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State of City

Wondering how things are going in Novi? You can hear for yourself, straight from the horse's mouth, Tuesday, May 3, when Mayor Bob Gatt delivers the annual State of the City address.

The event takes place at the Suburban Collection Showplace on Grand River Avenue. The morning starts with a 7:30 a.m. breakfast at a cost of \$25 per person. The speech, which is free and open to the public, is set for 8:45 a.m. Gatt plans to highlight achievements of 2015 and look ahead to future issues and projects.

Purchase tickets online. Go to cityof-novi.org for more information.

Road plan

The city of Novi will hold a thoroughfare master plan presentation at 6 p.m. today, April 28. This plan will serve as a blueprint for future development of Novi's transportation network (roads, sidewalks and paths). A question and answer session will follow the presentation.

City officials pitch tax increase to fund capital improvements

Susan Bromley
Staff Writer

The Novi City Council's first action at its April 18 meeting was to approve a quarter-mill reduction for taxpayers in 2016.

Members ended their meeting by agreeing to ask voters in August to pass an even bigger increase: 1 mill.

"Everyone watching this

might be puzzled," Mayor Bob Gatt said. "Half an hour ago, we reduced taxes and now we're asking you to increase them.

This is a city that has done so much and these are things we need to do. We need to repair buildings and keep the city beautiful and humming and provide the services you have become accustomed to."

The motion for the tax break

was introduced by Mayor Pro Tem Dave Staudt and approved by a 6-1 vote. Council member Gwen Markham voted no.

The reduction is made possible by other obligations being paid off, officials said. In the resolution to decrease the millage rate, it was noted "the 2010 refinancing bonds were paid in full during 2015-16, which resulted in a decrease of millage of

0.3374. The 2002 road bonds will be paid off during the 2016-17 fiscal year and the final millage needed to retire the debt is 0.098 mills less than last year. The reduction in the two millage rates previously noted will be levied for the Drain Fund to cover current projects."

The decrease will lower the

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From Novi to Boston: Six compelling tales of triumph covering 26.2 miles

Susan Bromley
Staff Writer

They came, they ran, they conquered Boston.

Among the 30,000 runners April 18 at the 120th Boston Marathon were six from Novi, who shared how they made it to the starting line, covered 26.2 miles and finished the most hallowed race in sports.

The runners are varied in age, sex and profession. One has no children, some have young children, one has grandchildren. Most have raced Boston before, but all share an uncommon motivation and commitment to hours of rigorous, sometimes grueling, training to compete in the world's oldest marathon.

Here are their stories:

The first-timer

Scott Wagner, 27, struggled to walk straight last week at work at Quicken Loans in Detroit after putting in 26.2 miles that Monday.

He isn't new to running. He has more than a decade behind him of pounding the pavement, getting his start as a Novi High School cross country and track athlete. He has run the Chicago Marathon two years in a row, but Boston presented a whole new experience.

Boston is "the" event that serious runners aspire to race. Attainable by qualifying with a qualifying standard for age and gender (Boston also accepts a certain number of participants who are competing on behalf of charity), Wagner arrived at Boston feeling he had made it to the long distance runner's version of Disney World.

Most races begin at 7:30 a.m. or at least by 9 a.m., but Boston runners don't hear the starting gun until 10 a.m. The race is very organized, with groups separated into corrals and sent out in waves. Some groups don't cross the start line until closer to 11 a.m.

Wagner liked the later start time, noting he didn't need to get up "insanely early." Breakfast was an energy bar and banana and he arrived at 7:30 a.m. to hang out in a high school for a few hours, feeling nervous, but also excited to push his body to its limits for three hours. He trained by running 60-80 miles per week, with his longest single run a 24-miler.

Waiting for go, he tried to relax.

"Your adrenaline is so high, especially in Boston, and there are all these people around and you want to set the world on fire right off the gun, but you've got to pace yourself," said Wagner,



Scott Wagner, a Novi High School graduate, just before the 17-mile mark of the 2016 Boston Marathon.

who was reminding himself after mile one that he still had 25 to go. "I knew at the end of the day, I could say I've run the Boston Marathon."

Fortunately, he was in the zone for 13 miles, although the danger, he adds, is that Boston can lull runners into a false sense of security, with the course mostly downhill for the first half.

The struggle was still to come at the uphills between miles 16 and 21, the point in other races where even without hills runners are normally hitting the wall from exhaustion.

Quadriceps burning, shoulders slouching and with random aches and pains all over, he strained to keep his form and not overextend. As Wagner pushed forward up Heartbreak Hill, far and away his slowest mile, he heard his high school running coach Bob Smith's mantra in his head — "battle and war."

"It's like the war is winning the race, but the battle is the individual thing in the overall picture," Wagner said. "Some may try to win the battle of the hill, but you can win the war after the battle is over. People were passing me on that hill, but I passed them after. I had a little left in the tank."

As he turned down the home-



Rob Lee runs April 18 during the 120th Boston Marathon.

stretch, hearing the roar of the crowd, seeing fans in grandstands and standing 10 in rows deep on Boylston Street, he wanted to soak it all in, but wasn't in a mental state to do so. Instead, his focus shifted to the finish line and crossing it.

"You can only enjoy things so much, three hours in," he said. "After you run 26 miles, your

body is not too happy. If I'd been trying to sprint, I would have had to crawl."

He finished just less than three hours after he'd begun, in 2:59:29.

He was afraid to stop moving for fear of cramping up. When he finally sat down, his father and girlfriend had to untie his shoes for him, making him feel like a prima donna. Four days later, he still hadn't attempted to use stairs.

"It's one of the best experiences I've ever had as a runner," he said. "For runners, Boston is the World Series. ... It's such a toll, physically. The race itself is so hard, but there is something about getting out there running. I'll definitely do Boston again."

The five-timer

Rob Lee, 45, began running in 2005, a week after the birth of his third child.

"I thought I'd better get moving again or I'd be a couch potato," he said. "I just got my sneakers out of the garage and I felt like Forrest Gump — I just wanted to run. I enjoyed the quiet time; it was like meditation being out there. Your brain just goes quiet and you can think."

A year after the native of Great Britain took up running,

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Drug court offered structure woman needed to change

Diane Gale Andreassi
Staff Writer

Maggie Hodges was at her lowest point: doing heroin, stealing from family members and hating who she had become.

Right before one of her many arrests, she was with her ex-boyfriend in the parking lot of Twelve Oaks mall in Novi and they decided to use heroin. An off-duty police officer was in a car nearby and, shortly after she pulled onto 12 Mile Road, he arrested Hodges for operating under the influence. It was 2012 and it was the second time she had gotten an OUI.

Arrests piling up

A few months later, she received a letter saying she had a warrant out for her arrest. A month later, she was



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Milford resident Maggie Hodges said she needed the structure in her life that the 52-1 District Court's specialty Drug Court provided.

arrested for driving with a suspended license. Then came a possession of drug paraphernalia charge in 2014. That time, she was sent to Oakland County Jail for two weeks.

THIS SERIES

This is the third in a series of stories examining the specialty courts operating out of the 52-1 District Court in Novi.

Her probation officer offered her a chance to enroll in Drug Court in the Novi 52-1 District Court. But she wasn't ready to make the commitment to the rigorous program. She said, "No."

"I just wasn't interested," said Hodges, a 24-year-old Milford resident. The first time she tried heroin, she was 18 and didn't know what she was taking.

"I always had been into drinking and then my friend introduced me to heroin," she said. "I wasn't quite sure what it was and I did it anyways. I loved the feeling it gave me. It was off to the races from that point and it consumed my life."

She stopped doing heroin for eight months after she went to jail following one of her arrests. But she was still getting drunk every

night.

"Then I hooked up with the friend who introduced me the first time and we started doing (heroin) again," Hodges said. "I did a lot of things I'm not proud of. I stole from family and stores and a lot of not good things. It destroyed relationships with my family. The little self-esteem I had, it tore that down, too. I hated myself and I was pretty miserable."

In November 2014, she was arrested for retail fraud in Livingston County and, a month later, she finally agreed to join the specialty drug program at 52-1 District Court. She was ordered to complete a 30-day rehabilitation program and to Alcohol Anonymous or Narcotics Anonymous meetings each day for 90 days. She chose AA.

At first, the specialty court stipulations were huge. She had to be awake every morning by 7:30 a.m. for drug and alcohol testing. Hodges saw a probation officer twice a week and had regular reviews with a drug court team that

included Judge Travis Reeds, her probation officer and other court professionals who evaluated her progress and struggles.

After 90 days of compliance, Hodges was given a restricted driver's license that included an interlock system on her car that wouldn't allow her drive if she had drugs or alcohol in her system. She was permitted to go to court, work, counseling sessions, drug testing and other places that were part of her probation requirements.

Making changes

Drug Court provided her with the tools she needed to build self-discipline. Hodges works full time at a Milford business, where her employers know about her police record and struggles with heroin.

"They let me make up hours if I had to do something for probation," she said. "They're very good employers."

"It wasn't easy at times, but I didn't have any structure before," she added. "My days

consisted of getting high all day. It was different to have to get up to get tested and to get full-time employment. The schedule has stuck with me. It's been worth it. I probably wouldn't have gotten sober without it."

Hodges met other people who knew about addictions at AA meetings and these new friends became her support group who helped her through recovery. She's also strengthening bonds and trust levels with family members.

"I found whole different friends, who are sober," Hodges said. "We go out to eat and hang out and do a bunch of fun stuff. I'm happy where I am today. I'm not where I want to be, but I'm not where I used to be. I want to better my life and myself."

Why would she expose painful details about her drug addiction?

"I want to be able to help people who need it the same way I was helped," she said.

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city's overall levy from 10.2 mills to 9.95 mills. A homeowner in Novi with a home property value of \$400,000 would pay about \$1,990 for that levy.

Increase possible

However, the final action of the evening by the council may raise the mills, if voters agree.

The council unanimously agreed to place a millage request on the August ballot for capital improvement projects. If approved by voters, 1 mill would be levied for 10 years, beginning with the 2017 tax year.

The question voters will see on the August

ballot, with amended language, will read:

"Shall the City of Novi, Michigan, be authorized to levy a new additional millage on taxable property within the City, not to exceed the annual rate of 1.0 mills (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of 10 years, commencing in 2017, for the purpose of funding parks and facilities, land acquisition, apparatus (such as fire trucks, heavy equipment), pathways, sidewalks and other capital improvements and capital projects. These funds will not be used for operations or payroll. The estimated amount of revenue that will be collected by the City in the first year that the millage is authorized and levied \$3,254,805."

"This is a big step for us," Staudt said. "We're working off our fund balance and overage from the general fund since the days of sandstone and this is really a time to put our right foot forward and take care of things that are lacking."

He cited improvements needed, including the DPW building, facilities at Lake Shore Park, the ITC Community Sports Park and relocation of Fire Station No. 1. "It's time for the community to step forward and take care of these improvements," Staudt said. "It's extremely necessary in Novi and we will see the effects for the next 40 to 50 years."

Council member Laura Marie Casey agreed: "I'm happy to support

placing this in front of the voters. It's a very worthy cause."

Council member Andrew Mutch also added comments in support and compared the capital improvements the city needs to items homeowners need to take care of on occasion.

"You need a new roof every so often, sometimes the plumbing needs to be addressed, whatever the home improvement project is, you need to do that sometimes," he said. "If we want to continue to be the community that is considered tops in southeast Michigan, tops in the country, we have to do these."

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his co-workers at DTE Energy convinced him to be on a relay team in the Detroit Free Press Marathon. He trained and realized he was good. A decade later, he has run 15 marathons total. Last week was his fifth Boston Marathon. He has run it every year since 2012.

The experience, he said, is amazing, particularly the support as runners trek 26 miles through small towns, the entire route packed with screaming fans on the sidelines.

"There's tattooed bikers swilling down beer and everyone's cheering and it's a huge party for 26 miles," he said. "There is nothing quite like the crowd support of Boston. ... It's a big college town — you run by Boston University and the Wellesley College girls and each time they lift you up and send you on your way."

With a goal of getting a three-hour time, Lee trained more for this race than he'd ever trained for any of his previous marathons, out at the crack of dawn each Saturday to do long runs of up to 20 miles at Kensington Metropark with his Running Fit 501 group, a dozen of whom ran Boston.

"At mile 21, you're over the top and you either have something left for the rest of the run and what you want to do or you hit the wall and bonk and want to die," Lee said. "Either your legs have go left in them or they don't. But for me, the training paid off. I got over that 21-mile mark and I was able to push it real hard. I had it."

Lee kept looking at his watch and realized he was within seconds of his goal. He began picking off runners in front of him, using his competitive spirit to pass one at a time. He pushed and ran the last mile in six minutes, nearly a full

minute under his average pace for the rest of the race. His wife and children were at the 26-mile mark, where they had been waiting for him for the past four hours.

"It's so hard when you get to that point to hear, but they were jumping up and down," said Lee, who has stopped in the past to hug his family, but couldn't stop now. "I knew what my watch was telling me, I had to blow by them. At that point, you see the finish line and nothing else matters. Go, go, go, whatever it takes. There is no pain, that final mile takes over and you let go of the exhaustion and the adrenaline kicks in."

The clock when he crossed the finish line read 3:00:00.

"Marathoners are a strange breed. You have to be very highly motivated and goal-oriented and willing to stick to a training plan and commit to reach a goal," Lee said. "This is not a basketball game once a week. This is training for four months for one event."

Next year, he would like to return to Boston, but his heart is also pulling him further away, to his native country, where his sister still lives, and to the city of London, where he hopes to race the revered London Marathon, in which his sibling competed this past weekend.

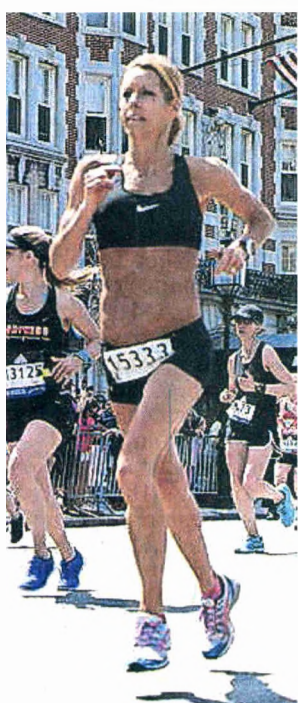
The teacher

It wasn't until afternoon recess April 20 at Village Oaks Elementary in Novi that it finally hit Jennifer Smith — she completed the 2016 Boston Marathon.

"It's so great. I'm still on cloud nine," the first-grade teacher said Thursday afternoon before parent-teacher conferences. "I have 26 students and I dedicated a mile for each student."

This was her second Boston and 15th marathon overall, but perhaps the most gratifying, due to the obstacles she had to overcome to get there.

Smith found her talent for running early in life,



Jennifer Smith, a Village Oaks Elementary teacher, runs the 2016 Boston Marathon last week.

almost by default because she was uncoordinated and terrible at every other sport she tried. She was relegated to right field in baseball, where she wouldn't have many balls hit to her. On her middle school basketball team, she made one basket the entire season, a granny-style free throw. In high school, however, she found her calling. Her cross country coach was true to his word when he told her he would turn her into a distance runner.

Still, it was tragedy that ultimately pushed her to run 26.2 miles.

"I lost my mom to breast cancer when I was 23," Smith said. "After I lost her, I wanted to do something for the cause. My friends were doing the 3-Day (Walk) and I thought that was cool, but I was more interested in running."

She eventually learned of Team in Training, which raises funds for cancer research through running events. She raised \$5,000, ran a Disney marathon and kept on trucking, but last year she had to apply the brakes.



Jennifer Smith (left) and Nancy Schubring, friends and training partners, with their 2016 Boston Marathon medals.

Plantar fasciitis and an Achilles tendon injury forced her into physical therapy and she drastically reduced her training. Although at one point she was doing only half the miles she normally does, she began swimming and bicycling more to allow herself time to heal while still maintaining fitness.

Smith arrived at Boston thinking it might be her last marathon, but was beaming just to get to the starting line. Then as the miles passed by, she was amazed at how good she felt as she enjoyed the crowd support, the music, the energy, "the crazy, screaming Wellesley College girls," the high-fiving little kids.

The hills barely slowed her and, suddenly, she knew — this wasn't her last marathon.

"I got to mile 21 and thought, 'How do I feel so good?'" Smith said. "It was just so special to be there, just the history and to qualify. It's an honor, but it's a whole new level after the bombing (2013 terrorist attack). Now you're not just running for yourself, but for the victims and to stand up for our freedom and our country. We are going to show up no matter what — you aren't

going to scare us, we are going to keep doing what we do."

Smith's marathon goal was to break 3:15. At the beginning, she thought she would be lucky to run 3:30. The mother of three finished in 3:18:27, healthy and happy.

World record holder

Nancy Schubring has been around the block a few times.

This year's Boston Marathon was the 55-year-old's fifth time in the iconic event, and her 97th marathon overall.

Her love of long distance covers decades and started with running down to a church parking lot less than a mile from her home and then running back. She couldn't believe anyone could like running, yet she kept going, eventually right into the Guinness Book of World Records.

Schubring, a mother of four, ran her first marathon in Port Huron six months after her first child was born in 1991, in a time of 3:19, a qualifying time for Boston. She ran her next marathon, Detroit, even faster, coming in at 3:07. In 1992, she raced her inaugural Boston, although it didn't go as planned.

"My first Boston was

not so great," Schubring said. "I didn't drink water because I didn't want to pee. I missed the first water stop, I had blisters all over my feet because I didn't tie my shoes tight."

She finished in 4:19, but notes she "got back on that horse and rode it" and her second Boston, in 1995, was her fastest marathon ever, completed in 2:57.

Six years later, Schubring competed in Boston again and, that same year, she decided to pursue the record for "Fastest Half-Marathon Pushing a Pram (female)."

She contacted Guinness, found a certified course and three people to verify the event in Vassar, Mich., and set out to break the record with her youngest daughter, then 2 years old, in a jogging stroller, Sept. 15, 2001.

Two miles from the end of the race, she realized her pace was going to leave her 30 seconds short of the time needed.

"I thought, 'I have to pick it up,'" Schubring said, laughing as she notes her passenger gave her additional motivation as well. "My daughter was like, 'Mommy, I have to pee.'"

She and her daughter cruised across the finish line in 1:30:51, with Schubring beating the previous record by 30 seconds.

That record still stands, but Guinness, in an effort to encourage more attempts at breaking it, called Schubring and asked her to pose for a photo, complete with jogging stroller and child.

The only problem was, the request came nine years later and her youngest child was now 11. So she borrowed a neighbor's 2-year-old, put her in a jogging stroller and a Guinness photographer who had flown in from Europe just for the occasion took a picture of the loaned tot and Schubring, with her long

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hair down and wearing a polo.

For this year's Boston Marathon, the electrical engineer trained about 55 miles a week, including running three days a week with friend Jenn Smith, the Village Oaks teacher.

While Schubring notes it is fun to run with others and conversation makes the miles fly by in training, racing is ultimately a solo endeavor and she and Smith weren't even able to start Boston together, as they were placed in different corrals.

Although each race is different, the one thing that has remained unchanged for her through 97 marathons is crossing the finish line. This time it was 3:40.

"The number one goal is to cross and it is always great," said Schubring, who offered up a prayer that for her remains unchanged. "Thank you God, again, for the opportunity to share time and life with family and friends."

On May 1, she will run The Avenue of the Giants in California, her 98th marathon, less than two weeks after completing Boston.

The rock star

Yoshiko Tischler's journey to the 2016 Boston Marathon, her fourth and 10th overall, began with a jogging stroller and a desire to lose weight.

She started running about 15 years ago after having two children, jumped in her first race in 2003, ran the Martian Half Marathon in Dearborn in 2004 and realized her time was good enough that she could possibly qualify for Boston. She did so by running the Detroit Free Press Marathon that fall.

"I got the Boston bug," said Tischler, 49, who immigrated to the U.S. from Japan in 1989. "The whole atmosphere of the

running community is very competitive and about pushing each other. If you run long distance, someday you might go to Boston."

Her someday would have to wait. She'd had bad hip pain going into the Detroit marathon and, even though she qualified for the pinnacle of racing, the injury stalled her plans for two years. In 2007, she finally ran Boston and found it to be very, very challenging, the hills killing her quads and knees. Pouring rain added to the misery and she was walking and crying by mile 20. She finished that first Boston in 4:13:20.

Undaunted, she returned in 2010, improving her time by nearly 30 minutes. She ran it again the following year, in 3:42, but took another break after suffering another injury and lost interest in Boston for a time as she concentrated on being a tri-athlete.

The bombing at the 2013 Boston Marathon by terrorists redirected her focus to the beloved race. She wanted to lend her support to the city and its people that had never failed to support her on the previous three occasions she had run among them.

She returned April 18 to find those fans even more Boston strong.

"The amount of people from mile zero to the finish is five or six rows deep. They just look at everyone and they seem to be talking to you when you're struggling," Tischler said. "The Wellesley College girls ... you can hear them cheering from half a mile away. You hear this high-pitched buzzing noise and you think, 'Is that a helicopter?' But no, it's these girls screaming at the top of their lungs and they are holding signs that say, 'Kiss me or I will vote for Trump!'"

She notes that a distance of 26.2 miles, which might seem insurmountable to some, is not that great of a challenge for her in the grander scheme of life.



Yoshiko Tischler at the 120th Boston Marathon, her fourth time running the event.

"You have a time and all the resources in how to train properly and you do that," said Tischler, who trained 60 miles per week for this race. "The body is an amazing machine that will adapt. ... Your body makes a leap to get ready for the load of stress to your body. You have a manual or plan to follow and physical therapists or massage therapists, friends that run that can answer questions about running. But the parenting — I have two teenagers and there is no manual. There is no clear answer in every situation you face."

She put her head down and completed what she set out to do, determined not to walk the final stretch. She turned the corner on to Boylston Street and the noise from the crowd was deafening. As they cheered, the sales engineer ran across the finish line in 4:34:16, feeling like a rock star.

The grandfather

Lee Mamola was only a little sore this past week after running in Beantown.

"Maybe I'm getting used to it," Mamola, 64, said while laughing.

Although only his second time running the Boston Marathon, he began running a half-century ago, in 1966 as a freshman at Grand Blanc High School. In 1983, he returned to competitive running with a group called the Novi Trackers that at its peak had 50-60

runners, but dwindled away around the beginning of this millennium. Now he runs with and is a coach for the Running Fit 501 group out of Novi/Northville.

He has run probably a dozen marathons, with Boston qualifying times at many, but it wasn't until 2006 he finally cashed in his ticket, worried he might not get another opportunity. However, Mamola didn't enjoy his first Boston as he was going through a difficult time in his career as an architect in Novi.

This time was different.

Although his training mileage was comparatively low for a marathon, averaging about 30-35 miles per week, he believes he benefited this past winter from working on his strength with a former trainer for the Detroit Red Wings to help him be more efficient, as well as indoor track running.

He also took an extra measure of preparation for race day, joining with his Michigan group to charter a bus, which allowed the luxury of waiting for the start in comfort, without having to be outside under tents or waiting in line behind hundreds of people for a portable toilet.

When he did exit the bus, there was an eerie moment before the start of the race, with a memorial to bombing victims on Boylston Street and sharp shooters positioned



Lee Mamola kisses his medal after finishing the 2016 Boston Marathon.

on roofs of buildings.

In that moment, Mamola felt like he wasn't in the U.S. anymore, but notes it gave him a sense of security as he paused to think of the tragedy of three years ago, as well as attacks happening elsewhere that he knows can happen anywhere at any time. He also felt inspired.

"I think we all felt part of Boston again, fighting back, punching back — take that, we're not going to let this get in our way of things," Mamola said.

Mamola doesn't daydream while racing, but instead thinks of maintaining form, as well as breathing technique, and continually assesses his physical condition. He compares it to race car drivers using pit stops, with runners thinking of what they need at the next aid station to make it to the finish line.

"You've got to stay positive mentally," Mamola said. "The longest distance in a marathon is between two ears. It's very easy to get down mentally; you're not feeling good and, before you know it, your head drops, your breathing gets tougher."

In the last few miles, when Mamola fit that description, he drew strength from the crowd.

"People were yelling my name and I thought, 'I can't disappoint my fans, I got to keep going.'"

He did, pressing on even though he walked a few hills. He did the best he could to pick up the tempo and reach the finish line. As he turned on Boylston Street, it was at an eight-minute mile pace, his fastest of the race. He raised his fists in a victory moment as he finished in 4:12.

It won't be long before he does another race again. He is looking forward to the 10-Mile Crim in Flint this August, his 30th year running that event, and he already qualified for the 2017 Boston Marathon when he ran the Detroit Free Press Marathon last year.

He heard a story not long ago about a runner who had planned to race a certain number of marathons in order to pass the medals down to each grandchild. Mamola notes if he returns to Beantown next year, he could have a Boston Marathon medal for each of his three grandchildren.

But here there is a pause, a pregnant one.

"We are going to have a fourth grandchild in August and that kind of changes things. I would have to run another after next year," he sighs, then laughs. "But it's not so bad, I'm getting into another age group. We'll see."

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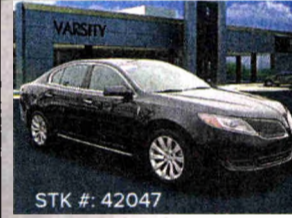
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Teachers help nurture students' passions

I am a great uncle. Not just because I am a great uncle, but because my niece has a daughter – thus I have a great niece and that makes me a great uncle.



Steve Matthews
SUPER TALK

The amazing part of this is that my great niece is graduating from high school this year. That makes me an old great uncle!

There are many people who have contributed to Tana's success. Tana herself has contributed the most. But her parents and grandparents, her friends and their parents, even her brother Gus has made a contribution.

But teachers have also made a significant contribution to her development and, ultimately, to her success. At times, it is tempting to believe that one is born with intelligence and determination and courage. The truth is that a person is born with potential. The student who grows up to love math developed that love of math, in part, with the help and guidance of her teacher. The student who loves to write developed that love of writing, in part, with the help and guidance of his teacher.

The student who loves to draw and paint and sculpt developed that love of art, in part, with the help and guidance of teachers. The student who is brave found that courage, in part, because teachers nurtured that courage and helped it grow. The student who is compassionate was taught to care for others, to some small degree, by a teacher.

Without teachers, the flames of interest and passion that begin to flicker in our students might never be tended to and never have the opportunity to burn brightly. The gifts that we see our students express – the understanding of math, the desire to serve others through political office, the ability to write, the joyous expression through music, the knowledge of anatomy – are the result, in part, of a teacher's work.

We often take for granted the work that a teacher does. We send our children to school without giving much thought to how the student's potential is turned into something real and tangible. That transformation happens because of a teacher's knowledge and skill.

Tuesday, May 3, is designated as Teacher Appreciation Day. It is fitting that we take a moment to recognize the power that a teacher has in the life of a child. A teacher can – with a look, a word, a gesture – inspire and motivate and challenge a student. Teachers can and do make a significant impact in the life of a child.

Here in the Novi Community School District, we have wonderful teachers who engage our students each and every day. Our teachers make a significant difference in the lives of our students. Thank you!

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

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Three members of Novi High School Girl Scout Troop 41441 went to London, England, over spring break. They stayed at PAX Lodge. It is the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts World Center. While across the pond, they still kept up to date with what was going on on Novi. Pictured are (from left) Mary Grace Sinkovich, Joyce Cucksey and Kira Hurley.

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<p>Upcoming events</p> <p>Lecture Series: Sand Dunes, Sawdust & Shipwrecks: Stories from the Sunset Shore: 7 p.m. May 25. No fee. Donations accepted. This lecture sponsored by The Knickerbocker Group of Raymond James. Lecture Series sponsored by the Water Wheel Centre.</p> <p>Vintage Jewelry Tea: 1-3:30 p.m. May 1. SOLD OUT</p>	<p>General info</p> <p>Website: www.millracenorthville.org</p> <p>Volunteers: The Northville Historical Society at Mill Race Village accepts volunteers in many different areas. Contact the office for more details.</p> <p>Rentals: Call or email the office to rent the Cady Inn or Church for a wedding or party. Many dates are available. More information on our website.</p>	<p>Donations: Accepted only from 9 a.m. to noon each Tuesday.</p> <p>Archives: The archives are open Monday and Tuesday.</p> <p>Office: The office is open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Wednesday. All other times by appointment only. Call 248-348-1845 or email office@millracenorthville.org.</p>
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Baking up batches of Girl Scout cookies

Julie Yolles
Social Scene Columnist

Girl Scouts of South-eastern Michigan's annual Cookie Gala was held March 30 at the DTE Energy headquarters. More than 300 people attended GSSEM's signature fundraiser, which raised more than \$76,000 for Girl Scouting in southeast Michigan. Local chefs competed for several awards at the event by creating culinary dishes using Girl Scout cookies.

The 2016 Chef Award winners are:

» Ford Motor Co. Presenting Sponsor Award & Girl's Choice – Treat Dreams (Brownies with a Chocolate Peanut Butter Ganache and Do-si-dos throughout, and Raspberry Ice Cream with Savanna Smiles cookies)

» CEO's Choice – Fifty-One O One, Henry Ford Community College (Detroit Layered Lunch Box using Tagalong Cookies)

» People's Choice – Crispelli's Bakery & Pizzeria (Tasty culinary delight using Trefoils)

» Judge's Choice –

Holiday Market (Samoa Caramel Delight)

» Cookie Diva's Choice (Glenda Lewis) – Aramark Corp. (Braised Short Rib & Thin Mint Mojito Molo)

GSSEM also presented its annual "One Tough Cookie" recognitions.

The ceremony was held prior to the Cookie Gala and recognized women and men from the Detroit area for exceptional leadership skills and community service. The Nancy L. Philippart Recognition for Leadership Award went to Anne Doyle. The Maggie Allesee Recognition for Community Service Award went to Francine E. Pegues. The inaugural Man Enough to be a Girl Scout Awards honoring men who have years of service encouraging and mentoring women's leadership went to John A. Evans, Peter M. Keating, Gerald McCarty II, Brad Simmons, Larry E. Steward and Dan Varner.

The evening's successful auction featured these top three selling items: tickets to the American Music Awards, a Samuel Adams Brewery tour in Boston and a



JULIE YOLLES
Senior Girl Scouts and Ambassadors Grace-Elyse Pelzer of Warren and Heather Gregory of Novi help (front row) Detroit Brownies and Daisies Jahzara Kirklin, 8; Caitlyn Mason, 5; Kyla Hitchins, 5; and Erin Massey collect Cookie Gala "The People's Choice" voting ballots.

"Star Wars: The Force Awakens" poster.

GSSEM is the local council chartered by Girl Scouts of the USA to facilitate the Girl Scout Leadership Experience, designed to help girls develop leadership skills through three key elements — discover, connect and take action. Each element has a set of five outcomes, including girls develop a strong sense of self (discover); girls develop healthy relationships (connect); and girls can identify community needs (take action).



JULIE YOLLES
The Kaley family of Novi — John, Ben, Karen, Anna and Emily — attended the Girl Scouts Cookie Gala and Awards Ceremony where Karen Kaley was a "One Tough Cookie" honoree.

Walled Lake district announces Earth Day contest winners



The winning Earth Day posters are (from left) by Rio Muto, Soshi Abe and Emma Sassak.

Each year, students from around the Walled Lake Consolidated Schools district are encouraged to participate in an Earth Day poster contest in celebration of Earth Day. Entries were divided into elementary, middle and high school categories. In total, 209 posters were submitted as part of this year's contest.

The winners of the 2016 WLCSD Earth Day poster contest are:

» Elementary school: Rio Muto, third grade at Hickory Woods Elementary

» Middle school: Soshi Abe, eighth grade at Geisler Middle School

» High school: Emma Sassak, sophomore at Walled Lake Northern High School

All eligible entries were displayed in the main hall of the Walled Lake Schools Operations building. Late last month, voting was opened to everyone in the district. The top four finalists from each division were sent on to district administrators, who made the final selections.

The three contest winners and their art-

work will be recognized at the Board of Education meeting May 5. The posters are currently on display in buildings in celebration of Earth Day 2016.

"Our students continue to impress me with both the quality of their artwork and their commitment to the environment," said Melinda Miller, Walled Lake Schools' energy manager. "This is another great example of the talent, compassion and overall character of the students here at Walled Lake Schools."

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Dating disaster: Woman falls for man, loses \$162K

Susan Bromley
Staff Writer

A 47-year-old woman who resides in the Knightsbridge Gate subdivision along Novi's western border told police April 17 that a man she met on an online dating website last year took \$162,100 of her money and gave her a wrong number.

The woman said she met the suspect, named "Ricardo" on zoosk.com and was told he was living in Ohio. He then sent her a copy of his passport and, after a few weeks, said he needed to relocate to South Africa for two months to build

roads, a job he was awarded after bidding for a contract.

She said she received an email Nov. 5, 2015, from the suspect, who said he needed money to pay a granite company. She transferred him \$21,000 from her Bank of America account to a Bank of America account in Texas under the name of "Wasiu Tunji Nurudeen" per his request. She later sent him various other amounts, including \$20,000 on Nov. 10; \$24,000 on Dec. 11; \$18,000 on Dec. 22; \$21,500 on Dec. 23; \$23,600 on Jan. 15; \$20,000 on Jan. 28; and \$14,000 on April 4.

The suspect told the complainant he needed to the money to pay the South African government due to a dispute in the road work project. He also claimed he was injured in a construction accident and needed money to fix some equipment. He then alleged he was flying back to the U.S. and was stuck in customs in the United Kingdom due to undeclared diamonds he was paid by the South African government.

The victim said he provided his information to her and she never saw him physically, but spoke with him online and on the phone. She said she

realized something was amiss after calling him April 17 and hearing a voice mail recording of a different person. She said recently he had been calling her on a private number.

She filed a complaint with the FBI, but has only completed an online complaint for so far and has not heard back. She said the man had signed a contract with her stating he will repay the money.

"You need to be very leery about sharing banking information or anything with anyone," Novi Police Chief David Molloy said. "Many of these scams emanate

from Europe, Africa and China and our resources are limited in what we can do to bring these people to justice."

The case has been turned over to the Southeast Michigan Financial Crimes Taskforce.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation runs an Internet crimes complaint center to which victims can turn to at www.fbi.gov. Meanwhile, they offer warning signs of possible impending fraud. According to the website, your online "date" may only be interested in your money if he or she:

» Presses you to leave the dating website you

met through and to communicate using personal email or instant messaging;

» Professes instant feelings of love;

» Sends you a photograph of himself or herself that looks like something from a glamor magazine;

» Claims to be from the U.S. and is traveling or working overseas;

» Makes plans to visit you but is then unable to do so because of a tragic event; or

» Asks for money for a variety of reasons.

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Near miss: Father reports child nearly hit at bus stop

A man reported to

police that his son was nearly struck by a car shortly after 7 a.m. April 15 by a Ford Fiesta that allegedly came speeding

through the intersection of Churchill Crossing at West Cavendish Ave. His son was crossing the intersection, where he

waits for his bus.

The man has seen the same vehicle speed through the area twice before, he told Novi police officers, and has previously spoken with the suspect driver, warning him about the safety of the children.

delivered locally and try to steal them from the porch when no one is home.

The man does not know how anyone got his information to make an account in his name. His credit card was also used. He is currently working with his bank and HSN to remove the charges and return the package. He has canceled his credit card.

Champagne

A man made off with two bottles of champagne at about 10:39 a.m. April 20 from the Novi Fine Wine shop on 10 Mile Road.

The complainant said he was helping another customer when an unknown white male entered the store and walked down to the champagne area. The suspect then took two bottles of Moet champagne off the shelf, each valued at \$62.99, and turned them upside down and stuffed them in the front crotch area of his pants. He then walked out without paying.

The complainant reviewed video surveillance and saw the man was driving a late '90s purplish blue Pontiac Sunbird. The man had also discarded a white cigarette butt outside the car. Two cigarette butts found in the lot were placed in evidence. The suspect and his vehicle were not located.

Breakfast burglar

A guest at the Sheraton Novi on Haggerty is short \$150 in case after he apparently left a wallet on a table after having breakfast April 20.

The man said he realized once he was in his car that he did not have his wallet and immediately returned, but the wallet was gone. It was later found in a hotel bathroom with his credit cards and identification still inside, but without his cash. He canceled his credit cards.

Tire theft

A resident of Bertram Drive heard a loud noise at about 1:30 a.m. April 20, but did not investigate. At about 7 a.m., he learned he had been the apparent victim of theft,

with all four tires and rims missing from his 2015 Taurus SHO.

A Novi police officer called to the scene found the vehicle sitting on four landscaping stones taken from the front of the residence. The lug nuts were left behind in the grass and driveway. The rear passenger window had been broken out and the contents of the vehicle were strewn about the interior. A locking lug nut tool was stored in the trunk.

Paranoid?

A Novi police officer responded at about 9:24 p.m. April 17 to a home on Londonderry after a woman said a white compact car had followed her from 10 Mile and Meadowbrook to her home. The complainant said the other vehicle was speeding up next to her and appeared to be writing something down, but no words were exchanged.

She said she didn't do anything to upset the other driver to her knowledge. She gave a possible plate number. While the officer was talking to the complainant, dispatch reported the other driver was at the station.

The officer returned to the station to speak with a woman, who was extremely upset. She stated the original complainant has been following her for weeks and she was trying to get a look at her face. She said the woman also shows up at her work unannounced and she has never met her and has no idea what she wants.

She said she didn't call the police because she doesn't have a cellphone because every time she buys one, it gets hacked by an unknown person. She has changed her license plate numerous times due to people following her. The officer spoke with the original complainant again, who said she has no idea what this woman is talking about. She reportedly was on her way home from grocery shopping when the incident occurred.

— Compiled by Susan Bromley from Novi reports.

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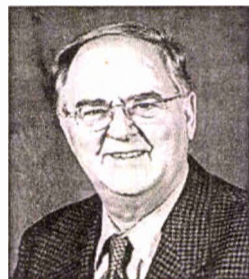
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RUTHIE Age 50, passed away April 16, 2016. She was born August 31, 1965 in Livonia, daughter of the late Walter and Ellen Asher. Ruthie will always be remembered as a loving and devoted mother. She is survived by her husband, Derrick; and her children, Tyler and Samantha. Ruthie was preceded in death by her daughter, Bailey in 2014. A private service for her family has been held.

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CLIFFORD MATTHEW Passed away on April 22, 2016 in Tampa, Florida after a brief illness. He was born on December 8, 1938 in Detroit to Auke Jurrjens and Nell (Metz) Jurrjens. Clifford graduated from Allen Park High School and Western Michigan University where he was a member of Delta Chi fraternity. On graduating from college, he was employed at the Ford Motor Company in Dearborn. He served his country by joining the Navy in April of 1962, completing Officer Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island and Supply Corps School in Athens, Georgia. Cliff served on the aircraft carrier USS Wasp, which was sent to the Bay of Pigs in 1963. In 1973, the family moved to South Lyon where he built his own house. He then worked for Detroit Edison in Detroit, Ann Arbor, and Monroe, MI until retiring in 2001. On retirement, he enjoyed golf and volunteering, splitting his time between South Lyon and St. Petersburg, FL. He married Win Myers in 1963 and is survived by three children, Julie Jurrjens (Christopher Carver) of Minneapolis, Brent Jurrjens of South Lyon, and Kelly Newton (Steve) of Ann Arbor. He loved his grandchildren, Alexander and Eleanor Newton. He is also survived by Marlene Reut, his partner of many years. Visitation will be at Phillips Funeral Home in South Lyon on Wednesday, April 27 from 4-8 p.m. Funeral is Thursday, April 28 at 11 a.m. Burial is at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly.

KRYKA



GUYLA M. Passed away peacefully in her home on April 24, 2016, at the age of 61. Guyla was born in Chanute, Kansas, on April 26, 1954. She is survived by her loving husband, Anton Kryka, four of her beloved children: Anton, Richard, Jason, and Kyle, her dear mother, H. Bernice (nee Baker) Lindsey, and her brother, Kenny Lindsey. Guyla was preceded in death by her twin baby boys, John and James, and also by her father Kenneth Lindsey. Visitation for Guyla will be Thursday, April 28, from 2-8p.m. at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main Street, Plymouth, 48170. A Funeral Service will be the following day, Friday, April 29, at 11a.m. at the funeral home. Family and friends may begin visiting at 10a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Guyla's memory to a church of your choice." To view full obituary and leave a condolence, please visit schrader-howell.com

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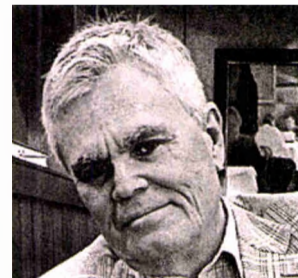
PRISCILLA ANN A long time resident of Highland. Devoted member of Highland Church of the Nazarene, and retired nurse from Pontiac General Hospital, died on April 23, 2016 at the age of 79. She is survived by her beloved husband of nearly fifty-seven years, Earl R. Mann; her sons, James E. Mann (Sue), Randolph V. Mann, and Richard E. Mann (Leah); grandchildren, Casey, Ryan (Lyndsie), Eric, Jason, Leah (Chad), Scott, Chad, Elijah, and a great-grandchild (due in July). Visitation will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty St., Milford, on Friday, April 29, from 5-8 p.m. A Funeral Service will be held at Highland Church of the Nazarene, 1211 W. Livingston Rd., Highland, on Saturday, April 30, at 11 a.m. with Pastor Michael Hefner officiating. Cremation will follow. Memorials may be made in her name to Highland Church of the Nazarene or Youth Haven Ranch. For further information, please phone 248-684-6645, or visit LynchFuneralDirectors.com.

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MARGARET JUNE (TURLEY) (1927-2016) age 88; of Rochester, MI; passed away on April 18, 2016. Beloved wife of the late Donald James Sr. She was born July 1, 1927, in Detroit to the late Willis and Rose (Nordheim) Turley. She was a loving wife, dedicated mother, devote Christian, and a true inspiration to her family and friends. "Peggy" was educated at St. Ambrose and St. Mary's Nursing College in Detroit. She bravely served in the United States Cadet Nurse Corps (St. Mary's Hospital, Detroit) during World War II, where she met the love of her life, Donald. They were married for 61 years. Her smile was contagious, her words uplifting, her message was peace. She served as a gifted registered Nurse, a Girl Scout leader, and giving volunteer for Rochester Welcome Wagon and St. Andrews Catholic Church. We so looked forward to her blessing "God be with you dear" and sharing her unconditional love for the Lord, family, friends and anyone who asked. Proud mother of Dawn (Jay) Helman, Denis (Tracy) Maskill, Debra (Martin) Cohn, Dale (JoAnn) Maskill, Mark Maskill, Marianne (Lyn) Joyner, Donald (Carol) Maskill, Jr., Therese (Kurt) Foote, Martin Maskill and Lisa (Kyle) Smalley. Also survived by thirty grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren. She is survived by her brother Dick Gadoua. We love you Mom/Grama. YOU will always be our blessing. Services were held April 22nd. Arrangements by Pixley Funeral Home, 322 W. University Dr. Rochester, MI 48307. Please make contributions in her grandson's name, Donald James Maskill III, to the Futures Foundation (MORC) 16200 19 Mile Rd, Clinton Twp., MI 48038. Please visit www.pixleyfuneral.com

VILLAFANE



DR. CARLOS M., JR. a resident of White Lake Township and well renowned plastic and hand surgeon with Hand Surgery Associates of Michigan in Southfield and Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital in Commerce Township, died at his home on April 21, 2016 at the age of 66, after a nine month battle with cancer. He is survived by his wife, Claudia Civeratti; his sons, Andres and Trey Villafane; sister, Laura (Luciano Magni) Villafane; brothers, Marcelo and Martin Villafane; nieces and nephews, Florencia, Soledad, Julieta, Nicolas and Lucia. Memorial Service arrangements are pending. In lieu of flowers, Dr. Villafane and his family would encourage you to go out to a nice dinner with your family in his memory. For further information please phone Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors, Milford, at 248-684-6645 or visit LynchandSonsMilford.com.

May you find peace in your time of sorrow.

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Water bill assistance available for some in Oakland County

OLHSA, a community action agency, as part of the Community Action Alliance, is now offering assistance with water bills through the Water Residential Assistance Program to residents of eight communities in Oakland County.

The program launched in March and aims to alleviate the burden of high water bills, helping to ensure that water, a basic necessity of life, is readily available for all families.

The communities of Pontiac, Keego Harbor, Binghan Farms, Ferndale, Orchard Lake, Farmington Hills, Commerce Township and Orion Township are officially participating in

OLHSA's program. Other communities in Oakland County have shown interest, but have yet to sign on with OLHSA for the program. Appointments began April 11 at OLHSA.

"There is a huge need for this program, as we have seen community members struggle with water bills and shut-offs in our community for years now," said Ron Borngesser, OLHSA CEO. "The implementation of this program is an important step in ensuring that access to water is a right and not a luxury."

Benefits of the program for qualifying individuals can include bill assistance up to

\$1,000 per household per year, home water audits for households with above-average water usage, home repairs up to \$1,000 to fix minor plumbing issues that are causing high water usage, water-saving kits and training classes, provided by EcoWorks, and access to other services offered through OLHSA.

Residents of participating communities can make an appointment at OLHSA by contacting the program administrator at Wayne Metro Community Action Agency.

Call 313-386-9727 or go to www.waynemetro.org/wrap.

NORTHVILLE LIBRARY LINES

Drop-In Morning Storytime

Time/Date: 10:15-10:45 a.m. each Thursday, April 28 through May 5
Details: Storytime fun for toddlers and pre-schoolers! All ages welcome. Caregivers must accompany children 3 and younger. We cannot accommodate special groups due to space limitations. Just drop in!

The Great Detroit with filmmaker Anthony Brogdon

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 4
Details: View the documentary which examines positive attributes of Detroit through interviews, followed by a discussion with the filmmaker. Register online at www.northvillelibrary.org or phone 248-349-3020.

Drop-In Mother's Day Craft for Kids

Time/Date: 4-5 p.m. Thursday, May 5
Details: Make a lovely beaded bracelet for a Mother's Day gift she will treasure. All ages welcome. Just drop in! Sorry, we cannot accommodate special groups.

Games Unplugged: Board Games @ the Library

Time/Date: 2-4 p.m. Saturday, May 7
Details: Celebrate Screen-Free Week by challenging friends and family to board and card games. For all ages. We supply the games, but bring your favorites if you choose! Just drop in.

Hubble's Hot 100

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 10
Details: Magnificent deep sky views from the Hubble Space Telescope's 25-year tenure in orbit, show by Jesse Mason, Oakland Community College physics and astronomy lab tech. Take a telescope-aided tour, weather permitting. Presented by the Friends of the Library. Register.

Tween Lantern Craft

Time/Date: 4:15-5:15 p.m. Wednesday, May 11
Details: Just for tweens ages 9-12. Let your light shine by designing a frosted glass lantern as unique as you. Limit 30. Registration begins May 1.

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JULIE YOLLES

Kim Easterie Matters of Grosse Pointe, Ivonne M. Soler of Grosse Pointe, Geaneen Arends of Royal Oak, Charmaine Brown of Novi and Blanca Fauble of Bloomfield Hills at the Women's Power Breakfast Happy Hour.

Locals took part in the Gleaners fundraiser

Julie Yolles

Social Scene Columnist

The 23rd on the 21st. On April 21, more than 600 women got together for the 23rd annual Women's Power Breakfast, a benefit for Gleaners Community Food Bank. The event has gotten so large and successful that Gleaners added a second powerful component – the WPB Happy Hour.

Sponsored by michigan.com, the third annual Women's Power Happy Hour was just held at the MGM Grand Detroit. More than 350 women—and a few good men—enjoyed socializing, spirits and savories.

The Women's Power Breakfast Happy Hour raised nearly \$37,000 which benefits Gleaners' Million Meal Match campaign to provide 1 million meals to kids in southeast Michigan this spring.



JULIE YOLLES

Dearborn Heights resident Lisa Pinkowski of event corporate sponsor Beaumont Dearborn and Northville resident Emily Moran, executive director of Detroit Wine Organization.

Every dollar donated to Gleaners during the campaign will be matched by PNC Bank and other generous supporters.

Normally, \$1 provides three meals, but during the Million Meal Match, \$1 provides six meals for hungry children across southeast Michigan. Of every dollar donated, Gleaners uses 94 cents for food and food programs. So WPB Happy Hour raised enough for 110,232 meals.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Blood drives

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. May 3
Details: Blood drive at ZF Tech Center, 15811 Centennial Drive, Northville

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. May 8
Details: Multi Lakes Conservation Association, 3860 Newton Road, Commerce Township

Time/Date: 7:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 12
Details: NLB Corp., 29830 Beck Road, Wixom

Time/Date: 7:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m., May 15.
Details: First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile Road, Northville

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 4
Details: Harmonie Detroit presents its second annual concert at the Novi Public Library. The program includes works by Weber, Mozart and Beethoven. The group consists of two oboes, two clarinets, two horns and two bassoons and specializes in the music written for Harmonie, or wind band, from the Viennese Classical period.

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 5; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, May 6; and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 7.
Details: Buy books at the Wixom Public Library, 49015 Pontiac Trail, Spring Used Book Sale sponsored by The Friends of the Wixom Library. Fill a bag for \$5 Saturday. Thousands of books and multimedia items for all ages, priced between 25 cents and \$1, plus specially priced items.

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 7
Details: The Novi Choralaires announce their spring show "Songs of Nature" in the Novi Middle School Audi-

torium, 49000 W. 11 Mile Road. Enjoy song favorites that are sure to please everyone. This is a community chorus of men and women from Novi and the surrounding area, who perform concerts for the public and at many community events.

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Please leave your empty, returnable bottles and cans in a bag/box on your porch or at the end of your driveway, and a band member will come by to pick up your donation. Drop-off of cans/bottles is also available at the main Novi High parking lot on 10 Mile Road during that time.

Time/Date: 6-7 p.m. Tuesday, May 17
Details: Arthritis is the nation's number one cause of disability. Nearly 53 million adults have doctor-diagnosed arthritis—that's one in five people over the age of 18 (Arthritis Foundation). Join in with Providence Park Hospital staff to learn about bone and joint issues, with a focus on the shoulder joint. Presented by Mark Shreve, M.D., free at the Providence Park Hospital-Southfield Campus, Fisher Auditorium. Register by calling 888-751-5465.

Time/Date: 1:15-4:30 p.m. Sunday May 1
Details: Linda Last of Northville will give a presentation about English research. She has done extensive research in England and lived there for many years. Then, Karen Krugman will present a program on Colonial research. Many have Colonial roots, even if it hasn't been traced that far yet. Krugman is a professional genealogist involved in many local and state genealogical and heritage societies. She has written five books based on her family history research and was co-author of "The Ford Family Cemetery" book.

The public is invited to attend, free of charge, this meeting of the Northville Genealogical Society. The meeting will be held at the Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady, in Northville. www.rootsweb.com/~mings

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OUR VIEW

Local district courts carry a heavy load

Detroit Police Chief James Craig appeared Sunday, April 17, on a television broadcast in the morning, noting a disparity in bonds for two shooting suspects involving police.

In Livonia, bond was set at \$1 million cash for a suspect. A 23-year-old Livonia man was in the hospital and police custody after Livonia police say he pointed a gun at an officer during a traffic stop early Sunday morning, April 10.

Livonia police say the man was pulled over at about 2 a.m. that day near the intersection of Lyndon and Farmington roads after he was observed driving erratically near I-96 and Farmington by a caller who dialed 9-1-1.

In Detroit a few days later, a suspect shot at an officer with a semiautomatic weapon in that city — and received a \$3,000 bond. On the TV broadcast, Craig acknowledged he's unfamiliar with Livonia's district court, but wondered aloud about the great disparity.

That got us to thinking about our local district courts and the roles district court judges and magistrates play day in and day out in carrying out justice.

Have you ever been to a local district court for an afternoon and seen a judge handle the variety and complexity of cases that come before him or her? It takes knowledge of the law, sure, but also humanity and compassion to truly see the individuals before the bench and decide what's best for their futures.

Teen Courts, in which judges and support staff help as teens weigh in on peers who've committed less-serious infractions, are becoming more common. So, too, are Veterans Courts, to address some of the issues returning service men and women face in their adjustment to civilian life.

Novi's 52-1 District Court includes a Veterans Court, a specialty program that pairs defendants with a probation officer, an attorney, Veterans Administration representatives, a therapist and a judge. The goal is to help those charged with a crime conquer sobriety, anger problems and issues that led up to the criminal charges, a recent story in this newspaper noted.

The 52-1 court also operates a Sobriety Court and Drug Court and is among many regionally seeking new paths to rehabilitation that take teamwork and te-

nacity.

Agencies like Plymouth-based Growth Works have worked for decades on the issue of juvenile offenders and have had friends at district courts to help them get young people back on track to brighter futures.

Such efforts can help first-time offenders and those involved in minor infractions avoid a criminal record, which impedes employment and educational opportunities.

District court judges, magistrates and support staffers deserve a round of applause for their "outside the box" thinking on ways to balance legal realities with the needs of criminal defendants and their families, as well as victims of crime. Balancing the law with compassion takes thought, effort and local knowledge these courts can offer.

And if you have a free afternoon from work, consider stopping by your local district court to observe justice in action — at the local level. Chances are, you'll gain a new or renewed appreciation for the men and women who run and staff these courts and their day-to-day responsibilities.

Reader reaches out to Nancy Seaman: 'Never give up hope'

Dear Nancy Seaman,
My heart goes out to you. I read Aileen Wingblad's story about you in the Birmingham Eccentric and I can only imagine what courage it took for you to meet with her. It's a good thing you did, because her story could possibly lead to some positive things in your life, such as people like myself thinking about your plight, hoping there will be someone who can help you get a new trial or a hearing which will ultimately lead to your freedom.
As the daughter of a



Pat Hardy
GUEST COLUMNIST

woman who was physically and psychologically abused by her second husband, I am aware of the damage done to one's psyche over years of volatility. She never knew what little thing it would take to trigger his temper.
One moment he could be loving and the next gnawing his finger like a bone before going into a rage. She put up with it

for years, sadly dying a natural death before he did. I always hoped he would go first, so she could have some years of peace. It didn't happen.
I vowed never to marry a man like my stepfather. I know now that he suffered some kind of mental illness and so did she. She lost her confidence in the ability to take care of herself and chose financial security over a peaceful life. It was her choice, for which she paid a heavy price.
I think the saddest part of your story is that you wake up every day of your life crying and that you have denied any visits from your loved ones. I wonder how many times you have relived every moment of the day you "lost it." Wasn't that one day enough? Why would you continue to relive that moment over and over when it's over. It's done. The "you" that

was then is no longer. You are a totally new person and, even though you are physically incarcerated, you don't have to be mentally or spiritually incarcerated.
Your studies in the library are probably the only times you are not living in the past. Then, your mind is fully engaged in the subject and that is a clue as to how you might derive some happiness in life. While in that library, search for some books by noted spiritual writers such as: Buddha, Eckhart Tolle, Wayne Dyer and Deepak Chopra. They all know the power of our thoughts. You can change your reality, because you are not just your body — you are body, mind and spirit. You may not have given much thought to these ideas and they could be very helpful and uplifting for you.
I'm currently listening

to an online 21-day free meditation given by Deepak Chopra and Oprah Winfrey. You could subscribe, if you have access to a computer. I could purchase it for you, if you are interested and then you could listen as often as you wish.
In yesterday's session, two statements reminded me of you. Deepak said, "You are not the person you used to be." (The Nancy of today is not the Nancy of 11 years ago.) He also said, "I am endlessly renewed in the present moment." Have you ever thought about being in the present moment — this very moment, so different from every other moment you have lived? It's a new and productive way of living life, Nancy.
I am a former junior high school English teacher, married to one of the kindest people to walk this Earth for 55

years this coming April 1. Had I been married to someone like Bob, I probably would be where you are today.
One of the dearest and wisest people to enter my life was the Rev. Jay Samonie. He said, "There are no accidents in life and everything happens for a reason." He also said, "You are where you are supposed to be."
I would be happy to send you books, tapes, whatever you wish, all because Wingblad wrote that story. I remembered reading about you at the time our friend, retired Judge Jack McDonald, heard your case. I remembered, also, that he tried to help you afterward. I am joining you now in never giving up hope that you will be able to really begin living life again.
Pat Hardy is a Bloomfield Hills resident.

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Oakland County awarded grant to control invasive plants

Oakland County received a \$244,000 grant to help prevent and control invasive plant species. The money will be used to expand current efforts to control plants like phragmites, swallow-wort, knotweed and flowering rush, as well as potential problems with plants like the European frogbit and Chinese yam.

The money will be used to create a part-time coordinator and local community grants will be made available.

At Oakland County Parks, money will be

used to help treat swallow-wort at the 302-acre Highland Oaks County Park, where Natural Resources Planner Britany Bird said the vining plant continues to spread along equestrian trails and other natural spaces.

"Invasive species like swallow-wort pose significant risk to natural resources," Bird said. "They are harmful to the eco-system because they destroy wildlife habitats, change soil composition, decrease nutrient quality and limit diversity of native plants."

According to the Na-

ture Conservancy, invasive species have contributed directly to the decline of 42 percent of the threatened and endangered species across the United States. The annual cost to the country's economy is estimated at \$120 billion a year, with more than 100 million acres – approximately the size of California – suffering from invasive plant infestations.

Swallow-wort is toxic to horses and cattle. A member of the milkweed family, it also confuses monarch butterflies that rely on milkweed as a

source of food and for a place to lay their eggs. Swallow-wort is toxic to caterpillars, further diminishing the monarch butterfly population, which is already suffering due to other environmental factors impacting their habitat.

If left unchecked, swallow-wort spreads quickly through open fields and can easily overtake equestrian trails, walking paths and other recreational areas on public and private lands.

Phragmites is another common invasive plant.

It thrives in ditches, highway medians and along shorelines. It not only wreaks havoc on the environment, but can also become a fire hazard along roadways and present a safety hazard to drivers when they grow to an unreasonable height. In addition, since phragmites also impedes access to recreational water access, it can negatively impact property values.

Since invasive species often thrive along linear areas like roadways and railroad tracks, they easily move throughout

one community to another. A consortium formed in 2014 to battle invasive plants, which includes Highland Land Conservancy, Highland Township, Novi, Oakland Schools and Oakland County Parks, among others. Member communities created treatment cost-share programs that provide outreach programs for residents seeking assistance with invasive species management on private property. Learn more about invasive species at michigan.gov/invasivespecies.

OAKLAND COUNTY BUSINESS WORKSHOPS

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

Unless otherwise noted, all programs take place at the Oakland County Executive Office Building Conference Center, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road, west of Telegraph, Waterford.

For pre-registration and location specifics, go to www.advantage-oakland.com/business-workshops or call 248-858-0783.

Start-Up Thursdays Free Business Counseling

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

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

Mergers & Acquisitions Executive Roundtable

7:30-9:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 4

Location is Automation Alley, 2675 Bellingham Drive, Troy. Learn to navigate a sale or acquisition. Second-stage businesses (with over \$1 million annual revenue) can hear about the current market and

ways to navigate the complexities of a sale or achieve growth through acquisitions or capital raise. Keeping pace with the M&A environment can be challenging. Discussions cover: Transaction Rationale, Transaction Optimization, and Proceeds Management

This engaging breakfast panel represents a wide range of expertise, from Doeren Mayhew, Comerica Bank, LV2 Equity Partners, Jaffe Raitt Heur & Weiss and Harvey Hoehner and Associates. Free.

Use Your Smart Phone to Improve Your Business

10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursday, May 5

Technology has changed the business world, affording you increased efficiency and potential for business growth using just your smart phone. The program covers the latest apps, devices and techniques needed to improve your business. Organizers discuss ways to find new customers, use your calendar more productively, track business expenses, using the cloud, send out invoices, get a signed document and receiving payments. We also discuss the latest in office communication, business card management, photo editing apps and social media. Discover how easy it is to link your phone, tablet and laptop to access your important information from anywhere. \$40 per person.

Capital Raise

9:30-11 a.m. Tuesday, May 10

If you are a start-up or early-stage growth-

based business looking for funding, we invite you to attend a 90-minute presentation by capital strategist Mike Brennan. He will detail the various capital sources in Michigan and talk about how to position your company to qualify for various funding sources, including private/angel, SBA, short-term private lending, private equity, venture capital and angel network. He will also discuss state and federally supported grant, loan and matching programs. Free.

Five Steps to Networking Mastery

9-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 18

We have all heard that it is not what you know but whom you know. BARNACLES! It is all about how you are known. This brief impactful training will teach you how to become an individual to whom people want to refer more business.

You will learn why networking works, how to be ready to network anywhere you are whenever you are there, which online sites are worth your time, how to grow your business among other topics.

Consider attending if you are frustrated with the results of your current networking or uncomfortable networking, but know you need to do it more or have a new position and want to increase your pipeline. The better we all get at networking, the better all of our networking will be. Speaker: Terry Bean, founder of Networked Inc. and Motor City Connect. \$40 per person.

Nine Walled Lake schools noted for environment-friendly actions

The Walled Lake Consolidated Schools district announced nine of its schools are Michigan Green Schools for 2016.

A school is eligible to receive a Green School, Emerald School or Evergreen School Environmental Stewardship Designation if the school or students perform the required number of activities: recycling, energy, environmental protection and miscellaneous activities. Examples of activities include: recycling paper, plastic,

metal cans, batteries, cellular phones and cafeteria trays; reusing magazines and newspapers; adopting an endangered species animal; implementing an energy savings program; hosting an ecological representative; building a birdhouse habitat; establishing a natural Michigan garden project with native plants; and observing Earth Day.

The Walled Lake schools that have been awarded Michigan Green School certification:

- » Glengary Elementary – Emerald
- » Hickory Woods Elementary – Evergreen
- » Keith Elementary – Evergreen
- » Pleasant Lake Elementary – Green
- » Geisler Middle School – Evergreen
- » Sarah Banks Middle School – Emerald
- » Walled Lake Central High School – Evergreen
- » Walled Lake Northern High School – Emerald
- » Walled Lake Western High School – Green

Michigan International Women's Show returns to Showplace

The 21st annual Michigan International Women's Show returns Thursday through Sunday to the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi.

"Be inspired with fashion shows, cooking demonstrations and makeovers," said Beth Anderson, executive show manager of Southern Shows. "Bring your mom, sister, daughter or girlfriend and discover gourmet food, shopping and fun."

Stephen "tWitch" Boss will share his experiences from FoxX's reality series "So You Think You Can Dance," the movie "Magic Mike" and "The Ellen DeGeneres Show" on Friday.

Celebrity stylist and creator of Rock Your Hair professional styling products, Michael O'Rourke, will be demonstrating, advising and explaining his proprietary cutting system "Angles in Motion," with complimentary haircuts by Rock Your Hair stylists.

Taste of Home Cooking School with chef Michelle Roberts will show how to make seasonal recipes for holiday, special occasions and various skill levels using readily available ingredients. (Thursday and Friday; additional class fee includes goodie bag)

Warren Caterson, author of "Table for Two – The Cookbook for

Couples" will reveal time-saving kitchen tips and helpful cooking hints as he uses fresh and readily available ingredients for dinner in under an hour with a minimum of leftovers.

Aussie in the Kitchen Chef Paul Penney, chef instructors and organizations will prepare recipes and provide cooking tips on the Stonebridge Kitchen & Bath Cooking Theater. Dr. Partha Nandi, MD FACP, and his wife Kali will present quick and healthy meals that treat food as medicine by incorporating ingredients to boost immune systems as seen on his medical lifestyle television talk show "Ask Dr. Nandi."

Comedy-hypnotist Gary Conrad, as seen on "The View" and who has shared the stage with Tony Bennett, Cher and Lenny Kravitz, will have attendees hypnotized on stage Thursday.

Western Wayne Fire Department's charity fashion show will heat up the runway Friday with firefighters modeling their dress blues and bunker gear. Guardian Angel Animal Rescue will sponsor "Pawject Runway-Fido Fashion Show" featuring canine couture, essentials and adoption information. Latest styles and looks will be showcased during additional fashion shows on the Main Fashion Stage. Spring makeup

trends and helpful cosmetic tips will be part of the makeovers offered by Macy's beauty experts along with an array of new spring scents.

Other features include special gifts to the first 100 show attendees each day; Friday's Girls Night Out with sponsored by WKQI with \$5 admission after 5 p.m., free movie pass from Emagine Theatre for the first 95 guests and drink specials; Sunday's Mother & Daughters Day sponsored by United Dairy Industry of Michigan with visits from Elsa & Anna, hourly prizes, cupcakes and a mother-daughter look-a-like and cake decorating contests and more than 400 exhibitors displaying cosmetics, fragrances, lingerie, purses, shoes, gifts, décor items, food, arts and crafts, clothing, fashion and accessories.

Suburban Collection Showplace is located at 46100 Grand River Ave. in Novi. Show hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday; 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday; and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$10; youths 6-12 are \$5 and children 5 and younger are admitted free with a paying adult. Online advance tickets are \$8. On-site parking is \$5. For more information and exhibitor coupons, go to www.international-womenshow.com or call 800-849-0248.

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SYNOPSIS

APRIL 21, 2016 – REGULAR MEETING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: Thursday, April 21, 2016
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
PLACE: 44405 Six Mile Road
CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Nix called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.
PRESENT: Robert R. Nix II, Supervisor; Symantha Heath, Trustee; Marjorie F. Banner, Treasurer; Mindy Herrmann, Trustee; Marv Gans, Trustee; Fred Shadko, Trustee
ABSENT: Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk (Excused)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

1. Agendas:

- A. Regular Agenda and Amended Consent Agenda items: Approved
2. Appointments, Presentations, Resolutions & Announcements:
 - A. Plante Moran Audit Presentation – Received and Filed
 - B. Proclamation – Kids to Park Day 2016 – Approved
 - C. MGFOA Budget Award – Presented
 - D. Worker's Comp Award – Presented

3. Public Hearing: None

4. Brief Public Comments: None

5. New Business:

- A. Kroger Rezoning – Approved Planning Commission's Recommendation to deny the rezoning request
- B. DPS – Vehicle Purchase – Approved
- C. Finance – Budget Amendment 2016-1 – Approved
- D. Finance – Budget Amendment 2016-2 – Approved
- E. Parks & Recreation Master Plan – Tabled
- F. Public Safety – Fire Division – SCBA – Approved

6. Unfinished Business: None

7. Ordinances: None

8. Check Registry:

- A. In the amount of \$4,478,799.45 for the period of 3/05/16 to 4/08/16 - Approved

9. Board Communication & Reports from the following:

Robert R. Nix, II, Marjorie Banner, Marv Gans, Symantha Heath, Mindy Herrmann, Fred Shadko, and Chip Snider.

10. Any other business for the Board of Trustees: None

11. ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

This is a synopsis, the draft minutes will be available May 3, 2016.

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

SECTION 00 1113 - ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

PROJECT: Novi Community School District - Novi, Michigan
BP13 – Broadcast Upgrades

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BIDS RECEIVED: Until 2:00 pm local time on May 17, 2016, the Owner will receive sealed Bids for the work as set forth in the Bidding Documents at:
Attention: Steve Barr, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Operations
Novi Community School District
Educational Services Building
25345 Taft Road
Novi, Michigan 48374

At which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. A bid tabulation summary will be available.

The Bidding Documents will be on file on and after April 26, 2016, and may be examined at the following locations during regular business hours, Monday through Friday: Integrated Design Solutions, LLC, 1441 W. Long Lake, Suite 200, Troy, MI 48098, (248) 823-2100

The Engineering/Technology Designer will furnish electronic documents to the Bidders. The documents may be downloaded from: <http://cloud.ids-troy.com/bids/bids/novi/broadcastupgrades>. Bidders are responsible to check the website from time to time to verify they have all addenda, requests for information and other documents related to the Bid.

A pre-bid conference and walk-thru is scheduled for May 3, 2016, at 2:00 pm local time. Bidders shall meet at the Educational Services Building (ESB), 25345 Taft Road, Novi, Michigan 48374. Additional building walk-thrus, if required, shall be coordinated with the Engineer/Technology Designer.

Frog Force off to robotics World Championships

Novi High School's robotics team, Frog Force 503, is headed to the FIRST Robotics Competition World Championship in St. Louis, Mo. A team of 127 students and several mentors are part of the FIRST program which requires a team to build a robot within a six-week window and be ready to compete with its robot to pre-determined specifications and a field full of defenses to overcome. In the FIRST Robotics Competition level, teams work with alliances of two other robots from other teams during the competitions and participate in an elimination-style format, much like a sports competition. The team is treated as a business and has "departments" such as pneumatics, electrical, chassis, but also encompasses programming, public relations, multi-media, finance and graphic design, to name a few.

Frog Force qualified for this weekend's FIRST Robotics Competition World Championship after ranking 34th in the state at the competition held April 13-16 in Grand Rapids. This season has been one of great success for Team 503, continuing an upward trend it has been taking. Here is a breakdown of its competitions this season:

- » District Chairman's Award - Center Line District Event
- » District Finalists - Center Line District Event
- » District Semifinalists - Livonia District Event
- » Quality Award - Livonia District Event
- » District Finalists - Lake Superior State University District Event
- » Engineering Inspiration Award - Lake Superior State University District Event
- » FLL Qualifier Outstanding Young Mentor:

Andrew Pospeshil » Dean's List Finalist: Mitchel Huang

The District Chairman's Award honors the team that best represents a model for other teams to emulate and best embodies the purpose and goals of FIRST. The Quality Award celebrates robot robustness in concept and fabrication. The Engineering Inspiration Award celebrates outstanding success in advancing respect and appreciation for engineering within a team's school and community. The team won the new Gov. Rick Snyder Relentless POSITIVE Award, given to the team that has made a positive impact on the community, the first of its kind. It recognizes the team's outreach with the Detroit Hispanic Development Corp. and Frog Force's involvement in the upcoming S.A.Y. Play Detroit Center with Mitch Albom.



While at the FIRST Robotics state championship competition in Grand Rapids, members of the Novi Frog Force team had a chance to meet the governor: (from left) mentor Tammy Damrath, student team members Emma Kehus and Eric Braeuner, Gov. Rick Snyder and mentor Tom Pospeshil. Frog Force earned the Relentless POSITIVE Action Award.

The team also had two students, voted on by the team mentors, for the Dean's List award submission. This award recognizes a team member's demonstrated leadership, increasing awareness of FIRST, overall contribution to the team and long-term commitment to the FIRST mis-

sion. Andrew Pospeshil and Mitchel Huang were nominated. Huang was selected as one of the eight Dean's List finalists at states to further his competition at worlds. Frog Force is supported by sponsors, donations, use of space and tools and volunteers donating time to mentor

the team. Mentors range from parents helping in various capacities to outside mentors with experience in engineering or software fields to now graduated former Frog Force participants and former FIRST Robotics competition participants with other teams.

Catholic order of priests calls Lyon Township local home

Diane Gale Andreassi
Staff Writer

Driving down Johns Road in Lyon, you might not notice the Miles Christi Family Center in a building that looks a lot like other township houses, only bigger. There's no sign out front of the newly constructed structure dedicated to providing activities, mentoring youth and offering spiritual direction. Not many people know of its existence on open land in Lyon Township, across the road and down the street from South Lyon East High School. Sometimes, curious people walk up to the door with questions, the Rev. Stephen Sanguinetti said. An adjacent house is



Young men and a priest pray in the Miles Christi chapel.

home to five Roman Catholic priests and four brothers who facilitate Miles Christi programs. The order began as an idea in 1984 by Argentinian priest the Rev. Roberto Juan Yannuzzi and it was formed in 1994. Worldwide, there are 28 Miles Christi priests and 32 brothers and students in the order. It takes 12

years for a man to be ordained a Miles Christi priest. The Lyon Township Family Center opened in May 2015 and is the Miles Christi United States headquarters. Family activities Mass is held in a tiny chapel at the center at 8 a.m. Monday through

Saturday and at 11 a.m. each Sunday. It's not a parish but, as the name implies, it provides activities and programs for young people and families. The priests and brothers serve as chaplains at St. Catherine of Siena Academy girls high school in Wixom and Father Gabriel Richard High School in Ann Arbor. They're also available to help when needed at Detroit archdiocese parishes. On weekends, they travel the country facilitating retreats and raising awareness of Miles Christi. "The goal of the congregation is for the sanctification of young men and women," Sanguinetti said. On a recent Monday afternoon, a group of

boys, ages 12-15, met in the chapel for prayers at 4:30 p.m. and before 5 p.m. they gathered downstairs in a recreation area, where snacks were waiting. They live in communities across the Detroit area and their parents learned about Miles Christi from the order's many outreach programs, Sanguinetti said. Similar gatherings are held for men, women, boys and girls on various days. There are Bible studies, summer camps and, once monthly, the Miles Christi Family Center hosts a family day "to strengthen their Catholic identity and to connect them with other Catholics who also want their families to be on true paths to holiness," a Miles Christi brochure

reads. Different callings "Jesus may call for marriage or for a consecrated life," Sanguinetti said. "We help young people, both girls and guys, to discern the will of God for their lives. In our activities, what we look for is to get many people to heaven. That's the goal." A sign out front is expected to be erected within a couple of months and the obscure building in the middle of open land will be identified. Miles Christi relies entirely on individual donors for support. Go to mileschristi.org/activities/family-picnic/south-lyon or call 248-596-9677 for more information.

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Northville resident wins Nightingale Award

Barbara Freeland of Northville is the winner of a 2016 Nightingale Award for Nursing Excellence in the category of education.

Oakland University's School of Nursing and its Board of Visitors will honor Michigan's most outstanding nurses at the 28th annual Nightingale Awards for Nursing Excellence.

The only event of its kind in the state, the Nightingale Awards will be held 5-8:30 p.m. Thursday, May 5, at the San Marino Club in Troy. The awards were created to promote nursing's critical role in health care and the array of ways that nurses care for America's citizens.

In her role as professor at the University of Michigan School of Nursing, Freeland shares her expertise and knowledge with students who use it as the foundation upon which their careers are built. With more than 40 years of direct patient care, Freeland believes that patient education is of the utmost importance and designs classes around teaching future nurses to assess their patients' health literacy and equip them with the tools to advocate for themselves, which ultimately improves patient care and outcomes.

Freeland has also devoted much of her career to tackling one of the most prevalent issues in healthcare: diabetes. In the early 1990s, she took the diabetes education program at the DMC from conception to implementation. The program bridges

the gap between inpatient and outpatient diabetes services and has grown to include four service locations in the metro Detroit area.

The program offers services in fitness, education, support, self-care and pregnancy resources for those living with diabetes. The program is now recognized by the American Diabetes Association. Additionally, Freeland has organized many conferences and coordinated with numerous organizations to build resources that will help health care professionals address this growing health concern. Her current research focuses on the knowledge and attitudes of nursing students toward diabetes self-care.

Freeland will receive an award of \$1,000, a bronze statue of Florence Nightingale and a pin.



Freeland



Wolves Hawks Soccer Club members collected more than 10,000 items to benefit Hospitality House in Commerce Township.

Soccer club donates to Hospitality House

Members of the Michigan Wolves Hawks Soccer Club collected more than 10,000 items last month in a canned food drive to benefit Hospitality House, an outreach center in Commerce Township.

Community service is something the club tries to instill in its players and helping the food pantry made sense, organizers of the fundraiser noted.

The program was set up as a competition among the various club teams to help get them in the spirit, with the top three teams winning an extra training session and the top team winning spirit wear.

In the end, there was a tie between U13 Hawks and U12 Hawks Black: each team with 1,741 donated items. Second was U13 Red with 729 donated items; third was U12 Hawks with 720 donated items; fourth was U15 Wolves with 441 donated items; and fifth was U12 Wolves Black, with 430 donated items.

Hospitality House opened its doors in early 2002 in space provided by the Walled Lake First Baptist Church. During



Hawks members pack up boxes of donations from the drive.

its first year of operation, Hospitality House assisted approximately 200 families. In less than two years, the pantry outgrew the space provided and moved to a temporary location in the Walled Lake Church of Christ.

Soon it was decided Hospitality House need-

ed a more permanent home, which resulted in the rental of 1,800 square feet of office/warehouse space. In late 2007, the lease was expanded to 3,600 square feet, where Hospitality House now distributes more than 35,000 pounds of food to approximately 750 households every month.

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Paul Welday remembered as 'a great friend'

Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Paul Welday did a little bit of everything in politics.

He was on the Republican state committee and a former chairman of the Oakland County Republican Party. He ran for Congress and for the state House of Representatives out of Farmington Hills. And he had recently announced a bid for Oakland County water resources commissioner.

In addition to his own career, he mentored a number of Republicans as they pursued their careers.

Those people were among the many expressing their shock and grief over the passing of Welday, who died Monday night of a possible heart attack.

Farmington Hills Mayor Ken Massey is a family friend and serves on the city council with Welday's wife, Valerie Knol. He said Welday's sudden death makes one thing "very clear."

"This tragedy amplifies the point that we need to live every single day to the fullest," Massey said Tuesday morning. "I feel for Val and for their young daughter and the rest of her family. It's more than being on council together. She's a friend and you hate to see a friend have to go through this."

Welday, a 1981 graduate of James Madison College at Michigan State University, was a political consultant as a former founder and partner of Strategic Public Affairs and former chief of staff to former U.S. Rep. Joe Knollenberg. He was also a partner in Renaissance Strategies, a marketing and communications firm. In 2011, he joined Watts Partners, a Washington, D.C.-based

government affairs consulting firm, as senior counsel to the firm.

Welday had just attended a political fundraiser Monday night, at The Iroquois Club in Bloomfield Hills.

Knol works for state Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth Township, who said he counted Welday as part of his legislative team. Heise said he met Welday when Welday worked for former Knollenberg.

Heise said Welday ran for public office "because he had a great sense of public service" and was one of those "rare people who could make a living doing what he loved — politics."

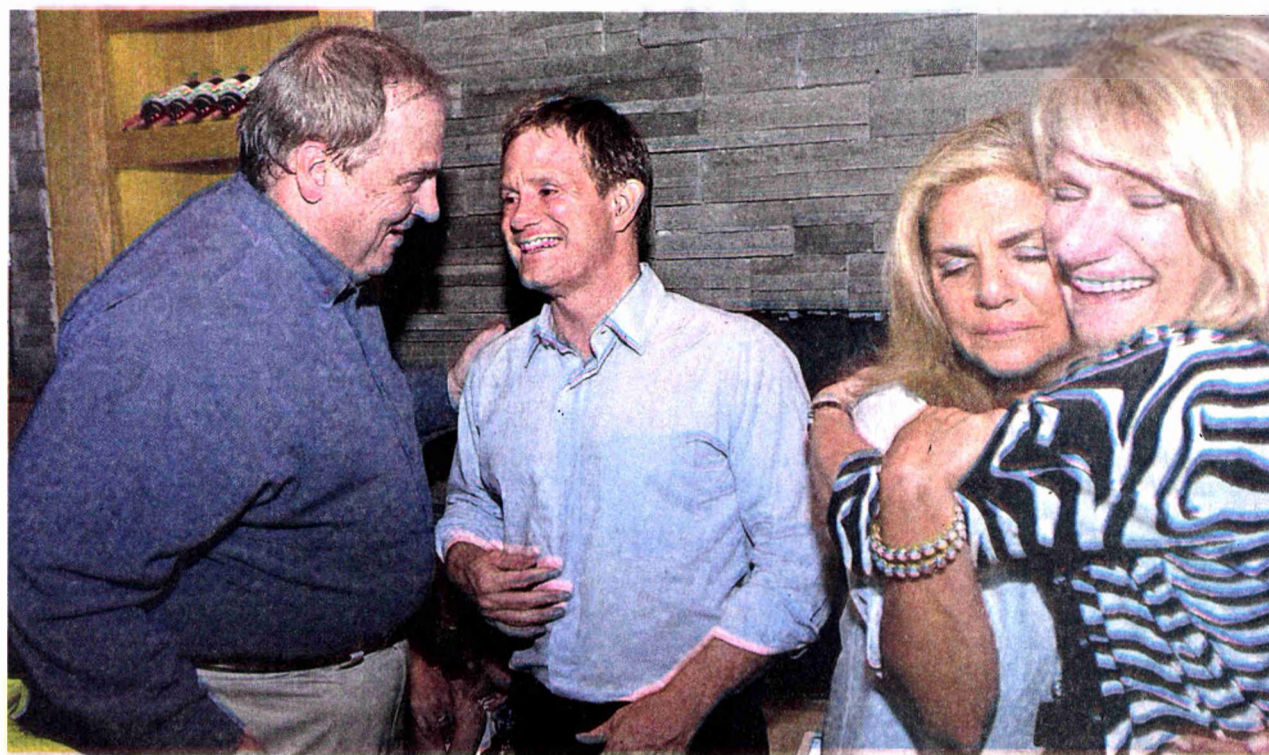
"We are just devastated by the loss," Heise said. "Paul was a really terrific political strategist and a leader. He knew the issues without being overly partisan. We are just devastated by the loss."

Former Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox and his wife, current state Rep. Laura Cox, R-Livonia, have known Welday for years and counted him "as one of our great friends," Laura Cox said Tuesday.

"He was obviously a great political mind and a great friend to Mike and me," she said. "He fought for causes he believed in. We're praying for Valerie and her family."

State Rep. Christine Greig, D-Farmington Hills, lauded Welday for his commitment to the local community, acknowledging his work as treasurer of the Farmington Youth Assistance.

"I extend my deepest sympathy to Farmington Hills Mayor Pro Tem Valerie Knol and her family on the passing of her husband, Paul Welday," Greig said. "Mr. Welday was an active community member. ...



Marty Knollenberg and Paul Welday celebrates with Knollenberg's wife Lori and her friend Susan Manser after results of Knollenberg's victory in a state House race.

Our community mourns his passing."

Plymouth Township Supervisor Shannon Price, who used to work for Welday, took Tuesday to Facebook to express his sorrow.

"Jacki Warner Price (Price's wife) and I are so sad to hear about the passing of my friend and former boss Paul Welday," Price said. "I will never forget ... the awesome opportunity he and Robert Law gave me to work on statewide grassroots campaigns. Paul taught me so much, and I was looking forward to helping him this fall. Jacki and I will be praying for Val and the kids."

Welday is survived by his wife, Valerie Knol, former mayor Farmington, son Nicholas and daughter Natalie.

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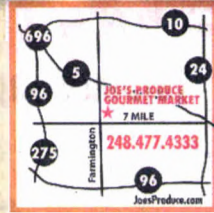
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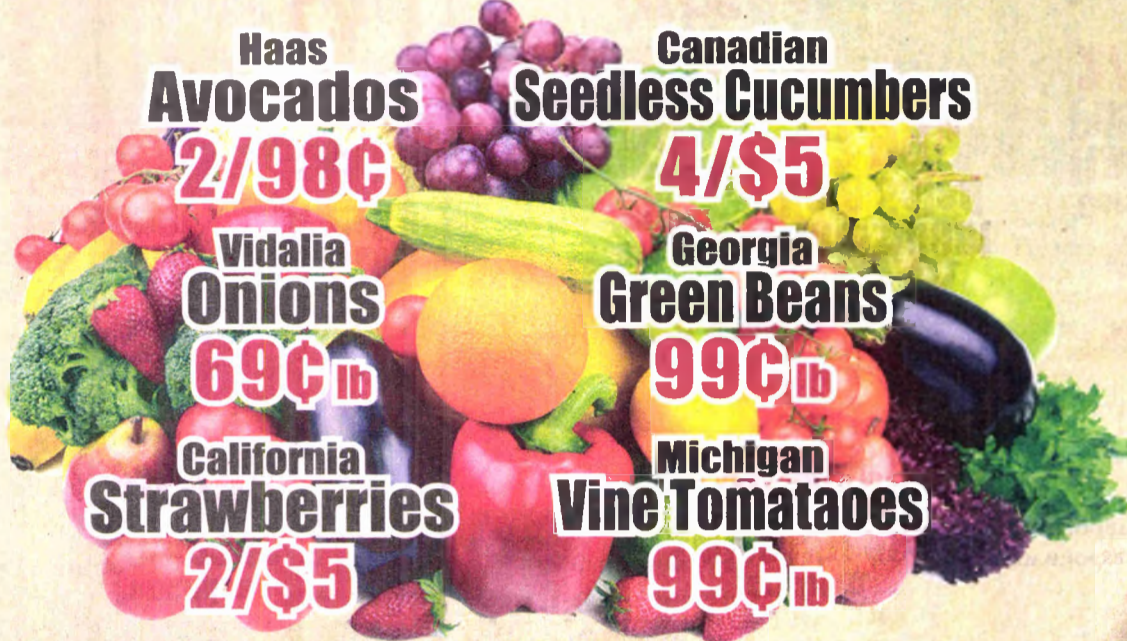


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NFL DRAFT

Hutchison lands on radar with NFL scouts

Michigan Tech grad, Northville alum eyes shot as free agent prospect

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Brandon Hutchison played his college football in virtual anonymity in the Upper Peninsula.

An undersized defensive tackle and occasional rush end at Michigan Tech, the 2011 Northville High grad played in 30 career games in four seasons for the Huskies, finishing with a modest total of 48 tackles and 40 assists.

But if there's a will, then there's a way for Hutchison, who has suddenly caught the eye of NFL scouts.

It's highly doubtful Hutchison will hear his name called on the NFL Draft board by the time Saturday's seventh round

concludes in Chicago, but there's more than a good chance he'll still end up getting a shot.

"Realistically, right now I think the best possibility for me is as an undrafted free agent," said Hutchison, who has intrigued NFL personnel as a potential outside linebacker or special teams player.

"I've formed enough entry where there is a chance or possibility, I could get drafted in the sixth or seventh round. There's a chance that even if they like me enough, I can get a camp invite. But I think I'll be in the middle. I'm going to get a contract draft day or the day after the draft as a free agent."

Happening fast

It's been whirlwind for Hutchison since he played his final game for Michigan Tech, which finished 7-3 his senior season.

"Going to Tech, I always had a goal to play professionally after the season," said Hutchison, a Canton resident. "I was named honorable mention for the GLIAC, kind of like the SEC of (NCAA) Division II, the top league in the country. Obviously, I was a defensive tackle, 250 pounds, so that was kind of something in itself."

In January, Hutchison got an invite to the Dream Bowl, a senior all-star game in Virginia Beach, Va., which featured primarily small college play-

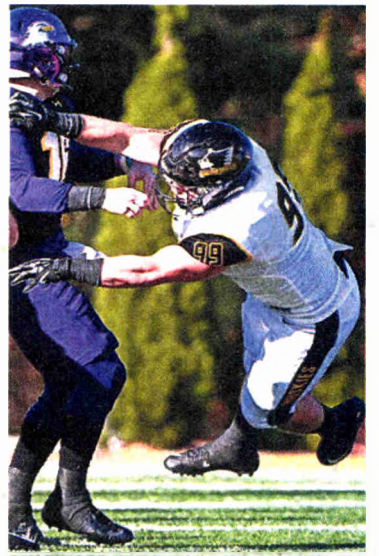
ers. "It was great," Hutchison said. "It was a great experience to travel, play with guys that probably come from 30 to 35 states only from Division II, Division II and then I-AA. It was a cool experience to play where all 22 guys on the field are 'quote, unquote' all-stars."

A month after the Dream Bowl, things started happening quickly for Hutchison. He got a recommendation and signed with an agent, Scott Bergman out of Rockville, Md. He was then invited to one of the six NFL regional combines March 5 at Minneapolis, Minn.

Catches notice

"I performed very well there and was able to get into Pro Day at the University of

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MICHIGAN TECH ATHLETICS
Michigan Tech defensive end Brandon Hutchison (right) is hoping to get a shot at the NFL.

GIRLS TENNIS



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Northville's Joanne Gao won in straight sets at No. 3 singles over Novi's Jessica Lypka.

Mustangs cruise past Wildcats in dual match

Division 1 state champs secure 9-0 division win

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Only one match went three sets April 19 as defending MHSAA Division 1 girls tennis state champion Northville rolled to a 9-0 dual match victory over rival Novi.

The host Mustangs, who improved to 3-0 overall and 3-0 in the KLAA Central Division, captured eight of nine flights in straight sets.

The only suspense came at No. 1 doubles, as Serena Wang and Maya Mulchandani bested Nov's Youna Lee and Carolyn Zhang, in three sets, 6-0, 6-7, 6-1.

After Wang and Mulchandani breezed through the first, Lee and Zhang rallied to pull out a second set tiebreaker, 11-9, before falling in the third.

"Novi made some big adjustments - good coaching - in the second set to bring it to a tiebreaker," Northville coach Linda Jones said. "We made some counter adjustments that proved to be the successful ingredient needed to win the third set."

In singles, Northville swept all four flights, yielding just nine games in eight sets and getting victories from senior Emma Worley (No. 1), sophomore Shanoli Kumar (No. 2), junior Joanne Gao (No. 3) and

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PREP BASEBALL



Northville's Zach Prystash slides safely into home plate against Novi.

MARTHA MICHALAK

Prystash spurs Mustangs' sweep over rival Wildcats



MARTHA MICHALAK
Novi catcher Andy Mizerowski receives the ball behind the plate as Northville's Aram Shahrigian takes a swing.

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Northville pitcher Zach Prystash isn't one to exaggerate about his height.

"I like to say 5-7, but may 5-6½, that's it," the junior left-hander said, chuckling.

At 6 feet, 10 inches, baseball Hall of Fame pitcher Randy Johnson, also a lefty, was called the "Big Unit."

But toward sunset April 20 at Novi, Prystash did his best "Little Unit" impression by

blinding the opposing hitters on one hit as the Mustangs completed the doubleheader sweep with a 5-0 victory in a game called after five innings because of darkness.

Prystash, who collected two hits and two big RBIs in the opener - a 4-1 Northville win in nine innings - threw just 68 pitches in the nightcap, striking out nine and not allowing a walk to earn the victory.

Senior Scott Beaton, the starting and losing pitcher for

Novi, collected the lone hit off Prystash in the opening inning.

"I was able to get ahead with my fastball and, once I got two strikes, I was able to put them away with my curve ball or throw a fastball off the plate and get them swinging," Prystash said. "The first-pitch strike was big today."

Northville, which improved to 6-2 overall and 5-2 in the KLAA Central Division, col-

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PREP TRACK AND FIELD

Lakeland wins first Balawajder title

Eagles shave Northville for the team crown in co-ed relays

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Saturday's 11th running of the Gene Balawajder Classic at Milford is a one-of-a-kind co-ed meet that combines girls and boys track teams competing in the same events together.

And it was one-of-a-kind showing for White Lake Lakeland, which captured its first-ever crown in honor of the late Milford athletic director

The Eagles won the team title by edging Northville, 97-95.5, in the meet that featured 11 schools.

Three-time defending champion and host Milford placed third with 69, followed by Waterford Mott (61), Bay City Western (56), Walled Lake Northern (53), Novi (46.5), Farmington (38), Birmingham Seaholm (37), Rochester (20) and West Bloomfield (12).

"I've been here for all them that Lakeland has been here for and I don't think we finished higher than fourth, which was last year," longtime Lakeland coach John Kababik said. "For us to come out here and get first really shows how much we've improved and how much our boys and girls pull together."

The Eagles took firsts in four of the 15 events, while placing second in two others in the all-relay format.

Lakeland captured the discus relay as Reina Troxell, Zach Confer, Justine Burt and Michael Chludzinski combined for a throw of 429 feet, 2 inches. The Eagles also



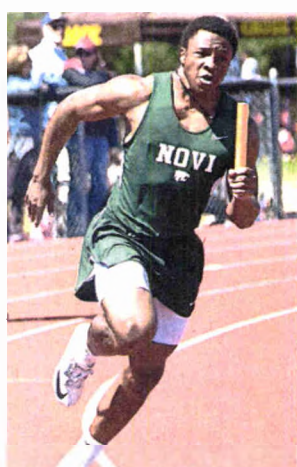
Northville's Ana Barrott (left) gets the hand-off from Conor Naughton (right) in the 4 by 3,200-meter relay.

took the shot put/discus 4 by 200-meter relay as Confer, Burt, Connor Wheeler and Marisa Sailus were clocked in 1:50.24.

On the track, Lakeland's 400 relay team of Travis Seka, Haley Rathwell, Andrew Hunt and freshman Grace Stark won in 47.35, while the shuttle hurdle foursome of Jason Dernay, Patrick Govan, Erin Keller and Stark captured first in 55.54.

The Eagles also were second in the long jump and pole vault relays.

"We had a lot of great performances as relays, a lot of our best times ever in history in these relays, so we set a lot of personal bests for each of these," said Kababik, who coaches the girls team, while Sean Williamson handles the boys. "I'm just so proud. We scored in every event we were in today."



Novi's Nathan Hankerson churning around the curve with the baton in the Balawajder Classic at Milford.

Northville, meanwhile, took a total of five first-place finishes — one field event and four other track events.

The long jump relay team of A.J. Abbott, John Hamilton, Mary Cather-

ine McLaughlin and Emily Anderson won with a combined leap of 69-7.75.

Northville's 4 by 3,200 relay team of Conor Naughton, Ana Barrott, Ben Cracraft and Lexa Barrott also set a meet record in 4:38.5, breaking the mark of 4:41.5 set by Seaholm last year.

The Mustangs also won the 4 by 1,600 (20:05.6), led by Jacob Blackmore, Olivia Harp, Kenny Goolsby and Emma Herrmann, while the 4 by 200 relay team of Lindsay Walters, Adam Ghabra, Savannah Manley and Walters also took first (1:38.11).

"I think it was a fantastic job," Northville coach Brandon Langston said. "Our kids have been preparing all season to be successful. This is obviously a different kind of meet with girls and boys together. So one thing it's a reflection of how strong the entire pro-

gram is, as well just solidarity and the continuity between ... you've got to work different hand-offs, different guys going different spots. So there's a strategy behind it, but mostly it's about the kids having fun with their teammates."

Northville also showed its strength in the distance events by placing first in the distance medley as Herrmann, Thomas Smither, Cayla Eckenroth and Naughton prevailed in 12:35.11.

"It was a great day," said Langston, who co-coaches the boys and girls along with the Dalton brothers, Tim and Jack. "The meet was really run smoothly and it reflects well on your entire program, your boys and your girls, when they come together and are successful like this."

Not to be outdone was

host Milford, which took home three first places.

"I think we had some great things happen today," Milford girls coach John Fundukian said. "I think Gene Balawajder would have been very proud of the way our program competed today together. The kids had a lot of fun."

Junior Mallory Barrett figured in all three firsts for the Mavericks as she teamed with Mitch Appleton, Ciara Charlick and A.J. Costanzo for a victory in the high jump (20-6).

She was also a member of the victorious 4 by 800 relay that included Josh Deradoorian, James Thomason and Sarah Ausum (8:45.96), as well as combining for a win with Deradoorian, Victoria Heligenthal and Isaac Phillips in the 4 by 400 (3:43.47).

"(Mallory) Barrett ... we like to call 'useful,'" said Fundukian, who coaches the Milford girls while Dave Gilbert coaches the boys team. "She's very good and she's very multi-talented. We can use her in a lot of different areas. She's going to have a lot of great days and she was awesome again today."

"We had some great performances. Josh Deradoorian was a highlight. He ran 1:59 in the 4 by 800, which set a school record. And he also came back to win on the 4 by 400, and ran a great leg there, 51.3. We had kids really perform with times in April that we normally see in May, which is really good."

Other first-place relay efforts were garnered by Farmington, sprint medley (2:41.8); Bay City Western, shot put (144.75); and Walled Lake Northern, pole vault (41-6).

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GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD

Northville rallies to post triumph

Mustangs make late charge for 70-67 dual win over Salem

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It came down to the wire April 19 as Northville rallied late for a 70-67 girls track win over visiting Salem.

The Mustangs swept the 3,200-meter run and closed out the victory with first in the 1,600 relay to improve to 2-0 overall and 2-0 in the KLAA's Central Division.

Freshman Olivia Harp won the 3,200 in 11:29.1, while Cayla Eckenroth (11:35.0) and Rachel Zimmer (11:58.0) finished second and third, respectively.

The 1,600 relay quartet of Emily Chen, Yasmine Affes, Savannah Manley and Claire Wan cruised to first in 4:06.2, while Salem was a distant since in 4:23.62.

Northville's Chloe Abbott swept the 200 and 400 dashes in 25.92 and 56.73, respectively, while Lexa Barrott was first in the 800 (2:20.46) and 1,600 (5:13.07).

Other first-place finishers for the Mustangs included Lauren Lambert, high jump (4 feet, 8 inches); Elise Daniel, pole vault (7-6); and Chen, 100 (13.55).

Second place went to Manley, 200 (27.79); Ana Barrott, 800 (2:24.16) and 1,600 (5:18.23), while placing third were Barbara Davis, shot put (30-4); Lambert, long jump (14-4.25); Daryn Lobinger, pole vault (7-0);

Haleigh Czarnecki, 100 hurdles (19.67); and Harp, 1,600 (5:20.29).

Brianna Essien swept the 100 and 300 hurdles in 18.51 and 53.27, respectively, for Salem (1-1, 1-1).

Wildcats triumph

Host Novi improved to 2-0 in the KLAA Central Division with an 80-57 win April 19 over Livonia Stevenson.

The Wildcats, competing for the first time on their newly installed track, boasted four individual double winners: Karena Roest, 100 hurdles (16.58) and 300 hurdles (48.7); Kayla Savage, 100 dash (13.2) and 200 (27.27); Katherine Ray, 1,600 (5:30.4) and 3,200 (12:09.0); and Emma Hammelef, shot put (35-11) and discus (106-7).

Hannah Hood-Blaxill captured the high jump (5-2), while Kate Prisby won the long jump (16-4.5). The Wildcats were also victorious in the 400 relay (53.91).

Second-place finishers for Novi included Hannah McBride, shot put (34-2); Marissa Dunn, discus (98-0); Prisby, high jump (4-8); Ellie Mackay, long jump (15-2); Alexandra Pringle, 100 hurdles (17.05); Brittany Moeller, 300 hurdles (52.99).

Third place for the Wildcats went to Hammelef, pole vault (8-6); Lauren Miesowicz, 400 (1:07.28); Pringle, 200 (27.94); Moeller, 100 hurdles (17.09); and Sydney Hinojosa, 300 hurdles (53.49).

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BOYS TRACK AND FIELD

Northville runs past Salem

Novi downed by Stevenson; Catholic Central triumphs

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Northville made it two straight boys track and field victories in the KLAA's Central Division with a 75-62 dual meet triumph April 19 over visiting Salem.

The Mustangs captured seven individual events and three of the four relay races to improve to 2-0 overall and 2-0 in the division.

The one-two finish of Ben Cracraft and Conor Naughton in the 3,200-meter run, tied at 9:47.6 each, sealed the win for Northville.

"Some of the seniors expressed their desire to win the division and the conference this year, because it's been a long time since the boys team made some noise around here," Northville coach Brandon Langston said. "Beating Salem was a big step in that direction. This meet goes to show that every little thing we do is important. Every third-place finish is huge for us in every meet."

Other individual winners for Northville included John Hamilton, high jump (5 feet, 10 inches); A.J. Abbott, long jump (20-6.5); Clay Alexander, pole vault (10-6); Adam Ghabra, 200-meter dash (22.99); Giuliano Daniel, 400 (52.17); Thomas Smither, 800 (2:02.5).

Salem captured the 400 relay (44.89), but Northville took the other three.

Antonio Washington, Abbott, Daniel and Ghabra won the 800 relay 1:34.72. The 1,600 relay team of Daniel, Ghabra,



Northville's Caleb Sheehan makes a practice attempt in the high jump before Tuesday's dual meet with Salem.

Goolsby and Robbie Kupal emerged victorious in 3:35.29, while the foursome of Naughton, Goolsby, Nick Couyoumjian and Smither captured the 3,200 relay (8:37.9).

Adding second for the Mustangs were Max DeDonna, shot put (46-11.5); Alec Hopkins, high jump (5-8); Hamilton, long jump (19-9); Ben Shuart, 100 hurdles (18.11); and Goolsby, 1,600 (4:37.01).

Meanwhile, Northville got third from Shuart, 300 hurdles (45.18); Kupal, 400 (54.3); Evan Ferrante, 800 (2:06.98); and Naughton, 1,600 (4:40.69).

Salem (1-1, 1-1) got a pair of firsts from Janik Schmitt in the shot put (55-7) and discus (138-1).

Wildcats defeated

On April 19, Livonia Stevenson captured nine events in a 76-61 KLAA

Central Division victory over host Novi, which slipped to 1-1 overall and 1-1 in the KLAA Central.

Novi's Anthony D'Annibale set personal bests in winning the 100- and 200-meter races in 10.98 and 22.4, respectively. He was also a member of the first-place 400 relay (45.1).

Hunter Joy added first in the 100- and 300 hurdles with times of 15.57 and 41.93, both personal bests.

Other first-place finishers included Scott Sawyer, high jump (6 feet, 2 inches); Joost Plaetinck, 1,600 (4:39.0); Gabe Mudel, 3,200 (personal best 10:02.0).

Second place went to Brennan Martin, shot put (39-10); Marcus Antolec, discus (99-7); Nathan Hankerson, 200 (23.19); Aric Landy, 3,200 (10:05.0);

Third place went to

Brendan Ireland, long jump (18-10.5); Hankerson, 100 (11.1); Josh Holcomb, 400 (55.1); John Landy, 1,600 (4:44.32); Cory Grassmeyer, discus (98-5).

DUAL MEET RESULTS

DETROIT CATHOLIC CENTRAL 78

DEARBORN DIVINE CHILD 50

April 25 at Detroit CC

Shot put: 1. Chris Bradbury (CC), 45 feet, 8.75 inches; 2. Matthew Young (CC), 44-5; discus: 1. Bradbury (CC), 137-7; 2. Ryan Woelkenberg (CC), 119-2; high jump: 1. Ciarell (DC), 5-2; 2. Brendan Downs (CC), 5-4; Isaiah Popp (CC), 5-4; long jump: Brendan Smith (CC), 20-6.5; 110-meter hurdles: 1. Mark Borek (CC), 15-33; 2. Haden Kasdorf (CC), 15-78; 3. Zack Chops (CC), 16-71; 300 hurdles: 1. Levens (CC), 43-9; 2. Chops (CC), 44-28; 3. Kasdorf (CC), 46-0; 100 dash: 1. Trevor Wilson (CC), 11-47; 3. Kyle Lockhart (CC), 11-61; 200: 1. B. Smith (CC), 24-07; 3. Chops (CC), 24-17; 400: 1. Holland (DC), 52-49; 3. Nicholas Gessler (CC), 55-28; 800: 1. Petrichoff (DC), 2:03-48; 2. Shane Saxton (CC), 2:05-25; 3. Scott Smith (CC), 2:05-54; 1,600: 1. Avery Felty (CC), 4:33-4; 2. Alex McLaren (CC), 4:45-66; 3. Mark Borek (CC), 4:45-96; 3,200: 1. Ty Buckley (CC), 10:16-19; 3. McLaren (CC), 10:39-25; 400 relay: 1. Divine Child, 45-76; 2. Detroit CC, 45-47; 800 relay: 1. Divine Child, 1:37-41; 1,600 relay: 1. Divine Child, 3:37-4; 3,200 relay: 1. Detroit CC (Ben Racine, Buckley, Borek, S. Smith), 8:19-4.

CC's dual meet record: 2-1 overall, 2-1 Catholic League (Central Division).

GIRLS SOCCER ROUNDUP

Novi roars back to boot Stevenson, 4-3

Wildcats erase three-goal deficit in Central Division clash

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The Novi girls soccer team appeared to be cast in "Walking Dead" through the first 39 minutes of the opening half against Livonia Stevenson at Meadows Stadium. The host Wildcats found themselves down 3-0, but made a miraculous turnaround with four unanswered goals during a span of 5 minutes and 31 seconds to

stun the Spartans, 4-3, in a KLAAs Central Division match.

Novi improved to 3-0-2 overall and takes over first place in the KLAAs Central at 2-0-1.

Stevenson, meanwhile, suffered its first loss of the season and stands 5-1-2 overall and 2-1 in the division.

"The biggest thing we took away from this is the kind of character of this team," Novi coach Todd Pfeiffer said. "I would have been very easy to give up being down 3-0. We know Livonia Stevenson is a very good team. They were sitting on top of the Cen-

tral Division. They had two wins. They beat Salem 1-0 and we had just tied Salem 0-0. Plus, we were coming off a game against Salem which was 0-0 and a game we probably should have won. We outshot Salem 15-3 and we just couldn't find the back of the net Tuesday night."

Stevenson, which outshot the Wildcats 9-6 for the match, scored three times in the first 26 minutes, getting goals from Kayla Gacoich (from Paige Ackman); Audrey Kopitz (from Kennedy Thurlow); and Gacoich again (on a rebound off her own penal-

ty shot).

But Novi turned things around scoring twice in the final minute of the half, getting goals from freshman Julia Stadtherr from Chloe Allen with 59 seconds left and Allen from Laine Fenchel with only three seconds left.

Novi senior Katrina Koomen then came out and scored twice – both off free kicks – to start the second half, including the game-winner with 35:28 remaining.

"Everything that could have gone wrong went wrong in those seven minutes," said Stevenson coach Ken

Shingledecker, who used all three of his goalkeepers. "We played as well as we could play for 39 minutes. Everything I thought we would do in the game, we did. And then the momentum changed and, obviously, the game changed and we just couldn't get rolling again."

Novi goalie Aastha Dharia kept the Spartans in check over the final 64 minutes of the match.

"Getting down 3-0, we could have easily packed it in," Pfeiffer said. "It just shows the great leadership we have on this team from our seniors and just the charac-

ter of this team. They didn't give up. They kept fighting. We got those last two goals and we actually talked at practice yesterday that how important the last five minutes of each half is and that we've got to play the entire 40 minutes."

NOVI 0, SALEM 0: The host Rocks (1-1-2, 0-1-1) and the Wildcats (2-0-2, 1-0-1) battled to a scoreless draw April 19 in a KLAAs Central Division encounter.

"We did a great job of possessing the ball and creating numerous scoring opportunities," said Novi coach Todd Pfeiffer, whose team outshot Salem 15-3. "However, on this night we were unable to find a way to put the ball in the goal. Our defense did a great job once again, limiting the Rocks to only three shots on goal but, in the end, the result was a 0-0 tie and one point for each team in the division."

PREP BASEBALL WRAP

Northville manages big sweep against Brighton

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Northville's baseball team made the trip Saturday to Brighton worthwhile by sweeping both ends of a doubleheader in a rematch of last year's KLAAs Association championship.

The Mustangs, who improved to 8-2 overall, won the opener, 10-0, as winning pitcher David Dillon went all five innings, allowing just three hits and a walk.

Northville also won the nightcap, 5-3, getting two runs in the top of the seventh inning.

"David Dillon pitched outstanding," Northville coach John Kostrzewa said. "After getting the relief win on (April 20) against Novi, he followed it up with another great performance. Offensively, we had great at-bats all game and put a lot of balls in play hard."

Northville collected a total of 13 hits, with Jack Sargent going 3-for-4 while Mike Lionas and Shane Rankin each added two hits and two RBIs. Nate Wixon and Chris Dunn also added two hits apiece. In Game 2, Stephen

Ernst and Luke Skillman (game-winner) came up with keep hits to keep the seventh inning alive and help the Mustangs break a 3-3 deadlock.

Zach Prystash and Rankin each collected two hits, while Wixon, Sargent and Dunn also all knocked in a run for the Mustangs.

Nate Wixon, the starter, went the first four innings before giving way to Andrew Blazo, who pitched three scoreless innings of relief to earn the victory. The two combined on a six-hitter.

"We made some highlight-reel plays on defense," Kostrzewa said. "Zach Prystash and Kevin Morrissey had fantastic diving catches that helped prevent Brighton from having more chances to score."

The loss dropped Brighton to 4-3-1 overall.

NORTHVILLE 4, PLYMOUTH 1: Chris Dunn pitched a complete game scattering nine hits and three hits Monday as the Mustangs (9-2, 6-2 KLAAs Central) downed the host Wildcats (6-9, 4-4 KLAAs South) in a Kensington Conference crossover.

Dunn struck out three and also had an RBI, while Aram Shargian had two hits and an RBI. Zach Osaer also had two hits, while Nate Wixon and Jack Sargent also knocked in runs.

GIRLS SOCCER ROUNDUP



Northville's Jenna Lauderback (left) contests for the ball in the Saginaw Heritage Invitational.

CHRIS HENZI

Mustangs earn two wins at Heritage Invite

South Lyon East earns 1-1 draw against Mustangs

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Northville chalked up a pair of victories during three matches in Saturday's Saginaw Heritage Invitational girls soccer tournament.

In the opener, Lapeer jumped out to a 3-0 halftime lead en route to a 4-1 victory, getting goals in the 16th, 21st and 26th minutes before North-

ville's Sydney Schembri headed in a cross from Alissa Moore in the 44th minute.

The Lightning then put the game out of reach with a direct kick goal from 18 yards out at the 50-minute mark.

Northville sophomore goalie Carlie Castiglione made five saves.

In the second 60-minute match, the Mustangs defeated host Heritage, 2-0, getting a goal in the 17th minute from sophomore Roan Haines (from Kendall Dillon cross) and another goal from Schembri in the 35th

minute (on a quick shot just inside the penalty area from Moore).

Castiglione made five saves to record her second shutout of the year.

In the final match, Northville (3-4-2) defeated Troy Athens, 2-1, overcoming an early 1-0 deficit by getting a pair of goals from junior Megan Williams in the 29th minute (from Schembri) and 45th minute (off a poor clearance).

Castiglione had eight saves as the Mustangs improved to 3-4-2 overall.

NORTHVILLE 1, S.L. EAST 1: Amber Hamers scored in the 49th minute as host South Lyon East (1-2-3, 0-1-2) played to a KLAAs Central Division tie April 19 against the Mustangs (1-3-2, 1-1-1) at South Lyon High School.

Northville took a 1-0 lead in the 10th minute on Sydney Schembri's goal, assisted by Nikki Bue.

Carlie Castiglione was in goal for the Mustangs. "Abby Henzi played very well on our back line and Megan Williams is continuing to work hard up front," Northville coach Eric Brucker said. "We still need to take advantage of more opportunities that we're creating. We're just finding ways to seize the moment."

Lauren Kuznicki assisted on Hamers' game-tying goal.

"We played with good energy throughout the entire game," East coach Jon Cadwallader said. "I thought that we pressured Northville well and were able to keep the game in front of us. This was our first res (non-loss) against Northville, so it is a great building block for the program."

PREP BASEBALL ROUNDUP

Catholic Central gains split of two games against Pilots

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Reliever Grant Hartwig closed out the game with a scoreless sixth and seventh inning for the save as Novi Detroit Catholic Central salvaged a split of its baseball doubleheader Saturday at Warren DeLaSalle.

Dante Toppi was the winning pitcher as the Shamrocks captured the nightcap, 10-8, to improve

to 6-5 overall and 2-5 in the Catholic League's Central Division.

The Pilots took the opener, 15-0, as CC collected only one hit.

DETROIT CC 6, W.L. CENTRAL 4: Grant Hartwig knocked in two runs in the top of the 10th inning Friday as Novi Detroit Catholic Central (5-4) outlasted host Walled Lake Central (5-3) in a non-league game. The Shamrocks emptied their bullpen, using six different pitchers, with Matt Stinebriser recording his first varsity win as Nick O'Dea, Brendan Charette, Ben Vitek, Zak Jordan and Brendan Kassa all took turns on the mound to combine on a two-hitter.

Nick Sykes paced CC's offensive attack with three hits, while Dante Toppi and Marcus Cipriano added two apiece.

Walled Lake Central, which rallied for three runs in the bottom of the seventh inning to tie the game at 4-4.

U-D JESUIT 3-5, DETROIT CC 0-8: Grant Hartwig pitched a complete game in the nightcap as Novi Detroit Catholic Central (4-4, 1-4) salvaged a split of a Catholic League Central Division doubleheader April 20 at the University of Detroit-Jesuit (5-6, 2-4).

Miami, a senior right-hander bound for Miami (Ohio), allowed just one earned run, while Nick Sykes and Joey Merucci broke the game open with key seventh-inning hits.

U-D won the opener as Sean Garcia was the hard-luck losing pitcher, allowing no earned runs in going all seven innings.

On April 16, the host Shamrocks were

swept in a Central Division doubleheader by Birmingham Brother Rice, 2-0 and 6-5. Junior left-hander Alex Kuster allowed just one hit over seven innings and threw just 58 pitches to win the opener for Rice.

In the nightcap, the Warriors (9-3, 3-1) overcame a 4-2 deficit to pull out the victory.

FRANKLIN ROAD 6, GREENHILLS 1: On April 19, Matt Lorey was in command from start to finish on the as host Novi Franklin Road Christian (5-1, 2-1) upended Ann Arbor Greenhills (1-3, 1-3) in a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Red Division encounter. Lorey went all seven innings, allowing just three hits while striking out nine and walking only one to earn the victory. Shaun Moore went 2-for-3 with two RBIs, while Evan Lorey contributed two hits, an RBI and two stolen bases for the winners. David Johnson also added RBI double.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL
Friday, April 29 (all doubleheaders)
Saline at Detroit CC, 4 p.m.
S'field Christian at Franklin Road, 4 p.m.
Saturday, April 30 (all doubleheaders)
Northville at Lake Orion, 11 a.m.
Howell at Novi, 11 a.m.
St. Mary Prep at Detroit CC, 11 a.m.
Monday, May 2
Franklin at Northville, 4 p.m.
Churchill at Novi, 4 p.m.
Tuesday, May 3
Franklin Road at Liggett (2), 4 p.m.
Wednesday, May 4 (all doubleheaders)
South Lyon at Northville, 4 p.m.
Northville at Salem, 4 p.m.
Detroit CC at Brother Rice, 4 p.m.
Friday, May 6
Franklin Rd. at W.L. Central, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 7 (all doubleheaders)
Novi at Clawson Inv., 10 a.m.
S.H. Stevenson at Northville, 11 a.m.
U-D Jesuit at Detroit CC, 11 a.m.
PREP SOFTBALL
Thursday, April 28
W.L. Western at Novi, 4:30 p.m.
Franklin Rd. at S'field Christ., 4:30 p.m.
Friday, April 29
Novi at W.L. Northern, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 30
O.L. Lakes at Franklin Rd. (2), 11 a.m.
Monday, May 2
Franklin at Northville, 4 p.m.
Churchill at Novi, 4 p.m.
Franklin Rd. at PCA (2), 4 p.m.
Wednesday, May 4 (all doubleheaders)
South Lyon at Northville, 4 p.m.
Novi at Salem, 4 p.m.
Thursday, May 5
Franklin Rd. at Luth. W'sld, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, May 6
Franklin Rd. at Oak. Christian, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 7
Novi Tournament, 10 a.m.
Northville at Churchill Inv., TBA.
GIRLS SOCCER
Thursday, April 28
Northville at Salem, 7 p.m.
S.L. East at Novi (Meadows), 7 p.m.
Friday, April 29
Saline at N'ville (Holzer), 7 p.m.
Stoney Creek at Novi (Meadows), 7 p.m.
Novi, May 3
Novi at Northville (Holzer), 7 p.m.
Thursday, May 5
Northville at South Lyon, 7 p.m.
Salem at Novi (Meadows), 7 p.m.
Friday, May 6
Northville at Dearborn, 7 p.m.
BOYS & GIRLS TRACK
Friday, April 29
Detroit CC at Jackson Inv., 3 p.m.
N'ville at MSU Invitational, TBA.
Saturday, April 30
Novi at Wat. Mott Inv., 8 a.m.
Monday, May 2
DeLaSalle at Detroit CC, 4:15 p.m.
Tuesday, May 3
Northville at S.L. East, 4 p.m.
Salem at Novi, 4 p.m.
Franklin Road at Greenhills, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, May 6
Northville at Saline Inv., TBA.

Saturday, May 7
Novi at South Lyon Inv., 8 a.m.
Detroit CC at Observerland Relays at Farmington H.S., 3 p.m.
BOYS LACROSSE
Friday, April 29
Howell at Novi, 7 p.m.
St. Michael's at Detroit CC, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 30
Northville at N.D. Prep, 2 p.m.
Cranbrook at Detroit CC, 4 p.m.
Monday, May 2
South Lyon at Northville (Holzer), 7 p.m.
Salem at Novi, 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 3
Detroit CC at Brother Rice, 7 p.m.
Thursday, May 5
Flint Powers at Novi, 6:30 p.m.
Friday, May 6
Novi at Canton, 8 p.m.
GIRLS LACROSSE
Monday, May 2
Northville at South Lyon, 7 p.m.
Novi at Salem (CEP), 7 p.m.
Wednesday, May 4
Canton at Novi, 6:30 p.m.
Country Day at N'ville (Holzer), 7 p.m.
Friday, May 6
West Bloomfield at Novi, 7 p.m.
Saturday, May 7
Northville at Ladywood Inv., TBA.
GIRLS TENNIS
Friday, April 29
Novi at Troy, 4 p.m.
Saturday, April 30
Northville at A.A. Huron Inv., 8 a.m.
Tuesday, May 3
Northville at KLAAs North, 4 p.m.
Novi at KLAAs North, 4 p.m.
Thursday, May 5
Northville at KLAAs West, 4 p.m.
Novi at KLAAs West, 4 p.m.
Saturday, May 7
Northville at Holly Inv., 8 a.m.
Novi at A.A. Huron Inv., 8 a.m.
BOYS GOLF
Friday, April 29
Novi vs. Salem at Fox Hills, 3 p.m.
N'ville, CC at Traverse City Inv. at Grand Traverse Resort, 9 a.m.
Saturday, April 30
N'ville, CC at Traverse City Inv. at Grand Traverse Resort, 9 a.m.
Detroit CC at Maples Varsity Inv. at Hudson Mills G.C., 8:30 a.m.
Monday, May 2
Northville at Seaholm Inv., TBA.
CC at Anderson-Spencer Inv. at OU's Katke-Cousins, noon.
CC at Seaholm Tournament at Orchard Lake C.C., noon.
Tuesday, May 3
Northville vs. Stevenson at Northville Hills G.C., 3 p.m.
Wednesday, May 4
Novi vs. South Lyon at Walnut Creek C.C., 4 p.m.
Thursday, May 5
Northville vs. Salem at Fox Hills G.C., 3 p.m.
Novi vs. S. Lyon East at Walnut Creek C.C., 3 p.m.
CC vs. Divine Child, Luth. North at Cattails G.C., 3:30 p.m.
Friday, May 6
Detroit CC vs. Rice, U-D at Detroit G.C., 3:30 p.m.
TBA – time to be announced.

PREP SOFTBALL

Wildcats sweep doubleheader from rival Northville

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

It's still early in the prep softball season, but rivals Novi and Northville found out a little bit more about themselves April 20 following a KLAAs Central Division doubleheader.

And it was Novi emerging as the victor, sweeping both ends of the twinbill by scores of 8-4 and 7-6.

"We have such a young team that eight of our 14 roster kids are first-year varsity kids," said Novi coach Bruce Lenington, whose team improved to 4-5 overall and 2-4 in the division. "We were coming off a really disappointing (April 18) 12-2 loss at the hands of Plymouth. We really did a nice job of just bringing a different approach to the plate. Yesterday in practice, we made a

concerted effort to the game today. And I think, offensively, it was by far our best performance of the year. It's something to build on."

Novi collected 10 hits in the opener, as Jaime Gustitus (double), Nicole Ireland and Sophie Rallis collected two apiece.

The Wildcats jumped out to an early 3-0 lead, but Northville answered with three runs in the top of the third inning.

Novi then added four runs in the bottom of the third and one more in the sixth before the Mustangs scored their final run in the top of the seventh.

Winning pitcher Madison Budde scattered nine hits over seven innings. She struck out two and walked three.

Northville starter Allison Zwarka gave up 10 hits, walked five and struck out three in six innings.

Brianna Nayh collected

three hits in a losing cause.

In the nightcap, Novi jumped out to a 7-1 lead after three innings before Northville charged back with five runs in the sixth, triggered by Nayh's RBI single.

Budde then came on in relief of freshman starter Maria Gustitus for the final 1½ innings to pick up the save.

Gustitus, who notched her first varsity win, going the first 5½ innings, allowed eight hits, walked two and struck out one.

Hope Kapelanski went 2-for-3 with two RBIs, while Jaime Gustitus added two hits for the Wildcats.

Losing pitcher Sarah Hige went all six innings, allowing seven hits and two walks, while fanning three.

Alexis Koehler went 2-for-3 with an RBI, while Nayh was 2-for-4. Sara Moos also

knocked in two and scored a run.

After committing just one error in the first game, the Mustangs had four in the second.

"Northville is a really, really good team with some dangerous hitters and some experienced pitching," Lenington said. "They're going to win a lot of ballgames this year. To have a couple of good performances against Northville, I think it's going to give these kids a lot of confidence."

The losses dropped the Mustangs to 5-6 overall and 2-4 in the KLAAs Central.

"We played well," first-year Northville coach Rebecca Quinn said. "We hit the ball hard, we played defense well, our attitude and efforts were up. Novi played great defense and they hit gaps. We out-hit them in Game 2, it just wasn't

enough. We keep learning about who we are as a team as the season progresses, we keep learning from the tough losses such as tonight and we'll be on the upswing before you know it."

PLYMOUTH 5, NORTHVILLE 3: In a Kensington Conference crossover, the host Wildcats (6-3, 5-2 KLAAs South) used a walk-off three-run homer in the bottom of the seventh inning to beat the Mustangs (5-7, 2-5) KLAAs Central.

Plymouth led 2-0 through six innings before the Mustangs rallied for three runs in the top of the seventh on a single by Abby Tolstyka, followed by back-to-back RBI doubles from Megan Hotchkiss, who went 2-for-2, and Makenzie Kamm, who then scored on an error.

Losing pitcher Allison Zwarka went all seven innings, striking out five.

FRANKLIN ROAD 10, LUTHERAN WESTLAND 0: Eighth-grader Bethany Bause went 3-for-3 with two RBIs as Novi Franklin Road Christian (1-0, 1-0) opened its season April 19 with a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Red Division victory over visiting Lutheran High Westland (2-1, 2-1).

Sophomore Haley Thrift also went 3-for-4 with two RBIs, while senior Hannah Rayburn contributed two hits and two RBIs for the Warriors, who also took advantage of five Lutheran Westland errors.

Sophomore pitcher Kayla Nannoshi went all five innings in the mercy-rule win, allowing just two hits. She struck out five and walked one.

PREP SOFTBALL

Wildcats win four out of five at Macomb Classic

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Staff Writer

Novi made another stellar showing, winning four out of five games in last weekend's Macomb Classic, hosted by Fair Haven Anchor Bay.

After going 3-0 in pool play Saturday, the Wildcats reached the semifinals, only to lose to Canton in nine innings, 2-1, before bouncing back with an 8-2 consolation final victory over Milford (10-3).

The Wildcats turned four double plays against Canton and put on an absolute show for the crowded stands at Anchor Bay.

Madison Budde was brilliant in the circle for Novi, allowing only four hits over nine innings. Novi (10-6) out-hit Canton, 6-4, but could not get the runs needed to secure the victory.

In the third-place game, Novi freshman Maria Gustitus threw six strong innings and helped her own cause, going 2-for-3 at the plate.

Maddy Brandenstein collected three hits and scored three runs, while fellow senior Nicole Ireland also added two hits to cap a strong weekend.

On Saturday, the Wildcats pounded out eight homers and

swept all three pool play opponents, with wins against St. Clair (5-3), L'Anse Creuse (13-2) and St. Clair Shores Lake Shore (6-3).

Ireland Whalen clubbed her first two homers of her career, one against L'Anse Creuse and the second against Lake Shore. Freshman Megan Mendenbop hit her first career round-tripper as well against Lake Shore.

Yarberry also had a pair of homers, none bigger than her last-inning walk-off bomb against St. Clair. Her two-run blast brought home Ireland, who had just tied the game with a triple of her own.

NOVI 10, FRANKLIN 2: Ashley Yarberry paced a 17-hit attack, going 5-for-5 with a pair of RBIs, as the Wildcats (11-6, 4-4 KLAAs Central) rolled to a Kensington Conference crossover victory over host Livonia Franklin (3-6, 2-6) KLAAs South.

Hope Kapelanski chipped in three hits and two RBIs for the Wildcats.

NOVI 16-11, JOHN GLENN 0-1: Ashley Yarberry had seven RBIs Friday as the Wildcats (6-5, 3-4 KLAAs Central) posted a pair of mercy-rule victories at Westland John Glenn (3-6, 2-5) in a match-up of Kensington Conference teams.

In Game 1, senior Madison Budde pitched a perfect game over four innings, retiring all six batters she faced with six strikeouts.

Budde also paced the offense, going 5-for-5 with four RBIs, while Chandler Dennis went 2-for-3 with four RBIs. Ashley Yarberry blasted her second homer of the year and added four RBIs.

In the nightcap, freshman Maria Gustitus threw a two-hitter and struck out six.

Maddy Brandenstein, Nicole Ireland and Budde each collected two hits.

BOYS LACROSSE

Northville earns win on Victory Day

Mustangs take down Utica Eisenhower with big second half, 13-9

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Northville got a victory on the second annual Victory Day as the host Mustangs earned a 13-9 boys lacrosse triumph over Utica Eisenhower at Tom Holzer Field.

Zach Tardich and Connor Sweeney led the way with four goals and one assist each, while Brennan Sweeney contributed three goals and one assist.

Other offensive contributions came from Harry Dyson (one goal, one assist), Anthony Salamone (two assists) and Josh Bentley (one goal).

Spencer Gonda also went 13-of-16 on face-offs, while goalie Jeff Varner made nine saves.

"We struggled a little in the first half, especially getting our offense going, but we definitely played our best half of the year in the third and fourth quarters," said Northville coach Greg Durham, whose team improved to 5-3 overall. "It was our best team win of the season. The guys are starting to buy into our offensive system and it really has showed this game. Our extra man offense keeps getting better and better, as we went 3-for-4."

"Defensively, Antonio Corsi played his best game overall and we really needed that from him, as our defense is down two starters because of injuries."

On April 20, Northville opened KLAAs Kensington Conference play with a 15-2 win at Salem (3-3, 0-1).



CINDY SALAMONE

Harry Dyson (1) helps brother Billy Dyson (right) take a shot during Saturday's Victory Day at Northville.

Special game

Prior to the game, the Northville varsity lacrosse players took part in a game with students with special needs and disabilities.

Each student was partnered with varsity lacrosse player as their mentor during four seminars teaching stick-handling skills. Students were given game jerseys and awarded starter sticks donated by Warrior Lacrosse.

The Northville drum line performed and Sean Baligian of WMGC-FM (105.1), Detroit

Sports Radio, served as the announcer. The national anthem was sung by Carly Bins, while players were awarded certificates and took photos.

Among the special-needs students participating were Billy Dyson, Ryan Basista, Jeffrey Bentley, Michael Cheuey, Daniel Diaz, Anthony Feldman, Jeremiah Heyer, Billy Kuffner, Justin McGeorge, Wolfgang Mueller, Joseph Rays, Mario Silvestri, Jaquan Tucker and Malcom Wang.

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BOYS LACROSSE ROUNDUP

Sparling stars at Novi earns first two wins of the season

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After dropping its first five games of the season, Novi has put together a modest two-game winning streak in boys lacrosse.

The Wildcats' latest win came Monday night with a 13-10 non-conference triumph at Farmington as Griffin Sparling led the way with eight goals and one assist.

Other offensive contributions for Novi (2-5) came from Ian Patterson (two goals); Chase Sparling (one goal, three assists); Scott Latham (one goal, one assist); Brendan Haschke (one goal, one assist); Anthony Zugaro (two assists); and Matt Kigar (one assist).

Kendrick Scherer (three saves) and Peter Miner (eight saves) divided the goalie duties for Novi.

"Our team really came through in the second half after being down 8-3 at half," first-year Novi coach Chris Johnson said. "I think they proved something to themselves tonight. When they believe in their talent, they have a ton of potential."

The loss dropped the Falcons to 1-7 overall.

On Saturday, Johnson notched his first win as Novi coach as the Wildcats downed host Walled Lake Central, 18-4.

Sparling led the way with five goals and two assists, while Zugaro chipped in four goals and one assist.

Also getting into the act for the Wildcats were Patterson (two goals, one assist); Latham (two goals, one assist); Sparling (one goal, two assists); Kigar (one goal, two assists); Nate Tu (two goals); and Nayan Makim (one goal).

Scherer made five saves. The loss dropped the Vikings to 2-5 overall.

PLYMOUTH 9, NORTHVILLE 8: Goalie Trevor McManus made 19 saves Monday to lift the Wildcats (5-4, 2-0) to a Kensington Conference win over the host Mustangs (5-4, 1-1) at Tom Holzer Field.

Carson Miller added three goals and one assist, while Nolan Ouelette also had a hat trick for Plymouth, which defeated Northville for the first time in school history.

Connor Sweeney was Northville's top scorer with three goals and one assist, while Harry Dyson and Zach Tardich added two apiece.

Anthony Salamone also had a goal, while assists went to Brennan Sweeney and Josh Bentley.

Northville's Spencer Gonda won 14-of-17 face-offs, while goalie Jeff Varner had six saves.

DETROIT CC 13, LOYOLA (ILL.) 8: Detroit Catholic Central (8-2) made it five straight victories Saturday with a non-league triumph over host Wilmette (Ill.) Loyola Academy (6-4).

The Shamrocks started their Chicago road trip Friday with a 12-9 victory over New Trier (Ill.), which slipped to 7-3 overall.

On April 19, CC improved to 2-0 in the Catholic League with a 19-6 win over University of Detroit-Jesuit (3-7).

GIRLS TENNIS

Northville nets Troy Invitational crown

Mustangs lose only four matches on day

Brad Emons
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Defending MHSAA Division 1 girls tennis state champion Northville captured 20 of the 24 matches Saturday to win the Troy Invitational quad tournament.

The Mustangs defeated the host Colts (7-1), Grosse Pointe South (6-2) and Grand Blanc (7-1).

Northville singles players Shanoli Kumar (No. 2) and Renee Torres (No. 4) both were undefeated on the day, sweeping each of their three matches in straight sets.

At No. 1 singles, Northville's Emma Worley had a difficult draw, falling to Troy's Hanna Cimpeanu, 6-2, 6-3, along with South's Raven Neely, a Division 1 state semifinalist from a year ago, 6-2, 6-2.

Northville's No. 3 singles player Joanne Gao captured two of three matches, with her only setback coming against Grand Blanc's Loren Nelson, 6-4, 6-4.

"Loren was a wonderful tactician in that she never played to Joanne's power, but dinked, dropped and sliced her way to victory," Northville coach Linda Jones said.

In doubles, the Mustangs also went undefeated at No. 2 (Reeshma Kumar and Molly Bis; No. 3 Neha Chava and Sophie Zhuang); and No. 4 (Brittany Macaddino and Alex Pettix).

In a match that lasted three hours, Chava and Zhaung pulled out a three-setter against Troy's Layla Hak and Aditi Mahajan, 6-7 (4-7), 6-2, 7-5.

Northville's No. 1 doubles team of Serena Wang and May Mulchandani captured two of three matches, with its only loss coming against South's senior duo of Madie Flournoy and Hanna Wilhelm, 7-6, 6-7 (3-7), 6-3.

Novi runner-up

On Saturday, Holly edged Novi, 17-16, to earn the four-team Brighton Invitational title.

Birmingham Groves and the host Bulldogs finished third and fourth, respectively, with 13 and eight points.

Jessica Lypka (No. 2 singles) and Katie Xie (No. 3 singles) both finished 3-0 on the day, winning their matches in straight sets for the Wildcats.

Novi's top doubles teams finished 2-1 on the day, including Teja Mogasala and Michelle Wang (No. 2) and Katie Telder and Katie Valade (No. 4).

DUAL MEET RESULTS

NOVI 9, SOUTH LYON EAST 0

April 22 at Novi

No. 1 singles: Allison Lollo (Novi) defeated Summer McEvers, 6-3, 4-6, 6-1; No. 2: Jamie Fu (Novi) def. Camille Cave, 6-0, 6-0; No. 3: Sasha Tretyakova (Novi) def. Natalie Kraemer, 6-2, 6-1; No. 4: Ria Joshi (Novi) def. Sahitia Manda, 6-3, 2-6, 6-3.

No. 1 doubles: Teja Mogasala-Carolyn Zhang (Novi) def. Maddy Sexton-Jen Kesler, 6-1, 6-0; No. 2: Alexis Felcher-Brittany O'Connell (Novi) def. Ananta Sriram-Yamille Hernandez, 6-0, 6-0; No. 3: Raveena Joshi-Zoianna Zhou (Novi) def. Ally Basch-Alyssa Rockwell, 6-0, 6-4; No. 4: Haanika Karapati-Catherine Zu (Novi) def. Meghan Weber-Maddy Guzik, 6-1, 6-1; No. 5: Kasia George-Shruthi Ilango (Novi) def. Megan McComb-Angel Kitone, 6-1, 6-4.

Dual match records: Novi 4-1 overall, 3-1 KLAAs Central; East, 1-4 overall, 0-4 KLAAs Central.

NORTHVILLE 6

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April 20 at Northville

No. 1 singles: Olivia Chang (AAP) defeated Emma Worley, 6-2, 6-2; No. 2: Shanoli Kumar (N'ville) def. Katie Wolber, 6-1, 6-0; No. 3: Joanne Gao (N'ville) def. Kara Dickinson, 6-2, 6-1; No. 4: Emily Roodas (AAP) def. Renee, 6-4, 5-7, 6-2.

No. 1 doubles: Serena Wang-Maya Mulchandani (N'ville) def. Meghan Foster-Emily Hwang, 6-4, 6-4; No. 2: Reeshma Kumar-Molly Bis (N'ville) def. Meg Goldberg-Sophie Alphonso, 5-7, 6-1, 6-4; No. 3: Neha Chava-Sophie Zhuang (N'ville) def. Emily Jiang-Zoa Gurm, 6-0, 6-0; No. 4: Brittany Macaddino-Alex Pettix (N'ville) def. Riley Dickson-Nikita Abbaraju, 7-6 (7-1), 6-0.

Northville's dual match record: 4-0 overall.

NOVI 9, LIVONIA STEVENSON 0

April 18 at Stevenson

No. 1 singles: Allison Lollo (Novi) defeated Sam Cyrus, 6-7 (6-8), 6-4, 10-8 (super-breaker); No. 2: Jamie Fu (Novi) def. Jill Weiland, 6-3, 6-0; No. 3: Jessica Lypka (Novi) def. Noelle Hillert, 6-1, 6-0; No. 4: Katie Xie (Novi) def. Jessica Hinkle, 6-1, 6-0.

No. 1 doubles: Youna Lee-Carolyn Zhang (Novi) def. Natalie Hay-Lauren Larson, 6-2, 6-2; No. 2: Teja Mogasala-Michelle Wang (Novi) def. Natalia Roznowski-Allison Malkowski, 6-3, 6-0; No. 3: Morgan Krupic-Alexis Malecki (Novi) def. Rachel Crachiola-Julia Seychel, 6-4, 6-3; No. 4: Katie Telder-Katie Valade (Novi) def. Kalya Parker-Hanna Kliza, 6-4, 6-3; No. 5: Alexis Felcher-Brittany O'Connell (Novi) def. Rachel Smith-Mackenzie Plisko, 6-0, 6-1.

Dual match records: Novi 3-0 overall, 2-0 KLAAs Central Division.



STEPHANIE JANCZAK

Northville's Spencer Gonda (left) picks up the ball after winning a face-off against Northville.

PREP ATHLETICS

Ten KLAA schools bolting to form new league

Various realignment proposals can't keep all 24 in the fold

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A series of realignment proposals to keep the 24-member Kensington Lakes Activities Association schools intact based on a competitive equity, geographic and enrollment-based formula has been scrapped.

Via an email April 21, Walled Lake Central Principal Chuck Morgan announced that 10 KLAA schools are expected to join forces to form a new league beginning in the 2017-18 school year.

The new league would encompass five different school districts, including Walled Lake, Huron Valley, Waterford, Pinckney and South Lyon.

Among the 10 schools defecting are six teams from the KLAA's North Division - Walled Lake Central, Walled Lake Northern, Walled Lake Western, White Lake Lakeland Waterford Mott and Waterford Kettering; two more from the West Division - Milford and Pinckney; and two from the Central Division - South Lyon and South Lyon East.

"Earlier this year, I informed you that Walled Lake was taking part in a discussion about the formation of a new league," Morgan wrote in the email to the fellow KLAA schools. "Since we were unable to bring forth a proposal to our board of directors that would support realignment, the districts interested in the new league have met to discuss moving forward. "Soon these districts

will be bringing information to their school boards to discuss their intentions."

14 members left

So who is left in the KLAA, which was formed in 2007-08?

The 14 remaining schools include six from the South Division - Canton, Plymouth, Livonia Franklin, Livonia Churchill, Westland John Glenn and Wayne Memorial; four out of the Central Division - Northville, Novi, Salem and Livonia Stevenson; and four from the West Division - Brighton, Howell, Hartland and Grand Blanc.

Morgan, who could not be reached for comment, also announced he was stepping down as KLAA president. He will be replaced by Novi Principal Nicole Carter, who has served as KLAA vice president.

"At this time, I feel that it would be a conflict of interest for me to remain the president of the KLAA," Morgan wrote in the same email. "I appreciate your patience and support of the executive board, and me, throughout the year. I am hopeful that you understand my decision."

A competitive equity proposal plan that had been taken to the KLAA principals in early March was voted down, 17-6 (with one absent). Proposal B plan would have realigned the KLAA into six different divisions of four schools while maintaining 12 teams each from the existing Kensington and Lakes conferences.

Plan goes down

Proposal B, however, provided a swap with KLAA West members Pinckney and Milford

moving to the Kensington Conference from the Lakes, while KLAA Central Division schools Novi and Northville would move to the Lakes from the Kensington.

A 75-percent majority, or 18 schools, was needed to approve the change, which tried to address the discrepancy in enrollments between the largest schools in the KLAA, such as Grand Blanc (2,727), and the smallest in South Lyon East (923).

"South Lyon Community Schools has been working with the KLAA this year to explore a variety of options for realignment," South Lyon Superintendent Melissa Baker wrote in an email statement. "After the last proposal was voted down, SLCS continued to explore other options. We have been in conversation with four other districts about creating a new league. Our focus throughout this process has been on addressing issues of competitive equity."

Besides East, which has an enrollment of 923, South Lyon High is the second smallest among the 24-member KLAA schools with 1,224 students.

New direction

"Student enrollment numbers are a significant factor in determining competitive equity and both South Lyon high schools are smaller than many schools with whom we currently compete in the KLAA," Baker said. "South Lyon athletic directors and administration will be presenting information to our community stakeholders and the Board of Education in the near future."

A sub-committee of athletic directors within

the KLAA was scheduled to meet again Thursday to come up one last-ditch attempt to come up with competitive balance proposal which would address football realignments (separately), along with all other fall, winter and spring sports (with the exception of hockey, gymnastics and boys and girls lacrosse).

The plan reportedly used an analytic four-year performance standard for each individual school by varsity sport, along with an enrollment metric, trying to keep the 12 schools within each conference intact while continuing to address travel concerns.

The plan reportedly had Walled Lake Central and Brighton moving from the Lakes to the Kensington Conference, while South Lyon and South Lyon East would flip from the Kensington to the Lakes.

But that all went up in smoke following Morgan's announcement that 10 schools were breaking away and will more than likely form their own league.

No regrets

"I do certainly wish things in the KLAA could have ended differently, especially since we had no animosity whatsoever," Churchill AD Marc Hage wrote in an email statement. "We had a wonderful league, which was the envy of many across the state of Michigan. As I do with everything and everyone, I do hope they find success in their new endeavor and I wish them well always."

The committee of athletic directors that were scheduled to meet regarding the latest realignment proposal included Hage, Brian Gor-

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KENSINGTON CONFERENCE

South Division: Canton (2,076 enrollment), Plymouth (2,057), Westland John Glenn (1,817), Wayne Memorial (1,643), Livonia Churchill (1,620), Livonia Franklin (1,615).

Central Division: Northville (2,281), Salem (2,068), Novi (2,017), Livonia Stevenson (1,831), South Lyon (1,224), South Lyon East (923).

LAKES CONFERENCE

West Division: Grand Blanc (2,727), Howell (2,567), Brighton (2,221), Hartland (2,017), Milford (1,484), Pinckney (1,326).

North Division: White Lake Lakeland (1,770), Walled Lake Central (1,766), Waterford Mott (1,651), Walled Lake Northern (1,611), Waterford Kettering (1,512), Walled Lake Western (1,462).

needs to be approval by all five superintendents from the 10 KLAA schools that are leaving, all signs point to a new league forming.

"I think there's a chance of it, but I'm not sure it's definitive," the same KLAA administrator said.

The move came as no surprise to many in the KLAA, who learned the 10 defecting schools had met the day after the Proposal B realignment was voted down March 7. Discussion centered around forming a new league or conference.

No surprise

"I'm not shocked, because I think for the most part many of the 10 schools were not vested as we worked so hard to try and come up with realignment ideas," Northville A.D. Bryan Masi said. "Obviously, it's extremely disappointing as we created some very good options for realignment. And I believe it was their desire from day one to make this move."

The possibility also looms that the KLAA could be searching for new members from other surrounding leagues.

"We met today and we're meeting next week again," Masi said. "One thing that's exciting is that I truly believe the best schools and programs are still intact. I'm excited about that idea. I think we're going to move forward. With the 14 schools, we're going to talk further what the future looks beyond 2017 with what we might do, but I think we're all in agreement that we'll all stick together."

"It's in the superintendents' hands now instead of the A.D.s' and principals'," one KLAA administrator said. "There's been a 100 different versions of formulas and proposals. We just can't settle on one. This committee had the task of continuing to look for a proposal or hybrid schedule." And although there

don (Novi), Brian Swinehart (Walled Lake), Greg Michaels (Huron Valley) and Dan Hutcheson (Howell), the latter of whom is leaving after the current school year to become an assistant director with the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

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GIRLS LACROSSE

Caffee perks up in 14-3 Northville win

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Northville's last line of defense proved to be its best line of defense Monday in a 14-3 girls lacrosse triumph at Ann Arbor Skyline.

Junior Maddie Caffee stood out with 10 saves as the Mustangs improved to 7-2 overall. Kat Weissert (one save) finished up in net.

"Skyline had some chances early, but Maddie played well for us," Northville coach Amanda Asher said. "And the rest of the team got in gear and we were able to run away from them a little bit to the end the first half. In the second half, we worked a few new things and were able to control the possession to keep them from making a run."

Kendall Wasik and Emma Dietrich paced the Northville offense with four and three goals, respectively. Jessica Tardich, Sarah Chase and Charlotte Beaudoin added two apiece, while Ally Blough had one.

Rose Bogard scored two goals and Maggie Dahlmann added one for the Eagles (2-4).

NORTHVILLE 21, WATERFORD 8: Junior Emma Dietrich scored a season-high eight goals to go along with three assists Friday as the Mustangs (6-2) romped to a win over host Waterford Unified (3-3) in a match played at Waterford Kettering High School.

The Mustangs, who led 12-2 at halftime, also got offensive production from Jessica Tardich (four goals); Sarah Chase (three goals, one assist); Kendall Wasik (three goals, two assists); Charlotte Beaudoin (two goals); Ally Blough (one goal, one assist); and Erin Scott (two assists).

Northville goalie Maddie Caffee made six saves. "This was our third game of the week, which can sometimes take a toll," Northville coach Amanda Asher said. "But the girls came out with good energy and ended the week strong. We had a lot of assists and moved the ball well. It's nice to see the girls trust each other and come together on the field."

Jessica Ryan, Dallas Ealy, and Maddie Fields scored one goal apiece for Waterford Unified (3-3).

NORTHVILLE 16, SALEM 5: The Mustangs (5-2, 2-0) returned to KLAA Kensington Conference action April 20 with a victory over the Rocks (1-7, 1-1) at Tom Holzer Field.

Northville jumped out to a 6-0 lead, held Salem scoreless for the first 15 minutes and took a 9-2 halftime advantage before coasting home.

The defense was bolstered by the return of senior Kelly Leary, who after missing the previous games anchored the back line, along twin sister Shannon. Junior goalie Maddie Caffee was rarely tested throughout the night, making four saves.

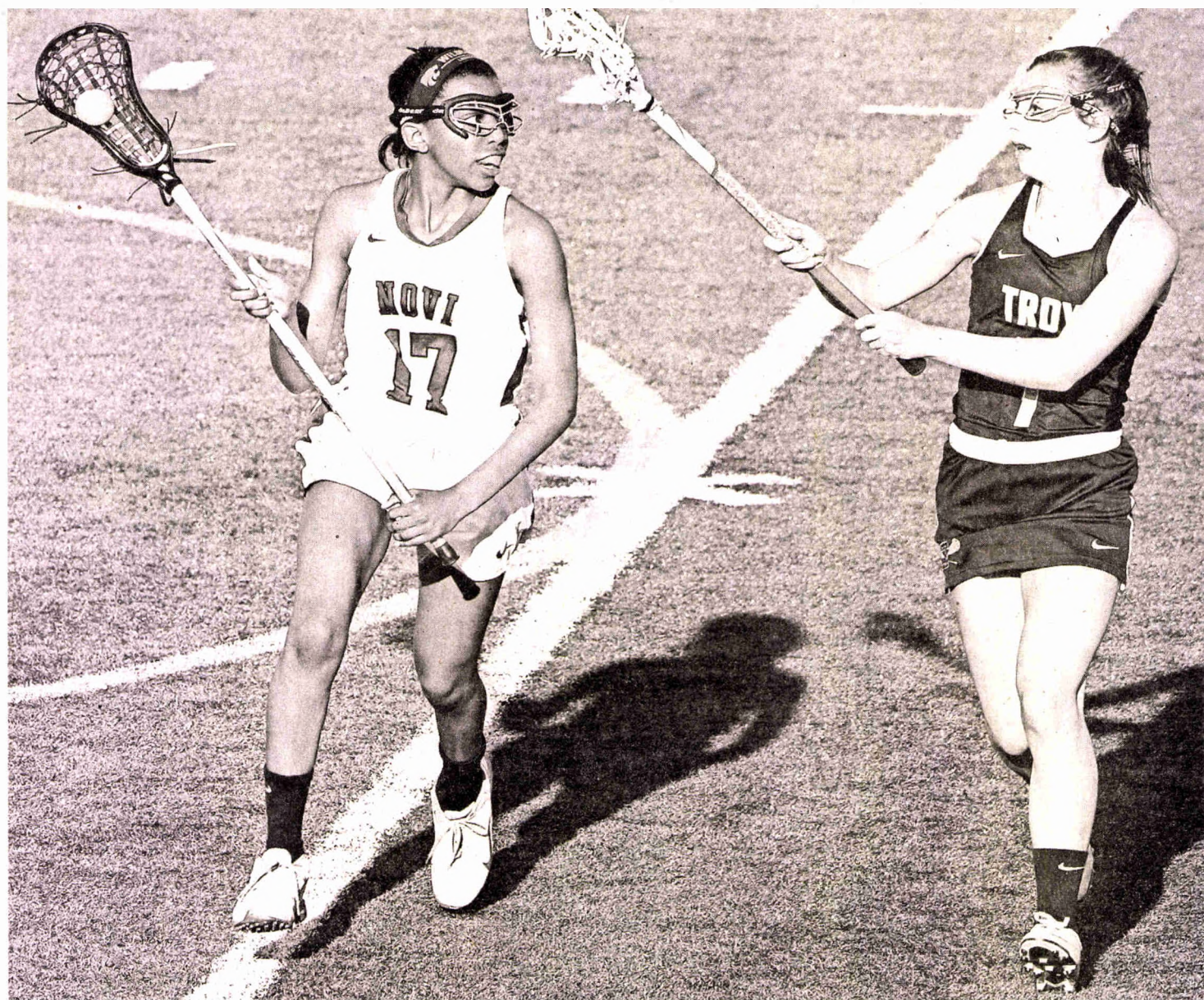
Meanwhile, Emma Dietrich paced the Mustangs' offense with four goals and one assist.

Other contributions came from Sarah Chase (three goals), Charlotte Beaudoin (two goals, two assists), Ally Blough (two goals, one assist), Kendall Wasik (two goals), Erin Scott (two goals), Jessica Tardich (one goal), and Sheldon Reese (one assist).

Salem was led by Stephanie Madison, who scored a pair of goals, while Leah Tardiff, Millson Mollins and Brianna Waggoner added one apiece.

"We made adjustments on defense after the Brighton game and we improved in that area tonight," Northville coach Amanda Asher said. "It also really helped to get one of defensive leaders, Kelly Leary, back for this game. We have a young team, but we keep improving with each game. This was a good step forward."

GIRLS LACROSSE



Novi's Mya Davis (left) probes the Troy defense in a match April 15.

DAN ROBERTSON

State runner-up Marian topples Novi

Wildcats drop to 2-8 overall after defeat

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Staff Writer

Goals have been hard to come by of late for the Novi girls lacrosse squad, which came up empty following four straight setbacks during the week.

The latest loss occurred Monday against last year's MHSAA Division 1 runner-up Birmingham Marian (6-2), which cruised to a 20-2 vic-

tory over the Wildcats (2-8) as Gina Salemi and Hannah Richardson had the lone goals.

On April 21, Novi dropped a non-league encounter to Ann Arbor Pioneers, 13-3.

Novi goalie Mariah Smythe anchored the defense in the defeat with 14 saves, while Salemi, Katie Novell and Heather Garcia scored the lone goals.

Pioneers improved to 4-6 overall with the win.

On April 20, the host Wildcats opened their KLAA Kensington Conference season with a 16-3 loss to Plymouth

(5-1-1, 1-1).

The week began with a narrow 7-6 setback to Walled Lake Northern (1-4) as Smythe finished with 20 saves.

Salemi scored four of Novi's six goals, while Katie McMaster and Rachel Bayer collected one each.

On April 16, Salemi led the way with seven goals as Novi earned a 13-9 triumph over visiting Midland.

Melissa Ansara and McMaster each added pair of goals, while Rachel Bayer and Mya Brown contributed one

apiece. The defense was led by Cecilia Hong.

On April 15, Smythe made a total of 25 saves in a 19-4 non-conference loss to visiting Troy (3-1).

Brown scored twice, while Salemi and McMaster also added goals.

On April 13, Grand Blanc (2-2) cruised to a 13-3 win over the Wildcats as Smythe made 25 saves, while Salemi scored twice and McMaster added one.

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Total housing inventory at the end of February was 1.88 million existing homes available for sale, 1.1 percent lower than last year.

Supply of homes down; Realtor designation touted by industry pros

With demand exceeding supply in markets across the U.S., home buyers may be facing an uphill battle to find the perfect home this spring. Total housing inventory at the end of February was 1.88 million existing homes available for sale, 1.1 percent lower than last year and at a 4.4-month supply at the current sales pace, which is below the roughly six-month supply level needed for a balanced market between buyers and sellers.

In competitive markets like this, it is important that home buyers work with a Realtor, the National Association of Realtors notes. Realtors who have the National Association of Realtors' Accredited Buyer's Representative designation are specialized practi-

tioners focused on working directly with buyer-clients and helping them through the challenges of finding the right home in a seller's market.

"When there is more demand than inventory, homes sell quickly, prices rise and bidding wars can start," said NAR President Tom Salomone, broker-owner of Real Estate II Inc. in Coral Springs, Fla. "A Realtor with an ABR designation is a home buyer's upper hand; they understand local markets and can negotiate on behalf of their buyer-clients."

Added Salomone, "Buying a home is often one of the biggest decisions of a person's life, and having a Realtor in their corner is the ultimate advantage. They are there to guide consumers through the

complexities of this life-changing transaction."

NAR's 2015 "Profile of Home Buyers and Sellers" asked recent home buyers what they look for when deciding on a real estate agent; 53 percent said they were looking for someone who could help them find the right home to purchase, and 12 percent said they wanted someone who can help them negotiate the terms of sale. The report also found that home buyers look at a median of 10 houses before deciding on one to purchase, and the typical search lasts for 10 weeks.

"Having a real estate expert with specific knowledge of the local market and purchase process can mean the difference between a home buyer

getting that 10th house and having to search for another," Salomone said.

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Heed law firm conflict of interest in resolving disputes

Q: I noticed that buried in a law firm's fee proposal that was provided to us was a statement that they will not represent either us or the management company if there is a dispute between us, claiming that would pose a conflict of interest since they do business with many management companies. Where in your opinion is a conflict of interest?

A: You are very perceptive.

Obviously, because the law firm does business with many management companies, they do not want to bite the hand that feeds them. Accordingly, how can they, in good conscience, represent your association where the management company may turn out to be at fault in regard to the handling of a collection or bylaw enforcement matter, mismanagement regarding contractors, obfuscation of mistakes made, and out-and-out fraud or embezzlement. The fact of the matter is that law firm is not in the position to independently represent the best interests of the association if they are beholden to more than one master, namely, the management company as well as the association. I would suggest that you advise that law firm that they either are willing to represent you 100 percent with respect to all issues that come before your association for which they have expertise or you go somewhere else.



Robert Meisner

Q: I am wondering whether there is any housing available for me and my extended family, and, whether a second kitchen for the adults living in a separate guest suite is available.

A: There was a recent article in the Wall Street Journal indicating that more than 18 percent of the U.S. population lives in a multi-generational household which is defined as having at least two adult generations or with a skipped generation such as a grandchild living with a grandparent. However, there are obviously a multitude of restrictions placed upon this type of living arrangement by local municipalities. These restrictions have prompted some builders to offer scaled-down kitchens, and dream up alternative names for the forbidden amenities buyers crave. The bottom line, however, is that it is difficult for families to find workable living arrangements for multiple generations. The question is whether these are any different than homes in the much larger custom homes arena, which have two full kitchens in various locations of the home. You are best advised to consider going on the Internet to find a Realtor who specializes in this type of housing, although, I recognize that builders will be developing this type of housing in the near future subject to zoning requirements.

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Regional properties lauded by Building Owners and Managers Association

The North Central Region of the Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) announced 12 properties winning in the regional level competition of The Outstanding Building of the Year (TOBY) Award. The North Central Region includes Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and Kentucky.

The TOBY Awards is the most prestigious and comprehensive program of its kind in the commercial real estate industry, recognizing excellence in office building management and operations in specific categories of building size or type. To win the regional award, the office buildings first won at the local competition level. Twenty-two distinguished properties participated in the regional competition this year.

The regional winners will now proceed to international competition where winners will be announced live on June 28 at the TOBY reception and banquet at the BOMA International 2016 Every Building Conference and Expo in Washington, D.C.

"Recognition as a TOBY award winning property is the ultimate honor, it instills a sense of pride of ownership in the management team and extends financial and environmental benefit for our owners, clients and the community long into the future," said Paula Goldman-Spinner, RPA, president of BOMA North

Central Region.

The winners of the 2016 North Central Regional TOBY Awards:

» BOMA/Chicago
Under 100,000 Square Feet Category

Building Name: 564 W. Randolph - Chicago
Management Company: Sterling Bay Property Management
Owner: 564 W. Randolph, LLC

» BOMA/Columbus
100,000 - 249,999 Square Feet Category

Building Name: Town Center - Columbus, Ohio
Management Company: Continental Realty, Ltd.
Owner: The Ohio Police & Fire Pension Fund

» BOMA/Chicago
250,000 - 499,999 Square Feet Category

Building Name: 550 West Washington - Chicago
Management Company: JLL

Owner: MetLife
» BOMA/Chicago
500,000 - 1 Million Square Feet Category

Building Name: 200 West Madison - Chicago
Management Company: Transwestern
Owner: MEPT 200 West Madison LLC, advised by Bentall Kennedy (U.S.) Limited Partnership

» BOMA/Chicago
Over 1 Million Square Feet Category

Building Name: AMA Plaza

- Chicago

Management Company: Riverview Realty Property Management, Inc.
Owner: 330 N. Wabash Avenue, L.L.C.

» BOMA/Chicago
Corporate Facility Category

Building Name: 300 East Randolph - Chicago
Management Company: CBRE, Inc.
Owner: Health Care Service Corporation

» BOMA/Chicago
Earth Award Category

Building Name: 71 South Wacker - Chicago
Management Company: JLL

Owner: The Irvine Company
» BOMA/Indianapolis
Suburban Office Park, Low-Rise Category

Building Name: Castleton Park - Indianapolis, Ind.
Management Company: Cushman & Wakefield

Owner: NRFC Castleton Park Holdings, LLC
» BOMA/Suburban Chicago
Suburban Office Park, Mid-Rise Category

Building Name: The Corporate Center of Northbrook - Northbrook, Ill.
Management Company: JLL

Owner: CCII 1033 LLC
» BOMA/Chicago
Historical Building Category

Building Name: The Wrigley Building - Chicago

Management Company: Zeller Realty Group
Owner: BDT Capital Partners, LLC and Zeller Realty Group

» BOMA/Indianapolis
Medical Office Building

Building Name: IU Neuroscience Center - Indianapolis, Ind.
Management Company: Landmark Healthcare Facilities, LLC

Owner: Landmark Healthcare Facilities, LLC
» BOMA/Chicago
Renovated Building Category

Building Name: 111 North Canal - The Gogo Building - Chicago
Management Company: Sterling Bay

Owner: 111 N. Canal Realty Company LLC
Founded in 1907, the Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) International is an international federation of 93 local associations and affiliated organizations. The nearly 18,000 members of BOMA International own or manage more than 9 billion square feet of commercial properties in North America and abroad.

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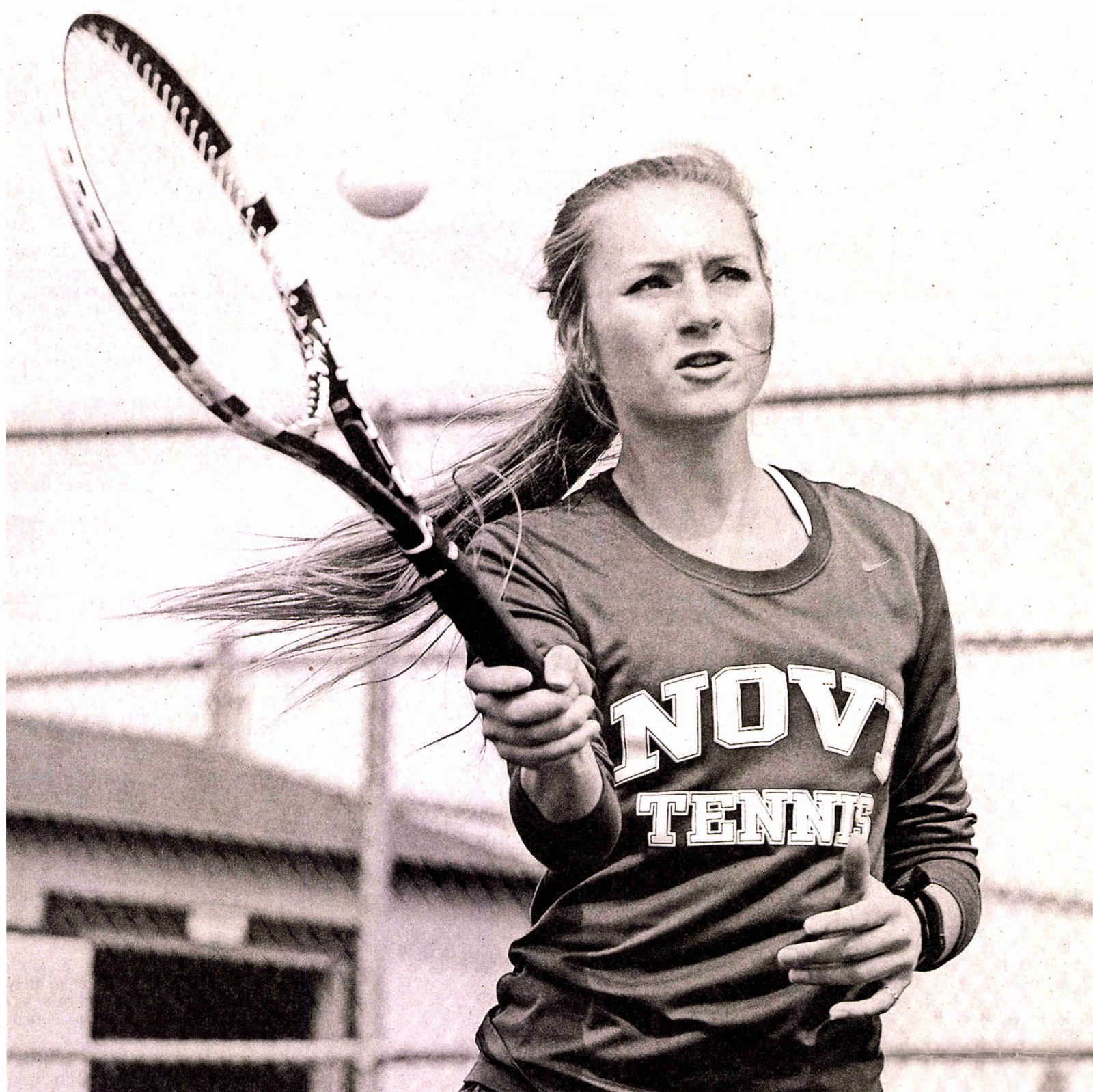
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For more information, call Bill Beddoes at 734-934-9091 or Wayne Koehler at 313-819-0919.



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Novi's Allison Lollo lost in straight sets at No. 1 singles to Northville's Emma Worley.

state championship. I thought our team played a good match overall, but to beat them, you need to win the big points when they arise, serve and return serve well, and cut down on the unforced errors."

Pioneer match

Host Northville swept all three doubles flights April 20 to outlast Ann Arbor Pioneer in a non-conference match, 7-2. "Tom Pullen (Pioneer coach) had his team very practiced and ready to play Northville," Jones said. "He said that his team didn't have the firepower to beat us straight up, so they had to throw every curve ball at us to negate our power. So they lobbed, lobbed and sliced and drop-shotted us to the end. We had to hit the ball 100 times for every point. All matches started at 3:15 p.m. and didn't complete until almost 6 p.m. Pioneer's players were very competitive as you could see from the score sheet."

Northville's No. 1 doubles team of Serena Wang and May Mulchandani won, 6-4, 6-4, while the No. 2 duo of Reeshma Kumar and Molly Bis went three sets for the win, 5-7, 6-1, 6-4.

The Mustangs' Neha Chava and Sophie Zhuang (No. 3) prevailed, 6-0, 6-0, while Brittany Macaddino and Alex Petix (No. 4) needed a first-set tie-breaker to win in straight sets, 7-6 (7-1), 6-0.

The Mustangs also got singles wins from Shanoli Kumar (No. 2) and Joanne Gao (No. 3).

NORTHVILLE 9, NOVI 0
April 19 at Northville
No. 1 singles: Emma Worley (N'ville) defeated Allison Lollo, 6-3, 6-0. **No. 2:** Shanoli Kumar (N'ville) def. Jamie Fu, 6-1, 6-0. **No. 3:** Joanne Gao (N'ville) def. Jessica Lypka, 6-2, 6-0. **No. 4:** Renee Torres (N'ville) def. Katie Xie, 6-2, 6-1.
No. 1 doubles: Serena Wang-Maya Mulchandani (N'ville) def. Youna Lee-Carolyn Zhang, 6-0, 6-7 (9-11), 6-1. **No. 2:** Reeshma Kumar-Molly Bis (N'ville) def. Teja Moggasala-Michelle Wang, 6-0, 6-2. **No. 3:** Neha Chava-Sophie Zhuang (N'ville) def. Morgan Krupic-Alexis Malecki, 6-1, 6-2. **No. 4:** Brittany Macaddino-Alex Petix (N'ville) def. Katie Telder-Katie Valade, 6-4, 6-4. **No. 5:** Connie Gao-Madison DeYoung (N'ville) def. Alexis Felcher-Brittany O'Connell, 6-2, 6-1.
Dual match records: Northville, 3-0 overall, 3-0 KLAACentral; Novi, 2-1 overall, 1-1 KLAACentral.

TENNIS

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freshman Renee Torres (No. 4). In doubles, Northville

took four of five flights in straight sets, led by seniors Reeshma Kumar and Molly Bis (No. 2); sophomore Neha Chava and freshman Sophie Zhuang (No. 3); senior Brittany Macaddino and Alex

Petix (No. 4); and freshman Connie Gao and Madison DeYoung (No. 5).

"It was the first real test for Northville to battle nerves, the wind and a huge crowd watch-

ing and cheering," Jones said. "It was so much fun."

The loss dropped Novi to 3-1 overall and 2-1 in the KLAACentral.

"Northville is a very strong team with excel-

lent singles players and a very solid doubles lineup," Novi coach Jim Hanson said. "The addition of some very good freshman players has given them the necessary depth to make another run at a

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lected a total of seven hits off Beaton and reliever Jack Reilly.

Zac Osaer led the way, going 2-for-2 with an RBI, while Prystash, Michael Lionas and

Shane Rankin also each added an RBI as the Mustangs got two in the third inning and three in the fourth.

In Game 1, Northville starter Chris Dunn and Novi's Jac Colliau were locked in a tight pitchers' duel.

Northville took a 1-0 lead in the top of the sixth on Prystash's RBI single, but Colliau answered with an RBI ground out in the bottom half of the same inning to knot the game at 1-1.

It stayed that way until the top of the ninth, when Northville got RBI singles from Prystash and Nate Wixon, along with a hit batter to Aram Shahrigian with the bases loaded.

"That first game, it was clutch to get those two hits and those two big game-winning runs," Prystash said.

Dunn scattered eight hits, struck out four and walked only one in seven innings before giving



Prystash

victory.

"It starts with the guy on the mound," Northville coach John Kostrzewa said. "I think Chris Dunn did an outstanding job and their guy (Colliau) did an outstanding job. We had a lot of chances to score. We just couldn't get the big hit or execute a bunt. Chris Dunn was in the low 90s pitch count and I wasn't going to run him out there this early in the year. He wanted to go out really bad, but David came in and hasn't thrown an inning all year due to injury. And to be able to go out there and shut them down for two innings and give us a chance to

score, just outstanding." Noah Matthews collected three hits in the loss, while Colliau went 7½ innings, allowing seven hits to go along with five strikeouts and two walks.

"Jac did a great job for not really having a tight curve ball like he normally has," Novi coach Rick Green said. "He normally has a great curve ball and, basically, he was just throwing fastballs and we were making nice plays behind him. He did an awesome job, gave us an opportunity, but one run in two ballgames isn't going to win any games."

The second game didn't start until after 6 p.m., leaving little time for an official five-inning game, but Prystash was up to the challenge. "It wasn't too bad," he said. "As soon as the (first) game ended, I went down to the bullpen, got loose and every-

thing felt good and I think it reflected that in the second game."

And according to Kostrzewa, Prystash was practically lights out.

"Every time we scored, he went out and got the lead-off guy out and that's huge," Kostrzewa said. "That really takes the wind out of the other team's sails when you do that."

The two losses dropped Novi to 8-7 overall and 4-3 in the KLAACentral.

"At times, we just have to score three runs a game and we can win some ballgames with Jac going, Al (Bageris) going and Scotty (Beaton) pitching," Green said. "That's all we need to do. We played pretty tight defense, but we lost one game today on a defensive fundamental error and we lost that game (April 15) against Canton (3-2) on the same kind of throw. Two plays

and we have two more wins and only one loss. It's just fundamental stuff, just make the throws the right way, make the routine and we'll win some ballgames."

Meanwhile, with the victories, Northville found itself in a familiar spot - sole possession of first in the KLAACentral.

The Mustangs are coming off a 28-3 season, but with virtually a total roster makeover with the exception of Prystash and a few inexperienced varsity holdovers.

"This team is unique, because there's a lot of guys that want to be contributing this year," Prystash said. "There's a lot of new guys fighting for spots and we need every single one of them to win, so that's unique compared to last year."

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Girls hoop camp

Registration is open for the Novi Lady Wildcat basketball camp (grades 2-9), which will be from 9 a.m. until noon Monday through Friday, June 20-24, at the Novi High Performance Gym and Fieldhouse. The camp fee is \$120.

All participants will receive a T-shirt and outdoor basketball. Awards and trophies will be given for team competitions, which will be separated by grades.

For more information, contact camp director and Novi varsity girls basketball Bill Kelp at bkelp@novi-schools.net.

Registration is available at the Novi Community School District website (click on the athletics and camps tabs).

BOYS GOLF RESULTS

DUAL MATCH RESULTS
NORTHVILLE 160, NOVI 170
April 21 at Northville Hills G.C.
Novi scorers: Mike Ullie, 41; Ryan Welch, 42; Mike Grochel, 43; Trevor Angell, 44; Derek Dubois, 48; Alex Dickmann, 49.
Northville scorers: Abhi Alluri, 40 (medalist); Jimmy Dales and Aaron Youmans, 41 each; Joey Auty, 44; Jack Hines, 45; Daniel McKee, 51.
Dual match records: Northville, 1-0 overall, 1-0 KLAACentral Division; Novi, 0-1 overall, 0-1 KLAACentral.

HUTCHISON

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Michigan on March 18," Hutchison said.

That's where Hutchison found himself on a stage with NCAA Division I talent for the first time.

"It was incredible," Hutchison said. "There were several Michigan guys. Probably the biggest one there was probably Willie Henry, a defensive tackle. He's supposed to go some guys say, second, third or fourth round. Graham Glasgow, a center, is supposed to go third or fourth round."

Between his regional combine and U-M Pro Day workouts, Hutchison turned some heads by running a 4.6 in the 40-yard dash and 4.17 in the 20-yard shuffle. He also recorded a 36-inch vertical jump, leaped 9 feet, 8 inches in the standing

broad jump and did 28 reps on the bench press.

"All 32 (NFL) teams were there and five or six Canadian (Football League) teams were there, I'd say anywhere from 45 to 55 team personnel," Hutchison said of the Michigan Pro Day. "It was a great experience. It was a combine-style workout. I talked to 13, 14, 15 teams, just kind of in an informal. ... They asked me about my career, they asked me where I came from and I introduced myself to other guys."

Graduate school

Hutchison graduated last August with a degree in finance while carrying a 3.4 grade-point average. He is currently working toward his M.B.A. there and plans to graduate this August unless he signs, which seems more than likely.

"My agent has said the Lions, the Packers have



Hutchison

shown interest," Hutchison said. "The Giants have, too. They emailed my coach that I was on their radar. The Browns ... there's a list of teams. The Lions said directly to my agent that I'd be considered a good consideration for an undrafted free agent after the draft."

"Every team has the following two weekends to put on a rookie minicamp. It's the May 6 weekend or the week after. If I sign a free agent deal and not just as an invite, that's pretty much guaranteed to make it to camp. Rookie camp, mini-camp and then fall camp in the middle of June."

Hutchison, formerly Brandon Kuc, grew up in Detroit before moving for high school to North-

ville, where he made all-Kensington Lakes. As a senior, he registered 45 tackles, including seven sacks, while helping the Mustangs to a 9-2 record and a KLAACentral Division title.

"He was a really good player for us," Northville coach Matt Ladach said. "He was really, really a hard worker. Undersized, but played his butt off. In a three-technique, he was really tough and did a really good job for us."

Huskies career

He was red-shirted his first season at Michigan Tech and helped the Huskies reach the 2014 NCAA Division II playoffs during his junior year.

As a senior, he finished with 38 tackles in 10 games, including 2.5 sacks.

"I played some (defensive) end my last year," he said. "My last year, I played end in our rush, nickel and dime pack-

ages, so I don't have the height or the length to play end, obviously, in the NFL. Right now, we're marketing me and teams have been giving feedback on me as, like, an outside linebacker. So whether that's a typical, traditional outside linebacker or whether that's a drop or whether it's edge-setter or a run stop, that remains to be seen."

Whatever team Hutchison signs with, he'll have to make a quick impression as an undrafted free agent.

And even though he's a long shot, Houghton doesn't seem as far away from the NFL anymore.

"Coming from D-II and switching positions, that's where I'm hoping to diversify myself and make a name on special teams and on kickoffs," Hutchison said, "but whatever they have me do ..."

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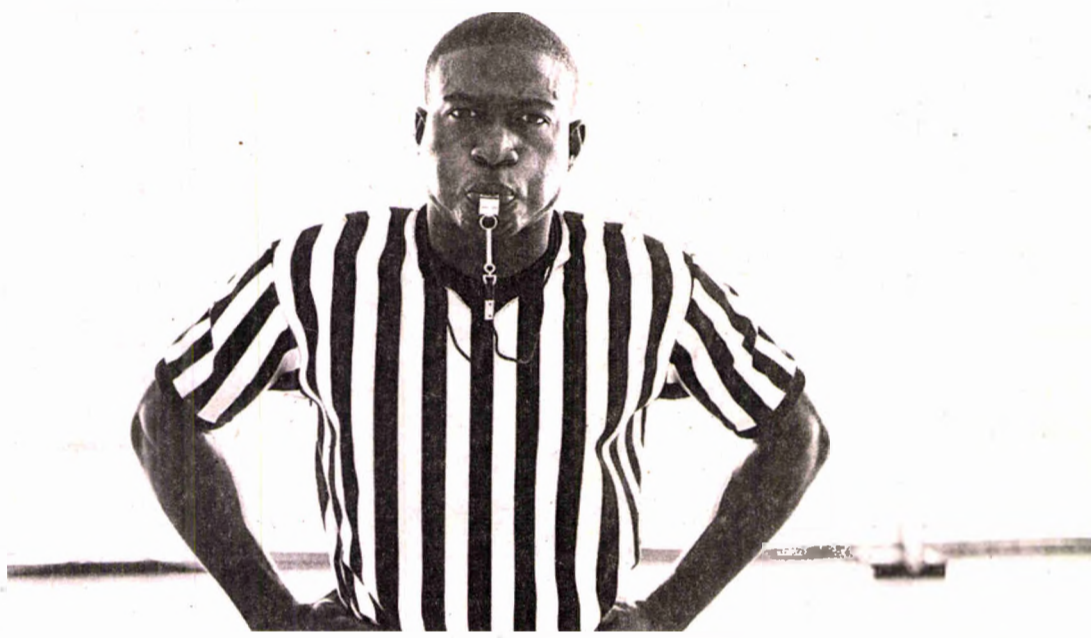
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With baseball, basketball and hockey in season right now, there isn't a better time of year for sports fans. And while sports are just a pastime for some people, true fans know that the love of the game is present in everything they do.

If you're looking for a job where your intense passion for sports is an asset rather than a distraction, look no further than these six great jobs. (Earnings data and education details are from Economic Modeling Specialists Intl.)



THINKSTOCK

1. Athletic trainers

Even top athletes in solo sports don't succeed on their own. An important part of that success comes from the support of athletic trainers, who specialize in preventing, diagnosing and treating muscle and bone injuries. Like pits in NASCAR races, off-the-court training can often mean the difference between victory and defeat.

- ▶ Average hourly earnings: \$21.17
- ▶ Typical entry-level education: Bachelor's degree

2. Bartenders

Spectator sports are inherently a communal activity, and nowhere is that more appar-

ent than at a local sports bar on game night. Bartending is a great way to immerse yourself in the fandom and get paid to take part in one of your favorite hobbies — talking sports.

- ▶ Average hourly earnings: \$9.77
- ▶ Typical entry-level education: Less than high school

3. Broadcast news analysts

If getting paid to talk about sports is the dream, then sports journalists take it to a whole new level. To become a professional sports ana-

lyst, you need more than just a passion for sports — you need a passion for information, since organized sports create a lot of data. Serious fans demand serious analysis, so you have to be confident that you know not only the game, but also how to make sense of the numbers.

- ▶ Average hourly earnings: \$30.53
- ▶ Typical entry-level education: Bachelor's degree

4. Coaches and scouts

You don't have to coach professional athletes to make a living with your knowledge of

the game you love. After all, there are a lot of levels between volunteer youth-league coach and head coach for the Golden State Warriors.

- ▶ Average hourly earnings: \$15.26
- ▶ Typical entry-level education: Bachelor's degree

5. Radio and television announcers

Talking sports is one thing, but being able to provide relevant facts, entertaining anecdotes and real-time play-by-play details for an audience who may not be able to see the action at all is a truly special talent.

Radio and television announcers on broadcasts of live sporting events can have an immense impact on the way fans perceive the competition and are given an unparalleled platform from which to share their fandom.

- ▶ Average hourly earnings: \$15.74
- ▶ Typical entry-level education: Bachelor's degree

6. Umpires, referees and other sports officials

You know a sport inside out, and you want to put that knowledge to work. While the role of referee or umpire may be a thankless one — get ready for a lot of people yelling at you and complaining about your rulings — there's no denying its importance. You can't profess to have a love of the game without a love of the rules of the game. Referees and umpires make sure sports are played the way they're meant to be played, plain and simple.

- ▶ Average hourly earnings: \$12.62
- ▶ Typical entry-level education: High school diploma or equivalent

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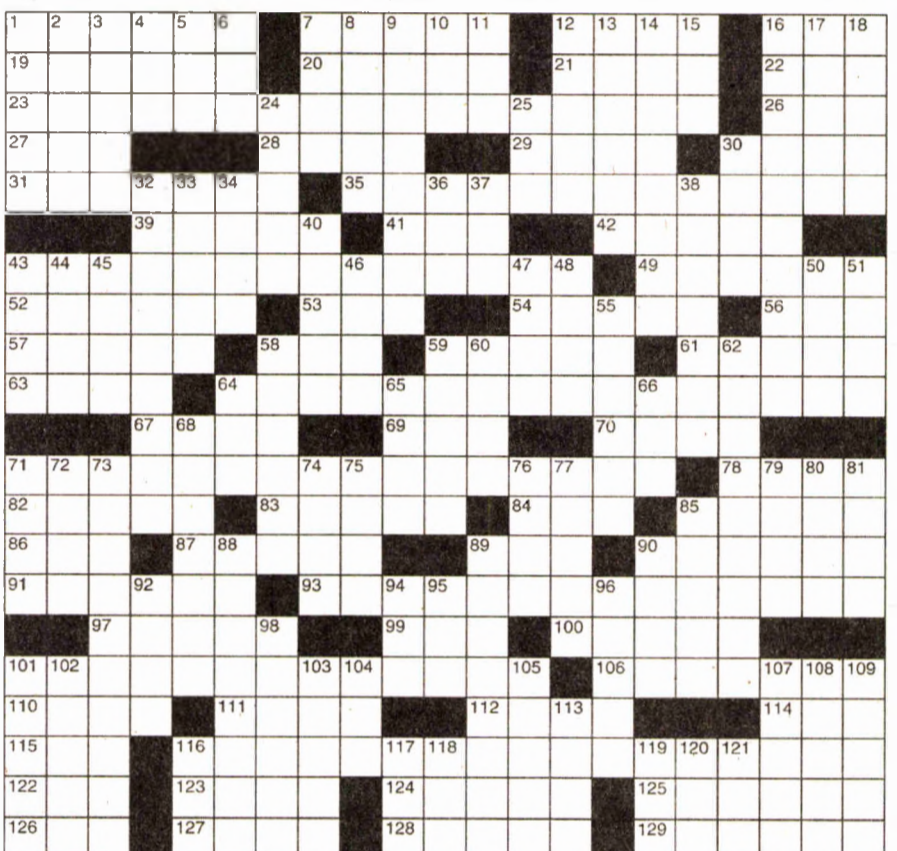
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Car Report

Take That, Silicon Valley: Toyota Plans To Make Ann Arbor Its Most Important Research Center for Fully Autonomous Driving



By Dale Buss

Who said Michigan can't compete with Silicon Valley for leadership of the self-driven car?

Toyota is turning Ann Arbor into a global test site for connected cars and one of

its three crucial locations across the country for research and development of automated-driving features and, ultimately, autonomous vehicles.

In partnership with the University of Michigan's Transportation Research Institute, Toyota plans to equip 5,000 cars in and around Ann Arbor with "awareness devices" that will help Toyota and other researchers figure out how to communicate wirelessly with similar vehicles and with infrastructure such as traffic

signals.

This "vehicle-to-vehicle communications" arena is an important one if self-driving cars will ever be able to enjoy the road together—and with traditional vehicles in what would surely be a long transition period.

"Ann Arbor is an international hub for connected vehicle technology and research, and it has everything to do with the community," said James R. Sayer, director of the UM institute, in a Toyota press release.

Indeed, this announcement followed quickly on Toyota's decision to establish its third Toyota Research Institute facility near the UM campus, joining existing outposts in Silicon Valley and at MIT in Cambridge, Mass.

Interestingly, in addition to the cluster of automotive expertise and technological capabilities in Ann Arbor and southeast Michigan generally, one of the biggest reasons

cited by Toyota for its new investment is the ability in Michigan to "perform extreme-limit testing in a wide variety of environments"—meaning, amid swirling snows and ubiquitous potholes in the area.

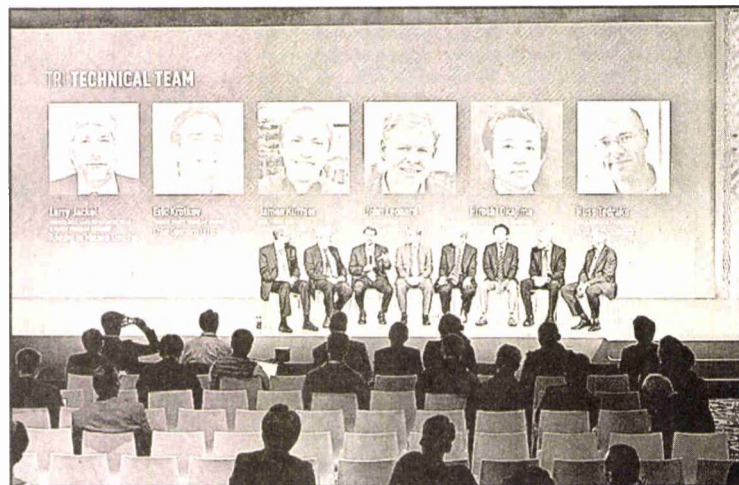
This is, of course, a stark comparison to the sunny California skies where digital tech giants like Google initially led the autonomous-driving charge. "Where we need autonomy to help most is when driving is difficult," said Gil Pratt, CEO of the Toyota Research Institute, in the press release. "It's this hard part that TRI intends to address. Toyota's goal is safer mobility for all, at any time, in any place."

So it turns out there's a great upside to perpetual winters, ruinous freeze-thaw cycles that create lunar-like landscapes of potholes, and a state transportation budget that still isn't large enough to fix all the roads.

One of the biggest reasons cited by Toyota for its new investment is the ability in Michigan to "perform extreme-limit testing in a wide variety of environments," as Edwin Olson, a University of Michigan professor who is joining TRI-ANN, put it in a news release.

TRI-ANN will specialize in research on artificial intelligence, robotics and materials science. It is scheduled to open in June and staff up to 50 people eventually.

In fact, Toyota has designated TRI-ANN as the facility where the core discipline will be to focus on fully autonomous driving. Meanwhile, the other two TRI facilities, one at MIT in Cambridge, Mass., and the other in Palo Alto, Calif., will focus, respectively, on



Members of the Toyota self-driving team discuss technology at the CES Show in January. "simulation and deep learning," and "guardian angel" driving, where the driver is always engaged but the vehicle assists as needed.

In the regional struggle between the Midwest and the coasts to assume the lead in the push for self-driving, Michigan already is more competitive than its rivals may assume. The state holds by far the largest concentration of automotive engineers and scientists, of course, with not only the Detroit Three automakers but also technical centers established by many foreign-owned car companies, including Toyota, Honda and Hyundai, as well as major suppliers such as Germany-based Bosch.

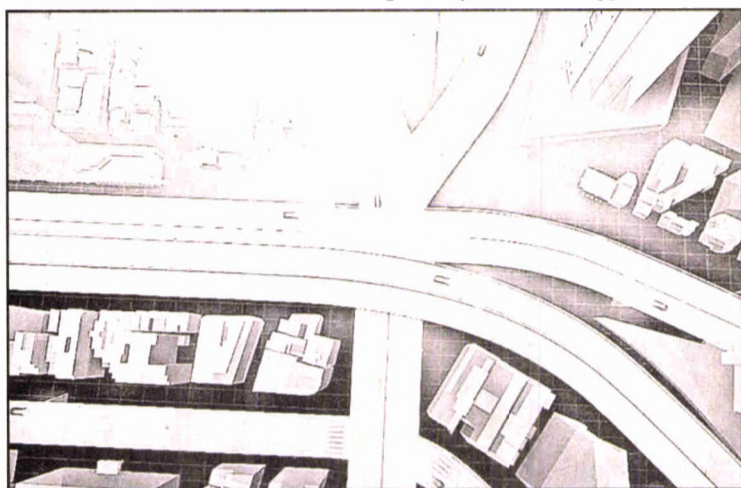
BoseWhat's more, what is arguably the nation's foremost facility specifically designed for testing self-driving systems in an urban environment, Mcity, already is operating in Ann Arbor. Toyota is a partner in Mcity, and Ford among other automakers already is testing cars there.

And a private-public partnership is pushing to transform an old airport at nearby Willow Run into the world's most vast and advanced testing area of the future, in direct competition with sites under consideration and development in California.

Actually, Toyota is just the latest automaker to demonstrate the industry isn't about to just pack up, leave the Midwest and emigrate to Silicon Valley.

Ford, for instance, just announced that it's beginning a sweeping overhaul of its 63-year-old research and engineering campus in Dearborn to transform the aging, crazy-quilt collection of facilities into a "modern, green and high-tech" environment that centralizes more employees to encourage collaboration and innovation."

It's also going to renovate the nearby, iconic Ford World Headquarters building, known as the Glass House.



A Toyota-generated depiction of some of the complexities of self-driving that the company will research in Ann Arbor.

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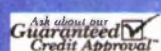
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