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State of City

Novi Mayor Bob Gatt will deliver the 2015 State of the City Address at 7:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 12, at the Suburban Collection Showplace.

Register online at www.cityofnovi.org (\$23 per person) or mail a check (\$20 per person, made payable to city of Novi) to Community Relations, city of Novi, 45175 10 Mile, Novi, MI 48375. Call 248-347-0416 for more information.

Solomon Northrup's America

Free-born African-American Solomon Northrup was kidnapped and sold into slavery. Learn about the inspiration behind the movie *12 Years a Slave* and life in the 19th century at the Wixom Public Library at 6 p.m. Feb. 18. February is Black History Month.

It's presented by Dr. Roy E. Finkbine, University of Detroit Mercy professor of history.

Pre-register at the library (49015 Pontiac Trail), call 248-624-2512 or register online at wixomlibrary.org.

Cops: Suspect in crash attempted to flee

By Laura Colvin
Staff Writer

The alleged drunken driver suspected of causing a fiery crash that left a Milford woman dead in Commerce Township last week reportedly tried to flee the scene after the accident.

Goran Djordjeviski, 41, of Farmington Hills was arraigned Jan. 29 on two 15-year felony counts: operating while intoxicated causing death and failure to stop at an accident – when at fault – resulting in death.



Djordjeviski

“(Djordjeviski) physically ran from the scene after the accident,” Oakland County Undersheriff Mike McCabe said, noting a preliminary breath test showed Djordjeviski to be “well over” the state’s legal limit of 0.08 percent. “A neighbor heard the crash, came out and chased the guy down and brought him back.”

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‘Horrific’

The 44-year-old Milford Township woman killed around 7:32 p.m. Jan. 26 evening has been identified as Janet Marie Reed, the Oakland County Sheriff’s Office said.

“This poor woman burned to death,” McCabe said, noting autopsy results show the cause

of death as smoke/soot inhalation and thermal burns. “It couldn’t be a more horrific death for her and it’s obviously devastating for her family to know what she went through before she died.”

According to reports, Reed, who authorities say was working as a delivery driver for Pizza Hut, was westbound on West Pontiac Trail near Addington Drive in Commerce Township and was preparing to turn left to make a delivery when she was

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Local schools help family left homeless after fire

Staff, students contribute money

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Even though they only had a couple of days notice to get the word out, the Novi Community Schools turned out big-time to help a local family who lost their home to a fire.

Last week, the call was sent out via school a district listserv email that a Novi family was in need.

It read: “On January 24, 16 units in the Glens of Northville apartment complex were completely destroyed by fire. One unit was occupied by an Orchard Hills family – Lisa, Dondriel and Denisia Cutts. Denisia is a kindergartner in Mrs. Zimmerman’s class.

“While many of their immediate short-term needs have been met, they still have short-term needs (such as clothing), as well as long-term needs after they get situated in a new apartment (furniture, kitchenware, etc). Currently the Cutts family is living in a hotel until they can find a new, affordable apartment.”

The idea started at Orchard Hills. Principal Pam Quitiquit said the school “immediately starting reaching out to the community to help this family in any way we could.

“Along with several organizations, our families and several churches, we are collecting money, clothing and household items,” she said.

The day of the fire, the local Red Cross Disaster Respond-

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Novi Woods students were part of a district-wide effort to raise funds for families affected by the apartment fire Jan. 24. For a small donation to the cause, Novi Woods allowed students to indulge in some wacky hair styles. Shown (clockwise from top left) are fourth-graders Makayla Stewart, Charlotte Stoy, Daniel Hu and Carter Tarkany.

Easter Seals reaching out with new location in western Oakland County

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

To better serve the western Oakland County region, Easter Seals opened an office in Walled Lake to serve as an important community resource. It now wants to get out the word on who it is and what it does.

Many know the name, but might not know what services are offered.

“We’re a service provider, but we also see ourselves as an

important community resource,” said Brent Wirth, Easter Seals Michigan president and CEO.

In partnership with Oakland County Community Mental Health Authority, Easter Seals Michigan opened its new service location at 1010 E. West Maple Road this past fall.

The Walled Lake location is projected to serve more than 400 people in its first year, in-

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LONNIE HUHMAN

Easter Seals Michigan has opened a new location in Walled Lake to better serve western Oakland County. Shown (from left) are ESM President/CEO Brent Wirth, Communications Manager Craig Sharum and Case Management Coordinator Frank Rubino.

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Friend hopes to help family in time of need

By Laura Colvin
Staff Writer

Janet Reed was known as a woman who would bend over backward to help anyone with anything.

That's the message from Tabitha Turner, a family friend from Reed's former home in Kalkaska, who is hoping to help her friend's family cope with tragic loss.

On Jan. 26, Reed, a 44-year-old Milford Township resident, was working as a pizza delivery driver and was preparing to make a stop near Pontiac Trail and Addington Drive in Commerce Township when her vehicle was rear-ended by a man police allege was intoxicated "well over the



Janet Reed, a 44-year-old Milford Township resident, was killed Jan. 26 by an alleged drunken driver in Commerce Township.

legal limit."

Reed's vehicle flipped on impact and caught fire, trapping her inside. She was pronounced dead at the scene, leaving behind, according to her obituary, a beloved com-

panion, five children and four grandchildren – with a fifth on the way – along with two sons-in-law, three brothers and a number of other loved ones.

"Right now her family needs more help than ever," Turner wrote on the fundraising page she set up at gofundme.com. "Not only did they lose their mother, they lost their vehicle and a source of income."

Funeral costs are also a concern for the family, Turner notes.

Reed's memorial service took place Saturday in Waterford. According to a representative from Coats Funeral Home, who handled arrangements, the family and others declined comment in order to abide by the wishes of their attorney in light of upcoming legal matters.

In public condolences on Coats' website, however, Karen Pearson writes:

"Janet will be missed by so many. She always had a smile on her face (and) would help anyone with anything she could do. Janet would give you the shirt off her back, even if it was the only one she had. Never selfish or bitter about what life threw her way. Always found the good in life. Even when she was in pain. It didn't take her smile away. Loved her kids, my kids, any kid who ever met her ... she had such a kind heart for animals, too. It made Janet happy to make others happy, that was her daily goal. I will never forget her."

Reed's memorial fund, titled "Remembering Mama J" can be found at www.gofundme.com/kxb9fk

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rear-ended by a 2014 Chevrolet Traverse, operated by Djordjevski.

After it was rear-ended, the GMC reportedly overturned and caught on fire, trapping Reed inside. She was pronounced dead at the scene.

The sheriff's office said the Oakland County Medical Examiner will not be able to positively identify the woman until receiving DNA test results, which could take several months.

Police said a witness called 9-1-1 prior to the accident to report a vehicle driving through

the area, swerving all over the roadway and nearly hitting other vehicles. Djordjevski reportedly rear-ended the Milford Township woman's vehicle before the witness could provide the location and vehicle information.

Police reportedly believed Djordjevski was intoxicated and he was transported to Providence Park Hospital by Community EMS. A search warrant was obtained and a blood draw was completed, with results pending.

Djordjevski's bond was set at \$100,000 cash/surety, with conditions; he is to have an alcohol monitoring tether in place prior to his release from jail, surrender his passport and cannot

leave the state.

In addition to other bond conditions, Djordjevski is not allowed to possess any firearms or weapons, must submit to random drug testing, be under the supervision of pretrial services, must notify the court of any changes to his address and cannot use any drugs or alcohol.

He is due back in court at 9:15 a.m. Feb. 11 for a probable cause hearing. Another court date is set for 1:35 p.m. Feb. 18 for a preliminary exam. Both court dates are in the 52-1 District Court in Novi. The case has been assigned to Judge Robert Bondy.

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ers went to the apartment complex to help all of the victims with some immediate needs. The Red Cross brought an Emergency Response Vehicle to assist with short-term needs of clothing, food and housing, if needed. The ERV personnel provided hot/cold beverages and snacks to displaced residents, first responders and other on-scene personnel and civilians.

On Jan. 29, each Novi elementary school did some fun activities to collect money for this family. Also, individuals across the district have made contributions or brought items to Orchard Hills.

Over the weekend,

Parkview Elementary Principal Jenifer Michos sent out an email blast stating they raised roughly \$1,700 for the family. This was one day after sending out the flier stating the need. Students donated money to dress in sports attire.

Novi Woods raised around \$2,500. Other participating schools raised around \$2,000.

"We were clearly all on the same Parkview team today, despite the various jerseys and sports tees, hats. We far exceeded what we thought we could bring in for this family ... in just one day!" Michos said.

Parkview's No. 1 goal, Michos said, was to show "deep concern and care for another Novi family during a very difficult time."

"I can't even imagine losing everything I own. It has been heartwarming to see the Novi community reach out to this family in so many ways," Quitiquit said. "This is just another example of what a great and generous community Novi is."

The Cutts family is very grateful. Through a school district email blast, Don and Lisa Cutts wrote: "To all, We would like to thank each and every one of you who prayed for and supported our family through these trying times. We have never seen so much kindness in our lives now we truly understand the gift in giving. Again...Thank you all!"

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cluding behavioral health services for both children and adults.

"This is a pivotal time in our growth. Our goal in opening our 10th center is to better serve and provide much-needed services to people in western Oakland County, an area considered underserved for mental health services," Wirth said.

However, it's not just mental health services that will be provided. Wirth said ESM truly does want to be a community resource.

"If we don't provide something, we want to help direct a person in the right direction," he said.

For nearly a century, ESM has empowered individuals to live more independent lives. Last year, it served 9,000 people from birth to older adults from its locations in Auburn Hills, Center Line, Royal Oak, Pontiac, Southfield, Waterford, Flint and Grand Rapids.

It offers programs and services that evolve to the needs of local communities, primarily

focusing on rehabilitation and wellness related to behavioral health, autism, trauma and special needs. Its skilled case workers and medical staff work together to develop holistic programs designed to enrich the lives of the people it serves.

Through a continuum of services including, but not limited to, early childhood intervention, substance abuse services, occupational therapy and recreational programs including the Miracle League of Michigan, ESM creates life-changing solutions so that people with disabilities can live, learn, work and play in their communities.

Along with this new location, ESM continues to expand its offerings and services.

It announced a \$4.1 million grant from the Michigan Health Endowment Fund to design and implement a trauma screening and assessment program for children under the age of 18 years old. The ESM Trauma Intervention Project will take place at eight sites throughout the state over a three-year period.

"We are grateful to

be among few organizations chosen by the Michigan Health Endowment Fund. The grant enables us to expand our outreach and increase our impact on childhood trauma prevention and intervention services," Wirth said.

Another new program is NAVIGATE, which is a comprehensive treatment approach for persons ages 15-30 experiencing their first episode of psychosis. This program helps people navigate the road to recovery, including support efforts that function well at home, on the job, at school and in the community. It is designed to provide tools to help get the participants onto pathways of recovery and navigate the challenges of mental illness by choosing among a broad range of treatments to achieve their goals.

An open house will soon be held at the Walled Lake location. For more information, contact ESM at 1-800-75.SEALS or go to www.essmichigan.org.

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The project includes the rehabilitation of sanitary sewer manholes in the following subdivisions: North Hills, Timber Ridge, Westridge Downs and Orchard Ridge.

Sanitary sewer manholes being fixed in some neighborhoods

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

The city of Novi will soon be undertaking a \$200,000 project to rehabilitate sanitary sewer manholes in some subdivisions around the community.

City council recently approved by 7-0 vote a construction contract for the 2015 Sanitary Sewer Manhole Rehabilitation Project to Culy Contracting, Inc., the low bidder, in the amount of \$228,390.

"This project is part of the ongoing Capacity Management, Operations and Maintenance program to actively maintain the sanitary sewer collection system to reduce system failures and eliminate infiltration and inflow into the collection system,"

Novi Public Services Director Rob Hayes said in his recommendation to council.

This project includes the rehabilitation of sanitary sewer manholes in the following subdivisions: North Hills, Timber Ridge, Westridge Downs and Orchard Ridge.

According to the Public Services Department, the project was developed after inspection and evaluation of 130 manholes within the project area to determine necessary rehabilitation techniques for defects that were identified as part of the inspections.

The rehabilitation of the manholes will involve rebuilding the upper portion of the manhole and sealing the manholes with an ex-

ternal shroud to prevent inflow and infiltration from entering the manhole.

In other cases, it will involve sealing the entire manhole with a cement-like spray material applied on the entire interior surface of the manhole to prevent inflow and infiltration from entering the manhole through the cone and riser sections of manhole.

Culy was also selected based on its experience with similar projects.

According to Hayes, the project has a substantial completion date of April 1 and a final completion date of April 15.

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Camper, RV show



The Cricket Trailer (shown) is a cross between a pop-up and a travel trailer designed by a NASA engineer. It is made entirely of aluminum and can be towed by virtually any four-cylinder vehicle. The Cricket Trailer sets up in five minutes and can stay off the grid for four days. This exhibit from Westland Camping Center is showing for the first time at the 49th annual Detroit Camper and RV Show through Feb. 8 at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi. For more information, call 517.349.8881 or go to www.marvac.org.

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FILLING FAITH

Novi schools help fill church's food pantry

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

As part of recognizing and honoring Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Novi Community Schools filled the Novi Emergency Food program pantry that morning with food items meant for local families.

Since Christmas break, each school had been collecting a certain food item to donate food pantry, which is inside Faith Community Presbyterian Church. Village Oaks Elementary School Principal Sue Burnham had the idea for this first-time effort for the schools, which she took to the other principals.

"This is a way to give back in recognition of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. These donations — which staff, students and families all contributed to



Tschirhart

— will serve our community," said Burnham, who as part of group arrived at the church on 10 Mile

on a bus full of food items in boxes.

Students had the day off, but the principals used a part of the day to deliver the food as a service project.

The emergency food pantry provides food assistance to Novi, Wixom and New Hudson residents in need. It's an all-volunteer organization founded in 1981 by the Novi Ministers Association.

This collection and drop-off by the schools is a big lift in a month that can be difficult to fill the shelves.



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Donations from Novi elementary schools quickly filled the hallways of Faith Community Presbyterian Church.

"This is perfect timing for us, because we really needed a lift," pantry co-director Cindy Tschirhart said. "This is another great example of the different community help we receive."

The food is distributed every other Monday. There are around 50 families who are clients of the pantry.

The bus was filled with everything from pasta to peanut butter. Burnham said it was a true group effort by the schools. She said this could turn into a tradition.

"We all had a lot of fun doing this," she said.

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Village Oaks Elementary School Principal Sue Burnham smiles as she off-loads another box of food Jan. 19 to the Novi Emergency Food Bank at Faith Community Presbyterian Church. For MLK Day, the schools decided to gather food for the pantry and even held contests to see what classrooms could get the most donations.

Canceling school begins with just one phone call

Growing up in Albuquerque, N.M., snow days were rare. Although, truthfully, it did not take much for us to have a snow day. It was rumored that our city had one snow plow.

Back before the Internet, text messaging, School Messenger and the like, canceling school was quite a dance. Someone had to start the process. Then every teacher had to be called. Once called, a teacher had their list of other teachers to call.

Parents were part of the dance, as well. A mystical parent would start the chain. Then, just like a teacher, once

Steve Matthews
SUPER TALK

a parent was called, they had to call another parent. The chain ended when the first parent received a call back indicating that every parent had received a call.

Today, after the decision is made, one phone call alerts all the television and radio stations. One call starts an automated process of contacting every parent. Twitter is used to get the message out — especially to students.

While canceling school takes less time now, arriving at the decision is still a very deliberate process.

Will getting to school be safe is still the first question that we ask. We consider the students who wait for buses, the students who walk and the students whose parents drive them to school.

Will the roads be safe to travel? Will the temperature be too cold for students to wait for the bus?

With any snow, we know that traffic will be slower. How much of a slowdown is acceptable?

We also have to con-

sider our staff. Not everyone lives in Novi. In fact, among our teaching staff, only about a quarter live in the city of Novi. How well will other communities plow their streets and get traffic moving at an acceptable pace? It doesn't matter if we can get our students to school in Novi if our staff can't get to work on time or at all.

Finally, but perhaps most importantly, we consider the impact on education. How disruptive will canceling school be?

Once in another district, we had a weather event during our high school mid-term exam

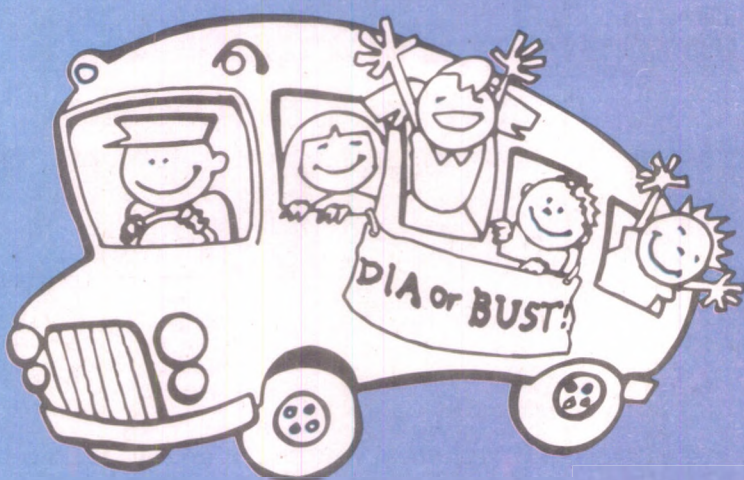
week. In addition to weighing the typical concerns, I had to think about how canceling school during mid-terms would be. When could students make up exams? What would the impact be on report cards?

Canceling school also causes the rhythm of school to be disrupted. A lesson that was meant to follow immediately upon the heels of the previous day's lesson is now delayed by at least a day. As a teacher, will I have to reteach material that I did not think I would have to reteach? If I do, how will that further delay what I thought was a

well-planned unit of instruction?

In Michigan, in the winter, schedule delays are inevitable. The best decisions possible are made. Sometimes, the decision is the right one. Sometimes, looking back, it is clear that another decision should have been made. The goal always is to ensure that our students receive the best instruction possible and that they are safe arriving at and departing from school.

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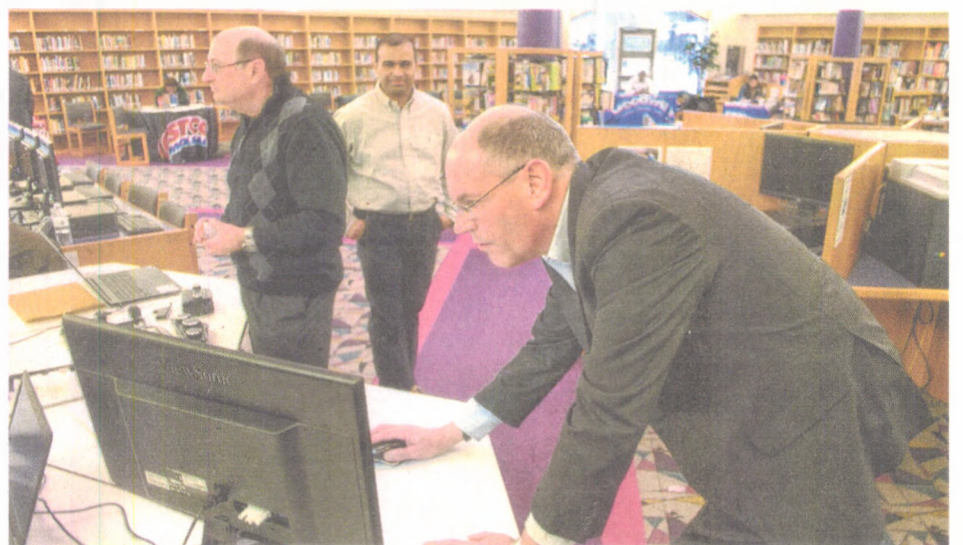


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Sarah Banks job fair



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The first Sarah Banks Job Fair, held Jan. 26, was a success due to the combined efforts of Dr. David Stanton, the National Junior Honor Society, Mark Lada and student council. An event for local residents of all ages was held in the media center. "Banks students wanted a night with a way to help local people find jobs and grow our communities' awareness of what opportunities exist locally in the form of a job fair," Lada said. Guests/speakers included state Sen. Mike Kowall and state Rep. Clint Kesto, whose office also contacted local businesses for the event. Novi business DanLaw Inc. was one of many businesses participating in the event. DanLaw Inc. President Thomas Rzeznek (right) said, "It was fun to participate in the event showing the students what an electronics and software career can look like." A few other area businesses included Affinity Private Care, Oakland Dental Assisting School, Goodwill Industries of greater Detroit, Elite Parking Solutions, Advertising Alternatives, Costco Wholesale, Dean Transportation, Express employment professionals and Walled Lake School Food Service.

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Novi preschool open house

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Novi Kindergarten Roundup

In September, the Class of 2028 will officially begin their educational career at Novi Schools. Registration paperwork is now available in all elementary offices. If you have a student or know someone who has a child who will be turning 5 prior to Sept. 2 and is within the Novi Schools attendance boundaries, have them call the school office: Deerfield (248-449-1700); Novi Woods (248-449-1230); Orchard Hills (248-449-1400); Parkview (248-449-1220); and Village Oaks (248-449-1300).

If you are unsure which elementary school your student will attend, please call the Educational Services Building at 248-449-1200 for assistance.

Also, save the date, April 16, for kindergarten parent meetings at Novi K-4 elementary schools.

AAUW Northville-Novu Promoting College Student Leader Conference

The Northville-Novu Branch of the American Association of University Women will have Lee Savage from the Women's Resource Center at the University of Michigan-Deerborn as the speaker at 6:45 p.m. Feb. 10 at the Novi United Methodist Church (41671 W. 10 Mile).

Savage will be speaking about the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders, which is sponsored by AAUW and by Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education. NCCWSL is the only conference that brings together college women to address important and contemporary leadership issues and also promotes career development, job search readiness and success in the workplace. It is where college women make their future what they want.

Everyone is welcome to attend. RSVP to marcia.horgren@gmail.com

with NCCWSL in the subject line. The mission of AAUW is to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

Northville curriculum night

Northville Public Schools Early Childhood Education and Extended Day Programs Curriculum Night, set for 6:30-8 p.m. March 3 at Ridge Wood Elementary School's cafeteria, is designed for families new to the programs. This evening will provide parents with information on Northville Public Schools Early Childhood Education and Extended Day Programs, including curriculum and enrollment procedures.

Call the Early Childhood office to register at 248-465-2550. Go to www.earlychildhood-northvilleschools.org for more information on current programs.

Warriors host Pink Out hoop games

Warriors for Warriors will be hosting a pair of Pink Out basketball games Friday, Feb. 6, at Walled Lake Western High School. The evening's festivities kick off with the Western girls basketball team hosting Walled Lake Central at 5:30 p.m. At the conclusion of the girls game, members of both girls and boys Western basketball teams will line up on the floor to be recognized and it will be announced who that player is playing for that evening.

The boys game against Central will start at 7:30 p.m. At halftime, Warriors for Warriors will be presenting three checks for \$15,000 each to Susan G. Komen Detroit Race for the Cure, American Cancer Society and Lakes Area St. Baldrick's Foundation.

Tickets for each game are \$5 at the door. Warriors for Warriors donation opportunities will be available at the game for anyone that is interested.

Warriors for Warriors was started at Western High School in 2011 with the goals of increasing cancer awareness, raising funds for cancer research and to help creating ways for students to get involved with their community. Each fall fundraising kicks off with Warriors for Warriors hosting a Pink Out football game where members of the community not only come to support the Warriors on the field, but to

show support and raise money for those in the community that have been affected by cancer. Fundraising takes place throughout the year in support of the Warriors for Warriors cause and each year fundraising culminates with a check presentation at a Western High School basketball game. As the event continues to grow, the more money and awareness can be raised to help fight this deadly disease.

For more information, contact Linda Ishbia lri1@aol.com or go to www.warriorsforwarriors.net.

Northville now accepting early kindergarten registration

Northville Public Schools is now accepting kindergarten enrollment for fall 2015. If you have a child who will be 5 years of age on or before Sept. 1, schedule an enrollment appointment to register your child using the appropriate school link below and complete the online pre-enrollment process prior to your scheduled appointment.

Staff from the district's Office of Student Data will be available at your child's school on these dates to meet with you, review the necessary documentation and finalize your child's enrollment:

March 2-5 Amerman <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f4ca5ad2ca0ff2-amerman>

March 9-12 Ridge Wood <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094eacaf22a3fa7-ridge1>

March 16-19 Moraine <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094eacaf22a3fa7-moraine1>

March 16-19 Winchester <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094eacaf22a3fa7-winchester1>

March 23-26 Silver Springs <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094eacaf22a3fa7-silver1>

March 23-26 Thornton Creek <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094eacaf22a3fa7-thornton1>

Enrollment forms and information regarding which documents you will need to bring to your scheduled appointment are listed on the district website at <http://www.northvilleschools.org/node/584>. If circumstances prevent you from being available to meet on the dates listed above for your child's school, contact the school's main office. If

Woods wax



Novi Woods fourth-graders held their annual Wax Museum of Leaders on Jan. 14-15. The students were to find an important leader and research what qualities and characteristics make them a leader. They present their two-minute speeches to parents and students in the gym. Shown (from left) are Peyton Manning (Drew Donberger), Harry Houdini (Calvin Taulbee), Clara Barton (Sarah Cromwell), Jane Goodall (Charlotte Stoy) and Martin Luther King Jr. (Shriya Raizada) waiting to perform at Wax Museum.

you are unsure about which school your child will be attending, view the Attendance Boundary Map at <http://www.northvilleschools.org/node/251>.

Northville round-up, parent orientation

Northville Public Schools hosts two important events in the spring to ease some of your fears and answer many of your questions: Parent Orientation and Kindergarten Round-Up.

Parent Orientation is an opportunity for you to hear about our program, meet key staff members, learn about your child's elementary school and ask questions. The evening is interactive and highlights what to expect the first few weeks of school and how you can help prepare your child for his or her first day. At registration, you will receive a folder with important information that we ask you to review prior to parent orientation. Please note: This is a meeting for parents only; children should not attend.

Kindergarten Round-Up is designed for your incoming kindergartner. Your child will participate in a number of activities that will help us get to know your child better and help him or her feel more comfortable in the

classroom. When you arrive for Kindergarten Round-Up, we will greet you and your child and your child will come with us to start their busy schedule. While your child is with our staff, you will participate in an informational session highlighting our many important initiatives, including The Leader in Me. We will provide more details about the Round-Up experience at parent orientation.

The following are the dates for Kindergarten Parent Orientation and Round-Up at each of our elementary schools:

Amerman – April 30, 6:30 p.m. May 1
Moraine – May 11, 6:30 p.m. May 15
Silver Springs – May 6, 6 p.m. May 15
Thornton Creek – April 29, 6 p.m. May 7
Ridge Wood – May 11, 6:30 p.m. May 15
Winchester – May 11, 6 p.m. May 12

'A Day in the Life of a Novi Student'

Novi Community Schools Invites you to join Novi elementary schools for "A Day in the Life of a Novi Student!" and see how the 7 Habits of Highly Effective People are integrated into the culture of Novi's schools.

The events are scheduled for Parkview Elementary – Thursday, Feb.

26 (9:15-11:30 a.m.); Village Oaks Elementary – Friday, Feb. 27 (9:15-11:30 a.m.); Orchard Hills Elementary – Tuesday, March 3 (8:45-11 a.m.); Deerfield Elementary – Wednesday, March 4 (9:15-11:30 a.m.); Novi Meadows Elementary – Thursday, March 5 (8:20-10:35 a.m.); and Novi Woods Elementary – Friday, March 6 (8:45-11 a.m.),

A Growing Place open house

A Growing Place Preschool (40700 W. 10 Mile, Novi) will hold its annual open house from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 28. It will include free activities, crafts and snacks while giving prospective parents an opportunity to visit the school, meet the staff and learn about the classes and programs offered.

A Growing Place Preschool will continue to offer a Young 5's program, full and half-day preschool classes for 3's and 4's as well as pre-kindergarten sessions for children going off to kindergarten next fall.

For more information, call 248-471-2333

STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF OAKLAND CITY OF NOVI ORDINANCE NO. 14 – 18.273

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF NOVI ZONING ORDINANCE AT ARTICLE 4.0, USE STANDARDS, SECTION 4.10, PLACES OF WORSHIP, IN ORDER TO ALLOW ADDITIONAL HEIGHT FOR PLACES OF WORSHIP UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, January 26, 2015 and the provisions of the ordinance shall become effective seven (7) days after its publication. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., prevailing local time.

Maryanne Cornelius, MMC, City Clerk

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City of Northville Proposed Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance Article 2 and Article 18 – Medical Marihuana

At its regular meeting on February 17, 2015, the Northville City Council will introduce for first reading proposed amendments to the City of Northville Zoning Ordinance. The proposed amendments would update the Zoning Ordinance to amend Article 2 Zoning Districts and Map Interpretation, Article 18 General Provisions by adding Section 18.25 Medical Marihuana Activities, and Article 26 Definitions. The proposed amendments will establish regulations to prohibit dispensaries or provisioning centers, but at the same time allow possession, growth, and cultivation of marihuana as permitted by State Law. The proposed regulations will allow medical marihuana activities within residential zoning districts; however, medical marihuana dispensaries, provisioning centers, or other commercial facilities are expressly prohibited.

Public comments will be received at the City Council meeting scheduled for February 17, 2015, at 7:30 p.m. at the City of Northville Municipal Building – Council Chambers, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-349-1300. Written comments may also be submitted to the above address. Complete text of the proposed ordinance amendment is available for review at the City Clerk's Office during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, local prevailing time and on the City's website www.ci.northville.mi.us.

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DIANNE MASSA, CITY CLERK

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE 2015 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW DATES

The Northville Township 2015 Board of Review will conduct hearings on the following dates for appeals from citizens, regarding the 2015 assessment, at the Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road. All appeals are by appointment. **Beginning Friday, February 20, 2015 you may call (248) 348-5810 to schedule an appointment. Letters of appeal must be received by 12:00 noon., March 13, 2015. Postmarks are not accepted.**

Tuesday	March 03, 2015	1:00 pm - Organizational Meeting
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Appointment Dates for Hearing:

Saturday	March 07, 2015	9:00 am to 12 Noon
Monday	March 09, 2015	9:00 am to 12 Noon and 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Tuesday	March 10, 2015	1:00 pm to 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Thursday	March 12, 2015	9:00 am to 11:00 am and 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Friday	March 13, 2015	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 twp.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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FOIA law changes slash cost of public records

By John Wisely
Michigan.com

Public records will become cheaper and easier to access under changes to Michigan's Freedom of Information Act. Government agencies will not be allowed to charge more than 10 cents per page for copies of public records; they can face increased fines for delaying responses; and people seeking the records now can sue if they consider the fees to be exorbitant.

Dirk Milliman of the Michigan Press Association said the changes have been years in the making and involved compromise, but overall the new law increases transparency and access to public records. "We are pleased with the end result as it addresses the two most major concerns expressed by our members with regard to FOIA in Michigan: costs and delays," he said. The changes take effect July 1. Gov. Rick Snyder

signed them into law last week, saying in a statement that the changes remind government workers that they "are working on behalf of our residents, who should not be discouraged from learning about how that government is serving them." The law allows requesters who believe they are being overcharged for records to sue and ask a court to lower the fee. If the court concludes the public body arbitrarily and capriciously charged an

unreasonable fee, the court must assess \$1,000 in punitive damages. The new law also increases punitive damages from \$500 to \$2,000 on public bodies that arbitrarily and capriciously break the law by refusing or delaying the release of public records. It also requires courts to fine public bodies \$2,500 to \$7,500 for willfully and intentionally failing to follow the law. The fines are paid to the state. Michigan first passed its Freedom of Informa-

tion Act in 1976, in the wake of the Watergate scandals in Washington. Many states and the federal government sought to increase access to public records then as a way to prevent future abuses. Newspapers and other news media outlets routinely use the FOIA to access public records on government contracting, hiring, spending and other matters. The *Detroit Free Press* used the law to access records from the administration of former Detroit Mayor

Kwame Kilpatrick as part of the text messages scandal. Another change in the law requires governments to provide the records electronically instead of on paper if the requester seeks them in that format. It includes an exemption if local government lacks the technology to provide the records electronically. If a government misses a deadline for replying to a request, it must discount the fees charged.

NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

Catalytic converter stolen

A Carrabba's Italian Grill employee reportedly had the catalytic converter stolen from her vehicle while it was parked outside the restaurant on West Oaks Drive. The woman reported the larceny Dec. 18 to Novi Police after finding it missing while having her car worked on more than a week later. She told Novi Police that she thought the muffler was broken and didn't know about the converter. There are no suspects.

Cash stolen

A man had \$400 in cash stolen from his car while parked outside the Lifetime Fitness on High Pointe Boulevard. The larceny happened Dec. 20 while the man was inside the establishment working out. There are no suspects, but the man did let an acquaintance that was with him borrow his keys to get his gym bag out of the car while he was not present.

Salvation Army larceny

A Salvation Army kettle with about \$20 in it was stolen by a man who claimed to be a volunteer bell-ringer. According to the po-

lice report, the incident happened Dec. 23 at Twelve Oaks Mall outside of JC Penney. The person who reported it to Novi Police was a Salvation Army driver who picks up and drops off volunteers. The suspect told the man outside the mall that he was the next ring-er; however, his name wasn't on the list.

Marijuana possession

Novi Police responded to a weapons complaint and ended up arresting two men for marijuana possession. The arrests occurred Dec. 22 outside an apartment on Lakeview Court, according to the Novi Police report. The 9-1-1 caller reported spotting a handgun on the stairs while taking the trash out. The person then witnessed a man exit a vehicle, grab the gun and get back into the car. Novi Police reported arriving at the location and finding the suspect vehicle occupied by three men. A search turned up a pellet gun and drugs. One suspect was placed in the police car and reportedly threw a baggie of marijuana from his pocket onto the car's floor. The other arrested suspect had a baggie of marijuana on him.

- By Lonnie Huhman



Ryan Kachnowski (right) presents a framed copy of an essay he wrote on "Why I Appreciate America's Veterans" to Bob Modes, owner of the Blue Plate Diner in Livonia.

Blue Diner adds essay to Patriots Wall

Ryan Kachnowski of Wixom, son of former Livonians John and Kristin Kachnowski, recently presented a framed copy of an essay he wrote on "Why I Appreciate America's Veterans" as part of a school project sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars to Bob Modes, owner of the Blue Plate Diner in Livonia. Modes has a Patriots Wall in his restaurant honoring Livonia-area residents who have served in the military dating back to the Civil

War and going to Afghanistan and Iran. After reading the essay, Modes posted it on the Patriots Wall along with the photos of the nation's heroes. "Our veterans made sacrifices to keep us safe, keep others safe and serve as a reminder that nothing is free and war is tough on all," he wrote in part. "They may not be rich, famous or be on television, but they deserve more attention. I hope more people realize how important veterans are as time goes on."

Green Oak Township man gets jail for indecent exposure

A Green Oak Township man who exposed himself in two counties was sentenced Jan. 28 in Livingston County. Nathanael Michael Armstrong, 30, was sentenced to 20 days in the county jail and given credit for one day he has already served. He also was ordered to spend two years on probation and to complete substance abuse counseling with an emphasis on sexual offender counseling, according to district court records.



Armstrong

Armstrong earlier pleaded guilty as charged to indecent exposure, while a second count was dismissed, for incidents in July at the Green Oak Village Place mall. He also pleaded guilty in Oakland County to three counts of aggravated indecent exposure for incidents in South Lyon

and to one count of indecent exposure in Novi. Police said Armstrong confessed to Oakland County investigators that he exposed his genitals to a female shopper around 7:30 p.m. July 14 at a Novi Target store after they had information possibly linking him to similar incidents in South Lyon. In the South Lyon cases, which occurred between April 15 and June 25 in the area of Pontiac Trail and Nine

Mile Road, witnesses said the suspect stayed inside his Dodge Dart while masturbating within sight of teenagers. The incidents in Green Oak Township went unreported to police until Armstrong was publicly identified in the South Lyon incidents, police said. Armstrong was sentenced in November in the Oakland County cases to one day already served in jail and five years of probation.



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Drop Off or Mail In to: People's Choice Awards - Northville Record, 29725 Hudson Dr., Novi, MI 48377

Only one entry per person per week, 18 years or older. Ballot Box stuffing will not be allowed. Only original newspaper ballots, NO COPIES ACCEPTED. Please fill out form completely. Partial Ballots may be disqualified.

FOOD OUTLETS	BEST SERVICE PROVIDERS	BEST RETAIL STORES
•Best specialty coffeehouse_____	•Best hair salon_____	•Best pharmacy_____
•Best place for breakfast_____	•Best place to bank_____	•Best bakery/baked goods_____
•Best Sunday brunch_____	•Best real estate company_____	•Best floral shop_____
•Best fast food restaurant_____	•Best auto service_____	•Best grocery store_____
•Best family restaurant_____	•Best oil change shop_____	•Best party store_____
•Best place for soup_____	•Best collision shop_____	•Best jewelry store_____
•Best salad bar_____	•Best insurance (agency)_____	•Best lumber yard_____
•Best place for burgers_____	•Best veterinary service_____	•Best beer selection (store)_____
•Best place for hot dogs/coneys_____	•Best travel agency_____	•Best wine selection (store)_____
•Best place for subs_____	•Best child care service_____	•Best children's wear_____
•Best place for ice cream_____	•Best house painter_____	•Best men's wear_____
•Best place for chicken_____	•Best landscaping company_____	•Best women's wear_____
•Best quality dining restaurant_____	•Best health/fitness company_____	•Best resale/consignment shop_____
•Best place for desserts_____	•Best waitress/waiter (include restaurant)_____	•Best sporting goods_____
•Best Italian restaurant_____	•Best tanning salon_____	•Best antique store_____
•Best place for seafood_____	•Best accountant_____	•Best hardware/home improvement store_____
•Best oriental restaurant_____	•Best chiropractor_____	•Best home décor_____
•Best Tex-Mex restaurant_____	•Best doctor_____	•Best yoga studio_____
•Best place for pizza_____	•Best dentist_____	
•Best place for steak_____	•Best eye care_____	
•Best place for barbeque ribs_____	•Best dance studio_____	
•Best wine selection(restaurant)_____	•Best fitness provider_____	
•Best beer selection(restaurant)_____	•Best pet supply store_____	
•Best place for romantic dinner_____	•Best art gallery store_____	
•Best after work meeting place_____		
•Best sports bar_____		
•Best Mediterranean food_____		

All Entries Must Be Received By February 20th

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Jessie Mehl, CPA, helps a client with his construction company.

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People who file a Schedule C need a good offense. Hiring a bookkeeper to assist with the books or consulting with a certified public accountant can help an entrepreneur avoid many of the typical issues, like math errors, forgetting income or claiming incorrect expenses. Plus, it can help you protect that six-figure income you worked so hard to earn.

"Receiving a notice from the IRS can be a really unnerving experience," says Brenda Smith, owner of B.W. Smith + Co., PC, a certified

public accounting firm. "Issues like math errors, which are one of the most common mistakes, are much easier for an accountant to find and resolve. Our training and tools enable us to find these types of issues quickly. Even if a business owner uses an accounting system like QuickBooks, there can be problems. It's simple to mistakenly categorize a payment or expense."

When a business accidentally books income as an expense or vice versa, the IRS says that will cause trouble. Simply misclassifying expenses can cause major headaches, because the financial and tax reports are not accurate. Even mistakenly omitting a small amount of income can trigger interest and penalties.

With 300-plus business clients and more than 100 years of combined experience, Smith's CPAs know the IRS tax code inside and out. B.W. Smith + Co. specializes in serving the self-employed and businesses with income under

\$10 million, especially companies in the health care, construction and engineering industries.

The firm has a reputation for solving IRS problems and for avoiding them. For six consecutive years, the company has been voted the South Lyon People's Choice Best Accountant.

Stephanie Uphoff, co-owner of Upco Waste Services, LLC, shares why the accounting firm keeps winning: *"When they helped us with our audit, we were not fined a single penny. When we first came to them, we had a real mess on our hands, and they fixed it."*

Al Powell, owner of Powell Leasing, LLC, adds, *"The company has saved me a bunch of money. I use them for both my personal and business needs. Anytime I have any questions about anything, they are always there."*

B.W. Smith + Co.'s services include more than just accounting and tax services. The firm's accountants are also small business advisers and pros at helping companies start on the right foot.

start. Two of the top five reasons they fail are financial — owners don't understand their finances and they don't manage their cash flow. The software tax company Intuit reports that 83 percent of small businesses suffer from financial illiteracy.

Having someone who is easy to work with and responsive is important to first-time entrepreneurs like Adam Ruffin, owner of A&R Plumbing, LLC. Ruffin, like most business owners, knew next to nothing about business finances. His expertise is plumbing. *"When I first started my new business, I didn't know anything about the financial aspects of operating a company," he said. "Brenda's firm helped me understand my finances in a simple and easy way."*

"Our mission is to provide friendly, professional services in an easily understood way so that someone can build a business with confidence," Smith says.

Smith advises start-ups to consider carefully whether they want to be a sole proprietor, limited liability corporation or some other type of corporation and whether they should set up as a cash business or accrual. "Decisions like these have major tax and reporting consequences down the line," she says.



The company prepares taxes for individuals and businesses.

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- 22 years in business
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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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UM Alumni host pro networking event

The University Of Michigan Alumni Club of Greater Northville will be hosting a professional networking event for seasoned and new professionals 6:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11, at Liberty Street Brewing Co. (second floor), 149 W. Liberty Street, in Plymouth.

The featured speaker will be fellow Michigan alumni Sally Schmall, owner of the Coaching Academy. With delight and humor, she will share simple strategies to help your message resonate with others, followed by small networking/discussion groups based on career interests. A light dinner and a drink will be provided.

Cost for alumni members is \$10; \$20 for non-members. To register, go to www.umclubs.com/northville (click on "Events") or call the Alumni Association at 800-847-4764.

TPT's Naughty Night series

Tipping Point Theatre's Naughty Night series, performed for one night only, will present a staged reading of spectacular plays that are a bit provocative and a lot more adult. Come out for the second classic play reading. You can be guaranteed adult content and language, like you have never seen on TPT stage before.

Winner of the Tony Award for Best Play 1999, *Side Man*, by Warren Leight, will be presented at 7 p.m. Feb. 8.

Set in 1953 and traveling to 1985, this lovely and poignant memory play unfolds through the eyes of Clifford, the only son of Gene, a jazz trumpet player, and Terry, an alcoholic mother. Alternating between their New York City apartment and a music club, Clifford narrates the story of his broken family and the decline of jazz as popular entertainment. Clifford recalls the key moments in his life, such as the day when he, fresh out of college, picked up his first unemployment check and was congratulated by Gene and his band mates. Gene's music career on the big band circuit ultimately crumbles with the advent of Elvis and rock 'n' roll. Terry begs him to get a nine-to-five job to support the family, but Gene refuses to enter the "straight world" of regular paychecks, mortgages and security. For Gene, who knows jazz better than his own son, music is not just a job; it's his life.

Tickets for this one night only fundraiser are only \$15 and are on sale now at the TPT box office and all seats are reserved. The TPT is located at 361 E. Cady Street, Northville; phone 248-347-0003 for more information.

Chamber welcomes Freep columnist

The Northville Chamber of Commerce welcomes Rochelle Riley, *Detroit Free Press* columnist, to a chamber luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 18, at Northville Hills Golf Club (15565 Bay Hill Drive). Event sponsors are ATI Physical Therapy and Patti Mullen, Remerica Home-town One. Cost is \$25 for chamber members; \$28 for non-members. Lunch includes Northville Hills Michigan Cherry Salad with chicken, soup, rolls and coffee/hot tea.

Riley's columns have appeared in the *Free Press* and at www.freep.com since 2000. She writes passionately about responsible government, community responsibility, public education, race, film and Michigan's reading crisis. Winner of numerous awards for writing, Riley is a sought after speaker and the Northville chamber is delighted to welcome her

to meet with members of the community.

Reservations and payment may be made by contacting the Northville Chamber of Commerce at 248-349-7640 or by email at tracisinc@northville.org.

Northville Garden Club meeting

Patty Page will be presenting "Creative Painting on Glass and Rocks" at the Northville Garden Club meeting at noon Monday, Feb. 9, at the Cady Inn at Mill Race Village. She will demonstrate and instruct members. Please bring a glass object, or rock to paint.

Guests are always welcome. For more information, call Inge Knoth at 248-348-1835.

Hospice presentation

Hospice of Michigan presents Winter Warmth – A Reflection on Legacy at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 18, at the Northville Community Center, 303 W. Main Street. A free presentation on healing after loss, the topic explores how cherishing memories helps one begin to heal.

To register or learn more, call Margie Martin, Grief Support services manager, at 734-769-5821.

Chamber Night at Tipping Point Theatre

Support the Northville Chamber of Commerce and the Tipping Point Theater by attending *Leaving Iowa* by Tim Clue and Spike Manton at 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20, at the theater (361 E. Cady Street).

Newspaper columnist Don Browning is searching for the perfect spot to scatter his dad's ashes. Join him on a solo journey across the Midwest, remembering the zany vacations he took with his dad, mom and sister. Through memories of corn fields, tourist traps and sibling conflicts, he rediscovers his love and admiration for his dad. *Leaving Iowa* is a rewarding journey that goes beyond nostalgia into the very nature of families and the experiences that bind us together.

"Since this production is a memory play so much of it takes place in flashbacks in the son, Don's, memory. This allows for an opportunity to see the backstory of the characters. It also allows for more freedom and creativity in the characters and scenes," said director Beth Torrey. "Audiences can expect to laugh a lot and also be touched by this story. It is also extremely relatable to all who haven't taken some kind of family road trip at some point in their life."

Leaving Iowa runs through March 8. The curtain rises at 8 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays, with matinees at 3 p.m. on Saturdays and 2 p.m. on Sundays. A special matinee performance has been added at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 18.

Tickets are \$29 to \$32 for adults and \$27 to \$30 for students and senior citizens, and are available now by calling the box office at 248-347-0003.

Northville Chamber networking event

Join Northville Chamber of Commerce members for an informal networking event 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10, at Brick's of Northville (133 W. Main Street, Suite 201). RSVP to tracisinc@northville.org or 248-349-7640, ext. 22.

Ninth annual Member Exhibition

The Northville Art House presents its ninth annual Member Exhibition showcasing more than 70 works of art in this all-media, non-juried member show. This exhibition was developed to showcase local talent and to say "thank you" to

Up-close look



Christina Funk, of the Howell Nature Center, holds a flying squirrel for kids to take a look at during a Jan. 13 visit to the Northville District Library. Funk brought a number of mostly nocturnal native-to-Michigan mammals, including a bat and an owl.

everyone who is supporting the growth and creativity of the arts in our community.

New, emerging and experienced artists come together to present some of their favorite works of art in this highly anticipated exhibition. This exhibit will open with an artist reception 6-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6, and will continue through Feb. 27 during Art House Gallery hours (noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday).

For additional information, call 248-344-0497 or go to www.northvillearthhouse.org. The Art House is located at 215 W. Cady Street and is a facility of the Northville Arts Commission. Admission to Art House exhibits is always free and open to the public.

Blues @ The Elks

Plymouth-Ann Arbor Elks Lodge No. 325 in Plymouth will present Blues @ The Elks the second Tuesday of each month in partnership with the Detroit Blues Society and Jazz @ The Elks the last Tuesday of each month. The events run 7-10 p.m. Kathleen Murray and Her Blues Band will be playing Feb. 10. The Dennis Tini Quartet returns Feb. 24.

The Lodge is located at 41700 Ann Arbor Road, in Plymouth Township. For more information call 734-453-1780 or go to www.plymouthelks1780.com.

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World champion coming to Gracie Barra Novi

Gracie Barra Novi announced that Professor Flavio Almeida will be coming to the school to train its students and guests as part of their grand opening event Feb. 14. Classes with Almeida will run from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Almeida is a black belt student of Carlos Gracie, Jr., one of the most renowned legends in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu. The Gracie family is credited with bringing the martial art to national fame and recognition in Brazil and later worldwide. Almeida is a two-time world champion (1999 brown belt and 1997 as a blue belt), Pan American Silver Medalist (2009 and 2007), Brazilian National

Silver Medalist (1999-brown and 1998-purple), World Bronze Medalist (2007 and 2001, 2000), and European Bronze Medalist (2009).

Grace Barra Novi recently opened its doors under the instruction of first degree black belt instructor Professor James Burchfield, and is currently accepting new students. Greg Fernandes, one of the owners of the new academy says that this is a very exciting opportunity for the club's students. "To train with one of the best instructors in the world? No matter what field you are in," said Fernandes, "that doesn't come around very often!"

Brazilian Jiu Jitsu is an ancient form of martial art and focuses on grappling and ground work and was the initial idea behind the Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC), to determine which martial art worked best in real world scenarios. For more information, contact Fernandes at 248-957-9597.

What's on your bucket list?

Looking for ways to ensure 2015 is a great year? Creating a bucket list is a good way to start. A bucket list, whether big, small or random, notes things you most want to do, goals you want to achieve, and dreams you hope to fulfill while making the most of life experiences. Achieving bucket list items initiates conversations, revitalizes direction, and provides a feeling of self-satisfaction.

"The beauty of creating of bucket list is actually the process of putting items in writing," said Karen Kapchonick, Novi's Older Adult Services manager. "Putting things in writing seems to hold us more accountable for achieving them."

Novi citizens ages 55+ are encouraged to share their bucket list items via www.cityofnovi.org, at the Older Adult Services Office (45175 Ten Mile Road) and at the Meadowbrook Activity Center, 25075 Meadowbrook Road. Novi's Bucket will be on display through April 30. Those who add to the list will be entered into a drawing for gift certificates. Success stories will be shared in a future edition of the *Enhance* newsletter, online at www.cityofnovi.org, and at both the

Older Adult Services Office and Meadowbrook Activity Center.

For more information, contact Kapchonick at 248-347-0414 or kkapchonick@cityofnovi.org.

Wixom officials honored

Wixom's City Manager Tony Nowicki and Chief of Police and Director of Public Safety Clarence Goodlein were recognized at the city council's Jan. 27 meeting by The American Legion, Constitution Post 224 in Wixom, for their outstanding service and assistance which contributed to the advancement of The American Legion programs and activities. Certificates of Appreciation were presented by Adjutant of The American Legion, Bill Lapham, and Clint Childers, senior vice-commander of Constitution Post 224.

The American Legion is a nonpartisan, not-for-profit organization that was chartered and incorporated by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans organization devoted to mutual helpfulness. It is the nation's largest wartime veteran's service organization, committed to mentoring youth and sponsorship of wholesome community programs, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting strong national security, and continued devotion to servicemembers and veterans.

Special events offered by Novi's Older Adult Services

Don't let cold weather and a bit of snow diminish fun this winter; treat yourself to a warm meal, entertainment and friendship by attending a special event hosted by city of Novi Older Adult Services.

Tickets are on sale now for events offered throughout the winter (and spring) and are \$7 per Novi resident and \$8.50 per non-resident unless otherwise noted. Attendees must be 55 years or older. All events take place at the Meadowbrook Activity Center, 25075 Meadowbrook Road.

Hearty Party Luncheon – noon to 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12: Join your friends and neighbors for a hearty meal, laughter and barbershop performance from Harmony Town. Ticket dead-

line is Feb. 6.

For more information about upcoming events and programs, go to www.cityofnovi.org or call city of Novi Older Adult Services at 248-347-0414.

Gardeners present Magic of Lighting

The Gardeners of Northville & Novi (a.k.a. The No-No's) Monday, Feb. 9, will present Sue Grubba and "The Magic of Lighting."

Don't be left in the dark when it comes to lighting your landscaping. She will talk about using low-voltage lighting, plants and other materials to ensure your landscape is illuminated with dramatic effects. Pen and paper may be helpful for notes.

Social mixer is at 6:30 p.m.; speaker is at 7 p.m.; at the Novi High School, 24062 Taft Road (at 10 Mile), Media Forum Room 198C. Park in the staff parking lot (first driveway on Taft Road south of 10 Mile). Enter via door No. 43. Visitors welcome; \$5 donation from non-members. For more information, go to <http://gardeners.northville-novi.org>.

Novi Farmers Market continues through winter

The 2014 Novi Farmers Market was so successful — with hundreds of people enjoying fresh vegetables, flowers and other items throughout the summer and fall — that the market will continue through the winter with gourmet foods and artisan items indoors at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 10 Mile.

The winter market will take place twice monthly from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. the following Saturdays: Feb. 14 and 21; March 7 and 21; and April 4 and 18.

The market will showcase an expanded selection of Michigan food products, as well as selected artisans with items to complement the home. Patrons will find foods, decor and gifts for holiday entertaining.

To stay in the know about the Novi Farmers Market, including recipes, vendor features and more, like it on Facebook.

For more information, contact manager RoseAnna Twitchell at 248-347-0400 or www.rtwitchell@cityofnovi.org.



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Timothy Grass Pollen Allergen Extract
Tablet for Sublingual Use 2800 BAU

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16 Weeks
TO GRASS ALLERGY SEASON*

GRASTEK should be started at least 12 weeks before the season. Talk to an allergy specialist now about whether GRASTEK is right for you.

*Date is approximate, depending on your region.

GRASTEK is grass allergy immunotherapy in a tablet. It may help you gradually build tolerance so you become less sensitive to grass pollen.

Not actual size



Made from small amounts of natural Timothy grass pollen, GRASTEK treats the grass allergies that cause eye and nose symptoms. Starting treatment early may give your body time to become less sensitive to grass pollen in preparation for the allergy season. It's recommended that you start taking GRASTEK at least 12 weeks before the grass pollen season. Make an appointment with an allergy specialist soon. To find a doctor near you, go to grastek.com/thinkspring.

GRASTEK is a prescription medicine used for sublingual (under the tongue) immunotherapy to treat Timothy and related grass pollen allergies that can cause sneezing, runny or itchy nose, stuffy or congested nose, or itchy and watery eyes. GRASTEK may be prescribed for persons 5 through 65 years of age who are allergic to grass pollen.

GRASTEK is taken for about 12 weeks before grass pollen season and throughout grass pollen season. GRASTEK may also be taken daily for 3 years to provide a sustained effect for a fourth year in which you do not have to take GRASTEK.

GRASTEK is NOT a medication that gives immediate relief for symptoms of grass allergy.

Important Safety Information about GRASTEK

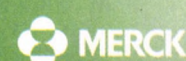
- GRASTEK can cause severe allergic reactions that may be life-threatening. Stop taking GRASTEK and get immediate medical treatment right away if you or your child has any of the following symptoms after taking GRASTEK: trouble breathing; throat tightness or swelling; trouble swallowing or speaking; dizziness or fainting; rapid or weak heartbeat; severe stomach cramps or pain, vomiting, or diarrhea; severe flushing or itching of the skin.
- Do not take GRASTEK if you or your child has severe unstable, or uncontrolled asthma; had a severe allergic reaction in the past that included trouble breathing, dizziness or fainting, or rapid or weak heartbeat; had difficulty with breathing due to swelling of the throat or upper airway after using any sublingual immunotherapy before; has ever been diagnosed with eosinophilic esophagitis or is allergic to any of the inactive ingredients contained in GRASTEK.
- For home use of GRASTEK, your doctor will prescribe epinephrine if you or your child has a severe allergic reaction after taking GRASTEK. Talk to your doctor or read the epinephrine patient information.
- The first dose of GRASTEK must be taken in the doctor's office. After taking the first dose, you or your child will be watched for at least 30 minutes by a healthcare professional for symptoms of a serious allergic reaction.
- Children should be given each tablet of GRASTEK by an adult.
- You should tell your doctor about any medicines you or your child take.
- Stop GRASTEK and contact your doctor if you or your child has any of the following after taking GRASTEK: Any type of a serious allergic reaction; heartburn, difficulty swallowing or pain with swallowing, or chest pain that does not go away or worsens; any mouth surgery procedures (such as tooth removal), develop any mouth infections, ulcers or cuts in the mouth or throat.
- The most commonly reported side effects were itching of the mouth, lips, or tongue, swelling under the tongue, or throat irritation. These side effects, by themselves, were not dangerous or life-threatening.

You are encouraged to report negative side effects of prescription drugs to the FDA. Visit www.fda.gov/medwatch, or call 1-800-FDA-1088.

Please read the Brief Summary on the following page for more detailed information.

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Gorman's Home Furnishings celebrates 75 years in business

Tell us about your business, including types of services and/or products you feature. We are the style and quality leader for home furnishings with 50 on-staff designers. We offer a complete one-stop advantage for home furnishings. Stickley Furniture is our No. 1 brand.

How did you first decide to open? Current owners purchased from Ben Gorman in 1965.

Why did you choose this area? Novi possesses the best demographics for better quality and design-oriented customers in southeast Michigan.

What makes your business unique? Gorman's has the 100 best brands in home furnishings with a good, better, best, exceptional merchandising platform. We offer \$899 sofas to total custom designs from the best quality brands.

How has it changed since you opened? From 1965-78, Gorman's was a contemporary furniture showcase. In the years since, we have expanded to five store locations: Southfield, Troy, Novi, Shelby Township and Grand Rapids. In addition to our expansion, our product selection has become more diverse, encompassing just about every style from traditional to contemporary. Our Southfield location has stayed true to its contemporary heritage, as our other locations have focused on traditional and eclectic goods.

Do you have a funny tidbit or story about your experience as a small business owner to share with our readers? Gorman's started as a railroad salvage resale store in 1940, later becoming a contemporary showcase. Gorman's is now one of the most respected furniture retailers in America.

How has the recent economy affected your business?



Tom Lias in the Novi Gorman's store, on the southeast corner of Novi and 12 Mile roads.

JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

DETAILS

Name: Gorman's Home Furnishings & Interior Design
Address: 27800 Novi Road, Novi
Title: Tom Lias, president
Hometown: Troy
Opened: 1940
Employees: 125
Hours: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday and Thursday; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, Friday and Saturday; noon to 5 p.m. Sunday
Specialty: Michigan's quality and style leader for home furnishings and interior design.
Phone: 248-344-0880
Website: www.gormans.com
Chamber membership: Since 1995

Our business did drop in 2008-09, but not dramatically because of our strong customer base. In 2012 and 2013, we had the highest volume years in our history. Tough conditions made us better.

Any advice for business owners? For 2015, Gorman's has declared a "War on Mediocrity" in our organization.

We are out to help ourselves go from good to great to the best.

What's in store for the future of your business? In 2015, we are focusing on ourselves, because that is truly the only thing we can impact. Many stores are obsessed with getting bigger – we are obsessed with getting better.

NEWSMAKERS

DeRegnaucourt recognized by publication

Novi-based Quinn Law Group, PLLC announced that Staci R. DeRegnaucourt has been recognized by *World Trademark Review* for inclusion in its 2015 edition of WTR 1,000 – World's Leading Trademark Professionals.

WTR 1,000 is the only standalone ranking publication to focus exclusively on trademark practices and practitioners and seeks to illustrate the depth of expertise available to brand owners as they seek to protect their brands. The guide further serves as the definitive tool to locating the best trademark partners worldwide.

WTR 1,000 describes DeRegnaucourt as utilizing "a holistic approach to handling all intangible assets" and further remarks that "foreign collaborators appreciate the 'efficiency' of the bright, young Quinn Law Group attorney."

DeRegnaucourt concentrates her practice in the intellectual property areas of trademarks, patents and copyrights with an emphasis on obtaining, policing and enforcing domestic and foreign trademark registrations, as well as preparing trademark clearance and infringement opinions. Additionally, she routinely counsels clients on intellectual property portfolio management, brand protection, brand management and anti-counterfeiting. DeRegnaucourt earned a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from Michigan State University and earned her juris doctorate,

magna cum laude, from Michigan State University College of Law.

Pierce named Business Leader of the Year

The Harvard Business School Club of Michigan announced that Northville's Sandra E. (Sandy) Pierce, vice chairman of FirstMerit Corp. and chairman and CEO of FirstMerit Michigan, has been selected as an awardee of the club's annual Business Leader of the Year award. A dinner to honor Pierce will take place Thursday, March 26, at the MSU Management Education Center in Troy.

Pierce, a Northville resident, began her career as a teller at National Bank of Detroit (now JPMorgan Chase) while attending Wayne State University. After 27 years in commercial banking, retail banking and private client services, she joined Royal Bank of Scotland in 2005 to oversee its Midwest region subsidiary, Charter One. In 2012, Pierce joined FirstMerit when it acquired Citizens Republic Bank. She was recently named by American Banker as one of the 25 most powerful women in banking. Pierce serves on the boards of Penske Automotive Group and Barton Malow Co. Her civic commitments include chairing the Board of Trustees of Henry Ford Health System and the nine-member Financial Advisory Board for the city of Detroit. Pierce graduated from Wayne State University, where she received both a bachelor of business administration in marketing and a master of business administration in finance degrees.



Pierce

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Brief Summary



GRASTEK®

Timothy Grass Pollen Allergen Extract
Tablet for Sublingual Use 2800 BAU

Carefully read the Medication Guide before you or your child start taking GRASTEK and each time you get a refill. This Brief Summary does not take the place of talking to your doctor about your medical condition or treatment. Talk with your doctor or pharmacist if there is something you do not understand or you want to learn more about GRASTEK.

What is the most important information I should know about GRASTEK?

GRASTEK can cause severe allergic reactions that may be life-threatening. Stop taking GRASTEK and get medical treatment right away if you or your child has any of the following symptoms after taking GRASTEK:

- Trouble breathing
- Throat tightness or swelling
- Trouble swallowing or speaking
- Dizziness or fainting
- Rapid or weak heartbeat
- Severe stomach cramps or pain, vomiting, or diarrhea
- Severe flushing or itching of the skin

For home administration of GRASTEK, your doctor will prescribe auto-injectable epinephrine, a medicine you can inject if you or your child has a severe allergic reaction after taking GRASTEK. Your doctor will train and instruct you on the proper use of auto-injectable epinephrine. Talk to your doctor or read the epinephrine patient information if you have any questions about the use of auto-injectable epinephrine.

What is GRASTEK?

GRASTEK is a prescription medicine used for sublingual (under the tongue) immunotherapy to treat Timothy and related grass pollen allergies that can cause sneezing, runny or itchy nose, stuffy or congested nose, or itchy and watery eyes. GRASTEK may be prescribed for persons 5 through 65 years of age who are allergic to grass pollen. GRASTEK is taken for about 12 weeks before grass pollen season and throughout grass pollen season. GRASTEK may also be taken daily for 3 years to provide a sustained effect for a fourth year in which you do not have to take GRASTEK. GRASTEK is NOT a medication that gives immediate relief for symptoms of grass allergy.

Who should not take GRASTEK?

- You or your child should not take GRASTEK if:
- You or your child has severe, unstable or uncontrolled asthma
 - You or your child had a severe allergic reaction in the past that included any of these symptoms:
 - o Trouble breathing
 - o Dizziness or fainting
 - o Rapid or weak heartbeat
 - You or your child has ever had difficulty with breathing due to swelling of the throat or upper airway after using any sublingual immunotherapy before.
 - You or your child has ever been diagnosed with eosinophilic esophagitis.
 - You or your child is allergic to any of the inactive ingredients contained in GRASTEK. The inactive

ingredients contained in GRASTEK are: gelatin, mannitol and sodium hydroxide.

What should I tell my doctor before taking GRASTEK?

Your doctor may decide that GRASTEK is not the best treatment if:

- You or your child has asthma, depending on how severe it is.
 - You or your child suffers from lung disease such as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).
 - You or your child suffers from heart disease such as coronary artery disease, an irregular heart rhythm, or you have hypertension that is not well controlled.
 - You or your daughter is pregnant, plans to become pregnant during the time you will be taking GRASTEK, or is breast-feeding.
 - You or your child is unable or unwilling to administer auto-injectable epinephrine to treat a severe allergic reaction to GRASTEK.
 - You or your child is taking certain medicines that enhance the likelihood of a severe reaction, or interfere with the treatment of a severe reaction. These medicines include:
 - o beta blockers and alpha-blockers (prescribed for high blood pressure)
 - o cardiac glycosides (prescribed for heart failure or problems with heart rhythm)
 - o diuretics (prescribed for heart conditions and high blood pressure)
 - o ergot alkaloids (prescribed for migraine headache)
 - o monoamine oxidase inhibitors or tricyclic antidepressants (prescribed for depression)
 - o thyroid hormone (prescribed for low thyroid activity).
- You should tell your doctor if you or your child is taking or has recently taken any other medicines, including medicines obtained without a prescription and herbal supplements. Keep a list of them and show it to your doctor and pharmacist each time you get a new supply of GRASTEK. Ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before taking GRASTEK.

Are there any reasons to stop taking GRASTEK?

Stop GRASTEK and contact your doctor if you or your child has any of the following after taking GRASTEK:

- Any type of a serious allergic reaction
- Throat tightness that worsens or swelling of the tongue or throat that causes trouble speaking, breathing or swallowing
- Asthma or any other breathing condition that gets worse
- Dizziness or fainting
- Rapid or weak heartbeat
- Severe stomach cramps or pain, vomiting, or diarrhea
- Severe flushing or itching of the skin
- Heartburn, difficulty swallowing, pain with swallowing, or chest pain that does not go away or worsens

Also, stop taking GRASTEK following: mouth surgery procedures (such as tooth removal), or if you develop any mouth infections, ulcers or cuts in the mouth or throat.

How should I take GRASTEK?

Take GRASTEK exactly as your doctor tells you. GRASTEK is a prescription medicine that is placed under the tongue.

- Take the tablet from the blister package after carefully removing the foil with dry hands.
- Place the tablet immediately under the tongue. Allow it to remain there until completely dissolved. Do not swallow for at least 1 minute.
- Do not take GRASTEK with food or beverage. Food and beverage should not be taken for the following 5 minutes.

- Wash hands after taking the tablet.

Take the first tablet of GRASTEK in your doctor's office. After taking the first tablet, you or your child will be watched for at least 30 minutes for symptoms of a serious allergic reaction.

If you tolerate the first dose of GRASTEK, you or your child will continue GRASTEK therapy at home by taking one tablet every day. Children should be given each tablet of GRASTEK by an adult who will watch for any symptoms of a serious allergic reaction.

Take GRASTEK as prescribed by your doctor until the end of the treatment course. If you forget to take GRASTEK, do not take a double dose. Take the next dose at your normal scheduled time the next day. If you miss more than one dose of GRASTEK, contact your healthcare provider before restarting.

What are the possible side effects of GRASTEK?

In children and adults, the most commonly reported side effects were itching of the mouth, lips, or tongue, swelling under the tongue, or throat irritation. These side effects, by themselves, were not dangerous or life-threatening. GRASTEK can cause severe allergic reactions that may be life-threatening. Symptoms of allergic reactions to GRASTEK include:

- Trouble breathing
- Throat tightness or swelling
- Trouble swallowing or speaking
- Dizziness or fainting
- Rapid or weak heartbeat
- Severe stomach cramps or pain, vomiting, or diarrhea
- Severe flushing or itching of the skin

For additional information on the possible side effects of GRASTEK, talk with your doctor or pharmacist. You may report side effects to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) at 1-800-FDA-1088 or www.fda.gov/medwatch.

This Brief Summary summarizes the most important information about GRASTEK. If you would like more information, talk with your doctor. You can ask your doctor or pharmacist for information about GRASTEK that was written for healthcare professionals. For more information go to www.grastek.com or call toll-free at 1-800-622-4477.

The Medication Guide has been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

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Schostak completes five new leases for Northville Park Place

Livonia-based Schostak Brothers & Co. has completed the leases for five new tenants at Northville Park Place in Northville.

A joint venture between Schostak Brothers & Co. and Bloomfield Hills-based REI Investment Group, Inc., the 65,000-square-foot mixed-use development, located at the southwest corner of Seven Mile and Haggerty roads, is set to welcome:

» **Tom + Chee:** A gourmet grilled cheese and tomato soup restaurant that combines classic comfort foods with varied ingredients, healthy alternatives and exciting combinations. It has been featured on such shows as the *Shark Tank*, *Man vs. Food* and *Amazing Eats*.

» **Red Olive:** A casual dining restaurant, featuring a variety of nutritional Mediterranean and Greek-inspired dishes.

» **Sports Clips:** A sports-themed barber-shop specializing in haircuts for men and boys.

» **Gazelle Sports:** A specialty retailer that focuses on running, fitness and soccer, offering footwear and apparel for active and casual use, as well as in-store clinics and running training programs.

Additionally, Seattle-based MOD Pizza, a



Northville Park Place is a 65,000-square-foot mixed-use development located at the southwest corner of Seven Mile and Haggerty roads.

restaurant concept introduced to the Michigan market by Livonia-based TEAM Schostak Family Restaurants, will open one of its first locations in the state at Northville Park Place. MOD Pizza offers individual artisan-style pizzas that are made on demand using organic fresh-pressed dough and signature sauces.

These tenants will join Granite City Food & Brewery, Rusty Bucket, Sherwin Williams, BurgerFi, Chipotle and Jimmy John's.

"We are excited to welcome these five successful companies to our growing and diverse tenant portfolio at Northville Park Place," said Warren Strietzel, Schostak Brothers & Co. executive vice president and chief operating officer.

"A one-of-a-kind development in south-

east Michigan, Northville Park Place will provide local families with innovative dining and retail options that will make it a cornerstone of our local community for years to come."

Northville Park Place is slated for a spring opening. For more information about Northville Park Place, go to www.schostak.com or call 248-357-6220.

Cooper Standard names new CIO, CFO

Novi-based Cooper Standard Holdings Inc. appointed Allen J. Campbell as executive vice president and chief infrastructure officer with concentration in the Asia-Pacific region and Matthew W. Hardt as executive vice president and chief financial officer.

Hardt joined Cooper Standard as executive vice president Feb. 2 and becomes CFO March 2, when Campbell transitions to the chief infrastructure officer position stationed in the Asia-Pacific region. Hardt will be located at the company's world headquarters in Novi.

In the newly established position of chief infrastructure officer, Campbell will ensure the financial, business process and information technology systems are aligned to support the growth of the company, especially in the Asia-Pacific region where Cooper Standard is expanding at a rapid pace. Campbell will also contribute to on-going M&A activity as the corporate liaison on the ground in the Asia-Pacific region.



Campbell

Hardt

The company's IT department will report to Campbell as a part of the global infrastructure function.

As CFO, Hardt will have primary responsibility for directing the company's corporate finance team, including treasury, internal audit and tax. He will also have oversight responsibility for investor relations which continues to evolve as the company expands its investor relations activities to service its broader stakeholder base.

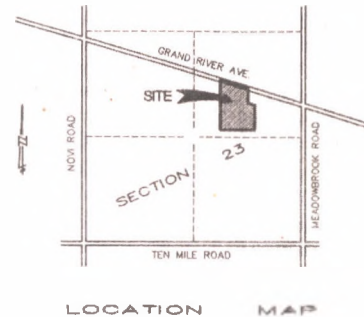
Campbell has more than 30 years of corporate finance and leadership expertise, including considerable experience in the Asia-Pacific region. He has been with Cooper Standard since 1998, serving in a series of financial and corporate leadership roles of increasing responsibility, including

vice president of Asian operations. Prior to joining Cooper Standard, Campbell held various non-automotive, financial and business positions for the Dow Chemical Co. for 18 years. He is a certified public accountant and earned a master of business administration degree in finance from Xavier University in Cincinnati and a bachelor of arts degree in accounting from Ball State University in Muncie, Ind.

Hardt brings more than 25 years of experience to Cooper Standard, most recently serving as senior vice president, finance for the industrial solutions, and before that, the consumer and industrial solutions divisions at TE Connectivity Ltd. (previously Tyco Electronics). He also served as vice president of finance for Tyco's specialty products group. He previously served in multiple roles at General Electric Co., including CFO for a number of the company's global divisions. Hardt earned a bachelor of science degree in finance from Siena College in Albany, N.Y.

CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 25, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **HUNTLEY MANOR, JSP 14-56 FOR PLANNING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR A SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT OPTION CONCEPT PLAN.** The subject property totals approximately 26.62 acres and is located in Section 23, south of Grand River Avenue and west of Meadowbrook Road. The applicant is proposing a 210 unit multiple-family gated community. Plans are available for review at the Community Development Department in the Novi Civic Center.



All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be made to the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during the City's regular business hours, Monday thru Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., and must be received by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, February 25, 2015.

Novi Planning Commission
Michael Lynch, Secretary

Publish: February 5, 2015

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OFFICE CLOSING

The Charter Township of Northville Administrative Offices will be closed on Monday, February 16, 2015 in observance of Presidents' Day.

As a reminder, the last day to pay WINTER taxes, without penalty, is Friday, February 13, 2015 by 4:30 p.m. TAX PAYMENT POSTMARKS ARE NOT ACCEPTED.

The offices will reopen at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 17, 2015.

POLICE & FIRE EMERGENCY SERVICES WILL REMAIN AVAILABLE

Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk

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Hey, Novi! It's Time to Pick Your PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARDS

We Need Your Input On The Best Places To Shop...Best Places To Eat...

Best Place For Great Service. This is NOT scientific! It's a fun, readers poll. Join in on the Balloting!

Drop Off or Mail Into: People's Choice Awards - Novi News, 29725 Hudson Dr. Novi, MI 48377

Only one entry per person per week, 18 years or older. Ballot Box stuffing will not be allowed.

Only original newspaper ballots, NO COPIES ACCEPTED. Please fill out form completely. Partial Ballots may be disqualified.

BEST FOOD OUTLETS

- Best place for donuts/bagels/baked goods _____
- Best coffee _____
- Best place for breakfast _____
- Best steaks _____
- Best deli _____
- Best fast food restaurant _____
- Best family restaurant _____
- Best place for soup _____
- Best place for salad _____
- Best place for burgers _____
- Best place for hotdogs/coneys _____
- Best place for subs _____
- Best place for desserts _____
- Best Sushi restaurant _____
- Best Italian restaurant _____
- Best Asian restaurant _____
- Best Mexican restaurant _____
- Best Greek restaurant _____
- Best place for pizza _____
- Best martini _____
- Best wine selection (store) _____
- Best wine selection (restaurant) _____
- Best beer selection (store) _____
- Best beer selection (restaurant) _____
- Best place for romantic dinner _____
- Best after work meeting place _____
- Best sports bar _____
- Best place for dancing _____
- Best framing shop _____
- Best financial planner _____
- Best massage _____
- Best sporting goods store _____

BEST SERVICE PROVIDERS & RETAIL STORES

- Best physician _____
- Best bank _____
- Best consignment store _____
- Best eyecare _____
- Best funeral home _____
- Best salon _____
- Best nail salon _____
- Best tanning salon _____
- Best jewelry store _____
- Best real estate company _____
- Best real estate agent _____
- Best mortgage provider _____
- Best accountant _____
- Best auto dealer _____
- Best auto service _____
- Best oil change shop _____
- Best collision shop _____
- Best tire store _____
- Best veterinary service _____
- Best travel agency _____
- Best landscaping business _____
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All Entries Must Be Received By February 20th

BUSINESS BRIEFS

From the Court to Corner Office

The Novi Oaks Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association presents "From the Court to the Corner Office," by Michele Lewis, director of



Lewis

p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11,

the Sport Management Program and assistant professor at Madonna University, at 6:15

at the DoubleTree in Novi (42100 Crescent Boulevard).

Lewis is an inspirational speaker who will share lessons from the sports field that can be used in the corporate setting – even if you have never played a sport. Team dynamics can make or break your victory, on the playing field or in the office; don't miss these strategies for winning.

Go to www.abwa-novi.org for registration and payment information.

Schoolcraft hosting export control seminar

The Schoolcraft College Procurement Technical Assistance Center will host a seminar on export control for businesses engaging in the federal marketplace from 9 a.m. to noon Feb. 12 in the Jeffress Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia.

"Many contractors do not realize the importance of ensuring export control compliance with regard to selling to the government," remarked Meghan Rybarczyk, a procurement counselor with the Schoolcraft College PTAC. "Firms continually fail to understand the implication of not abiding by the regulations, especially when they may not be participating in export activities."

The International Traffic in Arms Regulations and Export Administration Regulations are regulations that do not only apply to the export of products outside the United States, but also that of technical data and software. This type of information is also protected under the regulations even if it does not leave the United States. Violation of either regulatory measure can result in severe penalties and repercussions.

ITAR and EAR experts from Miller Canfield, an international law firm, will be delivering the course content and participate in an open discussion forum at the end of the event with the PTAC.

"Firms participating in export activities or handling data provided by the federal government should certainly consider attending," remarked Alexander Masters, a Procurement Counselor with the Schoolcraft College PTAC. "Our team will be on hand to provide general insight on government contracting and field questions related to contract management and best practices."

Pre-registration is required for all interested attendees. For a copy of the flier and to access registration instructions, go to <http://schoolcraft.edu/docs/default-source/business-development-center/winter-2015/flyer.pdf>. The course fee is \$45 per individual.

Questions and comments may be directed to the PTAC of Schoolcraft College team by phone at 734-462-4438 or by email at info@schoolcraft.edu.

Wixom approves rehab program

Wixom City Council approved the first step Jan. 27 in a Commercial Rehabilitation Exemption Program to encourage economic development in the Wixom Village Center Area. Under the Commercial Rehabilitation Exemption Program, property owners in the designated district can apply for a property tax abatement which freezes their current taxable value during the construction phase of a project, typically one to three years.

Gov. Rick Snyder on July 12, 2011, signed Public Act 82 of 2011 into law, amending Public Act 210 of 2005, the Commercial Rehabilitation Act. The original act was an economic development

Novi in Lansing



State Rep. Kathy Crawford, R-Novi, welcomed Novi Mayor Bob Gatt to the House floor for Gov. Snyder's 2015 State of the State address Jan. 20. Crawford invited the mayor to Lansing for a special joint session of the Michigan House and Senate, during which the governor delivered his key goals for his second term. Each lawmaker is allowed one floor guest during the annual speech. Gatt, who recently announced he will seek re-election in November, has been endorsed by Crawford and her husband Hugh, Oakland County commissioner. "The Crawfords have been very helpful to the great city of Novi," Gatt said. "We get outstanding support from both the county and state governments, thanks to the Crawfords."

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ALTHOUSE, CRAIG LEE

Craig Lee Althouse, passed away January 24, 2015 in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. He was 27 years old. Born October 3, 1987 in Salem, Ohio, Craig was the only son born to parents Debra Rose (McAbier) and Roger Lee Althouse. Craig and his sisters, Traci and Cari, were raised together in Salem, Ohio and Highland, Michigan. Craig graduated from Milford High School in the Class of 2006. He continued his education at Central Michigan University where he earned a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Business Administration and Marketing with a concentration in Logistic. Following his graduation from CMU in 2010, Craig began his career with the Centroid Group in Wixom, Michigan and later joined Corrigan Oil Company in Brighton, Michigan where he was the logistics manager. Craig loved fishing and boating and all the best that the out of doors could offer. He was always kind and light-hearted; he has always been known for being a fun-loving guy—usually the one wearing a Hawaiian shirt with a cheeseburger print swimming suit and flip flops. In addition to his loving parents, Roger and Debbie Althouse, Craig is survived by his sisters Traci (Aaron) Cox and Cari Althouse; grandparents Lee & Norma Althouse and Jack and Rosie McAbier; aunts and uncles John & Lynne McAbier, Gail & Dan Keegan, Nancy & Mark Kleinschmidt and Gordon & Patty Mattix as well as many cousins, his girlfriend Rachel Peters, and a host of dear friends. Funeral Service will be held from Highland United Methodist Church, 680 W. Livingston Road, Highland, on Thursday, January 29th, at 10:30 AM with gathering beginning at 10 AM. Brian Saunders to officiate. Friends may visit Wednesday at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty St., Milford from 4 - 9 PM. Memorials encouraged to the Craig Althouse Memorial Fund c/o Lynch & Sons, 404 E. Liberty St., Milford, MI 48381. For further information, please phone Lynch & Sons, Milford at 248-684-6645 or visit LynchFuneralDirectors.com

LYNCH & SONS

Funeral Directors

BARRON, DANIEL J.

Age 54, of Northville, passed away January 28, 2015. Share condolences at casterlinefuneralhome.com

CASH, BETTY L.

89, of Chandler, Arizona passed away on January 25th. She was preceded in death by her husband, John L. Cash, in 2001. Surviving are son Jeffrey (Janet Lim) Cash of Seattle, WA, daughters Corrinne (Paul) Wentz and Laurie (Jim) Wallace, both of Chandler. Grandchildren Adam and Brian Benner, Emma (Spencer) Blaylock, Samantha, Ian, and Elizabeth Wallace. Two sisters, Mildred Mullen of Mesa, AZ and Sharon Eickhoff of Lowell, MI also survive. Contributions may be made to New Hudson United Methodist Church.

EARL, JUDITH

July 17, 1950 - January 10, 2015
obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

EGNER, ROBERT

October 20, 1934 - January 15, 2015
obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

FRASER, DONALD DENNIS

A long time resident of Milford, died on January 29, 2015 at the age of 72. He is survived by his wife, Maryann Fraser, sons, Dean (Mary) and Scott (Erica), grandchildren, Kenzie, Kelsi, Aileana and Liam, and a brother, Terry (Phyllis). He was preceded in death by his parents, Monroe and Roberta Fraser, and a wife, Dean and Scott's mother, Linda Fraser, in 2002. Don was a graduate of Northville H.S. in 1960 and attended Schoolcraft Community College, majoring in mathematics and machining. He had a long career as a master toolmaker and retired from General Motors in 2008. Funeral Services were held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Milford, on Wednesday, February 4, 2015 with burial in Oak Grove Cemetery, Milford. Memorials may be made in his name to Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Detroit. For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit LynchFuneralDirectors.com

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GOLEM, HELEN

June 1, 1927 - January 17, 2015
obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

GURNEY, KIMBERLY

January 12, 1970- January 28, 2015. Arrangements by Phillips Funeral Home,
www.phillipsfuneral.com

HONEY, THOMAS

January 31, 1965- January 20, 2015. Arrangements by Phillips Funeral Home,
www.phillipsfuneral.com

McLEAN, WILLIAM

Age 88, passed away January 27, 2015. Services were held from Phillips Funeral Home,
www.phillipsfuneral.com

MINHINNICK, GORDON

August 30, 1941 - January 30, 2015. Arrangements by Phillips Funeral Home,

PELTO, STANLEY S.

Age 69, of Northville, passed away January 28, 2015. He was born on April 23, 1945 in Detroit, son of the late Henry and Anna Marie Peltto. Stanley was the former president of the Maintenance Construction Unit, Local 600 in Dearborn. He will always be remembered as a loving and devoted husband, father and grandfather. Stanley is survived by his beloved wife, Janet of 47 years; his daughter-in-law, Alissa Peltto and his two grandsons: Ryan and Jacob. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews and many loving friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; his son, Patrick and four brothers: Jack, Pete, Hank and Al. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, February 7 at 11:00 a.m. with the family receiving friends beginning at 10:00 a.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon.
www.phillipsfuneral.com

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PREUSS, ALFRED

Age 83. January 26, 2015. Loving and devoted father of Susan Wendel, Richard (Colleen) Preuss, Kim Preuss and Steve Preuss. Cherished grandfather of Bridgett, Angela, Nicole, Corrin, Eric, Ashley and Erika. Great-grandfather of ten. Celebration of Life Service Saturday, February 7th 4 PM at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home 33603 Grand River Ave. (one block W. of Farmington Rd.), Downtown Farmington. Family will receive friends Saturday, February 7th 1-4 PM. Memorials suggested to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia, MI 48154. Interment with military honors is scheduled for the Spring, at Pinelawn Memorial Park Cemetery, 10700 West Capital Dr., Milwaukee, WI 53222. www.thayer-rock.com

ROTONDI, ANTHONY

July 18, 1980 - January 16, 2015
obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

RUSSELL, ROBERT

September 21, 1956 - January 28, 2015. Arrangements by: PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME
www.phillipsfuneral.com

SANDERS, EARL

July 16, 1925 - January 20, 2015
obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

SPARKS, ANGELE

July 14, 1919-January 11, 2015
obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

SPOUTZ, MARY ELAINE

June 6, 1928 - January 16, 2015
obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

TIILIKKA, HENRY R.

Age 88, of Northville, passed away January 31, 2015. Share condolences at casterlinefuneralhome.com

UNDERHILL, RONALD

Oct. 3, 1957 - Jan. 29, 2015. Arrangements by Phillips Funeral Home. www.phillipsfuneral.com

VARADY, PAUL

May 31, 1941 - January 27, 2015
obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

incentive to assists rehabilitating commercial buildings in order to create or retrain jobs and increase commercial activities. The incentive comes in the form of abated property taxes. The act offers qualified properties real property tax abatement for a period of one to ten years, as determined by the local community. The abatement freezes the taxable value of the building only as it was before the improvement, but does not affect the taxable value of the land itself, or personal property taxes. School taxes are also not affected. The cost of rehabilitation must be a minimum 10% of the true cash value of the property at the beginning of the project.

Strong December lifts Michigan holiday season

Most Michigan retailers reported better holiday sales, thanks to a strong December, according to the Michigan Retail Index, a joint project of Michigan Retailers Association and the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

The average year-to-year change was a 1.1-percent increase for the season, slightly below retailers' average pre-season prediction of 1.6 percent.

For all of 2014, the average change from the year before was a 1.0-percent increase.

"December was the best month since July, helped by sharply lower gasoline prices, lower unemployment and moderate weather," said James P. Hallan, MRA president and CEO.

"That boost lifted holiday sales and results for all of 2014, although not as much as expected."

About a third (32 percent) of retailers reported holiday sales increases above 5 percent. Another 20 percent rang up smaller increases, while 23 percent reported flat sales. A quarter (25 percent) of retailers experienced declines.

The December monthly survey of MRA members showed 54 percent of retailers increased sales over the same month last year, while 29 percent recorded declines and 17 percent reported no change. The results create a seasonally adjusted performance index of 66.5, up sharply from 48.1 in November. A year ago December, the index stood at 50.5.

The 100-point Index gauges the performance of the state's overall retail industry, based on monthly surveys conducted by MRA and the Federal Reserve. Index values above 50 generally indicate positive activity; the higher the number, the stronger the activity.

Looking forward, 49 percent of retailers expect sales January through March to increase over the same period last year, while 22 percent project a decrease and 29 percent no change. That puts the seasonally adjusted outlook index at 68, up from 64.1 in November. A year ago December, the index stood at 63.3.

MTEC SmartZone creates 83 local jobs in 2014

In 2014, MTEC SmartZone reached a major milestone, creating 83 local jobs at its affiliated incubator locations. MTEC SmartZone was also recognized by Michigan Economic Development Corp. for high performance in every measurable category of success: jobs created, companies launched and/or expanded and the amount of funding brought into the commu-

nity. "We are proud to be a driving part of the Keeweenaw's economic opportunities," MTEC SmartZone CEO Marilyn Clark said. "Since 2002, our mission has been to give entrepreneurs and business owners the tools they need to grow and thrive."

Those tools come from MTEC SmartZone's SmartStart program, an incubator for young companies that provides business counseling, access to office space, workshops, and a collaborative development process.

Since opening its doors in 2002, MTEC SmartZone has created more than 500 jobs by commercializing and growing advanced technologies. It is one of 16 Michigan SmartZones that provides resources to help business owners develop ideas, patents and innovative opportunities.

MTEC SmartZone companies, in 2014, generated \$19,745,127 in local revenue, up significantly from \$4,732,681 reported in 2013. MTEC SmartZone is required to report job counts, among other specific metrics, to the MEDC every year. The number of jobs created each year is based on data collected or reported by MTEC SmartZone clients. With this achievement, MTEC SmartZone is one step closer to its vision: transforming the Upper Peninsula into a worldclass technology ecosystem.

"We have an enormous amount of talent and drive in our community, but innovators need guidance and support," Clark said. "This milestone shows we're headed in the right direction. As companies continue to launch, more jobs will follow." For more information about MTEC SmartZone, go to www.mtecsz.com.

Taste of Northville registration underway

The Northville Chamber of Commerce is now accepting registrations for the annual Taste of Northville Business Showcase Event, presented by Community Financial Credit Union, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 14, at Northville High School.

The showcase will feature interactive exhibits from retail, service and nonprofit businesses at this fun family-themed event. This year's theme will celebrate the "Wearing of the Northville Green" (St. Patrick's Day). The early bird registration fee of \$175 (chamber members' discount) includes booth space, table, chairs, set up assistance and four tickets to the event.

Business participants are encouraged to provide promotional give-away items, along with their company literature. Event attendees vote on awards for the Best Restaurant/Caterer, Best Business and Best Theme displays.

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

BRIEFS

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Schoolcraft offering small business seminars

The Michigan Small Business Development Center of Schoolcraft College announces the 2015 winter schedule for small business start-up and growth seminars in metro Detroit through April.

The "Entrepreneur Series," is designed to provide entrepreneurs the education and tools to launch a successful small business. The series consists of the following five classes which can also be taken individually: Start-

ing a Business; Writing a Business Plan; Marketing Your Business; Financial Management; and Business Legal Issues.

The series will be held March 4 through April 1 at Schoolcraft College, Radcliff campus - Garden City.

"It's not enough to have a great idea or product ... entrepreneurs have to know how to set up and operate a business. The five classes in the Entrepreneur Series provided a great foundation of small business knowledge. They were definitely worth the time and money!" said DeAnna Gilbert, president of Integrity Pure & Natural.

The MI-SBDC is also offering "Cooking up a Successful Food Related

Business" for entrepreneurs that dream of turning their passion for food and cooking into a business. Using a step-by-step plan, they will learn how to turn their dream into a reality.

For existing businesses there are a number of workshops. For example, the "Loan Workshop for Growing Businesses" helps the business owner learn directly from financial institutions and small business consultants what is necessary to obtain financing, including the key elements of a loan package and options available for financing. Another workshop, "Know Your Numbers - 5 Keys to Using Financial Statements to Grow Your

Business," is designed for CEOs and CFOs with at least three years of financial history who want a better understanding of how to use their financial statements to make better business decisions.

Register online or call 734-462-4438 for event information.

Community Financial supporting nonprofits

Forecasters are not predicting another polar vortex this winter, but Michigan temperatures have still been dipping below zero. Severe cold this time of year puts extra strain on families that are forced to choose between paying utilities

and putting food on the table.

That's why Community Financial Credit Union started the Warming Hearts & Homes campaign. This unique program engages community members on social media to help direct Community Financial donations to organizations that assist Michigan families in staying warm and well-fed during these cold winter months.

For every Facebook like, tweet and Instagram picture Community Financial received, the credit union donated \$25 to select nonprofits in north and southeast Michigan.

When the campaign concluded in December, Community Financial

donated \$40,000 to local nonprofits. Recipients were: The Heat and Warmth Fund (THAW), food pantries in north and southeast Michigan, The Salvation Army's "Coats for Kids" program and Habitat for Humanity of Michigan. Each group received a \$10,000 donation.

Last year marked the third year of the Warming Hearts & Homes campaign. The program began in 2012 to enhance the well-being of the communities the credit union serves.

For more information about Community Financial and Warming Hearts & Homes, go to www.cfcu.org or www.Facebook.com/CommunityFinancial.

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Worship Services: Sunday 8:30 am & 11:00 am
Bible Study: Sunday 9:45 am
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www.brightmoorcc.org
something for the entire family
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Saturday: 4:30 p.m. (English) & 6:30 p.m. (Spanish)
Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.
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Awards (3 yrs old thru 5th grade (Sept - March))
and Youth Group for 6th grade and older
Website: milfordbaptist.org
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FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
44400 W. 10 Mile, Novi, 248-349-2345
1/2 mile west of Novi Rd.
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WORSHIP AND SUNDAY SCHOOL - 10 AM
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holycrossnovi@gmail.com
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10774 Nine Mile Road
Rev. M. Lee Taylor • 449-2582
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Worship, 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening, 7:00 p.m.
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Pastor Bryant Anderson
238 N. Main Street, Milford MI (248) 684-2805
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Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.
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Sunday Worship 10 a.m.
Rev. Arthur Ritter, Senior Minister
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50200 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi
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Sunday 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.
Casual, contemporary service
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www.oakpointe.org
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HIGHLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
680 W. Livingston Rd. • Highland, MI 48357
248-887-1311 • www.myhumc.com
Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Kids Church: 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
MS & HS Youth: 11:00 a.m.
Wed is MS Youth Night: 6:30 p.m.
Griefshare, Mondays, 6:30 p.m.
LO-0000219748

Milford United Methodist Church
1200 Atlantic St., Milford, MI 48381
Sunday Worship: 8:30 am, 10:30 am, 6:00 pm
Children's Church: 10:30 am
Groups for Children, Youth and Adults
248-684-2798
milfordumc.net
LO-0000219788

ST. JAMES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH NOVI
46325 10 Mile Rd. • Novi, MI 48374
Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 8, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m.
Msgr John Kasza, Pastor
Parish Office: 347-7778
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Rev. Michael Horlocker, Pastor
www.fpcsouthlyon.org
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Gathering in Jesus Name
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Sunday 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.
Mike Ragan, Pastor
734-347-1983 pastor cell
Old fashioned preaching KJV
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56730 Grand River Avenue • New Hudson MI 48165
(248) 437-6212 • Gerald S. Hunter, Pastor
Sunday School & Bible Class - 9:30 a.m.
Worship: 10:30 a.m.
www.newhudsonumc.org
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1116 S. Hickory Ridge Rd., Milford, MI 48380
248-887-1218
Sunday Worship 9 am & 11:15 am
Wed. Kids: 6:30 pm/Adults: 6:45 pm
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The Church of Christ
21860 Pontiac Trail • South Lyon, MI 48178
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10:30 a.m. Praise and Worship
Wednesday Midweek Ministries 7 p.m.
Troy Singleton, Minister
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437-8810 • 486-4335
Grissold Rd. at 10 Mile
Worship: 10 a.m.; Sunday School: 10 a.m.;
Adult Bible Study: 9 a.m.
LO-0000219772

NEW HOPE - A Unitarian Universalist Congregation
57855 Grand River Ave., New Hudson, MI 48165
Phone 248-474-9108
Sunday Celebration of Life Service 10:30 a.m.
Rev. Suzanne Paul, Minister
Website: <http://www.newhopeuu.org>
LO-0000219806

Freedom Life Church
Where the Spirit of the Lord is,
there is Freedom Cor 3:7
1208 E. Commerce, Milford
Worship: Sun 11am, Wed 7pm
We are here through Christ Jesus to
provide Freedom to those who
are hurting, diseased, addicted
LO-0000219863 and depressed.

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Sunday Worship @ 9:30 am
Sunday School @ 11 am
Wednesday mid-week programs
Rev. David Brown, Pastor
248-437-2222 • www.fellowshippepc.org
LO-0000219794

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SOUTH LYON
60620 Marjorie Ann St., South Lyon 48178
Phone: 248-437-2983
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Evening Service 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.
Senior Pastor: Rob Freshour / Assoc. Pastor: Randy Weeks
Website: www.fbcsouthlyon.com
Email: fbcsouthlyon@sbccglobal.net
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Northville

First Presbyterian Church of Northville
www.fpcnorthville.org
200 E. MAIN ST. AT HUTTON
Worship: 9:30 am
Sunday School for all ages, 10:30 am.
248-349-0911
LO-0000219747

First United Methodist Church Northville
(248) 349-1144
777 West 8 Mile Road
(8 Mile and Taft Road)
Northville, Michigan
Worship Times: September - May 9:15 & 11:00 a.m.
Memorial Day - Labor Day 10:00 a.m.
Rev. Marsha M. Woolley, Lead Pastor
www.fumcnorthville.org
LO-0000219786

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(248) 437-0760
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Rev. Bart Muller, Pastor
248-573-7320
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Sunday, 7:30, 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.
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Religious Education 349-2559
Rev. Denis Theroux, Pastor
LO-0000219827

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OUR VIEW

Cleaning up after snowstorm takes all of us

So does it surprise anyone that the day after Mother Nature dumped 16 inches of snow on us, her champion season prognosticator, Punxsutawney Phil, saw his shadow, predicting six more weeks of winter?

You could say that's heaping insult onto injury, but let's face it, we're halfway through the winter season in Michigan.

Winter in the Great Lakes state is always an adventure. A few years ago, spring arrived in February; last year, we got up close and personal with polar vortexes and 94.9 inches of snow, topping the previous record of 93.6 inches set in 1880-81.

And this weekend's snowstorm – unofficially named Linus, although no one bothered to tell us that so we could be more polite in talking about it – is the third heaviest snowstorm on record in Detroit. The 16.7 inches that fell at Detroit Metropolitan Airport as of early Monday morning was topped only by 24.5 inches April 6, 1886, and 19.3 inches Dec. 1-2, 1974.

Mark Twain noted that "Climate is what we expect, weather is what we get." In Michigan, we know winter will be cold and snowy, some years more than others. We have no control over what the weather the brings us, just over how we respond to it. With Linus, there were no surprises. Thanks to technology, we knew well in advance it was coming and, by the time it got here, we knew how bad it would be.

We tip our hats to our local and county road crews that did a yeoman's job clearing the roads. While we were safe and sound inside, enjoying Super Bowl Sunday, road crews were at work. City offices and schools closed and garbage collection was canceled in some communities because of Linus, but the lights were on and everyone was home, not at public service facilities.

Theirs is not an easy job and, more times than not, road crews take the brunt of criticism when streets don't get cleared in a timely fashion. That's why we also tip our hats to residents who heeded the communities' declarations of snow emergencies and moved their vehicles off neighborhood streets so plows could get through.

Shame on you to those who didn't. Your on-street parking creates a problem for the plows and for your neighbors. And don't say you didn't know. Common sense dictates that when the snow starts falling, it's best to move vehicles off the street.

We also want to remind residents and business owners to shovel their walks. Many businesses made sure their lots were cleared for their customers Monday, but many missed the sidewalks. People who walk past their businesses were forced to walk in the street. And sidewalks in residential areas also need to be cleared for children to get to school, especially at the crosswalks. Homeowners with corner lots need to clean the walk in front of their home and on the side of their property. It's especially important along busy thoroughfares that children cross to get to school.

And don't forget the fire hydrants. They tend to get lost in a major snowstorm, buried under the fallen snow and the snow removed from roadways. When there's a fire, every second counts. Fire officials recommend clearing at least three feet in all directions so firefighters can quickly gain access to a water supply during a fire emergency. That includes making sure that each hose connection is accessible and provides unobstructed access to attach a hose to the hydrant.

Linus is long gone and, according to Phil, we have six weeks' more of winter, but consider this: We made it all the way to February before getting an appreciable amount of snow. Maybe we can make it the rest of the way to spring the same way. If not, oh well, it's Michigan.



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Kai Peguese clears snow Monday from the walkway at Novi Woods Elementary. Novi schools were closed that day as well as the next.

COMMUNITY VOICE

Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow Monday, predicting six more weeks of winter. Do you look at that as good news or bad news?



"I definitely look at that as bad news! While winter is beautiful and can be fun, I am looking forward to an early spring!"

Dr. Steve M. Matthews,
superintendent
Novi Community School District



"Spring arrives on March 20. That's about six weeks from now. I am going to continue to enjoy the sights and sounds of Novi, cherishing every day of every season. In Novi, in my world, it's sunny and warm every day of the year!"

Bob Gatt, mayor
city of Novi



"I guess this boils down to two things: there is no such thing as bad weather, just inappropriate clothing, and 26.532 percent of the statistics are made up on the spot."

Pete Auger,
city manager
city of Novi



"Bad news. No monument will be erected to honor Mother Nature due to her lack of popular support."

Chip Snider, manager
Northville Township

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Wayne County can't handle Eight Mile

The city of Novi and RCOC have done a remarkable job in keeping the county and city roads clear. No, it doesn't happen instantaneously and I don't live buried deep into a subdivision: Chase Drive gets primary attention and that attention is good.

However, just steps away from my home, Chase Drive exits onto Eight Mile Road, a road that in better days has its maintenance divided up between Wayne and Oakland counties. A division of responsibility is good, but is only good if both groups live up to it.

I'm here to tell you that Wayne County does absolutely nothing on Eight Mile Road. This morning, more than 24 hours after the snow has ended, and all the major roads in Novi were long cleared (and dry, might I add), Eight Mile was a mess with traffic backed up for miles. This is because Wayne County failed to run a single plow down the road and failed to salt, too. Now, with it being 3 degrees this morning, salt will not work. More snow is coming tomorrow as well. This is a dangerous condition, as emergency vehicles would not be able to get through.

It's time to remove the responsibility for road maintenance from Wayne County. The residents of Northville and Novi are suffering because Wayne County is completely incapable of doing anything correctly or on time and, in most cases, simply not doing anything at all. It's a massive failure of government.

Please go through the motions to remove them from their responsibilities. They do nothing anyway and we need the consistency and ability of Novi, Northville and RCOC to maintain this Eight Mile Road.

Michael Salemi
Novi

Are voters stupid?

A recent NBC/ *Wall Street Journal* post-election poll found that voters ranked reduction of student loan rates highest as an issue with an 82-percent approval rating. Next came increased infrastructure spending and increasing the minimum wage both with 75-percent approval, fighting Ebola in Africa by spending there instead of here at 65 percent, followed by reducing carbon emissions at 59 percent.

Excuse me, but the last election saw what could be described as a "Republican Wave" and none of the top five issues listed by voters could be identified as Republican Party objectives. Matter of fact, all are Democratic Party priorities.

According to the same poll, when respondents were presented with a carefully constructed statement describing the components of the comprehensive immigration bill passed by the Senate over 500 days ago that Republican Speaker Boehner has refused to bring to the floor for a vote, 74 percent of respondents approved of the language.

On top of that, although Republican presidents Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush employed executive orders allowing millions of immigrants to be spared the fear of deportation with little or no blowback, 48 percent of those polled opposed

the fact that Democratic President Barack Obama had the audacity to take the same exact type of independent action in spite of the fact that public support for comprehensive immigration was as strong as the NBC/WSJ poll had indicated. One wonders why?

With large segments of the voting public regularly voting against not only their own opinion stances as measured in this and countless other polls but actual self-interest, one may ask, "Are American voters stupid?" You be the judge.

Mitch Smith
Canton

Constitution states powers

Please call and write your U.S. Senators and Congressmen and request that they vote to sue and impeach President Barack Obama on grounds of overreaching his authority as president. Obama was elected president, not dictator or king. He says that the Constitution gives him power to "go it alone."

I can tell you where the Constitution says the president does not have that power:

Article 1, section 8 defines ("enumerates") all of the powers that the federal government, including the president or Congress, has. The 10th Amendment then says that if a power is not enumerated in Article 1, section 8, the federal government does not have that power. "Any power not expressly enumerated in the Article 1, section 8 does not belong to the federal government, but is reserved to the states and the people."

Executive orders, which is what Obama is using to bypass both Congress and the will of the American people, are not an enumerated power granted to the federal government, (including the president) by the Constitution. In fact, the term "Executive Order" is not used anywhere in the Constitution. If the president can pass laws by writing an executive order, then Congress serves no useful purpose and should be eliminated at great savings to taxpayers.

Gerald N. Wiggins
Salem Township

Watch Republican actions

Michigan Republicans say they support smaller government. I believe them. Because based on bills they have introduced, they want a government so small that only Republicans can participate in it.

At least three Republican bills are designed to permanently rig the political system in their favor. These bills are aimed directly at Democrats, but other bills target independent voters, making it virtually impossible for them to have a say in nominating candidates for offices such as governor.

The most well known of these measures is a bill to change the way Michigan awards its Electoral College votes (HB 5974). Unable to win the popular vote for president in Michigan, Republicans want to change from the winner take-all system, which directly reflects our nation's long tradition of majority rule, to a scheme that would dilute the people's choice. Instead of majority rule, the winner would receive only nine of

the state's 16 electoral votes. The rest would be allocated based on a convoluted mathematical formula requiring a candidate to earn more than 60 percent of the popular vote to win all the electoral votes.

The scheme is a blatant attempt to help a Republican presidential candidate win nationally since not all states are adopting this change – only a state where Democrats frequently win.

But that's not all. Eyeing an increasingly Democratic tilt in Oakland County, Republicans from that county have introduced a bill to make it harder for a Democrat to win the post of Oakland County executive (HB 5953). The election for that position is now held in presidential election years. Recognizing that more Democrats vote in those years, Republicans want to change the date to non-presidential years, making a Republican victory easier. Of course, this follows a measure the GOP Legislature approved in 2011 to change the way Oakland County reapportioned its county commission districts, allowing the Republicans to hang on to a majority on that board.

A third bill would gerrymander the election of the state Board of Education. Democrats just retained control of the board in the Nov. 4 election so Republicans have decided that body should be elected from gerrymandered districts rather than statewide (HJRGG). Even more extreme, some Republicans have begun beating the drum for eliminating the board entirely and removing any direct public voice in statewide education policy (Nov. 14, *Detroit News*, "Give the Pink Slip to State Board of Ed.").

Another measure (HB 5955) would eliminate primaries for offices such as governor, state representative, and state senator, and have political parties nominate candidates at party conventions. This would make it extremely difficult for an independent voter to have any say in the nominees of either party.

And HB 5956 would require voters to disclose their party preference when they register to vote and prohibit voters from participating in primaries for president, U.S. Senate, or other offices unless they declared which party they support at least 30 days before the primary. Again, independent voters would be disenfranchised.

Flimsy rationales are offered for all these measures, but they are mere fig leaves for the naked power grab that the Republicans are attempting.

Judy Daubenmier
Livingston County Democratic Party chair

Praise immigration action

Three cheers for President Barack Obama and his immigration reform. The president again shows himself to be a noble person who cares deeply for people, families and human dignity.

I am sickened by Republican leaders who are so haughty and sanctimonious in condemning the President's action. To tell the truth, Republican leaders seem to have a single, cheap goal – destroy the president and every one of his accomplishments.

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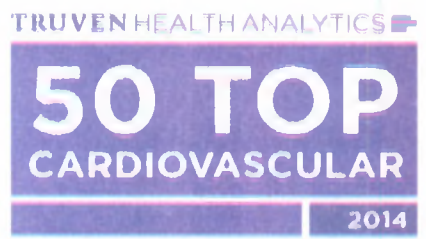
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This is the family room located next to the open kitchen in this home located at 48090 Ravello Court



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This is the dining room.

Italian-style Novi mansion features five bedrooms, 11,000 square feet

By Judy Rose
Michigan.com

The term "showplace" can be a real estate cliché, but this extravagant house in Novi really does put on a show.

From the staircase's leopard carpet and scrolled balustrade to the four Corinthian columns around the owner's tub, almost no chance for opulent decoration has been left undone. It's listed at \$2.795 million.

Some inspiration came from resorts and hotels the owners visited in places like Las Vegas, owner Tom Petrillo said. "We got ideas for some of the materials, for the artwork on the walls."

That includes the textured Venetian plaster used throughout the main floor — 25 feet high in the living room and foyer. The master plasterer spent a year here, Petrillo said.

In some spots — like the landing at the top of the main stairs — the fringed draperies, the antiqued walls, the gold filigree chandelier and the wrought-iron balustrade suggest an elaborate doge's palace in Venice.

For all that, Petrillo said, the beauty of the

house has been the way it cradled their family as they raised their three kids — ages 7-10 when they built the home 13 years ago: "It's a big house, but the kids can go in any room and be comfortable."

They built it because their previous house did not have a family room next to the kitchen, Julie Petrillo said: "It was very important to us to have that, so the kids could be hanging out."

They had 25-30 for dinner at Christmas and the kitchen was designed with aisles five feet wide around the large island, so multiple cooks aren't crowded.

"The kitchen was a really important component for us," Tom Petrillo said. "We'd have my wife cooking, my mother, her mother."

Kitchen details include limestone flooring, Sub-Zero refrigerator and freezer, Thermador cooktop, two Bosch dishwashers and a Miele built-in coffee maker. The cooking niche has a handmade mosaic backsplash and the ceiling is painted to repeat the pattern. Wood beams create an arched effect. The formal dining room is a medley of special effects. Lower walls are clad with stone. Above that Venetian plaster walls are decorated with textured plaster medallions.

The main floor also



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his Novi home is listed at \$2,995,000.

holds the master suite with its ornate marble bathroom, seven-foot wide steam shower, seven-foot pillared tub, custom furniture-style built-ins, "a very finished look rather than a bathroom look," Tom Petrillo said.

The walk-out lower level has a family-TV room, kitchen, bar and guest suite, plus an indoor pool and spa. It opens out to a 1,125-square-foot screened porch. Above this porch is the same size paved outdoor terrace. There's also smart-house technology, an eight-seat theater, a gym, a four-car garage and a nanny or in-law apartment with its own kitchen.

The work of a Michigan metal artist runs throughout. He built the elaborate scrolled balustrades, plus wrought iron accents in the kitchen, the lower level bar, the French doors to the library.

Also throughout, all cabinets were made by the custom firm Dutch Made; lighting is by the prestige line Fine Art Lamps; faucets are from the Italian firm Mico Designs.

Landscaping is especially handsome with limestone paving and retaining walls. It in-

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cludes a motor court with a formal fountain in front and naturalized ponds with a waterfall and small stream in back. The house is in Bellagio, a gated, luxury neighborhood of 54 houses, built mostly in the early 2000s. With the kids off to



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This is a view of the kitchen.

college, the house no longer is a good fit for just two people, Tom

Petrillo said. "It's a really good family home for people with children."

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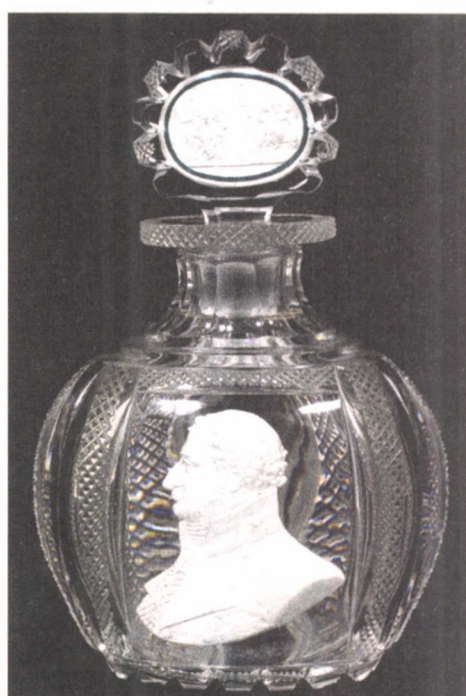
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Northville's late charge is thwarted

Salem's Topolovec comes up big in 62-60 triumph

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

The last player Northville might want to see in the KLAA playoffs or Class A district tournament is Kenny Topolovec.

The 6-foot-6 junior from Salem beat the Mustangs with a free throw with only three seconds left Jan. 9 to give the Rocks a 47-46 win.

And it was Topolovec again Friday night as he came up with a key block in the waning seconds and alertly called a timeout with just 2.1 seconds to play while scrambling on the floor for a loose ball to help preserve a 62-60 KLAA Central Division victory over the host Mustangs.

The win keeps Salem, now 9-3 overall and 5-1 in the division, one game behind KLAA Central leader Novi.

Northville (7-5, 2-4) certainly had its chances in the final minute down a point, 61-60, but the Mustangs missed two put-backs and couldn't convert the go-ahead shot after David Morrissey came up with a steal at mid-court with 30 seconds remaining.

Northville junior guard Justin Zimbo then drove the lane in the waning seconds, but was stuffed by Topolovec, who gained possession and dribbled into the front court, only to momentarily lose control.

Diving on the floor with the ball heading out of bounds, Topolovec came up with it and called timeout with 2.1 seconds remaining to keep the ball in Salem's possession.

"I was just trying to take the ball up the floor quick, keep control of it and wait for my teammates to come up there and help me out," said Topolovec, who finished with team-high

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Northville's Justin James splits Salem defenders Kenny Topolovec (left) and Jakob Lenders (right) during Friday's KLAA Central Division clash.



MARK HICKS

Northville's Anthony Solak scores the first goal, beating Brighton goaltender Jake Price.

Brighton's blitz corrals Mustangs

Bulldogs tally 4 second-period goals to clinch division

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Even after taking a 3-1 lead into the dressing room for the first intermission Monday against Brighton, Northville boys hockey coach Clint Robert felt a false sense of security.

"When we scored the three, I thought we were playing well maybe a five- or six-minute stretch, but I kind of thought that 3-1 lead was a little bit fraudulent," Robert said. "I thought they were beating us to pucks and outworking us. I thought they were outbattling us, so we tried to address that in that second period."

And as Detroit Red Wings announcer Mickey Redmond likes to say, the Bulldogs went "bingo-bango" on the Mustangs, scoring four unanswered

goals during the middle period to earn the KLAA Central Division title with a 5-3 victory at Novi Ice Arena.

"I still thought we outbattled them in the second period, but the bottom line was turnovers at our blue line," said Robert, whose fourth-ranked Mustangs (Division 1) slipped to 14-3-2 overall and 7-3-1 in the division. "For sure, three out of their four goals were a direct result of turnovers or plays at their blue line. You can't let that happen. Three feet either side of the blue, you got to get pucks deep and knock it deep."

Lee Pietila's unassisted breakaway goal at 8:22 of the second period tied the game at 3-3 and Pietila notched his second of the game just 2:22 later for the go-ahead goal from Zach Vitkuske and Brad Halonen.

But the back-breaker game with just 40.6 seconds left in the period, when Vitkuske stole the puck near mid-ice and scored an unassisted short-handed goal to give the Bulldogs a two-goal cushion.

"That was a big goal, put us up two, that was critical," said Brighton coach Paul Moggach, whose No. 6-ranked (Division 1) Bulldogs improved to 10-6-3 overall and 7-0-3 in the Central. "That was a beautiful goal, too. We had some nice goals. The four goals on the five shots ... they were all pretty nice."

Northville never recovered from Vitkuske's short-handed goal.

"Instead of going in with some power-play time and looking to tie it —

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Wildcats get clipped by Stevenson goaltender Barber, 5-2

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

The finish proved to be bit hair raising for Livonia Stevenson's hockey team in its Division 2 state-ranked clash Jan. 28 against host Novi.

The Spartans were trying to protect an early 4-1 third-period lead, but with 11:08 left Andrew Nowak was sent off to the penalty box with a five-minute major for charging, coupled with a game disqualification.

And it didn't help matters when Stevenson's Alec Allen was also sent off as a result of a five-minute boarding call with 8:19 remaining.

No. 3-ranked Novi tallied one power-play goal, but Stevenson (11-4-3, 5-2-3) had Cullen Barber in net and the ju-

nior proved to be a cut above as the No. 3 Spartans walked out of Novi Ice Arena with a 5-2 KLAA Central Division win.

Novi (11-6-1, 4-4-1) was on the continuous power play for 7:49 during the third period, including a five-on-three for 2:11.

But the only goal Barber allowed from that point was with 9:07 remaining on Pat Wojtylo's power-play tally from Bryan Fegert and Ryan Baxter.

"I'm just trying to get as many whistles as I can and help my team out and just kill off the penalty without letting in a goal," Barber said. "That's the first time I've ever been in a seven-minute power-play situation and had to kill it off."

Novi appeared to have

pulled to within one, 4-3, with 6:58 remaining, but the goal was disallowed because of a high stick.

"I knew it was a high stick right away," Barber said. "Even though they called it a high stick, you've got to move on and worry about the next shot."

Novi coach Mark Vellucci didn't make an issue of the reversed goal.

"Our guys were saying it wasn't a high stick," he said. "Fortunately, we have a tape of it and we'll take a look and see. My first reaction from the bench was I thought it was a high stick, too. I thought it was an OK call."

Stevenson, which outshot the Wildcats 34-23, controlled

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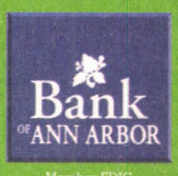
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Novi's Bryan Fegert (middle) is boxed in along the boards by Stevenson's Joe Alcantar (left) and Ben Kowalske during the KLAA Central clash.

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Novi grapplers sew up KLAA Central dual crown

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

It's been a turnaround season for the Novi wrestling team. The Wildcats clinched the KLAA's Central Division championship Jan. 28 at Livonia Stevenson with a double-dual meet victory over South Lyon East, 63-15, and South Lyon, 42-22.

Novi, coming off a 30-29 division victory Jan. 21 at home against Stevenson, captured its first KLAA Central title since 2011. The Wildcats also defeated Central foes Northville (45-24) and Salem (36-27) en route to the crown.

"I'm real proud of the team," Novi first-year coach Joel Smith said. "Every one of those teams in the division we had lost to last year, so it was nice to avenge those losses."

Among the Novi wrestlers going 2-0 on the night against East and South Lyon were Zach Roach (103 pounds), Eric Wright (119-125), Evan Davis (135), Kyle Benkar-ski (152), Neil Haakenson (160) and Cooper Smith (215).

Jared Engebretson and Dorian Haney each added a pin at 285.

"It came down to us and South Lyon and they have a real nice team,"

Smith said. "Every one of them stepped up. It was a great team effort. And when we lost, we kept our losses to a minimum in regards to the point spread. And then when we had an opportunity to pin, our boys did and that was the difference in the meet. We only gave up one pin. That was our goal in practice this week that we were going to eliminate getting pinned."

"We're looking leagues and districts coming up," Smith said. "We have continue to work hard and continue to try and improve towards the end of the season."

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Novi's wrestling team celebrates after clinching the KLAA Central Division dual meet title Jan. 28 at Livonia Stevenson.

CC 'White' grapplers take third at Observerland tournament

By Ed Wright and Brad Emons
Staff Writers

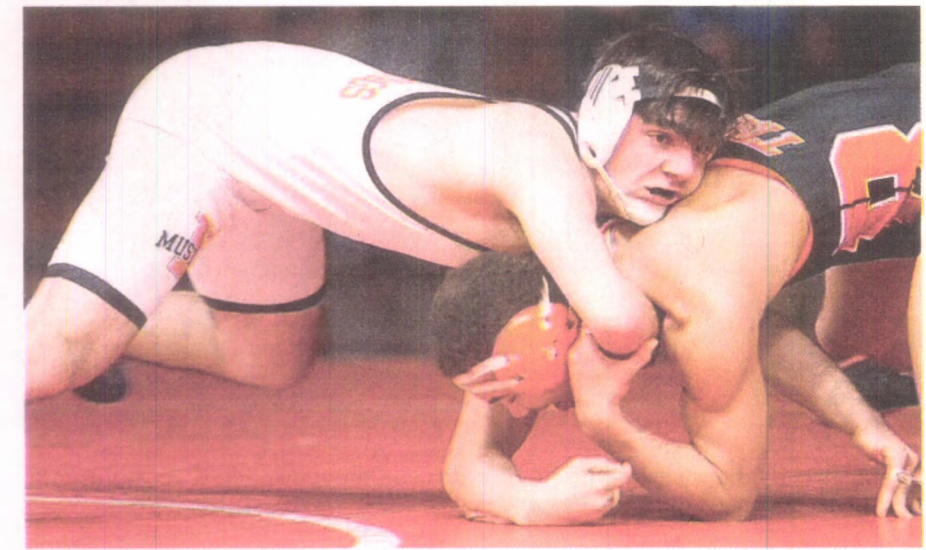
Livonia Franklin wrestlers Nick Robertson and Nathan Atienza were golden Saturday, but the rest of the Patriots were money, which was the primary reason the Patriots cashed in on their first Observerland title since 2012.

All 13 Patriots scored and 11 placed as Franklin piled up 198 points to out-distance runner-up Westland John Glenn's team total of 181.

The Novi Detroit Catholic Central White team placed third with 171 points, just ahead of fourth-place host Livonia Churchill (153) and fifth-place Belleville (151.5).

Robertson captured the 130-pound title when he topped Farmington's Jesse Jones, 10-5, in overtime, while Atienza took the 140 crown with a 15-0 technical fall against Belleville's Brandon Bellant.

"This is nice because we really hadn't won anything of significance



Northville's Chris Koumariotis (top) captured the 145-pound Observerland title with a 10-6 decision over Belleville's Pharaoh Jones.

all year," Franklin coach Dave Chiola said. "We lost the (KLAA South) division to John Glenn and we lost the city meet to Churchill. We told the kids it was going to take a team effort and everybody did their part."

Sam Giese (160) and Tyler Morland (171) came away with individual titles for CC.

Giese downed Glenn's Derrick Lester in the finals, 11-7, while Morland won by major decision over Connor Vaughn of Livonia Stevenson, 19-6.

Other placers for the Shamrocks included Joe Lyon (125) and Connor Curnette (189), third; Davis Rastique (103) and Joe McGrath (135), Bob-

fifth, also upset the fourth seed en route to the title.

"This is Chris' first varsity title and I can't think of anyone who deserves it more or had worked harder for it," Northville coach Brian Bagian said. "The coaching staff is extremely proud of Chris and hope he keeps peaking at the right time."

Wang, a senior, reached the finals at 125 before falling to Glenn's Chase Spanos, 3-0.

Meanwhile, freshman Omar Labhiki came within a match of earning a medal at 103 for the Mustangs and stands 19-9 on the season.

Northville is 6-11 overall on the season after double-dual meet loss Jan. 28 to Salem (50-20) and host Howell (61-15).

CC seniors hailed

Catholic Central celebrated Senior Night with a 55-13 dual match win Jan. 29 over Plymouth, followed by a 48-7 triumph over Oxford.

Seniors Tommy Herrmann, Trevor Zdebski, Myles Amine, Bobby Brewer, Nick Giese all went 2-0 on the night. They were honored at

intermission, along with fellow senior Frank Oblak.

They have been a part of class that has helped CC to a 85-13 dual record, along with three MHSAA Division 1 state team, regional, district and Catholic League crowns.

The night was highlighted by Zdebski's 4-2 win over defeated returning state finalist Alex Hrisopoulos of Oxford, along with Giese's victory over Oxford's Wyatt Hardin, 9-2.

"These guys are invaluable to our program," said CC coach Mitch Hancock, whose No. 2-ranked Shamrocks improved to 17-3 overall. "I'm very honored to work with them on a daily basis. You can sit here and talk about all these accolades and successes on the mat. However, it's the success off the mat I care about. Four of those young men have GPAs over a 4.0, one is a trombonist and football player, two scored over 30 on the ACT and all of them are very active in our community. I'm proud of that."

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OBSERVERLAND WRESTLING RESULTS	
24TH OBSERVERLAND WRESTLING TOURNAMENT Jan. 31 at Churchill	
FINAL TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Livonia Franklin, 198 points; 2. Westland John Glenn, 181; 3. Novi Detroit Catholic Central, 171; 4. Livonia Churchill, 153; 5. Belleville, 151.5; 6. Salem, 106; 7. Livonia Stevenson, 101.5; 8. Farmington, 78; 9. Farmington Hills Harrison, 73; 10. Lutheran High Westland, 65; 11. Northville, 54; 12. Garden City, 35; 13. Plymouth, 32; 14. Redford Union, 28; 15. Wayne Memorial, 27; 16. Redford Thurston, 9.	
CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS	
103 pounds: Mike Mars (WJG) decisioned Dan Manier (Farm.), 6-0; 3rd place: Antonio Herrera (LF) dec. Davis Rastique (CC), 10-6; 5th place: Isaiah Berry (Ply.) dec. Sam Lyman (Bell.), 6-1.	
112: Josh Mussen (LC) dec. Johnny DiPonio (LF), 7-2; 3rd: Chase Walkowiak (FRM) won by major dec. over Akash Rai (Salem), 11-2; 5th: Josh Filban (CC) won by major dec. over Christian Zimmerman (LW), 13-5.	
119: Mike Voljanyuk (FHH), dec. Chris Brown (Bell.), 7-5 (overtime); 3rd: John Siemasz (WJG) pinned Jake Justice (Farm.), 4-30; 5th: Ethan Englehart (LC) p. Chase Moscovici (CC), 0-53.	
125: Chase Spanos (WJG) dec. Shunhe Wang (N'ville), 3-0; 3rd: Joe Lyon (CC) dec. Adam Ross (LF), 2-0; 5th: Kenny Vadrans (RU) dec. Andy Faith (LW), 6-3.	
130: Nick Robertson (LF) dec. Jesse Jones (Farm.), 10-5 (OT); 3rd: Payton Beneteau (WJG) dec. Ali Arab (GC), 5-1; 5th: Tank Alcodray (LS) won by major dec. over Chase Cozart (Bell.), 10-0.	
135: Daniel Allor (FH) p. Devin Memring (Bell.), 3-05; 3rd:	
Brad Speen (WJG) dec. Joe McGrath (CC), 3-2; 5th: Jeremy Nelson (LF) p. Will Eckerle (LS), 0-34.	
140: Nathan Atienza (LF) won by technical fall over Brandon Bellant (Bell.), 15-0 (5:22); 3rd: Caleb Richter (LW) p. Bruce Haslitt (Salem), 1-40; 5th: Andrew Lapins (RT) dec. Ryan Boynton (FHH), 4-2.	
145: Chris Koumariotis (N'ville) dec. Pharaoh Jones (Bell.), 10-6; 3rd: Zac Leck (LC) p. Collin Smith (LF), 2-03; 5th: Brandon Bergstresser (GC) dec. Connor Even (LW), 8-2.	
152: Caleb Brown (Bell) won by major dec. over Chase Gardner (LC), 15-6; 3rd: Caleb McCabe (S) dec. Bobby Brewer (CC), 9-4; 5th: Ricky Laurence (WJG) p. Wes Warren (LW), 1-20.	
160: Sam Giese (CC) dec. Derrick Lester (WJG), 11-7; 3rd: Ethan Shulaw (Ply.) won by major dec. over Cody McAnalley (LC), 10-1; 5th: Zach Burho (Bell) dec. Derek Gilsbach (LS), 4-2.	
171: Tyler Morland (CC) won by major dec. over Connor Vaughn (LS), 19-6; 3rd: Mitchell Retting (LF) dec. Logan Beaudoin (WJG), 8-3; 5th: Collin Englehart (LC) dec. Rapana Divine Filemu (FHH), 3-2.	
189: Roy Foster (Salem) dec. Alex James(WM), 3-1 (OT); 3rd: Connor Curnutte (CC) p. Jawaun Peete (WJG), 3-46; 5th: Dan Huber (LF) p. Gage Brent (Farm.), 1-37.	
215: Mitchell Gross (Salem) dec. Baker Hadwan (LC), 8-3; 3rd: Brad Scott (LS) dec. Nate Irvine (WJG), 3-1; 5th: Josh Retting (LF) p. Jack Ross (CC), 2-40.	
285: Jake Mercieca (LC) dec. Tyler Denski (LS), 4-2; 3rd: Joe Fortin (LF) dec. Tyler Moore (Salem), 7-3; 5th: Dane Flynn (CC) p. Ewing Joyce (WJG), 2-11.	
Lower weights MVP: Voljanyuk, (119), Harrison.	
Upper weights MVP: Gross (215), Salem.	

Novi soccer training

The city of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department, along with the Michigan Jaguars coaching staff, will offer indoor soccer training for youths ages 4-14 beginning Feb. 11-12 at Village Oaks Elementary, 23333 Willowbrook Drive.

Sessions for players who participate in under-8 through under-10, along with under-11 through under-14 travel leagues, will be each Wednesday from Feb. 11 through March 18.

The session for pre-kindergarten through sixth-grade players will be each Thursday from Feb. 12 through March 19.

The cost is \$70 per resident and \$84 per non-resident. The registration deadline is Friday, Feb. 6.

Registration for Novi Parks spring soccer leagues is ongoing, with practices set begin in late March and games scheduled April 19 through June 6.

Wings alumni game

The Detroit Red Wings Alumni Association will take on the United Cerebral Palsy of Detroit Pucksters in a charity hockey game Saturday, March 21, at Viking Arena in Hazel Park.

The event will begin at 4 p.m. with a hockey exhibition featuring the Michigan Sled Dogs, followed by the Wings-UCP Pucksters game at 6 p.m.

Admission is \$10 or \$30 per family (maximum five). Youths 5 and under get in free. An afterglow pizza party includes a \$10 donation.

There will also be a 50/50 drawing and Chuck-A-Puck contest to win prizes. Doors open at 3:30 p.m. to bid on silent auction items.

Tickets can be purchased at the door or by contacting Tamara Kincaid at 248-557-5070, ext. 117. You can also email tkincaid@ucpdetroit.org.

For more information, go to skatewithoutlimits.org.

Baseball training

The eighth annual Northville Mustang Spring Training baseball camp for boys and girls ages 7-14 will be from 9 a.m. to noon (hitting), Saturday, March 14, and from 9 a.m. to noon (pitching-defense), Sunday, March 15, at the high school gymnasium.

Registration both days starts at 8:30 a.m. The cost for each camp is \$45 (\$50 at the door).

For more information, email Northville varsity baseball coach John Kostrzewa at kostrzewa@northvilleschools.org.

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL
Friday, Feb. 6
Novi at Northville, 7 p.m.
Franklin Rd. at Oak Christian, 7:45 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 10
South Lyon at Northville, 7 p.m.
Novi at Salem, 7 p.m.
Detroit CC at DeLaSalle, 7:30 p.m.
PCA at Franklin Road, 7:45 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 13
Northville at S. Lyon East, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at Novi, 7 p.m.
St. Mary at Detroit CC, 7:30 p.m.
Franklin Road at Univ.-Liggett, 7:45 p.m.
GIRLS BASKETBALL
Friday, Feb. 6
Novi at Northville, 5:30 p.m.
Luth. N'west at Franklin Rd., 6:15 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 10
Northville at South Lyon, 7 p.m.
Salem at Novi, 7 p.m.
Franklin Rd. at Ply. Christian, 7 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 13
S. Lyon East at Northville, 7 p.m.
Novi at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Franklin Rd. at Univ.-Liggett, 7 p.m.
BOYS HOCKEY
Thursday, Feb. 5
(Public Showcase at Chelsea)
Northville vs. Saline
at Arctic Coliseum, 3:45 p.m.
Novi vs. Escanaba
at Arctic Coliseum, 6 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 6
Northville vs. Hartland
at Novi Ice Arena, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit CC vs. Forest Hills Central
at Patterson Ice Arena, 8 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 7
Detroit CC vs. Grandville
at Van Andel Arena, 1:30 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 8
(Public Showcase at Chelsea)
Novi vs. Salem
at Arctic Coliseum, 5 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 11
Howell at Novi (Ice Arena), 6 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 13
Novi vs. Franklin
at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.
(MIHL Trenton Showcase)
Northville vs. Houghton, 10 a.m.
CC vs. Toledo St. Francis, 4:20 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 14
(MIHL Trenton Showcase)
Northville vs. Detroit CC, 2 p.m.
GIRLS HOCKEY
Thursday, Feb. 5
Northville vs. Mercy
at Livonia's Edgar Arena, 4 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 7
Northville vs. A.A. Pioneer
at Veterans Arena, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 10
Northville vs. Walled Lake
at Suburban Ice (Farm. Hills), TBA.
Saturday, Feb. 14
Northville vs. Ladywood
at Artic Pond, 6:30 p.m.
PREP WRESTLING
Saturday, Feb. 7
KLAA Tourney at Howell, TBA.
Wednesday, Feb. 11
(Div. 1 Team District at Novi)
Novi vs. Westland Glenn, 5:30 p.m.
Detroit CC vs. Stevenson, 5:30 p.m.
Championship final, 7 p.m.
(Div. 1 District at Plymouth)
Northville vs. Plymouth, 5:30 p.m.
Canton vs. Salem, 5:30 p.m.
Championship final, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 14
(MHSAA Individual District)
Novi, Northville, Detroit CC
at Westland Glenn, 10 a.m.
BOYS SWIMMING
Thursday, Feb. 5
Salem at Northville, 6:30 p.m.
Novi at Stevenson, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 7
Northville at Wayne Co. Inv., noon.
CC, Novi at Oakland Co. Meet
at Lake Orion, noon.
Thursday, Feb. 12
Stevenson at Northville, 6:30 p.m.
Novi at South Lyon East, 6:30 p.m.
Detroit CC vs. Notre Dame Prep
at Livonia Community Rec. Ctr., 7 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 13
MISCA meet at EMU, noon.
PREP BOWLING
Thursday, Feb. 5
Detroit CC vs. U.D. Jesuit
at Bowl One, 3:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 7
Mercy Tourney at Drakeshire, 10 a.m.
Sunday, Feb. 8
Novi Tourney at Novi Bowl, 10 a.m.
Monday, Feb. 9
Detroit CC vs. Brother Rice
at Woodland Lanes, 3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 10
(at Novi Bowl)
Northville vs. Novi, 3:30 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 12
(at Westland's Vision Lanes)
Novi vs. John Glenn, 3:30 p.m.
Northville vs. Canton, 3:30 p.m.
GIRLS GYMNASIICS
Saturday, Feb. 7
Northville at Canton Inv., 9 a.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 10
Northville at W.L. Central, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 11
Northville vs. Salem
at Plymouth H.S., 6:30 p.m.
PREP SKIING
Thursday, Feb. 5
SEMSL Mt. Brighton
Division Championships, 9 a.m.
SEMSL Alpine Valley
Division Championships, TBA.
Monday, Feb. 9
KLAA Catholic League
at Mt. Brighton, 5:30 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 12
Regional at Mt. Brighton, 9 a.m.
GIRLS COMPETITIVE CHEER
Saturday, Feb. 7
KLAA meet at Hartland, TBA.
TBA – To be announced.

BASKETBALL

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13 rebounds to go along with 11 points. "I was just looking to secure the ball and waste some time."

"I tried to get on the floor as quick as I could and call time so they wouldn't get it. Hustle is everything. Hustle wins games."

After a timeout, Salem then inbounded the ball to Jon Swift, who was immediately fouled with 1.5 seconds left. The senior guard made his first foul shot to give the Rocks a 62-60 lead and was instructed to miss the second.

Swift missed, but Northville 6-7 senior center Ryan Roberts grabbed it an immediately and called a timeout as no time went off the clock.

After the officials huddled, the clock was reset to 1.3 seconds. Northville tried to throw a long pass from the Salem baseline, but the ball sailed out of bounds and the Rocks regained possession and ultimately secured the win.

"That was about 5.8 seconds it seemed like to me," Salem coach Bob Brodie said. "It was a long period of time.

Mustangs, Novi get swim wins

Shamrocks fall in dual versus top-ranked Rice

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Probing his best possible lineup heading into the home stretch of the boys swim season, Northville coach Rich Bennetts learned a little bit more about his team Jan. 29 following convincing 133-50 dual meet victory at Walled Lake Western.

And once again, the results proved favorable.

Individual first-place finishers for the Mustangs, who captured 11 out of 12 events, included: Taiyo Ichikawa, 200 freestyle (1:57.56); Ancheng Da, 200 individual medley (2:14.13); Mike Scaratino, 50 freestyle (24.66); Christain Field, 1-meter diving (177.50 points); Orion Shi, 100 freestyle (55.14); Nicholas, 500 freestyle (5:25.56); Arthur Greenlee, 100 backstroke (1:00.57); Haotian Jiang (1:07.11).

Christopher Stefan, meanwhile, was Western's lone winner in the 100 butterfly (59.08).

"It was a chance for us to get a look at a lot of our younger guys and, despite a lot of mistakes, we were able to have a few really nice swims," said Bennetts, whose team improved to 7-1 overall. "Greenlee, Max Schulz (50 freestyle, 24.78) and Jiang had some nice swims, as well as one of our seniors, Scarantino."

Northville captured all three relays as Greenlee, Roman Grossi, Da and Shane Boran led off with a win in the 200 medley (1:50.11), while the quartet of Grossi, Sho Kikumori, David Handy and Schulz took the 200 free (1:42.42).

The team of Jack Breuch, Ichikawa, Shi and John Monterosso also added a first in the 400 free (3:44.93).

"We are at the point now where guys are competing for the final four and five spots on the conference team," Bennetts said. "We will be leaving guys off of the conference team that will easily be able to score at that meet. We are only allowed 40 entries and we have a lot more than 40 that can score at that meet. Leaving those guys home knowing that they are good enough to score points for us is tough to do, but the job is to find out the 40



Northville's Ancheng Da was victorious in the 200-yard individual medley against Walled Lake Western.

swimmers that will score the most points so that we have a chance to win the conference meet."

The Mustangs return to KLAA Central Division action at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at home against KLAA Central Division foe Salem.

"We have a busy schedule coming up, with four meets in a 10-day period starting Thursday," Bennetts said. "I am hopeful that the boys will keep pushing themselves so that we can have the best possible lineup for at the conference meet (Feb. 27-28 at Novi)."

Wildcats cruise

Novi went out in style Jan. 29 during its final home dual meet of the season with a 131-55 KLAA Central Division triumph over Salem.

The Wildcats (5-2 overall, 1-1 in the division) were led by Ryan Katulski, who figured in four first-place finishes as the junior swept the 200- and 500-yard freestyle events in 1:50.57 and 5:05.89, respectively.

He also teamed up with Siddharda Kareddy, Phillip Billiu and Bradley Huang for first in the 200 free relay (1:33.14). The foursome of Toraki, Maehata, Arthur Shi, James Popyk and Katulski also captured the 400 free relay (3:25.13).

Other first-place finishers for Novi were Brian Son, 200 individual medley (2:10.22); James Ciolli, 1-meter diving (228.00 points); Alexander Yuan, 100 breaststroke (1:06.44); and Joey Berman, 50 free, who tied Salem's Brendan Wellman (56.77 each).

Novi's 200 medley relay team of Gordy Williams, Narayan Manivannan, Shi and Kareddy also won in 1:45.67.

"This meet was a great way for our senior class to go out big on their senior night," Novi coach Brent Pohlonski said. "Our team's depth continues to surprise me every week. We keep getting outstanding times, regardless what events our guys are entered in. Our divers continue to improve every week. We are looking forward to a great showing at the Oakland County championships next weekend."

Rice downs Shamrocks

Mark Blinstraub and Gust Kouvaris led the way as No. 1-ranked and defending MHSAA Division 1 state champion Birmingham Brother Rice cruised to a 119-64 Catholic League dual meet win Jan. 29 over host Novi Detroit Catholic Central at the Livonia Community Recreation Center.

Blinstraub captured firsts in the 100 and 200 freestyles in 47.08 and 1:44.25, respectively, while Kouvaris took the 50 freestyle (21.54) and 500 freestyle (4:50.79).

Blinstraub and Kouvaris teamed with Drew Grady and Bobby Powrie for a first in the 200 medley relay (1:35.6). They also joined Jack Kennedy and Rudy Aguilar for a win in the 400 free relay (3:10.27).

Other first-place finishers for Rice included Aguilar in the 100 butterfly (53.45) and Grady in the 100 breaststroke (1:00.51). The Warriors' 200 free relay team of Grady, Aguilar, Kennedy and Powrie also placed first (1:28.18).

Senior Jack Walsh, bound for Stanford University, led CC (4-3) with firsts in the 200 individual medley (1:53.07) and 100 backstroke (51.95). Teammate Robert Vance added a win in 1-meter diving (196.05 points).

Novi boys stay unbeaten in Central

By Jeff Theisen
Sports Writer

Novi boys basketball fended off a game South Lyon East squad, 65-54, to stay undefeated in the KLAA Central Division.

The Wildcats built an 11-2 lead right out of the gate, but South Lyon East (4-7, 2-4) did not back down and answered with an 8-0 run.

Novi (10-2, 6-0) had the hot hand from deep in the first quarter, finishing with four 3-pointers on six attempts and a 17-12 lead.

The Cougars' Dorian Watson went off to start the second quarter on an individual 7-0 run for East's first lead. After a Novi free throw, East's Josh Smith hit from three and the Cougars led 22-18.

It would be their biggest lead of the night.

The game was full of big runs back and forth, as Novi fired back with a 15-5 run and wound up leading 37-32 at the half.

Novi's Naji Ozeir had 14 points for the 'Cats at the break with two 3-pointers and two more the old-fashioned way.

A late flurry by Watson, with a triple plus a three-point play with 0.3 remaining in the quarter, pulled East within 53-44.

The following Novi inbounds pass went to Ozeir just inside of mid-court. He launched the ball as he caught it and swished the shot. The refs huddled at center court and ruled the shot good, giving Novi a 12-point lead heading

into the fourth.

The Cougars wouldn't get closer than 10 the rest of the way.

Ozeir poured in 24 points for the Wildcats, while Max Yanke and Nick Hankerson added 12 and 11, respectively.

"We hit some shots early and got off to a great start," Novi first-year coach Brandon Sinawi said. "Our overall size was really the advantage – a lot of offensive rebounds and put-backs." We haven't won a single thing yet, but it's nice to be on top (of the division)."

Watson led all scorers with 26 points, while Trent Willenborg had 10 of his 11 in the opening half.

"There's no quit," East coach Ron Levin said. "One thing we've known since day one is they always play hard."

BOYS SWIM RESULTS

DUAL MEET RESULTS
NORTHVILLE 133
WALLED LAKE WESTERN 50
Jan. 29 at W.L. Western
200-yard medley relay: 1. Northville (Arther Greenlee, Roman Grossi, Ancheng Da, Shane Boran), 1:50.31; Northville (John Monterosso, Nikolai Arton, Cameron Heaven, Mike Scaratino), 1:52.06.
200 freestyle relay: 1. Taiyo Ichikawa (N), 1:57.56; Jack Breuch (N), 2:00.19; Nicholas Mouakiel (N), 2:01.81.
200 individual medley: 1. Da (N), 2:14.13; 2. Grossi (N), 2:14.14; 3. Kikumori (N), 2:17.24.
50 freestyle: 1. Scaratino (N), 24.66; 2. Boran (N), 24.91; Nikolai Arton (N), 25.64.
1-meter diving: 1. Christain Field (N), 177.50 points; 3. Rys (N), 143.50.
100 butterfly: 1. Christopher Stefan (WLW), 59.08; 3. Da (N), 1:01.48; 4. Haotian Jiang (N), 1:03.59; 5. Cameron Heaven (N), 1:04.24.
100 freestyle: 1. Orion Shi (N), 55.14; 2. Boran (N), 55.86; 4. 56.45.
500 freestyle: 1. Mouaikel (N), 5:25.56; 2. Connor Lepish (N), 5:27.03; 3. Ryan Smelt (N), 5:34.3.
200 freestyle: 1. Northville (Grossi, Kikumori, David Handy, Maxwell Schulz), 1:42.42.
100 backstroke: 1. Greenlee (N), 1:00.57; 3. Monterosso (N), 1:02.0; 4. Matt Lee (N), 1:04.57.
100 breaststroke: 1. Jiang (N), 1:07.11; 2. Kikumori (N), 1:07.83; 3. Cameron Heaven (N), 1:10.39.
400 freestyle relay: 1. Northville (Breuch, Ichikawa, Shi, Monterosso), 3:44.93; 2. Northville (Ryan Smelt, Lepish, Mouaikel), 3:40.0.
Dual meet records: Northville, 7-1 overall; Western, 1-4 overall.

NOVI 131, SALEM 55
Jan. 29 at Novi
200-yard medley relay: 1. Novi (Gordy Williams, Narayan Manivannan, Arthur Shi, Siddharda Kareddy), 1:45.67; Salem (Patrick Casey, Charles Liu, Brendan Wellman, Brian Kuang), 1:45.81; 3. Novi (Joey Berman, Andrew Kilponen, Maxwell Williams, Bradley Huang), 1:48.29.
200 freestyle: 1. Ryan Katulski (Novi), 1:50.57; 2. Phillip Billiu (Novi), 1:54.29; 3. Collin Urbacewski (Salem), 1:54.45; 4. Berman (Novi), 1:58.37; 5. Justin Lee (Novi), 1:58.92.
200 individual medley: 1. Brian Son (Novi), 2:10.22; 2. Joel Kotyk (Novi), 2:13.03; 3. Toraki Maehata (Novi), 2:14.31; 4. Phillip Collingwood (Salem), 2:15.03; 5. Kilponen (Novi), 2:15.57.
50 freestyle: 1. Liu (Salem), 23.77; 2. James Popyk (Novi), 23.78; 3. M. Williams (Novi), 23.88; 4. Alexander Yuan (Novi), 23.9; 5. Shi (Novi), 23.97.
1-meter diving: 1. James Ciolli (Novi), 228.00 points; 2. Nathan Pellerito (Novi), 215.05; 3. Trey Richman (Novi), 166.60; 4. Brendan Sibel (Salem), 128.10; 5. John Vary (Salem), 126.40.
100 butterfly: 1. Wellman (Salem), 57.51; 2. Maehata (Novi), 58.22; 3. Son (Novi), 58.27; 4. Billiu (Novi), 58.35; 5. Gregory Payne (Salem), 1:03.88.
100 freestyle: 1. Kareddy (Novi), 50.38; 2. Popyk (Novi), 51.58; 3. Shi (Novi), 51.85; 4. Urbacewski (Salem), 52.0; 5. M. Williams (Novi), 53.59.
500 freestyle: 1. Katulski (Novi), 5:05.89; 2. Liu (Salem), 5:08.49; 3. Collingwood (Salem), 5:17.82; 4. G. Williams (Novi), 5:20.49; 5. Justin Lee (Novi), 5:24.05.
200 freestyle relay: 1. Novi (Kareddy, Billiu, Huang, Katulski), 1:33.14; 2. Novi (Maehata, Yuan, M. Williams, Popyk), 1:34.69; 3. Salem (Fleming, Kuang, Urbacewski, Collingwood), 1:34.96.
100 backstroke: 1. (tie) Berman (Novi) and Wellman (Salem), 56.77 each; 3. Patrick Casey (Salem), 58.05; 4. Kareddy (Novi), 59.47; 5. Kotyk (Novi), 1:01.79.
100 breaststroke: 1. Yuan (Novi), 1:06.44; 2. G. Williams (Novi), 1:08.93; 3. Maxwell Weng (Novi), 1:11.88; 4. Albert Tan (Novi), 1:12.71; 5. Nicholas Landon (Salem), 1:13.59.
400 freestyle relay: 1. Novi (Maehata, Shi, Popyk, Katulski), 3:25.13; 2. Salem (Fleming, Urbacewski, Collingwood, Liu), 3:31.72; 3. Novi (Billiu, Yuan, Kilponen, Berman), 3:35.98.
Dual meet records: Novi, 5-2 overall, 1-1 KLAA Central Division; Salem, 0-2 KLAA Central.

BIRMINGHAM BROTHER RICE 119
DETROIT CATHOLIC CENTRAL 64
Jan. 29 at Livonia Rec. Center
200-yard medley relay: 1. Rice (Mark Blinstraub, Drew Grady, Bobby Powrie, Gust Kouvaris), 1:35.6; 2. Catholic Central (Jack Walsh, Daniel Long, Matt Loniewski, Grayson Arnold), 1:38.22.
200 freestyle: 1. Blinstraub (Rice), 1:44.25; 3. Ethan Bezzina (CC), 1:52.64; 5. Tommy Wiaduck (CC), 1:55.53.
200 individual medley: 1. J. Walsh (CC), 1:53.07; 5. Jonathan Lee (CC), 2:02.34.
50 freestyle: 1. Kouvaris (Rice), 21.54; 3. Arnold (CC), 22.22.
1-meter diving: 1. Robert Vance (CC), 196.05 points; 2. Brendan Connelly (CC), 171.35; 3. Connor McLimont (CC), 120.70.
100 butterfly: 1. Rudy Aguilar (Rice), 53.45; 4. Christopher Vela (CC), 58.12; 5. Andrew Connor (CC), 1:02.17.
100 freestyle: 1. Blinstraub (Rice), 47.08; 3. Arnold (CC), 49.4; 4. Matt Loniewski (CC), 50.13.
500 freestyle: 1. Kouvaris (Rice), 4:50.79; 3. Bezzina (CC), 5:01.7; 4. Dan Vela (CC), 5:07.17.
200 freestyle relay: 1. Rice (Grady, Aguilar, Jack Kennedy, Powrie), 1:28.12; 3. Catholic Central (C. Vela, Matthew Krakowiak, Wiaduck, Bezzina), 1:39.55.
100 backstroke: 1. J. Walsh (CC), 51.95; 5. Chris Barron (CC), 56.86.
100 breaststroke: 1. Grady (Rice), 1:00.51; 2. Loniewski (CC), 1:01.43; 3. Long (CC), 1:01.44; 4. Lee (CC), 1:02.53.
400 freestyle relay: 1. Rice (Blinstraub, Aguilar, Kennedy, Kouvaris), 3:10.27; 3. Catholic Central (Arnold, Loniewski, Bezzina, J. Walsh), 3:23.92.
CC's dual meet record: 4-3 overall, 0-1 Catholic League.

Kraatz's 43 burns Warriors

Garrett Kraatz proved to be "unconscious" Friday in the eyes of Novi Franklin Road interim boys basketball coach Glynn Blackwell.

And Blackwell, who played at the University of Illinois, should know after the Allen Park Inter-City Baptist guard went off for a game-high 43 points as the visiting Chargers, ranked No. 10 in Class D, exploded in the second half for a 90-54 victory.

The senior, who set the school record, finished with 11 3-pointers, including six in the second half. He scored 28 of his points as Inter-City outscored the Warriors 58-24 after leading by just two at intermission, 32-30.

Tony Kazlauskas and Luke Barber each added 18 points as the Chargers improved to 10-2 overall and 6-1 in the Blue Division of the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

"We played a real good first half and I couldn't have been more pleased," said Blackwell, whose team slipped to 5-7 overall and 3-4 in the MIAC Blue. "The second half, we showed

our lack of experience. We lacked disciplined and got rattled. It was one of those things. Kraatz was on fire and they (Inter-City) are a very disciplined team."

Junior forward Joshua Betcher paced Franklin Road with 18 points, while junior guards Austin Hearn and Gavin Harris added 12 and 10, respectively.

U-D JESUIT 56, DETROIT CC 30: Junior guard Cassius Winston tallied 18 points Friday as host University of Detroit-Jesuit (11-1, 5-0) pulled away in the second half in a Catholic League Central Division game.

Greg Eboigbodin added 10 points for the state-ranked Cubs (No. 7 Class A), who led 18-9 at halftime before outscoring the Shamrocks (4-7, 1-4) 21-11 in the third quarter.

Sophomore forward C.J. Baird was CC's top scorer with eight points.

FRANKLIN ROAD 52, ROEPER 30: Junior guard Austin Hearn scored 15 points Jan. 27 as Novi Franklin Road Christian (5-6, 3-3) rolled to a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference victory.

Joshua Bause and Joshua Betcher, a pair of 6-foot-6 juniors, dipped in with 10 points apiece as the Warriors outscored the Roughriders 32-18 in the second half after leading 20-12 at intermission.

Jake Flynn paced the Roughriders (1-9, 0-6) with a game-high 19 points.

ST. MARY'S 36, DETROIT CC 34: John Bailey scored a game-high 14 points Jan. 27 for host Orchard Lake St. Mary's (4-6, 1-3) in a Catholic League Central Division encounter.

Clarence Wilson added eight for the Eaglets, who outscored CC 13-10 in the final quarter after trailing 24-23 after three.

Senior guard Champ Kozlowski and junior guard Tyler Laurentius each tallied 10 for the Shamrocks (4-6, 1-3), who went 9-0-18 from the foul line.

St. Mary's went 10-0-20 from the foul line.

Wright, Mulka key CC's 5-0 hockey win

Senior goalie Spencer Wright turned away all 22 shots and junior forward Kyle Mulka tallied two goals and an assist to lead Novi Detroit Catholic Central to a non-league boys hockey victory Saturday over Livonia Stevenson at Plymouth's Compuware Arena.

The Shamrocks (13-4-1) led 2-0 after one period on goals by Andrew Spiegel (from Brian Kearns and Blake Veri at 6:41) and Nick Macari (from Evan Rochowiak and Mulka at 14:24).

At 4:49 of the second period,

Mulka scored from Macari and Andrew Kreutzer to make it 3-0.

Stevenson (11-5-2), ranked No. 2 in Division 2, then made a goaltending change, going with junior Cullen Barber in favor of starter Andrew Rozenbaum. The two faced a total of 40 Catholic Central shots.

But it couldn't stop the CC onslaught in the third as Mitch Ossowski scored just eight seconds into the period off assists from JoJo Mancinelli and Andrew Lane. Mulka then capped the scoring with 13:51 left of assists from Owen

Kipke and Veri.

CRANBROOK 5, DETROIT CC 4: Novi Detroit Catholic Central (12-4-1, 7-2-1) was unseated Friday night by host Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook for first place in the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League's North Division as senior Austin Alger led the way with a pair of goals at Wallace Arena.

CC, which enjoyed a 36-32 shot advantage, led 2-1 after one period on goals by Mitch Ossowski (from Ryan Burnett and JoJo Mancinelli) and Owen Kipke (from Andrew Spiegel) at 3:57 and 8:16, respectively. Blake Rogow countered with an unassisted goal for the Cranes (12-2-3, 7-1-1) at 9:02.

At 10:25 of the second period, CC went up 3-1 on Dillon Jones' goal from Andrew Lane and Spiegel. Holding a 13-7 shot advantage, Cranbrook evened the count at 3-3 entering the final period on goals by Jack Blumberg (from Alex Lycett and Sean O'Leary) and Alger (from Cooper Stahl and Blumberg).

The Cranes took the lead for keeps at 6:24 of the third on O'Leary's unassisted goal, followed by Alger's second from Lycett at 13:43 to make it 5-3.

CC then pulled goaltender Spencer Wright (27 saves) and Kyle Mulka scored with only 57 seconds left from Burnett and Alex Kreutzer to make it a

one-goal game, but the Shamrocks were unable to tally the equalizer.

Spencer Applebaum made 32 saves for the Cranes.

DETROIT CC 4, TRENTON 3: JoJo Mancinelli's unassisted goal at 4:41 of overtime gave top-ranked Novi Detroit Catholic Central (12-3-1, 7-1-1 North Division) a Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League crossover win Jan. 28 at Kennedy Arena.

After a scoreless opening period, Trenton's Nicholas Bondy scored an unassisted short-handed goal at 1:05 of the second to make it 1-0, but at 5:11 of the same period, CC's Kyle Mulka scored from Evan Rochowiak to knot the game at 1-1.

Trenton (9-7, 4-3), ranked No. 4 in Division 2, took a 2-1 lead entering the third on Griffin Sawyer's goal from Phillip Pugliese and Grant McClellan at 8:41 of the second.

The Shamrocks then tied it 2-2 at 4:44 of the third on Dillon Jones' goal from Andrew Spiegel, but the Trojans responded to take the lead at 9:49 on Styles' second of the night from Parker Dukus.

Ryan Burnett's goal with only 2:26 left from Andrew Lane sent the game into OT.

CC goalie Spencer Wright made 23 saves, while the Trojans' Anthony Lemerand had 26 saves.

Girls hoops: Frosh guard sparks Novi to triumph vs. Cougars

The Novi girls basketball team played the role of spoiler Friday at home by knocking off second-place South Lyon East, 45-43, in a KLAACentral Division encounter.

Freshman guard Ellie Mackay paced a balanced Novi scoring attack with 14 points as the Wildcats improved to 7-5 overall and 2-4 in the division.

Alex Felice, Kelsey Miller and Carson Garguilo chipped in eight apiece as Novi survived a second-half East comeback after leading 27-19 at intermission.

Gabi Bird and Peyton Jones led the Cougars (8-4, 4-2) with 18 and 12 points, respectively.

Salem (8-4, 6-0) now leads the KLAACentral by two games.

Novi was 13-of-31 from the floor (41.9 percent) and 14-of-22 from the free-throw line (63.6 percent), while South Lyon East made 21-of-29 foul shots (72.4 percent) and only 10-of-36 from the field (27.8 percent).

SALEM 47, NORTHVILLE 33: Shara Long scored 17 points and Miranda Armstead added 11 Friday as the host Rocks (8-4, 6-0) maintained their grip on first place in the KLAACentral Division.

Salem jumped out to a 14-1 advantage to start the game before Northville freshman guard Kendall Dillon, who finished with a team-high 17, connected on a 3-pointer to make it 14-4.

"They jumped all over us in the first five minutes and we did not match their effort," Northville coach Todd Gudith said. "We got down 10 to a veteran and experienced team. We played harder from that point on and got it to seven in the fourth quarter, but we were fighting back all game."

Salem made 14-of-19 free throws, while Northville (8-4, 3-3) was 3-for-6.

INTER-CITY 54, FRANKLIN ROAD 29: Mikayla Choune pumped in 17 points to lead Allen Park Inter-City Baptist (4-7, 4-3) to a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division victory.

Hannah Rayburn scored 12 points for the Warriors (7-6, 3-4), who trailed 26-10 at halftime and 43-20 after three quarters.

NOVI 31, W.L. CENTRAL 22: Point guard Ellie Mackay proved to be the difference Jan. 27 as the host Wildcats (6-5) upended Walled Lake Central (2-9) in a match-up of KLAAMembers.

The 5-foot-6 freshman finished with a game-high 17 points to go along with seven rebounds and four steals for the Wildcats, who led 7-0 after one quarter, 16-8 at halftime and 27-15 after three.

Novi shot 11-of-41 from the field (26.8 percent) and 6-of-16 from the foul line (37.5 percent).

Linden Ebling scored six points and Kaitlyn Wolschlagier added six rebounds for the Vikings (2-9), who shot 8-of-27 from the floor (29.6 percent) and 6-of-19 from the free-throw line (31.5 percent).

ROEPER 41, FRANKLIN ROAD 36: Naomi Savas and Melanie Wells each tallied 14 points Jan. 27 to propel host Birmingham Roeper (10-2, 4-2) to a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division triumph.

Eighth-grader Alexis Johnson paced Franklin Road (7-5, 3-3) with a game-high 22 points to go along with 10 rebounds.

The Warriors went 8-of-12 from the foul line, while Roeper hit 7-of-11.

Blazers' balance too much for Northville icers

Four different players had at least a goal and assist Saturday as host Livonia Ladywood earned a 6-2 Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League victory over Northville at Plymouth's Arctic Pond.

Katie Hayward, Brooke Spiegel, Cecilia Werner and Jill Jacobs each tallied a goal to go along with one assist as the Blazers improved to 9-3 overall and 9-3 in Division 1 of the Michigan Metro.

Sydney Malek and Kylie Doyle also tallied a goal each for the Blazers, while Colleen Lynch chipped in an assist as Ladywood led 1-0 after one period and 3-0 after two.

Ladywood goaltender Michaela Warner made 13 saves in two periods before giving way to Samantha Erickson.

Scoring in the second period for Northville was Grace Healey (from Moe Hackett and Kamryn Holtz) and Megan Kerr (from Hailey Gross).

Annette Taylor played the first half in goal for the Mustangs (3-11, 2-11), stopping 14-of-17 shots. Isobel Bush came on during the second half stopping 11-of-14.

G.P. NORTH 9, NORTHVILLE 1: Elizabeth Gallagher notched a hat trick and assist Jan. 29, while Lindsey Gallagher added two goals and an assist to lift Grosse Pointe North (6-5, 6-5) to a Michigan Metro win over the Mustangs (3-10, 2-10) at Livonia's Edgar Arena.

The Norsemen, who led 5-0 after one period, also got two goals from Karina Lucchese, while Lindsey Ramsdell and Kelly LaBarge chipped in with four and three assists, respectively.

Also getting into the scoring act for Grosse Pointe North was Kylie Banaszewski (one goal, two assists) and Naomi Yoshida (one goal).

Megan Kerr scored the lone goal for the Mustangs,



Ladywood's Claire Doyle (left) tries to control the puck along the boards against Northville's Olivia Lesh in Saturday's Michigan Metro game at Arctic Pond.

assisted by Megan Bartley and Olivia Lesh.

Amber Gieseking started and went the first 22 minutes in goal for North before giving way to McKensie Obermok, who finished the second period.

Annette Taylor and Isobel Bush split time in goal for the Mustangs and combined to stop 20-of-29 shots.

NORTHVILLE 3, REGINA 2: Megan Kerr scored twice and Grace Healey notched the game-winner in the final period Jan. 24 to give Northville (3-9) the Michigan Metro Showcase victory over Warren Regina (3-6) at Fraser Hockey Land.

Junior Adrienne McCarty assisted on Kerr's first goal, while senior Emily Comben and junior Anna Pilars both assisted on her second goal, which was a deflection of a shot by Comben.

Junior Claire Ramsden assisted the game-winner.

"It's really nice to get a win," Northville coach J.D. Damrath said. "We threw everything we had at (Alex) LaRue. I wasn't sure we were going to score on her, but our kids kept pushing. She was hard to beat."



Northville's Grace Healey takes a shot on Ladywood goaltender Michaela Warner during Saturday's Michigan Metro game at Arctic Pond.

N'ville tops Stoney Creek ; Cyr's 4 goals lifts Novi

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Alec Morgan's short-handed goal with 8:38 left proved to be a game-changer Friday as Northville rallied in the final period to earn a 4-2 boys hockey win over host Rochester Stoney Creek at the Onyx.

The state-ranked Wildcats (No. 7 in Division 1), who improved to 14-2-2 overall, were tied at 2-2 with 11:21 left in the final period after Josh Niederhauser notched his second goal of the game from Chris Krier and Dominic Marcus.

Brett Ridener's blocked shot on a penalty kill then led

to Morgan's game-winning goal from Jack Meacham. Morgan scored again with 7:30 remaining, from Jack Sargent and Grant LaLonde, to ice the victory.

"Brett went down to block that shot and had some skin ripped off his arm," Northville coach Clint Robert said. "He made a huge sacrifice and for us it was the biggest play of the game after they tied us."

Stoney Creek jumped out to a 1-0 lead on Niederhauser's unassisted goal at 4:21 of the opening period, but Northville's Kevin O'Connell tied it from Nick Williams and Sargent at 4:44 of the first.

After a scoreless second period, the Mustangs took a brief 2-1 advantage at 4:54 of the third on Alec Melucci's goal from Morgan and Nick Strom.

Stoney Creek goaltender Sante Bologna was heroic in the loss making 43 saves.

Meanwhile, Northville senior Chance Boutin stopped 17 shots.

NOVI 9, CANTON 3: Junior Jake Cyr, back for only his third game after suffering a broken collarbone early in the season, scored four goals Friday as the Wildcats (12-6-1, 5-4-1) exploded in the final period to subdue the stingy Chiefs (3-12-2, 0-7-2) in a KLAACentral Division crossover at Canton's Arctic Edge.

Novi led 3-1 after one period and by only one after two, 4-3, before tallying five unanswered goals.

Nik Tewillager added two goals, including a power-play goal, along with Alec Wells and Brad

Hofelich for the Wildcats. Bryan Fegert added a goal and assist, while Brennan Martin collected three assists.

Canton got goals from James Tucker, Spencer Rochowiak and Nick Harwell.

Nick Borg made 28 saves for the Chiefs, while Ryuta King had 18 for Novi.

NORTHVILLE 8, SALEM 2: The Mustangs (13-2-2, 7-2-1) made life miserable for Salem goaltenders Dillon Phillips and Nathan Blank while keeping their KLAACentral Division title hopes alive Jan. 28 at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

It was an ugly first period for the 10th-ranked Rocks (8-6-3, 4-3-3), who found themselves down 4-0.

Alec Melucci led Northville's attack with a pair of goals, while Jack Meacham added three assists.

Brendan Hicks (power play), Alec Morgan, P.J. Schnepf and Riley Brass chipped in with a goal and assist each, while Kyle Abraham (short-handed) and Jack Sargent also tallied a goal apiece. Other assists went to Kyle Dann, Sam Bradley and Nick Strom.

Salem, which trailed 6-2 after two periods, got a pair of goals from Zach Newsome. Assists went to Nate West and Zach Goleniak.

Northville goaltender Chance Bouton made a total of 18 saves, while Phillips, the Salem starter, and Blank, who came on in reserve, faced a total of 34 shots.

BLITZ

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at least starting the third – but now you're down two and you start pressing a little more," Robert said. "So yeah, that one hurt."

The Mustangs were blanked over the final two periods by Brighton goaltender Jake Price, who made 20 saves. Northville also went 0-for-3 on the power play.

"Brighton as long as Moggach has been there has been the top shot-blocking team in the state," Robert said. "We kind of try to copy what they do. We got a handful of guys that are blocking shots they way Brighton does. But Brighton has 20 guys that block the shots constantly. They do such a good job at it."

Brighton opened the scoring at 4:49 of the first period on Vitkuske's goal from Nick Foran.

But Northville answered with three straight tallies – Anthony Solak (from Kevin O'Connell and Grant LaLonde at 6:19); Alec Morgan, his 18th of the season (from Jack Meacham and Jack Sargent at 7:25); and Matt Jankowski's first of the year (from O'Connell and Nick Strom at 9:05).

"We had some breakdowns," Moggach said. "We didn't get the puck out one time. One of our defensemen got burned on a guy coming in. Three mistakes and they had three goals. Jake was good, but we hoped he'd stop one of those, but didn't, so we were down 3-1. It was that quick. The period was like three minutes. It wasn't a long period of time."

The Brighton comeback started at 6:52 of the second period, when Pietila worked a give-and-go with Vitkuske beating Northville netminder Chance Boutin (17 saves) to cut the deficit to 3-2.

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HOCKEY

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the opening period and led 1-0 on Stephen Olschanski's goal when he pounced on a rebound. Vince Glenn and Nate Sudek drew the assists.

"I think the biggest disappointment was the start of the game," Vellucci said. "We beat them 3-2 last year and we knew Stevenson wanted to come out hard and they did. We told our guys that and our guys just didn't respond."

The Wildcats, however, perked up in the second period, but found themselves down 3-0.

Allen beat Novi goaltender Josh Richardson over the shoulder on a shot from the left point, assisted by Olschanski, with 11:20 left. Glenn then followed with a goal on a four-on-four situation with 8:40 remaining in the same period, assisted by Olschanski and Josh Denomie.

Novi, however, showed some life just 3:33 into the third period as Alec Wells jammed home a rebound, assisted by Brendan Wexler and Ryan Fonda, to make it 3-1.

But the Spartans answered at 5:42 of the third on Joe Alcantara's power-play goal from Shane Leonard and Allen for a 4-1 advantage.

But then the whistles came ringing down as Stevenson took a pair of five-

minute majors, while Novi was issued four penalties, including a 10-minute misconduct.

"I've never seen a game with so many five-minute major calls," Vellucci said. "But that's the game of hockey. I was a little disappointed our guys lost their composure a little bit. Whether you agree with the calls or not, you've just got to play over it. The game in high school has changed with the rules changes – five-minute charges and five-minute boardings. A lot of the calls that used to be two minutes are five minutes now. I think it's taken some time for all high school hockey teams to adjust. It's the rules and you've got to abide by it."

The Wildcats, however, had their chances, including a stretch in the third for 2:11 when they had a two-man advantage on the power play.

The Wildcats had a five-on-three, but couldn't score.

"It's disappointing," Vellucci said. "Anytime you get a five-on-three, you should get quality chances. I don't know if we even got any good quality chances. But to their credit, they killed it off nicely. I wouldn't say it was the turning point, but if we score a couple there ..."

Still up 4-2 and able to weather the storm, Stevenson put the game away with 2:40 remaining on Alex DeFlorio's goal from Alcantara.

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Northville's Kyle Abraham (19) tries to win the face-off against Brighton's Zach Vitkuske during Monday's KLAACentral clash.



The Building Owners and Managers Association/Metro Detroit (BOMA/Metro Detroit) has named the 2015-16 Board of Directors.

Building Owners, Managers organization taps new leaders

The Building Owners and Managers Association/Metro Detroit (BOMA/Metro Detroit) named the 2015-16 Board of Directors. The Board of Directors serves as leaders of the organization in developing and implementing BOMA/Metro Detroit's strategic plan. The board also oversees the operations of the associations nearly 400 members and nine committees. Elected by BOMA's principal members, officers and directors hold their office for two calendar years.

The newly elected directors are Jon Brach, general manager of Caravan Facilities Management, LLC, and Jessica Furlong, CCIM, RPA, director of Commercial Operations at McKinley, Inc. They join directors Gregg McDuffee of Detroit Wayne Joint



Salliotte



Goldman-Spinner

Building Authority; Daniel Fitzgerald of Parajan Investments, LLC; James Vetter, MFE of Rickman Enterprise Group, LLC; Tim Grimske, LEED GA of Newmark Grubb Knight Frank; Todd Pardon, CCIM, RPA of CBRE and Immediate Past President Paul Magy of KOManagement and Leasing.

Brian R. Salliotte, RPA of Dietz Property Group will serve as BOMA/Metro Detroit's president. Paula Goldman-Spinner, RPA of Schos-

tak Brothers and Co., Inc. will serve as the governor as well as the regional president.

Todd Pardon, CCIM, RPA, director of Asset Services at CBRE, was elected as vice president. Gregg McDuffee, executive director for Detroit Wayne Joint Building Authority, was elected secretary/treasurer.

"The dedication of BOMA's Board has always been a strength of the association," said Janet Langlois, executive director, BOMA/Metro Detroit. "Their ability to identify and advocate for key issues affecting commercial real estate has made BOMA a leader in the industry."

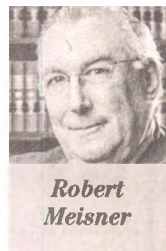
Founded in 1908, BOMA/Metro Detroit is a professional, nonprofit trade association whose nearly 400 members either own or manage com-

mercial real estate, or provide goods and services to the industry. BOMA Michigan members represent organizations managing more than 250 million square feet of office and industrial space, with employees and tenants totaling more than 1.25 million people in Michigan. Michigan members' annual expenditures contribute \$3.2 billion to the state's economy.

BOMA/Metro Detroit provides commercial real estate professionals the opportunity to work together for professional growth, advocacy rights, corporate profit, and the benefit of the nine South-eastern Michigan communities it serves. For more information on BOMA and membership, visit www.bomadet.org.

Tax woes appear unlikely on family property transfer

Q: I understand that under Michigan's General Property Tax Act, the taxable value for taxing purposes after adjustments for additions and losses may not increase from one year to the next by more than 5 percent or the increase in the Consumer Price Index, whichever is less, unless there is a transfer of ownership in effect. When the ownership of a property is then transferred, the property's taxable value is uncapped, i.e. it pops up to the state's equalized value which is 50 percent of its true cash value. I want to transfer my property to my son. Can I do it without an adverse tax consequence?



Robert Meisner

A: It appears that you can based upon a statute that became effective in Michigan on Dec. 31, 2013, which established that a transfer of residential real property to someone who is related to the transferor by blood or affinity to the first degree, and the use of the residence or property does not change following the transfer, would not result in a consequential tax change. That was amended in 2014 to include grandchildren, grandparents as well as persons taking by way of probate will or trust. This obviously is a benefit to taxpayers who wish to transfer their property to their relatives.

Q: Our association documents at our homeowners association permit the board to do a number of things regarding the maintenance of the exterior of the buildings, except that there must be a member vote for approval of any substantial alterations. Some of us believe there has been a change of appearance and certainly a cheaper replacement of roof shingles with terra-cotta shingles because they cost less. Do you think that requires a homeowner vote?

A: It, of course, depends on the documents, but in a case out of Florida in 2002, an association had to replace roof shingles and decided to substitute terra-cotta shingles for the pre-existing cedar shingles because they cost less. When an owner challenged the special assessment imposed, the court determined that the substitution constituted a substantial alteration which required a vote of the owners. Hopefully, your board has gotten a legal opinion from its counsel about the propriety of what it is doing, but if it has not, you should insist that they do so or face the prospect of a lawsuit.

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HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Sept. 8-12, 2014, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS

15755 Amherst Ave \$308,000
31619 Auburn Dr \$185,000
31931 Carleider St \$255,000

BINGHAM FARMS

31470 Coachlight Ln \$520,000

BIRMINGHAM

630 Chester St \$1,375,000
1622 Graefield Rd \$132,000
1859 Hazel St \$185,000
1622 Holland St \$145,000
1055 Lake Park Dr \$2,200,000
1141 Lake Park Dr \$850,000
435 Lewis Ct \$335,000
1233 Maryland Blvd \$450,000
675 N Eton St \$85,000
537 N Old Woodward Ave \$195,000
549 N Old Woodward Ave \$240,000

662 Purdy St # 107 \$120,000
734 Southfield Rd \$1,340,000
176 Suffield Ave \$505,000
1036 Westwood Dr \$685,000

BLOOMFIELD HILLS

981 Dedham Ct \$230,000
551 Hunters Xing \$740,000
1958 Klingensmith Rd \$117,000

Unit 29

1120 S Timberview Trl \$240,000
801 W Long Lake Rd #18 \$96,000
4305 W Maple Rd \$306,000
4784 Walnut Lake Rd \$435,000

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

2865 Aldgate Dr \$265,000
2738 Brady Dr \$259,000
946 E Square Lake Rd \$333,000

888 Helston Rd \$272,000
6124 Indianwood Trl \$595,000
1962 Klingensmith Rd \$100,000
1624 Mark Hopkins Rd \$470,000
2882 Masefield Ct \$398,000
4011 Meadowlane Dr \$335,000
542 Newburne Pointe \$217,000
4555 Quarton Rd \$365,000
878 Shady Hollow Cir \$525,000
3591 Shallow Brook Dr \$610,000
2430 Thistle Pointe \$500,000
6180 W Surrey Rd \$350,000
42160 Woodward Ave \$95,000
Unit 36 \$530,000
3585 Roland Dr \$530,000

COMMERCE TOWNSHIP

3189 Adele Ter \$360,000
5365 Barkley St \$154,000
9075 Commerce Rd \$188,000
2144 Golfcrest Dr \$459,000
5341 Huron Hills Dr \$295,000
4552 Ponderosa St \$92,000

FARMINGTON

31781 Lamar Dr \$160,000
22836 Maple Ave \$165,000
32013 Valley View St \$209,000

FARMINGTON HILLS

29470 Arlington Way \$358,000
38819 Country Cir \$120,000
30251 Essex Dr \$287,000
32316 Hearthstone Rd \$224,000
21300 Juniper Ct \$148,000
30276 Kimberly Ct \$269,000
29486 Laurel Dr \$122,000
31212 Leelane \$140,000
25344 Lynford St \$246,000
21116 Middlebelt Rd \$162,000
26070 Pillsbury St \$228,000
34661 Princeton St \$220,000
21904 Purdue Ave \$69,000
29443 Shenandoah Dr \$265,000
29860 W 12 Mile Rd # 604 \$74,000
32251 W 13 Mile Rd \$228,000
28425 Westerleigh Rd \$198,000

28553 Wildwood Trl \$160,000
HIGHLAND
4091 Loch Dr \$150,000
2805 Maple Rdg \$334,000
395 Maplegrove \$140,000
4685 N Duck Lake Rd \$196,000

LATHRUP VILLAGE

18130 Cambridge Blvd \$137,000

MILFORD

1009 Atlantic St \$245,000
1466 Memory Ln \$285,000

NORTHVILLE

37807 Connaught Dr \$275,000
51000 Park Place Dr \$584,000
42156 Pellston Dr \$155,000
37846 Rhonswood Dr \$335,000
669 River Park Village Blvd \$220,000
20936 W Glen Haven Cir \$135,000

NOVI

24484 Amanda Ln \$430,000
24377 Bashian Dr \$72,000
24694 Bashian Dr \$125,000
27587 Belgrave Pl \$314,000
25178 Birchwoods Dr \$367,000
25623 Buckminster Dr \$285,000
48145 Cedarwood \$235,000
31129 Chatsford St \$370,000
23469 Danberry Ln \$106,000
51344 E Bourne Ter \$270,000
43021 Emerson Way \$298,000
45636 Irvine Dr \$402,000
40976 Malott \$130,000
23486 Meadowbrook Rd \$165,000
23295 Mystic Forest Dr \$410,000
23623 N Rockledge \$92,000
22438 Paddington Ct \$545,000
24439 Perceval Ln \$533,000
24983 Reeds Pointe Dr \$545,000
24452 Riverview Ln \$232,000
44120 Settlers Creek Ct \$405,000
1127 South Lake Dr Unit 202 \$79,000
23439 Stonehenge Blvd \$115,000

24660 Taft Rd \$240,000
24680 Thatcher Dr \$450,000
27363 Victoria Rd \$317,000
39675 Westminster Cir \$335,000
29436 Weston Dr \$216,000

SOUTH LYON

58689 Carriage Ln \$435,000
801 Challenging Trl \$217,000
1317 Coach House Ln \$375,000
26683 Daria Cir W \$401,000
52693 Fremont Dr E \$460,000
61206 Greenwood Dr \$80,000
54812 Grenelife Cir W \$380,000
25550 Meadow Ct \$370,000
54330 Meadow Ct \$500,000
25462 Milford Rd \$206,000
20919 Oak Tree Dr \$325,000
22205 Quail Run Cir Unit 5 \$140,000

24430 Ravine Dr

53944 Springwood Dr \$443,000
407 Whipple St \$310,000
58588 Winnowing Cir S \$184,000
\$73,000

SOUTHFIELD

29880 Brentwood St \$128,000
19434 Butternut Ln \$44,000
19434 Butternut Ln \$93,000
30423 Everett St \$105,000
17381 Madison St \$154,000
30082 Marshall St \$79,000
19122 Melrose Ave \$72,000
23822 Merrill Ave \$143,000
20130 N Greenway St \$175,000
23435 Russell St \$147,000
30450 Shoreham St \$200,000
5000 Town Ctr # 804 \$81,000
17409 W 13 Mile Rd \$136,000

WHITE LAKE

1354 Bayview St \$162,000
432 Burgess Dr \$290,000
500 E Oxhill Dr \$175,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Sept. 29 to Oct. 3, 2014, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON

46612 Bartlett Dr \$216,000
717 Cherry Orchard Rd \$180,000
6428 Connaught Ct \$324,000
47193 Eastbourne Rd \$360,000
45395 Glengarry Rd \$275,000
44622 Meadowcreek Ln \$155,000
2679 N Woods Blvd \$262,000
8368 Orhan St \$120,000
8368 Orhan St \$150,000
7046 Pittsford St \$185,000
4332 Pond Run \$202,000
802 Princess Dr \$170,000
2990 River Meadow Cir \$236,000
335 Savannah Dr \$317,000
44495 Savery Dr \$75,000
3955 Strathmore Ln \$128,000
50042 Tottenham Ct \$415,000
45076 Turnberry Ct \$330,000
47781 Vistas Circle Dr S \$250,000

GARDEN CITY

6148 Belton St \$83,000

410 E Rose Ave \$77,000
31730 James St \$83,000
653 Michelle Ct \$120,000
29195 Sheridan St \$97,000

LIVONIA

11757 Alois St \$155,000
31925 Altmoral Ct \$324,000
9832 Blackburn St \$170,000
29660 Clarita St \$48,000
33950 Coventry Dr \$85,000
8993 Crown St \$122,000
9102 Danzig St \$112,000
15354 Deering St \$61,000
29034 Elmira St \$72,000
16974 Fitzgerald St \$235,000
9860 Flamingo St \$144,000
8874 Fremont St \$101,000
38679 Grandon St \$175,000
15675 Hunter Grv \$214,000
18994 Irving St \$165,000
30561 Minton St \$153,000
9048 Montana St \$96,000
32488 Myrna St \$336,000
18546 Norwich Rd \$149,000
37825 Plymouth Rd \$145,000
17342 Rougeway St \$139,000
15048 Santa Anita St \$55,000
19079 Shay Ct \$325,000
19484 Stamford Dr \$194,000

9303 Texas St \$155,000
29966 Westfield St \$125,000
18547 Williams St \$290,000
NORTHVILLE
42400 Bradner Rd \$345,000
16318 Country Knoll Dr \$316,000
525 Fairbrook St \$40,000
16433 Lincoln Dr \$434,000
20012 Longridge Ct \$450,000
19596 Northridge Dr \$110,000
16468 Ridgewood Ct \$375,000
PLYMOUTH
11583 Aspen Dr \$184,000
13904 Covington Dr \$525,000
42732 Gateway \$220,000
11276 Hillcrest Dr \$298,000
9359 Ivanhoe Dr \$330,000
11825 Lorenz Way \$475,000
9440 Marlowe Ave \$148,000
261 N Evergreen St \$330,000
40826 Newport Dr \$107,000
1729 Old Salem \$272,000
12325 Pinecrest Dr \$200,000
234 Pinewood Dr \$94,000
50997 Richard Dr \$336,000
1199 S Sheldon Rd \$53,000
1199 S Sheldon Rd \$50,000
46701 Strathmore Rd \$275,000
9380 Village Manor Dr \$367,000

REDFORD

13942 Centralia \$60,000
18417 Delaware Ave \$36,000
18610 Delaware Ave \$45,000
18631 Delaware Ave \$40,000
15931 Garfield \$35,000
25398 Ivanhoe \$70,000
13959 Mercedes \$43,000

WESTLAND

34307 Algonquin St \$112,000
781 Alvin St \$72,000
37065 Amhurst Dr \$145,000
39340 Armstrong Ln \$125,000
8222 Beatrice \$89,000
7757 Carrousel Blvd \$115,000
674 Easley Dr \$107,000
35055 Fairchild St \$28,000
36205 Farragut Ave \$27,000
7610 Floral St \$43,000
221 Larchmont Dr \$130,000
35852 Manila Ave \$72,000
31530 Parkwood St \$35,000
8150 Ravine Dr \$310,000
1621 Shoemaker Dr \$54,000
2188 Stieber St \$15,000
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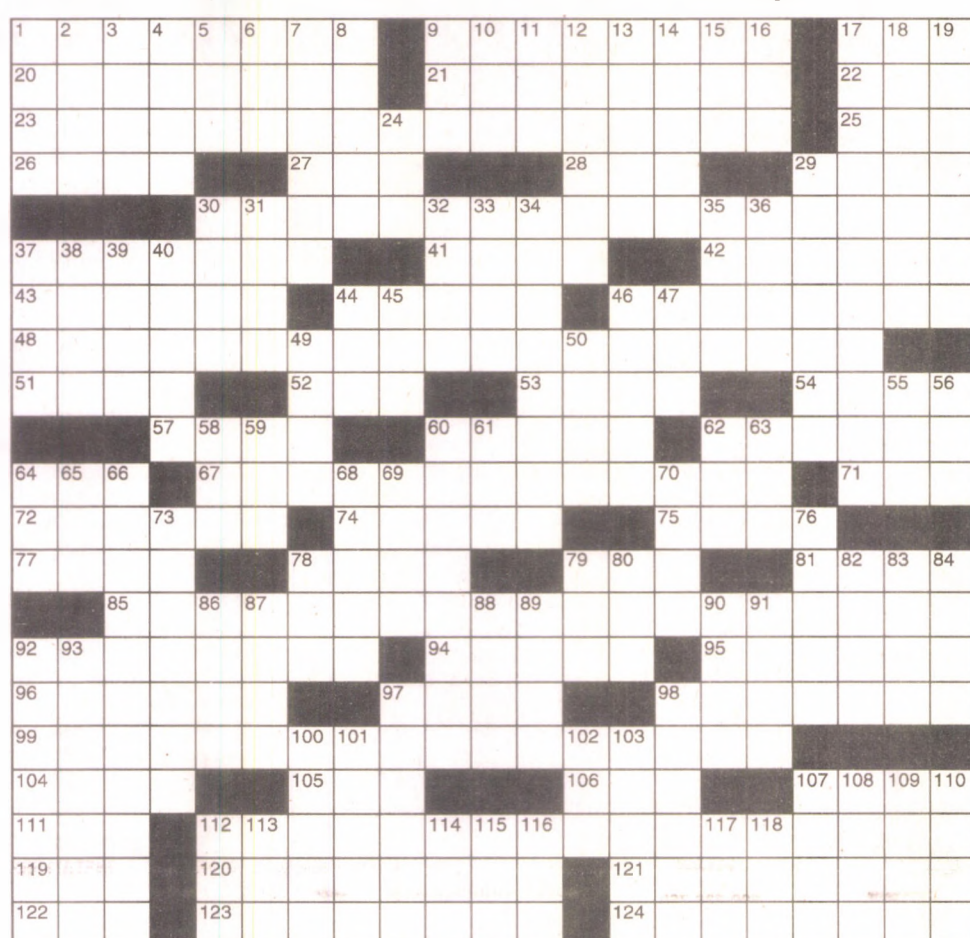
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Crossword Puzzle

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| ACROSS | 1 While away the hours | 9 Amorphous, sunken-into seats | 17 Book divs. | 20 Adopts, as a belief | 21 Do a new layout of | 22 Marina del —, California | 23 Start of a riddle | 25 Musician Yoko | 26 Fixes a seam, say | 27 Drink served with scones | 28 Suffix with final or solo | 29 Heroic poetry | 30 Riddle, part 2 | 37 7-Eleven drink | 41 Isn't on target | 42 Contract inker, e.g. | 43 "Stones for —" (1988 film) | 44 San —, California | 46 Most fake | 48 Riddle, part 3 | 51 With 57-Across, descent before pulling a rip cord | 52 Chilean cheer | 53 Praise publicly | 54 Margarita glass liner | 57 See 51-Across | 60 1990s Philippine president | 62 Ad entreaty | 64 ET of TV | 67 Riddle, part 4 | 71 "Rock and Roll, Hoochie —" | 72 Gel alternative | 74 Bow rub-on | 75 "— Cassius has a lean and hungry look"; Julius Caesar | 77 — Sunday | 78 Let out | 79 Xenon, e.g. | 81 Fesses (up) | 85 Riddle, part 5 | 92 Deliver news about | 94 Capacious | 95 One of Jupiter's moons | 96 Rare Italian violins | 97 Trial run | 98 Watched kids for cash | 99 End of the riddle | 104 Tip jar bills | 105 Mimicker | 106 "— There Was You" | 107 — ghanouj | 111 Poetry Out Loud org. | 112 Riddle's answer | 119 Wind up | 120 Tendency to stick together | 121 "Casino Royale" Bond girl player | 122 Rds. | 123 Outburst of wild emotion | 124 Tokyo "ta-ta" | 3 Shoot forth | 4 Male heirs | 5 "Tsk!" | 6 "Semi-" suffix | 7 Get together | 8 Road twists | 9 Male sib | 10 Always, to bards | 11 Astern | 12 Feature of a perfect ball game | 13 Audacious | 14 Just slightly | 15 Slender fish | 16 Hog home | 17 Certain liquid fuel | 18 High-tech map subjects | 19 Natalie Portman's childhood home on Long Island | 24 "Bali —" | 29 Most tense | 30 Twist | 31 Skin cream brand | 32 Ensnares | 33 Cookie giant | 34 Lead singer | 35 Beginning on seats | 36 Have supper | 37 Son of Willy Loman | 38 Skyscraper beam | 39 Many an app | 40 Anguish | 44 Actor Gibson | 45 Had supper | 46 Sainted pope | 47 FDR follower | 49 Hit the links | 50 Boxing punch | 55 London lav | 56 16 eighths | 58 Tummy "six-pack" | 59 Actor Marvin | 60 Interstate stop | 61 Pal, in Calais | 62 Earlier | 63 "No — do!" | 64 Rock blaster | 65 Mauna — | 66 Big magazine pitches | 68 Suze with financial tips | 69 Stir up, as silt | 70 NASDAQ kin | 73 Polishes | 76 Bride's belongings | 78 Green start? | 79 Big Red, e.g. | 80 Poet Lowell | 82 "— calling?" | 83 California's — Valley | 84 TDs, e.g. | 86 Fortitude | 87 — -bitsy | 88 Looking up | 89 Attend | 90 Imminent | 91 Lard holders | 92 Seminal punk band | 93 Distinguished | 97 Feared fly | 98 Luxury watch company | 100 Vows | 101 In a tizzy | 102 Do! | 103 Quotes | 107 Farm building | 108 Cruising | 109 South African | 110 Actress Fans | 112 "— bin ein Berliner" | 113 Nerf ball, e.g. | 114 Make public | 115 "— will not!" | 116 Genetic ID | 117 Actor Liotta | 118 Swelled head |
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Answer to Last Week's Puzzle

AC COST MOAN SPOIL LAGE
IRON ON ATRIA AIR TIMES
DOMESTIC HELP LAKE BASS
SWAB THEN ERIN TSE
CULTURAL REVOLUTION
PBS GEO ISLAMIZE
IMPALA ETTE ASIATIC
POURING DOWN RAIN SUNY
ECRU SOUSA END DWELLS
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I WASNT BORN YESTERDAY
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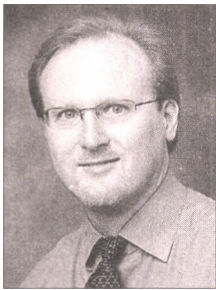
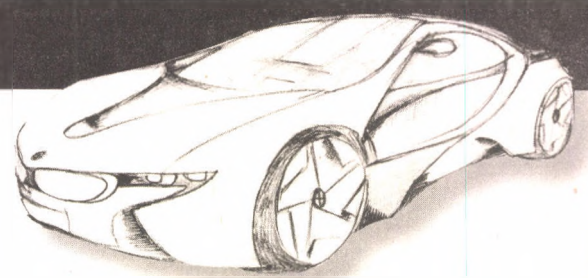
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Car Report

Lexus, Nissan Strategies for Big Game Sunday Reveal Their Priorities



By Dale Buss

Many auto manufacturers are staying out of Big Game advertising on Sunday, but several are jumping into it wholeheartedly. Each has a solid rationale. Here we examine two of them.

Lexus: The message of its ad is very straight

and to the point: We should have had a compact

"What drove us to be in the [Big Game] is a fortunate confluence of timing," Brian Bolain, Lexus corporate marketing manager, told me. "We're launching the all-new NX turbo and hybrid, in a segment we haven't been in before. It's very important to the industry and it's the hottest segment in the industry. The timing of the [game] coincided almost precisely with the launch time for the vehicle, so it's a big opportunity to make a statement."

The statement comes in the form

a "drummer" "plays" plumbing as instruments.

The new spot for NX doesn't exactly follow up on the recent tack by Lexus toward racier, or at least edgier, TV advertisements than the brand had been fielding since its inception. But it's definitely got the same kind of energy.

"In years past, Lexus has been a rational brand, and typical advertising for Lexus would have been proof of product benefit and quality and something like that," Bolain agreed.

"But it is clear for us to engage the buyer it's ultimately about the experience they get from owning the product. So [in the NX spot] you'll see a lot about what the product adds to your life, and the emotional pull this product offers to you."

Nissan: One of the things Fred Diaz learned as head of the Ram brand for Fiat Chrysler was the potential value of Big Game advertising. So it's actually little surprise that, barely a year since he became sales chief and CMO for Nissan in the United States, Diaz has put his new employer in a Big Game commercial for the first time in 18 years.

Based in part on his experiences with Ram, it's little surprise that Nissan will tell what Diaz called "a brand story" during its Big Game slot rather than a commercial that focuses on products.

"I wanted to somehow or another



Nissan's Big Game theme is "fatherhood."

build a brand spot that resonated and connected with America, and that was the direction I gave the marketing team and the agency: find a spot, find a story — find something that connects us and makes us far more relevant with the American public today, that shows we truly understand them," Diaz told me.

Diaz acknowledged that he was influenced by the great success that Fiat Chrysler has had over the last several years with its anthemic, heavily brand-oriented TV commercials during the Big Game. For Diaz, the most relevant ad by his old employer came out two years ago during Big Game XLVII, which he oversaw as head of the Ram brand about a year before leaving. The commercial for Ram, "Farmer," featured an actual recording of broadcasting legend Paul Harvey delivering a paean to the American farmer, with plenty of shots of farms, ranches, farmers — and Ram trucks.

Diaz explained that the U.S. sales momentum generated by Nissan in the last couple of years — sales were a record of nearly 1.4 million last year, up more than 11 percent from 2013 — still left the brand below par in both awareness and "relevance" among American consumers.

"Not that we're irrelevant, we're clearly a force to be reckoned with," Diaz told me. "But we are ready to take things to the next level."

Diaz hopes the Big Game ad does that. The brand committed to buying time during this year's Big Game shortly after he came aboard Nissan a year ago, Diaz said. Soon his marketing team was hashing around "concept after concept — and finally 'yes'" to the fatherhood theme. All three finalist concepts, he said, passed one of his biggest litmus tests: "You've got to make people laugh or cry."



The all-new Lexus NX is the star of a Big Game ad.

crossover in the market before now, but the one we've got, the all-new Lexus NX, is a helluva vehicle.

For the Toyota-owned luxury brand, this opportunity is all about showing off its first entry in the hottest segment in the luxury business, one where some of its competitors still don't have a dog in the hunt.

of an ad, "Make Some Noise," that is set to air during the first half. It simply shows the NX being put through its paces in a visually arresting fashion, accompanied by "music" that has various noises that the car makes embedded in its beat — sort of like that Delta faucet commercial where

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One of the best ways to get a foot in the door with a potential employer is to be recommended by someone who already works there. That may be true, but a referral is no guarantee of an interview, let alone a job offer. In fact, a poorly handled referral can leave you worse off than if you were just another unknown job candidate. Here's how to ask for a referral the right way.

Before you ask

"It never hurts to ask" is normally a sound principle for job seekers, but it doesn't apply to referrals. Requesting a recommendation from the wrong person, at the wrong time or in the wrong way can do more harm than good. Since most people find it difficult to turn down a request for help, it's your responsibility to make sure that your potential referrer is well-equipped to recommend you and that he is the right person to do so.

The most common problem?

Unfamiliarity. "Michelle-er, Melissa is a close friend and trusted colleague" doesn't exactly make for a ringing endorsement. Before you ask someone for a referral, consider whether you know the person well enough and vice-versa. After all, the two of you are effectively agreeing to tie your professional reputations together. While you don't need to have worked alongside your advocate for years, 15 minutes of conversation at last night's Meetup isn't a sufficient personal

history for a convincing recommendation.

Keep in mind that your contact may have her own reasons for agreeing to refer you that don't necessarily align with your goals. She may be taking advantage of a referral bonus offered by the company or may just have trouble saying no. Be sure your chosen referrer can describe with confidence your qualifications and job fit.

If a hiring manager senses a referral is a shot in the dark, not

a genuine endorsement, he might be predisposed against you. And if your referrer is known for making indiscriminate recommendations, your resume might not even get a look.

Your pre-interview

Whether your potential referrer is an old friend or a more recent contact, don't take the referral for granted. Frame your request with a brief explanation of why you think you'd be a good fit for the company, and send along your resume.

If the person seems reluctant to vouch for you, take that as a no. And keep in mind that a polite refusal will be better for your career in the long run than an insincere yes, which usually leads to a half-hearted referral.

Once someone has agreed to refer you, it's your job to provide her with a substantial sense of how you might contribute to the company. Ask to buy your contact lunch to talk about your skills and

experience as well as the culture of the firm and your working style. Approach it as you would a casual interview.

Soon after your meeting, send a thank-you note. By expressing your appreciation before you know the outcome of the referral, you demonstrate sincere gratitude for the person's time and effort on your behalf. Make sure she understands that you know the referral is no guarantee of an offer, or even an interview.

Once you're in

If you do get invited for an interview, don't assume that your referrer has provided extensive information about you. Instead, follow the interviewer's lead. If she asks about your history with the person, be honest. Don't exaggerate your relationship with the referrer or lean too hard on it. Now's the time to rely on your own skills and experience, not your connections.

A thoughtfully planned request

for a referral can be one of your smartest career moves. But some of the strongest endorsements are the ones you don't ask for. That doesn't mean you should passively wait for one to come along. What it does mean is that you should focus on building up professional relationships, not just converting them into opportunities. So get out there and network in person, keep in touch with old colleagues, and let your friends know you're interested in a new position.

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