our kids responded pretty well. We hadn't really done anything since Friday, Saturday or even yesterday because of the weather, so we tried to get everything together and be ready to go and they responded very well.'

Catholic Central won 13 of the 17 events, led junior Andrew Levens, who figured in three first-place finishes.

Levens swept the 110- and 300-meter hurdles with times of 16.5 and 44.2, respectively, while also teaming with junior Haden Kasdorf, sophomore Brandon Smith and junior Zach Chops for a victory in the 800 relay (1:38.0).

The Shamrocks also made a strong showing in the field events, led by senior Shane Joyce and junior Chris Bradbury, who placed first and second in the shot put and discus.

Joyce captured both events with marks of 47 feet, 0.25 inches and 126-0, respectively, while Bradbury was runner-up with throws of 121-10 and 46-7.

Other field event winners for CC included Brandon Smith in the long jump (19-10.25) and Brendan Downs in the high jump (5-4).

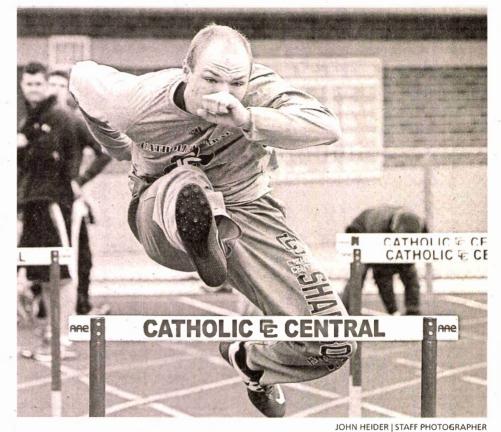
Other first-place finishers on the track for the Shamrocks included Nick Gessler, 400 (55.43); Scott Smith, 800 (2:06.0); Avery Felty, 1,600 (4:38.9); and Ty Buckley, 3,200 (10:09.1).

CC's 3,200 relay team of Mark Borek, Buckley, Ben Racine and Scott Smith took first in 8:49.4, while the foursome of Gessler, Quinn Smolinski, Racine and Ben Lockhart took the final event of the meet in the 1,600 relay (3:45.2)

The Shamrocks return to action Saturday at Ortonville Brandon in the Blackhawks Athletic Department Tri-**County Invitational before traveling** Monday to face defending Catholic League A-B Division champion Orchard Lake St. Mary's.

"We're looking forward to going to Orchard Lake St. Mary's," Magni said.

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Catholic Central's Haden Kasdorf warms up for the hurdles before the meet against University of Detroit-Jesuit.

# **BOYS TRACK & FIELD TEAM CAPSULES**

NOVI

Head coach: Marsha Reid, seventh year. League: KLAA Kensington Conference (Central

Last year's finish: Third, KLAA Central (3-2): Notable losses to graduation: Aaron Pringle, Nathan Hall, Collin Thomas.

Leading returnees: Joost Plaetinck, Sr., distance (second team All-Area); Scott Sawyer, Jr., high jump-pole vault (second team All-Area); Adam Dirt, Sr., distance; Scott MacPherson, Jr., distance; Josh Holcomb, Sr., sprints; Marcus Antolec, Sr., throws; Anthony D'Annibale, Jr., sprints; Gabe Mudel, Soph., distance; Hunter Joy, H., hurdles; John Stefan, Jr., hurdles; Aahmaud Jenkins, Sr., sprints; Matthew Bednarski, Sr., sprints,

Promising newcomers: Trey Mullins, Fr., distance; Nathan Hankerson, Jr., sprints; Viricent Ma, Fr., sprints; Blake Maday, Fr., distance; Eduardo DeOliveira, Jr., sprints; Brendan Ireland, Fr., sprints-long long jump; Sean Pitcher, Soph., sprints; Nisarg Dharia, Fr., sprints.

Reid's outlook: "We still have a ways when it comes to our throws for shot put. Discus has gotten a lot wetter. With Jenkins being healthy and Hankerson Iot better. With Jenkins being healthy and Hankerson coming in, along with our distance boys being strong, we're going to really have some competitive meets. I'd say a 4-1 (division record) would be our hope and ying higher in our conference. Both hurdlers, Joy and Stefan, look really good. The freshmen are really strong looking. As a whole group I like the potential going there. Sawyer has potential to break school record in pole vault and high jump." NORTHVILLE Head coach: Tim Dalton, fourth year. League: KLAA Kensington Conference (Central

Last year's finish: Second, KLAA Central (3-2); hird, Kensington Conference; fifth, Division 1

Notable losses to graduation: Jason Ferrante (first team All-Area), Jacob Kamm, Alec Przybocki, Matthew Priebe, Justin Days, Sean Flanagan, Sean McCullough, Matt Jankowski,

Anthony Sourges. Leading returnees: Conor Naughton, Sr., distance (first team All-Area); Adam Ghabra, Sr., sprints (second team All-Area); John Hamilton, Sr high jump (second team All-Area); Max DeDona, Sr., throws: Ben Cracraft, Jr., distance; Kenny Goolsby, Sr., distance; Jeff Baxter, Sr., middle distance; Thomas Smither, Sr., distance: Jeremiah Dunne, Sr., throws Clay Alexander, Jr., pole vault; Jacob Blackmore, Jr., distance; Evan Ferrante, Jr., distance; Anmol Multani Jr., throws; A.J. Abbott, Soph., sprints-jumps; Guiliand

Jan, Hows, AJ., Spolick, Solin, Sprints-Jurips, Guina Daniel, Soph., sprints; Robbie Kuphal, Soph., sprints. Promising newcorners: Oliver Daniel, Sr., middle-distance; Peter Bejin, Jr., distance; Nick Couyoumjian, Fr., distance; Casey McCord, Fr., distance; Zach Phillips, Fr., distance; Dante Silva, Fr.,

Dalton's outlook: "This season, we fee confident about our mix between experienced and young athletes. 2015 state qualifier Adam Ghabra returns for his senior season and will lead a young group of sprinters, including A.J. Abbott, Giuliand



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Members of the Novi boys track team get started during a recent practice.

Daniel and Robbie Kuphal, Senior Conor Naughton Daniel and Kobbie Kuphal, Senior Conor Naughton and junior Ben Cracraft, a pair of all-state cross country runners, will lead our distance group along with senior Kenny Goolsby, juniors Evan Ferrante and Jacob Blackmore and freshman Nick Couyoumjian. Our field events are expected to be stronger as we return our top performers from last year. This season we bring back our top high jumper (John Hamilton), loop jumper (Jau Abbet) pade juaitre (Jau Abara) long jumper (A.J. Abbott), pole vaulter (Clay Alexan-der), shot put thrower (Max DeDona) and discus thrower (Jeremiah Dunne)."

CATHOLIC CENTRAL Head coach: Tony Magni, 42nd year. League: Catholic League (Central Division). Last year's finish: second, Central Division (3-1); third, Division 1 regional; fourth, Catholic League (A-B Division). Notable Lossee to graduation: Lagre Ya

Notable losses to graduation: Lance Yassay (first team All-Area); Donovan D'Amore (first tea All-Area); Ike Marchie (second team All-Area); Michael Misiak, Connor Canavan, Brian Clark

Leading returnees: Shane Joyce, Sr., throws; Scott Smith, Sr., distance; Chris Bradbury, Jr., throws; Avery Felty, Sr., distance; Ty Buckley, Jr., distance; Brendan Smith, Soph. Iong jump; Zack Chops, Jr., hurdles; Andrew Levens, Jr., hurdles. Promising newcomers: To be determined. Magni's outlook: "2016 is our rebuilding year.

We lost some great seniors from last year. This year's team will have to step up and be the leaders."

### FRANKLIN ROAD CHRISTIAN

Head coach: Andrew Schmid, second year. League: Michigan Independent Athletic Confer-

Notable losses to graduation: None. Leading returnees: Joey Robison, Sr., throws; Erick Westphal, Sr., sprints; Nate Austin, Jr., distance-

Promising newcomers: Joseph Jonkman, Fr. throws

Schmid's outlook: "The team should improve Schmid's outlook: The team should improve on this year. Joey Robison returns throwing right where he left off last year and is the most likely to qualify for states this year in both the discus and shot. He is also helping lead freshman Joseph Jonkman to be the next strong thrower from FRC. Sprinter Erick Westphal is hoping to continue his improvement and possibly tor to set the school rect improvement and possibly try to set the school record in the 800. Distance runner-hurdler and captain Nate Austin is coming off another greatly improved cross country season and hopes to win additional medals this year."

# GIRLS TRACK & FIELD TEAM CAPSULES

NOVI

Head coach: Marsha Reid, 16th year. League: KLAA Kensington Conference (Central

Last year's finish: Third, KLAA Central (3-2); ifth, Kensington Conference; sixth, Division 1 regional. Notable losses to graduation: Hannah Lonergan (second team All-Area)

Leading returnees: Kate Prisby, Jr. (captain), high jump-long jump (second team All-Area); Karenna Roest, Soph. (captain), hurdles-sprints; Marissa Dunn,

Promising newcomers: Hannah McBride, Jr. httows (transfer from Texas): Kathenine Ray, Fr., distance; Heather Blair, Jr., distance; Tania Lopez, Fr., distance; Ellie Mackay, Soph., sprints-long jump-middle distance; Heh Surapaneni, Fr., middle distance-sprints; Emma Lowes, Fr., sprints. **Reid's outlook:** "I think we're going to have a lot of strong individual events. It's ongo to have

lot of strong individual events. It's going to be interesting watching this team come together as a team and see who steps into some areas where there have been some voids. Hannah Longeran left a void

League: KLAA Kensington Conference (Central

Last year's finish: First, KLAA Central (5-0); onference, Division 1 regional

Notable losses to graduation: Lauren Rodriguez (first team All-Area); Gracie Goble (second team All-Area); Aimee Montambeau. (fair AurArea), Ammee Montambeau. Leading returnees: Lexa Barrott, Sr., distance (first team All-Area); Chloe Abbott, Sr., sprints (first team All-Area); Cayla Eckenroth, Jr., distance (first team All-Area); Lindsay Walters, Sr., sprints (first team All-Area); Endsay Walters, Sr., sprints (first team All-Area); Endsay Walters, Sr., sprints (first team). Rachel Zimmer, Soph., distance

Promising newcomers: Bryce Quick, Jr., field events; Olivia Harp, Fr., distance; Sara Ismail, Fr., throws; Sydney Kloosterman, Fr., sprints; Daryn Lobingier, Fr., sprints-pole vault; Savannah Manley, Fr., sprints-field events; Claire Wan, Fr., sprints-distance. Dalton's outlook: "Our kids are working hard

Datton's outclook: Our kids are working hard every day trying to get better. We stress with our student-athletes that it is a process; results do not happen overnight. Losing our seniors is always tough but that is the reality of high school sports. It is imperative for us to keep our program headed in the right direction and look for some of our younger kids to step un and loak for some of our younger kids

Last year's finish: Eighth, MIAC; 11th, Division 4 regional. Notable losses to graduation: None.

Leading returnees: Grace Alex, Jr., middle distance-hurdles; Audrey Hicks, Jr., middle distance-hurdles: Gabrielle Lochrie, Jr., sprints-hurdles-middle distance: Shelby Buis, Fr., distance,

Promising newcomers: Robin Hanna, Soph., hrows-relays, Nya Johnson, Fr., throws-sprints. Schmid's outlook: "Hicks, Lochie and Buis, a

Last year's finish: 12th, MIAC: 14th, Division 4

burdle

r., throws; Emma Hammelef, Sr., throws-pole vault Sr., throws; Emma Hammelet, Sr., throws-pole vault; Chelsea Collier (captain), Sr. sprints; Hannah Hood-Blaxill, Soph. (captain), high jump-hurdles; Ciara Davis, Sr. (captain), sprints; Adeline Zamora, Sr., pole vault; Alexandra Pringle, Soph., long jump: Hurdles; Lauren Miesowicz, Soph., sprint-long jump; Hadley Peterson, Jr., distance; Sidney Hinojosa, Soph., sprints-middle distance; Kayla Savage, Jr., sprints;

our 800, your mile and the 400, for that matter And we needed her in the two-mile. We've got some freshmen that will come into the sprints. It's going to be a transition. In our division, obviously, Northville is above everybody else right now."

NORTHVILLE Head coach: Tim Dalton, fourth year

All-Area): Emma Herrmann, Jr. distance (second tea All-Area); Ana Barrott, Soph., distance; Yasmine Affes, Soph., sprints; Mary Catherine McLaughlin, Sr., sprints-field events; Emma Smith, Jr.; Erin McCallum, Soph., sprints; Emily Anderson, Jr., sprints-field events; Paige Zimmer, Sr., distance; Taylor Gattoni, Jr., distance; Hailey Harris, Jr., distance; Lauren Lambert, Jr., sprints-field events; Brooke Verble, Soph., distance;

to step up and play big roles for us.

FRANKLIN ROAD CHRISTIAN

Head coach: Andrew Schmid, second year. League: Michigan Independent Athletic Confer -ence

3,200 regional medalist, are coming off significantly faster cross country results, which should help them in their mid-distance to distance events. And Alex continues to be a strong runner and hurdler. Johnson and Hanna will play important roles in the sprint relays and throws. This season I expect the girls to significantly break the school record in the distance relays, as well as set new individual records in the skill events."

# **GIRLS TRACK**

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hurdles (school record 14.38) and sixth in the 300 hurdles (45.2), was lost to graduation, the Mustangs will be focused again on winning the division, conference and regional crowns.

"Our team goals remain standard and is really a four-step process," Dalton said. "We go from our division match-ups to our conference and regional meets, followed by making sure our kids are prepared and ready to compete and succeed at the state finals (June 4 in Hudsonville)."

# Wildcats improved

Novi 16th-year coach Marsha Reid is already beginning to see signs that the Wildcats could become more of a factor this season in the KLAA's Kensington Conference and Central Division.

"I think we're going to have a lot of strong individual events," said Reid, whose team took fifth in the conference and sixth in the regional. "It's going to be interesting watching this team come together as a team and see who steps into some areas where there have been some voids."

Junior captain Kate Prisby, a state qualifier in the long jump (16-9), was 14th overall in Division 1 and earned second team All-Area honors last season

Sophomore Hannah Hood-Blaxill, who has cleared 5 feet, 2 inches already in the high jump at the Michigan State Invitational indoor meet, is yet another returnee who will compete in the 400 and hurdles events.

Texas transfer Hannah McBride, a junior, has already thrown 33 feet indoors in the shot put and will be joined by seniors Marissa Dunn and Emma Hammelef

Sophomore hurdler-sprinter Karenna Roest also hopes to build off last year's success.

### Warriors take aim

Novi Franklin Road Christian second-year coach Andrew Schmid is optimistic the Warriors can improve upon last year's eight-place showing in the

Michigan Independent Athletic Conference meet and 11th-place finish in the Division 4 regional.

The Warriors will be led by juniors Grace Alex (middle distance-hurdles), Audrey Hicks (middle-distance hurdles) and Gabrielle Lochrie (sprintshurdles), along with freshman Shelby Buis (distance).

"The team last year was all first-timers," Schmid said. "This year, we have a strong core of leaders with our captains Lochrie and Alex, who should perform well enough to win more medals. We expect the returning 4 by 800 relay team to improve after finishing seventh at the regional last year."

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# **BOYS TRACK**

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nor Naughton, a Central Michigan University recruit, leads that heralded distance crew after winding up 15th in the Division 1 state finals in the 3,200meter run (9:25.94) after taking first at the regional (9:23.43).

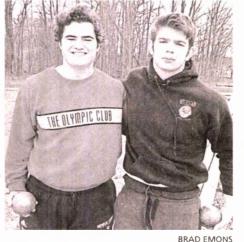
Naughton contributed to that runnerup finish last fall for Northville's cross country team, which also included Ben Cracraft, Thomas Smither and Kenny Goolsby.

Meanwhile, senior Adam Ghabra, a second team All-Area selection, will anchor the sprints after capturing the Kensington Conference and regional titles in the 100 dash. Ghabra was also a conference runner-up in the 200.

Ghabra's best times last last season in the 100 and 200 were 11.1 and 22.39, respectively. He was also a member of Northville's school record 1,600 relay team that captured regional and conference crowns.

High jumper John Hamilton, who cleared 6-3 last year en route to a state qualifying berth, also made second team All-Area and returns, while senior Max DeDona is back in the throwing events.

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Catholic Central returns two of its top throwers in Chris Bradbury (left) and Shane Jovce.

# **Novi optimistic**

The Wildcats stumbled last year to a 10th-place showing in the Kensington Conference meet and an 11th-place finish in the Division 1 regional, but seventh-year coach Marsha Reid believes things can be turned around quickly.

The team's top individual returnee is junior Scott Sawyer, a state qualifier

last year in both the high jump (6-3) and pole vault (12-10).

According to Reid, Sawyer is a threat to break school records in both events. He has already cleared 6-6.25 inches indoors this spring.

Meanwhile, senior Joost Plaetinck, a cross country all-stater, also earned second team All-Area honors by placing 19th in the Division 1 state finals in the 3,200 (9:32.06) after finishing third at the regional (9:29.0) and first in the Kensington Conference (meet record 9:32.14).

Junior Hunter Joy and John Stefan also give the Wildcats depth in the hurdles.

"Last year, we were in a little bit of a rebuild and, this year, I think, we've solidified some of those spots a little bit," Reid said. "We're definitely a stronger team than we were a year ago. We've tried to focus on being wellrounded and I definitely think we've filled some gaps and some holes and got some strengths where people are going to be able to tap into things where we'll be able to compete more in the sprint relays than we were a year ago."

## CC rebuilding

One of the area teams hit hardest by graduation was Novi Detroit Catholic Central, which is coming off a thirdplace finish at the regional and a

fourth-place effort at the Catholic League's A-B Division meet.

First team All-Area high jumper Lance Yassay and first team All-Area hurdler Donovan D'Amore both graduated, along with hurdler Ike Marchie, a second team All-Area pick.

The Shamrocks, however, boost a pair of strong throwers in Shane Jovce. a senior, and Chris Bradbury, a junior.

CC will also be strong in the distance events, led by seniors Scott Smith and Avery Felty, along with junior Ty Buck-

ley. "2016 is our rebuilding year," said CC coach Tony Magni, now entering his 42nd season. "We lost some great seniors from last year. This year's team will have to step up and be the leaders."

### **Franklin Road**

Novi Franklin Road Christian, under the direction of second-year coach Andrew Schmid, hopes to take a giant step this season after finishing 12th in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference and 14th in the Division 4 regional.

The team's top returnees include senior Joey Robison (throws) and Erick Westphal (sprints), along with junior Nate Austin (distance-hurdles).

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# **U18 WORLDS PREVIEW**

# **Final shot for National Development Team**

U18 squad ready to close out two-year mission at Worlds

### Tim Smith Staff Writer

Ever since they joined USA Hockey's National Team Development Program in 2014, Kieffer Bellows, Grant McPhee and Co. have kept their eye on the prize.

Namely, it's the chance to help Team USA win a gold medal at the 2016 International Ice Hockey Federation Under-18 Men's World Championship.

For them and their teammates, the U18 Worlds is the reason they have sacrificed on and off the ice over a two-year stint that included playing against bigger, stronger, older opponents from Division I colleges and the USHL.

And they can't wait for the puck to drop in Grand Forks, N.D.

"It's what you work for your whole entire two years here," said Bellows, a forward from Minnesota and son of former NHL great Brian Bellows. "I know these guys have and I have. We're really excited for it. It's something you go into and you don't want nothing else other than a gold medal. That's our focus.

"But we have to take it game by game, day by day and, if we do that, I know we'll be successful." All season with the U.S. NTDP Un-

All season with the U.S. NTDP Under-18 team, Bellows has wreaked havoc on opposing defenses along with high-flying linemates Clayton Keller and Joey Anderson.

The trio has the chance to finish with a flourish and then move on to their respective college career.

Bellows (Boston University) tallied 16 goals and 16 assists for 32 points in



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Grant McPhee (left) of the NTDP U18 team celebrates after scoring March 31 against Muskegon. He and his teammates are preparing for World Juniors in North Dakota.

23 USHL games this season, while Keller (BU) led all players on the team with 13 goals and 24 assists for 37 points. Anderson (Minnesota-Duluth) chipped in 10-10-20.

Just as pumped up for the tournament is forward Grant McPhee, who will play at Boston College next season.

"We're all very excited," McPhee said. "We put two years of really hard work into building up to something like this and everyone's starting to ramp it up.

"We're really excited to see what we can do over there."

### Springboard

McPhee and Bellows each scored in the U18s' regular season finale at USA

Hockey Arena, a 5-3 win March 31 over Muskegon.

"It was a pretty good springboard. We played really well," McPhee said about the win over the Lumberjacks. "We really want to bring that (kind of play) to North Dakota. Hopefully, we can."

In order for Team USA players to leave North Dakota with a medal, McPhee emphasized sticking to the basics.

"It's definitely playing as one and everyone taking advantage of their role and doing everything right," McPhee said. "And definitely (staying) focused. It's eight games, potentially eight games, so that's a big thing, staying focused throughout the tourna-

# ment."

U18s head coach Danton Cole said the team's depth and uptempo style of play could be factors at Worlds. But he added that an intangible is players knowing the end of the NTDP road is in sight and that they want to go out in style.

"It's two years and a lot of physical and mental work," Cole said. "And a lot of sacrifice goes into it. These guys have done a heck of a job and now we go take our final exam."

### **Roster unveiled**

Bellows and McPhee are among 22 players selected for the U18 Worlds as announced Tuesday.

The full roster includes: goaltenders Jake Oettinger and Joseph Woll; defensemen Adam Fox, J.D. Greenway, Matthew Hellickson, Chad Krys, Ryan Lindgren, Griffin Luce and Luke Martin; and forwards Bellows, McPhee, Joey Anderson, Logan Brown, Trent Frederic, Keeghan Howdeshell of Brighton, Clayton Keller, Will Lockwood of Bloomfield Hills, Casey Mittelstadt, Nick Pastujov, James Sanchez, Zach Walker and Kailer Yamamoto.

Preliminary round games begin 8:30 p.m. Thursday against Russia.

According to the NTDP website, 10 teams are split into two pools for preliminary round play. Group A includes the U.S., Switzerland, Russia, Sweden and Latvia; Group B has Finland, Canada, Czech Republic, Slovakia and Denmark.

Top teams will advance to the quarterfinals, semifinals and bronze and gold medal games.

For a full schedule, go to www.GrandForks2016.com.

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# USA Hockey Arena will be epicenter of it all

Plymouth hosts 2017 IIHF Women's World tournament

> Tim Smith Staff Writer

Consider last month's Under-17 Five Nations Tournament the dry run for USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth Township.

It was announced during press conference recently at the Beck Road arena that the 2017 IIHF Women's World Championship will take place there in early April of next year. The tourney will feature eight teams and is second only to the Olympics in size and scope for international women's hockey.

Among those watching the press



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for these events."

Monaghan added that USA Hockey feels "we have a lot of upside to what we can do with crowds. I think one of the things we're tuning towards is that women's world championship next spring and being able to have the house full every night and really rocking and really involve the community in the event."

Others on hand for the press conference included USA Hockey president Jim Smith and executive director Dave Ogrean.

They said the Five Nations tourney only hinted at the arena's potential.

"When we acquired this building (from Peter Karmanos), what was in our minds was certainly IIHF championship events would be perfect in a building of this size, in addition to the fact that we're like at ground zero for a heck of a lot of enthusiastic hockey fans," Ogrean said. "When we decided to bid for the women's world championship and have it in the U.S., we knew we just wanted to bring it here (Plymouth). ... I think our decision will be validated and it will definitely not be the last of what you see." Ogrean also made sure to credit Karmanos and Mike Vellucci - who respectively owned and guided the **Ontario Hockey League's Plymouth** Whalers out of what was then known as Compuware Arena until the sale to USA Hockey in spring 2015.

conference were players from the Detroit Compuware Tier 1 AAA girls hockey team, including captain Jordan Modjeski of South Lyon.

"It's unbelievable. It's going to be a really great experience," the 16-yearold Modjeski, a student at Livonia Lady wood, said afterward. "It's going to be really great to see the games, to wear some red, white and blue. ... We all look up to these girls. We've all watched them play and we all strive our best to get to where they are right now. It's going to be fabulous to see them in person."

Modjeski and her teammates enthusiastically greeted USA Hockey women's hockey director Reagan Carey near the podium and then chatted via cellphone to Meghan Duggan, captain of the U.S. Women's National Team.

"It's going to be tremendous. The facility is perfect size for us and to be able to pack the stands here with the red, white and blue is going to be great," Carey said. "I just called one of our (U.S. women's national) players, our captain Meghan Duggan, and they got the opportunity to speak with her.

"You can see the excitement and energy that goes with being able to Reagan Carey, director of women's hockey for USA Hockey, said bringing the 2017 IIHF Women's World Championship to the Plymouth arena is a perfect fit.

connect these young, future players with our top level. In women's hockey, you have to definitely work a little harder to build that connection. It's not on TV every night."

The women's tourney is one of several major events that are on the way to USA Arena, such as a U.S. junior camp featuring top male players under age 20 (late July and early August) and another Five Nations tourney in November.

According to Plymouth Township Supervisor Shannon Price, the buzz from last week's tournament (more than 6,500 fans came out to catch all or part of 10 games) hasn't dissipated and is growing even more with news of the women's world championship coming to USA Hockey Arena.

"It was a great tournament. We came up just a little bit short in the last game (Russia defeated the U.S., 5-3)," Price said. "But it was really exciting, the arena was full and rocking, people chanting 'U-S-A.' It was a great time for the arena and our community. "We fell in a bed of roses when USA Hockey took over this arena. And just when you thought it couldn't get any better, today we announced the women's world championship is going to be here in Plymouth Township and more programming coming. It's a fantastic asset to our community and they're a great partner."

### More to come

Scott Monaghan, senior director of operations for USA Hockey's National Team Development Program, said it was good to build off the momentum of the Five Nations Tournament with the recent announcements.

"We've only really brushed the surface of the fan base we can get to," Monaghan said. "It's obviously Plymouth, Canton, Northville, Novi those are our nearby communities and this should be their home team.

"But southeast Michigan, the hockey community, is huge. It's 30,000 people plus and we want to pull those people in "Pete Karmanos is just about as true and loyal and relentlessly supportive a partner as USA Hockey's ever had," Ogrean said. "We owe a huge deal of gratitude to Pete and also to Mike Vellucci, who's been a great ally of ours.

"We owe them a lot, because if not for them and if not for making a deal that something we as a nonprofit organization could handle, we wouldn't be here today."

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# **YOUTH WRESTLING**

# **Matkittens wrestlers lead way in NUWAY Nationals**

South Lyon clubs boasts five All-America performaces

### Brad Emons Staff Writer

The South Lyon Matkittens came away with a pair of national titles last weekend in the National United Wrestling Association for Youth tournament held at Battle Creek's Kellogg Arena.

Isabella Cepak brought him her fourth straight NUWAY crown by pinning her way through a field of 32 in the girls division, while teammate Sabrina Nauss added her third consecutive national title in similar fashion.

Meanwhile, second-year wrestler Tyler Swanigan finished runner-up in her first major national event, which encompasses 27 states under the NU-WAY umbrella.

The girls trio also registered five of the fastest pins during the entire tournament.

On the boys side, two Matcats

earned All-America status, led by 6year-old Domnic Nauss, who placed third, and 13-year-old Matthew Cepak, who earned his fourth straight All-America honor with a fifth.

"While this is all new to Dominic, Matthew shines at these national events never failing to place," Matcats coach Steve Richardson said. "The big stage is where he is most comfortable. Personally, I have been coaching Matthew for seven years and it's hard to believe I only get one more year with him before he moves onto the high school ranks. As our longest tenured Matcat, Matthew embraces everything we stand for – work ethic, sportsmanship and leadership."

The Matcats now transition from folkstyle and into the start of the spring freestyle wrestling season where they will host the state finals tournament Sunday, April 24, at South Lyon High School.

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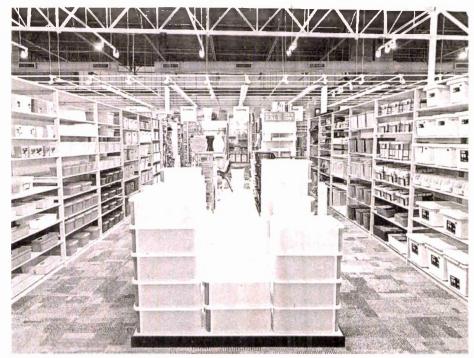
Earning NUWAY All-America honors from the South Lyon Matcats and Matkittens were (from left) Sabrina Nauss, Dominic Nauss, Matthew Cepak, Isabella Cepak and Tyler Swanigan.

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The Container Store, the place for fun and functional storage boxes, bins and bags, is coming to Novi.

Located in a former Best Buy in the West Oaks shopping center, the 22,000-square-foot store is scheduled to open June 4. It will be Michigan's first Container Store. A second store is scheduled to open in the fall at Rochester and Big Beaver roads in Troy

The Container Store is a favorite with fans of organized living spaces. It carries everything from cupcake wrappers to closet systems and dustpans to desks. In all, expect to find about 10,000 different products in stock, including

200 different sizes and colors of hangers.

West Oaks is located on the northwest corner of Novi Road and I-96. The store's address is 43525 W. Oaks Drive. Ten percent of its sales June 4-5 will be donated to Forgotten Harvest.

For more information about or to get a peek at its products, go to www.thecontainer store.com.

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# **CITY OF NORTHVILLE** NOTICE OF ADOPTION **ORDINANCE NO. 03-21-16 CHAPTER 82 TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES** SECTION 82-130 OVERNIGHT PARKING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Northville City Council has adopted Ordinance No. 03-21-16 - an ordinance to amend Chapter 82 Traffic and Vehicles, Article IV Standing, Stopping, and Parking; Division 1 Generally, Section 82-130 Overnight Parking; Violation as a Civil Infraction; Authorization to Issue Permits in the Code of Ordinances as follows:

Sec. 82-130. - Overnight parking; violation as a civil infraction;

authorization to issue permits.

# A Northville welcome



Dr. Alex Rodnick and his staff are welcomed to town by Mayor Ken Roth and the Northville Chamber of Commerce. Triumph Chiropractic is at 424 S. Main Street, No. 1, Northville.

# Burger 21 to open April 18 in Novi

Burger 21, an awardwinning fast casual franchise, announced its first restaurant in Michigan will open Monday, April 18, in Novi at 26425 Novi Road, Suite F, in Crescent Plaza

Local dignitaries and members of the Novi Chamber of Commerce will join the community for a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 10:30 a.m. prior to opening. In addition, the restaurant will donate 10 percent of all proceeds from the first two days of business to Parkview Elementary School.

To further celebrate, the first 100 guests on opening day will receive a free Burger 21 swag bag and one lucky guest will have the chance to win free Cheesy Burgers for a year. Novi residents can download the Burger 21 "B Loyal" mobile app, then visit the location on opening day to receive their first free Cheesy Burger, while automatically being entered for a

chance to win free Cheesy Burgers for a year. One winner will be randomly selected the day after opening. To sign up, download Bur-ger 21's mobile app from the Apple App Store or Google Play. Those guests who do not have a smart phone, can join the B21 Club to receive the latest special offers and promotions straight to their inbox.

The new Burger 21 is owned and operated by Moe and Wisal Samaha. The husband-and-wife team currently own another food service concept in the area and wanted to expand their business. The franchisees plan to open additional locations in the market over the next several years. To date, Burger 21 has 23 restaurants open in 12 states across the country.

"Moe and I are thrilled to open the first Burger 21 restaurant in Michigan," Wisal Samaha said. "After trying Burger 21

for the first time, we fell in love with the concept and its commitment to giving back to the communities it serves. We knew that it would be a great addition to Novi's booming restaurant scene as its extensive menu of delicious chefinspired recipes offers something for everyone."

Burger 21 will feature 21 chef-inspired beef and non-beef burger creations, like the Tex-Mex Haystack, Spicy Thai Shrimp, Black Bean and Mediterranean Chicken. The restaurant will also offer fresh salads, handcrafted shakes and a gluten-free menu.

The owners plan to hire 50-55 people. The eatery will have seating for 65 customers inside and another 38 guests in an open patio area.

Hours are: 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday; 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Go to www.burger21.com/locations/novi.

- (a) Parking on any public street, court, or alley within the city limits is hereby prohibited between the hours of 3:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m.
- (b) Parking in municipal parking lots is hereby prohibited between the hours of 3:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m.
- (c) The city manager is authorized to establish procedures for the issuance of permits for parking overnight on public streets, courts, alleys and municipal parking lots.
- (d) A person who violates subsection (a) or (b) without first obtaining a permit or permission pursuant to subsection (c) is responsible for a civil infraction

The ordinance was introduced for first reading on March 21, 2016 and was adopted by the City Council on April 4, 2016. The ordinance shall become effective on April 15, 2016. The complete text of the ordinance is available for public inspection at the Office of the City Clerk, 215 W. Main St., Northville, Michigan, 48167, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. or on the City's website at www.ci.northville.mi.us.

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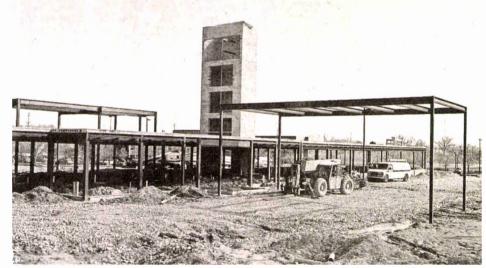
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OWNER:	Northville Public Schools Business Office – Third Floor 501 W. Main Street Northville, MI 48167-1576
DESIGNER:	Wright & Hunter, Inc. 818 W. 11 Mile Road Royal Oak, Michigan 48067 Phone: 248 594-5850 Fax: 248 594-5851
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# Hotel project underway



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A Homewood Suites hotel is under construction at 26150 Town Center Drive in Novi. The hotel, just south of the Double Tree Inn, should be open by this fall.

# Novi attorney named to World Trademark Review's WTR 1000

Quinn Law Group, PLLC, announced Staci R. DeRegnaucourt has been recognized by World Trademark Review for inclusion in its 2016 edition of WTR 1000 - World's Leading Trademark Professionals.

The WTR 1000 acknowledges the leading national and international trademark practitioners from around the globe and analyzes local trademark legal service markets in more than 80 country and state chapters. The expanded sixth edition of the guide cements its reputation as the definitive directory exclusively dedicated to identifying the world's leading trademark legal services providers.

WTR 1000 quotes one source describing De-Regnaucourt as, "among the most efficient lawvers I have ever come across. She is always



DeRegnaucourt

available, any day, any time, and is quick to send feedback whenever needed. Her insights into trademark law reveal a wealth of experience. You know your case is in safe hands with her.' DeRegnaucourt is recognized as one of only 14 individual attorneys acknowledged by the publication in the state of Michigan.

DeRegnaucourt concentrates her practice in

the intellectual property areas of trademarks, patents and copyrights, with an emphasis within the trademark sector, on obtaining, policing and enforcing domestic and foreign trademark registrations, as well as preparing trademark clearance and infringement opinions. Additionally, she routinely counsels clients on intellectual property portfolio management, brand protection, brand management and anti-counterfeiting.

DeRegnaucourt earned a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from Michigan State University and a juris doctor, magna cum laude, from Michigan State University College of Law.

The 2016 edition of WTR 1000 can be accessed at www.worldtrademarkreview.com/ wtr1000.

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# Condo Association Lawyers aim: upgrade condo living

Q: I was at a recent condominium seminar and heard someone mention that there is a College of Community **Association Lawyers. Can** you give me some information about it?

A: The College of Community Association Lawyers is an organization established in conjunction with the Community Association Institute, a national organization designed to improve community association living. The College is comprised of lawyers in community association law who have reached a high degree of recognition in practicing community association

law and have been active in educational, professional and have reached a certain plateau of ex-



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pertise in community association law. The Col-

lege's official credentials for admission and recognition state as follows:

» Promoting high standards of professional and ethical responsibility in the practice of community association law

» Developing and educating attorneys working in the field of community association law

» Facilitating the development of community association educational materials and programming related to legal issues for use by other professionals and homeowners

» Cooperating with international, national, state and local organizations, government agencies and other groups having an interest in community association law

» Working with their fellow college fellows to assist community associations in maximizing effective governance practices

» Creating a community of scholars to promote professional development needs and career goals of CCAL fellows » Helping implementing the goals and objectives of the Community Associations Institute and its fellows In Michigan we have only two lawyers who have been inducted in the College of Community Association Lawyers as Fellows, this writer being the first to be so inducted. Q: We have an issue with our city attorney in regard to an affidavit he filed regarding the fact that our property could not be subdivided without a variance. I don't think he has the authority to do that and I don't think he was correct. Do you think we have a claim against the city manager? A: Based on similar facts, I think you are going to have a problem filing a claim against the city manager based upon governmental immunity. The statute provides that in the absence of certain enumerated exceptions, governmental agencies are immune from tort liability when engaged in the discharge or exercise of a governmental function. In this particular case, the city would argue that it was engaged in a governmental function at the time it filed the affidavit. A governmental function is any activity that is expressly or impliedly mandated or authorized by the Constitution, state or local charter or ordinance or other law. No doubt, the government will argue that its filing of an affidavit was in furtherance of its larger, more general function of insuring compliance with its zoning ordinances and that the enforcement of a zoning ordinance is a governmental function.

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According to a 2016 National Association of Realtors' report, single women make up 15 percent of all home buyers.

# Industry report: Single women make up substantial share of home buyers

### **Julie Brown** Staff Write

If you're a single woman, you just may own your own home.

It doesn't come as a great surprise that the largest share of home buyer households is married couples. In fact, 67 percent of all home buyers are married couples. The second most common group of buyers, however, is single females.

According to the 2016 National Association of Realtors' Home Buyer and Seller Generational Trends report, single females make up 15 percent of all home buyers, and this number goes up when looking at older buyers - 20 percent of buyers between 51 and 60 years of age and 19 percent between the ages of 61 and 69 are single females. These percentages are substantially higher than those for single males, who only make up 9 percent of all home buyers; the share of single made buyers is even lower in older age groups, only 10 percent of buyers between 51 and 60 are single males. Mary Vellardita bought a Westland condominium in 2010 and is glad she did so. "Economically it made more sense because you get a return on your investment. Tax advantages. More privacy," she said of ownership compared to renting. "I like the fact that I still have a little yard to enjoy but I don't have to do yard work," Vellardita said. "I have ample storage compared to what you get in most apartments." Her garage was also a big selling point.

Home Builders Association

of Southeastern Michigan

(HBA) has announced that

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The NAR report found those more likely to be trading up (Gen X homeowners) or trading down (older boomers) represented the largest share of sellers in the past year, at 25 percent and 24 percent, respectively.

"That's huge to me, and I don't have to shovel snow and cut grass. It's perfect for me," said Vellardita, the marketing and membership manager for the Westland Chamber of Com-

Robin Kay Cooke is an associate broker for Cooke Realty of Keller Williams Plymouth-Canton, and has been in real estate 14 years. "We oftentimes have single women buy," said Cooke. She sold to a widow a Canton condominium who was moving from Redford with her mother, who has health issues associated with aging. "That was really a helpful move for them," Cooke said. Cooke finds for married couples women have a great say in home purchases. "If the wife's not happy, no one's hap-py," she noted with a chuckle. "They carry a lot of the decision-making." For her own family, "My husband trusts my judgment," Cooke said. Her husband wanted a three-car garage, and wasn't all that interested in the kitchen or bathrooms of their home. She finds women look in particular for walk-in closets, hardwood floors (helpful for those with allergies, and good for upkeep), granite or other hard-surfaced countertops and more.

"Really people need to have that in their home to be competitive in today's market," Cooke said of the countertops. Outdoors matters to buyers, too.

"A lot of people like to entertain in their yard space," Cooke said. "People started to invest in their back yards and see it as an extension of their living space."

For single women, she rec ommends an attached garage for safety. She also encourages single women to drive a prospective neighborhood at different times, and to talk to potential neighbors.

daughter is in private school, which made public systems less important to her mother. The woman wished to carry on their ethnic heritage, noted Cooke, an issue with some buyers when they relocate.

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"After hours, you can kind of see the demographics,' Cooke said, noting single mothers can see if there are other children living nearby.

The laws of years ago that limited single women in buying a home are long gone, agreed Cooke. "It really comes down to creditworthiness and income," she said, noting usually two years on a job is needed.

"Their goals are the same, typically," Cooke said of single women buyers and general buyers. Some women buyers are very social, she said, "and interact with the neighborhood and others choose not to.'

She had a client of Indian descent who is mom to a daughter around 12. The

need a larger home or move because of job relocation, older boomers were far more likely to move further away. Sellers overall moved a median distance of 20 miles, with older boomers traveling the furthest at 75 miles.

Across every generation at 88 percent or above, sellers overwhelmingly used a real estate agent or broker to sell their home. When asked what sellers wanted most from their real estate agent, younger sellers were more likely to want their agent to help price their home competitively or sell within a specific time frame, whereas help finding a buyer was desired more by younger and older boomers.

The National Association of Realtors website contributed to this report.

> 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.

### energy saving features. These homes offer visitors May.

the opportunity to gather design and decor, ideas that could be used in their own homes.

On-site ticket sales will be available during the run of the program. Over 50,000 home owners, home buyers and dreamers are expected to visit Homearama 2016. Special events are also planned during the run of the event. More information will be available at www.HomearamaHBA.com beginning in

Headquartered in West Bloomfield, Home Builders Association of SE Michigan (HBA) is a trade association representing nearly 800 builders, remodelers, developers and suppliers to the single family residential construction industry. HBA is affiliated with the Home Builders Association of Michigan in Lansing and the National Association of Home Builders in Washington, D.C.

# **REAL ESTATE BRIEFS**

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Homearama plans progressing well, trade group reports

### Investors

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne will have an open forum. Investors will answer questions and offer a market update. Meetings are at 6-9 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the Red Lobster on Eureka in Southgate.

Members are free, guests \$20, which will be applied to

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tional seminar on short sale procedures.

Bonnie David, broker/owner of Quantum Real Estate, is the presenter. It will be 6-7 p.m. each Thursday at 129 N. Lafayette, downtown South Lyon.

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### **Free foreclosure tours**

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# Common mistakes can derail your first job hunt

BY DEBRA AUERBACH CAREERBUILDER

ob seekers just entering the workforce may be eager to land their first gigs ASAP. While enthusiasm is a positive thing, it shouldn't be at the expense of doing thorough research and taking the time to really prepare for all stages of the job-search process.

If you're new to the working world, here are some common mistakes to avoid so you can set yourself up for a more successful search.

# Having an unprofessional social media presence

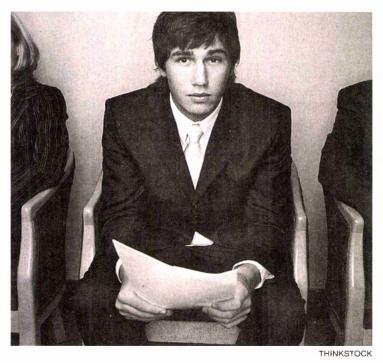
You know those pictures of you partying in college that are all over Facebook? It may be time to take those down — if you want to get a job. According to a 2015 Career-Builder survey, 48 percent of hiring managers who screen candidates via social networks have found information that caused them not to hire someone.

"Let your social media persona match the professional your Facebook page private and take other necessary security protocols on other social media platforms to make sure that you aren't presenting an image that you don't want to get judged by."

# Using a generic résumé and cover letter

"Resumes need to be tailored to a specific role and responsibilities," says Susan Peppercorn, a career coach and founder of Boston-based Positive Workplace Partners. "Inexperienced job seekers often assume that a one-sizefits-all resume is all they need and often don't understand why they don't hear back. Unless you've taken the time to show how your experience and skills meet the needs of the employer, you'll never make it through the screening process."

The same customization rules apply to your cover letter. "The most common mistake I've seen is sending a generic cover letter that doesn't explain why you're applying for the job (or) why you're the best fit," says Ilana Zalika, cofounder of Resound Marketing, a public relations firm. "Take the time to research the job and the company and draw a connection between your background and the position available. If there's no connection, address it head-



on and explain what other characteristics you have that make you a great fit — maybe you're a fast learner or have a personal passion for the job at hand."

# Being unprepared for interviews

If you've avoided making the above mistakes and have career consultant at personalbranding firm Resume Strategists. "Research the company, department and details about the job. Look at the company's LinkedIn page and social media presence, spend time on their website and do thorough online searches. ... Also make sure to research the interviewer to learn about ers don't always do, Reynolds says. "During an interview, when asked if you have any questions, responding with, 'No, you've answered all my questions' doesn't demonstrate interest in the job and the company, which are key things interviewers look for. Prepare questions that are specific to the role, the company and its culture, growth opportunities and competitive landscape."

something first-time job seek-

# Not following up

Following up post-interview can be intimidating, and newer job seekers may be fearful of coming across as too aggressive. Yet a well-timed and appropriate follow-up can make a big difference, Lomax says. "I have had numerous conversations with hiring managers who were undecided between two candidates, and then one sent a thank-you note/email, and the decision was made. Not following up or thanking the interviewers for their time is a big no-no. ... It's a small detail that has a huge impact for the better."

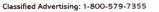
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Image you want to portray to employers," says Stefanie B. Lomax, president and CEO of the career consulting service HRPro4You. "If you want to keep your image of being fun intact with your friends, mark landed an interview, don't ruin your chances by being unprepared. "Going into an interview blind puts you at a disadvantage and will not make a good first impression," says Lela Reynolds, a senior their role with the company, as well as their career path and education to identify any commonalities that may help you build rapport."

And don't forget to come prepared with questions — Debra Auerbach is a writer for the Advice & Resources section on CareerBuilder.com. She researches and writes about job-search strategy, career management, hiring trends and workplace issues.



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