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## Gatt has two challengers this time

Gatt

### Mayor seeking fourth team in November

**Matt Jachman** hometownlife.com

Mayor Bob Gatt is facing two challengers in this November's city election as he seeks a fourth two-year term as Novi's top elected official.

Newcomer Bin Qamruzzaman and Jason Dorsch, who has run for mayor three times previously, both filed for spots on the ballot in this year's election. There will be no primary election in the mayoral race; the top finisher in the Tuesday, Nov. 7, election will win the job of mayGatt, the full-time manager of the Oakland County Animal Control Division and a former Novi police officer, was first elected mayor in 2011 and has served three consecutive terms.

He also served two four-year

been first elected in 2003.

terms on the city council, having

'The state of the city of Novi is robust and strong and I'm proud to be part of this great story," Gatt said in a press release announcing his re-election bid. "Not only do I serve the Novi community, but I have the opportunity to work with some

leaders I have ever met.' Qamruzzaman, a Novi native, is a mechanical engineer in Ford

of the best people and business



Dorsch

Motor Co.'s powertrain division. He is running, he said, because he wants to give back to Novi.

Qamruzzaman spent about five years in the U.S. Marines, lived in Boston for several years and got his college degree at the University of Alabama at Hunts-

"Now that I'm back home again, I want to get more involved with the community," he

said.

Dorsch, 35, is the owner of

Sky Net Tech technology firm Sky Net Technology and, in addition to running for mayor three times, has made two unsuccessful bids for the Michigan House of Representatives

Dorsch said Novi, with a population of nearly 60,000, needs a full-time mayor who holds regular office hours. He said he's willing to do the job of mayor for free.

The city mayor should be on-duty as much as possible in case of an emergency and to work with the general public," Dorsch said.

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Brewing and Distillation Technology faculty member Rich Weinkauf offers advice to team members David Veselenak, Phil Allmen, Dan Dean and Bill Emerick.

# Big event a toast to home brewing

**David Veselenak** hometownlife.com

Get out those hops.

The annual Big Brew for National Homebrew Day returns Saturday to downtown Milford, with dozens expected to come out and brew hundreds of gallons of beer. The event is one of many local sites for the event, which is taking place across 48 states. The event had more than 12,000 participants nationwide in 2016.

Teams will gather beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday in the parking lot at River's Edge Brewing Co., 125 S. Main, Suite 400. There, teams will begin brewing beer that will be tasted June 28 and judged in several categories by judges from the Beer Judge Certification Program, as well as a People's Choice award.

The event is free for those looking to come and chat with participants and there will be live music and food available from Barlowe's BBQ.

Isaac Perry said the event has grown substantially in recent years, beginning with only seven home brewers. This year, the event is expected to draw almost three times that.

"I'm super-excited. I think we're going to be

### **IF YOU GO**

What: Big Brew for National Homebrew Day When: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday Where: River's Edge Brewing Co., 125 S. Main St., Suite

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over 20 brewers," said Perry, a teacher at Lakeland High School in White Lake and contributor to the Michigan Beer Guide. "I think on top of that, we've got a food truck, we've got live music.

One team that will be a part of the event will be several members of the Observer & Eccentric's editorial department. Milford resident Jeff Rankert, a member of the American Homebrewers Association, will serve as the O&E's coach.

Rankert, an avid home brewer for several decades, said the hobby has seen some big

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## Seven competing for three council spots

**Matt Jachman** hometownlife.com

Seven people, including the incumbents whose current terms are expiring, are vying for three spots on the Novi City Council in the November city

There will be no primary election in the race this year, as Novi's charter requires a council primary only when there are more than three times as many candidates as there are spots to be decided. The top three finishers in November will win council terms.

The candidates are current council members Brian G. Burke, Gwen Markham and Andrew Ian Mutch, plus Kelly A. Breen, Cindy Gronachan, Sam Olsen and Bryan Valentine.

Breen, 39, is an attorney who specializes in representing people who have been injured at work. Previously, she said, she represented employers and insurance companies in those types of cases.

Breen is running because of a "deep and sincere commitment to Novi," she said. She has not previously held elected office.

"I will actively listen to citizens and fiercely advocate to better the lives of all residents," Breen wrote in an email. "I have a vested interest in our city, as I must ensure my two young children and all future generations will grow up in an environment that promotes equality and opportunity and can further economic progress while preserving all the natural beauty that Novi has to offer."

Burke, 60, is seeking his second elected term. He served an appointed, partial term in 2009 and was elected in 2015 to fill a council vacancy.

Burke has worked for Tom Holzer Ford for 30 years in sales and sales management. He said

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## Arbor Day about more than trees to Novi's forester

It's hard to envision Novi as a forest, but to Forestry Asset Manager Tiffany Giacobazzi, that's exactly what it is. It's not a traditional forest as one tends to envision, but if trees were to disappear in neighborhoods, residents surely would no-

In Novi, there are more than 37,500 public trees, not including those in woodlands. About 500-800 new trees are added to that inventory every year. Trees play a vital role in the community, from the obvious environmental benefits to improving home values and dampening sound.

"I love helping people realize their forest is the tree standing in their yard or in their community park," Giacobazzi said.
"I like working with homeowners on how to care for and maintain their trees. Educating people about trees and what they do for us is exciting and never bor-

The biggest day of the



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Forestry Asset Manager Tiffany Giacobazzi said she loves "helping people realize their forest is the tree standing in their yard or in their community park."

year for that education is Arbor Day, which took place Saturday at Rotary Park. City officials planted a ceremonial tree and neighbors gathered for spring cleaning of the park. The event helped Novi celebrate 25 years as a Tree City USA.

Giacobazzi, who has a degree in forestry and is a certified tree farm inspector and arborist from the International Society of Arboriculture, said events like Arbor Day help create a sense of place and offer respite from the hectic city life.

"To me there is nothing better than going into a park or woodland where you cannot hear

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the cars, cannot hear the city and it is just quiet and peaceful and you can think," she said. "The world would be a sad place if there were no natural areas.'

To learn more about Arbor Day or the trees in Novi, go to cityofnovi.org or contact the forestry division at 248-735-5640.

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he wants to tackle "unfinished business" in the city, including the completion of Main Street and improvements to Beck Road.

'I raised my family in Novi and have been a longtime resident, homeowner and taxpayer,' Burke wrote. "There are quite a number of additional things to do and with my experience in all areas of city government, I feel I am the best qualified individual to do

Gronachan, 60, works in sales for a State Farmaffiliated insurance agency. She is the cur-



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Mutch wrote in an email.

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as a systems adminis-

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Breen

Olsen

give back to the community he's lived in his entire life. "I want to continue

our growth by giving back so I can raise a family in the town I call home," Olsen said in a press release. "Keeping our taxes low and making Novi more businessfriendly will contribute to making Novi more prosperous and, with my fresh views and state government experience, I know I can get the job

Valentine, 33, is an

attorney with the firm of Garan Lucow Miller and specializes in insurance defense. He has not previously held public of-

"We chose this wonderful community for all of the things it has to offer: amazing schools, great neighbors, parks to play at with my toddler and safety," Valentine wrote in an email. "I am running for city council to advance this city's values and to have a hand in forging the future of this community and,

thereby, my own family." The general election is Tuesday, Nov. 7.

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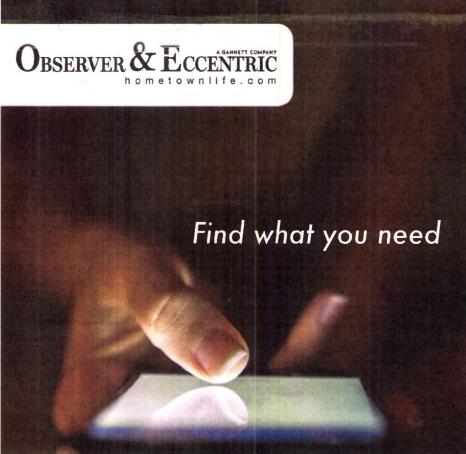
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## Get the Scoop on worts at Saturday's Big Brew

0&E team will be among those brewing

> **Dan Dean** hometownlife.com

Have you ever wondered how to chill a wort or pitch yeast?

We are not talking ugly growths or fantasy baseball, but beer brewing.

The surge in craft breweries is a boon for beer lovers and it has also fueled a spike in home brewing. And this Saturday, home brewers take center stage as thousands participate in the worldwide celebration of National Homebrew Day.

If you have ever thought of making your own beer or just want to grow your understanding of all the choices available at your local beer store of brewpub, come join us at River's Edge Brewing Co. in Milford.

A team from hometownlife.com (photog-

rapher Bill Bresler, consumer audience manager. Phil Allmen, reporter David Veselenak and copy editor Bill Emerick) will be firing up a batch of NewsHound Ale.

Don't know what NewsHound Ale is? Well neither do we. But we liked the name and the logo. We are hoping our "coach" (ringer) Jeff Rankert will come up with something really tasty. Rankert definitely knows his way around a glass carboy and fermenter, having brewed his first batch some 25 years ago. He is also a Beer Judge Certification Program (BJCP) national judge and American Homebrewers Association (AHA) governing committee member.

From pros to complete amateurs like us, Big Brew Day at River's Edge is a celebration of the art of beer brewing. Held each year the first Saturday in May, Big Brew



Phil Allmen, Bill Emerick, Bill Bresler, David Veselenak, adviser Rich Weinkauf and Dan Dean.

was created by the AHA as an annual, worldwide

celebration of National Homebrew Day.

If you need more incentive than either brewing or simply walking around and talking beer with talented brewers (not us — we are talented, iust not at beer brewing, yet), participants will stop at 1 p.m. to take part in a nationwide toast, designed to happen at the same time across the country with other Big Brew events. If you can't make it to River's Edge at 1 p.m., look for our live feed on Facebook to join in the toast from where ever you are at that time.

This just in: Rumor has it NewsHound Ale could be a cream ale, possibly with a hint of coffee flavoring. But the only way to get the Scoop is to come join us.

Dan Dean is not head brew master of anything, but leader of this ragtag group. Send him your thoughts at ddean@hometownlife.com. Follow our beer making story on Instagram and Twitter and look for our Facebook live feed during the event.

### **BREWING**

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growth in recent years, especially from those in the millennial genera-

"The state of home brewing went through explosive growth within the last four or five years," he said. "What (the Big Brew event) does is it gives a venue where people who don't brew can come and view and observe."

In addition to the brewing throughout the day, participants will

stop at 1 p.m. to take part in a nationwide toast, designed to happen at the same time across the country with other Big Brew events.

"We'll pause and simultaneously do a toast to home brewing," Perry

Brewers who are participating in Milford's event will receive items such as 2-row base malt and PB Toast specialty malt, donated by Pilot Malt House of Byron Center, as well as Cascade, Chinook and Tahoma hops provided by Top Hops Farms of Goodrich. A new part of the event

this year is the addition of a "secret box" of ingredients that several professional brewers will be able to use in their brews that day. Representatives from breweries such as River's Edge, Draught Horse Brewery in New Hudson, **Drafting Table Brewery** in Wixom, Kickstand Brewing Co. in Commerce Township and soon-to-open Hop Buds of Flint are expected to participate.

The event Saturday will most likely be a social event for those interested in brews, something that just comes

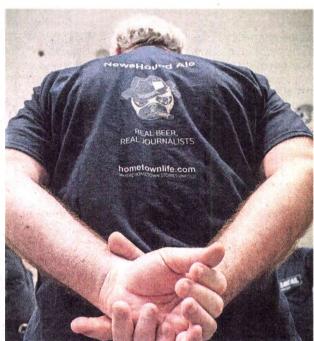
naturally when talking about lagers and stouts, Rankert said.

"Beer's a very sociable drink," he said. "People will be talking about beer."

Perry agreed, saying the focus of the event isn't just the lagers and stouts created by the home brewers: it's all about getting together and promoting a sense of unity.

"It's just this really wonderful way to build community and strengthen relationships," he said. "It's not about partying. This is about communi-

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**BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER** Bill Emerick, wearing the brew team shirt.

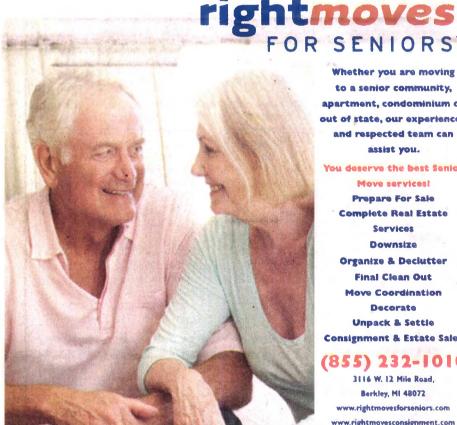
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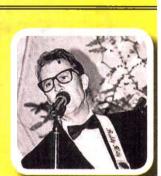
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# Charcuterie: 'Heart and soul' of cooking

Joanne Maliszewski hometownlife.com

Charcuterie. You certainly won't find it on all restaurant menus. And you may have never ordered it as a charcuterie plate. But it's likely nothing boosts the craft of cooking more.

The dictionary has a simple definition: the salting, smoking and curing of meats — a craft developed long before refrigeration.

But nationally renowned and award-winning chef Brian Polcyn calls charcuterie the "heart and soul" of cooking.

"It is the deepest, most soulful (thing) in a kitchen," added the certified executive chef and instructor at Schoolcraft College. "It is the craft of preserving food."

To better understand, think of salami, prosciutto, ham, pate and sausage. "I use everything but the sink," he said. "We take the less-expensive and underutilized meats and make charcuterie."

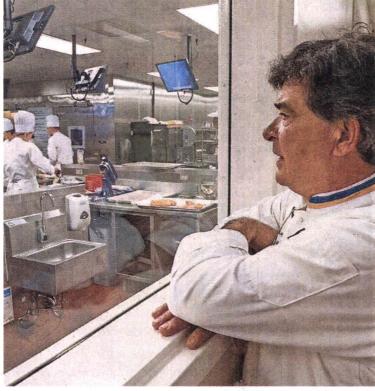
Last Friday, Polcyn stood watch as his charcuterie students completed their hands-on final exam. He pointed to one student and said he had told her he was taking home her creation for dinner. It was that good. "We respect food," he said. "We don't waste anything. We do whole animal butchery.

Charcuterie is one of the rotations students participate in during Schoolcraft's culinary program. And by far, it is not the easiest. "This level of cooking is science," Polcyn said. "We teach critical thinking skills here. We don't teach recipes."

Charcuterie requires knowledge of the uses of bacteria to cure meat, so it does not have to be refrigerated. Time and temperature are paramount in preparing charcuterie. But salt is king. Salami, for example, requires low temperature cooking and needs to cure, losing all water in the meat. Salt does that job. "It is the powerful ingredient in the kitchen." Polcyn said

When you order charcuterie at a restaurant, you will receive a plate full of cured, salted meats, including cured sausages and salamis, cured poke and beef, as well as pate and, likely, cheeses. On average, a charcuterie doard will cost about \$14 for two people. It is usually served as an appetizer.

A master charcuterie chef, Polcyn said he never stops learning. "I always practice charcuterie," he said. "You

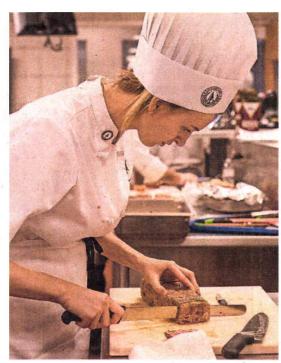


BILL BRESLER I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER It's the last day of class and students work on their final assignment, watched by chef Brian Polcyn.

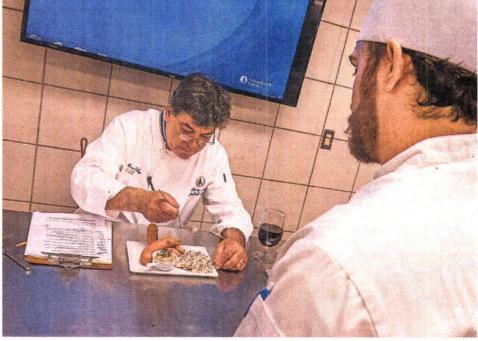


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Jeffrey Adams prepared smoked bratwurst, shrimp pate and potato salad for the final exam in chef Brian Polcyn's class.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Kelsey Bylski slices her pork terrine.



BILL BRESLER I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Polcyn critiques Jeffrey Adams's smoked bratwurst, potato salad, salmon and shrimp pate.

always have to be evolving."

Evolving describes Polcyn, The father of five children with his wife Julie, Polcyn has owned six restaurants — all award-winning — including Pike Street and Chimayo in Pontiac; the Acadia in Auburn Hills; Five Lakes Grille in Milford, which he later turned into Cinco Lagos; and Forest Grill in Birmingham.

"The restaurant business is volatile," Polcyn said, adding he sold them all. It's true: the

restaurant business is day and night seven days a week and then you start all over again

for the coming week. 'It's like being a star athlete," Polcyn said, adding that the 20-year-old athlete has a tougher time when he becomes the 40-year-old athlete.

His culinary resume includes the now-closed Golden Mushroom and the Lark in West Bloomfield. Then came his restaurants, before he joined Schoolcraft College full

Whether you are a charcuterie lover or not, Polcyn's name is likely familiar. He was a focus in journalist Michael Ruhlman's "The Soul of a Chef: The Journey Toward Perfection" and co-authored, with Ruhlman, "charcuterie: The Craft of Salting, Smoking and Curing." The book was nominated for a James Beard Foundation Book Award in 2006.

The James Beard Foundation made Polcyn one of five

nominees for Best Chef in the Midwest in 2006, one of many accolades received in his career. Meanwhile, Polcyn has also launched a seminar series on charcuterie, which draws chefs worldwide.

Two well-known French chefs arrived in New York City for his class. "They wanted validation," he said.

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## For self-taught Mary Spencer, it's about home cooking

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Mary Spencer doesn't call herself a chef. She is a selftaught cook and loves it so much she has spent the last couple of decades teaching others

"I have been cooking for 35-plus years. I just love it. I was actually a legal secretary for 15 years," said Spencer, owner of Taste: A Cook's Place in the Village Workshop in Northville.

The move to cooking and teaching began about 20 years ago, when Northville Parks and Recreation had her teach a cooking class as a fundraiser. "I realized then that is what I love to do," she said. "I wanted to be a full-time instructor."

That desire led her to a variety of stops along her cooking career. They included Kitchen Witch, Kitchen Glamour and Scotty's Kitchen in Northville. For almost two years, Spencer also taught at Epiphany Kitchens. Finally, she decided to master her own place — Taste: A Cook's Place.

So far, so good. Still in the process of establishing a cafe within her new space at the Village Workshop, Spencer offers a plethora of classes, each with a theme. A recent Monday, Spencer's class bore the theme, Meatless Monday: Sheet Pan Suppers. The meal included sheet pan fried rice,

roasted corn, asparagus and spring onion salad with fresh mozzarella, portobello mushroom Parmesan with herbed summer squash - for starters.

Wednesday's meal this week was Korean fare: kimchi pancakes, broccoli, mushroom and sesame salad, potato noodles and beef bulgogi.

Ask Spencer what's instrumental to a good kitchen and she'll say no doubt it is knives. Spencer has a class devoted just to learning hands-on how to cut food, whether meat or vegetables.

Her students in each class gather around what will become the cafe. Students sit on the cafe stools surrounding the heart of the cafe, the kitchen, and learn through Spencer. She also has a television screen so students have a closer view of the cooking process.

"This makes me more accessible to people," said Spencer, who always dons an apron. "First and foremost, I am a home cook."

When the class of the day is complete, students dig in and finish the meal, which always consists of five to seven courses. "You get a lot of food," she said. "I try to give a history of the meal and where to get the ingredients. It is demonstration-style."

Spencer avoids packaged and processed foods and will shop daily. She believes that as packaged foods arrived on



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Mary Spencer lights some brandy ablaze to go with some melting cheese during her April 27 dinner at Northville's Village Workshop. Spencer runs the instructional meals through her business Taste: A Cook's Place.

grocery shelves years ago, many people have abandoned or forgotten the art of cooking for a family.

She also teaches proper cooking and kitchen techniques for home cooking. "You don't need to go to culinary school to feed your family,

Spencer covers the vast array of foods, whether it's meat, fish or vegetables and

fruits, not to mention desserts. And she helps her students overcome their quirks - like those who hate vegetables or shellfish.

Her classes also cover all ethnicities and cultures in food and meals.

And she reminds students that "we eat with our eyes, ears and noses. The important thing is, how does it taste and how does it look?'

Students also learn the basics of stocking a pantry. That would include spices, especially salt, and flour and sugar. Her repertoire also includes two basic knives — a paring and chef knife. "I teach how to hold a knife," she said. "It takes practice."

Her classes include how to safely use a pressure cooker the newer models are safer and the stove and the need to start every meal with good, fresh ingredients, preferably organic without pesticides or fertilizers.

There's also instruction on how to use a Cuisinart to make dough and other items, such as pesto and cheese cake batter. Other techniques include how not to burn food. The trick is to get a pan hot and then add the oil and then the food.

"This is almost like having entertainment with your meal," Spencer said of her classes.

Her classes hold 13 students at the cafe counter, with plenty of other seating with high tables for folks to gather round. Older people, as well as kids, sign up for her classes. And she has repeat customers, such as a gentleman who has taken her classes for eight years. "He does not miss a class," she said.

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### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Send calendar items to Community Content Editor Joanne Maliszewski at imaliszews@ hometownlife.com.

### Rummage sale

Faith Community Presbyterian Church in Novi will hold its annual spring rummage sale from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, May 4, and 9 a.m. to noon Friday, May 5. The Friday sale will be Bag Day, when anything that fits into a paper grocery bag goes for one price. Proceeds from the sale will be used for the church's 40th anniversary celebration in October. Faith Church was founded in 1997 by a small group of people who believed Novi needed a Presbyterian church of its own. The church is located at 44400 W. 10 Mile Road, just west of Novi Road. For more information, call 248-349-2345.

### Michigan International **Women's Show**

Gold and silver Olympic gymnast Laurie Hernandez and Keegan Allen from "Pretty Little Liars" will be appearing at the 22nd annual Michigan International Women's Show, May 4-7 at the Suburban Collection Showplace May 4-7. In addition to Hernandez and Allen other features of the show include: Ann Arbor Firefighters Charities fashion show: Aussie in the Kitchen Chef Paul Penney; spring makeup trends and helpful cosmetic tips; painting party to encourage originality and creativity; "Pawject Runway-Fido Fashion Show' and Wigs 4 Kids will be accepting ponytails for Michigan children and teens experiencing hair loss as a result of illness or treatment; plus more than 400

Show hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday; and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$10; youth 6-12 are \$5 and children 5 and under are admitted free with a paying adult. For more information and exhibitor coupons, go to InternationalWomenShow.com, Facebook.com/michiganinternationalwomensshow, Twitter.com/iwsmichigan, Instagram.com/MIWShow or call 800-849-0248.

### **Downtown First** Friday

Celebrate the First Friday of the month 5-9 p.m. Friday, May 5, with the retailers and restaurants of downtown Northville Many stores stay open late and feature refreshments, new

merchandise, sales and visits from local artists. For more information, go to http://www.enjoynorthville.com.

### 'Alice' at the **Marquis**

Journey through Wonderland with Alice as she follows the white rabbit and other curious friends as the Marquis Theatre presents "Alice in Wonderland." Come see the last two performances of this fun, interactive musical with lots of singing and dancing this weekend. Tickets are \$9 for both remaining shows: 2:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, May 6-7. For more information, call the Marquis Theatre at 248-349-8110; go to www.northvillemarquistheatre. com: email marguistheatre@sbcglobal.net or go to Facebook page at facebook.com/MarquisTheatre NorthvilleMi

### **Tea Party meeting**

The Lakes Area Tea Party will host Dr. Irving Ginsberg at 7 p.m. Monday, May 8, at Big Tommy's Parthenon, 40380 Grand River Ave, Novi. Ginsberg is a former consultant for the U.S. Intelligence Agency. He holds his Ph.D. in theoretical and mathematical physics and is a researcher and lecturer at the University of Michigan.

Ginsberg will share his perspective on President Trump and Russia and the Trump wiretaps. He will also talk about his work at Waco, Texas, under Janet Reno, along with what he has learned about the Russians' secret massive underground project at Yamantau Mountain. There is no admission charge

### Pink baseball

Novi High School's varsity baseball team with host "Breast Cancer Awareness" games at Novi's Baseball Stadium, with the first pitch scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 13 Competing schools include Catholic Central, Grosse Pointe North and Novi. Teams will use pink wood bats and pink ribbon baseballs, in addition players and umpires will wear pink wristbands. Pink T-shirts are available for purchase for \$15. Spectators are encouraged make a donation to the National Breast Cancer Foundation in lieu of tickets for the games and T-shirts will be available for sale, with proceeds going to the National Breast Cancer Founda-

### **Evenings in the** garden

MSU Tollgate Farm and Educa-

tion Center is the setting for a new season of Evenings in the Garden classes. Speakers will be sharing their wisdom and experience 6:30-8:30 p.m. each Thursday at Tollgate, 12 Mile and Meadowbrook roads, in

The cost of each class is \$20 and supports further adult education programming at MSU Tollgate. To find more information and to

register, go to http://tol/gate.msu.edu/events/ evenings-in-the-garden. The classes are for novice and seasoned gardeners, homeowners, landscapers and outdoor enthusiasts. This educational series is an opportunity to get out of the house, meet others who are suffering from cabin fever and start planning for spring garden-

### Free gardening program

Spring is upon us and it's time to go outdoors and work in our

Attend a free gardening program presented by Landscaper Drew Lathin, He will present a PowerPoint and lecture on "The Beauty of Native Plants: Their Function is Supporting Wildlife in Urban and Suburban Landscapes" at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 16, at Wixom Public Library Learn the difference between native and non-native plants and how we can use native plants to create beautiful landscapes. Native plants can withstand sub-zero temperatures. summer heat, drought, and insect predation all without supplemental water, fertilizer, or sprays. In addition, native plants have co-evolved relationships with our native insects, and together, form the foundation of the food chain that supports butterflies, bees, birds, predators, and other wildlife. Learn the principles of sustainable landscaping and how you can do your part to reduce resource inputs and create habitat. Preregister for this free event online at wixomlibrary.org, call 248-624-2512 or stop by the library at 49015 Pontiac Trail.

### **Motor City Comic** Con 2017

Motor City Comic Con 2017 will take place 12:30-7 p.m. Friday, May 19, 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, May 20, and 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 21, at the Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River Avenue, in Novi. Complete information about the event, tickets, panels and VIP passes are available at http://www.motorcitycomic con.com/.

### Volleyball marathons raise \$69,000

Students from Walled Lake Central, Walled Lake Northern and Walled Lake Western high schools recently conducted volleyball marathons, raising more than \$69,000 for three different organizations.

Central raised more than \$28,640 at its event for Fleece and Thank You, an organization that creates custom blankets and video messages for children with illnesses as they continue on their treatment journey. The fundraiser also benefited the Whaley House, Kirk Pedersen and a Walled Lake family.

Activities at the marathon included an inflatable obstacle course, laser tag, volleyball and a blanket-making area to benefit Fleece and Thank You. The night's activities were kicked off with talent show put on by the

choir council. Danielle Hoef, Central student council executive president, said, "Volleyball marathon is one of our biggest events at Central and this year was the biggest one we have had yet. Over 380 students signed up to attend the event and pledge money to help our beneficiaries.

For more information about Fleece and Thank You, go to http://fleeceand thankyou.org/.

Northern raised \$22,590 with its volleyball marathon for Save a Child's Heart, an organization that provides heart surgeries for child from around the world that otherwise would not get the treatment that they need to survive.

Activities at the marathon included volleyball, a hypnotist, bungie run, volleyball and tons of donated food.

Greg Riley, Northern teacher and student activities coordinator, said,



WALLED LAKE SCHOOLS

Walled Lake Northern volleyball marathoners (from left) Jordan Cannon, Kaycee Loehr, Ellie Rogers and Mackenzie Krupic.

"The entire building was part of the process this year. The competition between the classes made for an amazing week of fun and school spirit.'

For more information on Save a Child's Heart, go to http://www. saveachildsheart.com/.

Western raised more

than \$18,400 from its volleyball marathon for Angels of Hope, an allvolunteer foundation committed to making a difference in the lives of Michigan children and those who love and care for them as they battle

Brad Scheck, Western teacher and student activities coordinator, said, "Western's 37th annual volleyball marathon was a huge success for our charity, Angels of Hope. My leadership students were dedicated to put on a first-class event and their efforts paid off! The students who attended are a great example of community we have at Western."

For more information on Angels of Hope, go to http://www.angelsof hope.org/.





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### NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE

### AMENDMENT TO **ORDINANCE §97-1, §67-34, & §67-62 HUNTING & WEAPONS**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Charter Township of Northville Board of Trustees approved the adoption of amendments to Ordinance §97-1, §67-34, & §67-62 (Hunting and Weapons) at a Regular Meeting on Thursday, April 20, 2017, at 7:00 P.M. at the Northville Township Hall located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168.

The amendment includes changes to sections 97-1, 67-34, and 67-62. The introduction of the amendment was approved at the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting held on March 16, 2017.

A copy of the full Ordinance and amendment can be viewed during normal business hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Office of the Township Clerk, Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168 or on the township's website: www.twp.northville.mi.us .

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Ordinance as passed by the Charter Township of Northville Board of Trustees at a Regular Meeting held at Township Hall on the 20th day of April, 2017.

Sue A. Hillebrand, M.M.C.

Introduced: 03-16-17 Second Reading: 04-20-17 Publish: 05-04-17 Effective: 05-04-17

Publish: May, 4, 2017

### NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE

### AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE § 53-9 (F) ANIMAL GENERAL REGULATIONS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Charter Township of Northville Board of Trustees approved the adoption of amendments to Ordinance §53-9 (F) (Animal General Regulations) at a Regular Meeting on Thursday, April 20, 2017, at 7:00 P.M. at the Northville Township Hall located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168

The amendment includes changes to section 53-9. The introduction of the amendment was approved at the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting held on March 16, 2017.

A copy of the full Ordinance and amendment can be viewed during normal business hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Office of the Township Clerk, Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168 or on the township's website: www.twp.northville.mi.us.

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## Woman, 61, arrested for road rage assault

**Matt Jachman** hometownlife.com

A 61-year-old woman is accused of intentionally shutting a car door on another woman after a road rage-induced crash in Novi. No serious injuries were reported.

The suspect was arrested on charges of assault and reckless driving and is to appear in district court Monday,

The incident occurred on Town Center Drive, north of Grand River, just before 5 p.m. April 24, a Novi Police Department report said. The victim told police the suspect had stopped her car suddenly in front of her, leaving her no time to stop her Lincoln Town Car. The Lincoln crashed into the car in front of it, an Audi, police said.

The Audi's driver then got out of that car and walked to the Lincoln. yelling and swearing at her, according to the victim. The victim opened the door to get out of the Lincoln, she said, when the other woman aggressively pushed it,

injuring her leg. The incident had started on westbound Grand River after the Lincoln's driver changed lanes behind the Audi, moving

to the right in order to turn onto Town Center, she told police. The Audi's driver stopped and yelled at her, blocking the lane for about two minutes, she said. When the Audi's driver turned north on Town Center, she did as well, the Lincoln's driver said, and that's when the crash occurred.

Three witnesses corroborated parts of the victim's story, police said, including one man who said that when he asked the suspect to move her vehicle so traffic could pass, she yelled and swore at him.

The suspect told police the Lincoln's driver had changed lanes too closely behind her and that she had stopped to talk to the woman about that. She denied having caused the crash by braking suddenly, denied assaulting the Lincoln's driver and said that driver had gotten out of the Lincoln, knocked on a window of the Audi and was yelling and swearing at her.

Later, the suspect told police she suffers from anxiety and insomnia and was going through a divorce. She was released on bond.

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### **Miss Michigan visits Thornton Creek Elementary** JOHN HEIDER | STAFF



**Auben Wesley** poses with Miss Michiga Krista Ferguson after a **Seven Habits** assembly April 25 at Northville's **Thornton Creek** Elementary. Wesley, a student a Lyon Township's Kent Lake Elementary, brought his story on being a Type I diabetic to Thornton's students and how he hopes that it will engender empathy from his fellow students. Ferguson was recently diagnosed diabetic, too, so she knows what it's like to deal with the disease and still pushes herself to compete at a high level. Wesley is an ambassador from the Juvenile **Diabetes Research** 

**Foundation** 

### NORTHVILLE NEWS BRIEFS

### **Boys lacrosse** celebrates its third annual Victory Day

Join the Northville boys lacrosse third annual Victory Day, an event created for Northville High School students with disabilities to have an opportunity to play

lacrosse, at noon May 6 at Tom Holzer Stadium. Stay to cheer the boys lacrosse team as its takes on Notre Dame Prep.

### Whirly ball fundraising

Enjoy whirly ball and food, hosted by the Friends of Northville

Township Historic District Commission, 1-4 p.m. Sunday, May 7. Tickets are \$25 per person. The 501(c)3 organization is raising funds for the restoration of the one-room Thayer School House, built in 1877, on the corner of Napier and Six Mile in Northville

Township. Clothing drive nis Club and Northville Township will host a used clothing drive for Northville Civic Concern and Vista Maria's shelter

### roads. Armed Forces Day

Saturday, May 6, at the

Northville Township

Hall, on the corner of

Sheldon and Six Mile

The Northville Kiwa-

Join the Northville High School baseball program for its eighth annual Armed Forces Day for a day of festivities to support MIchigan troops Saturday, May 20, at Northville High School.

There's plenty planned including: a 5K Armed Forces Run with an 8 a.m., start time; a doubleheader featuring the Northville High School varsity team, with the first game at 11 a.m.; learn about and take a photo with a live bald eagle; see a variety of military vehicles; visit Armed Forces booths:

join an obstacle course and play some games; and meet veterans and active service men and women.

The event is an opportunity to donate food, personal hygiene and entertainment items for Michigan troops. Letters of support are greatly appreciated, especially with cards, pictures, news, sports, activities and entertainment around Michigan to show troops the public's support.

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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

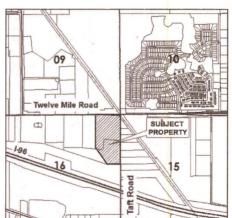
The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, May 30, 2017 at the Northville Township Municipal Offices, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168. The Planning Commission will consider a Special Land Use request from Meijer, located at 20401 Haggerty Road, to add a drive-thru pharmacy on the north end of the building. A Special Land Use is required for a drive-thru in the General Business (B-3) Zoning District.

The public is invited to attend this public hearing and express their comments or ask questions. Plans will be available for viewing at the Township office between 8:00 A.M. and 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday. Written comments will be received by the Northville Township Planning Commission at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168. The meeting will begin at 7:00 P.M.

Eric Lark, Chair Planning Commission Publish: May 4, 2017

### 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, May 10, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider HINO MOTORS USA FKA COMMERCE PARK JSP 17-02 FOR PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN, LANDBANK PARKING, NON-MINOR WETLAND PERMIT, WOODLAND PERMIT, AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN APPROVAL AND IS ZONED OFFICE SERVICE TECHNOLOGY (OST). The subject parcel is approximately 15.56 acres. The applicant is proposing to build a 124,418 square foot building along with associated site improvements, including parking and utilities. The proposed site plan also proposes to land bank up to 77 parking spaces of the 398 required spaces. It is located on the southwest corner of Twelve Mile Road and Taft Road (Section 16).



Subject Parcel ID: Part of 50-22-16-226-004 & Part of 50-22-16-226-008

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, May

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## Still places to clean up in the Northville area

ale-force winds of a magnitude rarely felt in Michigan knocked out power to tens of thousands in March and left Northville's streets and yards inundated with a slew of downed branches. But true to her high standards of appearance, Northville — not unlike the fastidious Dutch with their Straat schrobben (street-scrubbing) -expeditiously dispatched the mess so that, by the following day, evidence of the storm was almost

But there are places in town where cleaning up after Mother Nature does not enjoy the same imperative. The most conspicuous of these for me is the triangular tract of Cass Benton Park, bounded by Fairbrook, Edward Hines/Seven Mile and South Wing.

Technically a landlocked portion of Edward Hines, it could, with a modicum of effort (i.e., some effort as opposed to none), look more like the larger park to which it is loosely attached, rather than the forgotten and neglected spit of land it is. Indeed, there are times when I rue the lack of a chainsaw, truck, helper and time necessary to tackle the decades-old entanglement of deadwood littering nearly every square foot of that otherwise attractive wooded parcel

On a recent hike through its interior - a somewhat daunting undertaking, given the morass underfoot - I came upon, in addition to the logjam of fallen trees and branches allowed to rot in situ, not unexpectedly, a good quantity of trash. There were discarded sinks, tires, wooden pallets, trash cans, lawn furniture and, of course, the inevitable caches of beer bottles left by interlopers disin-



Ken Kilpatrick GUEST COLUMNIST

clined to clean up after themselves. The volume of waste material contained in that space could easily fill two or three semis.

Other problem areas include the C&O/CSX Railroad embankment from Seven Mile Road, north to the Silver Spring Well, and the banks of Johnson Creek, bordering the Downs' stables along Seven Mile, from Pine Street west to Edward Hines Drive. All suffer from a lack of care and have the disadvantage of not being hidden away where such detritus would go unnoticed, but are adjacent to thoroughfares, making their unkempt state hard to miss.

With the railroad embankment and creek, the unsightliness is primarily nature's, but they, too, have their share of manmade castoffs. To a lesser extent, the lower half of Cass Benton Park on the other side of Edward Hines/Seven Mile from the triangular tract has also gone fallow for a number of years. Because it was once maintained, it has not atrophied into quite the eyesore as its counterpart to the north. Indeed, I remember a time (this dates me) when the area was actually mowed on a regular basis and sported a much-used baseball diamond.

This treatise is not an attempt to throw darts, but merely raise awareness of places in which I believe Northville falls short of its otherwise consistent mores of beautification. It would be heartening to see concrete steps being taken to address this issue and

thus bring all of Northville — including public properties that for whatever reason lack grounds keeping oversight - to a level of manicuring that is on par with the town at large.

I think our handsome city deserves to look 100-percent handsome, with marginal, overlooked spaces given the attention they need to make that happen. It may be argued that responsibility for maintaining the grounds of Cass Benton Park belongs to (cash-strapped) Wayne County, the C&O/CSX embankment to the railroad and overgrown Johnson Creek bed to Northville Downs, but as long as any real attempt to deal with the jumble is deferred to others, it will remain.

At the northern terminus of the walking trail that courses through Edward Hines Park is a sign that reads 0 Mile. For visitors whose introduction to the park begins at this point, the very first thing they lay eyes on is the bleaching hulk of a massive tree that has been lying there for years. Here again, Wayne County may be considered liable, but is there a realistic chance that Wayne County will ever step up to remedy the situation? Would any of us ever want to see postcards depicting the entrance to the walking trail (in Northville's back yard), that include the aforementioned behemoth trunk and pile of limbs? Are we not capable of doing any better than perpetuating the status quo?

Ken Kilpatrick is a resident of Northville and sometimes offers his observations about local happenings in the Northville Record.

## City of Northville

At its regular meeting on May 15, 2017, City Council will introduce for first reading a proposed amendment to the City of Northville Zoning Ordinance. The proposed amendment would eliminate the exception to lots adjoining alleys as found in Section 18.11.6 of the zoning ordinance. Currently, this provision allows a property owner whose lot adjoins an alley to add half of the alley area to their lot in applying lot area requirements.

**Proposed Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance** article 18 General Provisions – Lots Adjoining Alleys

Public comments will be received at the City Council meeting scheduled for May 15, 2017, at 7:00 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 or on the City's website

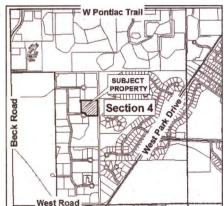
CRAIG STRONG, BUILDING OFFICIAL

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### 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, May 24, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **BECK NORTH UNIT 54 JSP16-36. FOR SPECIAL LAND** USE, PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN. WOODLAND PERMIT. WETLAND PERMIT, AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN APPROVAL. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN SECTION 4, EAST OF NADLAN DRIVE AND NORTH OF WEST ROAD AND IS ZONED I-1 (LIGHT INDUSTRIAL). The applicant is proposing to construct a 67,000 square foot speculative building in the Beck North Corporate Park with associated site improvements. A Special Land Use Permit is required in order to permit the proposed use in I-1 adjacent to a residential district under Section 4.45.

Plans are available for review at the Community Development Department in the Novi Civic



Subject Property Parcel ID: 50-22-04-151-034

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by 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, May

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### **Novi Woods musical concert**



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Novi Woods fourth-graders perform a recorder concert for their family, friends and fellow students April 26. The musicians, studying under teacher Julia Saeli, have been practicing throughout the year for the springtime event.



JOHN HEIDER **PHOTOGRAPHER Novi Woods** students applaud the efforts of the recorder concert April

### City of Northville NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING 2017-18 PROPOSED ANNUAL CITY BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on Monday, May 15, 2017, at 7:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers of the Northville City Hall, 215 W. Main Street, for the purpose of receiving testimony and discussing the proposed 2017-18 Annual City Budget

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be the subject of this hearing.

PROPOSED 2017 MILLAGE RATES The following statements are provided, as required by State statute, concerning the 2017 proposed millage levies for the City of Northville.

- The 2017 tax levy for the City Operating Millage is proposed to be 13.5864 mills, compared to 13.5864 mills in 2016, resulting in no change. The City Council has authority under the City Charter to set the Operating Millage rate within the maximum allowed rate of 13.7233 mills, as adjusted by the Headlee roll-back formula
- The 2017 levy for the Improvement Program for Streets, Drainage and Sidewalks, approved by the voters on March 4, 1997, is proposed to be 1.7097 mills, compared to 1.7329 mills in 2016, resulting in a 1.34% decrease

ANTICIPATED EQUALIZATION FACTORS The 2017 equalization factors for both Wayne and Oakland County are expected to be 1.00 for all classes of property.

### CITY OF NOVI

### NOTICE OF ENACTMENT – ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 18.710

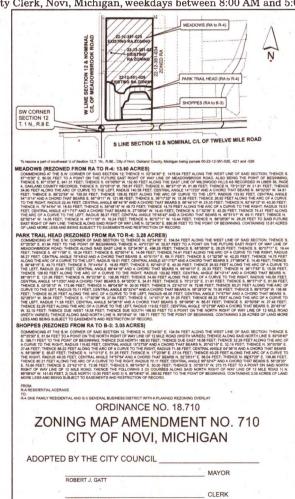
THE CITY OF NOVI ORDAINS:

Part I. That Ordinance No. 97-18, known as the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Novi is hereby amended as indicated on ZONING MAP NO. 18.710 attached hereto and made a part of this

Part II. CONFLICTING PROVISIONS REPEALED. Any Ordinance or parts of any Ordinance in conflict with any of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

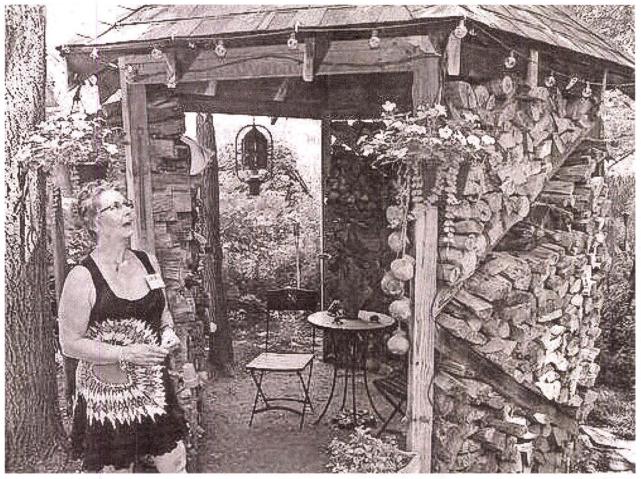
Part III. WHEN EFFECTIVE. The provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety and is hereby ordered to take effect only upon recording of the PRO Agreement pursuant to Section 7.13 of the City of Novi Zoning Ordinance.

MADE AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Novi, Michigan the 8th day of August, 2016. Copies of the Ordinance Amendment may be purchased or inspected at the Office of the City Clerk, Novi, Michigan, weekdays between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM, local time.



Robert J. Gatt, Mayor Cortney Hanson, City Clerk

Publish: May 4, 2017



Tamara Petonke takes a look at the combination gazebo and woodshed built into her Seven Mile garden.

## Country Garden Club celebrates 40th anniversary

The Country Garden Club of Northville is celebrating 40 years in the Woman's National Farm & Garden Association. In celebration, club members will share surprises at the 24th annual Garden Walk, which is set for July 12. To recognize the landmark anniversary, the club will highlight in the Northville Record a number of its long-term members.

### **Tamara Petonke**

When Tamara Petonke was 22, she arrived for a visit from Poland. Her father arranged for her to stay with the Petonkes, friends of the family. Dennis Petonke joined his parents at the airport to pick up Tamara. Little did he know this gal would be his wife in a very short time.

Dennis, a Ford Motor Co. engineer, couldn't believe his eyes when he saw Tamara She was beautiful and funny with a charming Polish accent. She knew little English. He was smitten. He started hanging out at his mum's place and became Tamara's official tour guide. Three months

later they eloped. Fast forward 20 years. Dennis and Tamara began looking in 2000 for a house in Northville. They put an offer on a home that was in dire need of renovation. Their offer was refused. Two years later the home was still on the market and this time their offer was accepted. Tamara put an ad in a Hamtramck Polish newspaper for help with remodeling and found some hard-working, Polish helpers. Tamara and Dennis managed to live in the house as it was gutted and redone. It took seven months.

The backyard was next on the hit list. It had only a small flat area, which sloped down to a



An innovative garden border featuring upended wine bottles at the Northville Township garden of Tamara Petonke.

marsh. It was filled with The house had taken all their money so Tamara started by moving existing yucca plants and placing them into the empty beds.

A gardener was born. Dennis bought a used brush hog and they went to work clearing the bramble. Tamara marked which trees to save and had the rest cut down. The wood chip pile grew so huge it touched the eves of the house. When the mountain of chips began to compost and smoke, Tamara was afraid her house would catch fire. She took a can of spray paint and marked where she wanted pathways throughout the lot. They moved the entire mountain of wood chips with a wheelbarrow. Pathways came alive and the garden beds appeared.

Tamara's Polish helpers built a Baba, a log structure with a roof to stack wood in. They dug a fire pit and placed flagstone around it for a patran water lines out to the garden. Tamara made decorative walls from old brick and stones to house water faucets. She lined garden paths with strings of Christmas lights housed in inverted wine bottles She learned how to make stone bird baths and concrete leaves for garden decor. She fashioned a rustic fence of branches. Tamara repurposed garage sale treasures and turned her backyard into a fabulous eclectic wonderland.

Tamara joined the Country Garden Club in 2005. Her garden was four years old. In 2006, Tamara's creation was featured as "Star" of the Garden Walk. Her garden is always, wonderful, relaxing, interesting, awesome, clever and evolving. She has been on the Garden Walk twice since. Her place is a must see!

It is the goal of the The Country Garden Club's to make Garden Walk a full

day of gardening educawill be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, July 12. The walk will include six diverse gardens in and around the city and township of Northville. Tickets are \$12 in advance \$15 the day of walk. Tickets can be purchased beginning June 12 at Gardenviews, 117 E. Main St., Northville; 248-380-8881.

Tickets can also be purchased the day of the event at Historic Mill Race Village, 215 Griswold St., one block north of downtown Northville. Ticket holders are invited to stroll the historic 19th century village, listen to live music on the green and purchase garden plants and garden-related items from the vendor market. Homemade refreshments will be served to ticket holders in the Village Inn, which will be decorated in a Victorian theme. Plenty of parking is available at the village and next to it in the community park.



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Reese Irving tries her hand at seeing how many pennies she can stack in a tinfoil boat floating in water during the STEAM Fair. At this station kids learned about surface tension and the

## Students turn academics into game night in Northville

**Matt Jachman** hometownlife.com

Who knew science could be so much fun?

The Northville Public Schools' STEAM Fair, held April 26 at Hillside Middle School, was more like a free-for-all game night than a staid presentation of science and art projects.

There were throwing games, electronic games, a rubber-band-shooting contest, board games, games of chance, Rube Goldberg-esque contraptions and more.

The STEAM Fair, for which district students devise their own games and use them to illustrate scientific or artistic principles, drew 99 different games this year, according to Deanna Barash, the district's assistant superintendent of instructional services. STEAM is an acronym for the group of academic subjects cience, technology, engi neering, art and mathematics — around which the fair is centered.

The fair, in a gymnasium at Hillside, was visited by district fourthgraders and seventhgraders during the school day, and was open to all students, parents and the whole community that

evening. "It's definitely fun," said Joe Vig, a junior at Northville High School who, with a partner, created the rubber-band

shooting game. Their booth featured two placards, one blue and one red, that contestants tried to hit by shooting rubber bands. When struck, an electronic circuit in the placard would break, registering the hit on a computer.

Joe was there for extra credit in a physics class, as was NHS junior Nick Maiz, who, with two partners, turned a couple of electronic circuits into a guessing game: How long would a small light bulb stay on after a generator was turned for a short

Claire Cotter and Sonia Yazdi, NHS seniors, challenged visitors to come up with paper airplane designs, and had an airplane launcher that sent the creations off in the distance — or not.

There were several paper planes strewn about that required fancy paper-folding, but, Claire classic."

Their project was an assignment for an advanced-placement environmental science class and touched on principles of aerodynamics, gravity and the different zones in the Earth's atmosphere that affect how planes fly.

"The best part was seeing the kids reacting to it," Claire said.

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JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Lucas Rhee works on a catapult station during the STEAM Fair.

### **Drop-In Little Me** Storytime

Time/Date: 10:30-11:15 a.m. Friday, May 5 **Details:** Babies and little ones along with caregiver enjoy music, simple stories and playtime. No registration needed, just drop in. Fun for preschoolers, too!

### **Teen Ani-May Fest** Time/Date: 6-8 p.m.

Tuesday, May 9 **Details:** Teens in grades 6 – 12, unleash your inner otaku and join us for a celebration of all things anime! Enjoy anime episodes, candy sushi, games and more. Just drop in! No registration needed.

### **Iconic Restaurants** of Ann Arbor

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, May 11

**Details:** Co-authors Jon Milan and Gail Offen feature rare photos and ads from many of Ann Arbor's renowned eating establishments. Register

### NORTHVILLE LIBRARY LINES

online or in person, or call 248.349.3020.

A Weed Goes to War Time/Date: 7 p.m.

Monday, May 15 Details: Historian and author Gerald Wykes discusses Michigan milkweed's importance to aviators in World War II and how it helped save lives of servicemen. Register.

### **Tween Event: Bees Knees Painted Mug**

Time/Date: 4:15-5:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 16 Details: Paint, splash, splatter, doodle or dab your own original mug in this creative craft program hosted by local The Bees Knees Pottery. For Tweens ages 9-12. Limit of 30. Register online.

Lt. Angier's WWII Story: Part 2

Craft

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 17 **Details:** View the second part of Larry Martin's compelling interview with Lt. Francis Angier, a B-17 pilot, about the forced march he endured in order to escape the Russians, even though they were

p.m. Thursday, May 18

our allies. Register.

Kidz Time grades 1-3 Time/Date: 4:30-5:15

**Details:** Join us for

stories, games and crafts

featuring Miss Mary's surprise choice of fun stories and activities. Register starting May 1.

**Hooray for LEGO** 

Time/Date: 4:30-5 p.m. Wednesday, May 31 **Details:** Kids in grades -5 make a fun hand-sized LEGO creation to be displayed in the youth area of the library. Registration

### **Suburban Collection Showplace begins expansion**



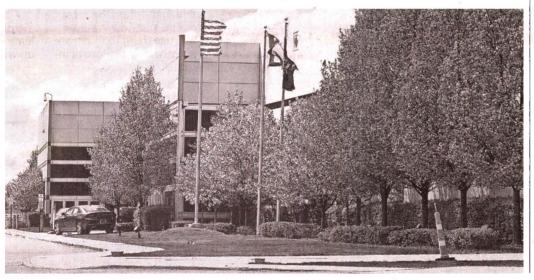
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As construction equipment is in place, work should soon begin on the expansion of Novi's Suburban Collection Showplace exhibition hall. By spring 2018, an additional 90,000 square feet of exhibition space will be in place, as well as additional set-up and storage facilities on the building's north side. The Showplace will also add an exterior box office for its events to the new

PHOTOGRAPHER Novi's Suburban Collection Showplace will be adding about 90,000 square

JOHN HEIDER | STAFI

feet to its existing building. The new building will be placed on its west side, at left in this photo.



# Novi soprano gets invite to arts festival

### Armstrong will sing May 19 at WMU

Novi senior soprano Maddy Armstrong has been selected to participate in the 55th annual Michigan Youth Arts Festival this spring.

The annual festival has a longstanding



Armstrong

oring Michigan's finest high school talent in several different

tradition of hon-

art forms. This year's festival will take place May 18-20 at Western Michigan University. Armstrong, who will

attend Kalamazoo College in the fall, will perform May 19 in one of the Michigan School Vocal Music Association's Vocal Solo & Ensemble Recitals in the Dalton Center Recital Hall.

She also took part April 25 in the Vocal Solo Finals Recital in Okemos.

'Music has been in my family for a very long time," said Armstrong, one of a dozen soloists invited to the prestigious festival. "My mom's entire side of the family all plays brass instruments and my dad plays bassoon.

"I think it was fifth grade when I started band with the French horn. Then I thought, 'OK, this is cool, but it isn't really what I liked to do.' I remember in fourth grade, too, I was in the choir and I started singing and I thought, 'Oh, I really like this.'"

Armstrong continued singing with the choir, but it wasn't until her early high school days that she discovered her unique singing voice.

"I've always been a soprano, but I thought my voice would change eventually," she said. "It can do that, but I just stayed a soprano.

Armstrong said she's grateful to mentors like music teacher Claire Schurig, who has always been very encouraging.

"The thing that's really awesome about being here is that there are a lot of people who foster that environment where you can be creative," Armstrong said. "You can be musical and you're not judged for it. It's a common-place kind of thing. They really encourage it here and they encourage your growth."

Armstrong was selected for the festival based on the merit of her performance at a state solo and ensemble competi-

At the Okemos event, Armstrong sang the two numbers that she performed in district and state competitions -'Oh! Had I Jubal's Lyre" by George Frideric Handel and "Tu che di gel sei cinta" by Giacomo Pucci-

The performance in Okemos was also a quick two-day turnaround for Armstrong, who received word of the invite the previous Sunday.

"I work with a voice teacher in Ann Arbor,' she said, "and we found an accompanist last minute, but we're combining the practices. So I will be with her and the accompanist in one session just to get prepared. I already know my songs inside and out, like the back of my hand.'

Armstrong would like to continue singing at some level, though she plans to study neo-science and business in college.

"That's the thing I've been debating, because there aren't a ton of music jobs out there," she said. "If there is a music job, it's not very wellpaying. I love to sing and it would be cool if I could have a singing career, but how am I going to pay the bills?

'It is definitely a hobby that I would like to continue to do. I still want to be in a choir. still want to rehearse in the community and still be a well-known part of that community. But at the same time, I really have to look to pursue other interests as well."

### **NOVI CRIME WATCH**

### **Shoplifting suspect** says she intended to pay

Police used a translator, via telephone, April 24 to interview a shoplifting suspect with limited English skills.

The woman had been arrested at the Macy's department store at Twelve Oaks mall after being accused of walking past the checkout area with nearly \$200 worth of clothing — a jacket, a blouse and a pair of pants — for which she hadn't paid, a Novi Police Department report said.

At the police station, police contacted a translator who spoke Mandarin Chinese to help communicate with the suspect.

Asked why she had concealed merchandise, the woman replied, through the translator, that her mind had gone blank. She also said she meant to pay for the items, but forgot, police said.

The woman was later released on a \$100 bond and given a Monday, May 8, court date.

At Macy's, a security employee told police she had witnessed the suspect go into a fitting room twice and come out with less clothing than

she had carried in, but with a fuller purse.

The suspect was confronted in the vestibule while trying to leave the

### **Earrings theft**

A 36-year-old woman was arrested after being accused of taking three pairs of earrings, valued at a total of \$211, from the Lord & Taylor department store at Twelve Oaks mall.

The incident occurred shortly before 3 p.m. April 22, a police report said. Store security employees told police the woman used a woman's suit to conceal earrings she had picked up, then went into a fitting room and later came out without the suit, but with a pair of earrings dangling

from a pocket. She was confronted by a security worker after leaving the store, police said. Employees recovered three pairs of ear-

Police said the woman, upon being interviewed, could not given a reason for the theft and said she had never done anything like that before.

- By Matt Jachman

### City of Northville NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF BUDGET

FY 2018 CITY BUDGET The budget for the various Funds of the City of Northville are proposed for the year ended June 30,

2018 as follows:				
	Revenues		Revenues E	xpenditures
GENERAL FUND		STREET, DRAINAGE, AND SIDEWALK IM		
Property Taxes	\$5,028,953		\$604,475	\$608,125
Licenses, Fees and Permits	365,500	Other	3,650	
Grants	28,452	Street, Drainage & Sidewalk	\$608.125	\$608.125
Racetrack Breakage\Police & Fire Se	ervice 18,409	Improvement Fund Total		
State Shared Revenue	545,674	MAJOR STREET FUND		
Sales and Services	659,539		\$348,686	\$548,129
Fines and Forfeitures	29,450		199.443	11
Other Revenues	416,080	Major Street Fund Total	<u>\$548.129</u>	\$548,129
Interfund Transfers	178.488			
		LOCAL STREET FUND		
General Fund Total	<u>\$7,270,545</u>		\$145,326	\$598,305
		Local Contributions	452.979	
	Expenditures	Local Street Fund Total	<u>\$598.305</u>	<u>\$598.305</u>
Administration	1,247,564			
Buildings and Grounds	327,405			
Police Department	2,964,819	PARKING FUND	\$23,285	\$23,285
Fire Department	879,285	ARTS COMMISSION FUND	\$145,655	\$145,655
Technology	74,615	DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY	\$748,846	\$748,846
Department of Public Works	561,680	DDA DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$172,355	\$172,355
Planning, Zoning & Inspection Service		PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$212,953	\$212,953
Shared Services	220,706	FIRE EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT FUND	\$241,942	\$241,942
Contributions to Other Funds	404,155		\$73,630	\$73,630
Debt Service	52,306	HOUSING COMMISSION FUND	\$883,390	\$883,390
Insurance, Central Supplies	000 010	HOUSING COMMISSION DEBT	40= 0.0	<b>***</b>
and Unallocated Reserve	233.648	RETIREMENT FUND	\$95,647	\$95,647
	\$7,270,545	HOUSING COMMISSION CAPITAL	4150 100	A = 0 = 0 =
		OUTLAY FUND	\$158,103	\$158,103

PUBLIC HEARING A public hearing will be held on Monday, May 15, 2017, at 7:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers of the Northville City Hall, 215 W. Main Street, for the purpose of receiving testimony and discussing the proposed 2017-18 Annual City Budget. The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be the subject of this hearing.

TRANSFERS BETWEEN APPROPRIATIONS As provided in State statute, the general appropriations resolution is proposed to allow the City Manager to transfer up to ten percent (10%) of each appropriation to any other appropriation within each fund and up to ten percent (10%) of the total salary and fringe appropriations for distributed Public Works Labor and Equipment Rental between the General, Major Street, Local Street, Equipment, Refuse and Recycling and Water and Sewer Funds. All other interfund transfers require approval of the City Council.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN The six year capital improvement plan has been prepared and is a part of the annual 2017-18 City budget document.

 $COPIES\ OF\ PROPOSED\ BUDGET\ AVAILABLE\ A\ complete\ copy\ of\ the\ 2017-18\ Annual\ City\ Budget\ document\ will\ be\ available\ and\ available\ and\ available\ available\$ for public inspection beginning May 4, 2017 at the City Clerk's office during regular business hours and on the City's website at www.ci.northville.mi.us.

Dianne Massa City Clerk

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### Northville's Senior Stock get-together



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Senior Stock was sold out to attendees April 27 at the Northville Community Center. The evening of music, food and fun brought together area seniors.

## Township earns safe work award

Northville Township is among the 31 Michigan communities that earned statewide honors for outstanding efforts in maintaining safe work environments as the Michigan Municipal League Workers' Compensation Fund issued its annual Loss Control **Achievement Awards** 

for 2016-17.

"These awards represent the best of the best when it comes to communities being safe places for their employees and citizens," said Michael Forster, director of risk management services for the Michigan Municipal League. "The awards reflect

excellent management and an understanding that making safety a priority clearly protects their staffs, residents and budgets.

The awards are based on a community's Experience Modification Factor rating, using a formula measuring the frequency and severity of employee injuries over a 3½-year period. The average EMF is 1.00. Any fund member with an EMF under 1.00 saves significant premium dollars.

Lowest EMF 2016-17 award winners include: Addison (0.84); Almont (0.77); Caledonia Township (0.77); Brighton

(0.66); Clay Township (0.70); Frankfort (0.75); Franklin (0.76); Gaylord (0.69); Grandville (0.69); Montague (0.77); Montrose (0.87); New Haven (0.78); Northville Township (0.66); Saline (0.65); Union City (0.77); Williamston (0.77); and Ypsilanti Community Utilities (0.71).

### MILL RACE **MATTERS**

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

### **Upcoming events** Grounds closed for wed-

ding: 12:15-2:15 p.m and 3:15-5:15 p.m. May 6.

Lecture series: Interurban Trains: 7 p.m, May 24. New School Church at Mill Race Village. No fee. Donations accepted.

Member preview party: 6-9 p.m. June 2.

### **General info** Website:

www.millracenorthville.org **Volunteers:** The Northville Historical Society at Mill Race Village accepts volunteers in many different areas. We are in special need of Sunday store clerks and help with our fundraising teas. Students, we're happy to verify your volunteer hours with school or scouts. Please contact the office for more information.

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

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

Archives: The archives are open Monday and Tuesday. Questions about donations or research can be emailed to Carri.lee@millrace northville.org or call the office during archives hours.

Office: The office is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Wednesday. All other times by appointment only. Call 248-348-1845 or email office@millracenorthville.org.

## Novi library chief keynote speaker for AAUW annual meeting

"Energizing Our Direction" will be the theme for the annual meeting of the Northville-Novi Branch of the American Association of University Women. It will be a dinner meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 9 at the rox Hills Golf and Banquet Center. Julie Farkas, director of the Novi Community Library, will be the keynote speaker.

In addition to celebrating what they have



**Farkas** 

plished this year and looking to the future, members will elect their board

accom-

for next year, meet their scholarship winners from Northville and Novi high schools, Oakland Community College and Schoolcraft College and watch awards being given. The Educational Foundation honoree will be announced. One of the highlights of the evening will be the presentation of the \$5,000 Thumbs Up Award by officials from the Community Financial Credit Union to the branch.

Farkas, is a graduate of Michigan State University and Wayne State University with a master in library science. She started her career as a children's librarian, and

to this day, considers reading to children as the most rewarding part of her job. Her main responsibilities at the Novi Community Library include overseeing the day-to-day building and customer service operations of the library, financial planning, goalsetting, outreach and marketing. No day is the same in the library because of the many opportunities to meet and engage with the communi-

In 2010, the Novi Library opened a new 60,000-square-foot building for the community to enjoy and, in 2011, the library won Library of

the Year for exceptional customer services. Farkas lives in South Lyon with her husband Jason and three children. She is currently reading the book, "A Man Called Ove" by Fredrik Back-

To attend the dinner, a reservation can be made by mailing a check payable to AAUWNN for \$38 to AAUWNN, P.O. Box 511, Northville, MI 48167 or online at aauwnn.org.

The branch is encouraging women who have a desire to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research to join the organization. Membership

is open to anyone holding an associate's (or equivalent, e.g. R.N.), bachelor's or higher degree from an accredited college or university. E-Student Affiliation is free for all undergraduate students attending an AAUW college/university partner member institution. Undergraduate students at institutions that are not AAUW college/university partner members can join AAUW for \$17 a year. For more information about membership in the Northville-Novi Branch, contact Corinne Vincent at 248-349-2932 or vincorinn@yahoo.com.



DATE: TIME:

Thursday, April 20, 2017 7:00 p.m. 44405 Six Mile Road

PLACE:

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Nix called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. PRESENT: Robert R. Nix II, Supervisor Richard Allen, Trust

Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk Marjorie F. Banner, Treasurer Richard Allen, Trustee Symantha Heath, Trustee Mindy Herrmann, Trustee Fred Shadko, Trustee

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Agendas:

Regular Agenda and the Consent Agenda items - Approved Appointments, Presentations, Resolutions & Announcements:

Resolution for Sean English - Approved Plante Moran Audit Presentation - Received and Filed

MGFOA Budget Award

Appoint Scott Frush to EDC/BRA - Approved

Public Hearing: None

Brief Public Comments: Seven audience members had questions or comments for the Board of Trustees New Business:

Community Park Sign - Mary Gans Community Park - Approved Planning - Northville Hills PUD Amendment - Approved В.

Finance - Approval of Financial Institutions - Approved C.

Finance - Michigan CLASS - Approved D. E. Public Safety- Peddling & Soliciting Fee Schedule - Approved

F.

Unfinished Business: None 6. Ordinances

Environmental Services: 7 Mile Property Demolition – Approved

Amendment to §53-9 - Animal General Regulations - Approved Amendments to §97-1, §67-34, §67-62 - Hunting and Weapons - Approved 8. Check Registry: In the amount of \$4,301,272.04 for the period of 3/4/17 to 4/7/17 - Approved

**Board Communication & Reports:** Robert R. Nix, II, Sue Hillebrand, Marjorie Banner, Richard Allen, Symantha

Heath, Mindy Herrmann, Fred Shadko, Chip Snider Any other business for the Board of Trustees: None

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m A draft of the minutes will be available May 2, 2017.

> Respectfully submitted: Sue A. Hillebrand, M.M.C.

VISIT NOVI TOWN CENTER FOR SHOPPING FOOD FUN Saturday, May 13th 11AM-3PM VISIT THE MOTHER'S DAY TENT NEAR TJ MAXX! Free Gift Bag\*, Photos & Sweet Treats Accepting donations Thank You for Susan G Komen First 250 Guests NOVI TOWN CENTER MORE DETAILS, VISIT: 0 WNCENTER.COM @NoviTownCenter

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**0&A WITH JOHN-PAUL** 

CHAISSON-CARDENAS

American?

What does it mean to you to be an

I really love being an American. I love being a part of this country because

of what it stands for. What people don't realize is that around the world,

this place is a beacon. Not because of what it is, but because of what it could

be and the aspirations of equality, of

having people be and belong in our

country. To me that is what America

What moment touched and motivat-

For me, youth are not only our future

but they are much more diverse than

the general population. When you start where youth are today, I truly

believe they are ahead of us when it

comes to inclusion and diversity and, more importantly, belonging. I truly

believe that 4-H is an organization

that can make a difference for every group in the United States — over

What gives you hope or what con-

What gives me hope is youth. I work

with over 100,000 youth in Iowa alone,

so when I hear their voices and see

them come together, that gives me

hope. What worries me are actually the adults, the rhetoric out there that

is destructive, that is divisive, that has taken us apart from the funda-

mental values that I believe this coun-

try is about — inclusion, diversity,

bringing people together and being a

beacon of hope for the rest of the

7 million youths in this country.

cerns you?

ed you to launch this effort?

### I am an American We are One Nation

## WAR SURVIVOR BRINGS KIDS TOGETHER

4-H leader works to help youths of all backgrounds get to know each other

MIKE KILEN
USA TODAY NETWORK

Each week, this series will introduce you to an exceptional American who unites, rather than divides, our communities. To read more about the American profiled here and more average Americans doing exceptional things, visit one-nation.usatoday.com.

John-Paul Chaisson-Cardenas witnessed the civil war in Guatemala as a boy. The memory of it is at the root of everything he does today in America.

"I've seen what happens when the civility in a society disintegrates. I've seen what happens when people start disappearing because they have different opinions," he said.

Chaisson-Cardenas, 46, the first Latino state youth leader in the 115-year history of 4-H, wants to bring youths of all backgrounds, not just farm kids, together to learn more about each other and learn to be civil.

Chaisson-Cardenas is part of a long effort to expand 4-H's reach. Children of color now make up 13 percent of the 100,000 Iowa youths in 4-H.

As he walked through the State Science and Technology Fair of Iowa in Ames recently, where nearly a quarter of the participants come from 4-H programs, he stopped at the presentation of a young man wearing a turban.

J.J. Kapur, of Valley High School in West Des Moines, showed him his project, an experiment on bias. The student, who is Sikh, said he did the project after someone yelled to his father, "Osama, go back where you came from." Chaisson-Cardenas' family left Guatemala 25 years ago with three suitcases and eventually drove to Cheyenne, Wyoming. He was a lonely high school kid who didn't speak English and was dyslexic but went on to earn a master's degree at the University of Iowa and help inner-city kids in Chicago and rural Latinos in West Liberty, Iowa, before landing his job at 4-H

He organized a 4-H group that combined immigrants from Africa with African-Americans. Native Americans



BRYON HOULGRAVE/THE REGISTER

John-Paul Chaisson-Cardenas, a 4-H Youth Development Program leader, has helped transform lowa's 4-H program to attract more youth in the urban areas of the state.

joined Latinos in another group and learned their shared history.

"Because of the political climate in the last years, we've been working ... on bringing people together, from their culture, their sexual orientation, and having meaningful conversations," he said.

"The research is clear. One of the ways to bring people together is to actually bring them together. People are hard to dismiss when you know them."

### John-Paul Chaisson-Cardenas

**Profession:** 4-H Youth Development Program

Age: 46

Hometown: Urbandale, Iowa

**Mission:** To bring youths together from all backgrounds to learn from each other.

What do you hope to accomplish through your efforts?

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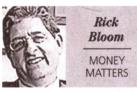
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## Graduation is a great time to offer congratulations

first want to take this opportunity to congratulate all who will be graduating high school and college over the next few months. Graduating is an accomplishment that we should never take for granted and we should all honor the dedication and discipline it takes to graduate. All the graduates ought to pat themselves on the back for a job well done - you deserve it. Of course, my one piece of advice for all graduates (particularly for high school gradu-



ates) is to continue your education. To be successful in America, you must have a good education. For college graduates, remember that your education does not stop just because you graduated. It is important that you continually update your skills — if you don't, you will be left behind.

Because of gradua-

tion, many people are scrambling as to what gift they should buy. For a high school graduate, I think one of the best gifts you can do is to help with their future education. Many families have established college education saving accounts and a contribution to that account would go a long way in helping with their future education. For families who have not established a college savings plan, they should look at the Michigan **Education Savings Plan** (www.misaves.com). The

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I recognize that a high school graduate is not

going to be thrilled with a contribution to their education fund. After all, the majority of them would want a gift card. However, keep in mind that what they buy with your gift card will be forgotten about in two weeks. On the other hand, a gift of an education is something that will help them for the rest of their lives.

For the college graduate who is entering the workforce, I believe what makes an excellent gift is something that will teach them to have an

appreciation and understanding of money. A book, magazine or a subscription that teaches them about personal finance is an invaluable gift. Unfortunately, personal finance is not taught in the schools and so many college graduates are entering the real world without any knowledge about how to handle their finances.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is www.bloomasset management.com.

### 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, May 10, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider HCCP NEG SPEC BUILDING JSP 17-30 FOR PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN. WOODLAND PERMIT, AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN APPROVAL. THE SUBJECT PARCEL IS LOCATED IN SECTION 1, WEST OF CABOT DRIVE AND NORTH OF THIRTEEN MILE ROAD AND IS ZONED OST (OFFICE SERVICE TECHNOLOGY). It is located in the Haggerty Corridor Corporate Park and is approximately 14.06 acres. The applicant is proposing to build a 210,000 square foot, 4-story office building along with associated site improvements, including parking and utilities. The plan also includes an extension of Cabot Drive north to the proposed site.



Subject Parcel ID: Part of parcel 50-22-01-200-044

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, May 10, 2017.

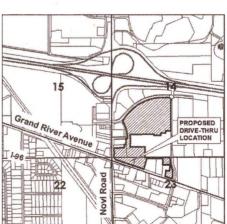
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Subject Parcel ID: 50-22-14-351-063

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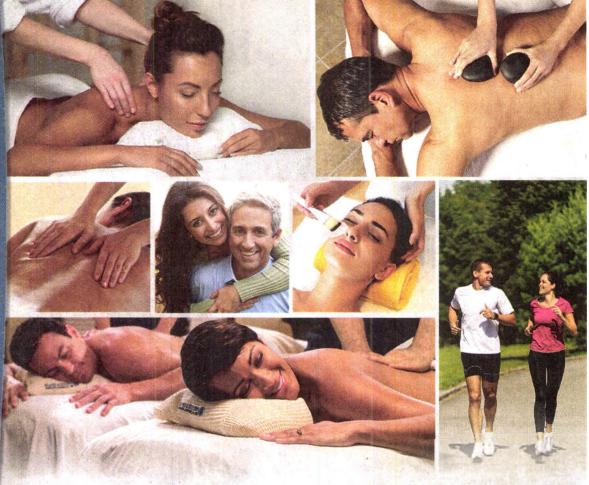
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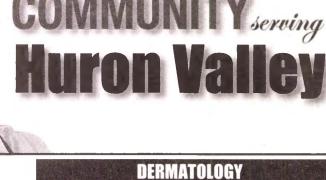


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**GIRLS TENNIS** 

## Northville topples Dow to win invite

No. 3 Mustangs expect to move up in rankings

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It's a good bet Northville will be moving up in the Division 1 girls tennis statewide rankings this week.

The No. 3 Mustangs captured two

singles titles and added three doubles crowns to upend defending state champion and No. 1 Midland Dow, 26.5-24.5, in Saturday's chilly Ann Arbor Huron Invitational.

The eight-school field also featured Port Huron Northern, ranked No. 9 in Division 1; Traverse City Central, ranked No. 5 in Division 2; Ann Arbor Skyline, Saline, Utica Eisenhower and

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The Northville girls tennis team upended top-ranked Midland Dow to win the Ann Arbor **Huron Invitational** 

**COLLEGE SIGNINGS** 

## Spartans nab future battery in prep friends

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For Scott Combs and Evan Flohr, it will be like a family reunion when the two Northville residents play baseball together next season at Michigan State.

Combs is a senior catcher at Dearborn Divine Child High, while Flohr,



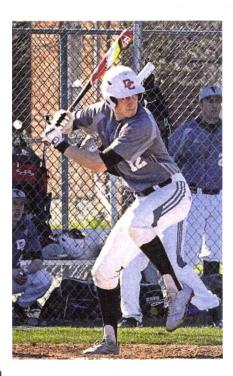
BRAD EMONS Northville High grad Evan Flohr, a pitcher at Cypress (Calif.) CC, will take his talents next year to MSU.

a left-handed pitcher, is in his second year at Cypress (Calif.) Community College after graduating from Northville High.

They are two of MSU's three most recent signees and their connection as future battery mates goes back to when their fathers, Scott Combs Sr., who pitched at Kalamazoo College, and Bill Flohr, who played at Western Michigan

University, first crossed paths. "It's pretty weird to have someone from the same hometown that you've known growing up that's going to be on your team ... pretty cool," Combs Jr. said. "His dad and my dad played together for a long time. They coached together. Even when we were little, his dad and my

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Dearborn Divine Child High senior and Northville resident Scott Combs will catch next season for Michigan State.

**BOYS LACROSSE** 



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Shamrocks goaltender Hunter Braun fends off this shot by Brother Rice's Daniel Reaume.

## Rice tops CC in OT thriller, 15-14

**Brad Emons** hometownlife.com

Although the Birmingham Brother Rice-Novi Detroit Catholic Central lacrosse rivalry has been one-sided on the won-loss ledger, the April 25 meeting could only be categorized as "taking it to the next level.

While Rice has won 12 straight MHSAA Division 1 state championships, including the last three over CC, the gap appears to be closing considerThat's because the Warriors needed an overtime goal by Jack Kelly with 1:51 left in double overtime to beat the host Shamrocks in Novi, 15-14.

Kelly, an All-American headed to Georgetown University, scored four goals in the win, but none was bigger than his final shot, which short-hopped past CC goalie Hunter Braun, who just seconds earlier kept the match deadlocked by making critical back-to-back

"We had a couple of great shots at the end," said Kelly, who also collected two assists. "It was just a matter of one falling in. And mine just happened to be the one to fall.'

Ironically, Kelly never saw the game-winner go into the net. He used a screen and it came after Braun robbed Daniel Reaume from point-blank range.

"I did not know right away," the senior midfielder said. "The first instant, I didn't think it went in. Thought he saved it and then saw one of their player's head go down and I knew right

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PREP SOFTBALL

## Northville splits twinbill against South Lyon East

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Sophomore Maggie Petix got plenty of offensive support April 26 as she notched her first varsity pitching victory as host Northville salvaged a split of its softball doubleheader against South Lyon East.

The Mustangs (6-4, 5-4 KLAA Central) dropped the first game, 5-1, but bounced back to win the nightcap, 10-6, thanks to a 14-hit attack led by Sara Moos, who finished with three singles

and a homer.

Northville scored four runs in the sixth as both Hannah Laurin and Moos homered with two outs. The two combined for six RBIs, while Natalie Turner also added multiple hits.

Petix worked the first 4½ innings, allowing three runs on six hits and no walks to earn the victory.

East (4-3, 3-3) won the opener, 5-1, as Sarah Hige and Moos each collected two hits in a losing cause.

FRANKLIN ROAD 10, LUTHERAN WESTLAND 0: Junior

Kayla Nannoshi allowed only two hits over six innings Friday as host Novi Franklin Road Christian (4-0, 3-0) earned a run-rule Michigan independent Athletic Conference win over Lutheran High Westland Nannoshi, who struck out eight, improved her record to 4-0.
Among the leaders offensively for the Warriors were senior

catcher Danielle Fusco (3-for-4, two RBIs) and junior shorstop Haley Thrift (2-for-4, two RBIs). FRANKLIN ROAD 11, GREENHILLS 1: Junior shortstop

Haley Thrift went 3-for-3 with a triple and three runs scored as Novi Franklin Road Christian (3-0, 2-0) earned the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Red Division win April 25 over visiting Ann Arbor Greenhills in five innings.

Also contributing offensively for the Warriors were senior catcher

Danielle Fusco, who went 2-for-2 with a double, two runs scored and two RBIs, and sophomore Ally Broadright, who was also 2-for-2 with three runs and three stolen bases.

Winning pitcher Kayla Nannoshi went all five innings in the run-rule victory, striking out five while allowing just two hits.

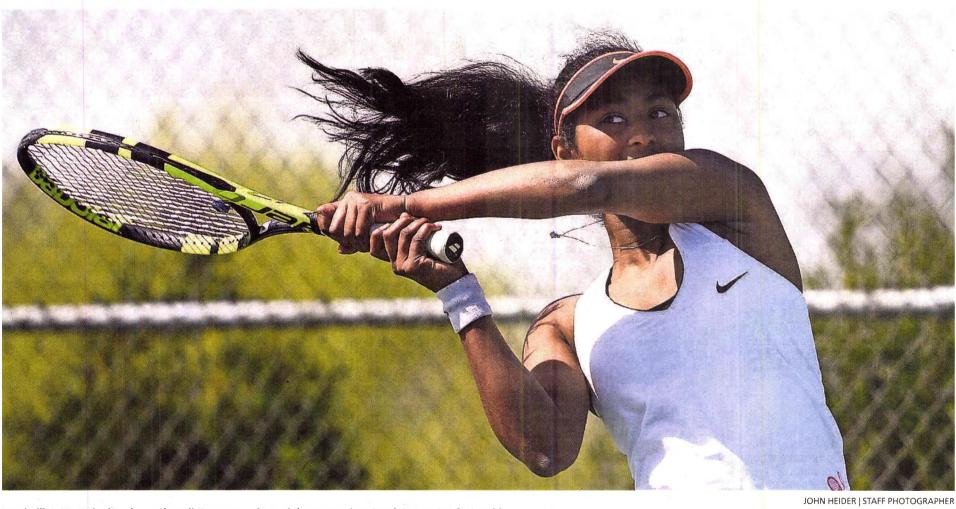
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### **BOYS GOLF RESULTS**

**DUAL MATCH RESULTS** 

NOVI 171, SOUTH LYON EAST 172 Novi scorers: Mike Ulle and Aakash Jajoo, 41 each (co nedalists); Jason Wenner, 43; Alex Dickmann, 46; Derek DuBois, 47;

East scorers: A.J. Clark, 41 (co-medalist); Gavin McPherson, 42; Jason Zobi, 44; Nick Ruschak, 45; Jacob Miller, 48; Max Hoom, 52. **Dual match records:** Novi, 1-0 overall, 1-0 KLAA Central Division; South Lyon East, 0-1 overall, 0-1 KLAA Central.



Northville's No. 1 singles player Shanoli Kumar won in straight sets against South Lyon's Sarah Uratchko.

### **TENNIS**

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host Huron.

Northville's Joanne Gao (No. 2) and Renee Torres (No. 3) both won their singles flights.

Gao turned in her best match of the season by rallying to defeat Dow's Sarah Ismail, 0-6, 6-2, 10-5 (super-breaker).

Being out of the country visiting family in China for two weeks prior to this match had Joanne at a slight disadvantage at the beginning of the match," Northville coach Linda Jones said. "Even so, Joanne pushed forward and showed what a champion she is. Her slow start was reminiscent of the old 'Rocky' movie, where she took punch after punch, but waited until the end to begin to show her stuff. Joanne has to be proud of her win today.'

Torres, who moved up one singles flight from a year ago, was equally as impressive, stopping the higher ranked Hadley Camp of Dow, 3-6, 7-5, 12-10

(super-breaker).

"Renee is probably the most improved player on the team this year," Jones said. "She played that position very well today, waiting to take her shots when she needed to with power and authority. She totally frustrated Hadley with more consistency and better conditioning."
At No. 4 singles, Northville freshman

Tori Mady finished runner-up to Dow's Victoria Leiti, who won a third-set super-breaker, 4-6, 6-4, 10-3. Mady earlier beat Port Huron Northern's Sophia Ahmed in a third-set super-breaker, 6-7 (4-7), 6-1, 10-3.

Northville's top singles player, Shanoli Kumar, lost in the second round as Jessica Brown won in another third-set super-breaker, 6-1, 6-7 (3-7), 10-5.

In doubles, Northville's Sophie Zhuang and Serena Wang (No. 1) won all three of their matches, capped by a 6-3, 6-1 triumph over Traverse City Central after a 6-1, 6-0 win over Port Huron Northern. The Northville pair also won a first-round three-set super-breaker, 6-4, 2-6, 10-6.

At No. 2 doubles, Northville's Neha Chava an Maya Mulchandani cruised to straight set wins over Skyline (6-0, 6-0, 6-0) and Eisenhower (6-0, 6-3) before upending Dow's top-ranked tandem in the finals, 6-3, 6-1.

Northville's No. 4 team of Alexandria Petix and Madison DeYoung sewed up the title by defeating Dow on the final match of the day, 6-3, 6-0, after a 6-2, 6-0 semifinal win over Traverse City Central.

The Mustangs' No. 3 duo of Andrea Nam and Jillian Ickes, the latter of whom was filling in for starter Connie Gao, won its opener against host Huron, 6-0, 6-1, before falling to Dow, 0-6, 3-6, and Skyline, 4-6, 5-7

> **DUAL MATCH RESULTS** NORTHVILLE 9, SOUTH LYON 0
> April 25 at Northville

No. 1 singles: Shanoli Kumar (N) defeated Sarah Uratchko, 6-0, 6-0; No. 2: Joanne Gao (N) def. Erin Vincent, 6-0, 6-0; No. 3: Renee Torres (N) def. Lizzie Hancock, 6-0, 6-0; No. 4: Tori Mady (N) def.

Marena L'herueux, 6-0, 6-0.

No. 1 doubles: Serena Wang-Sophie Zhuang (N) def. Colleen
Barba-Bria Spalding, 6-0, 6-1; No. 2: Neha Chava-Maya Mulchandani (N) def. Rachel Debrincat-Rachel Becker, 6-0, 6-1; No. 3: Jillian Ickes-Andrea Nam (N) def. Abby O'Reilly-Kristen Shears, 6-0, 6-0; No. 4: Alexandria Petix-Madison DeYoung (N) def. Kaleigh Taggert

Shaelyn Lach, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 5:** Aidan Torres-Nicole Clawson (N) def. Autumn Derr-Hannah McPhee, 6-0, 6-1. **Dual match records:** Northville, 5-0-1 overall, 5-0 KLAA Central Division (clinched title); South Lyon, 1-4 overall, 1-4 KLAA

April 25 at Novi M.5.

No. 1 singles: Jamie Fu (N) defeated Lizzy Lu, 6-2, 6-3; No. 2:
Jordan Krstovski (N) def. Bianca Ghita, 6-2, 6-2; No. 3: Katie Xie (N)
def. Charlotte Jewett, 6-0, 6-0; No. 4: Michelle Wang (N) def. Ovya

Venkat, 6-1, 6-1.

No. 1 doubles: Jessica Lypka-Ashley Zhou (N) def. Raegan
Henderson-Emilie The, 6-1, 6-1; No. 2: Alexis Malecki-Katie Valade
(N) def. Trina Pal-Sarah Martin, 6-2, 7-6 (7-5); No. 3: Teja Mogasala
Brittany, O'Connell (N) def. Neha Narayan-Aria Mason, 6-1, 6-1; No. 4: Alexis Felcher-Sasha Tretyakova (N) def. Charlotte Barterian-Megan Trulock, 6-2, 6-0; No. 5: Scarlett Chen-Elizabeth Yang (N) def. Rachel Zhou-Sharon Chen, 6-0, 6-4.

**Dual match records:** Novi 5-2 overall, 4-1 KLAA Central Division; Salem, 3-4 overall, 3-2 KLAA Central.

TROY 5, NOVI 4 April 24 at Novi H.S.

No. 1 singles: Hannah Cimpeanu (T) defeated Jamie Fu, 6-3,

b-2; No. 2: Jordana Krstovski (N) def. Sneha Yedulla, 6-3, 6-0; No. 3: Katie Xie (N) def. Karen Song, 6-4, 6-1; No. 4: Meghana Keeta (T) def. Michelle Wang, 5-7, 6-2, 6-4. No. 1 doublest: Sahaja Pinnu-Alexis Morse (T) def. Jessica Lypka-Ashley Zhou, 6-4, 6-4; No. 2: Aditi Mahajan-Raagini Chandra (T) def. Alexis Malecki-Katie Valade, 6-1, 6-1; No. 3: Rashika Rao-Annie Chen (T) def. Teja Mogasala-Brittany O'Connell, 6-2, 6-3; No. 4: Alexis Felcher-Sasah Tretyakova (N) def. Julie Macri-Jinxi Dam, 2-6, 6-4, 6-1; **No. 5:** Scarlett Chen-Elizabeth Yang (N) def. Sara Hak-Lillian Xaio, 6-1, 6-1. Novi's dual match record: 4-2 overall

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### **BATTERY**

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dad were coaching together. We would spend time at the practices and stuff when they both coached at Northville. We'd be together, just hanging out, playing around when the guys were practicing."

Flohr considered schools such as Western Michigan, Northern Illinois, Oakland, Wayne State and Alderson Broaddus, but MSU was first on his radar, even though most of his family had rooting allegiance toward Michi-

### California dreamin'

"I really enjoyed my experience here in California, but I'm ready to come back home," Flohr said. "I miss being in Michigan. When I visited Michigan State, I really enjoyed the atmosphere there, really enjoyed everything they had to offer. I'm looking forward towards that experience.'

Flohr, who throws in the 88-90 mph range, has made 16 appearances so this season for Cypress, which is located southeast of Los Angeles. This season, Cypress is 27-13 overall after making the California Community College Association tournament's final four last season.

Flohr is 0-3 so this season with a 6.32 earned-run average in 16 appearances, but he has 55 strikeouts in 47 innings with two saves.

"The level of competition here is pretty high," Flohr said. "There's a lot of good players who are going Division I as well, not only my team, but other teams in our conference. It's pretty

good stuff out here. You'll definitely be prepared playing at this level for the next level."

Flohr landed at Cypress after being recruited by head coach Anthony Hutting, who spent his freshman year at Northville High and played for Northville High coach John Kostrzewa and Evan's father Bill, who is Kostrzewa's current assistant.

In his three varsity seasons with the Mustangs, Flohr finished his career with 172 strikeouts and a 19-6 career

"Evan has a strikeout breaking ball and has averaged nearly 11 strikeouts per nine innings up to this point in the season," MSU recruiting coordinator Graham Sikes said in a press release. "Evan is a great addition to our roster for next year and we look forward to him continuing to grow in our pro-

### Pitching repertoire

In addition to his fastball, the 6foot-2, 190-pound left-hander has developed three secondary pitches.

"The biggest thing that I focused on was throwing my slider for a strike and my change-up more consistently for a strike," Flohr said. "Those were the two biggest pitches I focused on."

Meanwhile, the 6-foot-4, 205-pound Combs will be able to focus on one sport when he lands at MSU

As a three-sports athlete at Divine Child, Combs played wide receiver/ tight end in football as the Falcons made it to the MHSAA Division 3 football state semifinals. He was also a starting guard on the basketball team.

"I think it's about time I focus on one and put all my effort into perfecting what I can do at the one sport, just

working every day, specifying my training into one sport," Combs said. "I'll definitely try to stay as athletically as I can, but focusing more on baseball instead of working on three sports. It will be weird, but it's about time."

Schools such as Ohio State, Indiana, Eastern Michigan and NCAA Division III power Marietta (Ohio) College expressed interest in the catcher, but MSU won out for a couple of different reasons.

### MSU connections

"First of all, it was the outstanding academics of Michigan State," said Combs, who would like to study prelaw. "I have a lot of friends and some of my close family that went there. The next part would definitely be very great and professional coaching staff that they have. They just conduct themselves in a very professional manner."

Last summer, Combs got to play in a tournament held in the Dominican Republic, where he met MSU volunteer coach Jordan Keur and the two hit it

"I just really like the feel that they gave me, that kind of home feeling that Michigan State had to offer," Combs said. "It was the place I just felt more comfortable."

And MSU's coaching staff likes what

Combs can bring to the table. 'Scott is a kid that had been on our radar for a while because of his body and overall athleticism," MSU assistant coach Skylar Meade said in the release. "His progress as a catcher really took an up-tick in the last year and we certainly noticed. In time, we feel he has the tools to be a very good collegiate backstop. He is a hard worker, multisport athlete and he bleeds green and

white. So we know we can't go wrong with the addition of him to our family." Combs was groomed to play his cur-

rent position as a youth. "Ever since I was little, my dad made me into a catcher," he said. "I always didn't want to, but it really worked out for me, I think. I love it

### now. I'm glad he did." **Going forward**

Combs, a four-year letter winner, is in the midst of his final high school baseball season and wants to make the most of it during his senior year.

"We'll definitely be a team to contend when we get into the Catholic League playoffs," he said. "I'm very confident in our abilities. We may be scuffing a little right now, but I'm pretty confident we can put it all together."

Meanwhile, Flohr's Cypress team is 11-10 in the conference, hoping to earn a spot in the postseason.

"It was a huge adjustment," he said. Everything is more close and confined here. I didn't have a car out here, so I was always relying on people get me to and from school. As far as the weather aspect, it was a huge change playing year-round throughout. It kind of took a toll on my arm, because we were throwing year-round at first, but I got used to it eventually and it built up a lot of arm strength for me.

"Overall it's been really good. I've been learning more from my coaches and trying to take away as much as I can so I can be successful when I do go to Michigan State.'

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**PREP BASEBALL** 

## Northville suffers first losses of year

**Brad Emons** 

Plymouth played opportunistic baseball, taking advantage of five Northville errors en route to a 6-3 Kensington Conference crossover win April 24 over the host Mustangs.

The Wildcats, who improved to 7-3 overall and 6-0 in the KLAA South Division, got a strong relief performance from Dylan Brown, who allowed one earned run on three hits over the final 31/3 innings after taking over for starter Brenden Lacorato.

Evan Good went 3-for-4 to lead Plymouth's nine-hit attack, while Nikhil Patel went 2-for-4 with an RBI. Jacob MacBrien, McKenzie Marco, Michael Wischer and John Beadle also drove in runs for the Wildcats.

'We just made too many mistakes and had too many non-competitive at-bats," Northville coach John Kostrzewa said. "Plymouth played much better, played with more pace and passion and deserved to win. They had some timely hits and took advantage of our mistakes, especially late in the

Northville (9-2, 7-1 KLAA Central) used three pitchers, with starter Ben Schmidt, who went the first five innings, taking the loss. He gave up three runs on six hits and a walk while fanning four. Tyler Troyer came on in the sixth and allowed three runs on two hits

Aram Shahrigian had two RBIs, while BIlly Flohr and Kevin Morrissey each added two hits.

NORTHVILLE 4-4, BRIGHTON 3-6: On April 22, the host Mustangs (9-1) and Bulldogs (8-3) divided a twinbill in a match-up

Aram Shahrigian's walk-off RBI single in the bottom of the eighth proved to be the game-winner for the Mustangs in the opener.

Jake Moody and Nick Broda each had two hits and an RBI, while Nick Prystash also drove in a run.

Connor Ziparo, who came on in the fifth inning for starter Tyler Troyer, got the victory, allowing just one run on one hit and a over the final four innings.

Reliever Jackson Brenner took the loss for the Bullodgs, who got two hits and an RBI from Cornelius Ford. In the nightcap, Trevor Hopman had the game-winning single in the top of the seventh inning to give the Bulldogs the win over Northville, which suffered its first loss of the year.

Jackson Krause went 2-for-3 with an RRI, while Rodolfo Ramirez also had two hits for Brighton.
Winning pitcher Andrew Gilpin went the first six innings, allowing

four runs on eight hits and a walk. Broda, the fifth Northville pitcher, came on in the seventh and suffered the loss. Jon Michalak (three innings) and Ben Schmidt (one

inning) pitched four innings of scoreless relief.
Billy Flohr had two hits and an RBI, while Shahrigian added two
hits and scored twice. Matt Weber and Moody also knocked in runs.

FRANKLIN 8, NOVI 1: John Montie pitched six strong innings April 24, leading Livonia Franklin (12-3, 5-3 KLAA South) to a Kensington Conference win against the host Wildcats (6-10-1, 2-5

Montie, headed to Madonna University, allowed just two hits, struck out three and walked one in blanking Novi, which scored its only run in the bottom of the seventh on Nate Wicks' RBI double. Montie also went 2-for-3 with three RBIs, whie Cal Fournier was 2-for-4 with two RBIs for the Patriots. Losing pitcher Grant Pytel allowed six runs on six hits and a walk

in 31/3 innings. **WYANDOTTE 11-6, NOVI 2-4:** On April 22, Wyandotte Roosevelt swept a doubleheader from the host Wildcats (6-9-1).

Winning pitcher John Dyda, who went the first five innings allowing just one hit and no walks while striking out six, helped his own cause going 2-for-4 with an RBI in the opener.

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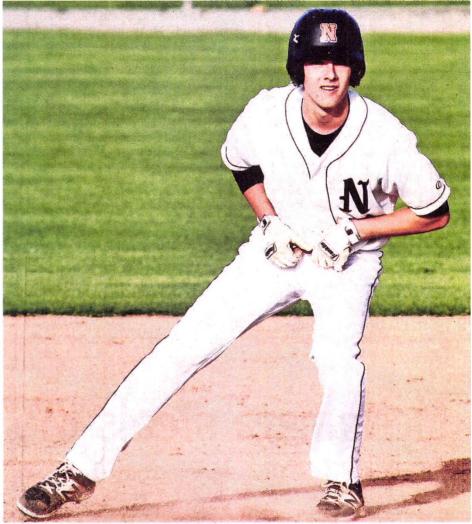
Matt Montroy added two RBis for the Bears.

Losing pitcher Kyle Klosterman gave up four runs on two hits and two walks in two innings of work. The Wildcats committed six errors and collected just three hits as Nate Lys went 2-for-3 with an RBI.

In the nightcap, Montroy got the winning, going the first four innings, allowing no runs on two hits while striking out five and walking two. Losing pitcher Kaito Suzuki allowed three earned runs in three

Charlie Pasco had two hits and two RBIs for the Bears. Jacob Gilbert, Marcial Gomez and Montroy also added two hits apiece Lys knocked in two runs, while Zach Perpich and Torri (RBI) both

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Northville's Nick Broda takes his lead on the base paths during a 6-4 loss to Plymouth.

**PREP BASEBALL** 

## Northville overcomes errors of its ways in sweep

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The first-place Northville baseball team overcame an uncharacteristic 13 errors on the day to earn a doubleheader sweep April 26 against KLAA Central Division foe South Lyon East.

"We swung the bats well all day and overcame some really inconsistent defense," said Northville coach John Kostrzewa, whose team improved to 11-2 overall and 9-1 in the division. "I thought our pitching did a great job in both games, overcoming a number of errors to get us out of some jams in both games. Credit South Lyon East for battling back in Game 2. We got up 8-0, but they never quit and made it a much closer game."

The host Mustangs won the opener, 10-5, as Jake Moody and Michael Lionas

Other top Northville hitters included Matt Weber (2-for-4, RBI, two runs), Nick Prystash (2-for-3, run), Jack Sargent (RBI) and Nick Broda (RBI).

Winning pitcher John Michalak went the first 4\% innings, allowing two earned runs on three hits and two walks. He struck out six before reliever Tyler Troyer closed out the victory with 21/3 scoreless innings.

East starter Anthony Aloisio, who went the first three innings before giving way to Bryant Walker, who took

Jack Palo, Hayden Harrigan and Roy Swartzinski each drove in a run for the Cougars, who scored five times in the



MARTHA MICHALAK

Northville's Aram Shahrigian (left) slides safely into home during Game 2 against South Lyon East catcher Ryan Pishalski.

top of the fifth inning to cut the deficit

But the Mustangs put it away with two runs in the bottom of the sixth.

In the nightcap, Northville committed nine errors, but came away with a 9-4 triumph as reliever Ryan Pumper earned the victory after replacing

starter Connor Ziparo in the fifth.

Offensively, Moody went 3-for-3 with two runs scores, while Kevin Morrissey added two hits and two RBIs. Other top hitters included Nick Prystash and Evan Flohr, two hits and an RBI apiece; Aram Shahrigian (two RBIs), Matt Weber (RBI) and Jack Sargent (RBI).

Aloisio had two hits, while Harrigan and Jake Heffernan both drove in a

Max Denny took the loss for the Cougars (4-7, 3-6).

WOODHAVEN 8-3, NORTHVILLE 0-0: The Mustangs (11-4) collected just five hits on the day in getting swept by Brov Woodhaven (11-1) in a non-conference doubleheader.

In the opener, Woodhaven broke open a close game with seven runs in the top of the fifth inning to pin the loss on Northville starter Ryan Pumper, who held the Warriors to one run through four

innings.

Justin Cherron and winning pitcher Drew Szczepaniak both knocked in two runs, while Brad Deboutte went 2-for-3 with an RBI

We fell apart on defense," Northville coach John Kostrzewa said. "We misplayed a couple bunts, ground balls and balked, leading to some balls hard and were able to put up seven in that inning and we just weren't able to answer back. We completely lost our focus opportunities to score, but weren't able to do much offensively the

Szczepaniak went all seven innings, allowing just four hits and three walks while fanning seven.

Aram Shahrigian had two hits in a losing cause. In the nightcap, Colin Czajkowski went all seven innings to record the win for the Warriors, allowing just a second-inning single to Jake Moody. Caajkowski struck out two and did not allow a walk. Justin Cherron went 3-for-4 with an RBI to pace Woodhaven's

seven-hit attack. Northville starter Nick Broda, who allowed two earned runs on six hits and five walks over three innings, took the loss. Jordan Shaffer (three innings) and Ben Schmidt (one inning) combined for four

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**PREP BASEBALL** 

## Catholic Central sweeps pair against U-D Jesuit

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Novi Detroit Catholic Central inched closer to the .500 mark Saturday by sweeping a baseball doubleheader from University of Detroit-Jesuit, 7-4 and 7-5 (in eight innings).

For the Shamrocks, who improved to 7-9-1 overall and 7-6-1 in the Catholic League Central Division, Matt Harding went 3-for-3 with two RBIs, while Cody Kanclerz also contributed two hits in the opener.

Winning pitcher Johnny Lobbia worked the first five innings, allowing five hits while striking out three.

Johnny Lobbia threw five innings for the win, striking out three and allowing five hits. Matt Harding led the offense with three hits and three RBIs. Cody Kanclerz added two hits.

In Game 2, Shane Rankin paced the CC offense with two RBIs, a stolen base and a perfectly executed suicide squeeze bunt.

Jared Tura also had two hits, while Billy Compton contributed a key pinch hit RBI single.

Reliever Matt Stinebiser, who got

the win, pitched the final 21/3 innings. The two losses dropped U-D Jesuit to 5-9 in the Central Division.

NOVI 5-0, HOWELL 2-8: On Saturday, the Wildcats (8-12-1) and host Highlanders (10-6) split a twinbill in a KLAA crossover. In Game 1, Nate Lys delivered a key two-run single in the top of

the eighth to give Novi the win. Alec Bageris went 3-for-4, while Michael Hrit added two RBIs. In Game 2, Howell rebounded by taking advantage of four Novi errors. Starter Ryoto Torri, who gave up four runs in two innings,

Sam Weatherly went 2-for-3 with two RBIs for Howell, the NOVI 6-0, STEVENSON 0-11: In a KLAA Central Division doubleheader April 26, the Wildcats (7-11-1, 4-7) and Livonia

Stevenson (15-4, 7-3) each came away with a win.

Senior Alec Bageris earned his first win of the season in the opener with a four-hitter over six innings for Novi. The right-hander struck out six and walked three, while Cam Czapski finished with a scenelors county.

Evan Yokie, Nate Wicks, Michael Hrit and Tyler VanKirk each

collected an RBI in the victory.

Stevenson came back to win the nightcap in five inning as winning pitcher Dan Bos threw four scoreless innings, limiting Nov

Bos also went 2-for-3 with three RBIs, while Parker Graham was 2-for-2 with two RBIs. Bobby Cavin also had two hits. Novi starter Nate Lys suffered the loss

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**BOYS TRACK** 

# Salem sprints to big win vs. Mustangs

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With Mason Phillips leading the way, Salem dominated the sprint events April 25 and it was more than enough beat Northville in a KLAA Central Division boys track and field meet, 91-46.

The host Rocks captured 12 of the 17 events, led by Phillips, a senior who swept the 100- and 200-meter dashes in 11.34 and 22.56, respectively. He also captured the long jump (21 feet, 8.5 inches) and teamed with VerShawn Patrick, Jeremiah Roberts and Trevor Nowaske for a victory in the 400 relay (44.33).

Alex Howie, meanwhile, swept the shot put (49 feet, 0.5 inches) and discus (139-8) for Salem, which improved to 3-0 overall.

Other Salem individual winners included Cody Tapp, pole vault (11-6); John Paul DeLa Cruz, 110 hurdles (16.91); Shariff Dyer, 300 hurdles (42.05); Andrew Davis, 400 (51.31); De-

rek Skaff, 800 (2:07.71). The Rocks also won the 800 relay as Patrick, Ryan Young, Roberts and Davis were clocked in 1:33.26.

"Salem is incredibly talented in the sprints," Northville coach Tim Dalton said. "We knew going in that it would be tough to overcome, so hats off to them."

Northville (1-2) got individual wins from Nicholas Couyoumjian in the 1,600 (4:33.1) and Ben Cracraft in the 3,200 (10:06.94). The trio of Caleb Shaheen, Alec Hopkins and Gustaf Tjernberg all tied for first in the high jump (5-8).

The Mustangs' 1,600 relay team of Ben Steinig, David Perozek, Brandon Liu and Andrew Lane posted a firstplace time of 3:41.8. Northville's 3,200 relay team of Tommy Versosky, Josh Morrissey, Casey McCord and Grant Gattoni (8:22.53) also was first.

Second-place Northville finishers included Ja'Quan Crawford, shot put (40-5); Jacob Blackmore, 800 (2:07.99); and Peter Bejin, 3,200 (10:07.84);

Placing third were Anmol Multani,

shot put (39-3); Crawford, discus (110-11); Ben Shuart, long jump (18-4) and 110 hurdles (16.99); Jacob Pichler, 300 hurdles (44.5); Enzo Rodriguez, 100 dash (11.96); Nolan Knight, 400 (53.01); Cracraft, 1,600 (4:35.91);

"Enzo Rodriguez showed in the 100 dash that he has great potential," Dalton said. "If he is willing to work hard over the next three years, he could be special. Our high jumpers also came up with a big sweep, going one-two-three. Our 4 by 800 also came up with a victory and Nick Couyoumjian ran a nice

### **Spartan Classic**

On Friday, Northville took 10th overall with 25.5 points in the Spartan Classic at Michigan State as the 3,200 relay team of Cracraft, Evan Ferrante, Blackmore and Couyoumijian took second in 8:19.02.

Rockford captured the team title with 131.33 points, followed by Traverse City Central (85) and Okemos (74.33).

Other top finishers for the Mustangs included Couyoumjian, fourth, 1,600 (4:26.18); Brandon Kearney, sixth, 100 (11.54); Cracraft, sixth, 1,600 (4:28.36); Bejin, seventh, 3,200 (9:59.61); Shaheen, eighth, high jump (5-10); and Shuart, eighth, 110 hurdles (16.92).
Northville's 400 relay team of An-

drew Hezemy, Alex Kim, Rodriguez and Benair Covington also placed eighth (46.44).

'Brandon Kearney had a great day for us on Friday, placing sixth in the 100," Dalton said. "Nick Couyoumjian and Ben Cracraft also ran nice 1,600 races, breaking in to the 4:20s. We are a team that needs to keep putting in the work at practice. We are not flashy, but we are getting better everyday. I'm excited to see where we can get to over the next five weeks.'

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**GIRLS TRACK** 

## McNamara steals the show in Northville win

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Clare McNamara may only be a ninth-grader, but she's already put her name in the record books for the Northville girls track and field program.

The freshman set a new standard in the long jump with a leap of 17 feet, 9.5 inches as the Mustangs improved to 3-0 in the KLAA Central Division with an 81-56 dual meet triumph April 25 over host Salem at Centennial Educational

McNamara broke the mark of 17-7.5 set in 2001 by Maggie Ossola.

"I could not be happier for Clare," Northville coach Tim Dalton said. "She just works hard, does everything we ask her to do both at meets and in practice. Clare adds to the list of girls who have re-wrote the record books over the last five years."

During the five-year span, 13 of the 17 Northville track and field records have fallen.

'It's a testament to the work ethic of our kids and our coaching staff," Dalton said. "Our long jump coach, Tom Brown, is in his 16th year coaching at Northville had done a great job working with Clare. He is one of the best in the business.'

McNamara also captured the 400meter dash (59.58) and teamed with Emilie Chen, Claire Wan and Yasmine Affes for first in the 1,600 relay

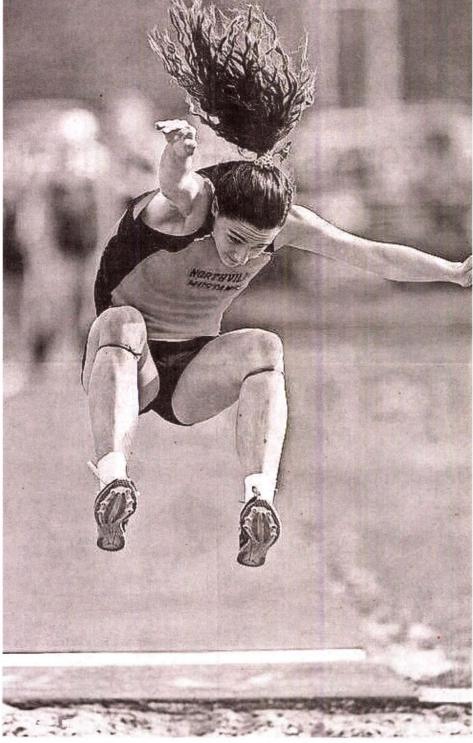
Other Northville individual winners cluded Barbara Davis, discus (104-7) Daryn Lobingier, pole vault (10-0); Erin McCallum, 100 dash (13.39); Affes, 200 (26.55); Ana Barrott, 1,600 (5:11.8); and Olivia Harp, 3,200 (11:14.41).

Northville also captured the 3,200 relay as Emily Assemany, Emma Smith, Harp and Barrott combined for a time

Second-place finishers for the Mustangs included Sara Ismail, shot put (30-5.5); Lora Haupt, pole vault (8-6); Abby Dunn, 300 hurdles (50.97); Lauren Marshall, 100 dash (13.56); Savannah Manley, 400 (1:00.86); Taylor Gattoni, 800 (2:31.01); Harp, 1,600 (5:16.83); and Barrott, 3,200 (11:53.53).

Placing third for Northville were Davis, shot put (29-8); Sarah Herring, high jump (4-8); Dunn, 100 hurdles (19.03); Sinyu Yang, 300 hurdles (53.05); Affes, 400 (1:01.84); and Katie Chevoor, 3,200 (12:14.27).

"Our girls were strong," Dalton said. "We took care of everything we needed to do to come out with the win. It was a



Northville freshman Clare McNamara broke the school record in the long jump with a leap of

team effort across the board from sprints, distance, to the field events." Haven Essien paced Salem (2-1) with first in the 100 and 300 hurdles with times of 15.66 and 50.22, respectively. Other winners for the Rocks included

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**TIM DALTON** Northville coach

Lyniah Wilson, shot put (33-2.5); Mikayla Ward, high jump (4-10); Shea Wilson, 800 (2:29.24); and Haven Essien, 100 hurdles

Salem also took the 400 and 800 relays with times of 51.83 and 1:43.71, respectively.

### Mustangs runner-up

On Friday, Northville scored 96 points and took runner-up honors in the Spartan Classic at Michigan State, with Rockford topping the 15-school field with 118 points. Okemos was third with

Affes placed second in the 200 (26.11) and 400 (1:00.05), while also teaming with Manley, McCallum and McNamara for second in the 800 relay (1:44.61).

Other seconds went to McNamara in the long jump (16-10.75) and Barrott in the 3,200 (10:58.01).

Cayla Eckenroth placed third in the 1,600 (5:03.87) and 3,200 (10:59.64), while also combining with Barrott, Assemany and Harp for third in the 3,200 relay (9:39.35). The Mustangs' 1,600 relay team of Manley, Wan, Affes and McNamara was third (4:07.78).

Other top finishers included Lobingier, fourth, pole vault (10-0); Barrott, fourth, 1,600 (5:04.5); Emma Shaheen, fifth, high jump (4-10); Manley, fifth, 200 (27.08); Harp, fourth, 3,200 (10:59.8); sixth, 1,600 (5:06.2); and McCallum, sixth, 100 (13.14).

The foursome of Lobingier, Emily Anderson, Marshall and McCallum took sixth in the 400 relay (53.06).

"Overall, I was happy with the way we competed," Dalton said. "We finished second to a very good Rockford team. It was great to see Cayla, Ana and Olivia rolling together both the 1,600 and the 3,200. We still have work to do across the board but our kids understand that."

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**PREP GYMNASTICS** 

## Northville coach McWatt takes position at Saline

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Northville athletic director Bryan Masi announced last week that Erin McWatt has stepped down as gymnastics coach after 14 seasons and will be replaced by assistant Victoria Clay.

McWatt, who guided the Mustangs last season to a ninth-place finish in the MHSAA state finals after a runner-up finish at the regional, has accepted a new teaching position at Saline High School and will also be taking over the Hornets gymnastics program

The 1998 Livonia Stevenson High grad was a gymnast at the University of Michigan from 1998-2002 and graduated in 2003. She also attended Eastern Michigan, where she earned a graduate degree in special education. She also taught at Westland John Glenn High.

"I am blessed to have coached at Northville for 14 years and will carry some really awesome memories with me," McWatt said. "It's been a pleasure

to have worked with Mr. Masi for so many years, too. I'm pretty excited for a new adventure as a Hornet. In a way, it's a return to my maize and blue roots."

Under McWatt, Northville enjoyed one of its best seasons in 2016-17, placing first at the Kensington Lakes Activities Association meet after a co-championship with Canton in the Kensington Division with a 4-1 record.

"We will miss her," Masi said. "But we're excited to have Victoria take over. She is ready to take the next step as head coach. We believe Victoria's organization skills, experience and passion will help our program to continue to achieve at a high level.

Clay, who served as McWatt's assistant last season, is a Northville High grad who competed on the cheer, gymnastics and track teams. She earned a bachelor of science degree in exercise physiology from Liberty (Va.) Univer-

sity in 2016. Clay currently works as a personal

trainer for Tilt Cheer & Tumbling in South Lyon. She inherits a team that posted a 10-1 dual meet record.

"My four years competing for Northville High School gymnastics were some of the best years of my life and being the assistant coach last season was truly a blessing," Clay said. "I'm thankful and look forward to taking on the team as head coach this year. I couldn't be more excited to come alongside these talented group of girls."

Clay got a full endorsement to take over as Northville's new coach.

"I'm very proud to pass the reins to her." McWatt said. "She had a wonderful career as one of my high school gymnasts. I couldn't imagine a better person for the job. She's a former Northville multi-athlete and is truly invested in this community and group of girls."

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Erin McWatt stepped down as Northville's gymnastics coach to take a teaching and coaching job at Saline.

## Northville wins face-off battle, stops Plymouth

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Spencer Gonda turned in another strong game in the face-off circle, winning 18-of-20 draws to propel Northville to a 15-8 boys lacrosse victory Friday against host Plymouth at Centennial Educational Park.

The defending KLAA Kensington champs, who led 9-2 at halftime and 13-4 after three quarters, improved to 8-1 overall and 3-0 in the conference with the victory as Cole Gingell and Ty Kilar both had three goals and three

Also getting into the action offensively were Zach Tardich (three goals), Nate Holloway (two goals, one assist), Anthony Salamone (two goals), Kevin Conder (one goal, one assist), Ryan Figueroa (one goal) and Abe Khoury (one assist).

Khoury, who started on the wing, added seven ground balls, while teammate Kyle Condino had six.

Jeff Varner was in goal for the Mus-

Nolan Ouellette paced Plymouth (6-5, 2-1) with three goals and one as-

NOVI 12, GABRIEL RICHARD 9: Anthony Zugaro had three goals and three assists, while Chase Sparling added four goals and



BARBARA NELLER

Novi's Ian Patterson (right) tries to get around South Lyon defender Zach Harvath.

one assist. Saturday as the host Wildcats (5-5) turned back host Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard (8-4) in a non-conference match.
Other Novi offensive contributors included Ian Patterson (tw goals, one assist), Scott Latham (one goal, one assist), Navan Makim (one goal), Anthony D'Annibale (one goal) and Landon Green (one

Goalie Freddie Samson stopped six Fighting Irish shots.

NOVI 12, NOTRE DAME PREP 10: Anthony Zugaro scored four goals and added two assists, while Ian Patterson finished with five goals, April 27 as the host Wildcats (4-5) downed Pontiac Notre

Landon Green and Casey Lyons both added one goal and one assists, while Anthony D'Annibale and Chase Sparling both contributed two assists. Scott Latham scored the other goal, while Brendan Daschke also had an assist.
Novi goalie Freddie Samsi

NORTHVILLE 16, WALLED LAKE WESTERN 2: Senior Cole Gingell scored seven goals and added three assists, giving the Mustangs (7-1, 2-0) a Kensington Conference win April 26 at honover Walled Lake Western (1-6, 0-2).

"We struggled early, but once we got going, we did pretty well, said Northville coach Greg Durham, whose team led 2-1 after one quarter and 9-2 at halftime

Ty Kilar added five assists, while other offensive contributions for Northville came from Nate Holloway (two goals, one assist), Kevin Conder (one goal, two assists), Zach Tardich (two goals), Ryan Figueroa (two assists), Anthony Salamone (one goal), Jack Harrigar (his first goal of the year) and Jack Murphy (one assist). Spencer Gonda won 19-of-23 draws, while Kyle Condino stood out

defensively with seven ground balls. Starting goalie Jeff Varner, who played the first three quarters before giving way to Jack Laskowski, allowed two goals. The two

ombined for six saves. **SOUTH LYON 14, NOVI 10:** Goalie Joel Trent came up with 17 saves and South Lyon Unified (7-3, 3-0) won 18-of-25 face-offs in a Kensington Conference win April 26 against the host Wildcats (3-5,

SLU led 8-5 at halftime before going on a 5-1 third-quarter run to

close out the victory.

South Lyon was led offensive by Nick Harvath (four goals, one assist), Silvio Scappaticci (three goals, two assists), Colin DeWitt (two goals, two assists) and Colt Kovach (one goals, three assists) Other contributions came from Carlo Zoratti, two goals: Mitch Tashman and Drew Hantz, one goal and one assist each; and Cole

Jan Patterson led the Wildcats (3-5, 0-2) with four goals, while Anthony Zugaro added one goal and four assists. Also chipping in offensively were Chase Sparling (two goals), Scott Latham (one goal, one assist), Nayan Makim (one goal) and Anthony D'Annibale (one

Novi goalie Freddie Sampson made eight saves.

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### **LACROSSE**

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then. I was just ecstatic. Great moment.'

The Warriors, who improved to 7-3 overall, also got three goals apiece Matt Murray and Reaume, along with two from Erik Schmidt, who scored the go-ahead goal with 3:08 remaining in regulation to make it 14-13.

CC led 7-5 at halftime and 9-5 in the third quarter before Rice charged back with four unanswered goals to make it 11-11 entering the fourth.

The Shamrocks led 13-12 with 6:58 left in the final quarter on Joey Kamish's goal from Ryan Sullivan, but did not score again until the buzzer sounded, when Nicholas Capatina scored his fourth of the night coming out of a timeout with only three seconds left.

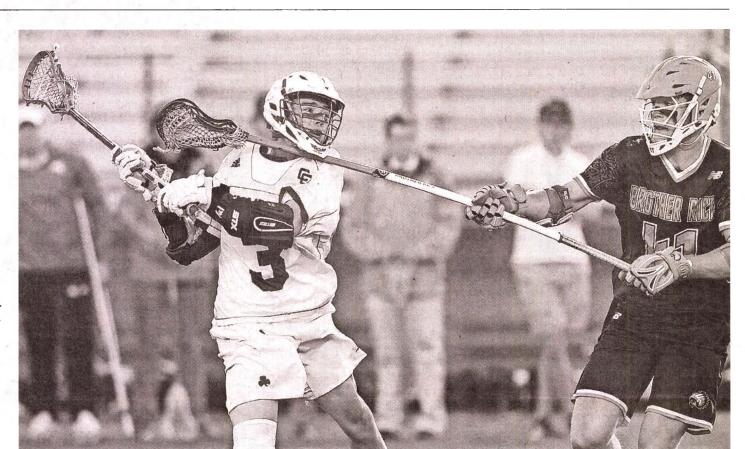
CC freshman Connor Baratta, who was a thorn in Rice's side all night long in the face-off circle, won yet another draw to start the four-minute OT against Rice's long stick defender Blake Karcher.

But the Shamrocks turned the ball over at midfield on their initial possession, setting up Kelly's game-win-

"Exciting, crazy, chaotic ... all the things you hope for when you play a rival," said CC coach Dave Wilson, whose team slipped to 7-3 overall. Just a couple of turnovers here and there kind of at some key times, taking care of the ball ... when you play good teams like this and you give them the ball, literally, one more time, it can be detrimental. And I think in the overtime, we had a couple of saves and the ball went up for grabs and that was the one more time.'

Senior Brennan Kamish also finished with four goals, including one at the horn to end the first quarter, giving CC a 4-2 advantage. Joey Kamish added three goals and three assists. while Ethan Pattinson had two goals. Ryan Birney also scored a goal, while Sullivan finished with two assists. Justin Pettouhoff also drew an assist.

The Shamrocks were coming off a 16-5 loss April 22 at home to Culver (Ind.) Military Academy, which also defeated Brother Rice earlier this season, 18-2.



Even with the stick of Brother Rice's Carson Cochran (right) under his neck, Detroit Catholic Central's Joey Kamish managed to score the Shamrocks' first goal on this shot.

"Give our guys a ton of credit for just being exceptionally tough and never caving in some pretty tough moments," Wilson said.

Rice also received offensive production from Reaume (three goals) Nick Dudley (three goals), Schmidt (two goals), Ryan Nelson (one goal, one assist), Michael Cosgrove (one goal), Carson Cochran (one goal) and Michael Burwell (one assist).

Warriors senior goalie Teddy Lievois also made two huge saves during the final 1:25 of regulation.

"Happy with the heart and hustle they showed today," Rice coach Ajay Chawla said. "And we're going to see CC once, probably twice, like we do every year. It's a battle every year and they're a great team and we're a good

April 23, Rice snapped the nation's

longest prep winning streak at 50 games in Hamburg, N.Y., when they upended Victor, 10-9

"We expected (CC) to come out strong and they did," Chawla said. "It's been an emotional week for the guys. Our biggest worry was keeping the guys up and emotionally ready for this game. You never want to want to see your big in-state opponent two days coming off your biggest win of maybe these guys' career.

The Warriors, meanwhile, had a hard time running down CC's top guns offensively in Capatina and Brennan

"I think our legs were down a little bit," Chawla said. "Listen, they have two great shooters. (Capatina) is hard to cover. He had a great game today. He went right and we knew he was going to go right, we still let him go

right. And we had a fair amount of mental mistakes tonight. And that dug us a hole at half. But I'm proud of the team. Down at half again and second day in a row we pulled it out.'

Rice had to dig down deep to keep its spotless record going against the Shamrocks.

'We're a team that's going to come back, fight and claw for everything, our defense, our goalie and our top players always stepping up and making great plays," Kelly said. "Over the weekend we were down 7-3 at half. This one, we were down again. We never give up and that's kind of our motto this year. We always fight and claw and we're going to win at the end of the day.'

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GIRLS LACROSSE ROUNDUP

# Brighton edges Mustangs in showdown, 13-12

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It was a rematch of last year's Kensington Lakes Activities Association girls lacrosse championship and host Northville and Brighton did not dis-

In a highly competitive crossover game that went down to the wire, the visiting Bulldogs held on for a 13-12 win over Northville at Tom Holzer Field.

Cat Kopchia and Hannah Kelley both scored four goals for Brighton (7-2), while Charlotte Beaudoin and Kendall Wasik countered with four apiece for Northville (7-2).

Sarah Chase and Ella Tarasi both added two goals for the Mustangs, who took the early 4-0 advantage before Brighton came back to lead 7-5 at half-

The Bulldogs went on another run during the second half, but Northville stopped them from scoring during the final 11 minutes and pulled to within one on Beaudoin's goal with 2:47 remaining in regulation.

"I thought it was a very physical hard-fought game against two equal teams," Northville first-year coach Dan Madigan said. "I think it was kind of a game of runs.'

With just over a minute left, Brighton goalie Cameron Stilson denied the Mustangs on a one-on-one chance.

"They were able to possess the ball," Madigan said. "We had a couple opportunities, but weren't able to score on it.

Their goalie made a great play.' Kate Weissert made 12 saves for the Mustangs.

**NOVI 9, TROY 8:** Sophomore Katie Novell recorded a hat trick Friday as the Wildcats (7-3) edged the host Colts (5-5) in a non-conference battle. Sophomore Emily Pringle added two goals, while junior Melissa

Senior goalie Mariah Smythe posted a .600 save percentage (12-of-20). "This was an intense game," Novi first-year coach Kaitlyn West said. "I love watching my girls play. It is always a good show. They were tied until the last 16 seconds, when we had our game-winning

shot. This was good competition for us tonight and I'm proud of my

NORTHVILLE 14, WALLED LAKE 2: The defending Kensing-

ton Conference champion Mustangs (6-1, 3-1) continued to leave teams in their wake with a victory April 26 over Walled Lake United match played at Walled Lake Western (0-6, 0-3). Northville jumped out to a 10-0 halftime lead and had seven different players score goals, led by Emma Dietrich, who finished with four goals and two assists, along with Kendall Wasik, who collected three goals and three assists.

Other offensive output for the Mustangs came from Ally Blough

(two goals, one assist); Jessica Tardich (two goals), Sarah Chase (one goal, one assist), Charlotte Beaudoin (one goal, one assist) and Ella Tarasi (one goal). Goalie Kat Weissert made six saves.

"Once again, Kat played an outstanding game," Northville first-year coach Dan Madigan said. "She has shown to be reliable in net in all situations. I could not have been happier the way she

played. Our defense stepped up and played well in a physical game. **SOUTH LYON 13, NOVI 5:** Sophomore Lauryn Rygiel scored four goals April 26, leading host South Lyon Unified (5-4, 3-0) to a Kensington Conference victory over the Wildcats (6-3, 0-2) in a match played at South Lyon High School.

Junior Maddy Allerton added two goals in the victory, while junior

Jocelyn Ting and freshman Hope Leinen both contributed a goal and

Other SLU goals came from senior Hailey Lanam, juniors Julia Ting and Bailey Papich and sophomore Taylor Vitori. Senior Savannah Kuhowski also added an assist.

"They came out ready to play," SLU first-year coach Rachel Curmi said. "They came out with intensity and worked together as a team. Our transitions came together. We were controlling the draws and getting down on the ground balls. We had 11 caused turnovers and had six interceptions, which helped us control the game." Katie Novell and Emily Pringle both scored a pair of goals, while Melissa Ansara had the other for Novi.

NOVI 10, FARMINGTON 9: Senior captain Mariah Smith posted a .550 save percentage in goal April 24, leading the Wildcats (6-2) to a non-conference victory at home over the Falcons (7-2). Interceptions and caused turnovers proved to be plentiful in the non-conference encounter as senior captain Katie McMaster and junior Julia Goetz led the way in ground balls for the Wildcats, who rallied for the win.

"I'm so proud of the success so far this season," Novi first-year

coach Kaitlyn West said. "We are mentally and physically tough. couldn't have asked for a better start and not just because of the winning season, but because of the everything behind the scenes that has gone into it and positive attitude the team has overall."

Offensively, sophomore Emily Pringle led the way with three goals, while junior Hannah Richardson and sophomore Katie Novell added two each. Senior captain Rachel Bayer, junior Heather Garcia and

NORTHVILLE 17, PLYMOUTH 6: Emma Dietrich scored six goals and added one assist April 24 as the Mustangs (5-1, 2-0) rolled to the Kensington Conference victory at home over the Wildcats

Kendall Wasik chipped in four goals and two assists, while other offensive contributors included Charlotte Beaudoin (two goals), Ally Blough (one goal, four assists), Sarah Chase (one goal, two assists) Emily Loebach (one goal, one assist and Ella Tarasi (one goal). Northville goalie Kat Weissert made seven saves.

"The girls played very well and it was our best overall performance so far this season," Northville first-year coach Dan Madigan said. "We moved the ball well on offense and were communicating very well defensively. Kat (Weissert) played another great game in goal for us, stopping a few one-on-one attempts. We can score in a lot of different ways and from a lot of different people and tonight Emma

(Dietrich) had the hot hand." Michelle Cirino paced Plymouth with four goals, while Cathryn Vanderbosch, Reagan Woodward and Shayen Timko added one

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IRENE CORA (WALZ) passed away from heart disease at the age of 95, Sunday, April 23, 2017 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia. Irene was the beloved wife of the late Henry Day and loving mother of Terry (Lois), Doug (Lilli), and Roger (Valerie). She was a proud grandmother to Terry Jr., Bonnie, Roger Jr., Amy, Andrew, and Lizzi; and was blessed with many greatgrandchildren, great-great grandchildren, and nieces and nephews. Born to Oscar and Myrtle Walz (Ashbaugh) she is survived by her brothers, Al, Rod, and Dexter. Irene and Hank raised their family in Royal Oak and moved to South Lyon after retiring. They enjoyed travel, family gatherings, dancing, winters in Florida, and taking their grandchildren on adventures to nearby Kensington Metro Park. Irene taught crafting and crochet classes and was an avid reader. Mom amazed us all when she got a Kindle in her late 80s and began downloading her own books She also enjoyed competing in Pyramid Solitaire on her iPad with people from around the world and checking in daily on her Facebook page! Irene's family will gather for a Celebration of Life in June to honor this life well lived.

### DOOLING



JOHN of Milford, passed away in the loving care of his family on April 17, 2017 at the age of 81. In addition to Marlene his beloved wife of nearly 50 vears . John is survived by their children, Deborah (Don) Danko, Kimberly (Michael) Woods, Cynthia (Jeff) Curry, Donald D.(Betty) Rhoten, and John J. Dooling, Jr.; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; brothers, James (Mary Lou) Dooling and Jerry (Lee) Dooling as well as extended family and friends. A Memorial Service will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty St., Milford on Sunday, May 7th at 2:00 PM. The Rev. Fr. Jack Baker to officiate. Gathering to begin the hour prior at 1 PM. For further information, please phone Lynch & Sons, Milford at 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

### **FRANKOWSKI**



LISA ANN (GEIGER) Of Novi, age 57, April 26, 2017 Lisa passed away after a courageous 2 year struggle with cancer. Beloved wife of James Frankowski for 22 years. Loving mother of Emily and Claire. Dear daughter of Charles and the late Frances Geiger; and sister of Charles A. Geiger and Margaret (Jeff) Richwagen. Lisa graduated from Michigan State University and was a longtime employee of Kingwood Hospital. She was a member of Delta Delta Delta Sorority, active in Girl Scouts, and the Novi Neighbors and Newcomers club. She loved sailing and traveling and a favorite song was "Sea of Love". Please think of her whenever you hear that song. Special thanks to those who supported her in her fight: friends, Crystal Reed, Faye Knegden Rhea Carey, Helen Papalekas; and sister-in-law, Dianne Jochum. Also, thanks to the blood draw and infusion staffs at U of M

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### **PUCKETT**



JAMES 82 years old. Born March 5, 1935. Died April 16, 2017. James retired from Fords and was offered a second job with the Ford Foundation Rush Lake Hills Golf Club where he worked for 28 years. James was preceded in death by his father, Oscar Puckett; mother, Elizabeth Simmons-Puckett; step-mother, Juanita Puckett James. Siblings: preceded in death by Oscar Puckett Jr, Robert Puckett, Ester Puckett-Miller, and Shirley Puckett-Wandry; survived by Doris Puckett-Johnston, Lura Puckett-Morin, and Marilyn Puckett-Ray. Survived by children, Vicki Puckett and Deborah Puckett-Daugherty; step-children, Danny Meadows, Sheila Meadows-Cabay, Susan Meadows-McCoy, David Meadows, Anise Meadows-Patterson, Jill Meadows-Bridson, Paula Kulff-Swartz, Donna Kulff-Collier, and Joanne Kulff-Dinser; 59 grandkids; 67 great-grandkids; nine greatgreat-grandkids. Preceded in death by many loving family members. Cremation has taken Place. Memorial Service Saturday, May 6, 2017 at 1 p.m. Luncheon immediately following at the church at Ypsilanti Pentecostal Church Of God, 45 Oregon St., Ypsilanti, MI 48198.

### READ



DAVID WELLINGTON former resident of Plymouth Michigan, passed away peacefully at Treasure Coast Hospice, Fort Pierce FL on Sunday, April 23, 2017 following a brief illness. David was born July 5, 1942 in Plymouth, Michigan, to the late Alan Frank and Myrtle Christine (Lee) Read. He is survived by his wife of 33 years, Diana; his sister, Dana Wilson; his daughters: Dawn Read, Dianne (Greg) Stucki, Donna (Phillip) Munro; five stepchildren; 15 grandchildren, along with several nieces and nephews. A former Ford Motor Company Engineer, David retired to Port Saint Lucie, Florida, He had many hobbies that included drawing, woodworking, sailing, sewing and motorcycles. He was an avid reader as well. A memorial service was held Monday, April 24th at Port St. Lucie Chapel, Port St Lucie, Florida 34984. A celebration of life is expected to be held in Michigan (date to be determined).

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Novi turns back South Lyon, 2-0

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Livonia Stevenson broke a seven-year drought April 27 as the KLAA Central Division co-leaders posted a 1-0 girls soccer victory over visiting Northville.

The Spartans (8-0-1. 4-0-1) scored the gamewinning goal with 21:33 left in the first half on Kayla Gacioch's laserlike shot just under the crossbar from 22 yards

"Kayla capped off a fantastic game with a class goal," said Stevenson coach Ken Shingledecker, whose team outshot the Mustangs, 8-6.

Freshman goalkeeper Mackenzie Fifer made four saves to notch her fifth shutout of the year for Stevenson, which outshot the Mustangs.

"Crazy game tonight with the wind," Shingle-decker said. "I thought our back line of Alyssa Benvenuti, Yasmine Jaafar, Emma Werthman, Carson Vandike and (Fifer) in goal were just about flawless.

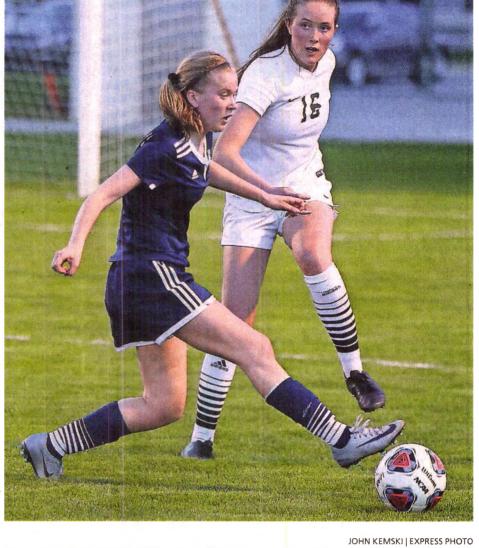
Goalie Carlie Castiglione made four saves for Northville (4-5-2, 2-3), which had its five-game unbeaten streak snapped.

'Stevenson had the wind the first half and we had it the second half, but couldn't find the net." Northville coach Eric Brucker said.

**SALINE 1, NORTHVILLE 0:** On Saturday, the host Mustangs (4-6-2) fell in a non-conference encounter as the Hornets (4-3-1) scored an own goal that was credited to Sydney Jarvela during the fourth-minute of play at Tom Holzer Field. A Saline cross from the right side deflected high into the air with a Northville defender's attempt to clear the ball sailed past the keeper and into the net.

"The rest of the game was choppy with no real flow with both defenses holding the opposing offenses in check," said Northville coach Eric Brucker, whose team outshot

NOVI 2, SOUTH LYON 0: Jessie



Stevenson's Kavla Gacioch (left) controls the ball against Novi's Jacalyn Schubring. Gacioch had the game-winning goal during the April 27 win over Northville.

April 27 as the Wildcats (4-2-2, 3-2) snapped a three-match winless drought with a windy KLAA Central Division victory over the host Lions (3-4-2, 1-4).

Bandyk notched what proved to be the

game-winner on an unassisted goal with 33:58 left and scored again with 30:39 remaining off an assist from Michelle

Goalkeeper Callie Rich made six saves to post the shutout.
"We have proven in this first half of league play that we can play with any team in the league this year," said South Lyon coach Brian Elliott, whose team was outshot, 12-6. "Moving forward, it's going to be about putting together a complete game and finishing our chances in front of

STEVENSON 2, NOVI 1: Livonia Stevenson (7-0-1, 3-0-1) did edge the Wildcats (3-2-2, 2-2) for the first time in nine years April 25 at home, but coach Ken Shingledecker would take a different outcome if it guaranteed his senior captain would be healthy

That's because the Spartans lost Megan Verant to a knee injury just two minutes into the match and she did not return. "Very mixed emotions about the win tonight," Shingledecker said. "Of course,

I'm proud of the girls for the great effort against a very good Novi team. To see Megan go down hurt was hard for the whole team to handle. I thought it took us until midway through the second half to sort ourselves out. The girls found a way to

soft observes but the gins found a way to get it done."

Stevenson won the game when freshman Meredith Hage scored her first varsity goal in the second half to snap a 1-1 tie. Setting up the goal was Audrey Kopitz.

who opened the scoring on a penalty kick in the 25th minute of the first half. Novi converted off a penalty kick to deadlock the game just four minutes into the second half. Finishing the play was freshman Avery Fenchel, who managed the only goal off an assist from Lexi Whaler against freshman keeper Mackenzie Fifer (three saves). Goalkeeper Callie Rich made five saves in the loss for the Wildcats.

**NORTHVILLE 5, SOUTH LYON EAST 0:** Sydney Schembri two goals and two assists April 25 as the Mustangs (4-4-1, 2-2) ran their unbeaten streak to five with a KLAA Central Division triumph over host South Lyon East (1-4-4, 0-4).

Northville led 2-0 at halftime on goals by Megan Williams (from Schembri) and Schembri on a juke off a through ball (from Nikki Buie).

Six minutes into the second half, Schem bri scored again from Williams to make it 3-0, followed by Karina Moore's one-touch to the back post after Schembri drove it down the right side.

Abby Gardiner completed the Northville scoring on a header with 1:39 left off a corner kick from Kendall Dillon. Goalkeeper Carlie Castiglione made one save to notch her third shutout of the

"Overall, it was good get back to .500 and we're continuing to progress putting the offense and defense together," Northville coach Eric Brucker said. NOVI 2, FARMINGTON 2: The

Wildcats got goals from Julia Stadtherr and Avery Fenchel in a non-conference draw April 22 against the host Falcons. Novi assists went to Gracie Backus and Jessie Bandyk, respectively. Callie Rich and Rileigh Nielson shared time in goal for the Wildcats

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**COLLEGE SOFTBALL** 

## ady Ocelots nearly win two in home finale

In split with Macomb CC, Lady Ocelots' sophomores play final contests at Ford Field

**Tim Smith** hometownlife.com

For several key players on Schoolcraft College's women's softball team, the April 26 twinbill against Macomb Community College was their last chance to play in front of the home fans at Ford Field.

And for a while, sophomore day looked like a winner on all counts as the Lady Ocelots defeated the Monarchs 2-0 in Game 1 of a MCCAA

doubleheader and enjoyed a 4-1 lead until the seventh inning of the nightcap.

But Macomb spoiled things with a four-run surge to earn a 5-4 vic-

tory.
One of the six sophomores, co-captain and third baseman Kelsie Powell (Garden City), led off the home seventh with her second hit of Game 2 and was poised to at least force extra innings.

Unfortunately, Powell

(two hits, two RBIs) was left stranded as Monarchs sophomore ace pitcher Miranda Hebert struck out the next three batters

Another sophomore co-captain, Livonia Stevenson alum Kassidy Lipinski, doubled in Powell in the first to get Schoolcraft's hopes of a sweep off to a good start. Powell opened the frame with a walk and moved to second on a single by freshman Victoria Porter (Canton).

After Macomb tied the game, Schoolcraft got it back in the second when freshman first baseman Maddi Haas (Livonia Ladywood) singled and came around to score.

The Lady Ocelots tacked on two runs in the fourth on an RBI single by Powell. Opening the inning with hits were Lauren Sandie and Autmn Dobrick.

In the opener, Schoolcraft sophomore pitcher and co-captain Kerry Prowse threw a complete-game shutout while Dobrick and Mikaela Smolar (Garden City) each delivered two hits and a stolen base. Also with RBIs were Cori Wilson and Porter.

The six sophomores capping off the home portion of their Schoolcraft careers included Powell, Lipinski, Prowse, Alaina DeFrain (Livonia Franklin), Rosie Garvin (Livonia Churchill) and Caitlin Fitzpatrick.

Schoolcraft head coach Rey Linares said Lipinski will play softball next year at St. Francis University in Chicago while Powell is being recruited by Madonna University. Prowse also is receiving looks from NAIA recruiters

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Talent networks are automated platforms where job seekers can enter their information into a company's database with the goal of being notified of new job opportunities. It's beneficial for the company because it allows employers to create a talent pipeline, and there are many ways job hunters can benefit from talent networks as well. Here are a few:

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Companies today are increasingly leaning toward building and nurturing relationships with job seekers over time versus just looking to fill positions that may be open right now. Subscribing to a talent network opens the door to enabling employers to engage

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with you - and other candidates who have opted in to a talent network - more so than they would with other job seekers who don't opt in. It will give you an opportunity to get to know the company, its culture and the expectations that are set for employees. And you can leverage this additional insight when applying for future positions at the

2. It will save you time. One pet peeve many job seekers complain about is

that they're forced to re-enter or resubmit the same information over and over again. With a talent network, you won't need to re-enter your information because it already lives in the database.

Also, since you will be alerted to new relevant opportunities that will open up down the road, you won't have to keep checking back in.

3. It will keep you top of mind for employers. Even if your dream employer or employers don't have any

job openings at the moment, you don't need to feel like you have to sit on the sidelines and wait. You can take a proactive step that could get you closer to landing that dream job when it becomes available. You'll have a better chance of remaining on a company's radar if you're in

"It can't hurt if it's a company you've always wanted to work at," says Christy Hopkins, a human resources consultant and writer at Fit Small Business who also maintains

an HR consulting and recruiting firm with small business clients. "If there are no open roles we are looking for that fit you, you can still submit your résumé to the general database. This is useful for us in that when a client comes to us for an urgent need — we can search our database and see if anyone fits their criteria by setting parameters around keywords and locations."

4. The talent network can do some of the work for you. We get it you're a motivated job seeker and you want to get out there and do the hard work of finding the right job. But don't be afraid to get a little help from your friends — and in this case, a company's talent network can be your best friend.

Some companies will go so far as to send you personalized alerts with jobs that best match your experience and interests. You will be able to make the most of tailored job recommendations and customized messages coming directly from the company

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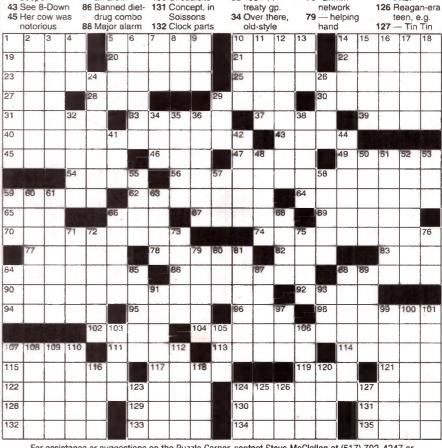
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## **WHEN PIGS FLY: CHRYSLER REVOLUTIONIZES MINIVAN SEGMENT WITH PACIFICA, INCLUDING NEW HYBRID VERSION**



the new things going right at Fiat Chrysler Automotive is the reception for the company's risky bid to revive the minivan segment it invented. The new Chrysler

Pacifica minivan has been greeted with decent sales numbers and lots of thirdparty accolades.

And maybe even more important for the long term, the new Pacifica Hybrid -- the first hybrid in the minivan category -- is taking its own star turn. Waymo, the auto business affiliated with Google, fingered the vehicle for the first public testing of its self-driving technology and just recently upped its commitment, to use 500 more Pacifica Hybrid units in addition to the previously delivered 100 minivans modified for the self-driving tests.

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promotional pedal with its first video advertising for Pacifica Hybrid, titled "Flying Pigs." The idea is that only when pigs fly -- as they do in the commercial -- would any automaker be able to offer everything in one package that the Pacifica Hybrid does. In the spot, best-in-class cargo volume and forward collision warning are highlighted features, as well as the vehicle's fuel-economy chops.

In case you miss the point of an airborne porcine herd, in the spot hell also freezes over. And the 60-minute commercial ends with an appearance by a blue moon. The spot is framed by graphic touches that make it seem like a story from a fairy-tale book. And for some reason, the voiceover at the end has an Aussie accent.

FCA is boasting the uniqueness of a Pacifica Hybrid that offers 84 miles per gallon equivalent in electric-only mode, a smartphone app that delivers relevant information such as charge status and charging-station locations, and an "efficiency coach" for more fuel-conscious driving, in addition to features that Pacifica touts across its line including its panoramic sunroof, an advanced rear-seat entertainment platform and the patented onboard vacuum cleaner.

As the Pacifica Hybrid arrives in dealerships, "Consumers no longer will have to say they'll believe it when they see it," said Tim Kuniskis, head of passenger car brands for FCA North America, in a press release.

Olivier Francois, FCA's chief marketing officer, added that the brand's story of "minivan firsts" now "requires a very specific message -- one that speaks to two very distinct audiences," parents and children, he said in the release. The spot's storytelling approach highlights "segment-first features that are almost unbelievable and will appeal to adults and kids alike."

Of course, while Pacifica Hybrid's total range is 566 miles, its electriconly range is only 33 miles -- far short of the kind of battery-powered ranges for new all-electric vehicles such as the Chevrolet Bolt and upcoming Tesla

Still, the notion of the first minivan with this sort of green credibility is likely to appeal to many of the millions of American millennials who are raising broods now and entering the era of minivan feasibility in their lives. It also may help Pacifica Hybrid that a flood of new electric vehicles in various forms -- conventional hybrids such as Pacifica, plug-in hybrids and all-electric nameplates -- has begun flooding the U.S. market, serving to further normalize electric power even as low gasoline prices and the rise of SUV and truck segments serve as contra-indicators

In any event, fielding the segment's first hybrid is yet another way to bust out Pacifica from generational negative perceptions of the segment.

From the beginning of the launch of the Pacifica line early last year, Francois has tried to find ways to help the newest Chrysler minivan nameplate break some of the segment-strangling conventions of old. He has highlighted its groundbreaking rear styling, for instance, and used a launch campaign starring comedian Jim Gaffigan to attempt to cast Pacifica as something more than just a traditional minivan for soccer moms.

So far, so good: Pacifica sales in March were its best month so far this year, at more than 9,000 units, placing the nameplate already squarely in the middle of the company-wide vehicle lineup in sales volume, even at this early stage. And Pacifica continues to rake in evaluator endorsements from the likes of Kelley Blue Book, Popular Mechanics and the New York Daily





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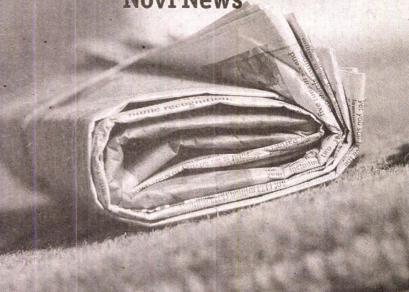
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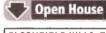
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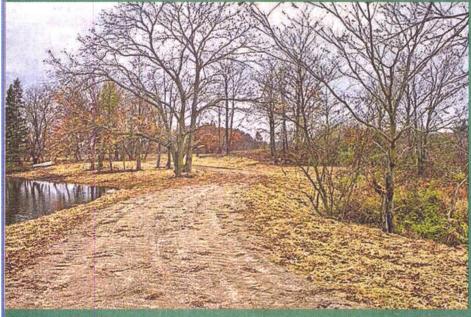
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