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District superintendent graded 'effective' by board

Matthews earns 2.72 on scale of 1 to 4

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Matthews

Steve Matthews has been rated an effective superintendent for the Novi Community School District.

Matthews, who is in his sixth year at the helm of the district of 6,200-plus students, was given a score of 2.72, on a scale of 1 to 4, in a recent evaluation by the Board of Education.

The score is based primarily on student growth and achievement and progress toward district goals, plus — to a lesser extent — on the board's judgment about Matthews' leadership and personal qualities, his relationships with the board, the staff and the community and on measurable factors such as attendance and the status of the school improvement plan. The 2.72 score put Matthews

in the "effective" category; a score of 3.4 or higher is required for the top rating of "highly effective." A score of between 2 and 2.69 would be considered "minimally effective," while a score of less than 2 would be "ineffective." School board President Bobbie Murphy, who was vice president when the evaluation was completed and chaired the evaluation committee, said the evaluation represents a board consensus. A resolution on the evaluation was approved by a 5-1 vote in November. Matthews said although he

disagreed with the board on some parts of the evaluation, he was thankful to have been rated effective. "That gives me an opportunity to reflect and try to identify how I can improve," Matthews said. NCSD, he added, is "one of the highest-achieving districts in the state" and he'd like to think his leadership has something to do with that. The period covered by the evaluation is generally the 2015-16 school year and the student achievement metrics used were

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Fives Cinetic moves in

Fives Cinetic Corp., which designs and supplies machines, process equipment and production lines for the world's largest industries, including the aluminum, steel, glass, automotive, aerospace, logistics, cement and minerals, energy and sugar sectors, recently opened a facility on Ryan Court in Novi. The company, headquartered in France, has nearly 8,300 employees located in more than 30 countries.

School of character

Geisler Middle School, one of four middle schools in the Walled Lake Consolidated School District, is one of two Michigan schools that have achieved the designation as a State School of Character by the Character Education Partnership. Geisler has lowered the number of in- and out-of-school suspensions dramatically and improved its M-Step results by continuing to close academic achievement gaps.



Justin Fishaw (from left), Andrew Davis, Darren Barrowcliff and Vincent Troia.

Would you? Suburbanites head to downtown Detroit

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When he's not working, Detroit resident and Livonia native Andrew Davis is able to keep himself occupied. Just like most people, he tends to follow a routine, sticking to the same typical places. Those activities can include stopping by the Detroit In-

stitute of Arts, going to Belle Isle or going to a favorite watering hole for a drink. "If you put a little energy and thought into it, there's always something you can do," the 2003 Stevenson High School graduate said. "There's always something to do and there's always a friend who wants to drink." Davis is just one of many

Detroit residents who grew up in the suburbs, only to flock to the inner city and the lifestyle that comes with it. It's a decision many young people have made over the last few years, especially those looking to make a difference in a city that was the site of the largest municipal bankruptcy in Amer-

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Magna Seating opens new headquarters in Novi

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A new building on Cabot Drive in Novi is the global headquarters for the seating division of a major automotive supplier. Magna International Inc. formally opened the 180,000-square-foot headquarters for Magna Seating on Cabot Drive, in the area of M-5 north of 13 Mile, last month. About 450 work in the three-story building, in functions such as accounting, human resources, sales and marketing, purchasing and engineering. The new headquarters represents an investment of about \$48 million and includes room for more employees should the seating division expand, according to information from the company. "It's exciting to begin the next chapter for Magna Seating at our new home, which has been built to suit the needs of our employees and customers for years to come," Mike Bisson, division president, said in a press release. Magna provides automotive seating and seating mechanisms to manufacturers in North and South America, Europe and Asia. The company has 50 manufacturing facilities around the world, including two southeast Michigan factories, one in Highland Park and another in Shelby Township. Seating division employees moved into the new headquarters from a leased facility in Novi, said Tracy Fuerst, director of corporate communica-

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The main lobby of the new Magna Seating headquarters in Novi, which opened last month. Magna Seating is a division of automotive supplier Magna International.

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tions and media relations for Magna International.

Magna sought employee input as the building was being planned and employee "implementation teams" made suggestions about the building's design, layout and amenities, the press release said.

That collaboration with employees resulted in a building that features high-tech conference rooms designed for global communications and teleconferencing, spaces intended to promote

informal meetings and human interaction, height-adjustable desks for employee comfort and work cells that can accommodate seating mockups and entire vehicles.

Magna International, which has facilities in 29 countries and employs more than 150,000 people, offers products for automotive bodies, powertrains, chassis, electronics and more in addition to seating. Magna International of America is headquartered in Troy.

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Ready for spring? Pool, spa show returns

The 22nd annual Novi Backyard, Pool & Spa Show returns Friday through Sunday, March 24-26, to the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi.

"New this year is the consumer education and showcase area that will display the best of backyard, pool and spa projects by Association of Pool & Spa Professionals-Michigan Chapter members," said Richard Martin, president of APSP. "This expo is the one and only time per year homeowners can meet the best backyard, pool and spa professionals of Michigan in one location."

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

Exhibitors will have a wide selection on display and showcase the latest trends and innovations to fit any space or budget for enhanced backyard living relaxation and fun. Hundreds of ideas, products and services are available from the major outdoor living environment categories, including inground and



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above ground pools, spas, swim spas, hot tubs, saunas, decks, patios, fencing, awnings, outdoor kitchens and living spaces, landscaping, water features, brick paving, decorative concrete, patio furniture and accessories.

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

planning, maintenance, safety and landscaping.

"It's time to get ready for summer and create the perfect backyard escape for swimming, exercising or entertaining your family and friends," Martin said. "Start now at our show to design a new outdoor living space or renovate an existing backyard."

Suburban Collection Showplace is located at 46100 Grand River Avenue, between Novi and Beck roads. Show hours

are 3-9 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$8, \$4 for children ages 6-14 and children ages 5 and under admitted free. Discount coupons for \$2 off adult admission are available at show's website. On-site parking is available for a fee.

For information on APSP, go to www.APSPmi.org. For show information, go to www.NoviPoolShow.com or call 734-398-9700.

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from that year, but other, more subjective judgments were made based on the early part of the current school year, Murphy said.

The board used a 19-page evaluation tool created by the Michigan Association of School Boards; the tool includes specific criteria and the weight assigned to some of those criteria, that were required by state law.

The tool had board members grade Matthews in a dozen cate-

gories, including relationships with the board, the community and the staff; business and finance; attendance; status of the school improvement plan; and progress toward district goals. Each category was divided into two or more subcategories in which board members had to apply scores between 1 and 4. Subcategory scores were averaged to reach a score in each category before weighting was applied.

The marks on student achievement (weighted at 25 percent) and progress toward district goals (weighted at 50 percent), made up 75

percent of the overall score, meaning the remaining 25 percent weight was split among the other 10 categories.

Board member Dennis O'Connor voted against the evaluation resolution. O'Connor said Monday that he wanted the resolution to include more specific information about how board members arrived at the score.

Voting for the resolution were Murphy, George Kortlandt, Ann Glubzinski, Willy Mena and Paul Cook. Board member Tracey Cadwell was absent.

Kortlandt did not seek re-election last year,

while Kathy Hood was elected to the board.

The district's goals are: 1) to ensure that each student will make at least one year's growth in one year's time; 2) to ensure that all students achieve at a high level; 3) to evaluate and enhance opportunities for students while maintaining a fund balance of at least 10 percent; and 4) to improve organizational quality and customer service by creating common standards, systems and principles.

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This comes even as population estimates for Detroit continue to drop: U.S. Census Bureau figures show Detroit's estimated population was at 677,116 as of July 1, 2015. That's down from the 713,777 that were counted back in the 2010 census.

Davis currently lives in Corktown, but has lived many places across the urban core, including Midtown, Indian Village and the enclave city of Hamtramck, a place he grew quite attached to because of its rich culture and blending of people.

"I kind of grew to love that area," he said. "It is refreshing to be around not all white people."

He currently works at SMPLFD, a local clothing shop downtown, along with others who grew up in the western suburbs. One of those is Abbas Hassain, who moved to Detroit about three years ago to complete his studies at Wayne State University. He'd commute five days a week, sometimes from his home in Canton, and found a friend who had an open room. He recently graduated from the school, but plans on staying in the Woodbridge neighborhood, where he's been since coming to the city.

Hassain, a 2011 Canton High School graduate, said he's noticed the wide range of diversity in the city without the fear of being racially profiled.

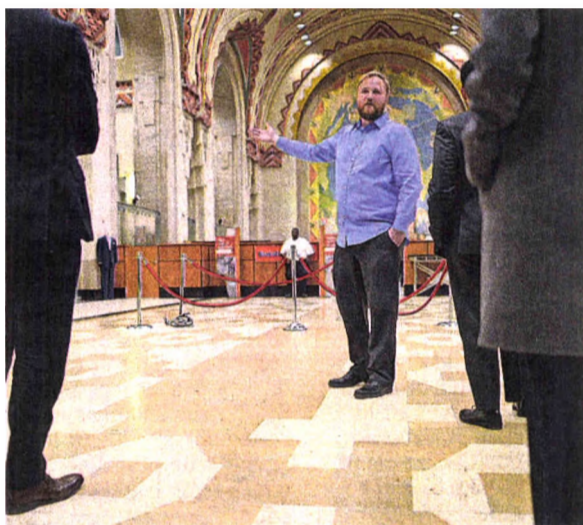
"I haven't come across any forms of racism on me in Detroit," he said.

Despite the buzz he feels happening in the city, Davis knows there's still plenty to be done to make Detroit even better. Development downtown is seeing big investment, but he knows getting the neighborhoods across the city



The skating rink at Campus Martius Park.

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Jon Chezick shows a group the lobby of the Guardian Building in Detroit.

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fixed and cleaned up will help improve the city.

"There's straight up neighborhoods where there are two houses left," he said. "It's so much area in Detroit, that it's going to be tough

to get it all back in order."

But knowing his role in the city is just as important, Hassain said. Knowing the story of those who have lived in the city their entire lives

is key to understanding their thoughts on those who lived in the suburbs before coming to the urban core.

"Treat it as if it's your own, but a lot of people don't do that," he said. "I try to stay aware of what's actually good for the community. I think that stuff's pretty important."

Staying around

Dan Ross is a newcomer to the city, but he sees a bright future living in the urban core. Ross, a 2007 Milford High School graduate, moved to Detroit about six months ago when a room opened at a friend's place in the Boston Edison neighborhood. He's spent time all over, living in Milford, Wixom and Pontiac, and recently had his job take him from Redford to Royal Oak, where he currently works.

So far, he said, he's

always able to keep occupied when not working. It's a far cry from his time as a youth in Milford, where, he said, it was routine to spend the evening at Meijer, though he did say the transition from being in a more rural area to an urban one has taken some adjusting.

"It's kind of cool being so close to downtown," he said. "It's neat that there is a nightlife that exists."

Josh Wilt, who had grown up in cities like Troy and Berkley, moved to Detroit in 2009 and lived in the city until 2015. He said he always wanted to be a part of the scene in Detroit, enjoying the music, art, food and other experiences it had to offer. He got married in 2012 and he and his wife lived in several neighborhoods, including Boston Edison, Milwaukee Junction and Woodbridge.

But living in the city wasn't something he and his wife felt they could do when they began raising children, given the current situation with the school district in Detroit. With that facing them, they opted to move out of the city, but stay as close as possible: they now live in Grosse Pointe, just five houses from the Detroit border.

"I was not willing to pay for school and have to deal with driving my kids to a private school," the Royal Oak Shrine High School graduate said. "It's a sad truth, but I have met several people and heard stories about a lot of young couples not willing to move to the city for this reason."

'A lot of good'

Ross said he plans on staying in Detroit, hoping to make it his home for the foreseeable future. He's routinely asked "why?" when he tells people he recently moved downtown. The connotation of Detroit being a dangerous place, he said, is unwarranted.

"There's bad areas to every city, but Detroit has a lot of good going for it," he said. "There's a whole lot to see and do and they don't give it a chance. You don't have to be afraid."

Hassain agrees, saying it's best for those in the suburbs to come to their own conclusions about what Detroit is all about. They might just be surprised what they find.

It's a conversation he's had with many others who haven't lived or spent much time in Detroit.

"They would think it's just some sort of deserted dump. I've always advocated for making your own opinions and check it out," he said. "As long as you put out good vibes, you'll get good vibes."

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Mr. Z Szalap and Ms. Chris have turned the Family Self Defense Center into one of the top five karate schools in the country.

Family Self Defense Center celebrates 25 years in Novi

The Family Self Defense Center, the karate school of the Novi Parks Department, celebrates 25 years this month. The martial arts school has provided instruction in Isshinryu Karate in Novi for the last 10 years.

Currently, the school has more than 150 students, including 30 black belts and a competition team of 50 children and adults who travel to tournaments throughout Michigan and nationally. The family-oriented school has achieved many accolades, including being chosen as one of the top five karate schools in the country for nine years.

The school has promoted hundreds of black belts and junior black belts, from ages 8 to adult, and also boasts several hundred local, national and world

champions in kata, weapons and sparring, as well as team divisions.

Mr. Z Szalap, a seventh-degree black belt master and co-founder, has been training and teaching for more than 40 years. In July 2016, Mr. Z became one of only 134 masters since 1979 to be inducted into the prestigious Isshinryu Masters Hall of Fame.

Ms. Chris, a sixth-degree black belt master, has been instructing for more than 25 years, joining FSDC as co-owner in 1994. In 2012, she was inducted into the Midwest Women's Hall of Fame. Both have been certified by the world renowned Cooper Institute and were chosen Top Contributors nationally for their instruction of Isshinryu Karate, as well National Female and Male In-

structors of the Year by the Isshinryu Hall of Fame.

In 2013, the school's dream of adding a partner charity became a reality and Families in Defense of Youth was born. A 501(c)3 entity, the charity works in partnership with the dojo, providing instruction and equipment for underprivileged and handicapped youth at no charge to the family. FSDC hosts several charity events throughout the year to aid FI-DOY's cause.

The school performs annually in the city of Novi's Memorial Day parade and supports the annual Light Up the Night event. FSDC offers classes in partnership with Novi Parks on both Monday and Tuesday evenings at the Novi Civic Center. Registration is open at cityofnovi.org.

Novi earns budget award

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada has announced the city of Novi has received the GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the 20th consecutive year.

The city of Novi received the award for satisfying nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation which assess how well the city's budget serves as a policy document, a financial plan, an operations guide and a communications device. Budget documents must be rated "proficient" in all four categories — and the 14 mandatory criteria within those categories — to receive the award.

The city utilizes a multi-year budget in an effort to guide future infrastructure and service needs and publishes

a complementary budget story to keep residents and business owners informed on happenings in the community.

The award represents a significant achievement by the city of Novi and reflects the commitment of the city council and staff to meeting the highest principles in governmental budgeting. The GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Awards Program is the only national awards program in governmental budgeting. For budgets beginning in 2015, 1,565 participants received the award.

In addition to the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award, the city of Novi regularly earns recognition for excellent financial reporting. Commonly referred to as "the audit," the financial reporting prepared by Novi staff is completed soon

after the fiscal year closes to aid city leadership in policy making. Novi has a long history of fiscal transparency, evidenced by televised council and commission meetings, public budget sessions, a comprehensive website (with supporting materials for meetings) and more.

The Government Finance Officers Association is a nonprofit professional association serving nearly 19,000 government finance professionals throughout North America and has offices in Chicago and Washington, D.C. To view Novi's current budget document, city dashboard, up-to-date financial status, public safety trends and quality of life information, go to cityofnovi.org and choose the "Government" tab to access the "Open Government" link.

Novi school district refinancing bonds to save taxpayer money

The Novi Community School District is saving taxpayers more than \$1.3 million in interest costs through a recent refinancing of voter-approved bonds.

The district refinanced \$23,235,000 in previously sold bonds to take advantage of reduced interest rates in the market. The district has refinanced a total of \$56.25 million of bonds over the past five years, leading to almost \$6 million of interest savings. The savings from these reduced interest payments are passed on directly to the taxpayers of the Novi Community School District.

In addition to the re-funding, the district issued \$12.23 million in new bonds to finance

projects approved by voters in 2014.

In preparing to sell the bonds, the district, working with its financial adviser, PFM Financial Advisors LLC, requested that Moody's Investors Service evaluate the district's credit quality. Moody's assigned the district's underlying rating of Aa2. The rating agency cited the district's sizable and affluent tax base, improved financial operations with satisfactory reserves and positive enrollment trends in their rationale for rating the school district at this level.

"The Novi Community School District is pleased that we were able to refinance bonds and save our community taxpayers money," Superinten-

dent Dr. Steve Matthews said. "These bonds have provided us with needed capital over the years to upgrade and maintain our buildings. We have appreciated the support of our community in working with us to support the education of the students in Novi."

Brenda Voutyras, managing director with the brokerage firm Stifel, said the district's bonds were "well-received" by the bond market.

"We were able to take advantage of current rates that met the goals of the district and provided a lower cost of borrowing than originally anticipated and resulted in a nice savings that will be passed on to the taxpayers," she said.

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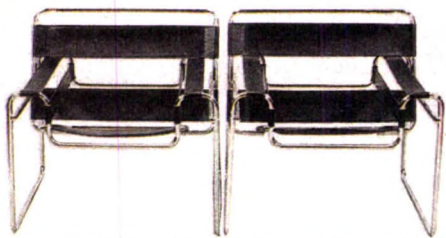
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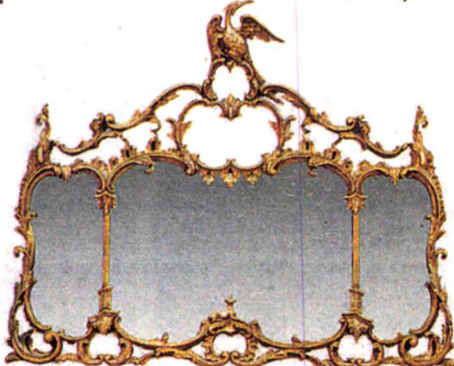
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Western Wayne SWAT trains at condemned home

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Members of the Western Wayne Special Operations Team came into work one Monday morning thinking it would be a normal day. But Cmdr. Ron Taig had a different idea: Send the squad to an abandoned home on the report of an injured resident and men with guns inside the house.

Team members then equipped themselves with all their gear and headed to a home in the 15500 block of Auburndale in Livonia to complete a day of training at a condemned home that was set to come down the next day. It's an opportunity that doesn't happen too frequently.

"We don't get these homes very often. That's why it's (important), to have a realistic training site and to do what we did, do a surprise call out as soon as they get on-scene," said Taig, a captain with the Livonia Police Department.

"We're just trying to push these guys and getting them prepared." Taig was offered the opportunity to bring the unit to the home on Auburndale, north of Five Mile, a while ago. The home has been empty for several years and was scheduled to come down after the training took place.

The training consisted of a scenario where one man lay injured on the front lawn, while two others were inside the house threatening to shoot police if they were to arrive. During one round, officers from the SWAT team arrived in an armored vehicle and picked up the injured individual before taking a barrage of gunfire from one of the assailants inside the house. The officers use their usual weapons, but modify them by firing bullets filled with paint.

"(We're) just putting these guys in a bunch of different scenarios into a realistic venue," Taig said.

Neighborhood used

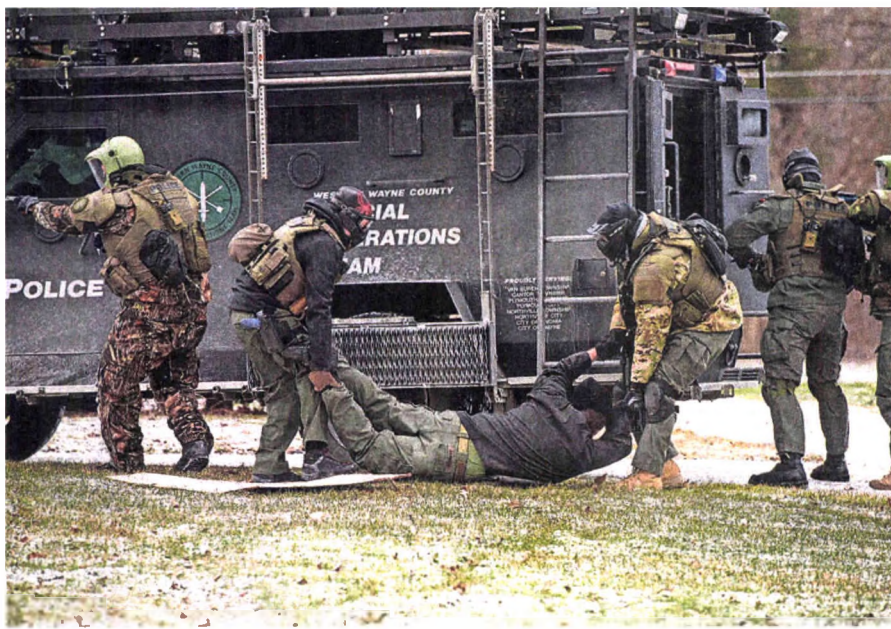
The training went past just the house: Several outfitted officers were seen throughout the neighborhood, hiding behind trees, homes and even underneath a parked pickup truck along the road.

It took some coming into the neighborhood a little off-guard to see. But not Tony Dattilio, who lives near the home being used. In addition to being happy the vacant home was coming down, he was at Monday morning's session with his camera, taking photographs of the scene.

"I thought it was cool. How rare is that?" he said. "They need it. They need that exercise."

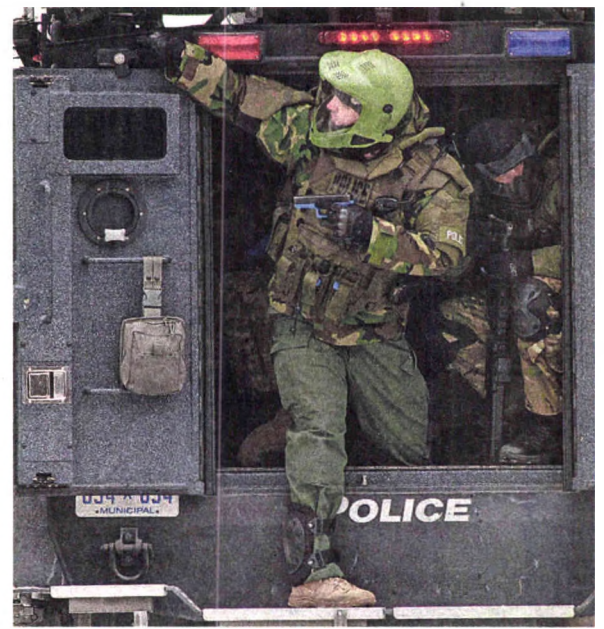
The training does get used in real-life situations: Members of the special operations team have been called to various incidents in recent years, including a call to a Redford home last year on a reported domestic issue involving a gun, as well as an incident in 2015 on Middlebelt, near Lyndon, that involved a man pointing a gun at himself in his vehicle on the road.

The special operations team is made up of officers from several departments, including Redford, Livonia, Garden City, Northville, Plymouth, Canton, Wayne and Van Buren Township. Several firefighters are a part of the response team as well, coming from communities such as Livonia, Canton and Northville Township.



Moving the wounded to the safety of the armored vehicle.

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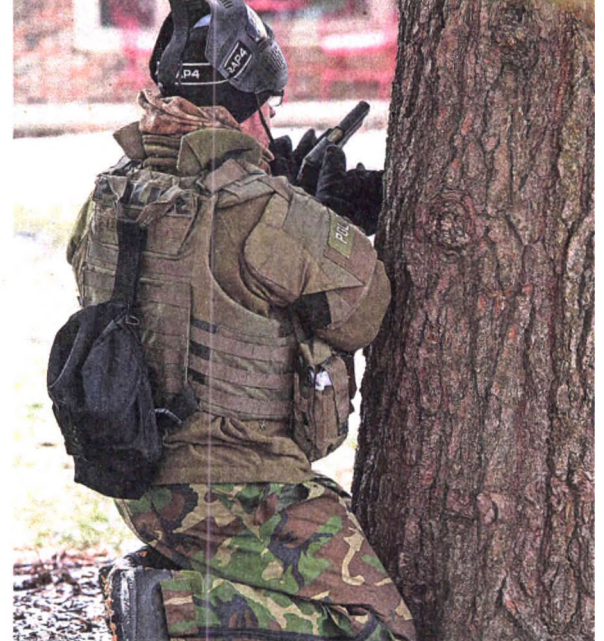
A team officer closes the rear door on the armored vehicle.

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A suspect surrenders and is taken into custody.

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Providing cover for the team.

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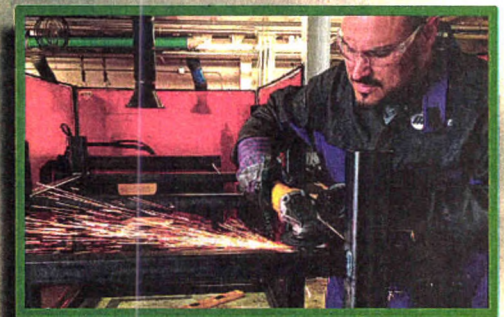
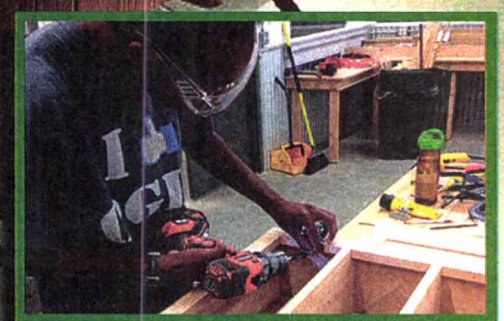
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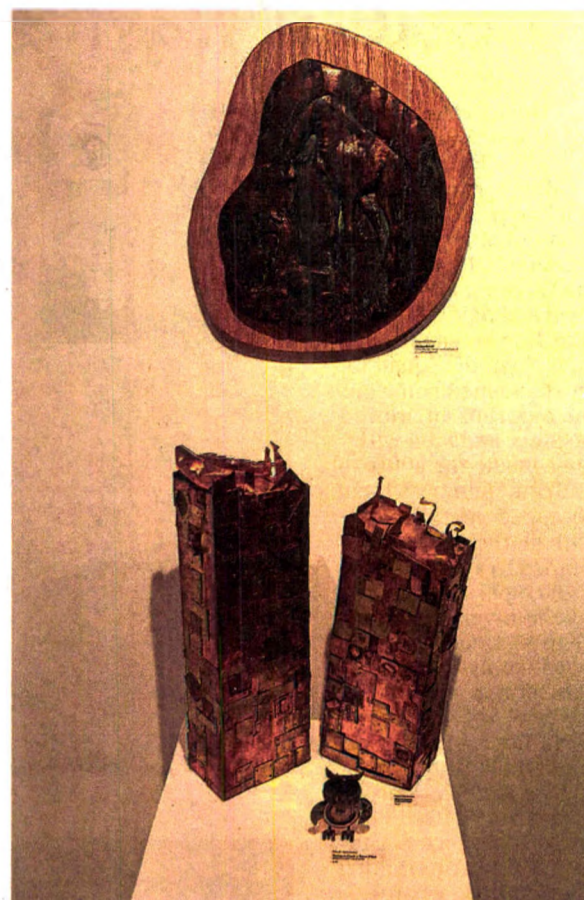
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Northville Art House members show



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Bernadette Zachara-Marcos and her husband Randy Marcos check out the opening night of the Northville Art House's members art show Feb. 3. The show will be on display on the second level of the Northville Art House until March 25 and features works of its 60 members.



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Some of the sculptures on display from the Northville Art House's members show that began Feb. 3.

NORTHVILLE LIBRARY LINES

Drop-In Morning Storytime

Time/Date: 10:15-11:15 a.m. each Thursday, Feb. 9 through March 2

Details: Storytime fun for toddlers and preschoolers. All ages welcome to attend. Caregivers must accompany children ages 3 and younger. Just drop in!

Drop-In Little Me Storytime

Time/Date: 10:30-11:15 am Friday, Feb. 10

Details: Little ones, babies to age 2, along with caregivers, enjoy music, simple stories and playtime. Fun for preschoolers, too! No registration needed.

Tween Event: Snack Cake Critters

Time/Date: 4:15-5 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 14

Details: Just for Tweens ages 9-12. Make crazy fun edible critters from snack cakes! Limit 30. Register online or call 248-349-3020.

Kidz Time for graders 1-3

Time/Date: 4:30- 5:15 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16

Details: Fun after-school program featuring stories, games and crafts about Russia. Register by the first of each month.

In Our Own Voice: African American Art at the DIA at Northville District Library

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21

Details: Attend this photographic presenta-

tion to enhance your awareness of the creative contributions of African Americans from the 19th century through present day. This talk provides a lens to examine issues of race, gender, politics and culture. Register online or in person or call 248-349-3020.

Jigsaw Puzzle Challenge

Time/Date: 10:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25

Details: Compete in our jigsaw puzzle challenge. Ten teams of four will be assembled before the challenge begins. Teams that finish fastest win prizes! Please arrive by 10:15 a.m. to be ready to begin promptly at 10:30 a.m.

NORTHVILLE MILL RACE MATTERS

Mill Race Historical Village is at 215 Griswold St., north of Main Street, near Ford Field. Grounds open daily dawn until dusk. Mill Race relies on rentals and memberships to maintain the Village. Consider becoming a member or making a donation today; go to www.millracenorthville.org for details.

Upcoming events

Clara Ford Tea: 1-3:30 p.m. Feb. 18.

SOLD OUT

Lecture Series: Billy Durant, founder of General Motors: 7 p.m. Feb. 22. New School Church at Mill Race Village. No fee. Donations accepted.

General info

Website: www.millracenorthville.org

Volunteers: The Northville Historical Society at Mill Race Village ac-

cepts volunteers in many different areas. We are in special need of Sunday store clerks and help with our fundraising teas. Students, we're happy to verify your volunteer hours with school or scouts. Please contact the office for more information.

Rentals: Call or email the office to rent the Cady Inn or Church for a wedding or party. Many dates are available. More information on our website.

Donations: Physical donations accepted from 9 a.m. to noon each Tuesday.

Archives: The archives are open Monday and Tuesday.

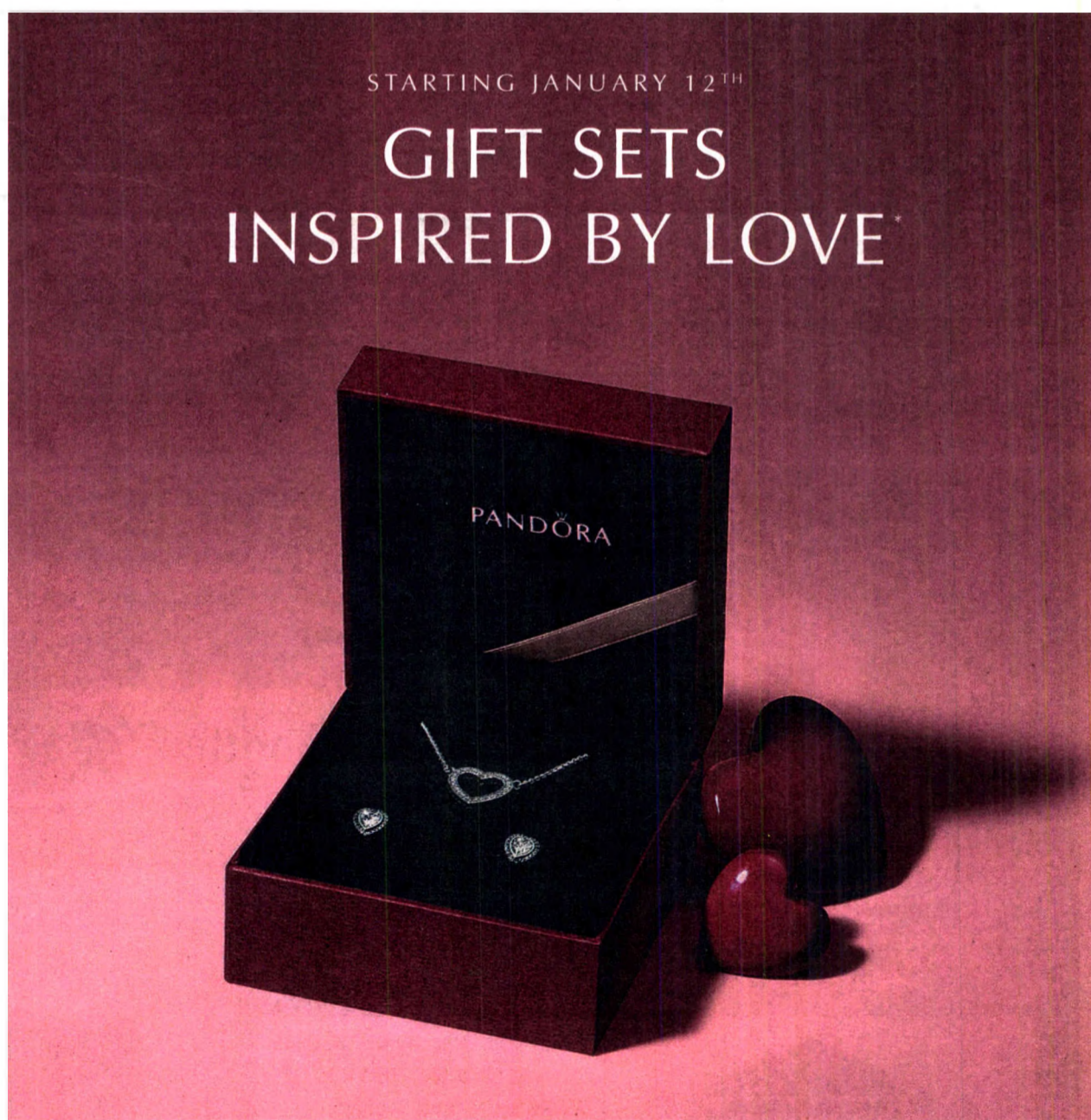
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Walled Lake Schools preschool open house

The Walled Lake Consolidated School District is hosting a preschool open house 5-6:30 p.m. Feb. 9 at locations throughout the district.

Open house locations include: Community Education Center (615 N. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake) - Rooms 110, 114, 120 and LL9; Dublin Elementary (425 Farnsworth, White Lake) - Room 301; Glengary Elementary (3070 Woodbury, Walled Lake) - Rooms 9, 10, 11 and 12; Oakley Park Elementary (2015 Oakley Park Road, Walled Lake) - Room 30; Pleasant Lake Elementary (4900 Halsted Road, West Bloomfield) - Room 205; Twin Sun (2157 Loon Lake Road, Wixom) - Room 300; Walled Lake Elementary (1055 W. Maple Road, Walled Lake) - Room 2; and Wixom Elementary (301 N. Wixom Road, Wixom) - Rooms 100 and 203.

For more information, go to www.wlcsd.org or call 248-956-5080.

Career fair

Fox Run retirement community hosts a career fair from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, at Fox Run retirement community, 4100 W. 13 Mile Road, in Novi.

The following career opportunities are available:

» **Dining:** cooks, dishwashers, prep and line cooks, sous chefs, restaurant managers and wait staff.

» **Health Care:** CNAs, RNs, EMTs and personal care private duty caregiver (HHA, direct care worker, non-certified).

» **Facilities:** maintenance, groundskeepers, housekeepers, drivers and appliance mechanics.

» **Leadership:** facilities manager and more.

On-site job interviews will be conducted. Call 248-863-3260 for more information.

molART exhibit comes to downtown Northville

When is a tooth not a tooth? When it's a Project Runway model or the Big, Bad Wolf or a Henna tattoo! "a molART exhibit" is coming to the Northville Square Mall, Feb. 10-12, in celebration of National Children's Dental Health Month, sponsored by Preservation Dental, the office of Dr. William Demray. The whole family is invited. There is no cost for admission and you can offer up a "tooth pick" of your own in the People's Choice contest.

The exhibit will feature more than 70 teeth that competed for cash prizes. There will be on display: the big, bad wolf from "Little Red Riding Hood" fame, the slinky dog from "Tooth" story, Stella the Monkey, Blue Tooth, a witch, a hula dancer, a basketball player, several Tooth Fairies and Miss Sweet Tooth made by a talented group of individuals with developmental disabilities from Angel's Place Enrichment Program.

Characters from Disney signed, sealed and delivered a tooth for the display. Other teeth traveled from here (to a Detroit Tigers game) and there (to the Big Chicken in Marietta, Ga.) and returned for the exhibit. One traveled on the yellow brick road to find out there is no place like our dental home!

The judges considered originality, craftsmanship, elements of art and presentation in the scoring process. The judging team included representatives from the art community and the dental community. The exhibit in part supports the community outreach program of the University of Detroit Mercy Dental School.

The Northville Square Mall is at 133 W. Main St., west of Center Street, in downtown Northville. Hours are 6-8 p.m. Fri-



"Teeth are always in style." - Dr. Seuss (artist Anna from Livonia).



Henna Tattooth (artist Alicia from Farmington Hills).

day, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and noon to 2 p.m. Sunday.

'The Shack' author to visit Walled Lake church

William Paul Young, author of the controversial novel "The Shack," will be appearing Sunday, Feb. 12, at Orchard Grove Community Church in Walled Lake during a special service, open to the public. Young will be interviewed by senior pastor Chris Cramer, as the two explore the theological positions and messages contained in the novel. The interview will begin at the 9:30 a.m. service and will continue through

the 11:15 a.m. service, with a break for refreshments in between. Worshipers can attend either service or both. There will be child care available throughout the morning. No reservations are needed.

Young's appearance at Orchard Grove is timely with the movie version of "The Shack" due to hit theaters nationwide March 3. For more information on Young's appearance, go to www.orchardgrove.org, or contact Shawna Schwanager at 248-926-6584. Orchard Grove is located at 850 Ladd Road, Walled Lake.

Parent camp comes to Northville High School

The second annual Parent Camp will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, at Northville High School, 45700 Six Mile Road. Hosted by the Northville Public Schools Office of Instructional Services, the camp will include a keynote session featuring a panel of admissions representatives from colleges and universities from throughout the Midwest, along with 30 breakout sessions on topics of interest to parents today led by Northville Public Schools educators and community members who are experts in their fields. View the Parent Camp Program for a complete list of topics and presenters.

Registration and refreshments will begin at 8:30 a.m., with the keynote session starting at 9 a.m. Breakout sessions

will take place 10:10-11 a.m.; 11:10 a.m. to noon and 12:30-1:20 p.m. There will be a short refreshment break from noon to 12:30 p.m. Admission to the camp is free and there is no need to register in advance. For more information about Parent Camp, contact the office of instruction at 248-344-3520.

Garden Cub meets

The Gardeners of Novi/Northville will meet at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 13 at Novi High School. The speaker is Holly Vaughn with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. She will discuss invasive species. Free and open to the public.

Wixom Public Library events Anti-Valentine's Day Teen event

Mon. Feb. 13, 6-7 p.m. Valentine's schmalentine's! Celebrate all things anti-romance with a zombie movie, craft and snacks designed to ward off kisses.

Between the Lines Book Club

Tuesday, Feb. 14, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Join others for coffee and conversation. This month's novel, "The Turner House" by Angela Flournoy, is set in a house on Detroit's east side which has been home to three generations of the Turner family. Registration is not required. Stop by the Information Desk to pick up a copy of the book.

The Wixom Public Library is located at 49015 Pontiac Trail. Register online at wixomlibrary.org or call

248-624-2512.

Evenings in the garden

MSU Tollgate Farm and Education Center is the setting for a new season of Evenings in the Garden classes. Speakers will be sharing their wisdom and experience 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursdays at Tollgate, 12 Mile and Meadowbrook roads, in Novi. The speakers are Dr. Tony Reznicek on March 2 and Dr. Norm Lownds on March 30.

The cost of each class is \$20 and supports further adult education programming at MSU Tollgate. To find more information and to register, go to <http://tollgate.msu.edu/events/evenings-in-the-garden>.

The classes are for novice and seasoned gardeners, homeowners, landscapers and outdoor enthusiasts. This educational series is an opportunity to get out of the house, meet others who are suffering from cabin fever and start planning for spring gardening.

Annual exhibition

The Northville Art House presents the 11th annual member exhibition, featuring original works in all mediums, including painting, drawing, photography, sculpture, jewelry, clay and mixed media. The exhibition showcases the talents of more than 60 member artists of the Northville Art House, as well as recognizes the people who support the growth and creativity of the arts in the community.

The exhibition runs through Saturday, March

25, during Art House hours, noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday.

Become a member today to be considered for future Northville Art House member exhibitions and events, as well as other exciting benefits. Applications are available online at www.northvilleart.org, by calling 248-344-0497 or at the Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady Street. Memberships start at \$30.

Blood drives

Michigan Blood offers the following drives:

Feb. 17 - Beaumont Hospital-Royal Oak, Classroom 2, 3601 W. 13 Mile Road, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Any healthy person 17 or older (or 16 with parental consent) who weighs at least 112 pounds may be eligible to donate, although females age 18 and under must weigh 120 pounds or more.

Blood donors should bring photo ID. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are preferred. Donors can schedule an appointment by calling 866-MIBLOOD or at www.miblood.org.

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Donations given outside of Michigan Blood do not have direct local impact. Michigan Blood is currently in urgent need of O-negative blood donations.



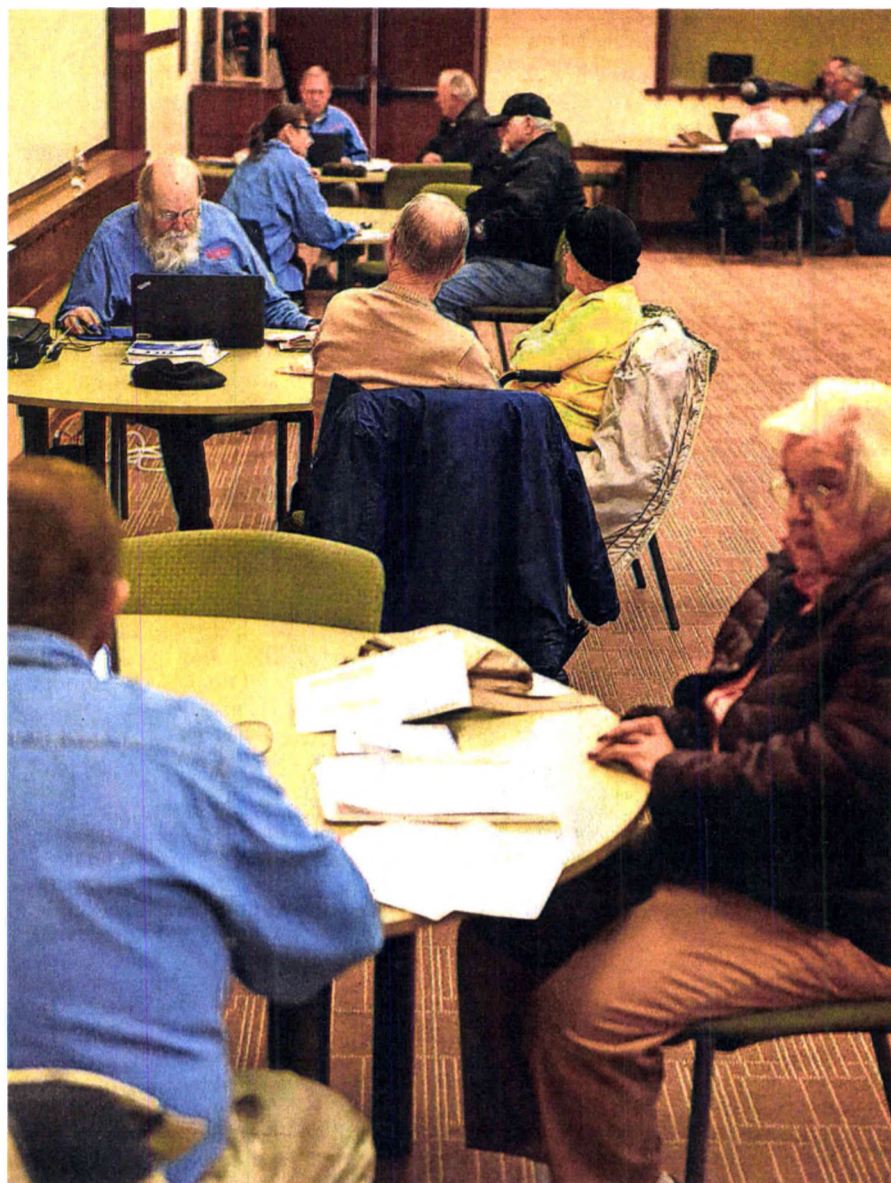
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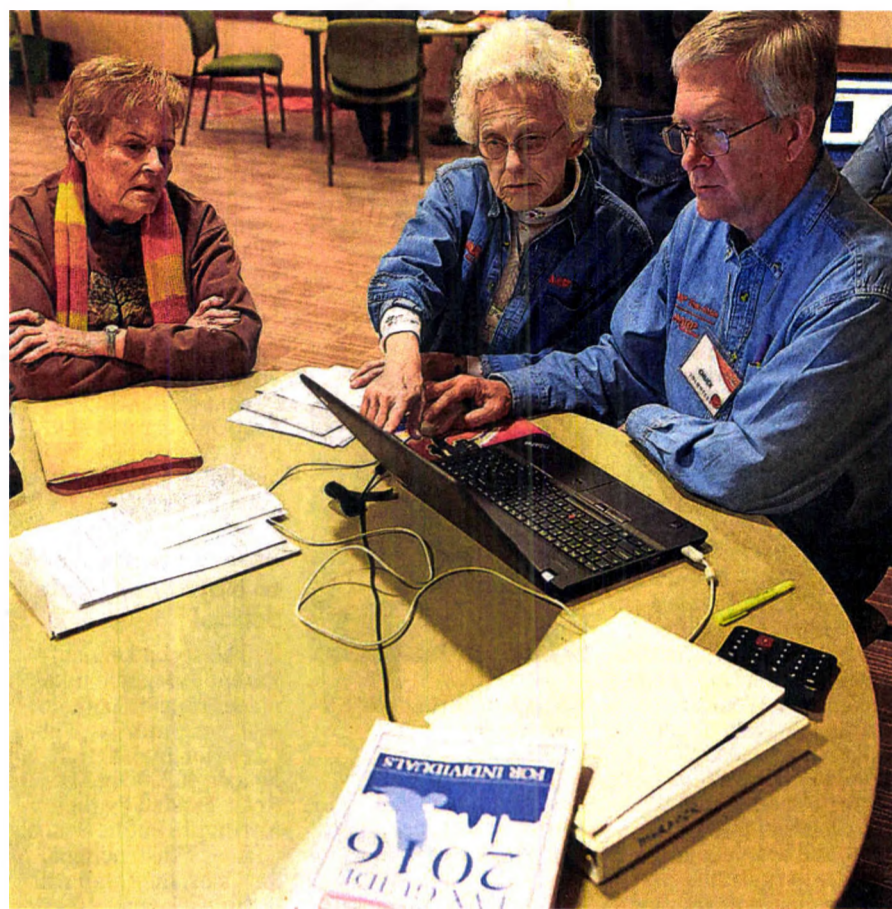
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AARP tax prep volunteers help seniors file their 2016 returns Feb. 2.

AARP helps area seniors with taxes



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AARP tax aide volunteers Lois Beerbaum (center) and Chuck Murdock assist Nancy Birdsall in getting her 2016 tax return filed Feb. 2 at the Northville Community Center. The service, sponsored by AARP and staffed by its volunteers trained on IRS software, will be available for free each Thursday until the week before the deadline in April. Though the service is open to all filers, AARP suggests that seniors and middle- to low-income individuals get help before others. And it is limited to simple tax filings; they do not complete tax returns with depreciations and business losses.

Minimize distractions, amplify positives for results

Over the last several months, I have been trying to lose weight. What have I learned so far? Several valuable lessons.

First, losing weight is a lot more difficult than gaining weight. I am amazed at how quickly I can gain weight and how slowly it comes off. Second, I can't lose weight by just not eating. Eventually, I discovered I have to eat and then I eat whatever I can find and



Steve Matthews
SUPER TALK

it is amazing how quickly the calories can add up.

I have also learned that I need to have some goals or measuring sticks to help me figure out how things are going. So I weigh myself once a week. I try to keep track of my calories using

"Lose It," an aptly named app on my phone. Keeping track helps keep me honest with myself about what I am doing.

Which brings me to the use of data in our schools. We can generate lots of data in schools. We have daily grades. We have daily attendance. We have homework and tests. We have tests made by teachers and tests made by big corporations. We have state tests and national assess-

ments. What I have come to realize through trying to lose weight is that more data is not necessarily a good thing. Sometimes more data just makes me more nervous.

I have discovered in my weight loss journey that weight fluctuates day to day. The goal is not to lose weight by Thursday, but to lose weight over time. Between Thursday and Friday, I might see a little uptick or downturn depending on what happens during the day. I may get to exercise well one day, but not the next. I may have the opportunity to eat well one day, but because of my schedule have to grab and go the next. All of that impacts my day-to-day weight.

The goal is to lose weight. The goal cannot be to lose weight by tomorrow.

So taking the long view has helped.

The same is true, in my opinion, in schools. Our district's goal is to ensure that students make a year's growth in a year's time. While we hope that every student has a productive and successful day every day, we also understand that sometimes students have a bad day. A lunch may be forgotten at home. The bus may be late. Best friends have a fight. All of those life events have both positive and negative influences on learning.

The goal is to make sure that, by the end of the year, students have had more good days than bad days.

Our teachers spend a lot of time and energy every day thinking about every student in their classroom. What's working? What's not working? What if I tried this? What

if I tried that?

But our teachers also have enough experience to know that there will be some bad days - for every student in their classroom. The goal is to minimize the distractions and amplify the positives.

When teachers do that, good things happen. In our school district, good things happen most of the time. That is why student achievement in our school district is high. That is why our students are prepared for the next step in their lives when they graduate from our high school.

Now if I could just get over my craving for ice cream, I would see similar high achievement in my weight loss journey.

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

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Women marched to stop the hate

Regarding Carol Maynard's Feb. 2 letter, I marched in D.C., as well. Like Colleen Crossey, I marched against the hateful statements and policies of President Donald Trump. Because in the real world, making fun of the disabled or prisoners of war, demeaning women and glorifying sexual assault or banning Muslims from entering the United States is hateful - even if Trump's "alternative facts" suggest otherwise. Though we may have lost the election, three million more Americans voted for the America I wish to see - the one that includes all races, all religions and all genders.

Lisa DiRado
Northville

Hold Trump accountable

On Jan. 28, Donald Trump violated current law and the Fifth Amendment of the United States Constitution by issuing an executive order to block and detain people coming from seven Muslim countries based upon their country of origin. He claimed that he was protecting the U.S. from terrorists. And yet, Saudi Arabia, the country of origin of most of the 9/11 terrorists has had nobody blocked from coming to the United States.

Mr. Trump has no problem in stopping helpless refugees who are desperately fleeing a war-torn area in spite of

the fact that they have been extensively vetted and are mostly women and children. Even U.S. citizens and people with green cards were detained and blocked entry to our country. The Fifth Amendment states: "No person shall ... be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law." Thousands of people lost their visa rights, hundreds lost plane fares, and well over 100 people (many who were children) were detained illegally and/or returned to the country they were trying to leave.

Mr. Trump operates as though he is not accountable for his actions. I encourage people to send money to the American Civil Liberties Union. The ACLU is a very strong organization which has a history of being willing to stand up to any president and hold him accountable to the Constitution and to the People of the United States.

John A. Kuenzel
Novi

A frightened American

On Monday, Jan. 30, I witnessed an unprovoked, verbally aggressive attack on a minority citizen who was simply trying to fill his vehicle with gas. The perpetrator of this attack was an older white man who yelled obscenities and told him that Trump was going to kick him out of the United States. The victim appeared to be a Middle Eastern man who

tried to speak to the aggressive man; however, the attacker yelled, "You can't even speak English and Trump is going to kick your ass out of our country!" When the victim tried to leave, the attacker stood in front of the vehicle and wouldn't move until the station attendant finally came out.

This incident has shaken me to the core. Never could I have imagined this scene happening in the middle of the afternoon in Livonia. I wish I had had the courage to speak up. I wish I had had the nerve to stand up to the attacker and challenge his unprompted, venomous tirade. I did not. Maybe because I was caught off-guard or maybe because in today's world of fear and hatred I didn't want to risk the chance that he might produce a weapon, but I said nothing.

I am a 30-something white woman and I am ashamed of the behavior of the man I saw this afternoon. I am ashamed to think we are able to challenge the basic freedoms of other citizens based on perceived differences. I have always been very proud to be an American but now I am very frightened. When one cannot stop for gas without worrying about encountering anger, profanity and hatred, then I must, and do, worry about the nation in which we live.

Megan Unruh
South Lyon

Northville varsity dancers celebrate 10 years

The Northville High School varsity dance company will celebrate its 10th year as it presents "A Decade of Dance" at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12, in the high school auditorium. The show unveils the diverse talents and creativity of the varsity dancers, who have spent months in preparation, and includes both group and solo performances. Many dance genres will be presented, including hip-hop, jazz, contemporary, lyrical and tap. Students, under the guidance of the dance company's artistic director Carly Siracusa Carlin, have choreographed many of the acts themselves.

Hitting this milestone is meaningful to Siracusa Carlin, in more ways than one. "This team is not only the absolute strongest it has ever been, but we have grown exponentially," she said. "A decade has gone by and I can only sit back in amazement at how far this team has come. I have never been more honored and proud to lead this team and be a part of the magic that is NHSVDC."

An accomplished dancer and award-winning choreographer in her own right, Siracusa Carlin hails from New York City. She joined the NHS varsity dance company in 2009 as a contributing choreographer and later became the artistic director in 2011.

"This being dance company's 10th year gives me a feeling of being part of something greater than myself, which has been a really special experience," team co-captain Macy Afsari said. "The stakes feel higher in the best way possible and celebrating a decade of the dance company has given this whole year an air of excitement."

The dance company is composed of 20 dancers,



DAVID ENNIS

Northville High School varsity dance company's annual performance is set for Sunday, Feb. 12.

all with varied backgrounds in dance. Many compete at local dance studios such as Center Stage Dance Co., Performer's Edge Dance Co., Miss Jean's Dance Arts and Barbara Hatch School of Dance.

In addition to its annual performance, the NHS varsity dance company has performed at many events this year, including the fall pep rally, homecoming parade, NHS varsity girls and boys basketball games and the Northville Holiday Lighted Parade.

Throughout its seven-month season, dance

company members also conduct fundraising events where they develop leadership and organizational skills, plus social events that help the team bond.

"This year, we have an incredibly dedicated group of girls and our sense of community is the strongest it's ever been," Afsari said. "We participated in a service project through an organization called ConnectUs Michigan and it really brought the girls together with the shared goal of helping kids who are less fortunate. The social and community

events we do really set our group apart; we start out as strangers in July, but by February we are crying on our last day of dance. It's a sense of friendship that you can't achieve merely from spending time in the studio together."

For Afsari and co-captain Alex Click, seniors at NHS, dance company has been a place to learn leadership and compassion and to gain confidence. "Dance company has been a major part of my life throughout the past four years," Click said. "I have made some great friends

while doing what I love — dance."

According to Siracusa Carlin, this year's performance commemorates a decade of dance, love, friendship and family. "So many goals have been achieved," she said. "The team has grown as close as it has ever been and we are ready to conquer the next decade. What an incredible achievement for NHSVDC as we finish off our first decade with the best season yet."

"Although I'm sad that this season marks the end of my time with the dance company, I know

that this year's performance will shine above the rest," Click said.

The final performance will feature solo dances by each of the dance company's seniors, many who have been with the company for four years. In addition to the team captains, the senior class is represented by Gillian Chirillo, Halley Kissel, Leah Petty, Kat Weissert and Amy Zhao.

Tickets for "A Decade of Dance" will be available for purchase the day of the show at the NHS auditorium box office beginning at 2:15 p.m. Tickets are \$8 each.

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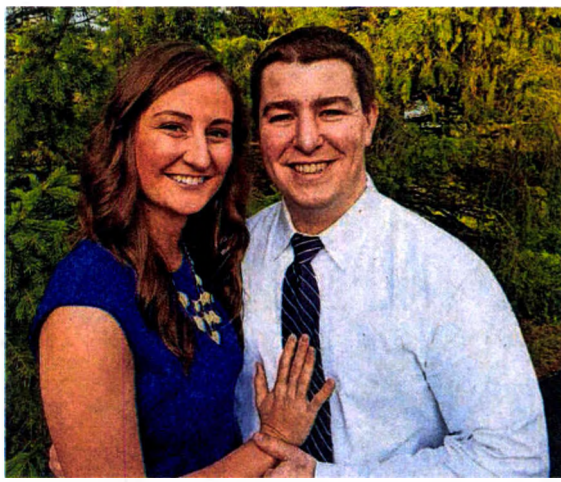
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Peggy Frances Abraham and Brian James Bagian.

Abraham-Bagian

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Abraham of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Peggy Frances Abraham, to Brian James Bagian, son of Dr. and Mrs. James Bagian of Northville. An August wedding is planned.

Abraham is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University and an elementary school teacher at Washington Park Academy in Redford. Bagian graduated from Indiana University and is an IT project manager for McKesson Pharmacy Systems in Livonia.

Northville AAUW talks Albert Kahn

The Northville-Novu Branch of the American Association of University Women will have Dr. Deidre Hennebury, assistant professor at the College of Architecture and Design, Lawrence Technological University, as the speaker at its Feb. 17 meeting. Her topic is "Albert Kahn: Design in Detroit."

The meeting will be held at Cassel's Family Restaurant, 43003 Seven Mile Road, Northville, with an 11:30 a.m. arrival time, 11:45 a.m. for the luncheon and 12:30 p.m. for the meeting.

To attend the luncheon portion of the meeting, a reservation must be made by Feb. 11. To make the reservation, a check for \$15 (made out to AAUWNN) must be mailed to AAUWNN, c/o Jan Wilhelm, P.O. Box 511, Northville, MI 48167 or by using PayPal through

the club's website, aauwnn.org. The \$15 covers lunch, coffee, tea or pop, tax and tip.

The speaker is an interdisciplinary academic specializing in architecture history and theory, urban theory and museology. Her research focuses on the use of cultural institutions, such as museums and libraries, to create signature landmarks that act as catalysts for economic growth and cultural improvement.

Hennebury holds degrees in architecture, urban planning and museum studies from Princeton University, Harvard University and the University of Michigan. Her dissertation, "An Investigation of the

Urban, Architectural and Exhibit Designs of the Tate Museums, Millbank & Liverpool," looks at the Tate Gallery from its origins in the late 19th century through to contemporary developments, with the focus on the use of culture in urban re-imagining efforts.

A dedicated pedagogue, she has taught extensively in architectural history and design, art history, museum studies and communication studies at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. Reflecting her many interests, these courses range from Descriptive Geometry at Harvard University to Architectural History at the University of Michigan to Design Theory and Adaptive Reuse at Lawrence Technological University. Hennebury's interest in teaching and communication has

extended to curatorial ventures at the Cranbrook Art Museum and ongoing efforts with Lawrence Technological University's College of Architecture and Design Exhibitions.

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Strut your biz at Northville chamber showcase

The Northville Chamber of Commerce is now accepting registrations for the annual Northville Business Showcase Event, presented by Community Financial Credit Union.

The event is scheduled for 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 18, at Northville High School. The showcase will feature interactive exhibits from retail, service and nonprofit businesses. This year's theme will celebrate "Pure Michigan." The early bird registration fee of \$175 (chamber member discount) includes booth space, table, chairs, setup assistance and four tickets to the event.

Business participants are encouraged to provide promotional giveaway items, along with their company literature.

The Business Showcase application form is available on the chamber website at www.northville.org or can be obtained by contacting the chamber at 248-349-7640.

Northville American Legion puts donations to good use

During 2016, the Northville American Legion Post family has donated \$16,029 to veterans and community charities. The American Legion Family consists of the American Legion, Sons of the American Legion, American Legion Riders and the American Legion Auxiliary.

Donation money was raised by the American Legion Family with dinner events, raffles and charity poker events.

The American Legion is the largest wartime veterans service organization, with 2.4 million members in nearly 14,000 posts in nearly every community in America. The Legion, established by an act of Congress in 1919, was instrumental in getting the original G.I. Bill through Congress and the creation of the Department of Veterans Affairs. Today, the organization is active throughout the United States, supporting current military personnel and veterans, sponsoring American Legion Baseball, Boys State, oratorical contests and other activities for youth and pushing for the adoption of a constitutional amendment to prohibit desecration of the U.S. flag.

BAHL



GORDON HENRY, JR. Age 74, loving husband of Joan Phillips Bahl. Caring brother of Gayle (Gary) Beger. Dear father of Kerry Ann (Sean) Doyle, the late Kelly Marie Bahl, Mary Patricia (Matthew) Simpson, and Erin Elizabeth (Paul) Mersino; and beloved Poppy to Grace, Luke, Morgan, JT, Lila, Colin, Justin, and Charlotte. Passed away on February 1, 2017 in Stuart, Florida. Gordon's life was marked by success, generosity, charisma, and humor. Known for his skills as a captivating public speaker, businessman, inventor, husband, father, and grandfather. Gordon was the CEO of Tishken Products Company. Gordon graduated from the University of Missouri at Kansas City. He started his career at General Motors working on Chevrolet, and then heightened his career at Ford Motor Company. An entrepreneur, Gordon devoted the majority of his career to running Tishken Products. During his time at Tishken, he was a faithful leader, successful businessman, and earned multiple patents from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Gordon, beside Joan, the love of his life and his bride of 49 years, was thoroughly enjoying retirement splitting his time between Stuart, Florida and the Detroit, Michigan area. He actively played golf, trivia, and fishing, and enjoyed the Yacht & Country Club in Stuart. Gordon loved dogs, especially Newfoundland, and he loved driving his Thunderbird convertible until the end. A true friend, loyal protector, and the most generous of souls, Gordon now joins his daughter, Kelly, and his parents in heaven and will be dearly missed. A Mass of Remembrance will be held on Wednesday, February 8, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 1200 SE 10th Street, Stuart, Florida, at 10:30 a.m. with a reception to immediately follow at Stuart Yacht & Country Club. Burial services will be held in Michigan in the Spring. Please visit Gordon's online guestbook at www.aycockfuneralhome.net.

BUTTERMORE



LILLIAN E. Age 99, lifelong resident of Northville, passed away January 30, 2017. Beloved wife of the late Charles "Chuck" Buttermore. Loving mother of Jean Rosselle. Dear sister of Roy (Ruth) Henning and Violet Bennett. Adored grandmother of Ricke (Nancy) Rosselle, Ronald (Christine) Rosselle, Rhonda (Jeffery) Buck, Ryan (Cynthia) Rosselle, Rodney Rosselle, Renee (Fred) Fisher, Roxanne Rosselle, and the late Randy Rosselle. Cherished great-grandmother of 10. Also loved by many nieces and nephews. A Funeral Service was held February 3, 2017 at Casterline Funeral Home in Northville. Mrs. Buttermore was laid to rest next to her husband at Rural Hill Cemetery. The family would appreciate memorial contributions to Boys Town National Headquarters, 200 Flanagan Blvd., PO Box 8000, Boys Town, NE 68010. Share condolences at www.casterlinefuneralhome.com

DEMME



JOHN E. "JACK" Died peacefully in his home surrounded by his loved ones on January 31, 2017. He was 93 years old. Jack is survived by his wife of 68 years, Margaret; his children, Patricia (Tom) Groszko, Susan (Bill) Hermann, Bill (Sharon), Jim (Linda), Marianne (Art) Nelson, and Jean (Colin) Zick; 21 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his daughter-in-law, Shirley (nee Dudek) Demme. Visitation at John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, 1139 N. Inkster Rd., Garden City, MI 48135 on Thursday, February 2, 2017 from 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., and Friday, February 3, 2017 from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. with a Rosary at 7:00 p.m. In state 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 4, 2017 at Divine Child Catholic Church, 1055 N. Silvery Lane, Dearborn, MI 48128 until the time of Mass at 10:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Monsignor Herbert Weier Scholarship Charitable Trust, Kelly's Kidz Foundation, Penickton Center for Blind Children, Starfish Family Services, or Angela Hospice. Funeral arrangements by Hackett-Metcalf Funeral Home, www.hackettmetcalf.com and John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, www.santeiufuneralhome.com.

DOLSEN



ANNABELLE L. Age 92, longtime resident of Northville, formerly of New Hudson, passed away peacefully on February 4, 2017. She was born March 23, 1924 in Pontiac, Michigan; daughter of Norme and Louise (nee Oldenburg) Bowers. Annabelle graduated from New Hudson High School, Class of 1942. She continued her education receiving a two year teaching certificate from Michigan Normal College, a Bachelor Degree, as well as a Master's Degree throughout the years. Annabelle was united in marriage to the love of her life Francis G. "Frank" Dolsen on June 30, 1956; they spent 60 years as husband and wife until his death on September 4, 2016. Annabelle began her impressive career in education in 1944 as an Elementary School Teacher in New Hudson. In 1954, she took a one year leave to teach at a government school in Japan. Upon her return, she resumed her teaching position with New Hudson Elementary School and began working in Administration where she became the first female Principal in the State of Michigan. She retired in May 1988 and to honor her 43 year tenure in public education, New Hudson Elementary School was renamed Dolsen Elementary. Annabelle was a member of First Baptist Church of Northville. A talented knitter, she organized a knitters group which consistently had 10-15 members and met for over 30 years. She taught many people how to knit and knitted caps for premature babies at hospitals. Annabelle was an avid golfer and belonged to a golf league for many years. She was a voracious reader; she read all topics and types of books. She had a very active social life; she enjoyed her Friday morning hair appointments, having lunch with retired friends from school, eating at Moe's on 10, as well as attending 100th Bomb Group and POW reunions with her husband. Annabelle adored her dog Scruffy and cherished her family. She hosted many family reunions and could always be counted on to bring a delicious pie to family dinner. Annabelle was loved by all the wonderful people who surrounded her and will be dearly missed. Annabelle is survived by her sister-in-law, Stella Dolsen; her nieces and nephews, Carolyn (Lyle) McLachlan, Roger (Kay) Bowers, and Julie (Kirby) Dasinger; and her grandchildren, Daniel Ayers, Rebekah Ayers, and Natasha Young. She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, and her brother, Thurman Bowers. The visitation will be held Friday, February 10, 2017 from 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Casterline Funeral Home, 122 W. Dunlap, Northville. A Funeral Service will be held Saturday, February 11, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. with visitation beginning at 10:30 a.m. at First Baptist Church of Northville, 217 N. Wing, Northville. Mrs. Dolsen will be laid to rest next to her husband at Wixom Cemetery in Wixom, Michigan. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate memorial contributions to First Baptist Church of Northville Youth Program, 217 N. Wing, Northville, MI 48167. Share online condolences at www.casterlinefuneralhome.com.

KUNKEL

KATHRYN "KATHY" Age 73 of Manistee, Michigan went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, January 29, 2017. She was born February 17, 1943 in Alma, Michigan, the daughter of Elliott and Helen Oldt. She graduated from Remus High School in 1961, attended Central Michigan University, and completed nursing school at Saginaw General Hospital School of Nursing. Kathy was married to Charles Thomas ("Tom") Kunkel on October 1, 1966. They had two children, Andrew and Laura. During their 40 year marriage they resided in Detroit, Livonia, Milford, and retired to Manistee, Michigan. Kathy greatly loved being a Registered Nurse and worked at several Detroit-area hospitals over the course of her career. She also loved Lake Michigan, and spent her last days enjoying the view of the lake from her Manistee home. Kathy was preceded in death by her husband, parents, and a brother, Jim. Surviving are her daughter Laura (Trevor) Weaver, son Andrew (Kristi) Kunkel, brother Robert (Ginger) Oldt, and four grandchildren: Carlie and Claire Weaver, and Evan and Thomas Kunkel. At her request, no services will be held. Contributions in memory of Kathy may be made to the giver's favorite charity, Oak Grove Funeral Home & Cremation Center in Manistee has been entrusted with arrangements. To share a photo or memory with the family, please visit Kathy's personal page at www.oakgrove.com

SMITH



EDITH SCHINDLER age 93, of Milford, Michigan passed away peacefully on January 5th, 2017, in Bonita Springs, Florida, surrounded by family. She was born December 28th, 1923, to the late Edwin and Ida (Brown) Schindler in Ashland, Wisconsin. Edith held a degree in Secondary Education and accepted a position teaching high school history in Milford, MI. Edith served as a Deacon and Elder in the Milford Presbyterian Church. She also taught Sunday School and sang in the choir. She was a member of the Milford Literary Club, as well as Milford Township Library Board. She was also a longtime member of the local chapter of Questers. Edith was married to the late Robert W. Smith for 68 years. They spent many years sailing the Great Lakes and wintering in Bonita Springs, FL. Survivors include four children, Bruce and Cathy Smith, Dan and Christine Smith, Jean McCormick and Susanna and Michael Hubert, many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home.

STONE

DAVID QUINTON, MD. passed away on February 2, 2017 at the age of 86. "Doc", as he was affectionately known, was born and raised in Petoskey, Michigan. He attended undergraduate at Albion College and graduated from medical school at Wayne State University in 1956. He served as a Captain in the United States Air Force, 821st Medical Group and specialized in Industrial Medicine with Ford Motor Company. He practiced as a Plant Physician at the Wixom Assembly Plant, Chief Plant Physician at Ford Rouge Complex and Wayne Assembly Stamping Plant before retiring in 1991. He was an avid music lover and accomplished musician, singing in choirs at Milford United Methodist Church, Anona United Methodist Church in Largo, Florida and most recently at Commerce United Methodist Church. He sang in the Waterford Big Chief Barbershop Chorus and played and taught saxophone and clarinet. "Doc" loved his Detroit Tigers, Tampa Bay Rays and the Detroit Lions. He was preceded in death by his son, SFC Douglas Stone and his wife Norma Stone. He is survived by three daughters, Susan (Tony) D'Astoli, Kathy Lou (Bob) Hendley, Peggy (Bud) McVea, daughter-in-law Mary Stone, eight grandchildren, January Sterling, Quinton Hooper, Nate and Cameron Stone, Hunter, David and Sarah Hendley, Sean McVea, sister Marilyn (Jim) Whitfield, brother Karl (Megs) Stone and stepsons John and Larry Monce. A Memorial Service followed by military honors were held on Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at the Commerce United Methodist Church. Memorial donations may be made to the church. Arrangements entrusted to the Union Lake Chapel of the ELTON BLACK & SON FUNERAL HOME. eltonblackandsonwhitelake.com.

WEAVER

NATALIE J. age 92, passed away February 2, 2017. She was born October 13, 1924 in Detroit, daughter of the late Frank and Lillian Wheeker. Her love language was cooking and feeding others. She was an excellent vegetarian cook and she cultivated her skills through many years of traveling. Natalie and Dr. Arthur Weaver made frequent mission trips along with extended years of mission service. Together they hosted Better Living Seminars on health education to promote healthy eating and healthy living. She was very active in her community and the Plymouth Seventh-day Adventist Church. She will always be remembered as a passionate and loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Natalie is survived by her husband of 72 years, Dr. Arthur Weaver; her loving children: Donald (Sandra) Weaver, Sharon (John) Pittman, Robert (Jeanie) Weaver, Susan (Bryan) Hurt, and Ellen (Bruce) Higgins. She is also survived by 17 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; and two sisters: Shirley Hamilton and Beverly Leffler. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Karen McFadden in 2011. A Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, February 12, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at Metropolitan Seventh-day Adventist Church, 15585 Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Michigan Conference Education Fund. www.phillipsfuneral.com

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Readers name Townsend Hotel best in Michigan

Jay Grossman
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Whether it's the Egyptian cotton sheets or world-class Rugby Grille restaurant, everything about the Townsend Hotel stands out.

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Robin Reshard's downtown Pensacola, Florida, office is steeped in history.

Yellowed newspaper clippings and grayscale photos hang above rows of books that detail everything from the Civil War to the lives of musicians performing in the Jim Crow-era Chitlin Circuit.

History is important to Reshard not just because of "what" happened, but "why" it happened. Why some denigrated others because of the color of their skin, or whom they voted for, or whom they prayed to at night.

She has found the easiest way to learn why is to talk and listen. Along with her husband, Lloyd, she's dedicated four years to creating community dialogue through Pensacola Network. The monthly event encourages people of all races, ethnicities, religions and professions to meet, mingle, learn about and forge connections with folks they wouldn't usually encounter in everyday life.

" Oftentimes we get very comfortable in the cocoon of our own experiences and our own lives and the way things were," Reshard said. "Being called to break out of those things makes us uncomfortable, and a lot of times we don't do it."

Once a month some 75 to 100 people gather at Pensacola Network to build relationships and understanding. From community activists to politicians to bankers to everyday working joes, everyone is welcome and equal.

"It's broken down these preconceived barriers," Reshard said. "People have connected not only in terms of person to person, but business to business. So jobs and contracts, business opportunities and information, getting volunteers, getting board members, I think it happens here."



GREGG PACHKOWSKI/USA TODAY NETWORK

For Robin Reshard, the idea behind Pensacola Network is that getting people to break out of their comfortable cocoons and just meet with new people is a great way to start a dialogue.

Reshard, 51, a former U.S. Navy cryptology maintenance instructor, is now creative director at Robert Robino Productions. Her passion is storytelling through books and documentaries and conversation, but her mission is helping people recognize the value in others.

"I think if we remember to value the goodness in others, then we can get through the bad and the ugly in others," she said.

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What moment touched and motivated you to start this effort?

I had to do my part, my husband and I; we had to do our part to help people see the value in other people.

What gives you hope and what gives you concern?

What gives me hope is that people are good. People are inherently good, I firmly believe that. People want to do the right thing. They want to do the righteous thing. They want to succeed. They want the best for themselves and their family. They want the best for their environment. They want the best for their present and their future. They want to celebrate their history and everything that went into making them who they are. That gives me a lot of hope that goodness and a whole bunch of mercy are at the core of who we are.

What causes me concern is when people don't see their innate value, the goodness in themselves. When it comes out as trying to hold somebody else down so that they can be celebrated while this other person can be denigrated. That challenges my spirit, for people to think, "For me to shine, I have to dim your light." That challenges me because I believe we can all light up this thing we call planet Earth, and I believe it's much better when we all do that.

What do you hope to accomplish through your efforts?

I hope that people are valued for living their purpose on this Earth. We do that through connecting people so that they can get resources. Whether that's a word, an idea, a tip, a deed, a contract, whatever that thing is they need. You're three people from knowing anybody in the world, so we start that connection. Then somebody else starts a connection, and it keeps going until we're all connected.

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Northville enjoys fun on snowy day



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Layla Newicki, 9, drags her sled up the hill Jan. 31 at Cass Benton Park in Northville Township as her dad Matt and sister Leni climb the hill, too. They were enjoying the snowfall from the night before.



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As her dad Matt watches, Leni Newicki takes off down the hill at Northville Township's Cass Benton park. The area saw about three inches of snow earlier Jan. 31 and the Newicki kids had the day off from their schools in Westland.

NOTICE CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT PTSLU17-0002

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the representative for FLORENCE CEMENT COMPANY is requesting a **Temporary Special Land Use Permit** in accordance with 7.6.2 of the Novi Zoning Ordinance for temporary on site storage containers and materials at parcel 50-22-13-100-019, south of Twelve Mile Road and west of M-5 from **April 15, 2017 to October 2, 2017**. The property is zoned **OST (office service technology)** and the use is contrary to 3.23.1.H of the Novi Zoning Ordinance.

A public hearing can be requested by any property owner whose property is located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for a temporary special land use permit.

A public hearing will be held at **10:00AM on MARCH 2, 2017** at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road in the **MAYORS CONFERENCE ROOM**. All written comments should be directed to Monica Dreslinski and must be received prior to **MARCH 1, 2017 at 3PM**.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Novi Community School District (NCS D) will receive bids for: **NCS D - Site / Civil Program 2017**

Program consists of site asphalt and concrete paving, concrete curb and gutter and sidewalk replacement; drainage improvements; site striping and restoration; and other general localized site improvements. Work is located at the High School Events Lot and the Taft Road Campus Main Boulevard Drive.

The bid package is to be delivered to the **NCS D Educational Services Building (ESB), attention Mr. Steve Barr, 25345 Taft Road, Novi, MI 48374 and is due on March 2, 2017 deadline of 1:00 pm**. At the time the bid packages are due all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud in the Board room. Bids received after the above stipulated date and time will not be opened, considered or accepted. Faxed or electronic proposals will not be accepted.

Bid documents can be pre-ordered and purchased at the offices of ARC/Dunn Blue, 1009 W. Maple Road, Clawson, MI 48107 beginning February 15, 2017 at 5:00 pm. Contact ARC/Dunn Blue for non-refundable purchase price for the bid package.

Bid documents will be available to view from the PlanWell Enterprise System on-line by accessing the website at www.e-arc.com/mi/clawson, clicking on "Order from Planwell" then clicking on "Public Planroom".

There will be a **non-mandatory pre-bid meeting** on February 17, 2017 at 1:00 pm, in the NCS D ESB Board Room located at 25345 Taft Road, Novi, MI 48374.

All bidders should be available on Wednesday March 7, 2017 starting at 9:00 am for post bid interviews. Interviews will be on an invitation basis only.

Prospective bidders must meet the following minimum standards in order to submit a proposal:

- Must be an established Contractor in Michigan for a minimum of five (5) years
- Has successfully completed a minimum of three (3) educational, institutional or municipal site earthwork / site improvement / paving replacement projects each with construction values in excess of \$150,000.00
- Must be able to provide business and liability insurance, performance and payment bond for work required by the Bid Documents

All bids must be submitted on forms furnished by SME for the "NCS D - Site / Civil Program 2017" and be accompanied by a bidder's bond or a certified cashier's check payable to Novi Community School District for the sum of not less than five percent (5%) of the bid amount for each Bid Package. All bids must be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the Owner (bidder) or any employee of the bidder and any member of the NCS D School Board, Administration or Staff. Bidders shall also provide a Sworn Statement of Economic Relationship with the Country of Iran. Bids received without a bidder's bond, certified or cashier's check, sworn and notarized statement of familial disclosure, and Iran Economic Statement **MAY BE REJECTED**. NCS D reserves the right to reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, to waive any irregularities therein and accept that bid, which best serves the NCS D's interest.

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CITY OF NORTHVILLE 2017 BOARD OF REVIEW WAYNE AND OAKLAND COUNTIES

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Review of the City of Northville, Wayne and Oakland Counties, will meet at the City Hall, 215 West Main Street, for the purpose of reviewing and adjusting the 2017 Assessment Rolls of the City of Northville on the following dates:

TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2017: 1:00 p.m. Administrative Meeting
MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2017: 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2017: 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Unless otherwise specified the dates above are for Public Hearings

Pursuant to Act 165 of 1971 and based on the proposed changes to assessed value for 2017, the Wayne and Oakland County Equalization Departments have set the following tentative equalization factors relative to the 2017 Real and Personal Property Assessments: **WAYNE COUNTY** - Commercial Real 1.00; Industrial Real 1.00; Residential Real 1.00; All Personal Property 1.00. **OAKLAND COUNTY** - Commercial Real 1.00; Industrial Real 1.00; Residential Real 1.00; All Personal Property 1.00.

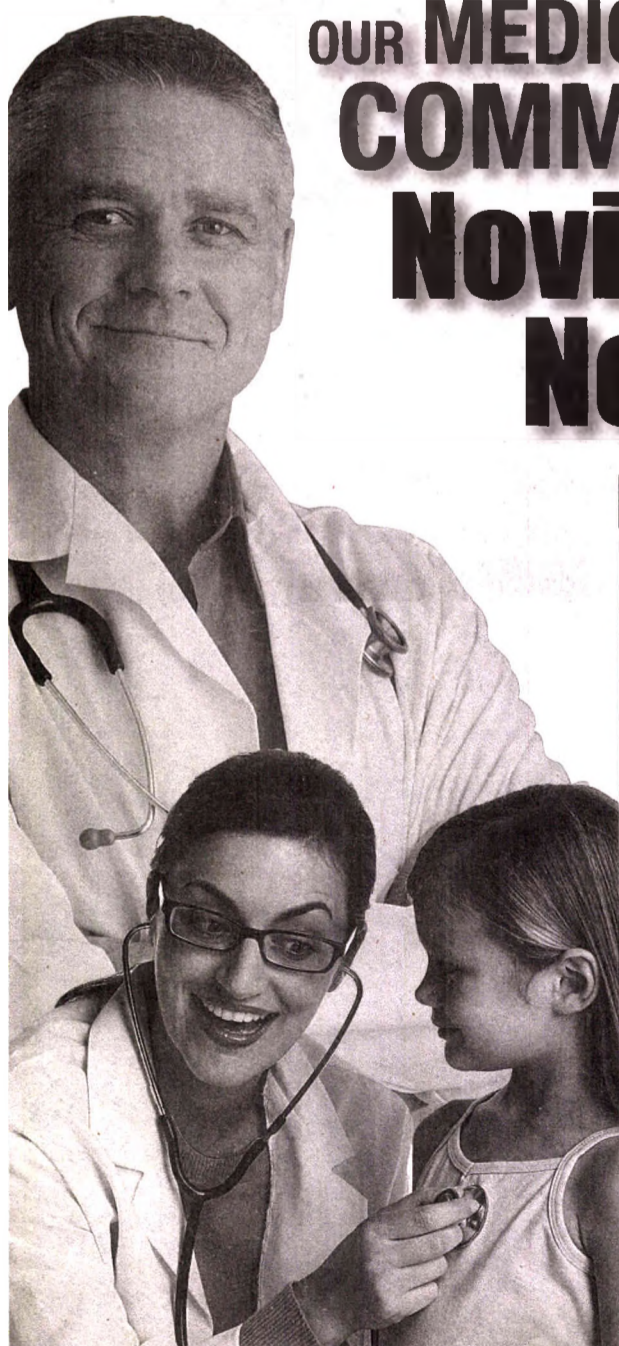
Mail-in Petitions must be received by March 14, 2017 before 5:00 p.m. ALL TAXPAYERS wishing to petition their property's taxable value or assessment in person with the Board of Review will be seen by APPOINTMENT ONLY. To ensure every appeal is heard it is requested that appointments be scheduled prior to Tuesday, March 7, 2017. Please contact the City of Northville Tax Department at (248) 449-9901 for an appointment or with any questions you may have regarding your 2017 taxable or assessed value.

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Local women seek to combat body shaming with film

Jennifer Eberbach
Livingston Daily

Genoa Township working moms Jordyn Sellek's and Erin McKenzie's battles with body shaming inspired them to tentatively line up a one-night-only screening of a documentary that explores women's relationships with their bodies and self-esteem.

A screening of the documentary "Embrace" is tentatively scheduled for Feb. 22 at the MJR Brighton Towne Square Digital Cinema 20 in Brighton. The screening will only happen if enough people reserve tickets in advance.

"Even at the thinnest I've ever been, I still wasn't happy and wished I had a six pack

or my arms look better in this shirt," Selleck, an executive director for Conference of Western Wayne, said.

Despite regular exercise and good eating habits, she said her body mass index labels her overweight. Although she does not think of herself that way, it has been difficult to stop negative thoughts from creeping in.

"You're always looking for something to pick apart," she said.

Erin McKenzie, a realtor with the MI Home Team at Keller Williams Brighton, said she had always been naturally thin until her 18-month-old son came along.

"I'd be asked if I'm anorexic or ill, and I've been criticized for be-

ing too thin. It's embarrassing. Your body shape is not something that should be questioned no matter what size you are," she said, also saying that her post-baby body has her "chasing a size-4 that doesn't exist anymore."

The 7:30 p.m. Feb. 22 screening is contingent on 73 people reserving \$11 tickets by 1 p.m. Feb. 10 at <http://gathr.us/screening/19142>. The documentary would be screened as an on-demand event, because it is not in the Brighton movie theater's regular lineup, and that's the number of people required to cover the cost. Organizers said if not enough people register, the event will be canceled and no one will be charged.

Make certain libraries are involved in tax talks

The 396 Michigan public libraries serve five million children, teens and adults. Today, more than ever, libraries serve a critical need in our society. Our libraries provide computer access for state business, secretary of state driver's license and registration renewals, Michigan Works, federal tax filing, job hunting and career building, along with providing small business resources. For many Michigan residents, a public library is their only means of Internet access. In 2015, children, teens and adults made 53 million visits to the library.

Communities support their libraries and 98 percent of library funding is local. Voters go to the polls and choose to support their libraries by approving a dedicated library millage. Many times tax capture authorities, such as DDAs or TIFAs, take a portion of this millage to use on



Jim Runestad
GUEST COLUMNIST

their own projects. These locally dedicated taxes — approved by voters for library funding — may be captured without the knowledge or approval of the voting taxpayers.

When proposed special library mileages disclose the required tax capture allocation, the mileages are more easily defeated. Moreover, when the tax capture is not transparent and the voters do not understand where these funds are being diverted, the voters will be less likely to support the library in the future.

When voters approve a millage, they expect that money will go to that purpose, in this case, the library. Astoundingly, one library in our state is subject to 13 separate tax captures siphoning from

its millage. More dollars are being captured from this library than the library spends on all collections material for the year: books, eBooks, videos, DVDs and audio. Another library has the equivalent of 47 percent of its budget captured. Libraries are faced with eliminating resources, services and programming for their public, cutting staff and reducing the hours they remain open.

Libraries want to be partners and have a seat at the table to work in collaboration with these entities investing in our communities. Once signed by our governor, legislation passed this year will ensure more transparency and respect for the voters' choice at the ballot box and give libraries a voice. This new legislation would allow libraries to opt in for tax capture if they determine the project would be right for their patrons.

Most tax captures work harmoniously with their community partners. When the DDA in Milford was formed, it worked with the library, and other special mileages to be sure they were mutually supportive. Libraries would continue to support community projects under this legislation. In addition, with the implementation of these new laws, libraries would not be able to pull out of any tax capture with a bond or long-term debt that has already been guaranteed. Tax capture entities can make essential projects for our communities come to life.

Jim Runestad is the state representative in the 44th District, which includes Milford, Highland and White Lake townships.

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Knit night at the coffee shop: Gabbing, giving back

Sharon Dargay
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No rules. No dues. No requirements. Milford Country Clickers knitting group has "no structure at all" and that's one reason Linda Gepper and other members are hooked.

"It's every age group, every socioeconomic group. It is so interesting," said Gepper, a Commerce Township resident and an avid knitter. "You never know who will show up. It could be two, it could be 30."

Longtime member Norma Tims of Milford Township said the Wednesday night gatherings at Tim Hortons in Milford are all about knitting, conversation and camaraderie.

"It just works. We're all friends and friendly. Sometimes people come to learn a specific skill and then master it and don't come back. Whoever is there is there. We talk about everything, our spouses, the health of the economy, solving the world's problems," said Tims, who began attending the sessions 14 years ago, a year after the group organized. "Movies

and whatever comes up. We love to talk. We're one of the most easy to get along with groups."

As members talk, they offer knitting advice if needed and suggestions for "giving back" to the community through fiber arts. Some knitters also crochet. They work on projects for themselves, their families or charities. For the past several years, knitters have participated in the annual Milford Historical Society fall home tour, enhancing the ambiance in each house. Last year, they also made hats for students in Huron Valley Schools.

Hat heroes

"By the time we got to Labor Day, we had 230-250 hats," Tims said. "We know there is always a kid that needs a hat. Maybe the kid forgot to wear their hat. Maybe they don't like the hat mom gave them or they lost their hat."

"Hats for us are fun because they are small, fast and you can be creative with them. We had fun just making the hats."

They took boxes containing the handmade hats to each Huron Valley

elementary school, the middle schools and pre-school program and they'll replenish the boxes in the fall. Each hat includes a tag identifying its fiber contents and care instructions.

They recently earned a "hero" award from the district for their efforts.

Some knitters also make small blankets for stuffed animal toys that police, firefighters and emergency medical technicians give to children in traumatic situations. Some make hats for neonatal units at local hospitals.

Knitted Knockers

Kelly Davis and Gepper spend their Milford Country Clickers meetings making prostheses for women who have undergone mastectomies through an organization called Knitted Knockers.

"I am the representative for Knitted Knockers," Davis said. "I got into Knitted Knockers because I worked at Huron Valley Hospital and I saw these women who hated the (traditional) prostheses. So I became a representative and got the word out. Now we have them in every hospi-



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The Milford Country Clickers meet Wednesday evenings at Tim Hortons in Milford.

tal in the area, which is wonderful. They always are free and they can be worn right after surgery."

Gepper heard about Knitted Knockers when she met one of the Milford Country Clickers at a fall home tour. The following week, she

grabbed her mother's hand-me-down knitting needles and headed for the Milford Country Clickers meeting.

"I said, 'I have no idea what I'm doing. I'd like to learn how to make knitted knockers,'" she said, adding that she hadn't knitted since she was in

high school. She not only rediscovered her love of knitting, but began spreading the word about knitted knockers to other groups. She placed baskets in area hospitals to collect the handmade prostheses and sent them directly to the organization's headquarters in Bellingham, Wash.

"One of the things knitting does is lower blood pressure. It's very calming," Gepper said.

Tims said some knitters become stressed working on projects, but she feels relaxed.

"It's a place I find solitude and refuge," she said.

The group also holds an annual retreat in March, where members "knit and eat chocolate," leaving husbands, children and housework behind, Tims said. Field trips include "yarn crawls" and fiber festivals.

To learn more about Milford Country Clickers, go to ravelry.com. For more about the knitted prostheses, go to knittedknockers.org.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE 2017 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW DATES

The Northville Township 2017 Board of Review will conduct hearings on the following dates for appeals from citizens, regarding the 2017 assessment, at the Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road. All appeals are by appointment. **Starting Friday, February 24, 2017 please call (248) 348-5811 to schedule an appointment. Letters of appeal must be received by 12:00 noon on March 18, 2017. Postmarks are not accepted.**

Tuesday March 07, 2017	1:00 pm	Organizational Meeting
Appointment Dates for Hearing:		
Monday March 13, 2017	9:00 am to 12 Noon and 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm	
Tuesday March 14, 2017	1:00 pm to 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm	
Thursday March 16, 2017	6:00 pm to 8:00 pm	
Saturday March 18, 2017	9:00 am to 12 Noon	

All persons protesting their assessment must complete a petition (form L-4035) which can be obtained at Northville Township Hall or on the Township website www.northville.mi.us click on Board of Review or at www.michigan.gov/treasury.

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

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City of Northville Notice of Second Public Hearing Wayne County Community Development Block Grant Funds PY2017

Notice is hereby given that the City of Northville City Council will hold a public hearing on the use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds. The Hearing will be held on Tuesday, February 21st, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Northville City Hall Chambers, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan 48167 for the purpose of hearing public comments on Program Year 2017 application in the approximate amount of \$25,471 to fund eligible projects. All interested citizens are requested to attend the Hearing. Comments will also be received in writing or in person at Northville City Hall until Tuesday, February 21st, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.

Total Estimated Allocation - Wayne County	\$25,471
Proposed uses include:	
Public Services- Senior services	\$ 3,821
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General Program Administration	\$ 2,547

Arrangements to reasonably accommodate special needs, including handicap accessibility or interpreter, will be made upon receiving 72-hour advance notice. Contact Sherry Necelis, Housing Director, at 248.349.8030 for special services.

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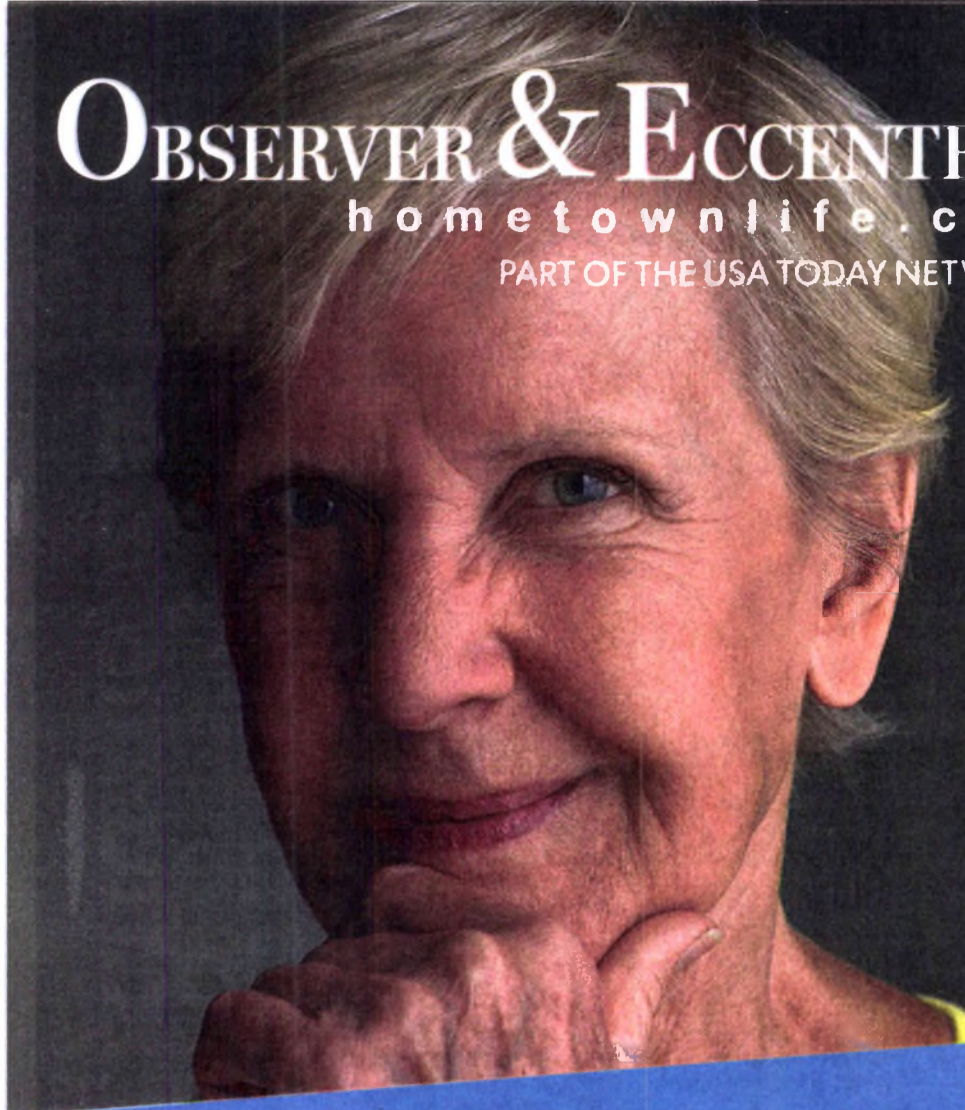
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BOYS BASKETBALL



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Northville's Phil Jovanovski (left) tries to rip a rebound from the hands of Stevenson's Nader Kandalaft.

Knoph cures ailing Spartans

Morrissey's 25-point effort goes in vain for Mustangs in 73-67 loss to Stevenson

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Whatever flu was ailing Livonia Stevenson's Ian Knoph during the week appeared to have little or no effect during Friday night's 73-67 boys basketball win over Northville.

The 6-foot-2 senior guard, who signed a letter of intent a day earlier to play at Madonna University, came out like a cured man as he scorched the nets for 18 first-half points before finishing with a game-high 26 as the host Spartans pushed their overall record to 12-2 overall and 6-2 in the KLAA's Central Division.

"The whole team got sick, like, around Monday or Tuesday, so we've been battling that all week, guys not at practice and stuff," said Knoph, who made 10-of-15 shots from the floor. "I don't know, it just happened that way. I got open a lot because we moved the ball pretty well the first half. Got a lot of guys open."

In the first quarter alone, Knoph poured in 14 points, including a triple from Steph Curry-land at the buzzer to put Stevenson behind by only three, 20-17.

Knoph also had a dunk and a George Gervin-like finger roll layup during a 21-9 second-quarter blitz as the Stevenson took a 38-29 lead at intermission.

"We hit shots tonight," Stevenson coach Kareem Smart said. "Ian came out and was on fire. That helps us out tremendously and that got everyone else going pretty well. So we played pretty well today."

It was a far cry from Tuesday's stunning 86-59 KLAA Central loss at South Lyon.

"It's just like a bug that's been going around the team the entire week all week long, just had to battle through it," Knoph said. "Kind of affected us against South Lyon on Tuesday, but we were able to pick it up today."

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BOYS HOCKEY

Considine's return gives Shamrocks shot in arm

Senior back in the lineup after missing 13 games due to injury

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After missing the first 13 games of the season, Novi Detroit Catholic Central's Michael Considine is making up for lost time.

The senior forward finished the two-game Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League Showcase weekend with four goals, including two more Saturday as the Shamrocks defeated Novi, 6-1, at Trenton's McInerney Arena.



Considine opener.

But in his first seven games back, the forward has racked up eight goals and two assists as the Shamrocks have won five of their last six games.

"It feels great," Considine said.

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PREP ATHLETICS

KLAA will have new look for 2017-18 football season

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With the Kensington Lakes Activities Association membership shrinking to 14 for the 2017-18 school year following the departure of 10 schools, the biggest shake-up will occur next fall in football.

The remaining 14 athletic directors from the KLAA met recently to map out divisional realignments based on an equity formula in which each team's winning percentage was calculated from the past four football seasons.

The two seven-team divisions, based on those four-year performance rankings, are as follows for the 2017 football season:

KLAA Black: Canton (1), Hartland (4), Livonia Stevenson (5), Brighton (8), Howell (9), Novi (12) and Salem (13).

KLAA Gold: Northville (2), Plymouth (3), Livonia Churchill (6), Grand Blanc (7), Westland John Glenn (10), Livonia Franklin (11) and Wayne Memorial (14).

"I think it's been pretty receptive," said Northville athletic director Bryan Masi, who oversees football in the KLAA. "There's good balance. Instead of having one division really loaded, I think there's good balance."

Scheduling, however, proved to be the biggest challenge facing the athletic directors heading into the 2017 foot-

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BOYS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Novi clinches share of KLAA Central Division title

Catholic Central gets buzzed by Pilots, 71-50

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Novi claimed its first Central Division boys basketball title since the Kensington Lakes Activities Association was formed by holding off upset-minded South Lyon on Friday night, 59-57.

The Wildcats, who improved to 10-4 overall and 8-0 in the division, can clinch the title outright with a win Tuesday at Livonia Stevenson or Friday, Feb. 10, at home against rival Northville.

Senior forward Alec Bageris paced a balanced Novi scoring attack with 16 points, while junior guard Traveon Maddox

Jr. and sophomore guard Giovanni Miles chipped in 13 and 10, respectively.

Novi trailed 30-27 at halftime before going on a 24-15 third-quarter run to build a 51-45 advantage entering the fourth.

The Wildcats missed the front end of a pair of one-and-one free-throw attempts during the final 20 seconds, but held on for the victory.

"Defensively, we played well the last few possessions," Novi coach Brandon Sinawi said. "Both teams played hard. We just found a way to hang on late."

Senior forward Nick Flynn paced the Lions (5-9, 3-5) with a

game-high 24 points, while Noah Grimes and Chris Job added 10 apiece.

South Lyon was 10-of-18 from the foul line, while Novi was 7-of-13.

DeLaSALLE 71, DETROIT CC 50: Luke Proom's game-high 30 points carried Warren DeLaSalle (8-7, 4-3) to a Catholic League Central Division triumph Friday over Novi Detroit Catholic Central (9-4, 4-3).

Kole Gjonaj chipped in 13 points for the Pilots, who broke a 24-24 halftime deadlock by outscoring CC 20-14 in the third quarter and 27-12 in the fourth.

Senior guard Gio Genrich, who made three triples, finished with a team-high 15 points, while sophomore forward Davis Lukomski added 10.

LUTHERAN WESTLAND 84, FRANKLIN ROAD 83: Zach Burk's school-record 44 points proved to be the difference Friday as Lutheran High Westland (10-2) outgunned Novi Franklin Road Christian (2-11) in a crossover game between Michigan Independent Athletic Conference teams.

Burk was on fire, hitting 17-of-24 shots including a pair of triples, to go along with 8-of-12 free throws and 16 rebounds. He also had a key block down the stretch.

Other contributors for the Warriors included Luke Smith, 13 points and 10 rebounds; Kyle Farley, 12 points; Kory Barinko, 10 assists; and Ben Brown, 11

rebounds. "We really had to tough it out tonight," Lutheran Westland assistant coach Kevin Wade said. "Franklin Road played an outstanding game. Foul trouble hurt us, as we had three starters foul out. But I give our team a lot of credit for their gutsy performance and for players to step up when their team needed it the most. We learned a lot about ourselves as a team tonight and that can only help us moving forward."

Franklin Road senior guard Maxwell Holleman, who made six 3-pointers, scored a team-high 32 points, while Joshua Beck and Rahmon Scruggs added 17 and 16, respectively.

On Jan. 31, Ann Arbor Greenhills (8-4, 4-4) beat the host Warriors in a MIAC Red Division game, 63-42.

NORTHVILLE 49, SALEM 40: The Mustangs (8-5, 4-3) used a balanced scoring attack Jan. 31 en route to a KLAA Central Division victory over the host Rocks (5-8, 2-5).

Northville got 11 points apiece from senior guards Jake Justice and Colin Latta, while senior guard Kevin Morrissey chipped in 10.

"Salem's zone was effective tonight," Northville coach Todd Sander said. "We had good looks early, but they just weren't falling. Credit our guys for hanging together and making enough plays for a solid road win."

Senior forward Phil Jovanovski added six points and six rebounds off the bench. He was 4-of-4 from the foul line and, as a team, Northville was 15-of-19 (78.9 percent).

"Phil has really given us a lift the last week and it's been encouraging for us," Sander said. Kyle Winfrey paced Salem 11 points. Salem was

8-of-13 from the foul stripe (61.5 percent).

NOVI 62, SOUTH LYON EAST 26: A 13-0 start was more than enough as the Wildcats (9-4, 7-0) cruised to a victory Jan. 31 at South Lyon East (3-10, 0-7).

Three Novi players scored in double figures: Traveon Maddox Jr. (16), Giovanni Miles (14) and Tredon Hankerson (10).

East, unable to overcome a 37-13 halftime deficit, got seven points from DeMani Martin. Novi was 8-of-11 from the foul line, while East was 3-of-9.

DETROIT CC 67, BROTHER RICE 58: Senior guard Gio Genrich had the hot hand, lifting Novi Detroit Catholic Central (9-3, 4-2) to a Catholic League Central Division win Jan. 31 at Birmingham Brother Rice (4-9, 0-6).

The 5-foot-10 Genrich made four field goals (three triples) and was 9-of-10 from the foul line.

"Gio played a really, really solid game," said CC coach Bill Dyer, who dressed only nine players after three went home with the flu.

Senior forward C.J. Baird added 11 points, while A.J. Abdelnour and Brandon Recto chipped in nine and eight points, respectively, for the Shamrocks, who overcame a 12-6 first-quarter deficit.

Michael Laurencelle and Jon Brantley paced Rice with 11 and nine points, respectively. CC was 19-of-28 from the free throw line (67.8 percent), while Rice was 8-of-18 (44.4 percent).

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GIRLS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Northville gets piece of Central title

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Northville's senior forward tandem of Brook Adams and Jessica Moorman catapulted the Mustangs to a convincing 65-27 KLAA Central Division girls basketball victory Friday at home over Livonia Stevenson.

Adams scored a game-high 12 points, while Moorman added nine as the Mustangs clinched at least a share of the division title while improving to 13-1 overall and 8-0 in the Central.

Northville could have clinched the KLAA Central outright for the second straight year with a victory Tuesday at South Lyon East.

Stevenson (8-6, 4-4) got eight pounds from Abbie Lamerson and four rebounds

from Allie Terry.

"If you can't put the ball in the basket, you can't win games and that seems to have been the issue tonight," Stevenson first-year coach Karen Anger said. "There was a lid on those rims if you were wearing blue."

NOVI 39, SOUTH LYON 25: The second-place Wildcats (11-3, 6-2) led all four quarters Friday to pick up the KLAA Central Division win over the host Lions (4-10, 1-7).

Cara Ninkovich sparked Novi's scoring attack with 12 points to go along with five rebounds and three assists.

Ellie Mackay, Julia Lalain and Jessie Bandy each contributed seven points for the Wildcats, who led 24-13 at halftime and 37-20 after three quarters. Mackay also grabbed six rebounds and had two assists.

FRANKLIN ROAD 51, LUTHERAN WESTLAND 22: Chanelle Lochrie scored 10 points and dished out four assists as Novi Franklin Road Christian (12-2) rolled to a MIAC crossover victory Friday over visiting Lutheran High Westland (11-3).

Dana Boboc added 10 points and seven blocks for the Warriors, who led 31-7 at halftime and 42-11 after three quarters.

Kelli Orme, Rachel Reddeman and Taylor Jones all scored six points for Lutheran Westland.

"I'm very proud of my girls and the effort and intensity they showed throughout the game," Lutheran Westland coach Sandi Wade said. "It wasn't the outcome we were looking for, but I couldn't have asked for more in the intensity and heart department tonight."

NORTHVILLE 52, SALEM 23: Senior forward Jessica Moorman's 14 points propelled the first-place Mustangs (12-1, 7-0) to a KLAA Central Division victory Jan. 31 over the visiting Rocks (2-11, 1-6).

Senior forward Brook Adams added 10 points for Northville, which led 28-9 at halftime and 43-14 after three quarters.

Jayna Lenders and Lyniah Wilson both scored seven points for Salem.

Northville was 10-of-19 from the foul line, while Salem was 4-of-8.

NOVI 47, SOUTH LYON EAST 39: Junior guard Ellie Mackay scored a game-high 18 points as the Wildcats (10-3, 5-2) avenged one of its two KLAA Central Division losses with a victory Jan. 31 over visiting South Lyon East (5-8, 2-4).

Mackay made 8-of-9 free throws to go along with five rebounds and three assists for Novi, which made 24-of-29 free throws on the night (82.7 percent).

Cara Ninkovich connected on 11-of-14 herself as she chipped in 13 points to go along with five boards. Novi was 11-of-37 from the field (29.7 percent).

South Lyon East, which upset the Wildcats 42-34 on Jan. 10, got 15 points from junior guard Mackenzie Mallory and 14 from freshman guard Lucy Cronin.

East made only 11-of-22 free throws (50 percent) and shot 13-of-34 from the field (38.2 percent).

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KLAA

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ball season.

New opponents

The first week is still considered an open date, which allows for a non-KLAA opponent. But four KLAA teams are scheduled to face each other the opening week, including Hartland-John Glenn and Stevenson-Franklin.

In addition to playing the required six division opponents, there will be a non-scheduled week that will include a crossover game between Black and Gold teams sprinkled throughout the season. It will allow for rival district schools to continue to play each other. The ninth week will pair teams in a crossover game determined by first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh places in the final standings from each division.

"You're going to cross over with a team in the other division," Masi said of the non-scheduled week. "And who we determined who plays who is a rival, such as Novi-Northville, which still has to play. After that, we matched up by winning percentage. Our (non-scheduled) week, Novi-Northville, is week eight. The ninth week is a crossover. The only negative to that is that we play Novi in week eight and week nine if we end up similar in the standings in our divisions, then we may have to play again."

Facing the same opponent two weeks in a row in the eighth and ninth weeks, or even in the ninth week and the first round of the MHSAA state playoffs, has occurred in the past.

Scheduling quirks

"When you have that crossover, there is an increased chance of having a back-to-back opponent," Northville coach Matt Ladach said. "We had it this past year with Canton (in the Kensington Conference final and the first round of the Division I state playoffs). The year before that, we played Plymouth twice within a matter of three weeks. When you have all of our teams close in geography, then you end up having a crossover game between playoff teams. ... I kind of hoped we would have had week nine open for us and have that crossover game in week eight, but almost all of us had a contract for week one for the KLAA because it was open."

Travel remains a concern and there remains a discrepancy in enrollments in the new KLAA.

Grand Blanc boasts the KLAA's biggest student body with 2,630, while Franklin now ranks as the smallest with 1,507. The two schools, now fellow members of the KLAA Gold in football only, are located 64 miles apart.

"It looked odd to see Grand Blanc in that one division with Wayne and John Glenn," Novi coach Jeff Burnside said. "It doesn't make a lot of sense to me, but ... that's how they broke it up. My theory has always been line up whoever you've got in front of us and let's play them."

Schools departing

The shake-up within the KLAA came after nine schools voted to form their own league, led by a group of administrators and coaches from Milford and White Lake Lakeland.

South Lyon, South Lyon

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Novi football coach

East, Walled Lake Central, Walled Lake Western, Walled Lake Northern, Waterford Mott and Waterford Kettering also voted to leave the KLAA and join the new nine-team league (which has yet to be named) with Milford and Lakeland.

Pinkney, the other KLAA member school, is also leaving this fall to join the South-eastern Conference.

"I'm really disappointed that the league had to break up," Burnside said. "I personally think the MHSAA needs to take a look at every team making the (state) playoffs. Whether we have to shorten up and go eight weeks (regular season) and go a ninth week with the playoffs ... it's all driven by football, at least as far as breaking apart."

Six wins automatically qualifies a team into the Michigan High School Athletic Association playoffs. Last season, 13 of the 24 KLAA member schools made the football playoffs.

"Teams want to get in the playoffs," Burnside said. "Teams that are smaller don't want to play teams that are bigger. I understand that to a certain extent, but I think we need to do something about it. We're breaking up a really good league and that's disappointing. I think we need to take a look at what's best for everybody, because it's a shame. Some teams are afraid to play somebody good out of conference because they want to get those six wins."

Meanwhile, the new KLAA for 2017-18 will have a distinct geographic look to it outside of football.

Division set-up

For other sports, one division will consist of Grand Blanc, Howell, Hartland, Brighton, Novi, Northville and Stevenson, while the other will include Canton, Salem, Plymouth, Franklin, Churchill, Wayne and John Glenn.

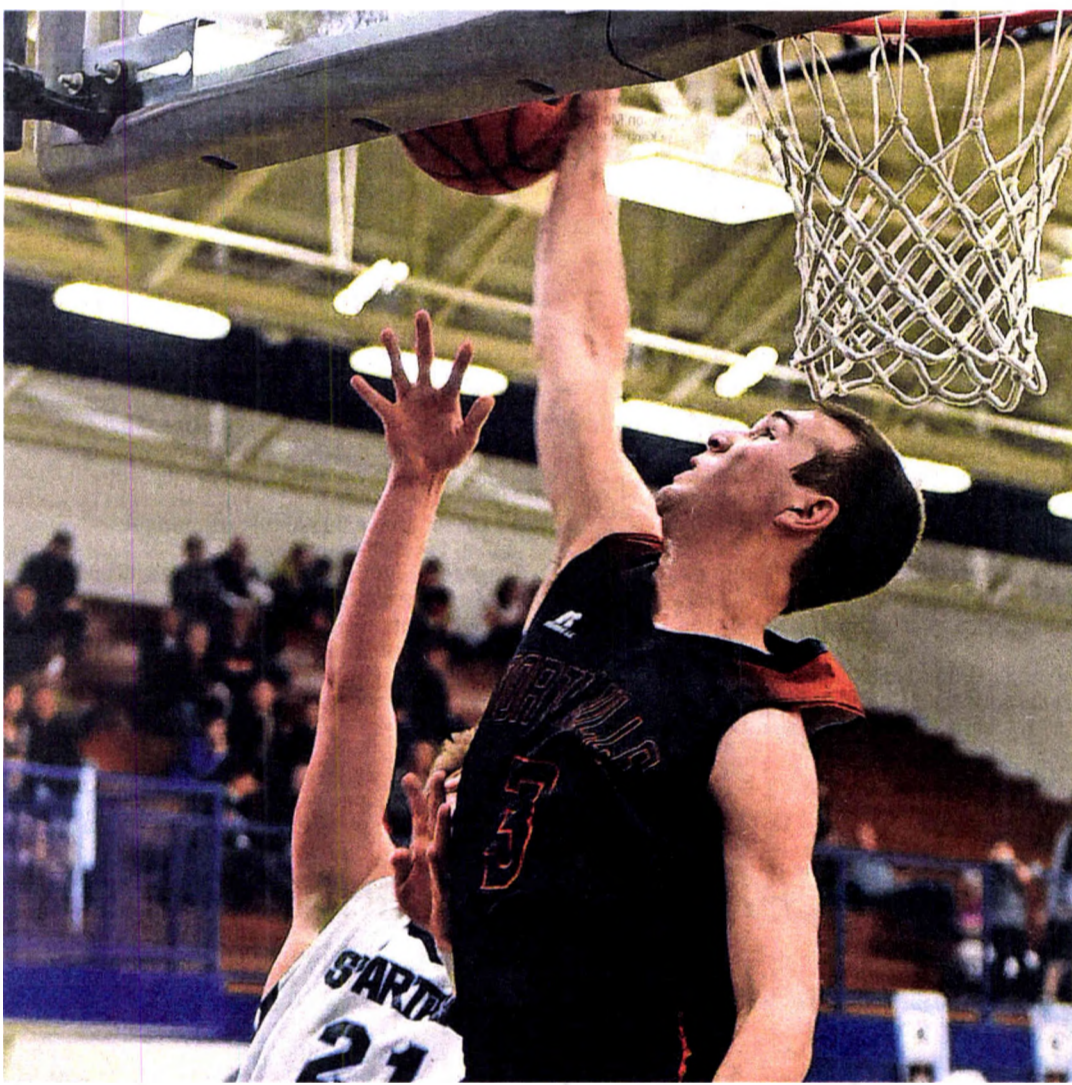
"In every other sport, our divisions are going to be pretty consistent in geographics," Masi said. "But what we're going to do to alleviate the travel is that we're going to go through the conference once one time (13 dates) instead of doing a double round-robin. We're going to do that in basketball, volleyball and soccer. At the end, you may have a crossover game or I think we may still do a two- or three-game (KLAA) tournament."

Meanwhile, the new KLAA also accepted applications through Jan. 31 from outside members for the 2018-19 school year.

Among the schools that reportedly expressed interest are Saline, Ann Arbor Skyline, Ann Arbor Pioneer and Ann Arbor Huron, all from the Southeastern Conference, along with Belleville (Western Wayne Athletic Conference) and Lapeer (Saginaw Valley High School Association).

"2018 will be interesting to see," Ladach said.

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Northville's Jake Justice (right) traps and blocks the shot of Stevenson's Parker Graham.

BASKETBALL

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Northville, getting a team-high 25 points from senior guard Kevin Morrissey, cut into Stevenson's nine-point halftime advantage by closing the deficit to 47-44 after three quarters.

And the Mustangs took the lead, 51-49, with 6:13 remaining in the fourth on a triple by Morrissey and went up by three on a hoop by Phil Jovanovski, 53-50, with 5:38 to go.

But Stevenson regrouped and took the lead for keeps on Parker Graham's three-point play with 3:21 left, 59-57. Jeremiah Eason then scored a lay-up off a turnover and the Spartans made 10 straight free throws in the final 1:22 to seal the win.

"We were in a grind all night," said Northville coach Todd Sander, whose team slipped to 8-6 overall and 4-4 in the Central. "Despite the loss, we thought we showed good signs tonight. We made some adjustments on the fly and the guys bought in. Stevenson is a

good team and I thought our guys fought hard. I thought there were a couple of possessions here and there that could have changed the outcome either way."

Also scoring in double figures for the Spartans were Chris Tanderys (13), Devin Dunn (12) and Nader Kandalaf (10). Eason added nine.

After going 2-of-6 from the free-throw line in the first three quarters, Stevenson went 12-of-13 in the fourth.

"I think Devin made six in a row, if I counted right, and then Ian made four in a row, so that all helps," Smart said. "We've been practicing on shooting in the last two days, because we had a horrible shooting night against South Lyon."

Jake Justice, Northville's leading scorer, finished with 12 points, while Michael Gunder added 10.

Morrissey, meanwhile, was an efficient 8-of-10 from the floor, including four 3-pointers.

"Kevin was really good," Sander said. "It's nice to see (Justice) getting some support lately. Kevin is really the one that has made us go over the

last couple of weeks. He's being more aggressive on offense and we certainly need him to keep doing that and even more."

Northville was 25-of-48 from the field (52 percent) and 11-of-13 from the foul line (84.6 percent), but came up short against Knoph and company.

"He's a really good player," Sander said of the Stevenson guard. "Our goal was to make him make tough shots and he certainly made some tough ones early. And once they get rolling, the momentum starts going their way."

Knoph, who was feeling somewhat dehydrated at one point during the second quarter, signaled over to have his older sister Molly deliver a Gatorade to the bench during a timeout.

"We mainly just wanted to play our game and not play anybody else's game," Knoph said. "Kind of got away from that in our two losses, so we got back to play like our normal selves. And we played with an actual identity today."

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PREP WRESTLING



SCOTT CONFER

Catholic Central captured its 23rd consecutive wrestling league title.

CC earns 23rd straight league title

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Novi Detroit Catholic Central boasted nine individual champions while earning its 23rd straight Catholic League wrestling title Friday night at home.

The Shamrocks scored 259 points, with Orchard Lake St. Mary's (129), Warren DeLaSalle (121), University of Detroit Jesuit (77) and Madison Heights Bishop Foley (77) rounding out the top five.

CC placed in the top three in all 14 weight classes, with 11 reaching the finals.

The Shamrocks' Brody Burke came from behind to avenge a loss earlier in the year and knock off top seed Caleb Edmond of St. Mary's, 8-6, for the 152-pound title.

"Brody showed why we train hard and focus on our conditioning," CC White team coach Niekko Ianni said. "He pressured that young man the entire match and focused on scoring points."

Other individual champions for CC included Danny Rehfeldt (103), David Rastigie (125), Kale Kazyak (130), Chase Moscovic (140), Jack Chevalier (145), Easton Turner (171), Connor

Curnutte (189) and Kellen Adler (285). Logan Sanom and Dillon Dejong both placed second, while Jacob Bisdorf, Matt Anderson and Phil Calhoun each placed third.

"I'm extremely proud of these young men and the work that they've put in," Ianni said. "They wrestled hard tonight and it showed. League championships are nice to win. The Catholic League is a strong league and our program has found great success through working hard."

Eagles KLAAs champ

In Saturday's Kensington Lakes Activities Association individual tournament at Howell, Hartland came away with four winners to repeat as team champion by edging KLAAs dual meet champ Westland John Glenn, 254-248.5.

Rounding out the top 10 were Brighton (208.5), Walled Lake Central (193), Grand Blanc (143), Livonia Franklin (129.5), Waterford Kettering (105), Wayne Memorial (98.5), South Lyon (79) and White Lake Lakeland (83).

The Eagles got wins from Tanner Culver (140), Reece Hughes (145), Joey Livingston (160) and Andrew Spisz (189).

KLAAs WRESTLING TOURNAMENT RESULTS Feb. 4 at Howell

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Hartland, 254 points; 2. Westland John Glenn, 248.5; 3. Brighton, 208.5; 4. Walled Lake Central, 193; 5. Grand Blanc, 143; 6. Livonia Franklin, 129.5; 7. Waterford Kettering, 105; 8. Wayne Memorial, 98.5; 9. South Lyon, 79; 10. White Lake Lakeland, 83; 11. Novi, 56; 12. Northville, 38.5; 20. Millford, 36.5; 22. South Lyon East, 33.5 (24 schools).

INDIVIDUAL FINALS
103 pounds: Brody Kemper (GB) decisively won over Mark Brado (WK), 9-7.
112: Kyle Borthwell (WJG) dec. Corey Cavanaugh (Hartland), 6-4.
7th place: Chris Silva (Novi) dec. Adam Lewes (N'ville), 5-2.
119: Mike Mars (WJG) won by major dec. over Kyle Kantola (Hartland), 9-1.

125: Isaac Lefler (WJG) dec. Steve Durbin (GB), 7-5; **3rd place:** Nick Daniels (Wayne) won by injury default over Nolan Klapeck (Lakeland).
130: Warren Stanfield III (WLC) won by major dec. over Max Katsiroubas (Mott), 9-2; **7th:** Matt George (Novi) dec. Akash Rai (Salem), 11-6.

135: Nick Freeman (WLC) dec. Anthony Gibson (WJG), 5-1.
140: Tanner Culver (Hartland) pinned Lee Grabowski (Brighton), 4:37; **5th place:** Conrad Landis (N'ville) dec. Feman Garcia (WLC), 6-5; **7th:** Zach Dehneke (Canton) dec. Ryan Heur (Novi), 5-4 (overtime).

145: Reece Hughes (Hartland) p. John Siemasz (WJG), 1:24; **5th:** Luke Evangelista (SLE) p. Drake Lockhard (Kettering), 3:12.
189: Andrew Spisz (Hartland) p. Nick Owens (WLC), 1:48; **3rd:** Brandon Buchler (SL) won by injury default over Donald Moss (GB), 0:22; **5th:** Tony Cavotta (SL) dec. Logan Kozarian (Howell), 11-7.

215: Manee Wille (LF) dec. JaWuan Peete (WJG), 3-1; **5th:** Justin Fidler (SL) dec. Brandon Egres (Kettering), 5-2.
285: Anthony Calloway (Wayne) dec. Devin Wisnaw (LF), 7-1; **5th:** Stone Ruffin (SL) p. Quentin Logan (Mott), 1:58; **7th:** Ryan Allen (Lakeland) p. David Dunville (Hartland), 4:15.

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BOYS HOCKEY ROUNDUP

Northville completes MHL Showcase sweep

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Danny Scorzo tallied a pair of goals and an assist Saturday as Northville wrapped up its two-game sweep of Upper Peninsula foes by defeating Houghton, 4-1, in the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League Showcase at Teifer Rink in Trenton.

The Mustangs, who improved to 14-5-1 overall, led 2-0 after one period on goals by Devin Laba at 4:04 (from Alex Iafraate and Scorzo) and Nick Bonofiglio at 5:12 (from Daniel McKee).

Houghton (13-7), ranked No. 7 in Division 3, cut the deficit to 2-1 at 8:18 of the second period on Ronald Olson's unassisted goal.

But the Mustangs put it away as

Scorzo scored twice in the final period, the first coming at 2:23 (from Iafraate) and the second an empty-netter at 16:32 (from Luke Skillman).

Northville goalie Brett Miller made 27 saves, while Gremlins goaltender Will Stier made 18 saves.

NORTHVILLE 4, CALUMET 3 (SO): Daniel McKee scored a pair of goals in regulation and added another in a shootout as the Mustangs (13-5-1) downed the Copper Kings (13-5-1) in Friday's MHL Showcase game at McInerney Arena in Trenton.

The Mustangs, ranked No. 4 in Division 1, led 2-1 after one period on McKee's two goals, the first coming at 4:21 from Nick Bonofiglio and Luke Skillman, followed by his second at 16:26 (from Ty Kilar).

Calumet, ranked No. 4 in Division 3, jumped out to a 1-0 lead at 3:27 of the opening period on Ed Beiring's goal.

The Copper Kings then tied it with a pair of second-period goals — first from Beiring at 7:19, followed by Josh VanDenburg at 10:27.

Northville's Danny Scorzo sent the game into overtime at 11:10 of the final period on a goal from Josh Mitchell.

In the shootout, McKee and Bonofiglio both scored, while Rory Anderson and Loukas came up short for Calumet.

Northville goalie Brett Miller made 32 saves, while Alex Studebaker had 18 for the Copper Kings.

DETROIT CC 3, NOTRE DAME (WIS.) 0: Michael Considine scored a pair of goals and goaltender Sean Finstrom made 16 saves to propel Novi Detroit Catholic Central (12-6-1) to a victory over Green Bay (Wis.) Notre Dame Academy (12-8) in the MHL Showcase at Trenton's Teifer Arena.

Considine scored unassisted at 6:22 of the second period and added another goal at 3:09 of the third, assisted by Brendan West. West then added an empty-netter with only 1:07 remaining to tie the victory for the Shamrocks, ranked No. 3 in Division 1.

Notre Dame goaltender Bo Buckley made 24 saves in the loss.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH 6, NOVI 2: Garrett Bollenbacher scored a pair of goals and added one assist as the Blue Devils (14-3-1) pulled away in the final two periods Friday to beat the Wildcats (9-8-2) in the MHL Showcase at Trenton's Teifer Arena.

South led 3-2 after one period on goals by Jake Fillmore, Bollenbacher and Jack Flynn, while Novi countered with a power-play goal by David DeNova from Alex Scarozza at 6:07 to make it 1-1, followed by Logan Londo's goal from Derek Dubois at 12:44.

Adam Pitters added a short-handed unassisted goal at 16:24 of the second period for the Blue Devils, who then put it away in the third on Bollenbacher's short-handed goal at 3:06, followed by Jack Liagre's power-play goal at 8:34.

Pitters finished with a goal and two assists.

Novi goalie Manny Legace Jr. made 20 saves, while Devin Naidow had 23 for the Blue Devils.

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COLLEGE SIGNINGS

Novi student-athletes ready for the next level

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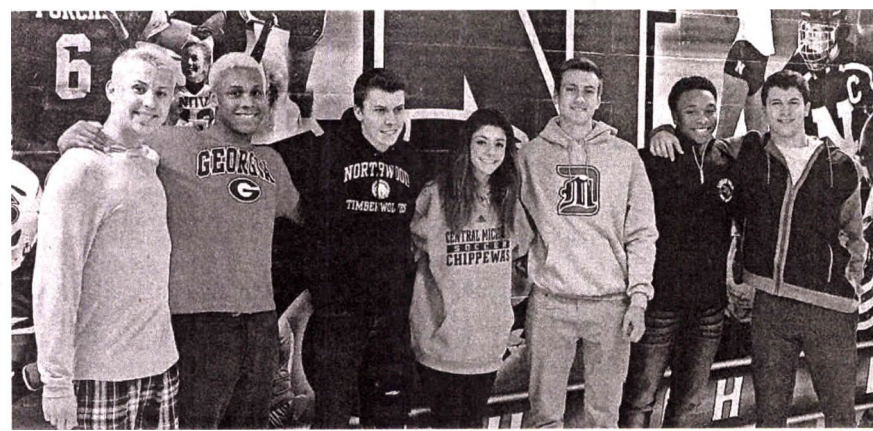
Seven more among the latest group of Novi High athletes were recognized Feb. 1 on national signing day.

"This is one of our favorite days," Novi athletic director Brian Gordon said. "We have an amazing group of kids, student-athletes who are getting the opportunity to pursue their athletic careers along with their academic careers. And they are very fortunate to do so."

Among those who attended a recent school ceremony to sign their letters of intent with NCAA schools included football players Anthony D'Annibale (Dayton) and Nathan Hankerson (Saginaw Valley State); soccer players Grace Backus (Central Michigan), Kyle Bandyk (Detroit Mercy) and Eric Rice (Northwood); and swimmers Philip Billiu (Saginaw Valley State) and Camden Murphy (Georgia).

Track and field athlete Scott Sawyer, who did not attend the ceremony, also signed with CMU.

They joined five other Novi seniors who affirmed a commitment to participate in collegiate athletics during the early signing period last November, including lacrosse players Brendan



BRIAN GORDON

Among those Novi seniors signing Feb. 1 were (from left), Phillip Billiu (Saginaw Valley), Camden Murphy (Georgia), Eric Rice (Northwood), Grace Backus (CMU), Kyle Bandyk (U-D Mercy), Nathan Hankerson (Saginaw Valley) and Anthony D'Annibale (Dayton).

Daschke (Madonna University) and Mariah Smythe (Siena Heights); golfers Michael Uille (Grand Valley State) and Alexa Hatz (Detroit Mercy); and volleyball player Ally Cummings (Valparaiso University).

"You do realize that you are part of 2-3 percent of the high school athletes across the country who get this opportunity," Gordon told the Feb. 1 signees.

"You're very fortunate and if you're actually getting (a scholarship) to play your sport, you're even more fortunate. Often times you go in as academics, leadership scholarships or maybe it's just a preferred walk-on, which is great too, because you're getting that chance."

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"Last year, I didn't get a ton of points. And this year, when I got hurt the first week, it was a bit of an adjusting period. It just feels great to get back on the ice and get as many points as I can to help the team. I feel better than normal."

The Shamrocks (13-6-1), who went 0-0-4 on the power play the previous night in a 3-0 Showcase win over Green Bay (Wis.) Notre Dame Academy, converted on 4-of-5 man-advantage chances against the Wildcats (9-9-2).

"I think the breakout was really important," Considine said. "The defense broke the puck out well and the goalie played the puck really well to the (defense). Keeping guys in front of the net and getting a lot of traffic was definitely really important for getting goals. The power play had been struggling a bit this year and we definitely put some power-play goals in this weekend."

Considine opened the scoring at 3:49 of the opening period, with assists going to Dylan Montie and Davis Brown.

Spencer Kimball's power-play goal at 8:11 from Greg McQuade and Brendan West made it 2-0. West's power-play goal at 15:14 from Considine and Austin Roell gave CC a three-goal cushion after one period.

"I know CC teams in the past have always done well on the power play," Novi coach Mark Vellucci said. "We had a couple of breakdowns. Three of the four goals were on undisciplined penalties, which we just addressed in the room. We need to be mentally stronger in that area. We can't let our emotions get the best of us. We seemed to have crossed that line where we get too riled up and too emotional. It's something we worked on last year. It's actually been a lot better, but against a team like this or a program like that, (we) can't do that."

In the second period, CC outshot the Wildcats 11-2, but Novi goaltender Manny Legace Jr. kept it a three-goal deficit.

But the Shamrocks converted two power-play opportunities to open the third after Novi's Alex Scarozza took a five-minute kneeling penalty. Considine scored at 0:33 from Davis Brown, followed by Kimball's second of the night at 1:08 from Zachary Sprys-Tellner and West.

Ethan Ervin's wrist shot in the slot at 8:40 bumped CC's lead to 6-0, with Nicco Bifano drawing the assist.

After CC's Jared Lee was sent off for a five-minute boarding major, coupled with a 10-minute misconduct, late in the final period, the Wildcats' Derek DuBois scored a power-play goal with only 35 seconds remaining from Nathan Graff to avert the shutout.

"I was pleased with our first and third period," Kaleniecki said. "I thought our second period, we really didn't execute the way we needed to. We did a good job keeping shots down with their chances in the second period, but we did a poor job in some areas. But you get out of here with a 6-1 win and it's a good thing, too."

Legace made 29 saves, while CC's Joe Pernecky had to face just 12 shots against a Novi team that was down four players due to injury, including Zach Kipp, who left in the first period after CC's Rylan Clemons was issued a five-minute boarding major. (Clemons was also served a checking-from-behind game misconduct.)

CC had only four penalties, but those accounted for 32 minutes, while Novi had six for 15.

"Kind of had a tough time getting into the flow," Kaleniecki said. "It was like one of those games where it seemed there weren't many stretches of five-on-five. One team or the other seemed to get a penalty and it kind of kept the flow of the game a little different."

After getting off to an 8-2-1 start before the holiday break, Novi has gone 1-7-1 in its last nine games.

"We're heading in the right direction," Vellucci said. "We had a great first half. January was a tough month for us, but in all fairness, we played some good teams. We've been decimated by injuries to key guys, but I'm very proud of the effort these guys showed this week. We had finals last week, which was tough for the guys mentally and physically. The first of the year schedule kind of hurt us, in a sense. But we're a good team when we have everybody healthy. When we're battling and focused, we can hang with the best of them."

Meanwhile, the emergence of Considine for CC has provided a much-needed spark.

"He's been huge to our team since he's been back from injury," Kaleniecki said. "That's been a big boost for us and we knew that, especially with the team we had coming back. We had lost a lot of guys and he was a guy that we were counting on and you can see why. Ever since he's been back, our team has been playing better and it's not a coincidence with that."

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"It just feels great to get back on the ice and get as many points as I can to help the team. I feel better than normal."

MICHAEL CONSIDINE
Catholic Central senior forward

COLLEGE SIGNINGS

Catholic Central golf quartet is one of a kind

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They might be considered high school golf's version of the Four Tops.

But make no mistake, Novi Detroit Catholic Central's Ben Smith, James Piot, Sean Niles and Sean Souch can make sweet sounds on a golf course the way the famous vocal quartet performed during their hey day in Motown.

The four were among 20 CC athletes who were recognized Feb. 1 as part of the school's national signing day festivities.

And while football usually dominates the program, it's undeniable that this class of four senior golfers can make their own soulful music and take over the main stage.

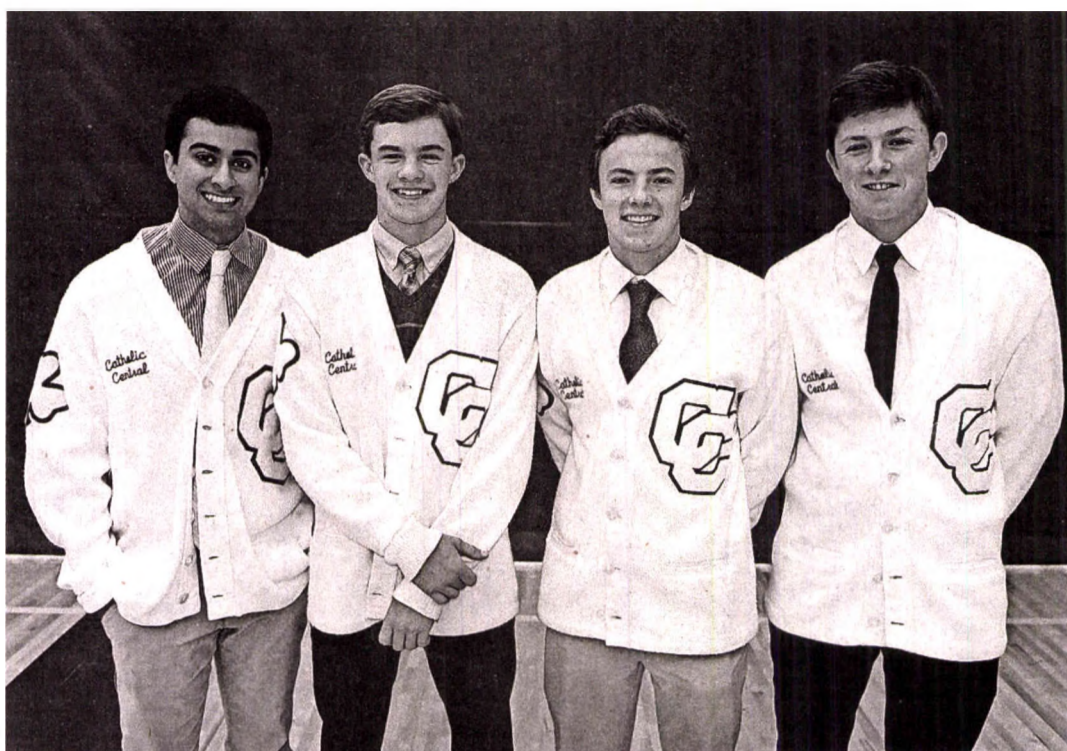
As the Shamrocks bid for their third consecutive MHSAA Division 1 state championship this spring, the four have already been penciled in to play at the next level.

Smith, the 2016 Michigan Junior Amateur champion, is headed to Georgia Tech, while Piot is going to Michigan State to join his older brother Glenn. The pair, who tied for fifth individually in last year's state finals at Grand Valley State, signed NCAA letters of intent with their respective schools in November.

Niles, meanwhile, is headed to Oakland University on a golf scholarship, while Souch will be a preferred walk-on at Grand Valley State.

"It's just great to be able to do this event with all the people from CC that are going to the colleges," said Smith, who was a regional medalist last year. "Some people actually signed today, so it was awesome being able to be with them through this time."

Although he started in golf at an early age, Niles is consid-



Detroit Catholic Central golfers who signed letters of intent are (from left) Sean Souch (Grand Valley State University), Sean Niles (Oakland University), James Piot (MSU) and Ben Smith (Georgia Tech).

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ered a late bloomer.

"I had played since I was 8, but had never played competitively ever," Niles said. "I fell in love with it my freshman year."

His father David was a starting guard on the University of Detroit's basketball team that made the 1979 NCAA Tournament. And Sean thought hoops might be in his future as well.

"Basketball was first coming into high school, it kind of dropped as golf kind of picked itself up," he said.

Niles, who plans to major in economics with a minor in finance, believes Oakland meets his needs both academically and athletically.

"I'm real excited about it in

terms of the golf course (Katke Cousins)," said Niles, who lives in Northville. "The golf course is great and coach (Nick) Pumford just came from Michigan. He's a great guy. I'm really excited to work with him for four years. Just the school in general is going to be great."

Souch, who hails from South Lyon, will join 2016 Michigan Amateur runner-up Domenic Mancinelli, a CC grad himself, at Grand Valley State. In 2015, Souch qualified for the match play at the Michigan Am.

"I'm looking forward to it, it's going to be a good time," said Souch, who plans to major in pre-med. "Dom and I are great friends. I love the guy, he's got a great golf swing, did

really well in the Michigan Am. I'm looking forward to getting up with him."

Grand Valley also has its own school-operated course, The Meadows, site of last year's Division 1 state finals.

"The golf course is beautiful, beautiful grass, beautiful landscaping and, of course, I like the coach, coach (Gary) Bissell," Souch said. "He's awesome."

While Piot and Smith are two of the state's top junior amateurs, Niles and Souch are not far behind.

"They're really good players," said Smith, who resides in Novi. "Both of them will be going to their school and I think they'll immediately be able to

one of the top guys of their team. And I think that with them for this year we're going to have another stellar team and be able to make a run at the state championship again."

Added Piot, who resides in Canton: "They're both solid players, they both make solid contributions to the team. Niles can definitely go low, Souch as well. So it's about how well they play this year. I think that's a big factor for us winning another state championship. It's key."

The foursome hopes to feed off each other throughout the upcoming high school season.

"Like my coach says, having those guys on my team, having that competition, it really brings everyone else's game up to the highest ability," Souch said.

The quartet, meanwhile, have developed a friendly rivalry.

"I like to fight with them, I like to compete," Niles said with a smile. "I came in my freshman year and hadn't even played competitive golf and those guys were kind of the driving force to keep my going."

Added Piot: "Everyone on the team is competitive with each other. Our starting four or five, everyone battles it out every tournament."

And Smith would not disagree.

"We're always competing to see who goes lowest," he said. "Even when we're just playing basketball we always play together and try and do better than the other guy."

So who is the longest hitter off the tee among the four?

"I'd have to say myself," Smith said with a smirk. "It's close, but I don't think they're as far as I do."

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COLLEGE SIGNINGS

Shamrocks celebrate national signing day

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Parents, teachers, administrators and coaches gathered Feb. 1 to recognize Novi Detroit Catholic Central High's latest class of senior student-athletes during its annual national signing day program.

A total of 20 plan to move on and compete at the NCAA and NAIA collegiate level either as scholarship athlete recipients or walk-ons.

Leading the way were six off last year's 13-1 MHSAA Division 1 state runner-up football team: Blake Bueter (Michigan State), Jack Morris (Saginaw Valley State), Matt Harding (Hillsdale College), Isaiah Popp (Northern Michigan), Jackson Ross (Hope



A total of 20 college-bound Detroit Catholic Central High student-athletes were recognized Feb. 1 on national signing day.

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College) and Marco Kamimura (Grinnell College of Iowa.)

Four members off last year's state championship golf team (see related story) also are headed to the next level:

Ben Smith (Georgia Tech), James Piot (Michigan State), Sean Niles (Oakland University) and Sean Souch (Grand Valley State).

The state runner-up CC

lacrosse team was also well-represented with Brennan Kamish (University of Detroit Mercy), Chris Kovath and Mike Molchan (Madonna University) and Hunter Braun (York [Pa.] University).

Three members from the Shamrocks' soccer team will move on: Jake Poorman (U-D Mercy), Justin Savona (Butler University) and Matt Sherman (Lawrence Tech).

CC's top-ranked wrestling team will send Tyler Morland to Northwestern University and Nick Jenkins to Central Michigan, while baseball player Joe Merucci is headed to Hope.

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PREP BOWLING

Shamrocks move into second place

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Getting a pair of wins last week, Novi Detroit Catholic Central improved its Catholic League bowling record to 5-2 while moving into second place.

The Shamrocks made it four in a row Feb. 2 with a 24-6 win over Dearborn Divine Child at Bowl One Lanes in Sterling Heights.

The Shamrocks captured the first Baker game, 215-144, before losing the second, 192-184, but took a 6-4 lead on total pins.

In the singles matches, CC posted a team total of 889, getting wins from junior Andrew Lack (214), senior Nathan Geddes (213) and Sean Ebben.

The Shamrocks then took four of five matches in the second round of singles for a team total of 1,032 as Geddes (247), Alex Roelant (225), Jaden Thomas (217) and sophomore Ben Ward each recorded a win.

CC handed previously unbeaten Warren DeLaSalle (6-1) its first league setback, 20-10, at Livonia's Woodland Lanes on Jan. 30.

The two teams were tied 5-5 after the Baker game stage as CC won the first, 198-181, while the Pilots took the second, 178-158.

In singles matches, Lack (211), Ebben (201) and Geddes (190) all recorded a win, while Chintan Maheshwari (214) and Joe Jessop (212) took wins in the second regular game.

On Saturday, CC reached the playoff elimination round before being ousted at the Bowl Swami Tournament in Clinton Township.

The Shamrocks posted regular games of 806-950-970, along with Baker games of 192-201-225-182, for a 3,526 total.

Maheshwari led the way with a 205-208-595 series, while other high games were posted by Ebben (253), Thomas (203) and Roelant (199).

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PREP SOFTBALL

Jim Arnold going into softball coaches HOF

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During a quarter-century career as head coach of Canton's varsity softball team, Jim Arnold knew how to communicate, teach and motivate.

He also won a lot of games between 1991 and 2003 — 582 to be exact. On Friday, Arnold will be inducted into the Michigan High School Softball Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

"I get a ring," Arnold said with a chuckle, slowly speaking words that are interpreted for a visitor by his wife of 17 years, Nancy.

"I think you get a plaque, too," Nancy Arnold said, in reference to Friday's Hall of Fame dinner at the Causeway Bay Hotel in Lansing.

Jim Arnold needs help speaking these days, unfortunately, because of a 2014 stroke that hinders the 67-year-old South Lyon resident's speech.

But with the help of a tablet coaching app and lifelong knowledge of the game, as well as an opportunity to join the staff of Livonia Churchill head coach Steve Gentilia, Arnold is able to stay in the game.

He is beginning his second season helping Gentilia, who brought him on board to be an assistant coach following the stroke.

Softball language

Arnold wandered purposefully around the practice gym at Churchill, where four play-

ers at a time can get in swings off a tee. He observes, gives knowing nods or thumbs-up signals. When something needs fixing, he'll frown a little bit.

"We found a way to work through it," Gentilia said, talking about Arnold's ability to still get through to players. "We went to some hand signals that were pretty basic for girls to understand what he was trying to get across if they couldn't understand him."

"But as the (2016 Churchill) season went on, they really learned to understand some of his speech. The more and more you talk to him, the more you can tell what he's trying to say."

Gentilia said he has known Arnold since the early 2000s and always admired his coaching style and personal demeanor.

"I had a little bit of a relationship with him when I was coaching with Al (White) at Madonna, recruiting girls and stuff," said Gentilia, a coach with the Crusaders in 2001-10. "I knew who he was. We kind of have the same styles of coaching. I heard he was available, contacted him and we spoke, sat down."

"It was a good fit for everybody, even with his stroke and everything. The softball kind of takes that barrier away. We can communicate differently, just a look and we know what each other is saying."

Full marks

Nominating Arnold for the MHSSCA honor was Milan High School baseball coach Adam Gilles.

He wrote that Arnold coached him in Little League and that he became lifelong friends with Arnold's son.

"When I became varsity baseball coach at Milan High School in 2002," Gilles wrote in his nomination of Arnold, "(he) was one of the first people I called and he helped me so much with all the responsibilities that comes with being a varsity coach."

Gilles described Arnold as a "tough, hard-headed coach who knew how to get the most out of his girls. This allowed many girls to go on to play college softball. More importantly (are) the 21 all-state academic players in which he was very proud of."

That career of achievement with the Chiefs, which included 10 division and seven conference championships, plus 11 district titles and six regional crowns (the last in 2013, when Canton went 28-5), came to an unexpected halt when administrators decided to let him go.

"His contract was not renewed," Nancy Arnold said.

The softball coaches association, enabling Arnold to join Garden City coach Barry Patterson as inductees from Observerland schools.

"(The nomination) goes in front of a board and they select two or three people," Gentilia

said. "It's a very prestigious list of coaches. The only (other) coach locally is Barry Patterson."

Chance to help

Gentilia asked Arnold to join his staff in 2014, but then the stroke happened. Two years later, with encouragement from Nancy at the forefront, Arnold was convinced to return to the sport.

"(Arnold) was hesitant at first because of the speech thing; that can be a deterrent," Nancy said. "But I just said we have to at least talk about this. And so we had the meeting (in early 2016) and Steve was adamant that he thought he could make this work and that his speech wouldn't be an issue."

"There are other ways (he) can teach these girls what they need to know. Credit to (Gentilia) — he was willing to put himself out there."

Nancy Arnold looked at her husband's eyes as he tried to answer what it meant to get the chance at Churchill.

"It's great, it means a lot," she said. "(The Chargers) treat him with respect, they welcomed him, they listened to him and I think it's been a positive interaction from both sides."

As for Arnold's speech, it is slowly coming along. But there is no way to know whether he'll ever get to someday enjoy an argument with an umpire.

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BOYS SWIMMING



Oakland County runner-up Novi posted its best score ever.

Novi finishes as county runner-up to strong Birmingham Brother Rice

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Three-time defending MHSAA Division 1 state champion Birmingham Brother Rice still appears to be the team to beat.

The Warriors, winning all three relay events, held off a strong challenge Saturday from upstart Novi to repeat as Oakland County Meet champions with 344.5 points.

Rounding out the top five were Novi (296), Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook (182), Walled Lake Northern (150) and Birmingham Seaholm (146).

The Wildcats posted their best-ever score at the county meet, getting a pair of individual meet records from senior Camden Murphy in the 200-yard individual medley (1:49.10) and 100 butterfly (47.94).

Murphy's 200 IM clocking eclipsed the school record set in 1989 by Jon Cohen.

Meanwhile, the Wildcats' runner-up 200 freestyle relay team of Phillip Billiu, Siddhardha Kareddy, Alexander Yuan and Camden Murphy set a new

school record with a time of 1:26.85. Joey Berman, who took fourth in the 100 backstroke, also broke his own school record in 52.11.

Additional Division 1 state qualifying times were achieved by Max Robbins, Brian Son, Erik Halboth, Maxwell Williams and Berman.

"This was a great meet for us," Novi coach Brent Pohlonski said. "It would have been great to catch Brother Rice, but there is no disappointment in how fast we swam. Our goal at the beginning of the year was to get a lot more swims at the state meet and we did that on Saturday. We are in position to have a great state meet in March. I was proud of how our boys were not intimidated to be on the big stage with the defending state champions."

Meanwhile, Novi Detroit Catholic Central took eighth in the team standings with 140 points, led by Jonathan Lee, who was runner-up in the 100 breaststroke (57.21) and fourth in the 200 IM (1:58.20). David Debaecker was third in 1-meter diving (376.25 points).

OAKLAND COUNTY BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING MEET RESULTS

Feb. 4 at Waterford Mott

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Birmingham Brother Rice, 344.5 points; 2. Novi, 296; 3. Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook, 182; 4. Walled Lake Northern, 150; 5. Birmingham Seaholm 146; 6. Birmingham Groves, 145; 7. Rochester Adams, 142.5; 8. Novi Detroit Catholic Central, 140; 9. Farmington-Harrison, 119.5; 10. Walled Lake Central, 107; 11. South Lyon Unified, 62.5; 12. Milford, 6 (28 schools).

200-yard medley relay: 1. Rice (Mason Wilczewski, Andrew Biskup, Alex Margherio, Jack Grady), 1:33.26 (meet record); 2. Novi (Joey Berman, Daniel Chung, Camden Murphy, Phillip Billiu), 1:35.81; 3. South Lyon (Brandon Bell, James Perry, Max Topping, Kellen Weeks), 1:39.47.

200 freestyle: 1. Rudy Aguilar-Fernandez (N.D. Prep), 1:39.93 (meet record); 4. Berman (Novi), 1:44.04; 5. Siddhardha Kareddy (Novi), 1:44.66; 6. Kempisty (SLU), 1:45.52.

200 individual medley: 1. Murphy (Novi), 1:49.10 (meet record); 4. Jonathan Lee (CC), 1:58.20; 4. Billiu (Novi), 21.66.

1-meter diving: 1. Alexander Brent (Lake Orion), 442.75 points; 3. David Debaecker (CC), 376.25.

100 butterfly: 1. Murphy (Novi), 47.94 (meet record); 3. Kareddy (Novi), 51.26.

100 freestyle: 1. Aguilar-Fernandez (N.D. Prep), 45.71 (meet record); 7. Connor Brownell (CC), 48.85.

500 freestyle: 1. Graham Miotke (Adams), 4:35.29; 5. Max Robbins (Novi), 4:51.14; 6. Bennett Loniewski (CC), 4:51.40; 8. Dan Vela (CC), 4:52.78.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Rice (Grady, Biskup, Colin Murphy, Patrick Olmsted), 1:26.85; 2. Novi (Billiu, Kareddy, Alexander Yuan, Murphy), 1:26.85.

100 backstroke: 1. Margherio (Rice), 50.97; 2. Berman (Novi), 52.11; 5. Billiu (Novi), 52.20; 8. Maxwell Williams (Novi), 53.97.

100 breaststroke: 1. Max Chen (Troy), 56.68; 2. Lee (CC), 57.21.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Rice (Olmsted, Jake Farr, Wilczewski, Margherio), 3:11.99; 3. Novi (Berman, Kareddy, Brian Son, Yuan), 3:14.69.

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BOYS SWIMMING

Undefeated Novi crushes Rocks, 135-51

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The Novi boys swimming and diving team won all but three events Feb. 2 to improve to 10-0 overall with a 135-51 KLA Central Division victory at home over Salem.

Once again, the Wildcats were led by senior Camden Murphy, who figured in four first-place finishes.

Murphy, the University of Georgia signee, took the 100-yard freestyle (47.10) and 100 breaststroke (1:02.09). He also teamed with Maxwell Williams, Siddhardha Kareddy and Alexander Yuan for first in the 200 medley relay (1:41.21).

Novi's 400 freestyle relay team of Phillip Billiu, Brian Son, Kareddy and Murphy also won in 3:21.00.

Other Novi individual winners included Yuan, 200 individual medley (2:03.97); Joey Berman, 50 freestyle (23.37); and Jack McClure, 1-meter diving (197.55 points).

The Wildcats' 200 freestyle relay team of Billiu, Yuan, Williams, Berman was also victorious (1:31.57).

Salem (2-2, 0-2) got a pair of wins from Eugene Li — the 200 freestyle (1:47.56) and 100 backstroke (54.71). Nathan Budnick was first for the Rocks in the 500 freestyle (4:55.33).

DUAL MEET RESULTS

NOVI 135, SALEM 51

Feb. 2 at Novi

200-yard medley relay: 1. Novi (Maxwell Williams, Camden Murphy, Siddhardha Kareddy, Alexander Yuan), 1:41.21; 3. Novi (Shishir Kareddy, Joel Kotyk, Joey Berman, Minjae), 1:46.27.

200 freestyle: 1. Eugene Li (Salem), 1:47.56; 2. Phillip Billiu (Novi), 1:47.72; 3. Brian Son (Novi), 1:50.26.

200 individual medley: 1. Yuan (Novi), 2:03.97; 2. Siddhardha Kareddy (Novi), 2:04.86; 3. Stephen Sittari (Novi), 2:08.59.

500 freestyle: 1. Berman (Novi), 55.30; 2. Daniel Chung (Novi), 24.04; 3. Kotyk (Novi), 24.12.

1-meter diving: 1. Jack McClure (Novi), 197.55 points; 2. Benjamin Wicks (Novi), 137.20; 3. Jack Doak (Novi), 127.35.

100 butterfly: 1. Billiu (Novi), 55.30; 2. Williams (Novi), 57.51; 3. Sittari (Novi), 59.24.

100 freestyle: 1. Murphy (Novi), 47.10; 2. Berman (Novi), 50.42; 3. Son (Novi), 50.88.

500 freestyle: 1. Nathan Budnick (Salem), 4:55.33; 2. Preston Harrell (Novi), 5:05.37; 3. Erik Halboth (Novi), 5:07.58.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Novi (Billiu, Yuan, Williams, Berman), 1:31.57; 2. Novi (Kim, Max Robbins, Son, Lucas Quinn), 1:35.57.

100 backstroke: 1. Li (Salem), 54.71; 2. Siddhardha Kareddy (Novi), 59.47; 3. Chung (Novi), 1:00.29.

100 breaststroke: 1. Murphy (Novi), 1:02.09; 2. Yuan (Novi), 1:03.74.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Novi (Billiu, Son, Siddhardha Kareddy, Murphy), 3:21.00; 3. Novi (Chung, Halboth, Quinn, Seung Jae You), 3:34.43.

Dual meet records: Novi, 10-0 overall, 3-0 KLA Central Division; Salem, 2-2 overall, 0-2 KLA Central.

BOYS SWIMMING

Northville is Wayne County champion

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Northville slipped on the gold ring this time at the Wayne County Invitational boys swimming and diving meet.

The host Mustangs, runners-up to defending champion Grosse Pointe South the last two years, captured the team title Saturday with 371.5 points, while the Blue Devils were runner-up with 357.

Rounding out the top five in the 19-school field were Livonia Stevenson (251), Salem (204) and Canton (152).

Travis Nitkiewicz proved to be the catalyst for Northville with wins in the 200-yard individual medley (1:59.53) and 100 breaststroke (59.77).

Northville's other win came in the 200 medley relay, as Arthur Greenlee, Nikolai Arton, Kirk Maibach and Cameron Heaven combined for a time of 1:38.29.

It was only a year ago that South edged the Mustangs for the title by just 1.5 points.

"I was pleased to see that we got a few more state cuts," Northville coach Rich Bennetts said. "We had really nice performances from Trevor Degroot, Taiyo Ichikawa, Jimmy Huang, Ali Pazooki, Nik Arton, Travis and Jason Nitkiewicz, just to name a few. Obviously, it is nice to win. We really swam as a team today. We had ups and downs throughout the day, but we hung together."

Earlier in the day, the Mustangs' swim family mourned the loss of former swimmer Chris Lafayette, a 2010 graduate who died last month. Lafayette was an all-state swimmer in the 500-yard freestyle and captained the Mustangs' third-place MHSAA Division 1 state finals team. Several of Northville's current team members attended the funeral in support of the Lafayette family.

"It was just a really tough day with a lot of things going on, but I'm proud of the way this team focused on a day where it was really hard to do that," Bennetts said. "What I saw from the team this morning and then what I saw this afternoon, we may not be the best team in the pool, but I wouldn't trade these guys for anyone. The character, maturity and togetherness that they showed today makes me a very proud coach. There is no other group of boys that I would rather coach. I'm just very proud of them. They picked me up on a day that I didn't have my best to give them."

Salem's Eugene Li was a double winner, taking the 50 and 100 freestyles in 21.88 and 47.57, respectively.

Stevenson had two individual winners: Ben Rojewski in the 500 freestyle (4:50.45) and Parker Wasielewski in the 100 backstroke (53.62).

Canton's 400 freestyle relay team of Kyle Amick, Tristen Shao, Daniel Mullen and Derek Goderis was victorious (3:17.33).

WAYNE COUNTY INVITATIONAL BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING MEET

Feb. 4 at Northville

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Northville, 371.5 points; 2. Grosse Pointe South, 357; 3. Livonia Stevenson, 251; 4. Salem, 204; 5. Canton, 152; 6. Riverview, 168; 7. University of Detroit Jesuit, 159.5; 8. Allen Park, 129; 9. Wyandotte, 126; 10. Plymouth, 90.5 (19 schools).

FINAL EVENT RESULTS

200-yard freestyle relay: 1. Northville (Arthur Greenlee, Nikolai Arton, Kirk Maibach, Cameron Heaven), 1:38.29; 4. Salem (Ryo Hirose, Eugene Li, Nathan Budnick, Tom Cousino), 1:49.82; 6. Stevenson (Parker Wasielewski, Nolan O'Dowd, Benjamin LaPorte, Gabe Curtis), 1:42.64.

200 freestyle: 1. Jacob Barstad (AP), 1:46.90; 2. Trevor Degroot (N'ville), 1:48.07; 3. Jason Nitkiewicz (N'ville), 1:48.07; 7. Kyle Amick (Canton), 1:50.33; 8. Taiyo Ichikawa (N'ville), 1:52.08.

200 individual medley: 1. Travis Nitkiewicz (N'ville), 1:59.53; 3. Budnick (Salem), 2:02.90; 6. Tristen Shao (Canton), 2:04.93; 8. Stephen Freitag (Salem), 2:07.41.

50 freestyle: 1. Li (Salem), 21.88; 3. Daniel Mullen (Canton), 22.24; 4. K. Maibach (N'ville), 22.30; 5. Wasielewski (LS), 22.33.

1-meter diving: 1. Nolan Gutenschwager (Wyandotte), 475.15 points; 3. Jordan Groves (Ply.), 395.30; 4. Patrick Holton (LC), 368.45; 6. Benjamin Kirchoff (Ply.), 329.90; 7. Tobias Chance-Artman (Canton), 312.35; 8. Thomas Rys (N'ville), 312.35.

100 butterfly: 1. Ethan Briggs (GPS), 53.92; 2. J. Nitkiewicz (N'ville), 54.11; 5. Budnick (Salem), 54.60.

100 freestyle: 1. Li (Salem), 47.57; 3. K. Maibach (N'ville), 48.44; 4. Mullen (Canton), 48.99; 5. Amick (Canton), 49.61; 7. Adam Goeddeke (LS), 50.01.

500 freestyle: 1. Ben Rojewski (LS), 4:50.45; 2. Degroot (N'ville), 4:54.21; 4. Ichikawa (N'ville), 5:03.16; 5. LaPorte (LS), 5:04.13.

200 freestyle relay: 1. U-D Jesuit (Jack Bruce, Iain Bukowinski, Nikolai Pierce, Peter Buescher), 1:30.23; 2. Salem (LL Budnick, Cousino, Phillip Collingwood), 1:30.27; 3. Stevenson (Goeddeke, Luke Santi, Curtis, Connor Beck), 1:31.09; 7. Northville (Arton, Ichikawa, Craig Maibach, Degroot), 1:33.54; 8. Plymouth (Matthew Weiner, Ethan Byrnes, Brady McWilliams, Michael Wischer), 1:34.37.

100 backstroke: 1. Wasielewski (LS), 53.62; 2. Greenlee (N'ville), 56.52; 4. Ali Pazooki (N'ville), 57.69; 6. Bryan Reppenhagen (LS), 57.93.

100 breaststroke: 1. T. Nitkiewicz (N'ville), 59.77; 2. Arton (N'ville), 1:00.59.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Canton (Amick, Tristen Shao, Mullen, Derek Goderis), 3:17.33; 3. Northville (Degroot, Heaven, T. Nitkiewicz, K. Maibach), 3:19.34; 4. Stevenson (Goeddeke, Santi, Beck, Wasielewski), 3:20.00; 7. Salem (Hirose, Stephen Freitag, Abraham Soto, Phillip Collingwood), 3:28.07; 8. Plymouth (Byrnes, McWilliams, Weiner, Wischer), 3:31.09.

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PREP GYMNASTICS

Northville places fifth at Canton Invitational

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Junior Erin McCallum took sixth in the all-around as Northville posted a fifth-place finish in Saturday's Canton Invitational gymnastics meet at Plymouth High School.

Farmington United led the 18-team field with 145.525 points. The host Chiefs (144.900) and defending state champion Rockford (144.500) took second and third.

McCallum scored 36.35 to place sixth among Division 1 gymnasts. She took fifth on vault (9.25) and seventh on the uneven parallel bars (8.85).

Other top performers for the Mustangs included senior Rachel Robitaille, who took sixth on the uneven parallel bars (8.9), and sophomore Mackenzie Willson, who placed ninth on vault (8.9).

Dual meet win

Northville won on all fronts Jan. 31, defeating three teams in the annual Flip for a Cure meet to raise breast cancer awareness at Walled Lake Central.

The Mustangs improved to 9-1 by scoring 129.175, followed by Walled Lake Maroon (117.575), Walled Lake Gold (103.200) and Waterford United (62.275).

Among the top performers for Northville was McCallum on vault, who tied a season high with 9.45. Sophomore co-captain Emma Cermalovic, back in the lineup after a lingering ankle injury which kept her out for two weeks, added 7.15.

Ellie Cotter, a sophomore, was impressive on both beam and floor, scoring season-highs of 8.4 and 8.325, respectively.



Northville's Erin McCallum, performing in the floor exercise, was sixth in Division 1 all-around at the Canton Invitational.

BOYS SWIMMING

No contest: Northville romps over Western

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Northville, winning 11 of the 12 events, cruised to a 144-39 victory Feb. 2 at Walled Lake Western.

The Mustangs, who improved to 8-2 overall, were led by Kenta Kikumori, who took first in the 100-yard freestyle (53.16) and 100 backstroke (1:01.76). He also teamed with Connor Hart, David Handy and Curtis Lee for a victory in the 400 freestyle relay (3:46.87).

Other individual winners for the Mustangs included Lee, 200 freestyle (2:00.08); Jimmy Huang, 200 individual medley (2:13.94); Handy, 50 freestyle (24.72); Thomas Rys, 1-meter diving (210.20 points); Michael Alameddine, 500 freestyle (5:19.83); and Brian Ding, 100 breaststroke (1:06.99).

"Michael Alameddine, Curtis Lee, Kenta Kikumori and Brian Ding really stepped up and had some nice swims for us," Northville coach Rich Bennetts said. "We are going to need a handful of these swimmers to step up for us this year and make our conference lineup, so this was nice to see."

The Mustangs' 200 freestyle relay team of Ding, Andrew Lane, Bassel Yassine and Handy also placed first (1:41.99).

"We were able swim our younger, less experienced guys tonight and they did a very nice job," Bennetts said. "Our divers also performed very well tonight, the best they've looked all season."

Western's only win came in the 200 medley relay (1:48.32).

DUAL MEET RESULTS

NORTHVILLE 144,

WALLED LAKE WESTERN 39

Feb. 2 at Walled Lake Western

200-yard medley relay: 1. Western (Eric Heiber, Shine Koyama, Aakash Udipi, Marko Uccelli), 1:48.32; 2. Northville (Vishal Kolla, Brian Ding, Connor Hart, Kenta Kikumori), 1:50.80; 3. Northville (William Wang, Jimmy Huang, Andrew Lane, Bassel Yassine), 1:53.46.

200 freestyle: 1. Curtis Lee (N), 2:00.08; 2. Michael Alameddine (N), 2:01.41; 3. Ben Cracraft (N), 2:07.84.

200 individual medley: 1. Huang (N), 2:13.94; 2. Ding (N), 2:20.44; 3. Jimmy Xiao (N), 2:25.58.

50 freestyle: 1. David Handy (N), 24.72; 2. Lane (N), 25.56; 3. Connor Hart (N), 25.30.

1-meter diving: 1. Thomas Rys (N), 210.20 points; 2. Nolan Thaxton (N), 190.60.

100 butterfly: 1. Hart (N), 1:00.80; 2. Lane (N), 1:03.97; 3. Luca Cornille (N), 1:08.51.

100 freestyle: 1. Kikumori (N), 53.16; 2. Handy (N), 56.17; 3. Yassine (N), 57.12.

500 freestyle: 1. Alameddine (N), 5:19.83; 2. Lee (N), 5:26.92; 3. Cracraft (N), 5:43.67.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Northville (Ding, Lane, Yassine, Handy), 1:41.99; 3. Northville (Aidan Dyer, Joe Krakowiak, Carlos Visconti, David Perzek), 1:53.91.

100 backstroke: 1. Kikumori (N), 1:01.76; 2. Wang (N), 1:04.92; 3. Kolla (N), 1:07.49.

100 breaststroke: 1. Ding (N), 1:06.99; 2. Huang (N), 1:08.94; 3. Xiao (N), 1:12.64.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Northville (Hart, Handy, Lee, Kikumori), 3:46.87; 2. Northville (Alameddine, Cracraft, Clay Hubert, Wang), 3:35.52.

Northville's dual meet record: 8-2 overall.

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Turn social situations into networking

BY DEANNA HARTLEY
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Putting yourself out there professionally is never easy — it requires a willingness to come out of your shell and engage in meaningful conversations that could open the door to job prospects or new clients now or in the future. If one of your 2017 resolutions is to get outside your comfort zone and expand your professional network, you're in luck.

Start with these tips to turn any social situation into a networking opportunity.

Proactively seek out opportunities. Don't be afraid to put yourself out there. You have the power to get the ball rolling no matter where you are.

"The world is full of networking opportunities if you know what you're looking for, and you're willing to make your own luck," says Carlota Zimmerman, success strategist, Huffington Post contributor and keynote speaker. "As a coach and entrepreneur, I personally have networked [with] clients at bachelorette parties, on the phone when ordering clothes from Banana Republic, and at a wine bar while waiting for a tardy date."

So stop waiting for "the right time" and take your future into



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your own hands.

Look for opportunities while traveling. A lot of people don't want to be "on" when they're outside the four walls of their office building, but consider the unexpected networking opportunities and connections you'd be missing out on if you ignore or dismiss those around, for instance, when you are on an airplane.

"[Traveling is] a fantastic time to engage with people you would not otherwise come across in your daily routine," says Serena Holmes, president and CEO of Tigris Events, a brand experience agency. "Travelers tend to be

more open to novel experiences and meeting new people. Whether it's the person sitting next to you on a plane or your excursion guide, be friendly and embrace the chance to make new connections. You never know who you will meet."

Mingle at conferences. One of the most seamless ways to expand your network is to reach out and talk to strangers at conferences. This can be especially hard if you're an introvert, but set a goal to make 'X' number of contacts at every conference you attend.

Just ask Dave Delaney, who made a connection during a

conference he was speaking at and went on to write a book thanks to a suggestion made by his new contact. "You never know where the conversation might take you," he says.

Find ways to add value to others. When you connect with someone at an unexpected time or in an unexpected location, your natural reaction as a job seeker might be to just talk about yourself and the fact that you're looking for work. Cheryl Hansen, author and coach to female entrepreneurs, advises job seekers to take a different approach and increase their visibility to others by adding value. "Networking is a way to

establish yourself as the most valuable player by recommending and referring other people to solve problems, which inspires people to help you and keeps you top of mind," Hansen says.

When you meet a stranger, strive to engage in authentic conversations. You can turn any situation into a networking opportunity.

Jill Merriman, an entrepreneur mentor who helps women in business succeed, says, "Whether I'm in a grocery store line, at my child's soccer game or at a neighborhood BBQ, networking takes place when you become engaged in authentic conversations with the people around you." In fact, she acquired one of her biggest clients in a supermarket cashier line after making the connection by simply offering business finance tips.

Striking up an authentic conversation in an unexpected place can be refreshing — and her interactions are proof that it can be lucrative.

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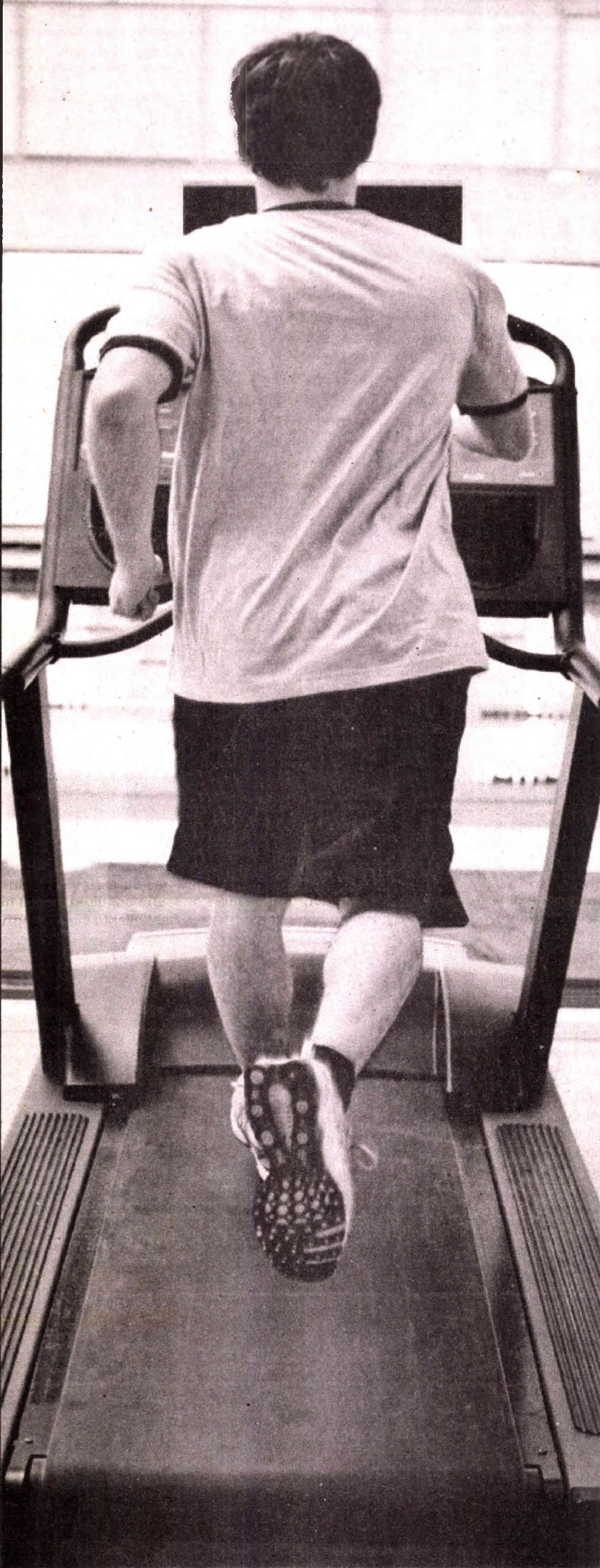
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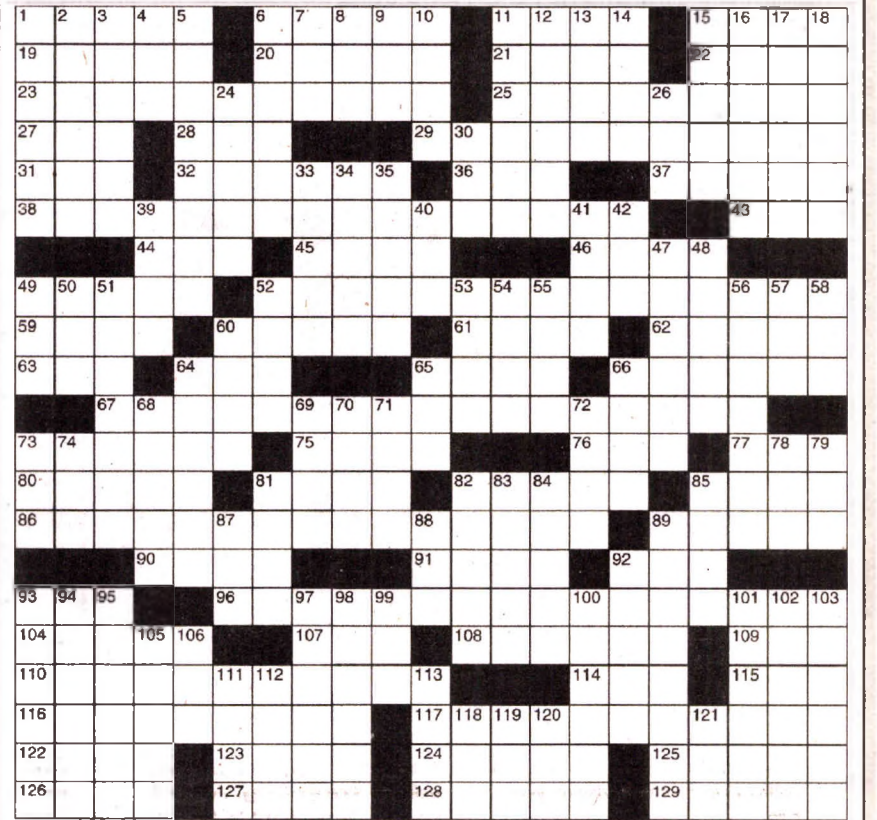
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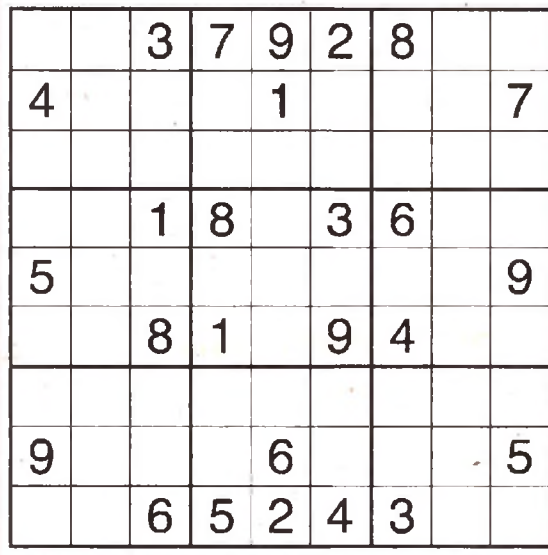
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 22 Snow beast of legend
 23 Frenetic cartoon marsupial
 25 Banging, as a drum
 27 Bread type
 28 Caviar eggs
 29 It's not currently erupting [2]
 31 — distance
 32 Capital of Kazakhstan
 36 Kia model
 37 Fragrant compound
 38 "Just name it and I'll do it" [#3]
 43 Zine staff
 44 Sarcastic laugh sound
 45 Dust bit
 46 Direction of sunup
 49 Real guy?
 52 House-building charity [#4]
 59 Shouts from cheerleaders
 60 Recording studio control
 61 Watch
 62 Concave tummy part
 63 Sauna spot
 64 — tai (mixed drink)
 65 Hive group
 66 "Sorority Row" actress
 67 Annual publication of Benjamin Franklin [#5]
 73 Jonathan Swift's genre
 75 Ark crafter
 76 Egg case qly.
 77 Prefix with con
 80 Her "Hello" was a big hit
 81 Horror film helper
 82 Composer Franz
 85 Singer Baez
 86 What a green card grants an alien [#6]
 89 Dated yet trendy
 90 Be a vagrant
 91 "Othello" baddie
 92 "No kidding!"
 93 — jongg
 96 Available again because folks asked for it [#7]
 104 Not silently
 107 August sign
 108 Old office note-takers
 109 Ending with ethyl
 110 Classic song by Rodgers and Hart [#8]
 114 Platform that runs on Apple devices
 115 Audiophile's stack
 116 Certain shore area
 117 1988 film about an old baseball scandal (and what this puzzle has?)
 122 Bakery tool
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 124 Comic Anderson grants a dinner
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 3 Capital of Dominica
 4 Record label for Bowie
 5 Take off from a high nest, as an eagle
 6 Academy students
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 11 Cloth tone
 12 "Am not!" reply
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 55 Own (up)
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 58 Pro's vote
 60 Cost to cab it
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 68 Gulf ship
 69 Playwright William
 70 Pigeon calls
 71 Spy Mata —
 72 Timber tool
 73 Syrup base
 74 Sugary drink
 78 See 57-Down
 79 1969 Beattle bride
 81 — la Douce
 82 Lutzes, e.g.
 83 Bar of gold
 84 Flange
 85 Taunt
 87 Eatery chain
 88 Handy-andy's inits.
 89 Evaluate anew
 92 Low spirits
 93 Remit, say
 94 — Lorraine
 95 Schnozz
 97 Maker of an exact copy
 98 Brewing pot
 99 "Sk8er" (2002 hit)
 100 Merges
 101 Crack, as a cipher
 102 Provided, as with talent
 103 — Rides Again! (old Western)
 105 In — (not yet born)
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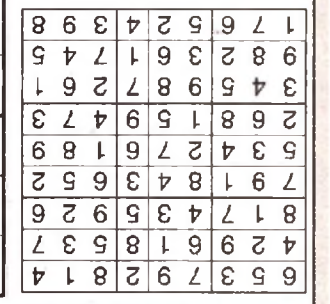


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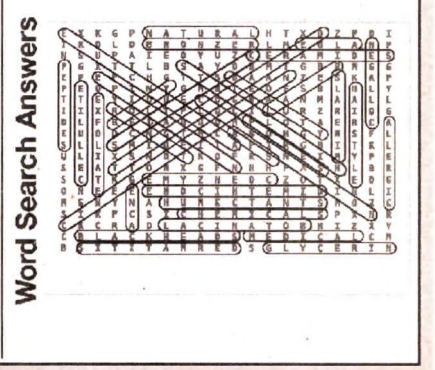
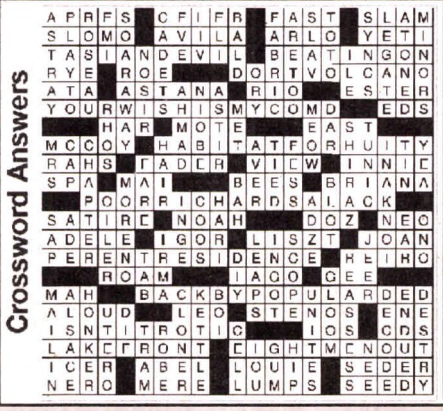


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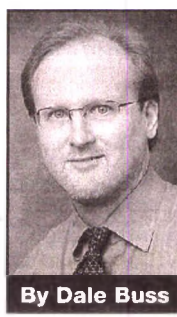
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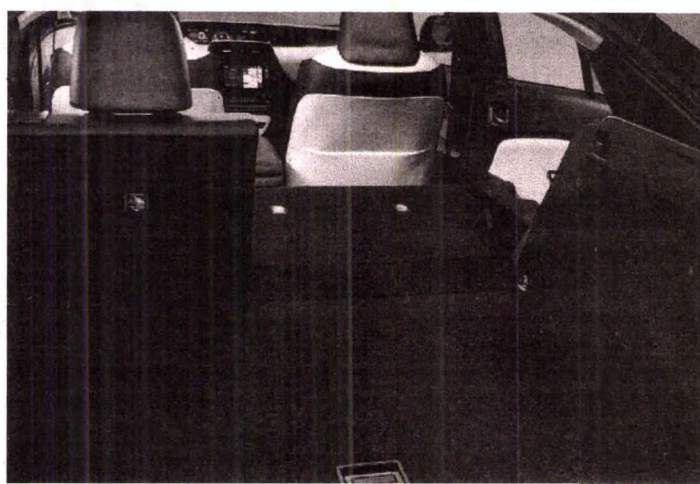
A lot has happened in the world of electrified vehicles since Toyota began a new era in the auto industry 20 years ago by debuting the Prius hybrid vehicle

in Japan.

Nearly every global automaker since has come out with its own hybrids; plug-in hybrids and fully electrified vehicles have advanced the segment into greater and greater reliance on battery powers; and global regulators' increasingly stiff requirements on emissions and fuel economy have committed automakers around the world to only boosting their quanta of EVs ranging from hybrids



Toyota Prius Three Touring is part of the world's biggest hybrid franchise.



There's plenty of room in the back of Prius Three.

to fully electrified models. But the Toyota Prius continues to hold a big swath of the U.S. automotive market for itself, continuing to define the hybrid segment and also -- partly through a continued multi-

plication of versions of the nameplate -- remaining its biggest seller by far. Prius has taken some hits lately in sales volumes, for sure, in part because of steadily expanding competition for the attention of hybrid buyers and in part because quiescent gasoline prices have ensured that millions of American consumers still don't give a second thought to purchasing any kind of electrified vehicles.

Sales for Prius were down by 16 percent in January compared with a year earlier. That followed a 26-percent decline for all of 2016 compared with 2015, to sales of just 137,000 Prius units.

But none of that reflects the rather happy reality of driving and servicing the various versions of Prius, including the fourth-generation version of the original Prius, which

I recently drove -- which has only gotten better over time.

I vastly prefer the Prius proposition to that of a plug-in hybrid or a completely electrified vehicle. You can get a nifty 52 mpg in the Prius Three Touring model I drove, averaging 54 mpg in the city and 50 on the highway, without ever having to worry about charging the car or keeping it charged, without ever having to suffer from "range anxiety" about whether it's going to run out of juice -- and yet being able to enjoy a justifiable feeling that you're reducing the carbon-dioxide load on the planet by a significant little bit.

Prius has become increasingly fun to drive as well as responsible, too. The 1.5-liter, four-cylinder engine in the Prius Three Touring was plenty responsive when I need to accelerate quickly, not seeming to

over-tax itself. It also retained some pretty significant pickup capability for higher gears. All in all, it was a satisfactory driving experience. At the same time, there's plenty of room in this compact-sized vehicle, making its overall cargo capacity comparable to many other similarly sized hatchbacks.

And these days, in the latest versions of Prius, creature comforts are in abundance as well -- no more spartanism in the interiors that used to go along with the ascetic mindset of many Prius buyers.

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