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ELECTION 2016

MICROFILM COPY Murphy, Hood win school bids

Newcomer is top vote-getter in Novi

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Bobbie Murphy knows the Novi Community School District still has challenges to meet, with goals such as closing an achieve-

ment gap still out there to reach. And Murphy, who has served on the district's Board of Education for nine years, is going to get a chance to continue the charge, having been re-elected in Tuesday's general election.

Murphy, the current board vice president, finished second in Tuesday's vote, with 5,739



Hood

"It's an honor to serve the community," Murphy said. "It's a national election, so I figured anything could happen. There was so much on the ballot you didn't really know how much reading (voters) were doing." The big winner was Kathy

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Murphy



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A line to vote snakes out the door at Novi Meadows around 3 p.m. Once inside, though, voters found little wait to get the ballot.

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JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Delores Salvia stands outside for some last-minute campaigning on voting day. She was greeting people with her

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The 2016 presidential race—that culminated in the surprising election of Donald Trump as 45th president — has been a rollercoaster ride that has shown a nation split between Trump and Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton.

That kind of split has been noticeable locally, too, with voters in western Oakland County falling on both sides, either supporting their candidate or voting against the other one.

The tone of the campaign

bothered a lot of voters. "There's a lot of turmoil," said Ashley Wilkes of Northville. "There were so many cons you could see with each of them. There was so much hate with each other.'

In Novi, where Clinton led early (in unofficial numbers), Ladedra Wilson-Albert was in line early Tuesday morning to cast her ballot, with a threeword explanation that seems to embody much of the race.

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ELECTION DAY REACTIONS AT THE POLLS

support of Donald Trump and various pro-life candidates.

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"I supported (Clinton) because I was unhappy with how Donald presents himself. I think he's very discriminatory. While I don't completely love her, I do support a lot of the things she talks about. **ALICIAN SCHUEBEL,**



"I honestly think God is working in **Donald Trump's** favor."

MIKE COSTIS, Novi



"It's unlike anything I've ever seen before. I voted for Clinton. I've been closeted but I'm strongly against Trump. I feel like he ran as publicity stunt. He got further than he expected and went with it."

LAURA ELIAS, Lyon Township



"I voted for Donald Trump. I don't like the man per se, but I will tell you that I think it's time that we had somebody who isn't a government official. I'd like to see a businessman in office."

SUSAN GARDNER, Milford



"My 'I voted' sticker is proof that it really happened. It was the hardest decision I ever made - I don't want to say it out loud. President was the very last thing I filled in. If you don't vote you can't complain. People died for this right."

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Hood, a manager for AT&T who has been involved in various district activities for more than a decade. Hood was the top vote-getter with 6,938 votes.

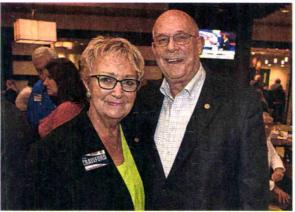
She said her relationships with parents and other stakeholders around the district paid off in Tuesday's vote.

"I'm delighted," Hood said. "I'm excited to continue my involvement

with Novi schools. I do know a lot of parents in the district, and it makes me happy they thought enough of me to choose

Murphy and Hood agreed the district now can turn its focus to the challenges it faces. Both acknowledged Novi is "a really good district in many respects," as Murphy put it, but that there are always improvements to make.

"We need to focus on areas we can improve and make things better for the students," Mur-



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Kathy and Hugh Crawford take a moment from enjoying election night success. They and other Novi and Oakland County Republicans were at Suburban Collection Showplace. phy said. "We haven't met our goal of closing student achievement gaps, and that's a big one. You never feel like you've done everything you can do for these kids.

Hood said the board will be able to meet those goals if it works together.

"The board can work on speaking with one voice," Hood said. "We need to move forward with a positive voice in support of the programs we have."

Other races

In other local races for Novi residents, Republican Hugh Crawford retained his seat on the Oakland County Board of Commissioners, representing District 9. He topped Democrat Colleen Crossey, receiving about 55 percent of the vote.

For the state House of Representatives District 38, about 58 percent of voters said they wanted to keep Republican Kathy Crawford in as the local legislator. She was challenged by Democrat Amv McCusker.

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"Anybody but Trump," Wilson-Albert said. "Watching the news and watching his rallies, it's just not the type of people that I want to associate myself with."

She said seeing the vitriol she saw from his campaign wasn't something she wanted the U.S. to include in its next com-

mander-in-chief. "I think their campaigning caused a lot of hysteria and a lot of xenophobia along with other types of phobias," she said. "I have no interest in voting for somebody that attracts that kind of

On the other hand, Tracy Bonadio of Milford, who voted at the Milford Civic Center, was in the other camp, casting her ballot for Trump, albeit with a little hesitance. Many of her fellow residents followed suit (in unofficial numbers around 9:30 p.m. Tuesday), Trump led.

"I supported Trump



Novi's Suburban Collection Showplace hosted a couple of Republican election night parties.

reluctantly. I wasn't excited about either candidate," said Bonadio, who said she's always voted Republican. "The thing I like about Trump is that he talks about protecting America. I don't trust Hillary. She has lied a lot. I'm sure Trump has lied,

too. But I feel like her lies are more damaging. After doing some research and studying what Trump is all about, I started to feel better about voting for him."

Laura Elias of Lyon Township, where Trump led 58 percent to 35 percent around 9:30 p.m., said she supported Clinton, partly because she felt Trump got into the race for the publicity.

"It's unlike anything I've ever seen before, Elias said of the campaign. "I voted for Clinton. I've been closeted but I'm strongly against Trump. I feel like he ran as publicity stunt. He got further than he expected and went with it.

Some voters bought into Trump's late-campaign assertion the election is rigged.

"I always knew it, but now the whole system is corrupt," said Ken Caskey of Northville, where Clinton held a slim lead at 10 p.m. Tuesday. "I want a woman president, but not (Clinton)."

Lyon Township resident Keith Maggio cast a straight-ticket ballot on the Democratic side. He said with the two unpopular candidates, 'we're all losers."

"America is the big gest loser," Maggio said. 'If Bernie (Sanders) would have run, we'd have won. Trump will either bankrupt the presidency or the nation or start a nuclear war

World War III.' The one thing on which voters seemed to agree: They're happy the campaign has ended.

"I'm already glad it's over ... I felt it as soon as I put my ballot (into the reader)," said Lyon Township resident Marsha McCoury. "My 'I voted' sticker is proof that it really happened. It was the hardest decision I ever made - I don't want to say it out loud. President was the very last thing I filled in. If you don't vote you can't complain. People died for this right — my dad was a World II veteran and my nephew is in the army.'

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DIANE HANSON The 182-member Novi High School Marching Band directed by Mark Hourigan took second place in Flight I at GLI on Oct. 29 with Its award-winning program, The Promise.

Novi 2nd at marching band competition

Diane Hanson Correspondent

Autumn colors and smells delighted the senses Oct. 29, but it was the unseasonably warm weather that added to the enjoyment of the hundreds that filled the Canton High School bleachers to watch 10 area bands take the gridiron with outstanding performances of music, marching, color and choreograThe show opened with a performance by the Junior Color Guard, comprised of sixth-, seventh- and eighthgraders from the Plymouth-Canton middle schools.

The bands, hosted by the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band — that played in judged exhibition — and the P-C Boosters, performed its approximately 10-minute shows, developed over the season, to an appreciative crowd.

All four flights were represented -

flights are determined by school enrollment, not by band size — with Flight I comprised of the largest schools.

Team scores

Flight I: L'Anse Creuse, 93.2, 1st with Caption Awards for Outstanding Music and Outstanding General Effect; Novi, 92.825, 2nd with a Caption Award for Outstanding Visual Performance; Clarkston, 90.9, 3rd; Plymouth Canton, 95.425, Judged Exhibition.

Flight II: South Lyon, 90.525, 1st with Caption Awards for Outstanding Music, Visual and General Effect; Livonia Franklin, 87.3, 2nd, Wyandotte Roosevelt, 87.175, 3rd.

Flight III: South Lyon East, 88.075, 1st with Caption Awards for Outstanding Music, Visual and General Effect; Ha-

zel Park, 85.55, 2nd.

Flight IV: Ferndale, 90.175, 1st with
Caption Awards for Outstanding Music, Visual and General Effect.

Wixom again honored for strong business climate

The City of Wixom has been recognized for its work to foster entrepreneurial growth and economic development in the annual eCities study conducted by researchers at iLabs, University of Michigan-Dearborn's Center for Innovation Research.

The City of Wixom was honored as a Five Star Community along with 21 other communities across the state.

"I am very proud of the economic

am pleased that the University of Michigan-Dearborn has granted us this award nine of the past 10 years," Mayor Kevin W. Hinkley said. "Our Economic Development and Construction & Development Services teams have worked diligently to make Wixom a very business-friendly community, and it is a pleasure to see us rewarded for these efforts. The receipt of this prestigious award shows that we are indeed reaching our goal of

providing excellent service to our new and existing businesses. On behalf of Wixom residents and city staff, I would like to thank both the University and the 2016 eCities sponsors for their support of this pro-

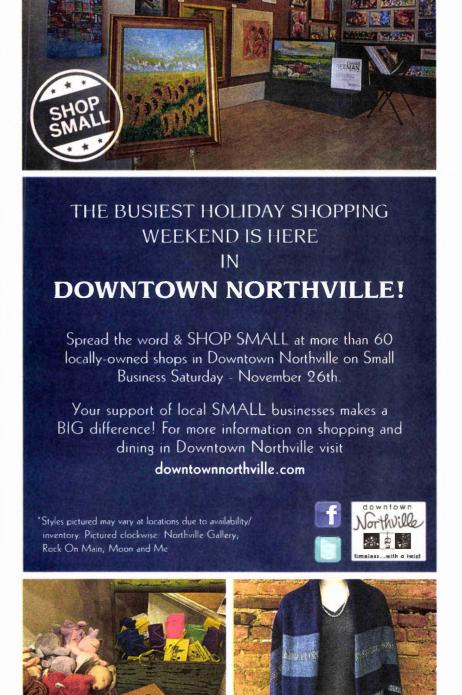
Among the qualities of Five-Star Communities are the ability to connect businesses with community resources, investment in new infrastructure and equipment to add value

to the community, and the existence of a large concentration of commercial and industrial activity which creates an installed base of customers and suppliers, according to a press release.

Five-star communities have commercial constructions worth over \$875 million, having issued over 2,000 construction permits. They have more than \$29 billion in combined real and personal properties. They have more than \$21 million in additions to assets in the past year, with about 10 percent of the employed population being self-employed.



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MP Fashion focuses on stylish, practical outerwear

Sharon Dargay hometownlife.com

Fashion designer Mila Pershyna wants her customers to look stylish and feel comfortable in practical and versatile clothing.

"Those are the key words for every single piece I do," she said. "I design for women and I hear what women want. I don't design just for me. I listen to you.

But the 35-year-old Bloomfield Hills woman does take a cue from her own lifestyle - a busy mom juggling career and family - when creating outerwear for her MP Fashion collection. That means making some coats that can easily expand to accommodate changes in physique, including pregnancy, with sleeves that roll up to adjust for arm length and jackets that flatter the back with peplum styling.

"I know so many women have a problem, even if they're not pregnant, with the lower body or they have a stomach and they have a problem find-ing the right coat. It could fit on top, but not on the bottom,' said Pershyna, who is expecting her second child.

'There's a lot of functionality to everything I do. You can buy just a regular-style coat in the store, but something that is timeless and versatile – if you gain weight, lose weight, if you are pregnant - five to 10 years from now, I want you still to be able to wear the coat. I want it to be an investment.

Asymmetrical cuts, big collars, hoods and fabric combinations with different textures are key to her signature outerwear designs that are sold in boutiques and through online retailers. She also cre ates a more limited line of dresses, slacks, tops and skirts for her online store and for sale at her Sylvan Lake studio.

Unique styles

"Last year, I carried her coats and they all sold out. Clients love them," said Yelena Reiber, owner of Silhouettes, LLC, a boutique in Farmington Hills. "At the moment, I have a lace-up tunic dress with a collar and it's multi-color stripe. I personally have a couple of her JUNFU HAN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Models, wearing Mila Pershyna's designs, strut the runway in New York.

things I wear, a coat and a top. The coat I have, I haven't seen anything like it.'

About 90 percent of Reiber's inventory comes from Europe, where she finds designs that other local stores don't carry. But she also likes the idea that Pershyna makes many of her pieces in Michigan. Although large production runs, mostly for coats, are made at factories in New York, Pershyna designs, cuts patterns and makes samples in her studio. Most of the fabric Pershyna sources is domestic, although she plans to use some Belgian textiles for next year's collection.

"Why I carry Mila is that they are different. You can walk into 20 stores and won't see the same styles," Reiber said. " I will be looking at some coats for this year. I especially like what she had at the New York Fashion Week.

Pershyna, who founded her company in 2013, was among 36 designers who showed their work Sept. 10 at The Hotel Pennsylvania through Plitz New York Fashion Week. Hundreds of fashion shows take

Mila Pershyna shows off a design in

her spring-summer collection.

place during the twice-annual New York Fashion Week. The Plitz event gives up-and-coming, as well as seasoned, designers a chance to buy a runway package that includes, models, staging, lighting, photos and more. Their work is reviewed and must be approved by the event organizers before they are allowed to participate.

"It gave me more confidence in my work. I want to do a European show next," Pershyna said. "I was there to show what I could do, that I could handle a big show, the stress. Many designers would be very excited. That is a big step. I was pretty optimistic only because I have so much experience.."

Playing with dolls

Her study in fashion design started with paper dolls and culminated in a master's degree from Wayne State University in 2013. Pershyna, an only child, taught herself to make doll clothes while growing up in Belarus. She started by drawing and cutting fashions for paper dolls and then moved on to scraps of fabric from pillow cases and old clothes for her Barbie-style doll.

As a teen, she sewed all of her outfits and was known as a trendsetter at school.

"What probably pushed me to sew for myself was I wanted to be different. It was during the USSR time and you didn't have access to European clothes," she said. "If I had been born after the USSR fell apart, I don't think I'd be making anything now because I was forced to do something for myself, to be a little different.'

After getting a bachelor's degree in linguistics in Belarus, she moved to Michigan in 2002 with the hopes of working to make enough money to pay for more education back home. She saved enough money for school, but ended up taking classes at Oakland Community College. At the same time, she worked in retail. Her resume includes managing a Lens Crafters store and a Sigrid Olsen.store. Both experiences helped hone her business skills.

Pershyna considered attending law school, but her husband, a Russian native who is a photographer and fine artist, urged her to look into fashion design programs. They met in 2005 and married two years later.

She gave birth to their son with just two classes left before completing her master's degree at Wayne State University. In 2012, she left her yearold son and her husband at home in Michigan to pursue a four-month internship with Diane Von Furstenberg in New

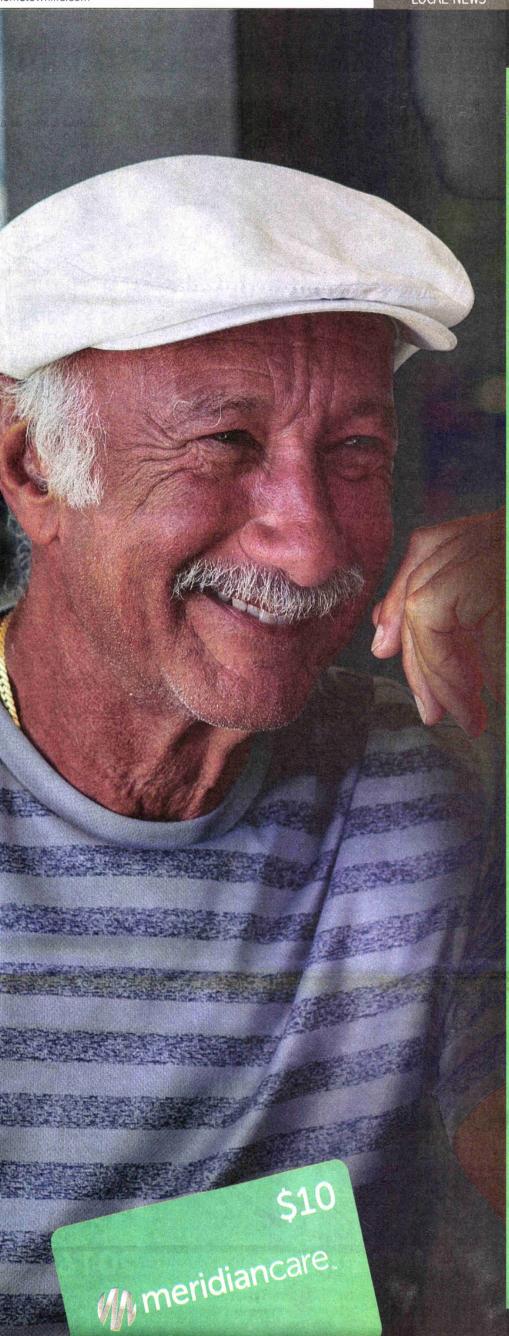
York.
"It was a difficult decision
"he said "If I to let me go," she said. "If I hadn't had that experience I wouldn't be where I am now. I wouldn't have started my company."

Her advice for other entrepreneurs is to build their brand "little by little, start slow." She bought sewing machines and clothing bags from garage sales and uses old store shelves for cutting tables.

"I wanted to minimize the risks," she said, adding, "I didn't grow overnight." Visit her website at

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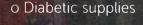
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Furniture refinishing store gets new polish on life

Joanne Maliszewski hometownlife.com

Not many people would stick their necks out and buy a favorite business to prevent it from disappearing. But then, maybe folks aren't aware of Sandy Fatt.

"I can't understand why one of your customers doesn't want it," the Northville resident recalls saying to Jay Densmore in 2015.

Fatt had been a devoted customer of Plymouth Furniture Refinishing, 331 N. Main. Densmore had owned the popular business for more than 35 years. But he wanted to retire, had unsuccessfully sought buyers and then came word he was losing his lease.

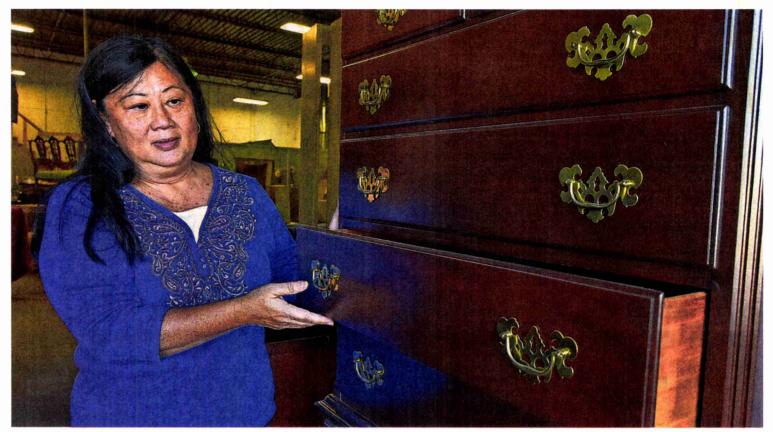
The timing seemed just right when Fatt who retook possession of her Northville home after falling victim to a mortgage con artist needed help restoring interior doors. After giving other restoration companies a shot, she returned to Densmore. And that's when she learned of his plight and his decision to just shut the business.

"I asked myself, 'I wonder if I'm supposed to buy the business?' Fatt said.

She had spent her career in human resources at Ford Motor Co. and was, after all, now retired. "I certainly was not looking for a business," she said.

But what about the employees — experienced craftsmen - who were going to lose their jobs? And where would longtime and potentially new customers have their furniture brought back to life? "I was trying to keep an open mind," Fatt said.

Finally, in January, she bought the business, kept the employees and started the hunt for new space. The concern, of



New owner Sandy Fatt of Northville shows off a finished piece.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

course, was losing the Main Street visibility. Whether anyone was looking for the business or not, people driving in and out of Plymouth couldn't help but see the sign," Plymouth Furniture Refinishing.

The new home, which Fatt says fits the needs of her employees and customers and with enough space to increase services, was found.at 9173 General Court. It is south of Ann Arbor Road, west of Lilly, between Plaza Lanes Bowling and 3 Brother's Polish restaurant. One of the best parts of the move is that employees had a chance to help create the workshop of their dreams. They also helped choose

new equipment. In what has been a male-dominated business for the past 35 years, it's pretty obvious Fatt has

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added a woman's touch. Employees now have a lunch room, instead of eating among the stains, lacquers and tools. As she watched the craftsmen work, she realized they should have the furniture on movable carts. She found carts.

"The guys laugh," Fatt said, calling herself a "curb shopper" — making use of stuff others toss. That goes for the kitchen cabinets in the new employee lounge,

Fatt's other additions include a line of naked furniture, Whitewood Furniture, for sale and finishing. With lots of requests for exterior door restoration, the business now offers home service. "We now have the capability of removing your exterior door, installing a temporary door, refinishing the

door at our shop and re-installing the door at your home when it is complete - all scheduled for quick turnaround," she said.

And she's gone one step further: nicks, dents and scratches don't require a customer to transport furniture to the company. The craftsmen will come to you.

By the looks of all the furniture waiting its turn for refinishing or pieces in various stages of refinish, lots of people have found Plymouth Furniture Refinishing's new location. And by all accounts, customers say they couldn't be more pleased with the results.

Ruth Ann Bruce of Canton took in her mother's cedar chest, a special item for the family. "Oh my gosh, it is gorgeous," she said. Bruce was able to have the chest refinished before her mom recently died. "She was so pleased with it.'

But Bruce didn't stop there. She took in a child's roll top desk that was painted green. Bruce wanted it returned to its original appearance. "They took it all apart," she said. "I am so pleased with it.'

Fatt likes to take customers through the new facility. Not only do they see and meet the craftsmen, they sort of get to be part of the process and they immediately find out Plymouth Furniture Refinishing is here to stay. And that's perfect for Jodi Markel of Novi, who has taken furniture to the business a number of times. The craftsmen have restored a kitchen set, end tables, a secretary and a bedroom set. 'We have always had a positive experience," she

said. "They pay attention to detail."

Fatt chalks up customer satisfaction to the craftsmen she was able to keep when she bought the business. One of the first things she did was find a shop manager. Before he left, Densmore had a guy in mind, Jim Franks. He had worked for Densmore and then went on his own.

"He is a perfect fit. He does the job the way Jay taught him," Fatt said.

Each of the craftsmen has his own specialty. Mike, for example, is the touch-up expert. "It's tedious," he said, "but I just like doing it." Maurice Lee has been working with Mike as sort of a craftsman in training. Each of the men is involved in specific stages of the refinishing, painting or lacquering. Other men, such as Jim Dillon, weere applying stain — by hand — the day the Observer visited the

"Everybody overlaps with the job," Fatt said.

The new space gives the guys plenty of room to work. But the crowning glory for the craftsmen and Fatt is the spray room, "No finishing places has this," Fatt said. The guys do their own hand stripping when furniture comes in and customers are involved in decisions made for

their furniture. 'We use commercial grades and custom mix-ing of colors and toners," Frank added.

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Maurice Lee sands a drawer.



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Jim Frank lightly sands a rocker before giving it another coat of finish in the spray booth, seen

City of Northville **Notice of Public Hearing Community Development Block Grant Funds**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Northville will hold a public hearing on the use of Community Development block Grant Funds. The Hearing will be held on November 21, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall, 215 W. Main St. Northville, MI 48167 for the purpose of hearing public comments on the CDBG Program year 2017 application in the approximate amount of \$6,000.00 to fund eligible projects. All interested citizens are requested to attend the Hearing. Comments will also be received in writing or in person from now until November 21, 2016, until 7:30 p.m. Arrangements to reasonably accommodate special needs, including handicap accessibility or interpreter, will be made upon receiving 72hour advance notice. Contact Sherry Necelis at 248-349-8030, 401 High St., Northville MI 48167 for special services.

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Few snags expected with new trash hauler

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Residents whose garbage was being picked up by Rizzo Environmental Services shouldn't notice any significant snags in service from a new company that has taken

over, area officials say. If all goes as expected, officials say, the biggest change residents should see will be the phasing out of Rizzo's familiar red garbage trucks as new owner GFL Environmental Inc. of Toronto rolls out its bright green trash haulers

The change comes as the FBI investigates allegations in Macomb County that officials accepted bribes for helping Rizzo obtain contracts.

"We expect no change in service," Canton Municipal Services Director Tim Faas said, adding that 27,000 customers should receive the "high level of service" they have come to expect.

GFL (Green For Life) is expected to honor a contract that expires in 2020 in Canton, he said.

Brian Wilson, Livonia's assistant director of public works, said

Tuesday city officials were awaiting a meeting with the new company to discuss the

disruptions in service. "We would anticipate that any service the residents are used to at the curb wouldn't change," Wilson said.

changes, but he antici-

pated no significant

As the new owner, GFL is expected to have the same local managers and work crews delivering trash-hauling services, Wilson said

The company serves 55 communities in the

Robert Nix, Northville Township supervisor, said officials there expect GFL to pick up garbage and do it on time, despite the changing of hands from Rizzo.

'In my opinion I think it will be business as usual," Nix said. "We'll have to wait to see how the transition is implemented, but based on the information we have received, we anticipate no change and no degradation in service. We expect the service to continue and be on time and consistent with the way it has been in the past.'

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Northville woman buys scrapbooking shop

David Veselenak hometownlife.com

Scrapbooking enthusiasts rejoice: one of the area's scrapbooking shops won't close after

Scrappy Chic, 33509 Eight Mile in Livonia, planned to close at the end of October after owner Chris Nicholson decided she needed to pay more attention to a pressing family need. The shop's fixtures were set to go on sale and the employees were about to lose their jobs.

Then, Northville resident Renee Ford stepped in and made the decision to purchase the scrapbooking store and keep it

"I love the store, and I didn't want the store to close," said Ford, who was recently worked as a nurse and is a stay-athome mom before stepping into the business world. "I was waiting for someone to save the store, and nobody was.

"It wasn't something I imagined myself doing."

The shop west of Farmington Road closed for a few days this past week so inventory could be done. But come Friday morning, the doors were opened and paper, glue and other necessities needed to preserve memories were for sale once again.

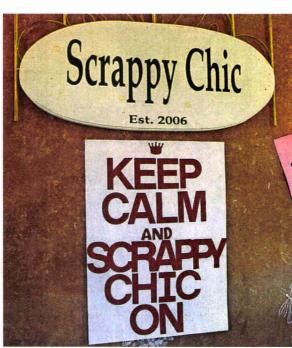
Ford has scrapbooked for about 12 years, and has been coming to Scrappy Chic for about nine years. She's hoping to keep the same material vendors and keep many of the classes Nicholson offered during her 10 years of operating the shop

Despite being new to the business world, she's excited at the opportunity to keep the shop oper-



DAVID VESELENAK

Chris Nicholson, left, and Renee Ford of Northville. Ford recently decided to purchase Scrappy Chic in Livonia from Nicholson.



DAVID VESELENAK

The shop has unofficially adopted the motto of "Keep calm and Scrappy Chic on" with the announcement the scrapbook store would remain open.

"There's a lot of learning involved," she said. "And Chris has been very wonderful ... She's helping me transition

and not get overwhelmed.' Nicholson said they are still working together to help inform cus-

tomers that they'll re-

main with business as usual. She'll remain helping with the transition into Ford's ownership.

"I think there's a lot of people who don't realize that we're staying open,"

While many of the employees appear to remain with the store, Ford said she'd like to add more part-time sales associates to work at the store. Those interested in applying can do so by visiting the shop's website at

scrappychiclivonia.com. Nicholson ran the store so well, Ford said, that she wants to try and keep the same feel and vibe that she had when running it. She knows customers have been pleased with the level of service, classes and supplies, and she wants to keep that trend moving forward

"I don't need to reinvent the wheel," Ford said. "I'm just going to keep pushing it.'

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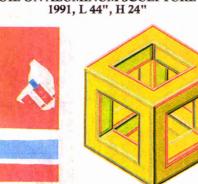
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Novi ceremony honors veterans

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Like many who served in the Vietnam era, Lisa Sutton believes returning veterans got a raw deal, shunned by many in this country who didn't support the war and took it out on those who fought it.

That's why Sutton, a Farmington Hills veteran who served stateside in the U.S. Marine Corps in 1967-68, was happy to see so many military members being honored and feted during the annual Veterans' Brunch ceremony in at the Novi Civic Center.

"It gives us a chance to be with other veterans who went through the same things we did," said Sutton. "The nation practically turned its back on them. It's nice to see them honoring their service now.'

The event honored Air Force, Navy, Army, Marine Corps and Coast Guard veterans from all eras, with a special pin given to Vietnam veterans. A couple of hundred vets turned out for the ceremony

"It's a chance to honor all veterans for their service to our country, for our freedom," said Karen Kapchonick, Novi's Older Adult Services manager who helped organize the event. "It's so important to recognize all they did, the challenges they met. Sometimes we forget what they gave for us. It's something we should never forget."

The event included the reading of the names of all the veterans in attendance, each of whom was given a small remembrance from the event. A portion of the program was also dedicated to those who couldn't be there - the POWs and Missing in Action.

Jacklyn Kochis, executive director of the Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America, described the POW/ MIA table, a small table set with a white tablecloth and various attributes designed to remember those who haven't yet come home.

"Let us remember our comrades," Kochis said. "They depend on us to bring them home.'

Col. Craig Stigleman, a Veterans Administration representative and a retired Air Force colonel who served from 1974-1996, said only about 7 percent of the population serves in the military. He said some 21 million veterans are alive to-

Stigleman talked with passion about what he believes makes veterans "tick," drawing from a speech made by Gen. Douglas MacArthur that Stigleman had to learn in school. Veterans are driven, the colonel said, by words such as duty, honor and coun-

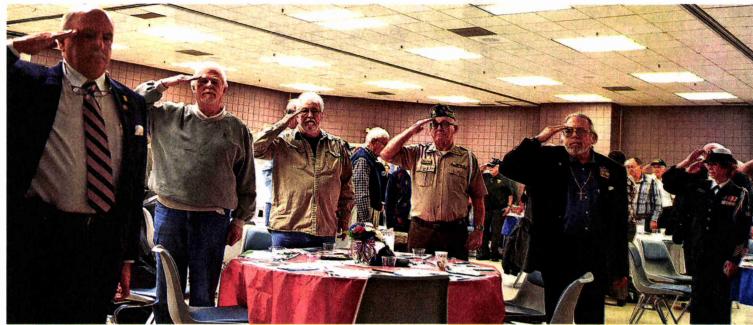
"Every time I have a tough decision to make, these words are my guidepost," Stigleman said. "To many veterans, (those words) lead them in many ways.

He said deciding to serve is "a change of life" for a young person, and that the title "veteran" is "earned, not given."

Veterans are proud of their service," Stigleman said. "They don't brag about it, they don't even talk about it much. But they're proud of it."

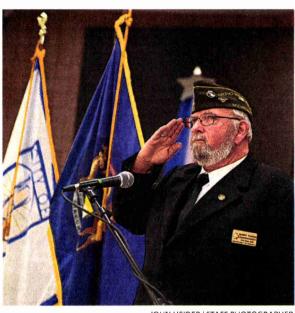
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United States veterans and visitors salute the American Flag at the start of the Nov. 3 gathering at the Novi Civic Center.



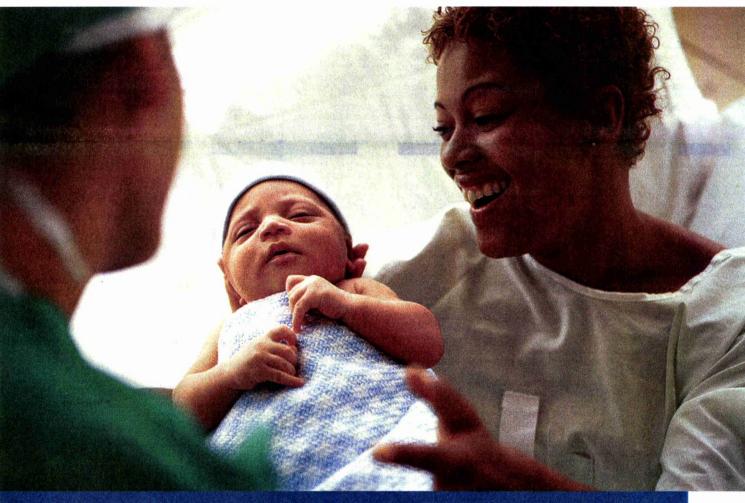


JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Barry Teagan of Post 147 American Legion salutes the Color Guard at Novi's Nov. 3 salute to veterans at the Civic Center.



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The City of Novi saluted its veterans on Nov. 3 at a mid-morning gathering at the Novi Civic



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SYLVIA A long time resident of Milford, Michigan, and native of Gay, Michigan, died on October 30, 2016 at the age of 93. She was preceded age of 95. She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold C. Baugh in 1982, and is survived by her son, Glenn (Jan) Baugh of Milford; her daughter, Dr. Gayle Baugh of Penseala; grandshilden of Pensacola; grandchildren, Tabitha Cross, Sabrina Cross and Glenora (Steve) Hawley; great grandchildren, Octavia and Gianni Hawley; niece, Sue (Lee) Vasquez, and many other nieces, nephews and dear friends. A Funeral Service was held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty St., Milford, November 5, 2016. Burial Oakland Hills Cemetery, Novi. Memorials may be made in her name to Covenant Hospice, 5041 N. 12th Ave., Pensacola, FL 32504. For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit LynchFuneralDirectors.com

CRAWFORD



MADELINE M. Age 90, a longtime resident of Northville. passed away peacefully on November 4, 2016. She was born July 22, 1926; daughter of F.E. and Mary (nee Shotka) Graham. She was united in marriage to Robert E. Crawford on April 27, 1946; devoted to each other for 23 years until his death on October 19, 1969. Madeline graduated from Northville High School; Class of 1944. She began a dedicated career to the Northville Public Schools as a bus driver for 6 years and later a secretary at Amerman Elementary for 25 years. Madeline was one of the longest members of the First Baptist Church of Northville. She kept active at church through teaching Sunday school, working in the kitchen during youth activities, and teaching during vacation bible school. Her faith and her church family was a very important aspect of Madeline's life. She was also an active volunteer at Camp Barakel. For many years she wintered in Lake Wales, Florida where she kept busy volunteering at Lake Wales Care Center. She was a devoted, loving, and selfless mother, sister, and nana. Madeline is survived by her children, Dianne (Bob) Hubbert, Jerry (Nancy) Crawford, and Sue (Dave) Petke; her brothers, Clayton Graham and Gerry (Marion) Graham; her grandchildren, Tim (Marla) Hubbert, Danielle (Mick) Bates, Marianne (Rob) Metzger, Bill (Amanda) Crawford, Rob (Carol) Petke, Dan (Michelle) Petke, and Luke Crawford; and her great grandchildren, Dean, Dominic, Cash, Claire, Charlotte, and Eddie. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and two brothers. A funeral service was held at the First Baptist Church of Northville on November 7, 2016. Memorial contributions appreciated to Camp Barakel PO Box 159, Fairview, MI

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FRENETTE **EBAUGH**

DONNA A longtime resident of Milford, died peacefully on November 5, 2016 at the age of 84. She is survived by her children, Charlene (Edward) Frenette, Richard Ebaugh, Kathrine Oppeneer, Nancy Frenette, Jacque (Teresa) Frenette, Marjorie (Fred) Majewski; grandchildren, Phoebe, Lance, Penny,
Courtney, Emily, Ryan,
Brett, Danielle, Chris, Jacob,
Brittany and Dustin; greatgrandchildren, Lola, Wyatt,
Carter, Stephen and Jaxson as well as many extended family members and friends. She was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth Frenette in 1995 and husband, Donald Ebaugh in 2011. Memorials may be made in her name to American Legion Post 216 or to St. Jude Children's Hospital. A Memorial Service will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty St, Milford on Saturday, November 12, 2016 at 1 PM, with visitation beginning at noon. For further information phone Lynch & Sons, Milford at 248-684-6645 or visit

LynchandSonsMilford.com LaFOLLETTE

DONALD L. Age 46, of Jupiter, Florida, died November 4, 2016 after battling an aggressive prostate cancer. He was born May 25, 1970 in Jackson, MI. Don was united Jackson, Mi. Don was united in marriage to the love of his life, Audrey Moore on June 25, 1994. Together, Don and Audrey owned and operated Laf-A-Lot Entertainment Company in Jupiter. He also started Palm Beach Powered Paragliding, teaching others his passion. Don was co-founder of Treasure Coast Powered Wings, an organization he began many years ago with his friend. He taught his daughter when she was only 15 years old making her the youngest female power paraglider. He was a major practical joker and never stopped laughing or having fun. Spending every moment with his family was the most important aspect of Don's life. He was adventurous, liked being outdoors, and enjoyed travelling to make crazy fun memories with his family. Don is survived by his wife, Audrey; his children, Katherine (Justin) Turner and Donovin LaFollette; his mother, Janice Stellute; his in-laws, Katherine Mock and L.T. Sylvestre; and many loving relatives and friends. Remembrances may be sent to the family at 5781 S.W. Markel Street, Palm City, FL 34990. Share condolences at casterlinefuneralhome.com.



LOEPERTZ



GUENTER OTTO ANDREAS A longtime Highland resident, died peacefully in his home on October 31, 2016. Guenter, eldest son of Otto and Hedwig Loepertz was born on May 21, 1938, in Hanover, Germany. His family immigrated to the United States in October 1951, settling in Rochester, New York. Guenter met his wife, Anita (nee. Hanlon), at a German Choir and they married on February 1, 1958. Together they raised four daughters. He earned an associate's degree in Applied Science and Mechanical Engineering from Rochester Institute of Technology and began an apprenticeship at Delco Manufacturing Plant. They moved to Farmington, Michigan in 1965. In 1971, Guenter founded Mutual Tool & Design Co in Highland. He prided himself on high standards and craftsmanship for more than 45 years. He embraced a life-long love of learning and community service. From founding his own business and providing apprenticeships, to coaching, leading scouts and planning countless community events and themed dinner parties. Guenter was constantly sharing his time and talents. He served as chairman of the Highland Senior Center, was president of the Livingston County Genealogical Society and a charter member of Huron Valley Numismatic Society (coin club). He was actively involved with the Boy Scouts of America for more than 45 years. He was one of the founders of the Huron Valley Soccer Association and was inducted into the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association Youth Hall of Fame in 1991. Guenter traced his family lineage back to the 1500s and spoke at many genealogical societies and libraries. However, his interest in family was not focused on the past. Guenter lived each day to the fullest, sharing his love of travel, cooking (including German potato salad and beef rouladen), wine tasting, World Cup soccer and photography. He was an upstanding citizen, embracing the American dream and providing a stable and loving home for his family. He will be remembered for his reserved demeanor, his gentle guidance, his warm laughter - and his affection for whipped cream on holiday desserts. He will be missed by all with whom he was associated. He is survived by his beloved wife of 58 years. Anita (nee. Hanlon); daughters, Diane Loepertz, Theresa (Bill) Wiles, Christie (Charles) Hix, Andrea (Chuck) Knipe; grandchildren, Jeremy, Sabrina, Jonathan, Joshua, Nathanial, Amanda, Alyssa, Katelyn and Jacob; twelve great grandchildren and many extended family members and dear friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Otto and Hedwig Loepertz; brother, Dieter Loepertz and grandson, Michael. A Memorial Service

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will be held at Church of the Holy Spirit, 3700 Harvey Lake

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BARBARA A. Age 76, a longtime resident of Northville, passed away surrounded by her loving family on October 31, 2016. She was born October 8, 1940 in Chicago, Illinois; daughter of George and Bess (nee Brenwall) Breien. She was united in marriage to Gary L. Sixt on December 23, 1961. Devoted to each other for over 54 years. Barbara received a Bachelor of Science in Education from Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio. She received her Masters Degree in Reading from Eastern Michigan University. While in college she joined Delta Gamma Sorority and was a proud alumnus. Barbara was a Learning Consultant with the Northville Public Schools where she received the prestigious Teacher of the Year Award. She retired in 2005 after 25 years of dedicated service. Barbara was a life member of Northville Mothers' Club and a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church for over 40 years. She enjoyed playing tennis, bridge, and knitting. She to garden a her family while they helped make her garden spectacular Barbara also loved dogs and liked to cook. Being with her family was the most important part of her life. Barbara is part of her life. Barbara is survived by her husband, Gary; her children, Holly Brown, Chris (Ann) Sixt, Heather (Jeff) Kuzma, and Cameron Sixt; and her grandchildren, Ryan (Kayla) Brown, Paige Brown, Kyle Sixt, Alexandra Sixt, Noah Kuzma, and Gabrielle Kuzma. She was preceded in death by her parents and her sister, Patricia Probe. Visitation will be held Thursday, November 3, 2016 from 4-8 p.m. A memorial service will be held Friday, November 4, 2016 at 11:30 a.m. with visitation beginning at 10:30 a.m. at Casterline Funeral Home, 122 West Dunlap, Northville. Pastor Christopher Fairbairn from St. Paul's Lutheran Church will officiate the service. In lieu of flowers contributions would be appreciated to the Karmanos Cancer Institute, Development Office VEO1FS, 4100 John R, Detroit, MI 48201-9945. Please indicate "In Memory of Barbara Sixt" on the donation. TRAPP

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David Ostafinski has just 24 hours to achieve his dream of running a 100-mile marathon.

The Livonia man came close to his goal in 2005, when he logged 90 miles at a 24-hour event in Toledo, Ohio

He kept the dream alive over the next 11 years, running in shorter events, including the annual Detroit Free Press Marathon, which he used as a "training run" earlier this month. When a friend signed up for the Tunnel Hill 100, a 24-hour marathon on an old railroadbed-turned-hiking-trail in southern Illinois, Ostafiniski knew it was time to revisit the challenge. He'll run the Tunnel Hill 100 on Nov. 12.

""I was younger at the time. I ran at a faster pace. I'm 64 now," Ostafinski said, comparing the 2005 and 2016 events. "I guess I never gave up on that dream. When you have the dream to do something big, you don't lose it, If I'm ever going to do it, this is the time."

There's more at stake this time around than just a personal victory. Ostafinski also hopes to raise \$10,000 for digging clean water wells in Africa through World Vision, a Christian humanitarian organization.

He set up a race donation page on World Vision's website and has raised just under \$2,000. If he succeeds, the Tunnel Hill 100 will be his biggest event in terms of both mileage and dollars

raised for charity. Ostafinski has run marathons since the 1970s and figures he has about 75 under his belt. His wife Susan trains with him and ran her first marathon in 2001. Her personal best is 62 miles during a 24-hour, 100-mile event. He's retired from Detroit Diesel and trains year around.

Charitable cause

The couple started combining marathons and fundraising for water wells in 2012, when the church they attend, NorthRidge in Plymouth Township, asked members to run in the Chicago Marathon to raise money for World Vision.

"For every \$50 we receive toward the clean water program, it guarantees an individual clean water for life. When you put it into those simple terms - vou can save a life for 50 bucks — people can say, 'I can literally make a difference," he

Church members continued fundraising while running the Detroit Free

Press Marathon the following year. NorthRidge executive director Bryan Amann said runners collected approximately \$1.5 million for clean water over three years. The church's running ministry, RidgeRunners, turned its attention to fighting human trafficking last year. It completed its second marathon for the cause earlier this month.

Ostafinski decided to continue running for World Vision and hopes he'll complete the Tunnel Hill 100.

'It's been a long time since I started an event I wasn't sure I could finish," he said. "This 100, I'm not sure what will happen. I've done 30 miles, 50 miles. I have a greater degree of confidence to make it to the end. You get beyond 50 and a lot of things can happen."

Ostafinski and his wife have run in other 24-hour events that were held at schools and parks, where they ran or walked laps on a course. The couple took five-minute breaks every five miles and stopped occasionally to eat and drink.

"We bring chairs. Some people bring tents so they can lay down,' Ostafinski said. "You want to be moving and be nourished as well and hydrated. That is one of the bigger struggles for me, to maintain that balance.

Other challenges include fighting boredom while running or walking laps and "mentally getting through the night" without rest.

Ostafinski likely will face a different set of difficulties while running the Tunnel Hill 100. Although food and water will be available along the course, he won't be able to set up a chair. He'll have to rest on the ground or lean against a large rock. He'll also wear a headlamp at night on the dark and unfamiliar ter-

"It's not like a 24-hour marathon, where your car and tent are nearby, which is probably a good thing. With those temptations, you're more likely to slow down and stop to sleep," he said. .

The course is mostly flat and scenic, with a gravel surface. It includes a railroad tunnel and several bridges.

"I don't know if I'll finish the 100, but I hope so," he said.

Donate to Ostafinski's 100-mile, 24-hour mara-thon for World Vision's clean water efforts at www.teamworldvision .org/participant/dave.

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David Ostafinski and his wife Susan enjoy running marathons together.

Northville foundation hosts annual home tour

Start thinking holidays as the Northville Community Foundation hosts the 18th annual Holiday Home Tour featuring five homes beautifully decorated for the holidays.

Tickets are on sale now (cash or check only) at Gardenviews, Haven of Northville, the Northville Chamber of Commerce, and Maybury Farm. To purchase tickets with Visa or MasterCard, call 248-374-0200 or visit the Northville Community Foundation. Admission is \$25 in advance or \$30

the day of the tour. Learn more by visiting www.northvillecommunityfoundation.org.

The Holiday Home Tour is a fundraiser for the Northville Community Foundation. The foundation supports the community by providing grants to nonprofit organizations, community programs and needs and schools. The foundation supports a wide variety of causes including education, youth and senior programs, the arts, beautification and historical preservation.

MDOT says watch out for new, wider plow this winter

Eric D. Lawrence **Detroit Free Press**

"Do not crowd the plow." That's the message the Michigan Department of Transportation is trying to get out ahead of inclement weather this winter. The agency is rolling out a new piece of equipment for metro Detroit, a tow plow, which will take up a wider



REGINA H. BOONE | DETROIT FREE PRESS The new tow plow will be able to carry 10 extra tons of road salt.

stretch of roadway when it's in use than a plow truck by itself.

The tow plow, which will be attached to the rear of a traditional winter maintenance truck, will be in use during times of low traffic volume on select portions of major roads, including I-375, I-75, Gratiot and Woodward avenues and Fort Street, according to Charles Mackey, transportation maintenance supervisor at MDOT's Detroit Maintenance Garage

The tow plow and the truck hauling it will each be able to carry 10 tons of road salt. The combo, which MDOT parked on Belle Isle for a media showing, will stretch 29 feet in width when the tow plow blade is out and the truck has its wing blade extended, effectively like having two plow trucks operating.

Tow plows are in use in other parts of Michigan, such as the Upper Peninsula, but this will be the first one in metro Detroit. The new truck costs about \$200,000 and the new plow, about \$100,000, Mackey said. The combination will bring the number of trucks in MDOT's fleet at its garage on East Ferry Street to 14.

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Grades should assess performance accurately

n 1967 — yes I know I'm old — I was in the sixth grade. Shortly after report cards were sent home, Freddy, another student in my grade, and I were standing by the backstop on the playground. Freddy wanted to know what grade I had received in physical education.

When I told him I received an "A" he was upset and shocked. He had earned an "A" as well. What upset and shocked him was that I received the same grade.

Now it would not be unreasonable, given my current state of physical fitness, to believe that Freddy was shocked



that I received an "A" in physical education because I was not very physically active. However, once upon a time I had skills.

But that was not what had upset Freddy. No, Freddy was upset because I clearly could not do everything that he could do. Why? Because at the time I was wearing a brace on my leg. I could not run. I could not jump. I was not able to be as physically active as the other students because the brace on my leg limited my mobility. Freddy, on the other hand, was one of the most active and physically skilled students in my school.

However, the brace did not limit my desire or my willingness to participate. I participated in the activities in my physical education class to the best of my abil-

In the soccer unit, because I could not run, I was the all-time goal keeper. I stood in front of the goal net and tried to defend as best I could. I learned about shooting angles and moving up on

offense players. In the basketball unit,

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

I practiced shooting every day. I could not defend or run up and down the court but I could shoot. I had a great shot from the corner and I was the designated free throw shooter on any team I was on.

In football, I was the designated quarterback. I could not run but I could pass. I practiced throwing and hitting targets. I understood how to organize an offense. I spent time learning pass defenses.

During our fitness testing I walked the track.

As I look back on that experience I have great respect for my physical education teacher. This

was well before any laws had been passed that mandated equal treatment or curriculum that was accommodated. Instead this teacher took it upon herself to grade me based on my ability. I could do certain things very well. Others things were impossible for me.

However, instead of averaging what I could do well with what I could not do at all, this teacher graded me on my ability. On the objectives that I could do this teacher gave me an "A."

Grading and reporting are tricky. As a school district we want our grades to reflect accurately what students can do. For some students like Freddy we can use all of the objectives to determine a grade because the student has the potential to master every objective. For other students, like me in 1967, we focus on measuring and reporting performance on the objectives that this student can master. For both students, the grade accurately reflects performance.

That's really the purpose of grades — to give every student and parent an accurate measure of performance.

Steve M. Matthews, Ed.D., is the superintendent of the Novi Community School District.

Conversations in

The Northville Art House presents the exhibition, Conversations in Clay, featuring 50 ceramic works of art, both sculptural and functional, created by 11 artists from the Clay Gallery.

The ceramic artists include Shirley White-Black, Royce Disbrow, Craig Hinshaw, Shirley Knudsvig, Yiu-Keung Lee, Brigit Macomber, Susanne Stephenson, Kris Stewart, Joe Szutz, Debbie Thompson and Donna

The public is invited to the opening reception for Conversations in Clay from 6-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 4, at the Northville Art House. An additional First Friday reception will be held from 6-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, featuring the exhibition and a trunk show by Artwear DE-TROIT

The Northville Art House is located at 215 W. Cady St. Admission to Art House exhibits is free and open to the public. For more information, visit www.northvillearthouse.org or call 248-344-0497 during business hours.

Democrats meet

The Democrats of West Oakland County meet from 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15, at Novi United Methodist Church, 41671 W. 10 Mile, for a post-election analysis. Statistician Jasper Catanzaro will analyze results

as they relate to the club. For more information, visit www.DWOC.info or find them on Facebook at Democrats of West Oakland County.

Northville Women's Club

On Nov. 18, the Northville Woman's Club will get a preview of the upcoming Detroit Institute of Arts exhibit, "Bitter/ Sweet: Coffee, Tea and Chocolate.

Those interested in more information about

the Northville Woman's Club or attending one of its programs should contact president Maryann Cotterill at 248-344-8235.

Genealogical society

"Why Can't I Find Grandpa?" and "Beyond Dry Facts: Telling the Stories of Your Ancestors" are the subjects of the Northville Genealogical Society meeting 1:15-4:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 13, at the Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady.

The roundtable "Why

Can't I Find Grandpa?" which gives techniques for searching for your ancestors on Google, Ancestry, Family Search and other sites will begin at 1:15 p.m., a business meeting at 2:30 p.m., followed by Laura Hedgecock presenting "Beyond Dry Facts: Telling the Stories of Your Ancestors" at 3 p.m.

For more information, contact Grace Wilfong at 248-349-9079 or visit www.rootsweb.com/ ~mings

Walled Lake Western presents 'Joseph'

Walled Lake Western High School Performing Arts Department presents "Joseph and the **Amazing Technicolor** Dreamcoat" Nov. 11-12 and Nov. 18-20 at Walled Lake Western High School, 600 Beck Road, Walled Lake. Evening performances will begin at 7:30 p.m. and the Sunday matinee will begin at 2 p.m.

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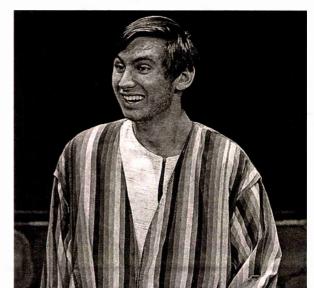
He is purchased by Potiphar where thwarting advances from Potiphar's wife lands him in jail. When news of Joseph's gift to interpret dreams reaches the Pharaoh (wryly and riotously depicted as Elvis), Joseph is well on his way to becoming second in command. Eventually his brothers, having suffered greatly, unknowingly find themselves grov

eling at the feet of the brother they betrayed but no longer recognize.

After testing their integrity, Joseph reveals himself leading to a heartfelt reconciliation of the sons of Israel. Set to an engaging cornucopia of musical styles, from country-western and calypso to bubblegum pop and rock 'n' roll, this Old Testament tale emerges both timely and timeless.

In recent years, audiences have been amazed by the Broadway-like productions of :Les Miserables," "Ragtime," "The Phantom of the Opera," "Hairspray" and "Shrek" produced by Walled Lake Western. 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat is presented by Walled Lake Western students with a cast of over 75 actors and dancers, an orchestra of 20 instrumentalists, and student

technical crew of 25. Students in leading roles include Tony Olshanky as Joseph, Kelsey Miller as a Narrator, Imani Edwards as a Narrator, and Abbey Phil-



Tony Olshanky plays the title role in Walled Lake Western's production of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat.'

lipson as a Narrator. "This is exciting to finally be able to present ;Joseph 'on the Walled Lake Western Stage, choir director Greg Cleveland said. "The same composer wrote 'The Phantom of the Opera,' which we did back in 2012, and now to get to do his much happier and colorful musical, 'Joseph

dream come true for all

For tickets, call the ticket hotline at 248-956-4625 or purchase tickets online anytime at www.wlwmusical.com. Tickets range in price from \$16-\$22 and all tickets are reserved. Information about group sales for 12 or more patrons may be obtained by calling the hotline and leaving a message.

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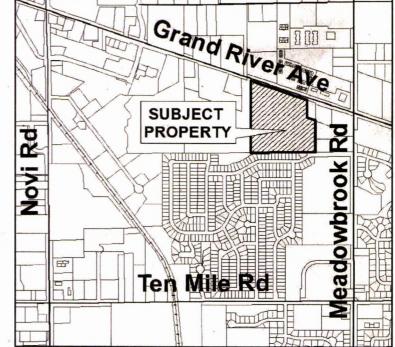
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on **Monday, November 28, 2016** at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **HUNTLEY MANOR. SITE PLAN NUMBER JSP 16-34. FOR CITY COUNCIL'S APPROVAL FOR CONCEPT PLAN. PRELIMINARY SITE** PLAN. PHASING PLAN. STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN. AND SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT OPTION AGREEMENT IN THE GE, GATEWAY EAST, DISTRICT WITH A SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT OPTION. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN SECTION 23, SOUTH OF GRAND RIVER AVENUE AND WEST OF MEADOWBROOK ROAD. The applicant is proposing 203-unit multiple-family gated community on approximately 26.62 acres. Plans are available for review at the Community Development Department in the Novi Civic Center.



Subject property parcel ID: 50-22-23-251-023

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be made to the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during the City's regular business hours, Monday thru Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., and must be received by Noon, Monday, November 28,

Published November 10, 2016

Tickets on sale for Northville Cash for College raffle

In late August, Northville Educational Foundation launched a new fundraiser aimed at helping the students of Northville Public Schools today while also helping one lucky winner further their education in the future — the \$25,000 Cash For College Raffle. The raffle is designed

to pay out as much as \$25,000 toward the winner's future tuition, current tuition or to pay off student loans, whichever the winner chooses. Tickets are being sold for \$75 each but only 700 tickets will be sold in order to keep the odds favorable. The maximum prize is \$25,000, but if 667 tickets are not sold, the prize will revert to a 50/50 drawing. As of Oct. 28, 331 tickets have been sold and the guaranteed prize has grown to nearly

The drawing will take place Nov. 18 in downtown Northville's town square during the treelighting ceremony just after the Holiday Lighted Parade, somewhere around 7:30 p.m. One lucky person will win. Purchasers must be 18 or older; however, they can designate a recipient or recipients of the prize

who are younger than 18. "We just had one woman purchase a raffle ticket who has five grandchildren. If she wins, she plans to split the prize between all five of them to help each of them out with their future tuition," said Jennifer Roosenberg, foundation executive director.

Roosenberg said response to the raffle has been extremely positive. With less than three weeks until the drawing, she anticipates ticket

sales will start to increase. "Most people like to wait until the last week or so to purchase raffle tickets, so the fact that we have sold almost half already is a great sign that the prize is going to be close to the \$25,000 if not the full amount."

Proceeds from the raffle benefit Northville **Educational Foundation** and the many programs they support in the Northville Public Schools that help enrich the education of more than 7,300 students in all 10 schools.

"As funding from the state continues to not keep up with inflation and the rising costs to maintain the school district, the district has come to rely on annual financial support from Northville Educational Foundation," Roosenberg said. "Fundraisers like the Cash For College raffle help us fill the gaps for the district and ensure Northville maintains its high standards of educational excellence."

Anyone interested in purchasing a raffle ticket or learning more can visit NEF's website at www.SupportNEF.org. While the purchasers do not need to be present to win, Roosenberg said she hopes many people come out to watch the drawing and to enjoy the holiday festivities during that

evening.
The Northville Educational Foundation is an independent 501(c)3 organization whose mission is to attract, manage and distribute charitable gifts to provide educational opportunities that enhance Northville Public Schools' commitment to educational excel-



Novi resident Mike Costis is one of the drivers of the "Trumpmobile," an RV van covered in Trump signs that's traveled across

'Trumpmobile' visits polling places around region

David Veselenak hometownlife.com

If you've paid attention to local political events, you've probably seen the "Trumpmobile." At least, Novi resident Mike Costis is hoping you have.

Costis, one of the drivers of the older RV plastered in signs supporting Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump, was making his way all across metro Detroit Tuesday in his vehicle to campaign. He said it's been a

long 24 hours, visiting Grand Rapids on Monday night for Trump's final rally before driving back Tuesday morning to take his son to school at Novi Catholic Central High School before heading out to campaign during the day.

"I started the day at Mass over at Catholic Central, drove the Trumpmobile and dropped him off," he said, while stopped at Novi's Hickory Woods Elementary School, a polling place. "We've iust been traveling

around town.

"We're going all over southeast Michigan, Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.'

The "Trumpmobile" has been around for many months, stopping at several events throughout the campaign across the region. It's an idea he and his brother, Livonia resident Rob Costis, crafted after going up north with Trump signs on his vehicle. The vehicle's been at several events, including campaign events for former presidential

candidate John Kasich at the Livonia field office back in February, as well as various Trump rallies on streets such as the one in late August at Eight Mile and Haggerty in Northville Township.

"We've been going around the state, passing out Trump signs to voters," he said. "Thousands of people have been photographed in front of this thing.

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Social scene: Reel supporters of kids



Julie Yolles SOCIAL

It's been 26 years that Variety, The Children's Charity has hosted its annual "Lights, Camera, Auction" fundraiser. For the past 15 years, the event has been held at **Emagine Theatres in** Novi, which is graciously donated by Variety Treasurer and Emagine Entertainment Owner Paul Glantz.

The event is really a two-parter as guests enjoy dinner and desserts from over 20 of the area's top restaurants, followed by unlimited popcorn and pop, a sneak peek at an upcoming movie and decadent Rocky Mountain Candy for the drive home.

The proceeds of the event help support Variety's "Bikes for Kids" holiday drive which began 18 years ago. Since that time, Variety has provided over 5,000 bikes to children in Southeastern Michigan, including specially built bikes for children with special needs. Donations are still being accepted for new bikes for children ages 8-14, helmets and locks. All sponsors will be invited to the special Bike for Kids Holiday Party to be held on Dec. 7. And, one month later, on Jan. 7, save the date for Variety's Annual Chili Mac Cook-off at the Townsend Hotel

Variety, The Children's Charity just received \$100,000 from Impact100 Oakland County, a women's philanthropy group. The money will help feed 1,000 elementary school children in Pontiac.

A Reel 'Pickle'

You can always count on fun special events and screenings at Emagine Theatres and The Maple Emagine Novi and the Maple Theater in Bloomfield Hills had a dual, sold-out showings of The Pickle Recipe Thursday night with a Q&A following each screening. The charming comedy features an A-team of Michigan talent (where the film was also shot), including co-writers and co-producers Gary Wolfson of Bloomfield Iownship and Sheldon Cohn, of West Bloomfield; and Director Mike Manasseri of Rochester Hills: and co-producers Jason Potash and Paul Finkel; Editor Steward Shevin, Director of Photography Geoff George and Composer Michelino Bisceglia. The stellar cast stars Lynn Cohen, Jon Dore and Academy Award nominee David Paymer and a host of Michigan actors and

crew. Audiences will love the Detroit locations used in the film, including the Hygrade Deli on Michigan Avenue: a Hamtramck neighborhood, Temple Shir Shalom in West Bloomfield



Michigan-made film comedy "The Pickle Recipe," co-written and produced by Gary Wolfson (left) of Bloomfield Township and Sheldon Cohn (right) of West Bloomfield and directed by Mike Manasseri (center) of West Bloomfield opened on Thursday night at The Maple Theater in Bloomfield Hills and Emagine Theatre Novi and will run for the next week.

and Clover Hill Cemetery in Birmingham. You only have a week to catch the film, which is based on Wolfson's late-Bubbie (grandmother) and her coveted, but closely guarded, pickle recipe. Fans at Thursday night's screenings went home with a jar of Michiganmade and award-winning Marcia's Sweet 'n Sassy Pickles.

Children's Charity Coalition

Variety, along with Care House of Oakland County and the Community House in Birmingham will all be recipients of funds raised as Casino Royale on Friday, Nov. 18 at the Community House Guests will enjoy casino games, small plate stations, live music and cocktails. The party starts at 6 p.m. at 380 S. Bates, Birmingham. Tickets are \$125 and \$200 and can be ordered at www.carehouse.org or by calling (248) 332-7173

Shop4aCure

It's not too late to purchase a Shop4aCure 2016 booklet to benefit the Matthew Bittker Foundation and pediatric cancer research. The \$50 book, which can be purchased at Sundance Shoes in its new Birmingham location and Closet NV in Birmingham as well as The Somerset Collection Concierge, Ruby's Balm, Rear Ends, Tory Burch and Stuart Weitzman., and many other merchants. You will receive a 20% discount when you present your book to participating retailers, restaurants, and services through Nov. 8.

For consideration of coverage in this column, please send event happenings, including invitations and press kits, to Julie Yolles, Social Scene Columnist, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 30415 Oakview Way, Bingham Farms, MI 48025. Or contact her at socialscenejulie@gmail.com or leave a message at 248-642-9465.

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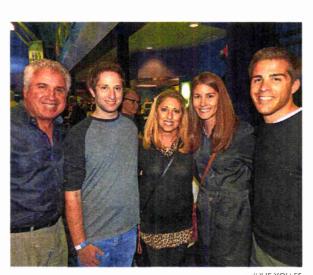
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Variety Vice-President Emeritus Henry Baskin of Bloomfield Hills, Susan Keller of Farmington Hills and Variety Treasurer and Emagine Theatres CEO and Owner Paul Glantz.



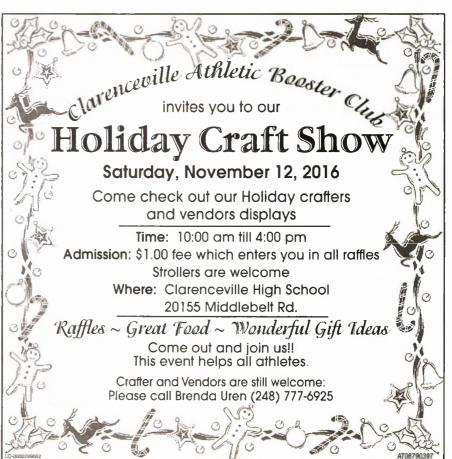
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Howell woman is finalist in national baking contest

Abby Welsh Alusheff Livingston Daily

Give Donna Bardocz an apple and she will most likely take it to the kitchen and begin to

bake something out of it. "I don't know what it is about apples, but I love baking with them," said Bardocz, a Howell resident and baker. "I love making apple pies and apple cinnamon crisp is amazing and makes your house smell amazing.

Bardocz's latest apple recipe was recently selected as a finalist in the "America's Best Recipe" national competition hosted by Eggland's Best. Her recipe, Salted Caramel Upside Down Apple Cake, could win her \$10,000, but she needs her state to vote. The final five recipes represent distinct regions of the U.S. with state-inspired ingredients and Eggland's Best

People can vote for their favorite recipe through Monday, and the winner will be named Dec. 13.

With a combination of Michigan baking apples, saigon cinnamon, whipped cream, salted caramel and Eggland's Best eggs, Bardocz is hoping its one people will be making for their families, and of course win her the "America's Best Recipe" title.

The other four finalists include Rhode Island with "Johnny Cakes and lobster eggs Benedict;" Alabama with "Yummy, Yummy Egg Foo Yung, southern style;" Utah with "Salted honey raspberry bread pudding;' and Nevada with "Creamy scrambled eggs with pine nuts in baked potato shells."

'The best feeling is watching people enjoy my creations," said Bar-docz, 61, who has participated in 25 cooking competitions and placed in 22. "I try to come up with recipes that make you feel at home, but also are unique, which is hard to do at times."

Coming up with unique recipes isn't her only challenge. Bardocz suffers fromspasmodic dystonia and spasmodic colic, which is a neurological disease that affects her voice and head

'People don't always know what is wrong with me, so they will look at me weird and not un-



Donna Bardocz cuts into her freshly baked cake she made Wednesday morning.

derstand and think that I'm some little old lady because of the sound of ways work out. my voice is shaky, so I do get a lot of looks and that can be hard when I am trying to participate in a competition," Bardocz

Baking has been a therapeutic outlet for Bardocz while dealing with her disease.

"It's a lot of doctor's appointments, and I've had to get some work done on my neck, so it takes a toll on you emotionally and physically like any disease would." she said. "Baking has really helped me deal with it and it's my escape because each recipe I am proud of making.

Bardocz takes regular

recipes and ideas and adds her own twist to them, but it doesn't al-

"Sometimes I think I have something really unique and great and then I look it up online to see if it has been done and it has been," Bardocz said. "That will bum me

out, but I never give up." She says she is always able to find someone try her food to "make sure

it's good." "I need to make sure

my children and grand-children approve," Bardocz laughed. She has three children, 10 grandchildren and one great

grandchild. "They love eating my creations, and really anything I make." Baking is in Bardocz's

blood.

She began picking fresh fruit from her great grandmother's front lawn at about age 8 and baking whatever her grandmother desired.

"We would bake or cook anything we could think of, like tomato soup, chowder or corn bread," she said. "She loved to make anything she could think of with whatever we could pick

that morning." In 2008, Bardocz entered her apple cheese muffins in her first cooking competition, an event she learned about through The Cook's Country Magazine, and won first place.

"I was like 'Oh my gosh, are you serious?" Bardocz recalled. "I couldn't believe I won my first competition, so that was my encourage-ment to keep entering more.

She has entered items such as pumpkin pie, chocolate cheesecake and bacon loaded maple coffee cake that have landed her Motown tickets and money to purchase more baking

Bardocz's baking hobby is an expensive one since she only buys brand name ingredients for her recipes.

"And you wouldn't believe the amount of whipping cream I go through," she laughed. "Let's just say that more than half of my monthly grocery money goes toward baking ingredients."

Bardocz said the money she gets from cooking competitions helps offset the cost.

"Showing my love to the world is the most rewarding part of com-peting and baking for others," Bardocz said.
"It's spreading my 'down home' recipes to others.

Bardocz has been told "numerous times" to sell her baked goods, but she isn't interested.

"I do this for me because I love too; I don't want to make it a job,' she said. "I feed a lot of mouths already with my ' family.

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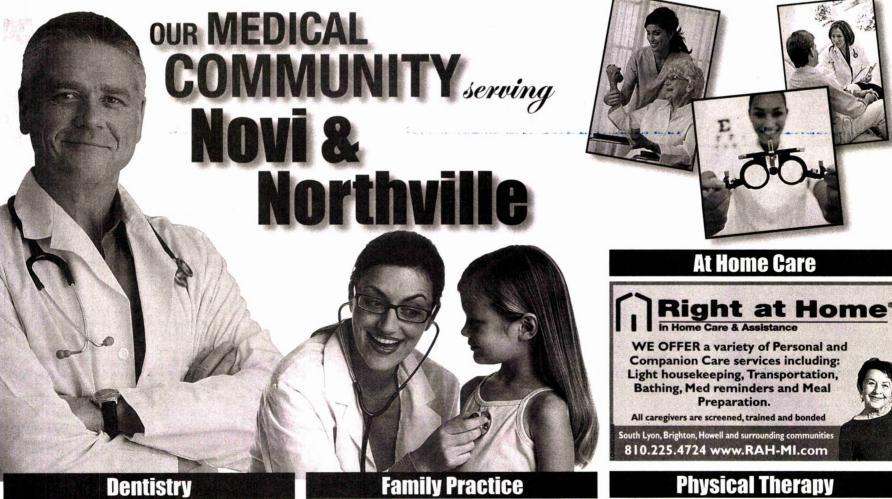
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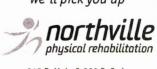
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Music makes singer forget about her pain

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Jennifer Kincer is "very picky" about the singers she mentors.

When she met Ali McManus five years ago, Kincer didn't think twice about coaching the 19year-old Bloomfield Hills woman.

"I think it's one of those things where I saw something special in her. There has to be a balance of passion, talent, kindness and a willingness to serve the community. She seemed to encompass all of those things," Kincer said. "Ali is always willing

to perform as much as she can. She has drive and passion. Her voice is unique. It has a unique tone and timbre. Her songwriting is genuine, real, and from the heart.

That McManus can sing at all is something of a miracle.

The spunky Oakland University freshman sings and breathes with 30 percent lung capacity. The voice work helps strengthen her lung muscles, although McManus occasionally runs out of air on long notes and lengthy warm-

When McManus was 13, her spine bent to a curvature of 146 degrees, crushing her lungs and stomach. The severe case of scoliosis diminished her longterm lung function and hindered her ability to eat at the time.

"When you start getting scoliosis, you need to act on it when it's at 15 degrees. But with mine, my bones are weak, so they (doctors) were always like, we can't touch her," McManus explained. "I lost 20 pounds in a month because I could only eat a clementine a day. I had no neck whatsoever and my shoulder blade was to



Ali McManus tones her guitar in her dorm.

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JUNFU HAN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Ali McManus zips around Oakland University campus in her power wheelchair.

my hip. The main problem was within a year I would have stopped breathing.' **Health challenges**

The daughter of Julie and Mark McManus of Bloomfield Hills, McManus had a rough start in life, being born premaof survival. During her childhood she had 10 surgeries, including a neck surgery that required her to wear a halo vest afterward, and hip surgery that led to a body cast for 67 days at age 9.

At 13, with lung ca-McManus had no choice into her back and neck to fuse and straighten her

The 12-hour surgery took place at Shriner's Hospital in St. Louis, Mo., where McManus had previously been seen for her fragile bones and scoliosis.

lung function.

The spinal fusion operation, and the halo traction that followed. meant McManus would live at the hospital for nine months.

"I made the best of it ... but I was being pulled up by my head with 40 pounds 24/7," she said, describing the traction. 'My back isn't perfect but it is amazing compared to what it was. I grew seven inches in those nine months. I got a neck, which I love. It's short but I can wear scarves now and necklaces."

She entertained other patients at the hospital and earned the title "Patient Ambassador." As a child, McManus had discovered music helped take her mind off her pain. She learned to play piano, sang in the school choir, penned songs at age 11 and took up the guitar two years ago. The instrument was challenging because she can't bend her neck to watch her fingers play chords.

"I had to mentally picture my hands on the strings," she said.

"If Stevie Wonder can play blind, I can play guitar."

She took that same confident attitude with her to a singer-songwriter camp at Interlochen two years ago. The experience proved to herself and others that she could live on her own. She graduated from Bloomfield Hills High School in June and began taking

communications, writing and a music class at OU this fall.

100 shows

Ali McManus, 19, plays a song on plano in her dorm at

Oakland University. A severe case of scoliosis diminished her

McManus zips around campus in her wheelchair, which she considers temporary. She's waiting for technology to improve and assurances that her bones won't shatter if she undergoes needed hip surgery.. Off-campus she stays busy with live performances and studio work. She has recorded two of four songs for an EP that she hopes to release next

"Her first recital for me was at the Royal Park Hotel, (in Rochester), Kincer said."Since then she has done about 100 performances.

McManus sang at Arts, Beats, and Eats this year, and shared the stage a few years ago with Chad Smith of the Red Hot Chili Peppers. Her most meaningful shows are for patients at Children's Hospital of Michigan and at Children's Miracle Network events.

"I sing and speak about how important it is for music therapy to be in a patient's life. Music healed me and it really did save my life. Music is how I stayed sane and positive. Music is my three minutes of no

pain.' McManus will participate in the For Kids Radiothon! Thursday, Nov. 17, which will be broadcast live from Beaumont Children's Hospital on 96.3 WDVD. Visit her website at alimcmanus.com.

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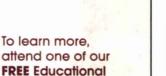
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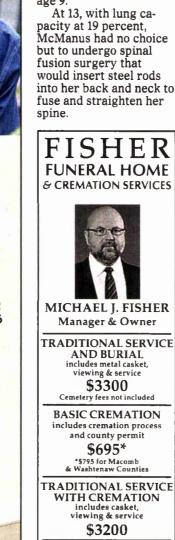


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PREP VOLLEYBALL

Novi clears big hurdle in district title game

Wildcats advance to the regional semifinal against WL Central

Tom Morelli Correspondent

With such a star-studded lineup, one would think that winning comes natural for the Novi girls volleyball team.

The defending Class A champions have lost only one match all season and their opponent for Friday's district final was Northville, whom they had already beaten on three previous occa-

But in the words of college football analyst Lee Corso: "Not so fast my friends!

The Wildcats dropped the first set 20-25, but were able to rebound over the next three, 25-21, 25-23, 25-15, to capture the district title, which was hosted by Plymouth.

The two teams had last met 11 days prior in the KLAA tournament where, oddly enough, the Mustangs were able to snag a set against Novi before losing to the eventual Association champions.

The standard was set high during the first match, as Novi (43-1 overall) rattled off a 6-0 lead, prompting Northville

coach Julie Fisette to take a timeout. "We were nervous," Fisette said. "All I told them was to relax, take a deep breath and play their game.'

After smoothing things over in the huddle, the Mustangs (44-7-1) went on a 10-4 run to tie the set, with kills coming from seniors Emily Martin and Bryce Quick, junior Rachel Holmes and sophomore Hannah Grant.

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Novi's Kathryn Ellison (left) goes on the attack against Northville blockers Emily Martin and Claire Wenrick

PREP FOOTBALL



SCOTT CONFER

Catholic Central's Isaiah Popp (left) eludes Northville defensive back Aahmaud Jenkins en route to a TD.

Detroit CC's big first half stymies Novi

21-0 halftime deficit too much for Wildcats to overcome

Brad Emons

On the eve of Daylight Saving Time, Novi wished it had been able to turn back the first-half clock just one more time.

But the Wildcats couldn't dig themselves out of a 21-0 hole as host Novi Detroit Catholic Central survived a few anxious moments during the second half to earn a 35-21 victory in the MHSAA Division 1-Region 1-District 2 football final Saturday at Fr.

Elmer Stadium.

The Shamrocks, who improved to 11-0 overall, will now play Grandville (10-1) beginning at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12 at home for the Region 1 crown.

"We had a three-touchdown lead at halftime and that's kind of like a kiss of death at times because everybody comes out and they think, well, you don't have to work as hard as you did the first half, and it's not true as you could see," CC coach Tom Mach said. "It's a good feeling to know that we

did what we wanted to do and our defense played really well the first half, I thought. But the second half they came back and did a good job coming of putting us in a tough situa-

CC's defense was stellar in the first half limiting the Wildcats' highpowered offense to 69 total yards.

After a sack by Jackson Ross and a tackle for loss by Matt Young which halted Novi's first drive at the CC 37,

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PREP SOCCER

East Kentwood ends Novi's season, 1-0

Game-winning goal comes with 9:12 left in state semifinal

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Novi's best run in the MHSAA Division 1 boys soccer tournament since 2012 ended Wednesday night

on a soggy grass field in Holt.

The Wildcats turned in a sterling performance, but East Kentwood rained on their parade on a goal with just under 10 minutes remaining as they were eliminated in the state semifinals, 1-0.

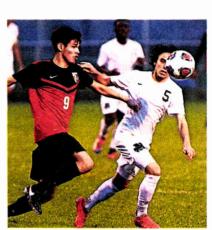
The victory puts the Falcons in their fifth state championship final beginning at 3 p.m. Saturday at Comstock Park where they'll face Troy Athens (19-2-4), which also advanced Wednesday with a 2-1 semifinal win over Rochester.

Ironically, East Kentwood (15-3-4) was the same school in 2012 that ousted Novi, but this match was much closer than that 3-0 loss the Wildcats suffered in 2012.

Afterward, it took awhile for the Novi players awhile to digest what just happened after the season was suddenly over.

"The fact that they took it so hard just shows what a great team they were because they cared so much," said Novi first-year coach Todd Pheiffer, whose team finished 15-3-4 overall. "And they have worked so hard, actually since July when they started their preseason. Just a great group of kids. We have 11 seniors. They kind of set the precedent for the younger players on the team. They said this is what Novi soccer is about. ... hard work and where hard

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JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Novi's Adam Dellavecchia (right) tries to beat East Kentwood's David Huicochea to the ball.



PREP SWIMMING

Northville rules Kensington Conference meet

Mustangs take first place in 10 of 12 'A' heat finals

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There was no denying Northville in Saturday's finals of the two-day KLAA Kensington Conference girls swimming and diving meet held at South Lyon

The Mustangs, taking firsts in 10-of-12 event 'A' heat finals, unseated defending champion South Lyon Unified, 993.5-976.5, to earn its second conference crown in three years.

Rounding out the 11-school field was Novi (545.5), Salem (471.5), Livonia Stevenson (460), Canton (421), Plymouth (285), Westland John Glenn (221), Livonia Franklin (164), Livonia Churchill (162) and Wayne Memorial (117).

"Today was a great day for us," Northville coach Brian McNeff said. "I'm so proud of how all the girls performed. We knew that the meet was going to be close. The psych sheet that comes out always has us way ahead, but we know how South Lyon sets up their meet and I had us only up by a little going into Friday. Prelims went really well for us and we were able to stay in the lead going into Saturday. Even with us still ahead, South Lyon was going to come ready to swim, so we knew every spot was going to be important. The girls did a great job of fighting for those

Northville set five conference and a total of six East pool records en route to

The Mustangs were once again led by senior Laura Westphal, along with freshman Sophia Tuinman, both whom figured in four first-place finishes.

Westphal captured individual firsts in the 100- and 200-yard freestyles with times of 51.48 and 1:51.72, respectively, while Tuinman won the 200 individual medley (2:07.05) and 500 freestyle (4:59.44)

Westphal also teamed up with Kelsey Macaddino, Katelyn McCullough and Gillian Zayan for a victory in the 200 freestyle relay (1:36.29). The foursome of Tuinman, Lauren Heaven, Zayan and Westphal also captured the 400 free-style relay (3:32.23).

Other individual firsts for the Mustangs came from Macaddino (100 butterfly, 55.72), McCullough (100 backstroke, 57.88) and Erin Szara (100 breaststroke, 1:04.11 after going 1:03.51 in the prelims).

"We had some amazing swims from our senior class," McNeff said. "Those girls have been a fixture at this meet since they were freshman and they came up big today, just like they did then. They accounted for seven of the 10 events that we won. I'm sure all the other coaches are going to be glad to see

Northville also led off the meet with a win in the 200 medley relay as Tuinman, Szara, Macaddino and McCullough were clocked in 1:46.23.

"We also had some huge swims from some of our underclassmen as well,' Sonhia Tuinman great win in the 500 free and Katelyn McCullough winning the 100 back was big. Both of those kind of sealed the victory for us. There was also some big swims from Gillian Zayan in the 100 and 200 free, Sophia Wasiniak in the 500 and Sarah Aron in the 100 breaststroke. All of them dropped a lot of time and moved up a lot of spots in their events."

South Lyon had won five of the past six Kensington titles dating back to

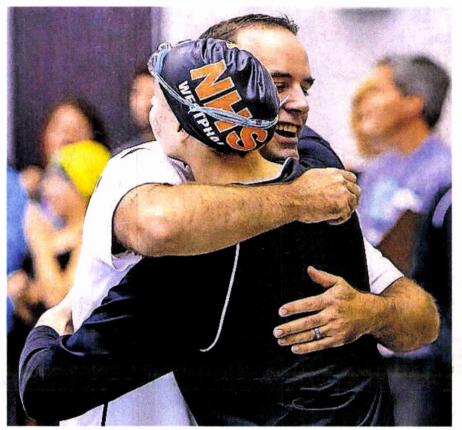
"Even though we won two years ago, there were only seven girls that swam in that meet that was swimming today also, so it was very special for all of them having never experienced some-thing like this before," McNeff said. "There was also a lot desire to win because we knew that with the new

leagues forming, we would not be facing South Lyon anymore. I think the girls wanted to end the KLAA Kensington Conference meet with a victory.' South Lyon was led by senior Caro-



Northville came away with the Kensington Conference and KLAA Central division girls swim trophies.

XIN WAN



Northville coach Brian McNeff congratulates senior Laura Westphal, who figured in four first-place finishes.



Northville's Kelsey Macaddino was victorious in the 100-yard butterfly at the Kensington Conference meet.

lyn Bischoff, who set a new conference and pool record by winning the 50 freestyle (23.85). She also placed second in the 100 freestyle (52.4) and was part of the runner-up 200- and 400 freestyle relay teams.

"I was very proud of how we competed this weekend," SLU coach John Burch said. "Northville is an extremely talented team and we gave them a run for their money. I did not think going in that we could be as close to them as we were. This is the most points we have ever scored at the meet.

"I was really impressed with all of our swims. Carolyn Bischoff is a fourtime champion in the 50 freestyle. She is one of only two swimmers to win an event four years in a row in the history of the conference."

South Lyon, made up swimmers from East and South Lyon highs, also dominated in the 1-meter diving event taking five of the first eight places. Salem's Camile Burt won with a 11-dive total of 378.70 points.

"It was awesome to see swimmers like Lauren SanMillan, Abi O'Reilly and Lexi Abernethy make the championship finals for the first time in their lives, Burch said. "All three of them really improved this year and stepped up at the conference meet. As a whole, I could not be more proud of this team," Burch said. "We have accomplished so much this year and even though we did not win, and we were hoping to, we still performed very well.'

Area teams now will prepare for the MHSAA Division 1 finals, Friday-Saturday, Nov. 18-19, at Oakland Univer-

KLAA KENSINGTON CONFERENCE GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING MEET Nov. 4-5 at South Lyon East TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Northville, 993.5 points; 2. South Lyon Unified, 976.5; 3. Nov. 545.5; 4. Salem, 471.5; 5. Livonia Stevenson, 460; 6. Canton, 421; 7. Piymouth, 285; 8. Westland John Glenn, 221, 9. Livonia Franklin, 164; 10. Livonia Churchill, 162; 11. Wayne Memorial, 117.

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'A' FINAL HEAT RESULTS

200-yard medley relay: 1. Northville (Sophia Tuinman, Erin Szara, Kelsey Macaddino, Katelyn McCullough), 1:46.23 (meet and pool record); 2. South Lyon (Anna Smith, Avery Covert, Megan Mieske, Taylar Sciborski), 1:49.97; 3. Canton (Meghan Mans, Ellie Caruso, Jessica Clark, Sophia Balow), 1:53.61; 4. Novi, 1:54.72; 5. Plymouth, 1:55.21; 6. Salem, 1:55.51; 7. Stevenson, 1:56.57; 8. John Glenn 1:59 05

Glenn, 1:59.05.
200 freestyle: 1. Laura Westphal (N'ville), 1:50.86 (meet and pool record); 2. Maria Arakelian (LS), 1:54.63; 3. Mans (Canton), 1:56.42; 4. Gillian Zayan (N'ville), 1:56.7; 5. Lulu Mans (N'ville), 1:58.08; 6. Emma Philips (N'ville), 1:58.08; 6. Emma Philips (N'ville), 1:58.15; 7. Lexi Abernethy (SLU), 2:00.03; 8. Balow (Canton), 2:01.11.

z.vu.ust; 8. Balow (Canton), 2:01.11.

200 individual medley: 1. Tuinman (N'ville), 2:07.05; 2.
Melanie Dunnuck (SLU), 2:11.01; 3. (tie) Emily Guerrera (N'ville) and
Katie Xu (Salem), 2:1.55; 5. Jessica Clark (Canton), 2:13.68; 6. Lauren
Heaven (N'ville), 2:15.10; 7. Szara (N'ville), 2:15.30; 8. Emily Mayoras
(Novi), 2:16.89.

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1-meter diving: 1. Camille Burt (Salem), 378.70 points; 2. Starr Bryan (SLU), 359.35; 3. Caitlyn Canadi (SLU), 347.95; 4. McKaela Hill (Novi), 340.20; 5. Renee Zagornik (SLU), 309.45; 6. Alexis Bidwell (SLU), 305.00; 7. Madeline Taylor (SLU), 292.00; 8. Natalie Yurgil (LC),

290.85.

100 butterfly: 1. Macaddino (N'ville), 55.72; 2. Lauren Heaven (N'ville), 58.43; 3. Smith (SLU), 58.93; 4. Amber Gulau (LS), 59.19; 5. Kera Sells (WJG), 1:01.03; 6. Abigail O'Reilly (SLU), 1:01.06; 7. Kathryn Walters (Ply.), 101.12; 8. Mieske (SLU), 1:02.40; 10.01 and meet record); 2. Bischoff (SLU), 52.40; 3. Gillian Zayan (N;ville), 53.73; 4. Boals (SLU), 54.24; 5. Morgan Davis (Salem), 55.30; 6. Sciborski (SLU), 55.33; 7. Aloisi (WJG), 55.91; 7. Nicki Pumper (N'ville), 56.00.

500 freestyle: 1. Tuinman (N'ville), 4:59.44; 2. Arakelian (LS), 4:59.63; 3. Dunnuck (SLU), 5:09.85; 4. Danielle Gardon (Novi), 5:17.79; 5. Mans (N'ville), 5:18.39; 6. Phillips (N'ville), 5:21.18; 7. Balow (Canton), 5:23.04; 8. Sarah Griffiths (Salem), 5:23.10.

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100 backstroke: 1. McCullough (N'ville), 1:57.88; 2. Xu (Salem), 1:58.76; 3. Mans (Canton), 59.00; 4. Clark (Canton), 59.77; 5. Smith (SLU), 1:00.62; 6. Mayoras (Novi), 1:01.07; 7. Caitlin Jodway (LF), 1:01.91; 8. Lauren SanMillan (SLU), 1:02.31.

100 breaststroke: 1. Szara (N'ville), 1:04.11 (pool record); 2. Guerrera (N'ville), 1:07.59; 3. Covert (SLU), 1:08.44; 4. Hanna Dong (Novio, 1:10.58; 5. Kelsye Peregord (Ply.), 1:11.26; 6. Jennifer Ostrowski (N'ville), 1:11.34; 7. Claire Tuckey (N'ville), 1:12.25; 8. Karen Xu (Novi), 1:13.05.

(Novi), 1:13.05. 400 freestyle relay: 1. Northville (Tuinman, Heaven, Zayan, Westphal), 3:32.23; 2. South Lyon (Boals, Smith, Dunnuck, Bischoff), 3:34.34; 3. Salem (Ku, Jenna Chen, Griffiths, Davis), 3:44.20; 4. Canton, 3:44.41; 5. Stevenson, 3:45.05; 6. Novi, 3:47.28; 7. Plymouth, 3:53.92; 8. Franklin, 3:59.42.

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PREP VOLLEYBALL

Novi, Northville spikers reach finals with 3-set wins

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Novi opened defense of its MHSAA Class A girls volleyball championship Wednesday with a 25-13, 25-16, 25-18 win over host Plymouth.

The No. 1-ranked Wildcats, who improved to 48-1 overall, were led by iunior setter Erin O'Leary, who finished with 30 assist-to-kills, eight kills and eight digs.

Other contributions came from junior middle hitter Kathryn Ellison (15 kills, 11 digs) and senior libero Claire Pinkerton (three aces, eight

Mustangs advance

Senior Miss Volleyball nominee Emily Martin finished with 17 kills and 10 digs as Northville (44-6-1) rolled to a 25-22, 25-12, 25-17 Class A district semifinal win Wednesday over Canton at Plymouth.

Other standouts for Northville included Hannah Grant (19 digs), Rachel Holmes (38 assists), Kiera Borthwick (eight kills, four solo blocks), Bryce Quick (eight kills, two solo blocks) and Claire Wenrick (six kills).

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PREP GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Northville takes third place in Division 1 finals

Mustang Barrott earns All-State honors

Brad Emons

Perennial state contender Northville quickly learned that Saturday's MHSAA Division 1 girls cross country finals was one of the most challenging in recent memory.

The Mustangs fought hard on the muddy Michigan International Speedway course in Brooklyn to earn a third-place finish with 178 points.

Milford was the surprise winner with 150, while only six points separated runner-up Ann Arbor Pioneer (172) and Northville.

Battle Creek Lakeview's Maggie Farrell was the individual 5,000-meter winner in 17 minutes, 25.6 seconds, while Ana Barrott paced the Mustangs with an 25th-place finish in 18:44.1 en route to All-State (top 30) honors.

'Ana again left it all out there today as she ran with determination to lead her team like she has done all season long," Northville coach Nancy Smith said. "She had a goal and she chased it. Her time was not what she wanted, but everyone's times were affected today. Only two runners in the entire race were under 18 minutes compared to last year when seven were. The girls worked together and stepped up when needed.'

Senior Cayla Eckenroth, who took 31st overall in 18:55.0), just missed All-State honors by one spot.

The Mustangs' other three scorers include sophomore Nicole Cybul (33rd, 19:04.8), senior Emma Smith (81st, 19:44.9) and freshman Emily Assemany (98th, 19:56.5). "Smith and Assemany

moved up throughout the race for a solid four and five, Smith said. "Although we were hoping to finish higher, the third place finish was up one from last year with an inexperienced team running the course. Only three of the top seven had ever run at the state finals, which included Eckenroth, Smith and Harp

Northville's other finishers included Katie Chevoor (107th, 19:58.9) and sophomore Olivia Harp (131st, 20:11.4).

"It is a great experience and learning process," said Smith, who has guided the Mustangs to five straight top-five fin-



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The Northville girls cross country team placed third in the Division 1 finals at MIS.

ishes, including a state title in 2013. "Each year we run there it's a new experience. We will use today as a learning tool as they begin to look forward to next year, and what we need to

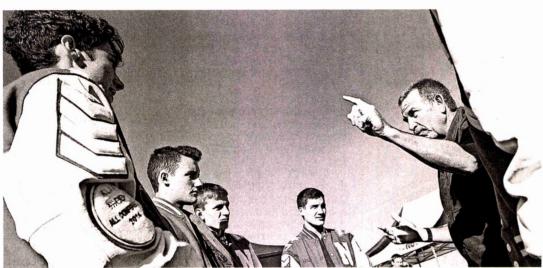
Ray paces Novi

Novi's two individual state qualifiers included Katherine Ray, who took 54th overall in 19:25.5, and freshman Michelle Jecmen, who wound up 124th

The Division 1 girls race had 244 finishers.

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PREP BOYS CROSS COUNTRY



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Novi coach Robert Smith gives his team pre-race instruction before Saturday's Division 1 finals at MIS.

Novi 4th, Northville 7th in D-1 finals

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Novi trudged to a fourthplace finish Saturday as times proved to be slower than normal during the MHSAA Division 1 boys cross country finals, which were held at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn.

Although temperatures were favorable in the mid-60s, the course had deteriorated into a muddy mess by midafternoon after the Division 2, 3 and 4 girls and boys finals were run.

White Lake Lakeland, scoring 125 points, captured its third state title in school history and its first since winning Class A crowns in 1997 and

Rounding out the top five were Saline (198), Birmingham Brother Rice (220), Novi (225) and Ann Arbor Pioneer (237). Northville placed seventh with 257 (see below)

Dearborn's Riad Rababeh captured the 5,000-meter race in 15 minutes, 24.8 seconds, while senior John Landy placed 22nd in the team scoring and 41st overall for Novi in

"John had a fantastic race," Novi coach Robert Smith said. "He was only 10 seconds shy of being an all-stater.'

Novi's next two scorers included senior Scott Mac-Pherson (54th, 16:30.2) and sophomore Trey Mullins (82nd,

'Scott also ran extremely well today," Coach Smith said. "He finished strong and with a lot of pride, and Trey was only 14 seconds off of his career P.R., and it was his secondfastest time ever. He had the smallest deviation from a career personal-best of anybody on our team today.

The Wildcats' other two scorers included junior Gabriel Mudel (93rd, 16:48.1) and senior Aric Landy (94th,

16:48.2) Mudel was in 32nd place with 400 meters to go and was close to making all-state (top 30) before suffering a spell of vertigo in the final 100.

"It was remarkable that he was able to get up and complete the race," Smith said. "It was obvious that he gave 110 percent. I'm very proud of him for his total effort. Had he not



Northville coach Chris Cronin (right) congratulates his runner Ben Cracraft after finishing 11th in the Division 1 finals.

been able to finish we would have ended up in eighth place (one point behind Northville)."

Aric Landy, meanwhile, was just one second behind Mudel.

"Aric closed fast on Gabe at the line and almost nudged him across the timing pad," Smith said. "Aric ran a very good race."

Novi's other two finishers included senior Chris Silva (139th, 17:06.3) and junior Nathaniel Wood (188th, 17:28.2).

"We had the smallest pack time of any team today," Smith said. "This was a major factor for us placing in the top five. This is proof that cross country is a true team sport".

Mustangs seventh

Last year's Division 1 runner-up Northville took seventh on Saturday with 257 points led by senior Ben Cracraft, who finished 11th overall in 15:56.1.

Cracraft earned All-State honors for the second straight year after placing 14th in 2015 with a time of 15:42.1.

"Ben is a fierce competitor who gets the most of himself," Northville coach Chris Cronin said. "Today was his best race all season. The course was very wet and muddy. Considering that fact, Ben's time was impressive. Ben is one of those leaders who has the ability to make his teammates better and he has been a big part of our team's success the past four years, and his influence on younger runners will be felt for years to come.'

Sophomore Nick Couyoumjian was 48th overall in 16:26.7. "While I expected to see

Nick a little closer to Cracraft,

he ran respectable splits and showed real grit throughout the race," Cronin said. "It was the second state finals and I believe he has limitless potential: Nick's progression has been steady all season and his enthusiasm for the sport is unmatched. We are fortunate to have him around for the next two seasons.

Rounding out the Northville scoring contingent were seniors Peter Bejin (108th, 16:52.7), Evan Ferrante (110th, 16:52.8) and Jacob Blackmore

(133rd, 17:02.9). "It was a bit of a disappointing finish for these three seniors who each had a breakout season," Cronin said. "Without these seniors stepping up this season, we wouldn't have fielded a team a full team at MIS this year. Each of them had a brilliant season. Jacob and Evan were outstanding leaders all season and Bejin bounced back after missing his junior season to injury. My predecessor Ed Gabrys told me a long time ago that seniors will surprise you and this group

certainly did.' Freshman twins Adrien and and Alex Jund also finished 177th (17:22.3) and 228th (17:56.1), respectively, for the Mustangs.

CC All-Stater

Individual state qualifier Ty Buckley, a senior from Novi Detroit Catholic Central. earned All-State honors by placing 16th overall in the Division 1 finals with a time of

Senior Mark Borek took 109th overall in 16:52.8.

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Northville grabbed its first lead on a Novi unforced error to make it 13-12; they would not relinquish for the remainder of the set.

"Coming into it, we had our game plan, we watched a lot of film and talked a lot," Fisette said. "We took a game from them in the KLAA tournament, so we knew it was possible. We felt that we had the athletes to back it up and we just had to execute and make a few less errors, but the team never gave up.

The ensuing match had a similar ebb-and-flow to it, with the Mustangs jumping off to a hot start, only to have their opponent capture momentum back to their side.

Following a 4-1 start out of the gates, the Wildcats countered on a kill from senfor Emmy Robinson and two Northville errors to tie the game at four points apiece.

Both teams would tie each on three other occasions before Novi began to pull away, leading by as many as six

With the Wildcats leading by a narrow 21-20, junior Abryanna Cannon notched two kills on the next five plays, including a gameclincher to make it a 1-1 affair heading into the third match.

'We've only lost one match this year, so in our league and tournaments, we've been ahead," Novi coach Jen Cottrill said. "It was a little nerve-racking knowing that we were down 1-0 and how are we going to respond because we haven't had to do it all year. It's very promising and rewarding that we were able to do it in such a pressure situation against a very good team.'

A hotly contested third set featured four Cannon kills on the last five serves, which proved to be the turning point

of the match, Cottrill said. "Northville is an outstanding team and we've known that all year," Cottrill said. "We came out with a lot of pressure in the first set and they were playing very loose and carefree. We were very tense, but the positive thing for us we had leadership to settle us down. We were able to focus on what we do to be successful, change the game plan a little bit and make it work. The key was the third set. We were down late and ended up winning that set.'

The final set tilted heavily toward Novi, which led by as many as 11 points. The 6-

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NOVI VOLLEYBALL COACH

foot-1 Cannon remained a serious force at the net with seven kills, while junior Kathrvn Ellison contributed five.

Cannon finished with a game-high 21 kills to go along with 16 digs. Other top contributors for the Wildcats included Kathryn Ellison (20 kills, seven digs), setter Erin O'Leary (48 assists, 15 digs) and junior Claire Pinkerton (17 digs)

Martin led the Mustangs with 19 kills and 13 digs, while Claire Wenrick and Megan Kelly added nine and eight kills, respectively. Other contributions came from Hannah Grant (20 digs). Holmes (32 assists, 10 digs) and Kiera Borthwick (13

"I think we had a few more unforced errors than we expected in the second and third game and Novi got their confidence back." Fisette said. "But you know what, we fought hard and that's what we came in here to do. We knew it was going to be a tough battle and we knew we were coming in as the underdog and I don't think any of these girls can bow their head. It was a great match."

The Wildcats advance to the regional semifinal to face Walled Lake Central at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15, in Howell.



Novi players and coaches celebrate after defeating rival Northville in

USA HOCKEY

Team USA tops field at Five Nations Tournament

Tim Smith

International hockey tournaments are suiting the U.S. National Team Development Program's Under-18 team just fine.

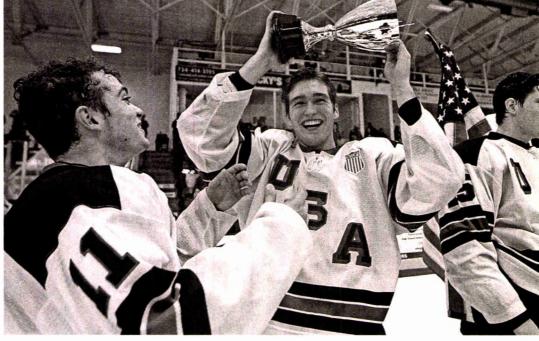
Team USA defeated Finland 3-2 Saturday night to win the 2016 U-18 Five Nations Tournament title at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth.

An early goal by defenseman Tommy Miller (West Bloomfield) got the U18s going and the host team never trailed after that, picking up its third win in four Five Nations contests (picking up nine points, two more than Sweden).

Propelled by a 50-shot night, Team USA now has won nine of the last 10 international events.

"Our players were ready from the beginning of the tournament and our shots on goal and possession stats showed that," U18s head coach John Wroblewski said. "We played a determined style of hockey that evolved throughout the tournament.

"They can wake up tomorrow and know that they are winners and there's no doubt they will carry the confidence they built in this tournament



RENA LAVERTY

Scott Reedy hoists the Five Nations trophy after Team USA won the tourney title Saturday. At left is Jacob Tortora.

into our future international competitions.'

Despite having a 50-25 edge in shots against Finland, Team USA could never break the

game open.

After Miller started the scoring with his shot from the right circle (assisted by Scott Reedy and Grant Mismash),

Finland evened things at 1-1 four minutes later.

A point shot by Olli Kaskinen flew over the right shoulder of U18s goalie Dylan St.

Cyr (Northville).

But Wroblewski's team regained the lead at 2-1 midway through the second period when David Farrance blasted a point shot into the Finland cage

on the power play.

Josh Norris won the faceoff and Jacob Tortora sent the puck back to Farrance for the one-timer.

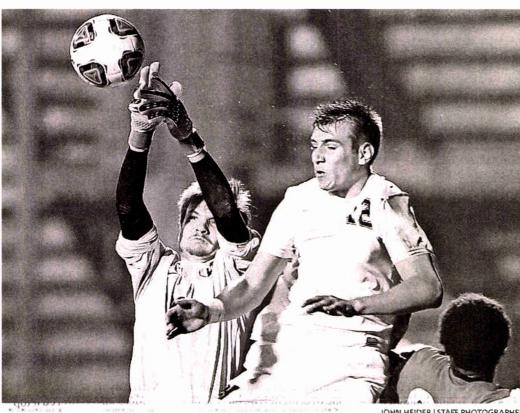
Once again, Finland drew even, this time when Eero Teravainen knocked the rebound of a Santeri Hartikainen shot past St. Cyr (at 15:20 of the second).

Then came Reedy's winning goal at 6:16 of the third. He deflected a Farrance shot, sending the puck inside the left post. Drawing the second helper was Josh Maniscalco.

On Friday, Team USA won 6-2 over the Czech Republic. Scoring goals in the third peri-od were Josh Norris (Oxford) and Grant Cockerill (Brighton).

Next up for the U18s are United States Hockey League games at 7 p.m. Friday and 7 p.m. Saturday at USA Hockey Arena, against the Madison Capitols.

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East Kentwood goalie Haris Dzafic (left) punches the ball away in front of Novi's Kyle Bandyk (middle) and teammate Daniel Akhimien (23).

SOCCER

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work can take vou. Sometimes the ball doesn't bounce or float the way you wanted it

The game-winning goal by junior Adis Guric with only 9:12 remaining was initiated by a free kick from 25 yards out from the left flank by teammate Danijal Dizdarevic.

"It kind of hit me," said Guric, who is the Falcons' leading scorer. "I really didn't anticipate it hitting me, but once I saw the keeper (Luke McDonald) ran out, I thought he was going to get it. It hit my leg and just kind of drib-bled in."

Dizdarevic's free kick seemed to hang in the air for an eternity as it drifted into the Novi goal box area.

'The ball just kind of floated and bent a little bit away and it was just an unfortunate situation that happened,' Pheiffer said.

During the first 40 minutes of play, Novi controlled the pace and the tempo and had the better scoring chances. But East Kentwood goalkeeper Haris Dzafic proved to be clutch saving a redirect with 27:50 left followed another

key save with 8:51 remaining. "Haris, I think, is as good as any keeper I've coached,' East Kentwood coach John Conlon said. "Right there with Mike Sweers, who won me a couple of state championships. Obviously Novi is a fantastic team. They put us under a lot of pressure, as much pressure as we've been under in a long time. I don't think Todd and his boys should hang there heads at all. They're great team. We had our hands full. We were lucky to get out of the first half 0-0. We came out and played well the second half."

Conlon's message at halftime seemed to resonate with his team.

'The coach said it's all about playing with our hearts, just find a way," junior Narcis Sprecic said. "It's been our

whole mentality all year finding a way and we managed to pull through as a team. This team is well rounded. Probably the toughest team we played all season – Novi. They put up a great fight, but play with your hearts and you'll find a way and that's been our whole concept of this whole

In the second half, East Kentwood seemed to relax and seize the moment

The biggest thing I told the guys is to play the game, not the occasion," Conlon said. "It's the same game they've played since they were 6 years old - don't make it bigger than it is. We had some young guys get a little tight and do some things they don't normally do. And honestly, that caused us to scramble, move a lot of guys around because we were just shellshocked being in the semis."

But it still took awhile for the Falcons to solve Novi's defense and offense

They possessed the ball as well as anybody we've faced in a long time," Conlon said. "We weren't great tonight. Novi was great tonight. We just found a way and we just got better as the game went

on and that was our goal." And although Novi was the better team during the first half, things evened out more

over the final 40 minutes. "They put a little more pressure on us, took a little more of the possession from us, and so we didn't get quite as many opportunities as the second half as we did in the first," Pheiffer said. "It's unfortunate one bounce on one free kick. We knew and we talked about it in practice that this game could come down to one play, one corner kick, one free kick, one through ball."

The second half became a battle of wills.

"They keep great possession as a team," Dizdarevic said of the Wildcats. "That's why it was tougher for us adapt to that. But once we came out the second half, we were able to break them down and go in.'

With just under two min-

utes to go, Novi players and coaches jumped off their bench anticipating a call that was never made when Dzafic nearly got caught mishanding a ball near the goal box line.

"I'm standing from here but it looked to me the goalie felt the pressure from Kyle (Bandyk) coming on him, so he quickly wanted to pick up the ball," Pheiffer said. "I thought the ball was outside the box. One play doesn't make the game. Sure, it would have been nice to get a free kick from there towards end of the game and put pressure on them, but we other opportunities."

Under Conlon, East Kentwood has captured state titles in 2007, 2008, 2010 and 2012 and now the Falcons are aiming to make it five-for-five in championship finals.

"They're a program that has won four state titles in 10 years," Pheiffer said. "John Conlon ... I've known him a long time and he's a great coach, and he gets them ready. So we knew coming into it that we were facing a very good team. To me this was a state championship game right here.

During the final minute, Novi tried once last-ditch offensive threat as senior Bandyk, the team's leading scorer with 26 goals, took a pass in the box from Adam Dellavecchia, but Dzafic quickly gobbled up the loose

"The second half they put a little more pressure on us and it forced us to play a little quicker than we had the first half," Pheiffer said. "We wanted to control the flow of the game, which we did in the first half. Unfortunately we were unable to capitalize on scoring opportunities and great opportunities that we set, especially from Adam (Dellavecchia) and Hernan (Brarda), who did such a great job, Shion (Maidens) and Kyle. It's unfortunate, but we'll hold our heads high. Love to be playing on Saturday, but best of luck to East Kentwood.'

FOOTBALL

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the Shamrocks responded when sophomore quarterback Austin Brown hit Isaiah Popp on a 40-yard wheel route for a 40-yard TD with 4:15 left in the first quarter.

The Shamrocks then went up 14-0 with 8:51 remaining in the second quarter on a 12play, 63-yard drive capped by Cameron Ryan's 1-yard TD

After CC held Novi on downs at the Wildcats' 32 with 2:22 left in the half, the Shamrocks, aided by a roughing the punt call, went 68 yards in just nine plays as Brown completed 5-of-7 passes for 55 yards resulting in an 11-yard TD pass to Mike Harding with only six seconds remaining to make it

"That one hurt and that was probably the turning point right there," Novi coach Jeff Burnside said of the roughing punter call. "That was a big play right there. We just talked about we can't let those kind of plays occur. If you're going to try and beat a good football team like this you can't make mistakes."

Novi's top running back Nathan Hankerson, who came into the game with 990 yards rushing in just six games, was held to 35 yards on 12 carries in the first half.

"We knew what we had to do, we had to stop the run, and stop the pass, and we did it,," iunior linebacker Isaac Darkangelo, who finished with a team-high 10 solo tackles and two assists. "They pulled on the all runs. We could tell they keyed number six (Anthony D'Annibale) and their running back (Hankerson) was very good."

After CC went three-and-out to start the second half, Novi's offense showed some life after a short CC punt.

Senior quarterback Alec Bageris hit D'Annibale for a 6-yard TD to cut the deficit to 21-7 with 6:51 left in the third.

"The first half I didn't think we threw as much," D'Annibale said. "The second half we kind of transferred to our passing game and that seemed to work a little bit better.

But the Shamrocks answered with a 12-play, 68-yard drive as Brown, who was 12of-19 passing for 177 yards, hooked up with tight end Mike Harding on an 28-yard TD pass on fourth down.

"Austin Brown and our offensive line does a very good job, and (Nicholas) Capatina, Darkangelo said. "It was quite a team effort today

But on the first play to start the fourth quarter, D'Annibale, who had seven catches for 124 yards, found himself wide open behind the CC secondary and hauled in a 60-yard TD pass from Bageris to make it a two-score game again, 28-14.

'We adjusted a couple of blocking schemes in the second half and picked up a couple of their blitzes that we were struggling with and once we kind of got that under control we were able to move the ball again," Burnside said. "We put a plan together to stretch the field horizontally and vertically the best we could. I think we made some of those adjustments in the second half,



Catholic Central's Nicholas Capatina (with ball) breaks free from Novi

which kind of got us going."

CC's offense, however, answered quickly after Capatina's kickoff return to the Shamrocks' 43. Seven plays later, Ryan ran it in from the 1 with only 8:43 left to make it

Bageris, who was 16-of-30 passing for 251 yards, made it three TD tosses in the second half as 6-foot-3 Traveon Maddox out-jumped a CC defender on the sideline and scored on a 55-yard pass just 28 seconds later cutting the CC lead to

"We know they're a hard team to stop, good receivers, good quarterback, good package," Mach said. "They did a real nice job coming back and scoring on us. We didn't know which way the game was going to go because last year was back-and-forth, back-and-forth the whole time. They were true to form and came back really well, played a hard game and I thought overall it was a great football game.'

The Wildcats had two more cracks at it offensively during the final six minutes, but CC's defense held on their final two

"Our team motto is 'The

Bulls," Darkangelo said. "We play with a bull mentality." For the 6-foot-1, 190-pound D'Annibale, it was his final hurrah wearing a Novi football

"Obviously it's sad, but this game I'm not as sad as I've been as other games because even though we lost, we still stuck together and it was a great ride," said the senior wide receiver, who finished the year with 87 catches for 1,223 yards. "I love all those guys in

CC's defense was the difference held Novi to 55 yards net rushing.

"They could hit," D'Annibale said. "They got after the ball. They always came in piles. They're good.'

Novi, which lost in the district championship final to the Shamrocks for the second straight year, bows out at 6-5 overall. The Wildcats lose a total of 24 seniors to graduation

"I'm proud of these kids," Burnside said. "There's no quit in them. A lesser group of character kids would have folded at half. They didn't."

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PRO HOCKEY

Moss retires content after 9-year NHL career

Livonia native had 78 goals, 100 assists with Flames, Coyotes

Brad Emons

After playing 12 professional seasons, including nine in the National Hockey League, Dave Moss quietly turned in his retirement papers to the NHL last month.

"I wasn't good enough to hold a press conference," joked the 34-year-old Moss, who played 501 NHL games that included six seasons with the Calgary Flames and his final three with the Arizona Coyotes.

The Livonia native and Detroit Catholic Central High grad now is transitioning into a new life outside of hockey as he embarks on a sales training position with Dell Technol-

Now residing in South Lyon with his wife Erinn, a former 'Survivor: Tocantins" contestant, along with two infant sons — Hank, 15 months, and Owen, 3 weeks old — Moss leaves the game feeling content.

When word trickled out that Moss was calling it quits, he received a ton of emails and calls from his friends and past coaches.

Moving forward

"All those people and I said, 'God, that's what I'm going to miss," said Moss, who scored a total of 78 goals while adding 100 assists during his NHL career. "The relationships that you build from the sport of hockey, you're not going to have anymore going forward. And that's the thing that I'm going to miss.

The 6-foot-2, 210-pound forward suffered his fair share of injuries during his nine-year NHL career. He missed time due shoulder, head, leg and ankle issues.

"It's noticeable," Moss said.
"You don't think about it too much until you get older. I'll be 35 in a month. I think now I notice it more. When I'm playing with my kids, I'll be rolling around the floor, I'll get up and my knees will lock up and my ankle that I had surgery on ... it takes me a while to get going.

After graduating from CC, Moss played junior for the Cedar Rapids RoughRiders of the USHL before signing with the University of Michigan, where he racked up 93 points, including 36 goals, in four seasons (2001-05)

In the 2001 NHL Entry



Livonia native and Catholic Central High grad Dave Moss (right) played 12 pro seasons, including nine in the NHL,

Draft, Moss was selected in the seventh round (222nd overall) by the Flames before being assigned to play for the Omaha Ak-Sar-Ben Knights of the American Hockey League, where he led all rookies during the 2005-06 season with 21 goals and 27 assists.

NHL arrival

On Dec. 19, 2006, the Flames called up Moss from Omaha to make his NHL debut in L.A.

And until the day he dies, Moss will cherish his first NHL game more than any other. It still remains as his signature moment as he made his debut in a 5-3 victory against the

Kings. "In the NHL, I never made it far in the playoffs, but I would say the one thing that sticks out in my mind was the first game that I played," Moss said.
"It was always a dream of mine to play in the NHL. When I got called up, I scored in my first game. I just remember thinking after the game, 'This is awesome.' I thought maybe that was the only game I'd ever play; who knows? But I'll always be able to have this puck and show my kids one day and say, 'Hey, I actually played a game in the NHL.' Now that I look back, it's like, 'Wow.' At the time, it was super fast. I just feel so humbled and lucky to have a career that was over

500 games."

In 2008-09, Moss enjoyed his most productive offensive season with 20 goals and 19 assists as the Flames made the playoffs for the third straight year. But during his time in Calgary, the Flames never got past the first round.

After becoming a free agent and signing with Phoenix in 2012-13, Moss went on to play three more seasons with the

Playing for U.S.

During his stint in Phoenix, Moss also represented Team USA in the World Hockey Championships in both 2010 and 2013, as he had five goals and five assists in 16 total games. In the 2013 Worlds, Moss won a bronze medal with the U.S. and played the against the host Germans at Veltins-Arena, which at the time set a new world attendance record of 77,803.

Not resigned after the 2014-15 season, Moss looked for a two-way NHL contract entering 2015-16, trying to latch on with another NHL club and seeking a two-way deal with Nashville before getting a tryout with the Milwaukee Admirals of the AHL.

But a deal never was reached and Moss landed in Europe last November with EHC Biel of Swiss National

League A.

"My wife and my son came with me, it was awesome," Moss said. "We had a great time. It was a good experience. The country, first of all, is beautiful. And the people treated us so well. We got to see Europe, travel around, Germany, Italy and traveled all over Switzerland.'

And the level hockey proved to satisfy Moss as well.

European style

"It's the No. 1 league in Switzerland," he said. "I'd say probably go NHL, KHL and then Swiss League. The hockey is really good and you get really good players in that league. It's different. You play in an Olympic ice and there's really not much physicality to it, but it was a good experience for me. In terms of lifestyle, I don't think it gets any better. There was very little pressure, a limited schedule; they play 50 games. It's not as demanding and Switzerland is a small country. There was literally not one overnight trip, bus the day of the game, an hour or two, and then come home. For a family life, it was great."

Once the Swiss season ended in April, Moss returned home and thought he might return to Europe for another

"It was so good that we con-

sidered going back there," said Moss, who graduated from U-M with a degree in sports danagement. "I told the team and I said, 'Hey, if you can re-sign me, I'll come back in a heartbeat.' We talked for a while and they ended up deciding to go with another import with a young Finnish kid. You can only have four imports on a team, so the jobs are tough. After that, I kind of gave myself until June to find another job in Switzerland, but the way things kind of work over there they wait a long time to sign guys. My wife was pregnant with my second kid, so I needed to know fairly soon. By that time, I made the decision, 'You know what? I don't want to move my wife and family with two young kids now,' so I just said, 'Hey, it's time."

Time had come

The decision was final and there was no looking back. It was time for Moss to retire.

"I think it's just the people, the relationships," Moss said. 'There's a lot of things when you retire that you don't miss. When I said I was retiring, my wife said, 'How do you feel about this?' And I said, 'It's not that bad.'

"I'm not going to miss my body getting beat up every single day, all those things, but you miss going to the rink every day from what I thought was the greatest job ever and I was lucky enough to do it as long as I did.'

Moss plans to continue to dip is toe in the hockey waters as a volunteer assistant coach at his alma mater Catholic Central, serving under his former University of Michigan teammate Brandon Kaleniecki.

"I can still skate," Moss said. "I can push pucks around the ice at CC

Meanwhile, Moss has numerous hockey memories throughout his career.

He played for his state championship high school hockey team and in two NCAA Frozen Fours. He also played in the the famous Cold War outdoor game between Michigan and MSU (before what was then a world-record crowd of 74,544), along with three outdoor NHL classics and three

NHL playoff series. Moss also centered a top line in Phoenix that included Jerome Iginla and Alex Tan-

guay.
"My career, I was very fortunate," Moss said, "but it was time to do something else."

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Ocelot offense cranks it up: 4-goal period sparks 7-2 win

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Wearing their snappy new yellow-and-blue uniforms and playing before home fans at Redford Arena, Schoolcraft College's men's club hockey team came out on a mission Saturday night: Put on a good show, get the W and put another notch in the growing program's collective belt.

Such was the case, as the Ocelots peppered Northwood University goalie Brenden Campbell with 55 shots — including 26 in a relentless middle stanza - and rolled to a 7-2

When the game was over, Schoolcraft players congregated in the circle at center ice and raised their sticks into the air as a thank you to those fans.

"At the end we gave them the good old salute (raising sticks at center ice), and hopefully next week it will be the same thing against Lake Superior State." said Schoolcraft sophomore forward and captain Andrew Lindsay, referring to home games on Nov. 11-12.

Lindsay (Trenton) said his team (now 5-5 in the American Collegiate Hockey Association) wanted to quickly wipe away the disappointment of Friday's 8-5 loss to Northwood.

"Yesterday we came out kind of slow, and that was definitely a big factor coming into today's game," said Lindsay, who did score in the Friday road contest. "We all came out hard in the beginning. Right from the get go everybody's getting shots on net, working as hard as they possible could.

"(Zach) Nichols scored twice this game, he's moving the puck well, and our goaltending was phenomenal. (Bry an) Donaldson was a brick wall



KELLY DOBSON PHOTO

Ready for a face off Saturday are Northwood's Ethan Stutzman (left) and Schoolcraft's Derek Klisz (Garden City/Livonia Churchill).

tonight."

Both teams played an uptempo first period, although Donaldson had the tougher chances. He stopped 17 of 18 shots in the frame, which end-

Schoolcraft's first goal of the night was scored by Tanner Sweitzer (Garden City), who gloved a puck down at the blue line to keep it from being cleared out of the Timberwolves zone, cut inside and flipped a backhander over Campbell's trapper.

Letting it go

In the second is where the Ocelots turned up the heat and

they took the lead for good at 2:43 on a tally by freshman forward and Livonia Franklin alum Brendan Nutting.

He and a linemate skated in on an odd-man rush, and Nutting saw the opposing defenseman was covering the pass.

"So I just buried it," Nutting said. "I don't want to call it a lucky shot, but it doesn't happen often for me so it felt good. It seemed like it got the morale going, we picked it up after that.'

Just over a minute later, the lead was 3-1 thanks to a goal by freshman forward and Salem alum Zach Goleniak. Setting up the goal were linemates Spencer Kovacs (Livonia Churchill) and Vinnie Glenn (Livonia

Both Glenn and Kovacs had their shots stopped in the low slot, and Goleniak got to the second rebound and chipped the puck in.

Vinnie threw it up to Kovacs and he kept trying," Goleniak said. "Just got to keep crashing the net, make sure you go to the net hard. Hopefully it pops out and goes in."

The rout was on when Nichols scored back-to-back goals the first a shorthanded marker — to open up a 5-1

advantage after two periods. Nichols skated down the

right wing and snapped a high shot past Campbell at 8:30, just seven seconds after forward Owen Kates (Garden City/ Cabrini) was penalized.
"That gave us a lot of mo-

mentum after that goal," Andrew Lindsay said. "It put the other team down; they're the one supposed to be scoring on the power play."

Shoot the puck

Closing out the scoring for the Ocelots in the third period were Kovacs and forward Owen Hund (Garden City/Belle

Northwood (2-7-1) finished the night's scoring when Eric Burton registered a powerplay goal at 15:12 of the final frame (from Sean McDonnell).

"We did a good job with the defensive zone coverage, picking up the points," Schoolcraft head coach Rob Lindsay said. "We ran a 2-3 tonight. We did a great job with the face-offs, the neutral zone and I thought our goaltending was awesome.'

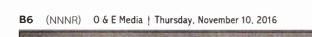
"I told these guys don't be shooting when there's a guy coming at you, move the puck around. Share the puck and play as a team."

And that sounds good to Nutting, who is happy to have an unexpected post-high school hockey option.

Schoolcraft is just in its second season as a program, and its first in the ACHA after being a late-starting independent in 2015-16.

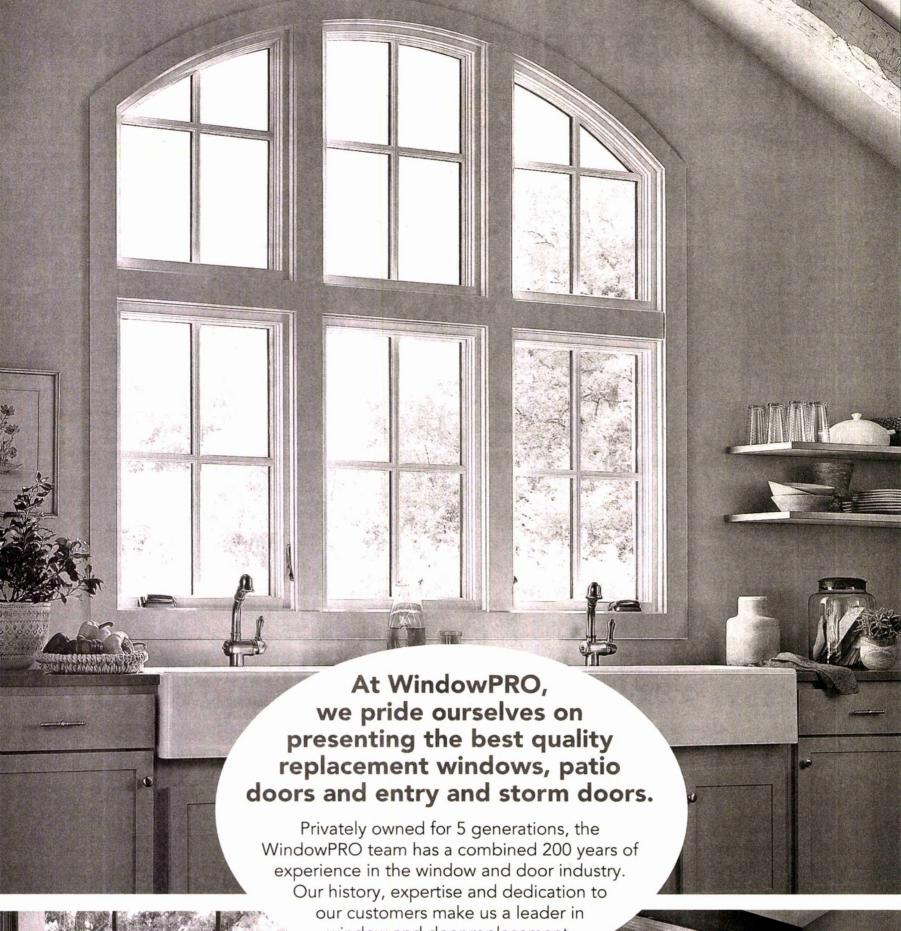
"It's great, plans (would have been) adult leagues, nothing special," Nutting said. "But I get to come out here and play college hockey. It's great, nothing like it."

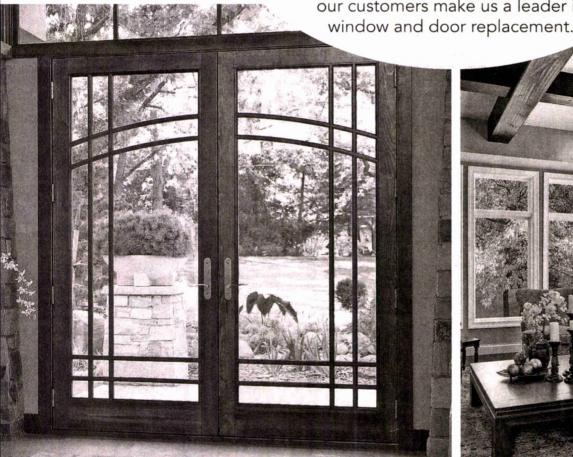
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Communicate your value as a mature job seeker

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t's difficult enough to compete with top talent for a limited number of open positions. Factor age into the equation, and it adds an additional layer of complexity to the job-search process.

"A lot of companies will never openly admit to age discrimination, but I know from experience that many industries primarily hire talent in their 20s or early 30s, (including) tech, music, entertainment (and) advertising," says Jennifer Yeko, a career coach who founded Ninja Recruiting. "All you can do is find companies that value experience."

If you're a mature job seeker with a wealth of experience that you'd like to showcase, keep these tips in mind.

Know the current lingo and latest trends. Do your homework to show potential employers that you can hit the ground running.

"To be seen as an asset, do your research on trending news, current happenings in the space and the common lingo for your intended industry," says Deoné Sulgatti, founder and CEO of Tengia, a digital service that connects Americans 65 and older with skill-based opportunities. "This will ensure your poten-

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tial employer views you as the experienced asset you are, rather than being worried about getting you caught up to speed. Since training is costly to any company, minimizing these costs will show you are an advantageous hire and allow your industry expertise to shine."

Provide examples of the value you would add to the team. "In your resumé and ... during an interview, provide concrete examples of your technical prowess, your ability to learn new skills and your knack for working well in teams to combat the idea that you're stuck in your ways," says Deonna Campbell, corporate recruiter at Oldcastle, a manufacturer of building products and materials. "It's not enough to call yourself a 'quick learner' or 'adaptable' --- you must show those skills and qualities in action."

Prove that you can be a leader. One advantage you may have over your peers

is experience as a leader in any capacity. "Being older or a mature employee brings the expectation of leadership from having more experience than other workers," says Valerie Streif, a senior adviser at The

Mentat, an organization that

tors job candidates. "Discuss

hires, manages and men-

teams you've led in the past; talk about how you could be a good leader in this new position; (and) showcase your value as not just a worker, but a leader in the crowd."

Find out how age is perceived in your industry. Knowing the perception helps you combat any stereotypes more effectively.

"Being older can have a different meaning in different industries," says Andrew Pearl, a certified résumé writer, interview coach and partner at Precision Resumes Inc. For instance, he says, some may be seen as "over the hill" in Silicon Valley even if they're relatively young, while age

often equates to experience which is considered a good thing — in fields such as medicine. "You must understand and consider how age is emphasized in your target market as you pursue a new job."

Outline your unique value proposition. Experience is great, but dig deeper to pinpoint special qualities.

"Mature workers often defer to their experience as their competitive advantage, but a lot of people have experience - it doesn't necessarily make you an ideal candidate or a fit for the job you're seeking," says Dele Lowman Smith, founder and CEO of professional services firm Bold Move Consulting. "Start by asking yourself these questions: What do my boss, colleagues and/or customers consistently tell me they value most about me? How have (I) demonstrated that strength on a current or recent assignment, and what was the quantifiable impact? How is this relevant to the employer and/or industry where (I'm) seeking a job?"

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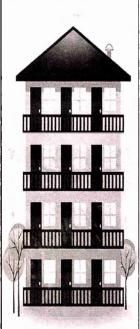
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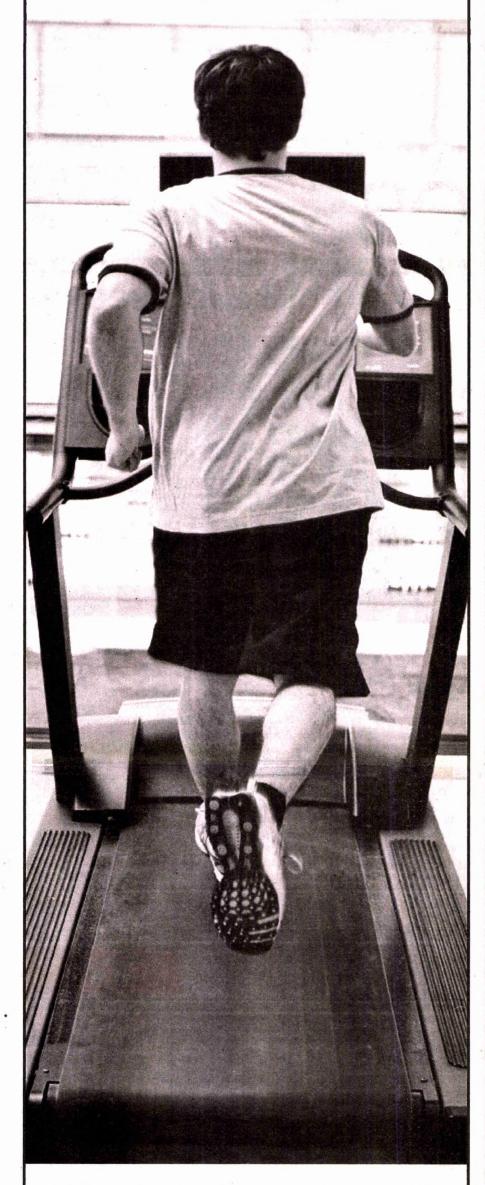
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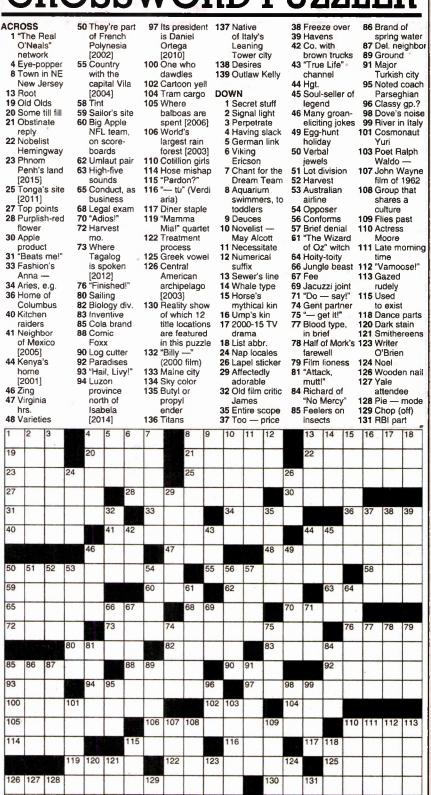
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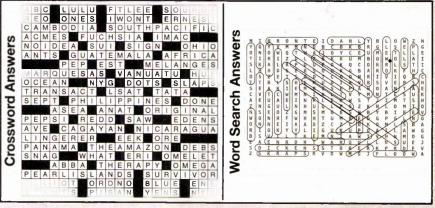
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Nowadays, for example, Toyota is expanding availability of its hydrogenpowered vehicles, Audi keeps pushing the technology forward for laser headlights, Cadillac introduced a high-definition and wide-angle rearview mirror in its new CT6 sedan, and Ford's new automateddriving features help drivers steer around slow or stopping vehicles in emergencies—and even warn drivers going the wrong way against traffic.

So while some sort of autonomous driving capability surely will be table stakes for any serious auto manufacturer within the next five years, there remains plenty of room for differentiation with features that make driving safer, cleaner and more enjoyable right now.

A handful of carmakers are betting on vehicles powered by hydrogen fuel cells as an alternative to electric-powered vehicles, for example. But brands such as Volkswagen and General Motors are spreading their bets across both

While much technologies and more, Toyota has pretty much sworn off all-electric vehicles despite the success of its Prius hybrid line.

> That makes the success of the Mirai sedan and other hydrogenpowered vehicles all the more crucial for Toyota. Californians are the first to have retail access to the vehicle that combines hydrogen and oxygen to make electricity onboard, while emitting nothing but water vapor.

> Mirai is a zero-emission vehicle with an EPA-estimated driving range of 312 miles, and refuels in around five minutes—though hydrogen fueling stations remain rare worldwide.

> Nevertheless, even Toyota may not be able to swear off electric vehicles completely. Recent press reports suggest that the company is reconsidering its long-time opposition to producing long-range electric vehicles and is now considering coming up with such vehicles beginning in 2020 in Japan as well as other markets including California and China.

> It appears that, despite its pledged devotion to hybrids, hydrogen-powered vehicles and EVs only for short ranges, Toyota may have no choice but to supply some long-range all-electric vehicles because of how global regulatory regimes and approaches to cutting emissions and hydrocarbon usage are taking shape.

Meanwhile, Audi has been leading the industry in developing and deploying high-tech headlights for several years; remember its Super Bowl commercial about "daytime" headlights that were so bright, they disturbed vampires at night?

Well, at the Los Angeles Auto Show, Audi debuted its first US production laser light on the 2017 Audi R8 V10 plus exclusive edition. It utilizes full LED headlights, now supplemented by a stateof-the-art laser high-beam

module in each headlight, for leadingedge brightness, visibility and beam intensity on the road ahead.

Audi pioneered LED technology with daytime running lights in 2004 and has remained a luxury-market leader in headlight technology, although not all of the innovations coming out of its labs in Germany yet are allowed in the American market by US safety regulators.

Cadillac Cadillac's CT6 rearview mirror is the industry's first to trade the standard reflection for a highdefinition, wide-angle display pulled from a camera sitting at the back of the car, Wired reported. That removes obstructions by headrests or the rear windshield frame, passengers. Or drivers can turn off the image and

replace it with a standard reflection, if the future is just coming up from behind too quickly for them.

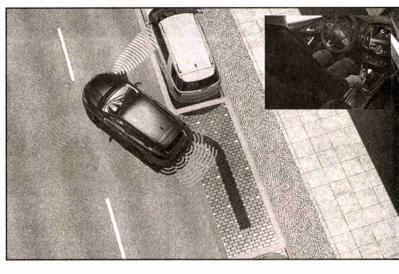
Various automated driving features such as lane-departure warnings, "adaptive" cruise control and self-parking systems have become commonplace even in mainstream vehicles these days. But as they keep advancing toward truly autonomous driving, automakers keep coming up with interesting new wrinkles that advance the technology overall in the meantime.

Ford, for instance, is expanding its development of next-generation features, which include "cross-traffic alert with braking technology"—a way to help reduce parking stress by detecting people and objects about

to pass behind the vehicle, providing a warning to the driver and then automatically braking if the driver doesn't respond.

And "evasive steering assist" is a new technology that can help drivers steer around stopped or slower vehicles to help avoid collisions, at both city and highway speeds.

The company also is increasingly enlisting its employees to come up with their own inventions that can offer technological advances or mobility leaps. For instance, Carr-E, created by a Ford engineer in Germany, is a Segway-like vehicle that can transport people or objects up to 260 pounds, has a range of 14 miles and a top speed of 11 mph, and is designed to fit neatly into a trunk.



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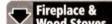
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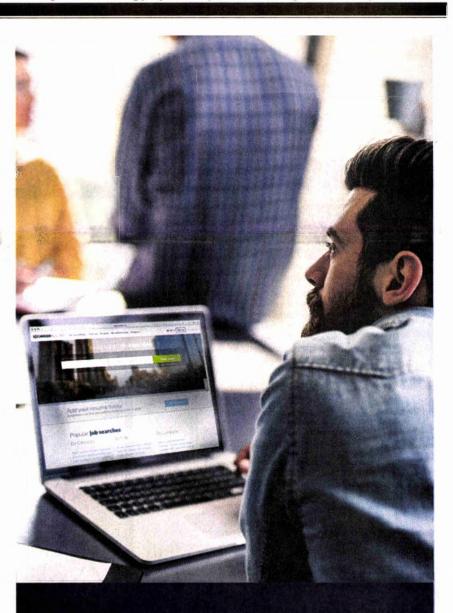
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