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The exhibit opens with a reception from 6-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 2, and it runs through Jan. 31 during Art House hours (noon-5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and noon-4 p.m. Saturday at 215 W. Cady Street. Admission is free. For more information, call 248-344-0497 or visit www.northvillearthouse.org.



JOHN DEMPSEY
Glare #12 Moby Dick

New rules set for school immunization waivers

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Parents seeking a vaccination waiver for their child entering school will now have to be educated by a local health worker about vaccines and the diseases they are intended to prevent, and sign a universal state form that includes a statement of acknowledgment about the risks of refusing vaccines.

In a listserv email sent out by the Northville Public School district on Dec. 20, district administration gave a message to

make parents aware of the changes.

“For your awareness, the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) recently (December 11) revised the administrative rules regarding Immunization Waiver Forms, effective beginning January 2, 2015 for all new school registrants. The MCDH and County health departments are in the process of working out the details of the implementation process,” the email stated.

The NPS email cited the Michigan Council for Maternal



and Child Health (MCMCH), which said Michigan is one of 20 states that allow parents to waive school vaccinations for reasons other than medical necessity or religious beliefs and has the fourth highest rate of

vaccination exemptions.

Michigan is also seeing increasing numbers of vaccine-preventable diseases reported, according to MCMCH.

Currently the state allows counties to implement their own process for obtaining a waiver – 10 counties already require an educational session about vaccines before parents can obtain a waiver.

In addition to creating the consistent standard of informed consent for those seeing vaccine

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JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Northville Township firefighters battle a blaze on Fairfield Court on Dec. 29 around 10:30 a.m. While there were no injuries reported at the two-story structure, and nobody was home when it broke out, the home suffered extensive damage. The Livonia Fire Dept. responded to the scene as well.

PARKSTONE HOME DESTROYED BY FIRE

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

A Northville Township home was badly damaged by a fire on Monday morning, leaving it a total loss.

The Northville Township Fire Department got a 911 call from a

witness at 9:20 a.m. that a house was on fire in the Parkstone neighborhood on Fairfield Court, which is north of Six Mile Road and west of Haggerty Road. The fire department quickly arrived at the scene three minutes later with two units, but at that point it was out

of control.

“When our two units first arrived, they found it fully engulfed in flames at the backside of the home,” said Northville Township Public Safety Director John Werth, who also arrived on the scene.

The owner of the two-story

home, who is not identified, was not home at the time and out of state, so no one was inside or hurt, including the firefighters, according to Werth.

“Our units arrived there quickly with a good response

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As he leaves office, Ficano recalls points of pride

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

If you ask outgoing Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano about his time in office, the first thing he'll discuss is the economic development growth the county has seen in recent years.

“If you look at it, in the past five years, 40 percent of all the new investment in the state of Michigan happened in Wayne County,” he said.

He'll champion work with the Aerotropolis development, the Cobo Center authority as well as attracting businesses such as Blue Cross Blue Shield to downtown Detroit.

It's those economic development projects Ficano hopes become his legacy, though the

debate will likely continue for years.

Ficano, a Livonia resident, is ending his time as county executive, a run that lasted 12 years before he was defeated in the Democratic primary in August. He, along with several other candidates, was defeated by Warren Evans, who will take the reins later this week as Wayne County executive.

Previous to his election in 2002 to the county's top spot, Ficano served as county sheriff. He was appointed sheriff in 1983 and re-elected five times.

He leaves office with several accomplishments under his belt, especially in economic development, but several problems loomed during his tenure in recent years. One of the most



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Outgoing county Executive Robert Ficano.

notable was the unfinished county jail project that sits across the street from the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit, as well as waves of scandal surrounding his political appointments.

Cementing a legacy, Ficano

said, comes with more than one or two problems that arise during a public servant's tenure.

“When we had some of those complications, the easiest thing to do would have been to give up and to move on. Instead, I said ‘no,’” he said. “I think, when you look at it, economic development is going to be a big part of the legacy.”

Looking back at his career, Ficano said he learned a lot on the job, including working with people he trusted perhaps a little too much to handle operations at the county.

“In this case, was I too trusting of some people? Yes, probably I was,” he said. “The fiscal thing was not easy and those

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NEW RULES

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waivers, MCMCH said the rules clarify current practice that allows the local public health officer to exclude any children who are not vaccinated from school and instructional time when an outbreak occurs.

MCMCH joined physician, nurse and health care leaders from across the state, issuing a joint statement in support of new childhood immunization guidelines:

“Childhood immunizations protect our kids from dangerous infectious diseases such as measles, mumps and whooping cough, but more and more Michigan kids are at risk as non-medical exemption rates rise and immunization rates fall.”

It further stated, “Today’s update to state regulations regarding immunizations is about

information and education and ensuring parents have enough of both as they make critical health decisions that impact their families and communities. Families choosing not to immunize their children will still be able to do so, but they will be supported with a consistent, detailed assessment of the personal and public health implications of their choices. We commend the Snyder Administration and lawmakers, especially State Senator Jim Marleau, for their leadership on this essential issue and for making this important update to state rules.”

NPS has had a case of pertussis or whooping cough, which has a vaccination, in the past year.

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NORTHVILLE LIBRARY LINES

The library will be closed Thursday, Jan. 1.

Poems for Michigan with Joyce Benvenuto

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 8

Details: Join us for a night of beautiful poetry with Poet and Storyteller Joyce Benvenuto, who brings alive the generations of people who have lived along Grand River, both the river and the road, for the past 160 years. Registration required. 248-349-3020 or online at our Events Calendar.

Book Discussion: Between the Lines

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 12

Details: Enjoy an interesting discussion of Kazuo Ishiguro’s *Never Let Me Go*. Just drop in.

Night Creatures: Meet Live Owls, Bats and More!

Time/Date: 4:15-5:15



COURTESY

The Northville District Library is hosting a special program, *Poems for Michigan with Joyce Benvenuto*, at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 8 in the main Carlo Meeting Room. Poet and Storyteller Benvenuto brings alive the generations of people who have lived along Grand River, both the river and the road, for the past 160 years, in this presentation of Michigan poetry. Her collection of poems, “A Grand River: Poems for Michigan,” crosses the state from shore to shore.

p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13

Details: Kids, discover the fascinating features and survival tools of Michigan’s native nocturnal animals in this exciting presentation with live creatures by the Organization for Bat Conservation. All ages welcome. 100 free tickets available at the Information Desk five minutes prior to the program. Tickets not available in advance. Due to space limitations, we cannot accommodate special groups.

Tween Events: Crime Lab

Time/Date: 4:15-5:45 pm Wednesday, Jan. 21

Details: Just for tweens ages 9-12. Who-dunnit? Kids will be immersed in the intriguing world of forensics as they work together to solve a mock crime in this exciting 90-minute workshop presented by the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum. Limit of 30 attendees. Registration begins Jan. 2. Due to space limitations this

activity cannot accommodate special groups.

iPad Basics

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27 and 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 3

Details: This is a two-part class. Bring your iPad and learn basic skills for your device, including where to find common settings, how to install apps and more. Registration required, online at our Events Calendar or by phone.

LEGO Day

Time/Date: 4:30-5 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28

Details: Kids in first through fifth grade make a fun hand-sized LEGO creation to be displayed in the youth area of the library. Participants must attend independent of a caregiver. Limit 30 attendees. Registration begins Jan. 2.

Winter Storytimes

Date/Time: Varied times in January

Details: For details about Winter storytimes visit www.northvillelibrary.org or call 248-349-3020. Registration for some storytimes begins in January.

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FIRE

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time,” Werth said of the firefighters who fought the blaze for over an hour.

The city of Livonia Fire Department assisted with putting out the fire.

However, Werth added that the home appears to be destroyed and the cause of the fire was undetermined as of Monday. Firefighters remained on the scene, putting out hot spots and starting an investigation into the cause.

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decisions, nobody liked cutting pay 10 percent.”

Diane Webb, a county commissioner who represents Redford, part of Livonia and Dearborn Heights, said the work of the people Ficano appointed could be a big part of how people remember him.

“He just trusted people too much and didn’t do his own homework on the decisions that were being made,” she said. “The biggest problem is that he did not stay in control.”

The jail project

Ficano said halting work on the jail project when it was projected to go about \$90 million over budget became the difficult thing to do, leaving the project half-completed.

“It took a lot of political capital, but we said, ‘No, we’re suing you,’” he said.

Three individuals who worked or did work for the county were indicted earlier this year on several charges related to the over-budget project. Their cases are still working through the legal process.

Ficano anticipates the jail project will move forward during Evans’ tenure and he said he believes it will be continued at its site across from the courthouse after all the lawsuits pan out.

“The path is there,” he said. “Part of that path is there because we stopped it and sued.”

Webb said while Ficano’s legacy with the jail will be remembered, there are many other issues that come to mind when thinking of his tenure, including his work on economic devel-

opment that has been beneficial across the county.

She cited several examples, including work to keep the Ford assembly plant in Wayne running and not moving out of the county.

“In doing that, the county helped keep Ford in Michigan and Wayne County,” she said. “It would be unfair to say he didn’t accomplish anything. He did get some things done.”

Water authority and local issues

Ficano praised the work to create a new water authority as a result the Detroit bankruptcy hearings, the Great Lakes Water Authority, which will have representation from all three metro Detroit counties, as well as the city of Detroit and the state.

Working to achieve some suburban representation over the water supply from Detroit was a “critically important” step to secure more say for other municipalities in how water rates are determined.

“The suburbs will have a lot more authority than they’ve had in the past,” he said. “We filed the mediation motion in the federal court, in the bankruptcy court, which spurred all this.”

The creation of that authority, Ficano said, will help save water users from potential major spikes in water rates if a private company were to come in and run the county’s water.

“No matter who you said should be making repairs and all that stuff, repairs have to be done,” he said. “A private company would have condensed it into a couple years in which they would have done it and the water rates would have just been sky high in all of the suburban

areas.”

The park, Westland’s largest, was closed due to lead and other contamination in 2006. The land was owned by Wayne County, which facilitated and largely funded the remediation project, which allowed the park to reopen in 2012.

“As mayor, I will always be thankful for Bob Ficano and his team working with the city to remediate and reopen Central City Park,” said Westland Mayor William Wild, who ran against Ficano in the August primary. “For without his help, the park would have continued to be a black eye for the community.”

Looking forward

As Evans moves into the Guardian Building next month, Ficano says he believes the county’s finances are on the right track.

“(Evans) has until at least 2016 to make sure what permanent path he wants to go with the finances,” Ficano said. “It’s pretty well stabilized itself. We’ve gotten surpluses, dramatically cut the accumulated deficit.”

A letter dated Dec. 19 from Ficano to county commission Chairman Gary Woronchak indicates the county will end the fiscal year with a \$5.6 million surplus and reduce its accumulated deficit \$47 million from last year to \$128 million.

Ficano said he has no plans to run for public office again, though “you never say never,” and he is still figuring out where he’ll head come 2015. He said he does plan on staying in Wayne County.

“I’ve had some offers for teaching and stuff, so I’m just going to see,” he said. “I’m still weighing all the options.”

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DeHoCo bill sent to governor

A former prison site in the middle of an emerging economic corridor could be on its way to gaining new life under a bill heading to Gov. Rick Snyder's desk.

The Michigan Legislature gave final approval to House Bill 5179, sponsored by state Rep. Kurt Heise. The bill would transfer the Detroit House of Corrections Prison site from the Michigan Department of Technology, Management and Budget to the Michigan Land Bank.

"This site is an absolute eyesore in an area where new businesses and jobs are being created in our growing community," said Heise, R-Plymouth Township. "DeHoCo is the center of the Five Mile corridor, where we are working to create new jobs and development. Transferring ownership



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
A study done in 2004 confirmed substantial environmental contamination at the DeHoCo Prison site, which will need to be cleaned up as part of or prior to a sale to a private developer taking place.

from the Department of Technology, Management and Budget to the Michigan Land Bank Authority will put the property in the right hands to get it cleaned up and marketed to companies looking to invest and bring jobs to Plymouth and Northville."

The DeHoCo Prison site was formerly

owned by the city of Detroit before it was purchased by the state in 1979 as part of a regional prison reform effort. The site was closed by the state in 1986. A study done in 2004 confirmed substantial environmental contamination at the site, which will need to be cleaned up as part of or prior to a sale to a

private developer taking place.

"The Michigan Land Bank Authority is an expert in working with troubled sites like DeHoCo that need to be cleaned before being sold," Heise said. "As someone who has been personally involved in the development of the Five Mile corridor and the sale of the former Scott Prison site to Northville Township, I know the DeHoCo site will take more time to be turned around, but it can be done. Approving this transfer will put the best people in charge of leveraging grants and tax incentives to get the site cleaned up and marketable for companies looking to develop and bring jobs to the region. This bill does not guarantee an immediate sale or cleanup, but it's the most important first step in that process."

POLICE BRIEFS

NOVI

Broken rear window

A driver told Novi Police that someone had thrown something at her vehicle, breaking a window.

The incident happened Nov. 28 in the Twelve Oaks mall parking lot outside Macy's. The woman told Novi Police that another car pulled up behind her and threw an object, possibly a rock, at the rear window of her Chrysler Town and Country. She and her passenger were unable to get a plate identification of the suspect vehicle, according to the police report.

The incident was not caught on the mall's security cameras either.

Concealed knives

A man was cited for carrying concealed knives after being stopped for a warrant.

According to a Novi Police report, the man was driving Nov. 25 near Novi Road and Ledgeview Drive when police ran a check of his vehicle. It came back that the registered owner had a Oakland County Friend of Court warrant. Upon making contact with the driver, the police reported seeing a sheathed knife on the man's leg that wasn't concealed. He told police he was out cutting wood.

A search of the man turned up three more knives.

NORTHVILLE

Trespassing

Four people were cited for trespassing after Northville Township Police found them on the property of the old state psychiatric hospital south of Seven Mile Road.

The police found the two men and two women on the township-owned property just before 2 a.m. Dec. 15. The police report said the officer on patrol was alerted to the possible presence of trespassers on the property after finding a car parked across the street and determined it was still warm. The foursome, ranging in age from 18-20 and from Hazel Park and Ferndale, were spotted in the main building after police observed flashlights on the roof.

Police stopped them as they exited the property.

Sitting at the light

A Westland man was arrested for drug paraphernalia and driving on a suspended license after Northville City Police stopped him for sitting at a green light on Main Street for a long time.

The arrest was Dec. 22 and, according to the police report, the man was searched and on him was a syringe and spoon. The background check revealed he had multiple suspensions.

Concealed pistol violation

A Dearborn Heights, who had a license to carry a concealed weapon, was cited for violation of this for failing to have proof of his license while carrying a handgun.

Northville City Police stopped the man at Mary Alexander Court and Center Street for going the wrong way on a one way street. He told police that he was carrying a handgun, but head left his wallet with the CPL inside it at home. He was also cited for driving the wrong way on a one way street.

- By Lonnie Huhman

Snyder: New Michigan department will help fill thousands of jobs

By Paul Egan
Michigan.com

Gov. Rick Snyder says a reorganization of state government he announced Dec. 18 will help fill tens of thousands of job vacancies that employers currently can't fill.

Snyder recently announced an executive order at a news conference in Lansing to create the state Department of Talent and Economic Development.

The new agency, headed by Steve Arwood, will oversee the Michigan Economic Development Corp., the Michigan Strategic Fund, the Michigan Unemployment Agency, the Michigan Workforce Development Agency and the Michigan State Housing Development Authority.

Snyder said it's all about creating a better match between



Arwood

workforce skills and employer needs. He said more than 80,000 Michigan jobs, many of them highly paid, are unfilled.

"One of my top priorities has been to make Michigan a national leader in talent development by focusing on workforce training for the jobs of today and tomorrow," he said.

Also under its umbrella will be the new Michigan Talent Investment Agency, headed by Stephanie Comai.

"I really want all Michiganders to make informed decisions about what job opportunities are available," said Comai, who was an official in the administration of Gov. John Engler and is currently a deputy director overseeing the

Unemployment Insurance Agency under Snyder.

"It's all about how we get Michiganders back to work," she said.

Arwood, the former director of the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, will also head the MEDC. Michael Finney, the current CEO of the MEDC, will move to a job in the governor's office as a senior adviser on economic growth.

The governor says Michigan will have a huge short-term competitive advantage over other states if it solves the jobs-skills disconnect quicker than the rest of the nation.

House Minority Leader Tim Greimel, D-Auburn Hills, called the announcement "a good-faith effort" by Snyder. "It's a step in the right direction," he said. "Time will tell how effective it will be."

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Novi Meadows parent Linda VanGoethem helps pass out lunch.

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Novi Meadows student Ava Fleming (right) helps Academy of the Americas student Anniliz Felix with a crafts project.

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Members of Novi High's choir group serenade students at Detroit's Academy of the Americas with "Feliz Navidad" and other carols.

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Novi Meadows student Lauren Trainor smiles as she helps out a student from Detroit's Academy of the Americas.

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Holiday cheer spreads from Novi to Detroit

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

The smiles say it all every time Novi Community Schools and its Detroit partner school, Academy of the Americas, have their annual holiday party, which is a culmination of the largest annual community service event for the Novi district.

"They (students) really enjoy it. It's an opportunity to share time together and I think both schools benefit from this," said Rocio Gomez, a third-grade teacher at the Academy of the Americas.

The Academy is a pre-K through eighth grade Neighborhood-Centered, Quality School, offering a unique Dual Immersion Bilingual Academic Program in Spanish and English within the traditional rigorous curriculum.

The visit is organized by Bridgepointe, which is a nonprofit charitable organization based in Detroit and whose mission is to bring together school children from city and suburb. It has partnered with schools in

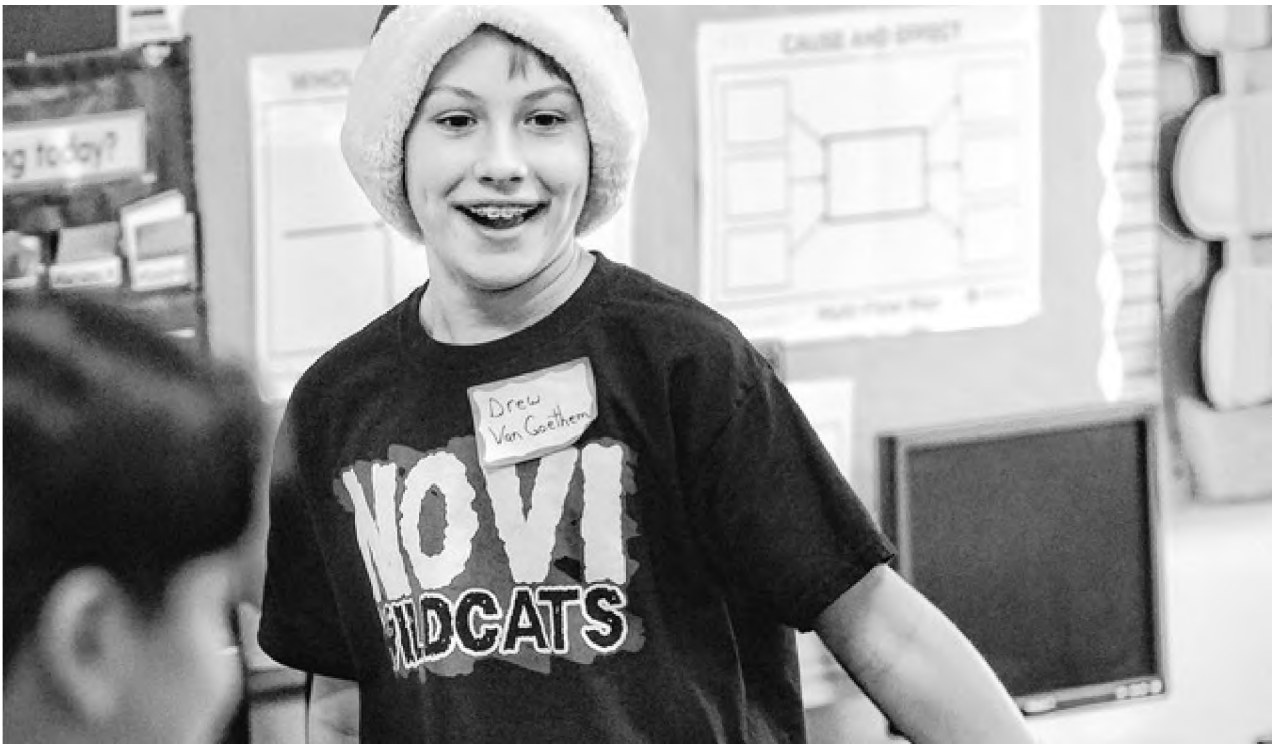
Detroit, Northville, Novi, Canton, Hamtramck, Pinckney and various faith-based schools to build this connection.

Novi students from each grade level all helped out with the event by volunteering time and gifts. At Novi Meadows Elementary School, students and staff collected items like Chapstick, lip smacker, nail polish and Matchbox cars as part of the effort. Gift baskets were given to the students and school.

Novi Meadows students, families and staff made the event a success by gift wrapping/card making, gift packing and the helping with delivery and then acting as party volunteers the day of the event.

Novi High choir students also went to the school for the party and sang holiday classics to the children while they enjoyed the different activities, like craft making, cookie decorating and lunch. Sophomore Mattea Valenti was one of the singers and she remembers being at the Academy as a middle school student.

"I love doing this. It's



Novi Meadows student Drew Van Goethem smiles as he leads a game.

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always fun," she said. "To see their faces and appreciation ... it's humbling."

Bridgepointe representative Shelly Cavazos said the event is a great enrichment experience for all of the students, teachers and volunteers. The positive connection of two different schools and communities has always been the goal. This holiday party plays a big part in making that happen.

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Novi High student Aarthi Janakiraman leads a game.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF NORTHVILLE

The City of Northville has prepared draft overlay zoning ordinance amendments for a portion of Cady Street. The boundaries of a new overlay zoning district are described in the zoning map below. The proposed modification will allow Central Business District (CBD) and residential uses along Cady Street. New regulations for building height, setbacks, landscaping, and parking are also proposed. A draft of the proposed ordinance is available through the Building Department during normal business hours of Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and is also available on the City's website (www.ci.northville.mi.us – go to Services, Building Department, Planning Commission).

Cady Street Overlay 1 (CSO-1)
Cady Street Overlay 2 (CSO-2)

RTD

The Planning Commission will be holding a public hearing on these draft zoning amendments on January 20, 2015 at 7:30 pm in the City of Northville Municipal Building - Lower Level Meeting Room, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-449-9902. The purpose of the hearing will be to receive public input on the proposed amendments. Written comments will also be accepted at the above address.

Craig Strong, Building Official
Publish: January 1, 2015

Dianne Massa, City Clerk
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Amazing Grapes



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Rachel and Ryan Wright take a look at some of the offerings at the recent Amazing Grapes charity fundraiser organized by the ladies of the Main Street League. The evening, taking place at Northville's Village Workshop, was to benefit Northville Civic Concern and offered the opportunity to bid for pairings of bottles of wine donated by attendees.

RELIGION CALENDAR

Send calendar information to cstone@hometownlife.com by noon Monday to be included in Thursday's publication. The calendar is also available online at www.hometownlife.com.

Brightmoor Christian

Location: M-5 and 13 Mile, Novi.
Contact: 248-668-7014 or CelebrateRecovery@brightmoorcc.org.
Web: www.brightmoorchurch.org.
Celebrate Recovery
Time/Dates: 7 p.m. Mondays.
Details: Worship, teaching or testimony and open-share recovery groups. Organizers offer the principles and tools to bring healing for the hurts, deliverance from life-controlling habits and freedom from the hang-ups that keep us from developing strong and healthy relations with God and others. Enter at Door D on the south side of the building. No cost; free child care is available for children birth through fifth grade. Pre-register.

Church of the Holy Family

Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road.
Contact: 248-349-8847 or visit hollyfamilynovi.org.
Mass Schedule
Time/Day: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday through Friday; 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday; 4:30 p.m. Saturday; 6:30 p.m. Saturday (Spanish).
Holy days: 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment.
Priests: the Rev. Bob LaCroix, pastor, and the Rev. Beto Espinoza, associate pastor.
AA: 8 p.m. Wednesdays.

Crosspointe Meadows

Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile.
Contact: 248-669-9400, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit crosspointemeadows.org.
Sunday worship: 11 a.m.
Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all ages.
Details: Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship experience.

Destiny Worship Center

Location: Ridge Wood Elementary School, 49775 Six Mile, Northville.
Contact: DestinyW3C@gmail.com or visit www.DW3C.org.

Emmanuel Lutheran

Location: 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia.
Web: www.emmanuel-livonia.org.
Contact: 248-442-8822.
Sunday worship: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.
Youth group: 7 p.m. Wednesdays.
Special Needs Ministry: Contact Judy Cook, 248-442-8822.
Christmas Eve Services: 5 p.m. family worship; 7 and 11 p.m. traditional family worship. All services include candle lighting and holy communion.
Sunday, Dec 28: one worship service at 9:30 a.m.

Faith Community Presbyterian Church

Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile.
Contact: 248-349-2345 or visit www.faithcommunity-novi.org.
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

First Baptist Church of Northville

Location: 217 N. Wing.
Contact: 248-348-1020.
Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays.
Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first Saturday of every month.

First Church of the Nazarene

Location: 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile.
Contact: 248-348-7600 or visit dfcnazarene.org.
Sunday Schedule: 9:30 a.m. Classic worship service, Adult Bible Fellowship classes and Children's Sunday School; 11 a.m. Contemporary worship service with Kids Church, Teen Worship Service and Adult Bible Fellowship classes. Cafe is open from 9:15-11 a.m.; 6 p.m. Evening Traditional Service.
Thursday: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group and Bible Study.
Tuesdays: 9:25 a.m. Women of the Word Bible Study — the Books of Ruth and Esther
Wednesday: 5:30 p.m. family dinner; 6:30 p.m. Caravan Scouting program for ages 4

through fourth grade; Club 56 for fifth and sixth graders; Surge Youth Group, Bible Study with Pastor Troy Ogle; and Little Critters for preschool age.

First Presbyterian Church of Northville

Location: 200 E. Main.
Contact: 248-349-0911 or visit www.fpcnorthville.org.
Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. (for all ages).

First Presbyterian Church

Location: 205 E. Lake St. (corner of Wells and 10 Mile), South Lyon.
Contact: 248-437-2875.

First Presbyterian Church

Location: 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington.

First United Methodist Church of Northville

Location: 777 W. Eight Mile, Northville.
Contact: 248-349-1144 or www.fumcnorthville.org.
Sunday Worship (September-May): 9:15 and 11 a.m.
Sunday School (September-May): 9:15 a.m. Nursery 12th grade; 11 a.m. Nursery-sixth grade.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Location: 41415 Nine Mile, corner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi.
Contact: 248-349-0565.
Sundays: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible study; 10 a.m. worship.

Holy Cross Episcopal

Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile.
Contact: 248-427-1175 or holycrossnovi@gmail.com; visit holyCROSSnovi.org.
Sunday Worship: 7:45 and 10 a.m.
Sunday School and Nursery Care: 10 a.m. worship service.
Alzheimer's Support Group: 10 a.m. second Saturday of month.

Hope Lutheran Church

Location: 39200 W. 12 Mile (east of Haggerty), Farmington Hills.

Lakes Baptist Church

Location: 309 Decker Road, Walled Lake.

Livonia Church of Christ

Location: 15431 Merriman, Livonia.
Contact: 734-427-8743 or visit www.livoniachurch.net.
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
Bible School: Sunday 10 a.m.; Wednesday 7 p.m.

Legacy Church

(formerly First Baptist Church and Orchard Hills Baptist Church)
Location: 23455 Novi Road, Novi.
Contact: pastor Jon Hix, 248-349-5665 or visit www.legacychurch.us.
Sunday School/Small Groups for all ages: 9:45 a.m.
Worship Services: 11 a.m.
Bible Study/Prayer: Wednesday 7 p.m.

Meadowbrook Congregational Church

Location: 21355 Meadowbrook Road between Eight Mile and Nine Mile.
Contact: the Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, senior minister, at 248-348-7757; visit mbccc.org; or email to office@mbccc.org.
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.
Church School and Nursery Care: provided during worship.
Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m.
Christmas Eve Worship: 6 p.m. (children's message and nativity scene) and 9 p.m. (adult choir and harp).

NorthRidge Church

Location: 49555 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth.
Phone: 734-233-3621.
Email: pheaton@northridgechurch.com.

Northville Christian Assembly

Location: 41355 Six Mile.
Contact: 248-348-9030; ncalife.org.
Sundays: 9-10 a.m. Sunday School for adults/youth/children; 9 a.m. Contemporary service in sanctuary; 10:15 a.m.: Contemporary service in worship center; children's super church on the second level (208/210).
Wednesday Family Night: 7 p.m.; Adult elective classes;

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Obituaries, Memories & Remembrances

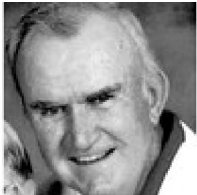
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Deadlines: Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. for Thursday papers
Holiday deadlines are subject to change.

FISHER, DUEARD
March 12, 1927 - December 22, 2014. Arrangements by: PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME. www.phillipsfuneral.com

GARDNER, GLADYS M.
Age 95. For schedule of funeral service, please visit www.phillipsfuneral.com.

GARDNER, TIMOTHY J.
Age 56, passed away December 26, 2014. www.phillipsfuneral.com.



HORAN, JAMES JOHN "JIM"
76, of Hot Springs Village, Arkansas (formerly of Milford, MI), died on Thursday, December 18, 2014. He was born on January 11, 1938 in Long Beach, California as the oldest of 11 children of the late James and Helen (Bessolo) Horan. After graduation from high school in Long Beach, Jim earned a bachelor's and later a master's degree from Michigan State University where he studied education and excelled in track and cross country. It was at Michigan State that Jim met and married Jo, who was his devoted partner for life. Jim's love of teaching and gift for inspiring young people took him to positions in California, South America, and Michigan. In 1968, Jim brought his young family to Milford, MI. For the next 28 years, he served as a teacher, coach, high school administrator, and athletic director in the Huron Valley School District, where he enjoyed lasting relationships with students and colleagues alike. Jim and his wife Jo retired to Hot Springs Village, Arkansas in 1997. In retirement, Jim enjoyed playing golf, cards and working as a golf course marshal at the Cortez golf course and in his later years, developed an interest in gardening. Jim loved spending time with his family and socializing with friends both old and new. He had a ready smile, quick wit, and nothing made him happier than to share a laugh. He never knew a stranger. Jim and Jo are members of Christ of the Hills Methodist Church in Hot Springs Village. Jim is survived by his wife of nearly 55 years, Jo Anne (Wolf) Horan; three daughters, Tamara Bloor (George) of WA, Patricia Kilgore of MI and Kathleen Wong (Anthony) of MI, and grandchildren, Tori Steinke, Ryan Steinke, Bradley Wong and Molly Kilgore. Jim was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, and one sister. Services are being planned for late January and details will be shared soon. Guests may register at www.caruth-hale.com

LOEFFLER, JUDITH A.
Age 75, passed away December 25, 2014. She is survived by her daughters Cheryl (Tim) Harper and Michele Marlatt, grandchildren: Sean, Kayla, Matthew and Megan. Also survived by her sister Lynn Copeland. A Memorial Service was held Tuesday, December 30th at 7:00 p.m. at Philips Funeral Home. www.phillipsfuneral.com

MARINOS, WILLIAM
March 29, 1918 - December 25, 2014. Arrangements by: PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME. www.phillipsfuneral.com

MITCHELL, DORIS LOUISE
A longtime resident of Milford, passed away peacefully on December 20th, 2014 at the age of 94. She was preceded in death by her husband, Arthur in June, 2014 and by her son, Paul (Denise) in 2004. She is survived by her son, Michael (Jean) Mitchell and was loved by her four grandchildren, Jeffery, Patrick, Angela and Charles, along with seven great grandchildren. Services will be held privately. For further information phone 248-684-6645 or visit LynchFuneralDirectors.com

MOSHER, NANCY J.
Age 82, a longtime Northville resident, passed away December 26, 2014. www.phillipsfuneral.com

RUNNER, MARY
Passed away December 24, 2014. www.phillipsfuneral.com

SMITH, CATHERINE
August 22, 1919 - December 24, 2014. Arrangements by: PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME. www.phillipsfuneral.com

SONK, EILEEN R.
Age 84, of longtime resident of Northville, passed away December 28, 2014. Full obit at www.casterlinefuneralhome.com



SPEAR, RAYMOND E.
East Greenwich-Age 83, passed away on Friday, December 5, 2014. Ray was a part of the "Great-est Generation" in its truest sense. He spent his life in service to his country, his community, his family and his church. He had a heart for others and his life was a testimony to this fact and his abiding faith in Jesus Christ. As a young man, Ray earned the rank of Eagle Scout, and from his early life through his later years, he remained active with the Boy Scouts of America. He served his country proudly as a drill sergeant during the Korean War. Following the war, he completed his undergraduate degree at Plymouth Teachers' College in New Hampshire. He then acquired his M.A. and ED.S. degrees from the University of Michigan and went on to serve the people of Northville and DeWitt, Michigan and Coventry, Rhode Island as a public school superintendent. In his position as Superintendent, Ray was known for being a strong leader and tireless advocate for the towns' students and schools. Following his retirement, Ray continued to serve his community as Chairman of the Coventry School Committee and later as President of the Coventry Town Council. Most recently, Ray served as an ambassador at his residence of the last two years, Atria Harborhill, East Greenwich. Ray was a committed Christian and attending Sunday services at his church brought him great joy. Ray was a true family man. He was a devoted husband of 53 years to the late Freida O. Spear. He was a proud father to Carol (Spear) Crawford and her husband Dr. Kim Crawford of East Greenwich and Scott T. Spear and his wife Lisa of North Smithfield. He adored his grandchildren, the late Christopher Spear Crawford, Katherine Rae Bolyard and husband Ryan, Colby Spear, Braden Spear and wife Audrey and Trenton Spear, and counted it a great blessing that he was able to share considerable time with them as they grew up. He is survived by his brother, Norman F. Spear of Lady Lake, FL and his close friend Kay Malloy of Kingston, NH. A funeral Service was held at Quiddnessett Baptist Church, 6356 Post Road, North Kingstown, RI on Friday, December 26 at 7 PM. Donations in his memory may be made to Re-Focus, Inc., 1228 Westminster Street, Providence, RI 02909. Burial will be private. Remembrances may be shared at: carpenterjenks.com



TOWLER, KATHLEEN ANN
Age 51, peacefully passed away after a three year battle with cancer on December 18, 2014. She was a twenty three-year resident of Ann Arbor. She was born on August 16, 1963 in Detroit to Andrew and Sydney (Johnson) Rajkovich and grew up in South Lyon, MI. Kathy received her Associates Degree in Liberal Arts from Oakland Community College in 1983. Kathleen worked for over twenty years at area real estate title companies, preparing and processing closing documents. She was an excellent baker and known for her Christmas cookies. Kathleen also enjoyed making client gift baskets and flower arranging. She loved her pets and spending time with friends, family and especially her grandson. Lately, she also enjoyed working with other cancer patients, offering guidance and support. She is survived by her loving children, Jason (Ashley) Houston of South Elgin, IL, Marissa Houston and grandson Talan Birnbaum of Hampshire, IL, and Kaitlyn Towler of Ann Arbor. She is also survived by her brother Daniel (Anita) Rajkovich of South Lyon and best friends Julie Taylor and Bill Wanzeck of Ann Arbor. She was preceded in death by her parents. A visitation was held on December 26th at the Nie Funeral Home. A funeral mass took place on December 27th at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, followed by a graveside ceremony held at Arborcrest Memorial Park, where Kathleen was interred along with her parents. Memorial contributions would be appreciated to the Humane Society of Huron Valley.

WHITMAN, LOIS
Age 88, passed away December 21, 2014. Memorial will take place at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME. phillipsfuneral.com



Toddle Time



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Braxton Arthur, 4, races around the gymnasium at the Northville Community Center on Nov. 18 during a Toddle Time get-together. Toddle Time, where kids ages 1-5 can run, crawl, bike and skip around the gym with a lot of fun toys around, takes place from 10 a.m. to noon each Tuesday.

RELIGION

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junior and senior high ministries; children's programs, Nursery and Preschool Program on Sundays and Wednesdays Home of Northville Christian School (day care; preschool through eighth grade); call 248-348-9031.

Novi-Northville Center for Jewish Life

Details: Events, programs and activities for all ages throughout the year — children's programs, Sunday school, adult Jewish classes, youth clubs, holiday services and programs and community social events.

Contact: Rabbi Avrohhom and Leah Susskind at 248-790-6075 or rabbi@novijewishcenter.com; www.novijewishcenter.com.

Novi United Methodist

Location: 41671 W. 10 Mile. **Contact:** 248-349-2652 or visit umcnovi.com.

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/pages/Novi-United-Methodist-Church/59782031433.

Sunday Worship: 9:45 a.m.

Healing Service and Holy Communion: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of every month.

Peace Vigil: noon first Sunday of every month in front of the church. Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace.

Oak Pointe Church

Location: 50200 W. 10 Mile, Novi.

Contact: 248-912-0043.

Web: www.oakpointe.org/lifegroups.

Worship Services: 5:15 p.m.

Saturday; 9:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m. Sunday.

ReNew Life Group Ministries: 7-9 p.m. Monday (groups meet weekly).

Women's Life Groups Ministries: 7 p.m. Tuesday; 9:30 a.m. Wednesday.

Men's Life Groups Ministries: 6 a.m. Friday; at the church and various locations.

Our Savior Apostolic Lutheran Church

Location: 54899 Eight Mile, Northville.

Contact: 248-374-2268.

Children (5-10) & Adult Sunday School: 10 a.m.

Bible Study: Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

Orchard Grove Community Church

Location: 850 Ladd Road, Walled Lake.

Contact: 248-926-6584; www.orchardgrove.org.

Get your tickets at www.orchardgrove.org. Event will feature bungee jump, whirly bird, dunk tank, car bash, 3-on-3 basketball, zorbs balls, long board course and prize giveaways all night.

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church

Location: 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth Township.

Contact: 734-453-0326, Ext. 221.

Our Lady of Victory

Location: 132 Orchard Drive, Northville.

Contact: 248-349-2621 or olvnorthville.org.

Saturday Worship: 5 p.m.

Sunday Worship: 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

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Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.
Fr. Bob LaCroix, Pastor
Fr. Beto Espinoza, Associate
Parish Office: 349-8847 • www.holyfamilynovi.org

Livonia

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Services held at:
Saint Andrews Episcopal Church
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10774 Nine Mile Road
Rev. M. Lee Taylor • 449-2582
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Worship, 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
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Sunday 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.
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Highland

HIGHLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
680 W. Livingston Rd. • Highland, MI 48357
248.887.1311 • www.myhumc.com
Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Kids Church: 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
MS & HS Youth: 11:00 a.m.
Wed is MS Youth Night: 6:30 p.m.
Griefshare, Mondays, 6:30 p.m.

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

ST. JAMES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH NOVI
46325 10 Mile Rd. • Novi, MI 48374
Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 8, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m.
Msgr. John Kasza, Pastor
Parish Office: 347-7778

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Worship - 10:30 a.m.
www.newhudsonumc.org

WEST HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
1116 S. Hickory Ridge Rd., Milford, MI 48380
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10:30 a.m. Praise and Worship
Wednesday Midweek Ministries 7 p.m.
Troy Singleton, Minister

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Adult Bible Study: 9 a.m.

NEW HOPE - A Unitarian Universalist Congregation
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Rev. Suzanne Paul, Minister
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Sunday School @ 11 am
Wednesday mid-week programs
Rev. David Brown, Pastor
248-437-2222 • www.fellowshippepc.org

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Phone: 248-437-2983
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. • Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.
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Claire Filthout learns how to balance on one skate as she takes a Learn to Skate class at the Novi Ice Arena.



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Learn to Skate instructor Alison Freier helps newcomer David Zhao regain his balance as they take to the ice.



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The Learn to Skate Class at the Novi Ice Arena filled an arena Nov. 5 with dozens of skaters, mostly young, learning how to glide across the ice.

LEARN TO SKATE

Skills for all levels taught at Novi Ice Arena

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

The Novi Ice Arena's Learn to Skate program is a great place to start for any aspiring hockey player or figure skater. The schedule includes classes for all skill levels ages 3 through adult.

"Our program is open to every age and is designed to provide a fun and safe experience and to promote health and physical fitness to both the recreational and competitive skater," Novi Ice Arena Skating Director Micki Freier said.

The Learn to Skate program follows the curriculum of the U.S. Figure Skating program. Lessons are given by highly qualified professional skating instructors.

There are different skating levels for every level of experience and age.

The different classes start with "Parent Tot," which is for skaters ages 3-5 with little or no skating experience who learn basic balance and skating skills in a fun introductory



A skater is taught the proper way to stretch her arms while gliding across the icy surface.

class while a parent or adult friend accompanies a skater on the ice. They go up to the "Power" class, which is for more experienced skaters wanting to learn in a high-paced class to help improve speed, edge control, strength and endurance.

"We encourage all skaters to achieve the fundamental skills needed to either skate for fun or to advance to the competitive level," Freier said.

For each participant, there is a 30-minute class and a 30-minute practice.

Freier said skating is an enjoyable, creative and challenging activity and the Learn to Skate is one great way to experience it while learning more.

"It involves the development, practice and execution of skills that one progressively learns and builds on over time," Freier said.

The next session will start Jan. 7 and run for eight weeks until Feb. 28. For more information, go to <http://www.noviicearena.com/page/show/411399-learn-to-skate> or call Freier at 248-347-1010.

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 **12 Weeks**
TO GRASS ALLERGY SEASON*

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

*Date is approximate, depending on your region.



Not actual size

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



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

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

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

Important Safety Information about GRASTEK

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

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

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Residents gather data on weather’s wrath

By Mike Lammi
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When it’s a cold day in Hell, John Colone lets the National Weather Service know about it.

When it’s a cold day on Fonda Lake in Green Oak Township, Larry Wooden provides the details to the Weather Underground.

Colone and Wooden both have personal weather stations on their property. Colone’s equipment stands behind Screams Ice Cream shop in the hamlet of Hell in Putnam Township. Wooden’s weather station is outside his home on Fonda Lake.

Wooden’s interest in the weather was passed down from his father, who began keeping track of the conditions at Fonda Lake about four decades ago.

“For years my dad recorded the daily temperatures and rainfall and he’d keep track of the lake level,” Wooden said. “He kept a notebook with highs, lows, rainfall, lake level.”

While his father used pencil and paper to record measurements taken with the naked eye, Wooden’s data is transmitted from a personal weather station via a Wi-Fi connection. The small station is perched atop a tripod about eight or nine feet high a few yards from his home. It records air temperature, humidity, rainfall, wind speed, barometric pressure and ultraviolet light from the sun.

Wooden’s information is also transmitted to the Weather Underground, a San Francisco-based service that provides real-time weather conditions via the Internet.

The Weather Underground (<http://www.wunderground.com>) gets data from 19 personal weather stations in Livingston County and from about 25,000 personal

ONLINE

For more information about personal weather stations and the Weather Underground, go to <http://www.wunderground.com>. Data from nearly 20 weather stations in Livingston County can be found on the site.

weather stations in the United States, according to Andria Stark, the company’s communications and events manager.

Small investment

Personal weather stations are available for as little as around \$150 from companies such as Ambient Weather and Oregon Scientific. The Weather Underground markets equipment on its website.

“The only way it gets expensive is if you get into the professional-grade systems that can go for \$1,500 to \$5,000,” said Wooden, who estimates he has invested \$500 or \$600 in his equipment since getting started around 2007.

Because the real-time data is available on the Weather Underground website, Wooden — or anyone else — can see what the weather is like at Fonda Lake or other locations 24 hours a day. It also allows people to view weather conditions from years past.

Colone’s personal weather station in Hell is less technologically advanced. The equipment from the National Weather Service measures only temperature and rainfall and Colone must make a phone call to the NWS each day to report high and low temperatures and the amount of precipitation.

As the unofficial mayor of Hell, Colone inherited weather-recording duties when he took over



GILLIS BENEDICT | MICHIGAN.COM
Green Oak Township resident Larry Wooden is following in his father’s footsteps and tracking the local weather. While his father used pencil and paper to record daily weather conditions for many years on their property on Fonda Lake, Wooden receives data from his personal weather station that is transmitted via Wi-Fi to a unit inside his home. The data is then forwarded to the Weather Underground.

Screams Ice Cream shop nearly 15 years ago.

Hell’s numbers

Temperature readings are a hot topic when your town is called Hell.

“The weather is very important here,” Colone said. “When Hell freezes over, we get calls from TV and radio stations from all over the world.”

One thing Colone and Wooden agree on: The data from their personal

weather stations showed that last winter was a cold one.

“There’s supposed to be a warming of the Earth? It sure the hell isn’t coming our way,” Colone said.

Wooden said it was the coldest winter in the seven or eight years that he has had a personal weather station.

“You have a hard time selling global warming around here right now,”

he said with a laugh.

While many scientists say their data clearly show a warming of the Earth’s atmosphere, Wooden said owning a personal weather station has given him some doubts about that data.

“I am actually more skeptical than ever, because one thing you learn about with these things is that trying to maintain and keep accurate temperature measurements

is very difficult,” he said.

Some of the problems, Wooden said, can stem from the placement of equipment in or out of the sun, or whether the equipment has the proper heat shields or is otherwise properly installed.

“If you look at nearby weather stations in any given moment of time, you’ll see temperatures are all over the map. ... These things aren’t perfect,” he said. “They are calibrated when you get them, but unless you go through the trouble to try to get someone to recalibrate them for you, they are going to drift a bit.

“There is just so much unknown that I would always hesitate to take any stands (on climate change) just because of the uncertainty of the data,” he added.

Stark said the Weather Underground uses the information it gathers from personal weather stations to create forecasts and weather models.

“We make the data available to report up-to-the-minute conditions and forecasting information within our apps and on the site,” she said. “We also use it to compare the historical data from each station to see how the models perform. We then adjust the model, depending on those correlations, to improve the forecasts for each specific station.”

Wooden is a partner in a small engineering company, so he knows his way around computer equipment. But anyone with an interest in the weather — and a Wi-Fi connection — would make good use of a personal weather station, he said.

“What’s made this accessible for the average person is that this wireless stuff is so ubiquitous, plus the ease of the use of the software,” he said. “I really enjoy this.”

Brief Summary



GRASTEK®

Timothy Grass Pollen Allergen Extract
Tablet for Sublingual Use 2800 BAU

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

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

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

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

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

What is GRASTEK?

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

Who should not take GRASTEK?

You or your child should not take GRASTEK if:

- You or your child has severe, unstable or uncontrolled asthma
- You or your child had a severe allergic reaction in the past that included any of these symptoms:
 - Trouble breathing
 - Dizziness or fainting
 - Rapid or weak heartbeat
- You or your child has ever had difficulty with breathing due to swelling of the throat or upper airway after using any sublingual immunotherapy before.
- You or your child has ever been diagnosed with eosinophilic esophagitis.
- You or your child is allergic to any of the inactive ingredients contained in GRASTEK. The inactive

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

What should I tell my doctor before taking GRASTEK?

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

- You or your child has asthma, depending on how severe it is.
- You or your child suffers from lung disease such as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).
- You or your child suffers from heart disease such as coronary artery disease, an irregular heart rhythm, or you have hypertension that is not well controlled.
- You or your daughter is pregnant, plans to become pregnant during the time you will be taking GRASTEK, or is breast-feeding.
- You or your child is unable or unwilling to administer auto-injectable epinephrine to treat a severe allergic reaction to GRASTEK.
- You or your child is taking certain medicines that enhance the likelihood of a severe reaction, or interfere with the treatment of a severe reaction. These medicines include:
 - beta blockers and alpha-blockers (prescribed for high blood pressure)
 - cardiac glycosides (prescribed for heart failure or problems with heart rhythm)
 - diuretics (prescribed for heart conditions and high blood pressure)
 - ergot alkaloids (prescribed for migraine headache)
 - monoamine oxidase inhibitors or tricyclic antidepressants (prescribed for depression)
 - thyroid hormone (prescribed for low thyroid activity).

You should tell your doctor if you or your child is taking or has recently taken any other medicines, including medicines obtained without a prescription and herbal supplements. Keep a list of them and show it to your doctor and pharmacist each time you get a new supply of GRASTEK. Ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before taking GRASTEK.

Are there any reasons to stop taking GRASTEK?

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

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

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

How should I take GRASTEK?

Take GRASTEK exactly as your doctor tells you.

GRASTEK is a prescription medicine that is placed under the tongue.

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

- Wash hands after taking the tablet.

Take the first tablet of GRASTEK in your doctor’s office.

After taking the first tablet, you or your child will be watched for at least 30 minutes for symptoms of a serious allergic reaction.

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

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

What are the possible side effects of GRASTEK?

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

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

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

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

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Civilian pistol safety class

The Novi Police Department will be offering a civilian pistol safety class from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, at the Novi Police Department Training Center 45125 10 Mile. The course fulfills both the classroom and shooting requirements to obtain a Michigan Concealed Pistol License.

Registration forms are available online at www.cityofnovi.org and at the Novi Police Department. Completed registration forms and the \$150 course fee (cash or money order), may be returned to the Novi Police Department. Class size is limited, and all participants are subject to a criminal background check.

After lunch, participants will move to the Novi Firearms Training Center to complete the course. Students must bring their own equipment, including a personal handgun, 100 rounds of ammunition, safety glasses, shooter's earmuffs or ear plugs, a pen or pencil, a baseball cap, and wear loose comfortable clothing to participate in the course. Participants must be 21 years old and not have to be a Novi resident to attend.

For more information, visit www.cityofnovi.org or contact Sgt. Michael Warren at mwarren@cityofnovi.org or 248-921-9843.

Choralaires recruiting

Do you love to sing? Would you like to meet new people and take part in sharing the joy of music within our community? Join the Novi Choralaires, a community chorus of men and women from Novi and the surrounding area, who perform concerts for the public and at many community events. The current season is January through May, with rehearsals 7:30-9:30 p.m. each Tuesday.

The Choralaires are seeking new members for all voice parts. Open rehearsals for the 2015 January through May season will be held at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 6 and 13 at the Novi Middle School choir classroom (4900 W. 11 Mile at Wixom Road).

The Choralaires spring show will be at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 9, at the Novi Middle School Auditorium.

For more information about the Choralaires and their concerts, visit www.novichoralaires.org or www.facebook.com/novichoralaires.

Gorman's partners with Arc

It is estimated that nearly 4.6 million Americans have an intellectual or developmental disability. Gorman's Home Furnishings & Interior Design, through its Lifeline of Hope Campaign, will once again raise money to help make a difference in the lives of these local individuals and their families.

Customers can participate in this community-giving program by visiting any of Gorman's four southeast Michigan showrooms in Novi, Troy, Southfield or Lakeside (Shelby Township) through Jan. 19 and make a minimum donation of \$50 to The Arc of Oakland County. As a thank you, donors will receive \$200 off the price of any recliner from Gorman's 10 best brands or \$400 off select, world-famous Stressless recliners.

The Arc of Oakland County Inc. is Michigan's largest community-based organization of and for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. It works through education, research and advocacy to improve the quality of life for the people it serves.

For more information about The Arc of Oakland County, go to

Decorative displays



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Northville Community Center employee Josie Conder takes a look at one of the many decorated Christmas trees Dec. 18 at the West Main Street center. Trees will be displayed there through the first week of the new year, done up by local organizations and groups like the Northville Woman's Club, the Northville Garden Club, Northville Township Beautification Committee, the Northville Mother's Club, the Northville High School varsity girls basketball team and one by and for local veterans.

Cookie class



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Northville's Edward's catering bakers Chris Shelters (left) and Nancy Fraleigh work on prepping gingerbread house cookies for a kids holiday cookie decorating workshop Dec. 4.

In stitches



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Cheryl Sparks works on cross-stitching during a Dec. 19 meeting of the In-Stitches group at the Novi Senior Center. The group, which will be all about the needle and thread arts, including needlepoint, will begin meeting the second and fourth Friday of each month beginning Jan. 9.

<http://thearcoakland.org/>.

Novi Farmers Market continues through winter

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

The winter market will take place twice monthly from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. the following Saturdays: Jan. 10 and 24; Feb. 14 and 21; March 7 and 21; and April 4 and 18.

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

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

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

owbrook Activity Center. There is no cost to register, but a \$3 supply fee will be due to the instructors at each class. The schedule includes:

For more information, call 248-347-0414.

Clothing recycling program

For Walled Lake residents, recycling unwanted clothing is now as easy as a walk to the curb with the free curbside collection program offered by Simple Recycling.

The program is simple and convenient since pickup occurs on the same day as recycling service, collection bags are provided and replacement bags are left each time full bags are set out for curbside pickup.

While the focus is on recycling clothing, Simple Recycling will also accept shoes, accessories, toys, books and small home goods in working condition such as kitchen ware and tools.

Residents who live in communities not serviced by the Simple Recycling program are encouraged to donate unwanted clothing to their favorite charity or thrift shop. A list of local organizations, including those that offer pickup, is available on the RRRASOC website at www.rrrasoc.org.

Give blood, platelets

The American Red Cross asks eligible donors to give something that means something this holiday season — a lifesaving blood donation.

Blood donations often decline this time of year when donors get busy with holiday festivities and travel. Severe winter weather and seasonal illnesses, like the flu, can also have a serious impact on blood donations, but the need for blood remains steady. On average, the Red Cross must collect 15,000 blood products every day for patients across the country.

Eligible donors with all types are needed, especially those with O negative, A negative and B negative. To learn more about donating blood and to schedule an appointment, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, go to www.redcrossblood.org or call 800-733-2767.

Hulafrog launches website for activities

Hulafrog, a national network of local community guides for parents, has launched its latest website for the Novi-Commerce area (which includes Novi, Commerce, Northville, White Lake, Highland, Milford, South Lyon, Walled Lake and Wixom). The site promises a daily dose of the best local activities, destinations, deals and other resources for families.

Hulafrog answers many of the questions parents often ask each other such as "Where can I take my toddler today?" "What's the best place for my daughter's 6th birthday party?" "Which preschool has the best reviews?" or "What can my family do this weekend?"

Hulafrog was launched in 2010 by Sherry Lombardi and Kerry Bowlbliss, two serial entrepreneur moms out of the New York City area, who desperately needed a better way to keep track of all there was for kids to do in their community. Since then, local Hulafrog sites have been debuting across the country. Each site is run by a mom (the publisher) as a part-time business from home and covers about a dozen towns within a 15-mile radius.

The key to delivering a valuable resource to the community is being "current and comprehensive," says publisher Kristine Lewis, a mom of two who runs Hulafrog out of her home in Wixom. "Our site is brand new and already has hundreds of upcoming

events and hundreds more businesses— from indoor play centers to kid-friendly restaurants to pediatricians — that matter to parents."

Hulafrog also has many interactive features that make it even better as time passes and locals use it. All events and businesses can be loved by parents — or given a tip or comment. Subscribers get an "Our Pick" email alert with a heads up on key events for coming week and weekend, as well as some ideas for big upcoming events they won't want to miss.

Parents can subscribe for free at <http://hulafrog.com>.

Tennis for children

The city of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department has partnered with Todd Beyer Tennis and Funstart Tennis to offer winter tennis programming for the beginner to advanced player, ages 6-15.

Todd Beyer Tennis will take place at Novi Woods at 6 p.m. each Thursday. Participants will learn the fundamentals of the game while enhancing their pre-existing skills. Registration is going on now for the January, February and April sessions.

Funstart Tennis takes place at both Village Oaks and Parkview. The program is for those 6-10 years old who want to experience tennis in a relaxed atmosphere. Racquets are provided. Tennis at Village Oaks takes place 6-6:55 p.m. each Monday, while the Parkview lessons take place 4:05-5 p.m. each Wednesday. Funstart offers sessions starting in January and March.

To register and for a complete listing of all the sessions, visit www.cityofnovi.org.

NORTHVILLE

Becoming a Love & Logic Parent

Love and Logic is a philosophy of raising and teaching children that allows adults to be happier, empowered and more skilled in the interactions with children. Love allows children to grow through their mistakes. Logic allows children to live with the consequences of their choices.

Northville Youth Assistance is presenting a series of three Love and Logic four-session workshops (select one):

» Thursdays, Jan. 8-29, 9:30-11 a.m.; Northville Community Center 303 W. Main

» Wednesdays, Feb. 4-25, 2-3:30 p.m.; Silver Springs Elementary School, 19801 Silver Springs Dr.

» Wednesdays, March 4-25, 7-8:30 p.m. Silver Springs Elementary School.

The fee is \$20 per person. Contact the NYA office at 248-344-1618 if this presents a financial hardship. Pre-registration is required.

Blues @ The Elks

Plymouth-Ann Arbor Elks Lodge No. 325 in Plymouth will present Blues @ The Elks the second Tuesday of each month in partnership with the Detroit Blues Society and Jazz @ The Elks the last Tuesday of each month. The Lodge is located at 41700 Ann Arbor Road, in Plymouth Township. The events run 7-10 p.m.

For more information call 734-453-1780 or visit www.plymouthelks1780.com.

Rotary's Little Libraries

Northville Rotary is initiating the installation of Little Libraries, small book depositories where community members can exchange books. The Rotarians would like to establish six locations throughout the Northville community and seeking suggestions as to where the locations might be. Rotarians are encouraging other organizations to volunteer and assist in this effort as well.

For more information, contact John Kelly at john@kellykellylaw.com or 248-348-0496.

VFW hosting comedy benefit

The VFW Post 4012 in Northville (438 S. Main Street, Northville) invites the community to an Open Mic Comedy Special, Saturday, Jan. 17. Doors open at 7 p.m.; show starts at 8. There will be 10 aspiring comedians doing a 10-minute set each, plus an open mic for those who preregister by Jan. 15. One prize of \$100 will be awarded to the top place comedian.

The price is \$5 per person plus a two-drink minimum. Profits will go to the Veterans in the V.A. Hospitals in Ann Arbor and Detroit.

Please RSVP, as seating is limited. For reservations to attend the show and registration for the open mic, call Karen Westphal at 313-535-1445. For those unable to attend, donations for the V.A. Hospital may be sent to the VFW c/o Scott Van De Ven.

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF OAKLAND
CITY OF NOVI
ORDINANCE NO. 14 – 18.271

AN ORDINANCE TO UPDATE, AMEND, AND REFORMAT APPENDIX A, "ZONING," OF THE CITY OF NOVI CODE OF ORDINANCES (THE PRIOR ORDINANCE NO. 97-18, AS AMENDED) AND RELATED ZONING MAP FOR PURPOSES OF INCORPORATING CLEARZONING FORMATTING AND CLARIFYING CERTAIN PROVISIONS

The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, December 22, 2014 and the provisions of the ordinance shall become effective seven (7) days after its publication. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., prevailing local time.

Maryanne Cornelius, MMC, City Clerk

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COMMUNITY FINANCIAL CREDIT UNION DONATES TO AREA SCHOOLS

Community Financial Credit Union is helping schools in southeast Michigan communities by donating funds for educational programs and supplies through the Community Shares program.

Started in 1999, Community Shares is a program where Community Financial donates to school projects, functions and foundations. The credit union runs this program in the communities it serves in southeast Michigan and northern Michigan.

“Our local schools are the backbone of strong communities here in Michigan and so we feel it is important to give back to the communities that have been so good to us,” Community Financial marketing manager Sarah Cousineau said. “We know that funding



for our school districts is a constant challenge, so we're happy to help support educational needs wherever we can.”

Community Financial worked with several school districts to identify programs that could benefit from financial support. Donations included the Livonia Public Schools Education Foundation, the Northville Educational Foundation and the Novi Education Foundation.

A donation to the Plymouth-Canton Educational Excellence Foundation is supporting a community display of a his-

torical research project conducted by Salem High School teacher Darrin Silvester and his students. The project focuses on the historical impact of Central Middle School and the graduates of the previously known Plymouth High School.

“When classroom work can be connected to the community, the better kids are prepared for their futures,” Silvester said.

Silvester and his students are excited the grant allows them to present their work in a format that makes it useful to the entire com-

munity.

“The grant from Community Financial is helping to honor the great work that Plymouth High School graduates have done in Plymouth and the rest of the nation” Silvester said. “We are excited to share what we have found. There has been great work done here for more than 150 years and we want to share it with the community.”

The grant given to Northville Schools was graciously accepted by Jennifer Roosenberg, executive director for the Northville Educational Foundation.

“Among the programs this money will support is one that will bring innovative educational programs to our schools and also our ‘Leader in Me’ program that helps elementary school children develop highly ef-

fective habits that will help them prepare them for middle and high school,” Roosenberg said.

Community Financial donated a total of \$25,500 for Community Shares in 2014. Eight school districts located in southeast and northern Michigan communities have benefited from the charitable program.

Headquartered in Plymouth, membership in Community Financial Credit Union is open to anyone who lives, works, worships or attends school in 23 Michigan counties. With more than 50,000 members, Community Financial provides financial services to members at 10 locations and through a variety of automated and online services. For more membership information, go to www.cfcu.org or call 877-937-2328.

Consider estate plan for second home

I met with a new client who had recently become a widower. The bulk of our conversation dealt with his finances, which generally were in good shape. Social Security and a small pension, along with distributions from his portfolio, covered his living expenses.

The one issue he did have dealt with a second home. He and his wife owned a home up north for the last 25 years. He said he rarely goes to the home anymore and doubts that he will get up there again. When I suggested selling the home, he said his two sons and their families use the property. He wanted to keep it for them.

My next question to him was what provisions did he make in his estate plan for the home? His answer: none.

Many people have second homes. Some of those homes may be out of state and used very little by other family members. In those situations, disposing of them is relatively easy.

However, for those who have a second home that other family members use and that holds some sentimental value, the disposition does require some planning so that there are no fights over the property. After all, you would not want a vacation property which has been a source of family unity being the thing that tears a family apart.

My client said that because his sons generally don't get along, there would be no way that they could jointly own the home. He knows that both would want the home and, since he didn't want to give it to one son over the other, he just felt that he would do nothing and let them resolve the problem down the road.

My recommendation is that he solve the problem and not leave it to his sons.

If his sons do not get along and the house is going to be a sense of tension, doing nothing at all would potentially cause more problems in the future. I explained this is how lawsuits get started.

I proposed several alternatives to my client and, after some discussions with his sons and some soul-searching, he thought the best decision was to sell the property now.

Many people who have a second home haven't done anything with regard to how it will pass to a future generation.

Remember, if there is going to be joint ownership of the property, there must be provisions as to how to handle repairs, maintenance, property taxes and other costs.

Good luck.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is www.bloomassetmanagement.com. If you would like him to respond to your questions, email rick@bloomassetmanagement.com.



Rick Bloom

MONEY MATTERS

Prevention



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Water spills out of the dam Dec. 3 at Mill Race Village's Mill Pond. The dam's spillway underwent repairs this summer as layers of rock were added below to contain erosion.

NEWSMAKERS



Bloom

Bloom named OHM top employee

Architecture, engineering and planning firm OHM Advisors has named Mark Bloom, director of information technology, as the firm's 2014 Outstanding Employee of the Year.

Bloom, a Novi resident, was singled out through a firm-wide nomination process for his responsive work style and deployment of innovative technologies to increase efficiencies within the rapidly-growing organization. The award recognizes OHM Advisors

employees who demonstrate outstanding service or make outstanding contributions to the firm and the communities it serves.

“Mark finds a solution to any issue we're facing,” OHM Advisors Executive Vice President Dan Fredendall said. “A big part of his role is to position us for growth and industry leadership and he's always there with ideas to keep us responsive to our clients and ahead of the game.”

Among his many contributions, Bloom recently implemented a global cloud-based file storage solution, known as Panzura, which has improved cross-site project file collaboration and disaster recovery among the firm's nine offices, while reducing operating expenses.

Bloom started at OHM Advisors in 2001, advancing to his current position as director. He now manages a team of application developers and network support professionals that support the 270-person consulting firm.

Bloom received his B.B.A. in computer information systems from Eastern Michigan University in 2006.

Snyder appoints locals

Gov. Rick Snyder appointed Christopher Wigent of Northville to the Task Force on the Prevention of Sexual Abuse of Children.

The task force was

established in accordance with “Erin's Law,” which protects against the sexual abuse of children. The 15-member task force has one year to provide recommendations for reducing child sexual abuse. These recommendations will help in the creation of goals and guidelines for state and school policies.

“Protecting our children is one of the most important things we can do as a state,” Snyder said. “I thank this group of appointees and I am confident they will do great work on behalf of Michigan's children.”

Appointees will serve the remainder of one-year terms expiring June 16. Their appointments are not subject to the advice and consent of the Senate.

Snyder reappointed Pamela Manela of Novi to the Michigan Board of Social Work.

The nine-member board, housed within the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, evaluates and determines minimal entry level competency of health practitioners and takes disciplinary action against any misconduct of licensees.

“Constance and Pamela are well-qualified appointees and I look forward to the contributions they will bring to the board,” Snyder said.

Appointees will serve four-year terms expiring Dec. 31, 2018. Their appointments are subject to the advice and consent of the Senate.

SYNOPSIS DECEMBER 18, 2014 – REGULAR MEETING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: Thursday, December 18, 2014
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
PLACE: 44405 Six Mile Road
CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Nix called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
PRESENT: Robert R. Nix II, Supervisor Marv Gans, Trustee
Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk Symantha Heath, Trustee
Marjorie F. Banner, Treasurer Mindy Herrmann, Trustee
Fred Shadko, Trustee

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

- Agendas:** Approved
A. Approve the Regular Agenda and the Consent Agenda items:
 - Minutes – Board of Trustees Regular Meeting of November 20, 2014
 - Minutes – Board of Trustees Special Meeting of October 9, 2014
 - 2015 Holiday Schedule of Township Closings
 - 2015 Meeting Dates for Board of Trustees
 - Minutes – Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting of September 17, 2014
 - NYA Program Report
 - Approval of Financial Institutions for 2015
- Appointments, Presentations, Resolutions & Announcements:**
 - Employee Years of Service Recognition - Receive and File
 - Re-appoint Libby Smith to Northville Youth Assistance – Approved
 - Re-appoint Marjorie Banner to the Historic District Commission – Approved
 - Re-appoint William Sivy to the Historic District Commission – Approved
 - Appoint Amy Knoth to Northville Youth Assistance – Approved
- Public Hearing: None**
- Brief Public Comments: None**
- New Business:**
 - Montcaret Phase One – Final Plat – Approved
 - Whipple Street Sanitary Sewer – Final Payment – Approved
 - Water & Sewer Rate Structure Adjustment for 2015 – Approved
 - 2014 Final Budget Amendment – Approved
 - Wayne County Annual Permits – Approved
 - 2012 International Fire Code – Approved
- Unfinished Business: None**
- Ordinances: None**
- Check Registry: A.** In the amount of \$6,007,028.16 – Approved
- Board Communication & Reports: A.** Robert R. Nix, II, Sue Hillebrand, Marjorie Banner, Marv Gans, Symantha Heath, Mindy Herrmann, Fred Shadko, Chip Snider
- Any other business for the Board of Trustees: None**
- ADJOURN:** Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

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

A draft of the minutes will be available December 30, 2014.

Sea Cadets say farewell to their commander

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Lt. Cmdr. Leonard DeNard was a bit disappointed as he walked out of the gymnasium at Cambridge High School in Garden City.

Flanked by a cadre of Navy Leaguers and Sea Cadets, DeNard was walking off into retirement after 36 years with the the Navy Sea Cadet Corps.

"One, is that all I get?" the Melvindale resident asked.

DeNard was referring to the tradition of helping a retiring sailor leave by kicking his butt off the ship. His comment attracted a second kick from Seaman E3 Christina Gregg, who had piped his departure.

The retirement ceremony was part of the division's awards ceremony, held Dec. 13 at Cambridge, where the program is based. It included promotions, awards and the announcement of Sea Cadet of the Year, an honor that went to Ethan Hansen of Northville.

"It came as a little bit of surprise," the Northville High School junior said. "I thought I might win, but there were a few people ahead of me. Once the previous petty officer left, I jumped in and filled the need. I was big brother to everybody and that might be why I got it."

Hansen also received a second honor – the Sons of the American Revolution's bronze Good Citizenship Medal. Authorized in 1895, the award recognizes a person whose achievements are noteworthy in their school, community or state. It was the first time the award has been presented in the state of Michigan.

Gregg of Romulus received the Daughters of the American Revolution NCSS Outstanding



Barbara Brennan of Milford (from left) talks with Brittany Cagle of Melvindale, Lt. Cmdr. Leonard DeNard of Melvindale and Sea Cadet Zack Marks of Northville at the ceremony.

SUE MASON

SEA CADET CORPS

Sea Cadet organizations exist in most of the maritime nations of the world. Recognizing the value of these organizations in educating youth in maritime matters, the Department of the Navy requested the Navy League of the United States to establish a similar program for American youth. The Navy League agreed to do so and formally established the Naval Sea Cadet Corps and Navy League Cadet Corps in 1958.

The Sea Cadets program is for youth ages 13-17, while the Navy League Cadets are for those ages 11-14. The James M. Hannan Division and the training ship Bristol Bay meet at Cambridge High School, 28901 Cambridge, Garden City.

For more information, contact Lt. Ed Brennan at 248-685-9568.

Cadet medal and ribbon for her exceptional and meritorious performance of her duties, leadership, character and discipline.

"I was surprised and honored to receive this," she said. "I work really hard and it's nice to know that it's noticed and appreciated."

Saying good-bye

But it was DeNard's retirement that was the main event. A U.S. Navy veteran, he joined the Sea Cadets in 1982, entering the Great Lakes Division as a uniformed instructor. He served there eight years, before joining the Hannan Division. He served as the executive officer until he was promoted to commander of the training ship Bristol Bay in 2006.

Born in Windsor, On-

tario, Canada, DeNard moved with his family to the United States in the 1940s after Pearl Harbor. He was a Canadian Sea Cadet when he was 11 and 12 years old. He hooked up with the U.S. version as an adult through his son David.

"I took my youngest son to drill. He had long hair. The captain talked to him and told him he would have to get a haircut," DeNard said. "That was on a Monday night. On Thursday, he asked when the next drill was. That night, he talked to the captain and wanted to sign up. I told him if he signed up, I would, too."

He went to classes 16 hours a day at the Great Lakes Training Center to start, then was assigned to the Noble Odyssey,

where he worked with cadets for 13 years. He was moved to the Pride of Michigan and went to Norfolk, Va., to pick up the ship.

DeNard in his farewell speech, acknowledged the cadets, telling them that "you'll never see a better group of cadets and officers."

"I am moved to be a part of this," he said. "After all my work with this program, I can say you won't find better people. Even though I'm retiring, I will be back to check on you."

In its 50th year of operation, the Hannan Division is the oldest continuously serving sea cadet unit in the state and one of the oldest units in the United States, according to its executive officer, Lt. Ed Brennan of

Milford.

"The James M. Hannan Division was the pilot for the program in 1964 and has experienced success over the years," he said.

Changing places

The division has been housed at the high school for two years. At one time, it operated out of Brodhead Armory in Detroit. When that closed, it moved to a church before dropping anchor at Henry Ruff School in Garden City three years ago.

After just one year at Henry Ruff, the division received bad news: it had to move again. But Principal Debbie Eves, who was recognized at the ceremony, had good news for the group. They were moving with her to Cam-

bridge High School.

"She saw to it that we got this excellent facility," Brennan said. "I remember we had a facility where the roof leaked and the lights didn't work. Debbie gave us this and that is behind us."

The program ended with lunch and DeNard, with the help of the youngest Navy Leaguer and the oldest Sea Cadet, helping slice his cake with a saber.

"Who wants to like the knife?" he joked, but added, "I'm going to miss this, but they gave me a card, a retirement card. I can go to any function with the cadets – drills, parades. I'm not going away. They'll get tired of me hanging around."

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OUR VIEW

New year gives chance to reset and try again

New year. New calendar. New decisions. And new decision makers.

As we (eventually) replace the old calendar with one highlighting 2015, we flip the proverbial page, turn over a new leaf. Start anew. The new year traditionally has been a time when people push the reset button. Take whatever happened the previous year – the triumphs and frustrations – put it behind them and forge ahead. New year's resolutions are a chance to set a new course instead of replaying scenarios of years past.

It's not just in personal life where the new year brings about a reset. Government is much the same way. It's happening right now in the state Legislature. All those issues that representatives and senators were talking about? Well if they didn't pass it before Christmas, you're out of luck – or, depending on your point of view, lucky.

Our elected officials in Lansing sent 244 bills passed in the past month to Gov. Rick Snyder, seeking a signature. They passed road funding measures, what likely was the most important issue facing residents right now. But instead of wrapping things up with a comprehensive plan like many residents hoped, legislators passed the buck to the incoming officials with a statewide ballot measure to increase the sales tax to help fund roads.

There's no reset on the highways in the state for 2015. If it passes, road funding will wait until at least 2016 before drivers can see any results.

While there was some movement on improving the state's infrastructure, there were plenty more bills that couldn't muster the support of both legislative chambers to add to those other 244 measures. There the medical marijuana bills that would have allowed, in part, for the sale of food infused with marijuana as an alternative to smoking it, plus local regulation of dispensaries; the Religious Freedom Restoration Act; timing of the Oakland County executive election; and how electoral college votes are allocated.

Those last three died without action, reportedly to help garner support for the road package. All three appear partisan in nature and surely best left to consideration – if at all – during the main session, when voters have more recourse for legislative decisions.

Same goes for passage of a bill to expand the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act, which legislators couldn't agree upon about whom it should include. Term limits, teacher evaluations, resale of event tickets and parole reform are all among the issues discussed, but never finalized.

We've said previously the lame-duck legislative session – the three weeks elected officials deliberate between the election and the end of their term – should be limited in scope and used to wrap up issues debated earlier in the year. Instead, the lame-duck session traditionally has been used to push through pet projects and partisan issues with less chance of public recourse. Such actions have taken place regardless of which political party is in control.

But if legislators can wait until December to take action on various bills, the issue most likely can wait until the new session. There's a slew of new legislators heading to Lansing. Most of our local communities have either a senator or representative who wasn't in the position two months ago. We elected these people for a reason – to govern. To make decisions in the best interests of everyone in the state, to set policies that continue to drive the region and state down its path of recovery.

Our elected legislators have the reset button already pressed. There are two years before the next state House election. Our leaders need to take advantage of the fresh start, get to work now, avoid partisan headaches of years past and don't wait to make the controversial, tough decisions.

That's what the new year is all about: a fresh start and a chance to avoid mistakes that have made our legislators often unpopular in the first place.



FILE PHOTO

State legislators approved a package of bills focused on improving roads during the lame-duck session. Part of the plan calls for voter approval in a statewide special election next May, pushing any relief further down the road.

COMMUNITY VOICE

Do you have any new year's resolutions?

This question was asked at the Novi Public Library and in downtown Northville.



"Just one thing and that's to do what I did before and not change it."

Friedhelm Woelke
Novi



"To be more charitable."

Art Kubert
Novi



"To get better organized."

Anna Strong
Northville



"No, I don't believe in them. I like to make small improvements over time."

Michael Southern
Northville

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Religious freedom bill promotes tolerance, diversity

Last month, as Thanksgiving approached, national attention fell upon Fort Lauderdale, Fla., when two pastors and a 90-year old friend were charged and arrested for feeding the town's homeless. The two, the police alleged, violated the town ordinance that effectively prohibited their act of charity. The previous month, in Houston, a group of ministers were told by the city council they would have their sermons subpoenaed to ensure their language would not violate a recently passed ordinance. Several years ago, tragedy struck in Clinton County when a young man died in a car accident. The family, Jewish Orthodox, was outraged when the county medical examiner performed an autopsy despite the religious objections of the family.

These examples of religious infringement in Michigan and elsewhere indicate, regrettably, how citizens are witnessing their First Amendment civil-liberty rights eroded by some sectors of society and government. In Michigan, an effort is underway to pass legislation that would address the problem. The measure, called the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, is modeled after a federal bill sponsored by U.S. Sen. Charles Schumer, passed by Congress

nearly unanimously, and signed into law by former President Bill Clinton in 1993. Some 19 states have gone on to pass similar versions after the U.S. Supreme Court ruled the policy did not apply to the states. Since that time, the court has ruled on at least two occasions that the federal RFRA is constitutional.

When the federal law was passed in 1993, it was supported by a wide breadth of religious and civil-liberty organizations, including the American Jewish Congress and the American Civil Liberties Union. Today, the ACLU is citing RFRA in its defense of a Sikh man in New York who was told he could not join the university ROTC unless he shaved his beard. The intent of the RFRA policy is to ensure constitutional religious-liberty rights are not violated. The federal law, and similar state versions, forbid government from placing a substantial burden on someone's sincerely held religious beliefs unless there is a compelling governmental reason to do so.

Yet despite more than 20 years of federal statute, and numerous years of similar state laws, opponents of the proposed Michigan law have sought to mock the legislation by presenting wild hypotheticals and misinformation of how RFRA could deny services or emergency care to classes of people. Federal law is clear: Emergency care cannot be denied to any person.

These efforts are clearly intended to thwart religious diversity and railroad the proposed law from a public relations perspective. One would be hard-pressed to find a case where a defendant was allowed to break local, state or federal criminal laws citing RFRA as a defense.

Over the past year-and-a-half, the world has watched as Pope Francis has exemplified, par excellence, Christian teaching about selflessness and helping others, especially those on the peripheries and most in need. These works of mercy and charity, taught by the Catholic church for centuries, mandates Christians take their faith outside the walls of their church and serve others. A Michigan Religious Freedom Restoration Act protects these acts, regardless of religious tradition, it upholds religious tolerance and diversity, and it protects minority religions in ways that were not previously possible. House Bill 5958 deserves to be signed into law.

Tom Hickson
vice president,
public policy and advocacy,
Michigan Catholic Conference

GUEST COLUMN

Ruling doesn't end marriage equality dream

A few years ago, a family vacation in Ohio nearly ended in a fatal car crash for April DeBoer and Jayne Rowse. They had their three adopted children with them and the close call made them realize their family had no protection under Michigan law if something happened to one or both of them.

Michigan's adoption laws prevent same-sex couples from adopting. When the case was presented to U.S. District Judge Bernard Friedman, he encouraged them to challenge the Michigan Marriage Amendment, because that was the root of their problems. They did so.

On March 21, Friedman, a Reagan appointee, ruled that prohibiting same-sex couples is unconstitutional. In his decision, Friedman said, "the state cannot use its domestic relations authority to legislate families out of existence."

Gov. Rick Snyder and Attorney General Bill Schuette appealed the ruling to the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals. On Nov. 6, the circuit court overturned the ruling, delivering a rare defeat in the courts to the freedom to marry, which has seen 49 victories in the courts since June 2013. The appellate court issued its decision three months after hearing same-sex marriage cases from all four states.

In each of those states, federal judges had struck down same-sex marriage bans on constitutional grounds. This ruling will be appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court.

In the majority opinion, the circuit court said that same-sex marriage in every state is for the people of the states, not for judges, to decide. I would argue that goes against the arc of history and, in her dissent, Judge Martha Daughtrey said:

"Despite a civil war, the end of slavery and ratification of the 14th Amendment in 1868, extensive litigation has been necessary to achieve even a



Sommer Foster

GUEST COLUMNIST

modicum of constitutional protection from discrimination based on race, and it has occurred primarily by judicial decree, not the democratic election process. My colleagues seem to have fallen prey to the misguided notion that the intent of the framers of the United States Constitution can be effectuated only by cleaving to the legislative will and ignoring and demonizing an independent judiciary. If we in the judiciary do not have the authority, and indeed the responsibility to right fundamental wrongs left excused by a majority of the electorate, our whole intricate, constitutional system of checks and balances ... prove to be nothing but shams."

Civil rights should not have to be put up for a vote; courts have always decided civil rights issues. In today's mass media, Super-PAC driven election cycles, the idea that a majority of voters get to define the rights of a minority of people is repugnant to the concepts of equality and fairness. The U.S. Supreme Court has held that "Marriage is one of the 'basic civil rights of man,' fundamental to our very existence and survival." When faced with issues of equal protection under the law and guaranteeing basic civil rights, it should be the responsibility of the courts to decide. The circuit court should not have ruled that a decision of this magnitude, affecting so many families, should be left up to the purview of the voters.

Currently, 32 states plus Washington, D.C., enjoy equal marriage rights and a record number of Americans live in states that recognize relationships between same-sex couples. More than 64 percent of

the U.S. population will soon live in a state with the freedom to marry for same-sex couples. Nearly 59 percent of the U.S. population lives in a state currently issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples statewide.

It is unconscionable that same-sex couples married in Utah have legal protection in Utah and 31 other states, but if they were to move to Michigan for any reason they would lose all legal protections. They would be able to claim federal tax benefits, but they would lose their Social Security spousal and survivor benefits and all state tax relief afforded to other married couples.

There are more than 1,000 rights and benefits associated with marriage, but more importantly, marriage provides safety and stability for children and families.

Although this ruling means couples like April DeBoer and Jayne Rowse will continue to be excluded from the protections and responsibilities that come with marriage, we will continue to fight to ensure that their families and the 14,598 other same-sex couples in Michigan have the respect their relationships deserve and the legal protections that are afforded by law. Polling shows that 56 percent of Michiganders are ready to join the majority of their fellow Americans in allowing the freedom to marry.

Equality Michigan will continue to support April and Jayne, as well as their legal team, as they pursue the next step in the appeals process. We will not give up on our dream of equality for all of Michigan families.

Canton resident Sommer N. Foster is director of political advocacy for Equality Michigan, the state's only anti-violence and advocacy organization serving Michigan's lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and HIV affected communities.

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CLOWNING AROUND

Farmington Hills attorney joins Detroit Thanksgiving Parade clown corps

By Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

The awe and delight in kids' eyes was enough to cement Farmington Hills resident Barry Goodman's decision to continue clowning.

"I will try to convince my friends to do this, too," said attorney Goodman of Goodman Aker P.C., 17000 W. 10 Mile, in Southfield.

For the first time in his life, Goodman served as a clown, one of some 160 members of the Detroit-based Distinguished Clown Corps, a tradition of America's Thanksgiving Parade in November.

The clowns are a group of corporate and community leaders who contribute for the opportunity to trade their business suits for clown suits to make the grand march down Woodward Avenue in downtown Detroit.

More than 2,000 clowns have made annual appearances. The Distinguished Clown Corps, supported by the Junior Jesters, has come to be not only a tradition, but an important component of the annual Thanksgiving parade.

Admittedly, being a clown was not something Goodman had previously considered. But the year before his law partner, Gerald Aker, had attended a pancake breakfast for the popular parade.

"When he came back, he said, 'We're going to be clowns next year!'" Goodman said.

Sure enough, Goodman was eager. But for a number of reasons, Aker this year declined. "I made a call and was told

to come for a fitting," said Goodman, who was among 20 rookies.

That was just the beginning. He didn't have a set training program, but talked with other experienced clowns so he knew what to do. The main task — smile.

Because Goodman is in his first year as a clown, he received a one-piece outfit, which he will wear for the first five years of his volunteer career. After five years, clowns with the Distinguished Clown Corps can wear two-piece outfits, Goodman said.

His suit, with a ruffle around the neck, was half-white. Goodman also had his choice of tall hats. "They make sure no two are the same," he said.

Other clowns recommended that he take the pull-up suit to a tailor and have a zipper added for ease. Then came the professional makeup artists who give each member their clown personality.

Joining the Distinguished Clown Corps costs each member \$1,000, which is used to help pay for the Detroit Thanksgiving parade and fireworks for July 4, Goodman said.

The clown corps also has its own float, this year sponsored by UHY Advisors, that leads the clowns — walking behind — down Woodward Avenue on Thanksgiving Day. The parade's clowns are known for passing out candy, lots of smiles and beads.

"Because of the beads, that gave us the ability to mingle," Goodman said.

Though a chilly day, Goodman said he didn't



GOODMAN AKER P.C.
Barry Goodman being fitted for his new clown outfit just before Detroit's Thanksgiving parade.

need any warmer clothing. Walking the parade route and stopping to delight kids and families meant that it was easy to fall behind the moving clown float. "You get out of your (parade walking) beat. You end up being a good half-block behind."

He was warned to forgo a clown's standard floppy shoes because of tripping. Goodman went out and bought a new pair of regular shoes just for the parade. Unfortunately, he didn't break them in — until he walked the 3.5-mile parade route.

Still, Goodman wouldn't trade the experience of his first parade as a clown.

By the time the parade ended, clowns handed out some 300,000 strands of beads, met kids and families and made the event that much more fun. Goodman figures he posed for at least 15 photographs with kids and families along the parade route. "The looks on the children's faces was

priceless," he said. "There were tens of thousands of kids. You couldn't pay enough for that privilege."

Giving and helping, Goodman said, is something he enjoys and something his law firm embraces. As personal injury attorneys, Goodman said he and his colleagues believe in helping those in need: "You have to care about the people you represent. You help them get back on their feet."

Goodman said he feels the same about what he witnessed in Detroit during the parade, including the start of the M-1 rail and abandoned buildings transformed into lofts.

While walking the parade, Goodman said he was struck with the changes: "There is a renaissance going on in Detroit. I want to be a part of that."

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GOODMAN AKER P.C.
Barry Goodman as a clown greets families lined up for the annual Thanksgiving parade in downtown Detroit.

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Cousino's Fletcher pours in 30 to corral Lady Mustangs



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Northville freshman point guard Mariah Modkins (left), who scored a team-high 12 points, tries to slip past Cousino defender Haley Hoffman.

Northville suffers first loss in tourney final

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

After five convincing victories to start the girls basketball season, Northville coach Todd Gudith knew he needed to get a true gauge on his team. On Sunday night, Gudith got quite a reading as Warren Cousino's standout sophomore point guard Kierra Fletcher turned the Northville Holiday Basketball Tournament final into her own personal playground by scoring a game-high 30 points to lead the Patriots past the Mustangs, 57-44.

"We knew we had to stop (Erin McArthur) and (Fletcher)," Gudith said, "and (McArthur) really didn't do anything tonight, but (Fletcher) made up for it. She's the best kid we've faced all season. I can't say who we're going to see the rest of the way, but for only a

sophomore, she ran that team like a senior tonight."

After one quarter, Cousino led 11-8. But in the second quarter, Fletcher went on a scoring rampage with 14 points and junior Mackenzie Anderson added six of her eight as the Patriots took command with a 23-13 run by making 8-of-12 shots from the floor to lead 34-21 at intermission.

"We just couldn't get any stops," Gudith said. "We couldn't stop their dribble drive penetration and credit to them, not only did (Fletcher) finish, but her teammates all finished around the rim. It wasn't so much our offense. I thought we had enough offense to win the game, but defensively we couldn't get any stops on the drive."

Northville was unable to get closer than nine points the rest of the way as Cousino improved its overall record to

5-1.

"I think it was just defense and creating opportunities on the defense," Cousino coach Mike Lee said of the second-quarter surge. "I thought we did a nice job of getting stops, but then getting a bucket off the stop. That was sort of the difference. Whereas the first quarter, we were sort of feeling each other out, going back and forth. And then we cashed in (the) second quarter."

Northville connected on only 14-of-41 shots from the floor (34.1 percent) and hit 12-of-19 free throws (63.1 percent).

Freshman point guard Mariah Modkins paced the Mustangs in scoring with 12 points, while senior forward Emily Maresh and sophomore forward Jessica Moorman contributed nine and seven, respectively. Freshman guard Kendall Dillon chipped in six.

"We knew this would be kind of a

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BOYS BASKETBALL

Northville survives against Blue Devils for Holiday title

Roberts provides spark off bench in 49-42 triumph

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

"Next man up" might be a term used primarily in football, but it's proving to be the case as well these days for the Northville boys basketball team.

After losing 6-foot-8 starting senior center Nathan Kellum on Saturday night to a dislocated knee, the Mustangs forged ahead Sunday night by capturing their own Northville Holiday Tournament with a 49-42 victory over Grosse Pointe South.

Before going down with what appeared to be a gruesome injury which required being wheeled off on a stretcher, Kellum had scored 19 points in three quarters the previous night in a 55-32 opening-round win over Saline.

"We're going to enjoy this one," said Northville coach Todd Sander, whose team improved to 5-1 overall. "It's been a wild 24 hours dealing with Nate (Kellum) yesterday, but I knew our guys would come out and play. They felt like they had something to prove, I think. This was a really special one; extremely proud of our guys."

Northville trailed 30-25 at halftime and 37-34 after three quarters before going on a 15-5 run over the final eight minutes.



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Northville guard David Morrissey (middle) delivers the pass between a pair of Grosse Pointe South defenders in Sunday's Holiday tourney final.

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PREP WRESTLING

Amine paves way as CC garners fifth at Medina

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Novi Detroit Catholic Central ventured across state lines last weekend to compete in the 40th annual Medina Invitational, which is billed as "The Greatest Show in Wrestling."

And the competition proved to be plenty stiff in the tournament, which featured a total of 50 teams, including 23 in Division I, 13 in Division II and 12 more in Division III from Ohio.

National prep powerhouse Lakewood (Ohio) St. Edward captured the team title with 205 points, followed by Massillon Perry (192), two-time MHSAA Division 2 runner-up Richmond (141), Oak Harbor

(136.5), Catholic Central (129.5), Dayton Claymont (129) and Grove City Central Crossing (127).

The Shamrocks, led by 160-pound individual champion Myles Amine, entered 10 wrestlers in the tournament, which started Saturday. Eight made it through to Sunday.

"The boys showed some great signs of improvement and surprised me with their all business, we belong mentality," CC coach Mitch Hancock said. "Seven of 10 have never wrestled down here before. They weren't intimidated by these Ohio guys. They competed hard and we were a few situations from placing five to six wrestlers. I'm proud of the way these guys competed and prepared to wrestle. We are

getting better with each day and competition."

Amine, ranked sixth nationally, won all five of his matches, capped by a 12-4 major decision over ninth-ranked Devin Skatzka of Richmond in the finals. Amine, last year's MHSAA champion at 140, recorded three falls along with a technical fall to run his overall record to 21-0.

"Amine has established himself as one of the top wrestlers in the country," CC assistant coach Anthony Biondo said. "His work habits are infectious, his preparation process is incredible and he believes in his abilities."

Senior co-captains Nick Giese (195) and Trevor Zdebs-

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SCOTT CONFER
Catholic Central's Myles Amine (top) was the 160-pound champ at the Medina (Ohio) Invitational.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Dance team clinic

The Northville High School competitive dance team will stage its third annual clinic (ages 8-13) from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. at Performers Edge Dance Company, 133 W. Main, Northville.

Learn new dance moves and participate in a dance number that will be held at the team's showcase beginning at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 9, at the Northville H.S. auditorium.

For more information, go to www.northvilledanceteam.com.

On Dec. 13, the Northville varsity competitive dance team placed second in hip hop and third in jazz performance at the 2014 Michigan State Spirit Showdown. Meanwhile, the Northville JV squad added first place in hip hop and runner-up honors in jazz performance.

In the 2014 Great Lakes Dance Championship on Nov. 15, Northville's varsity took second in small varsity jazz and fourth in hip hop, while the JV team finished third in hip hop and seventh in jazz.

Subject is all-region

Clarion (Pa.) University senior setter Laura Subject (Novi) was recently named first team AVCA all-region for the third straight year and the Daktronics NCAA Division II Atlantic Region Player of the Year.

The two-time Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference West Athlete of the Year, Subject finished second in the PSAC in set assists per set (11.27), which is the 20th-best mark in D-II. She added 0.39 service aces per set, which was the 12th best mark in the PSAC and also chipped in 2.58 digs per set.

Subject, also a two-time Capital One/CoSIDA Academic all-district selection, finished her career third in school history in set assists with 4,065 set assists,

seventh in service aces with 163 and 16th in digs with 1,005. Her 1,426 set assists in 2013 rank fourth in a season in school history, while her 1,341 this year are the ninth most in a season at Clarion.

Subject helped the Golden Eagles to a second consecutive PSAC West title, the team's third since 2010, and to the NCAA Division II playoffs for the sixth consecutive season. Clarion finished 30-5 overall and 20-2 in the PSAC West, while advancing to the second round of the NCAA Division II playoffs.

Novi Chili Softball

The city of Novi Parks, Recreation and Services Department will stage its first Chili Chilly Softball Showdown from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, at Ella Mae Power Park.

The co-ed event will feature one pitch per at-bat, prizes for all participants and a lunch featuring coney dogs from Kerby's Koney Island.

Players must be 18 years of age or older to participate. The price is \$250 per team. Teams will take part in a double-elimination format, with games lasting six innings.

"The tournament offers an exciting outdoor experience for both the participants and the spectators," recreation supervisor Greg Morris said. "Novi Parks challenges the notion we have to stay inside in the winter. The event is the perfect opportunity to get outside, play softball, eat a delicious meal and create memories that will last for years to come."

Teams must be registered by Friday, Jan. 16, through cityofnovi.org or by visiting the Novi Civic Center, 45175 10 Mile.

For more information or to learn about other winter activities, call 248-347-0400 or go to cityofnovi.org.

Holiday helpers



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The Northville boys and girls track teams recently raised \$1,400 for two needy families during the Christmas holiday as part of the Volunteers of America program. Team members shopped for wish list items at Meijer, wrapped gifts and delivered them the following day to their adopted families.

First at Wizards



RICHARD CUMMINGS
The Motor City Madness '02, a 12-and-under girls fast-pitch softball team, went undefeated this fall to take the Wizards ASA Fall Qualifier, including 4-2 victory over the host Wizards 419 in the finals. Team members include (front row, from left) Kylie Millhorn, Cassidy Brendtke, Sierra Kersten and Gaby Cummings and (back row, from left) Abbey Barta, Olivia Vitale, Angela Schmidt, Chelsea Collins and McKenna King.

WRESTLING

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ki (126) were the other Shamrocks to place as they finished third and

fifth, respectively.

Giese, who fell in a quarterfinal match-up, won six of seven matches which included four pins. Zdebski, the MHSAA state champion at 119 a year

ago, went 5-2, falling in the semifinals to St. Edward's L.J. Bentley, 6-1.

Other top performers for CC included Aaron Rehfeldt (113) and Joe Lyon (120), 4-2

each; Tommy Herrmann (132), 3-2; and Conor Cox (170), 2-2.

"I'm proud of those guys for battling back," Hancock said. "They don't like wrestling on the backside and I don't

expect them to get used to it, either. They handled their business and learned from this trip that we have some work to do."

The Shamrocks return to action at 9 a.m.

Saturday when they host the 20-team CC Invitational, which features state powers Brighton, Lowell, Oxford and Hudson.

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Novi at Lakeland, 7 p.m.

Franklin Rd. at Oak Christian, 7 p.m.

Detroit CC at Loyola, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 8

Gab. Richard at Franklin Road, 7 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 9

Northville at Salem, 7 p.m.

S. Lyon East at Novi, 7 p.m.

U-D Jesuit at Detroit CC, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Tuesday, Jan. 6

Franklin Rd. at Luth. N'west, 7 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 9

Salem at Northville, 7 p.m.

Novi at S. Lyon East, 7 p.m.

Luth. W'sld at Franklin Rd., 7:30 p.m.

BOYS HOCKEY

Monday, Jan. 5

Northville vs. Macomb Dakota Arena, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 8

Northville vs. S. Lyon Unified at Kensington Ice House, 6 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 9

Novi at Calumet, 7 p.m.

Detroit CC vs. U-D Jesuit at Compuware Arena, 7 p.m.

Northville vs. Reeths-Puffer at Novi Ice Arena, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 10

Detroit CC vs. Cranbrook at Compuware Arena, 5:30 p.m.

Novi at Hancock, 7 p.m.

GIRLS HOCKEY

Wednesday, Jan. 7

Northville vs. Cranbrook at Edgar Arena, 4 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 10

Northville vs. Walled Lake at Suburban Ice, TBA.

PREP WRESTLING

Saturday, Jan. 3

Detroit CC Invitational, 9 a.m.

Northville at Adams Inv., 9:30 a.m.

Novi at Fitzgerald Inv., 10 a.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 7

Northville Quad, 5:30 p.m.

Novi Quad, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 10

N'ville at Stevenson Inv., 9 a.m.

Novi at Holly Invitational, 10 a.m.

Detroit CC Super Duals, 10 a.m.

BOYS SWIMMING

Tuesday, Jan. 6

Hartland at Novi, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 10

Novi at W. Bloomfield, TBA.

Northville Quad, noon.

PREP BOWLING

Tuesday, Jan. 6

Northville vs. Novi at Novi Bowl, 3:30 p.m.

Detroit CC vs. Notre Dame Prep at Oak Lanes, 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 8

Detroit CC vs. Divine Child at Bowl One, 3:30 p.m.

Northville vs. Wayne, Salem vs. Novi at Town N' Country Lanes, 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 10

Detroit CC at Plymouth Tourney at Super Bowl, 1 p.m.

GYMNASTICS

Tuesday, Jan. 6

Northville vs. Livonia Red at Churchill H.S., 6:30 p.m.

PREP SKIING

Tuesday, Jan. 6

Detroit CC vs. Brighton at Mt. Brighton, 5 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 8

Detroit CC vs. Hartland at Mt. Brighton, 6 p.m.

COMPETITIVE CHEER

Wednesday, Jan. 7

Northville at Salem, 6 p.m.

Novi Quad, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 10

Novi at Fowlerville Inv., TBA.

TBA - to be announced

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - PUBLIC HEARING

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) has scheduled a public hearing for Wednesday, January 21, 2015 at the Northville Township Municipal Office Building, located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168. The ZBA will consider the following requests for variances to the zoning ordinance:

- 46000 Pickford Court - Article 18, Schedule of Regulations (front yard setback)

Written comments regarding these requests will be received by the ZBA at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168. The meeting will begin at 7:30 P.M.

Paul Slatin, Chair
Zoning Board of Appeals

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CITY OF NORTHVILLE

The City of Northville Planning Commission has prepared draft text amendments to update the following sections pertaining to the use of Medical Marihuana within the City of Northville's Zoning Ordinance. The following amendments are proposed:

Section 2.07	Compliance with Law
Section 18.24	Medical Marihuana Activities
Article 26	Definitions

The proposed text amendments will be considered at a public hearing conducted by the Planning Commission on January 20, 2015 at 7:30 pm at the City of Northville Municipal Building – Lower Level Meeting Room, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-449-9902. The purpose of the hearing will be to receive public input on these proposed changes. The complete text of the draft amendments can be reviewed at the Building Department during normal business hours of Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. and on the City's website www.ci.northville.mi.us (Services, Building Department, Planning Commission). Written comments will also be received at the above address.

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Franklin Road eighth-grader Johnson cleans glass against Patriots in victory

Warriors pull away in the fourth quarter for 56-46 triumph

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

If you're looking for an early 2018 Miss Basketball candidate, then Novi Franklin Road Christian's Alexis Johnson should be already on the ballot.

The 5-foot-10 eighth-grader didn't start the game Monday night, but she certainly was there for the finish as she scored 19 points and grabbed 23 rebounds as the host Warriors upended Livonia Franklin, 56-46.

Katie Larabell, a 5-foot-5 senior guard, also did her part as she finished with a game-high 20 points as the Warriors improved to 3-2 overall.

And although Johnson jumps like Ben Wallace and attacks the boards with the ferocity of a Dennis Rodman, she lists Michael Jordan as her basketball role model even despite being only an infant before he retired.

"I don't know, I just go and get the ball," said Johnson, who came off the bench mid-



Johnson



Larabell

way through the first quarter. "I think at the beginning we were going slow and we weren't playing to the best we could, then in the end we got a little better. If we had kept from the fouls and made all our free throws, we could have come out with a better win."

The win was good enough, however, for the Class D Warriors, who upended a Class A program in Franklin, which is winless in five starts.

"I'd like to see her down the road when she picks up those little things with the mistakes she's making right now ... but she goes really hard to the hole and she's hard to stop," Franklin coach Jim Milican said of Johnson. "Kind of fun watching an eighth-grader, but kind

of disappointed at the same time in my team for not doing as much as they should have when it came to stopping her. We knew she was a good player. We just made too many mistakes when she got a hold of the basketball."

Johnson, who has already cracked the 20-point barrier twice this season, has been prone to picking up early fouls. That's why Franklin Road coach Tiffany Butler has decided to let Johnson sit and watch a few minutes before inserting her into the game.

"Her play is amazing," Butler said. "Sometimes I forget that she's only 13 when she's out on the floor because she plays like a junior in high school. She can be so good, but she's immature right now. She's in the eighth grade. When I can keep her under control, her play is on a whole other level. I have to be very wise with my minutes with her because the foul trouble. I have to let her mature and grow in this process, so I'm really picky about where I play

her. I really have to watch her fouls."

The visiting Patriots led 10-9 after one quarter, but Johnson asserted herself in the second quarter by scoring 10 points to give the Warriors a 28-23 halftime advantage.

Franklin stayed close in the third quarter by outscoring the Warriors 12-8 to pull within one, 36-35.

But the roof caved in on the Patriots during the final eight minutes, as they shot only 5-of-27 from the floor (18.5 percent) and committed eight turnovers while being outscored 20-11.

And it didn't help matters that senior Sarah Cramton, who tallied a team-high 13 points, fouled out in the final quarter, along with teammates Katelyn Kovach and Becky Giacobbi. Erin McNally and Tyonna Tate added 10 and eight points, respectively, in the loss.

"Although we wanted to get in 60 to 70 shots, the shots that we took were off," Milican said. "A lot just throwing them up and not focused on the shot, so that definitely hurt. We took 84 shots and only made 19

shots (22.6 percent), so it definitely hurt."

Free-throw shooting also loomed large, as the Patriots made only 6-of-22 (27.2 percent), while Franklin Road was 12-of-34 (35.2 percent).

The Warriors were 20-of-62 from the floor (32.2 percent), with Larabell going 6-of-14, including four 3-pointers.

"She was big tonight," Butler said. "That's my 3-point threat. She has one job and that's to knock down the threes and tonight she did it. She showed us how can good she can be behind that 3-point line."

Warriors fall, 40-39

In a non-conference game Dec. 16, host Clarkston Everest Collegiate edged the Warriors, 40-39, as Ashley Lowrey scored a game-high 22 points.

Larabell and Hannah Rayburn scored 11 and 10, respectively, for Franklin Road, while Johnson added nine.

Franklin Road led 25-18 at halftime before being outscored 22-14 in the second half.

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FLETCHER

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thermometer-type test to see where we're at," said Gudith, whose 5-1 team is now off until Friday, Jan. 9, at home when it opens KLAA Central Division play against Salem. "We know we're better than some of the other teams we've played so far, but that's a real high-quality team and we know what we have to do now to get to that level."

And the 5-8 Fletcher, who does not play off-season AAU basketball, may be one of the state's best kept secrets. It was her second 30-point game in three outings. She is averaging

20.8 points on the season.

"She's starting to be well-known and she's only a sophomore," Lee said. "She's a great asset to this team - defense, offense. In the classroom she's a 4.0 (grade-point) kid. She's one of those dream kids that wish you had and luckily we have her."

NORTHVILLE 59, ATHENS 41: Two underclassmen paved the way Saturday as the host Mustangs (5-0) gradually pulled away in the second half to beat Troy Athens (2-3) in the opening round of the Northville Holiday Invitational.

Freshman point guard Myrah Modkins tallied 16 points, while sophomore forward Brook Adams added 10 as nine of 10 players scored for the Mustangs, who jumped out to a 15-4 first quarter advantage.

Troy Athens cut the deficit to 27-20 at halftime before Northville put it out of reach by outscoring the Red Hawks 16-10 in the third quarter and 16-11 in the fourth.

Kasey Joslin and Michele Gervais paced Athens with 16 and 15 points, respectively.

The Red Hawks made 17-of-33 free throws, while Northville was 2-of-5.

the Mustangs a six-point cushion, 47-41, and all but sealed the victory.

"(Roberts) made some great shots - those seven-foot, eight-foot jump hooks," South coach Troy Glasser said. "They had a great game plan. Their zone (defense) hurt us. We don't see a lot of zone in our neck of the woods. It's more man-to-man, up-tempo."

The Blue Devils shot 16-of-41 from the floor (39 percent) and 7-of-11 from the foul line (63.6 percent). Sophomore Brennan Buszka was South's leading scorer with nine points.

"We never got into any rhythm whatsoever, but they (Northville) are good," Glasser said. "They're a strong club. They take care of the basketball and take high-percentage shots. And the big kid (Roberts) made those jump hooks and that was kind of the dagger."

How soon Kellum may return remains uncertain, but in the meantime, Sander knows he can go deep into his bench.

"Unfortunately we've played without Nate in five of our six games, but we've taken care of business," he said.

"We've got a lot of guys who can play. And we've got a lot of guys fighting for minutes and a lot of guys working hard. So we just have to keep controlling what we can control and take care of business starting up on (Jan. 9 at Salem)."

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BOYS BASKETBALL

Kellum injury overshadows Mustangs' win over Saline

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Northville 6-foot-8 senior center Nathan Kellum's basketball season has been shelved once again.

After sitting out the first four games due to a school suspension, the Notre Dame (Ohio) College signee impressed for just over three quarters with a game-high 19 points Saturday night in a 55-32 opening-round victory over Saline in the Northville Holiday Invitational.

But with 6:36 left to play in the game, Kellum went up to grab a rebound and landed awkwardly, falling to the floor. He was writhing in pain with a dislocated knee.

"All I remember is I went up for a missed shot and I just got hit in

the air and when I came down, my knee was popped out," said Kellum, who attended Sunday's tourney final supporting his Northville teammates wearing crutches. "It was probably one of the worst pains I've ever felt. It wasn't very good."

Officials immediately stopped the game while Kellum was attended to.

And literally a guardian with the first name Angel came out of the stands to put his knee back in place before emergency medical personnel arrived.

"When I was on the ground, nobody else really wanted to pop it back in, I guess, because everyone was horrified," Kellum said. "My aunt (Angel Browder), she works at the hospital, happened to be at the game, so she just



Kellum

came down and popped it in for me. I was happy she came. She almost didn't come to the game."

After a 15-minute delay, Kellum was lifted and wheeled off on a stretcher and taken to Providence Hospital in Novi.

"It was just surreal," Kellum said. "I got an X-ray, nothing is broken. And when they said my knee popped out, I could have torn any ligament or tendon, so I have to get an MRI done, but hopefully nothing more. It's a lot more swollen than it was yesterday, but I'll ice it a little. It could have been worse. It's not an ACL (tear) or anything."

As for the game, senior guard David Morrissey tallied eight of his 15 points in the opening quarter as Northville (4-1) jumped out to a 17-6 advantage.

The Mustangs led

28-18 at halftime as Kellum sparked with 15 points.

"Nate was really good," Northville coach Todd Sander said. "Early when he was in, I thought he really carried us. He was really amped up and ready to go, probably moving too fast the first couple of possessions. But then he had a huge first half."

The Mustangs outscored Saline by an 18-12 margin in the third quarter to increase their lead to 46-30 heading into the fourth.

And just 1:24 into the final quarter, Kellum went down.

"He was a blessing to have him back and we're just going to say some prayers and hopefully get him back in a couple of weeks," Sander said.

Junior guard Matt Rosati paced the Hornets (1-4) with 13 points.

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HOLIDAY

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The Mustangs held South (3-1) to 1-of-10 shooting in the final quarter and received a huge boost from 6-7, 242-pound senior center Ryan Roberts, who scored all eight of his points to go along with seven rebounds during the second half.

"Roberts was key for us," Sander said. "Even if he didn't score it down below, which he did a number of times, (he) proved to be big. It forced their defense to collapse and I thought it opened up some of our perimeter shooters by having his big presence in there. Ryan gave us a big spark."

Senior guard David Morrissey, who started out hot with 10 first-quarter points, led the Mustangs with a game-high 20 points. It was his 3-pointer with 6:15 remaining that gave Northville the lead for keeps, 39-37.

Junior guard Justin James added 12 points, including 6-of-8 free throws in the final quarter. Junior guard Justin Zimbo also contributed seven, including a pair of triples.

Roberts, who was out of town in New York the night before because a family commitment, returned in time for Sunday's game to provide a much-needed inside presence for Northville.

It was a rebound tip of his own miss with only 1:24 remaining that gave

BOYS BASKETBALL

Shamrocks earn victory at Motor City Roundball

Baird's 15-point outing sparks Catholic Central's win

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

It was far from a thing of beauty, but Novi Detroit Catholic Central got the job done Saturday with a 40-32 victory over Southfield Bradford Academy in the 19th annual Motor City Roundball Classic at Harper Woods.

The Shamrocks survived 22 turnovers to improve to 3-2 overall while handing the Bulldogs their first defeat in six games.

"A little bit of a sloppy game, I think, on both sides," CC coach Bill Dyer said. "We just had some opportunities that I thought that we could have handled it a bit better with the ball, taking care of the ball and maybe making the right pass. We were just a little too casual with the ball late when we

could have separated a little more. But a win is a win and we'll take it."

In a game where baskets were hard to come by, CC 6-foot-4 sophomore forward C.J. Baird emerged as the game's leading scorer with 15 points.

Senior forward Ike Marchie chipped in with nine points as CC led 21-17 at halftime and 32-26 after three quarters.

"It was a tough defensive game, lots of turnovers, sloppy at times," Bradford Academy coach Ra Murray said. "The style of play made it difficult, but I thought they (CC) did a good job late in the third quarter spreading it out a little bit with a 7-0 run and that cost us the game."

Neither team was able to score for the first 4:06 of the final

quarter before CC senior forward Dan Diederich broke the ice with a basket to put CC ahead 36-28. Bradford Academy never got closer than six the rest of the way.

With starting guards Champ Kozlowski (finger) and Tyler Laurentius (ankle) still out with injuries, Dyer has had to rely on underclassmen.

Kozlowski, a senior, has yet to play after undergoing surgery on his finger six weeks ago. He and Laurentius, a junior, hope to return in time for CC's next scheduled game Tuesday, Jan. 6, at Detroit Loyola.

"We're trying to find some depth on the bench a little bit," Dyer said. "It's been hard for us so far because we're so young. We're young and we're getting

younger as the season goes on, but when those two guys come back, it's going to help perk us up a little bit."

Cordell Kelly and LaVelle Williams tallied eight and seven points, respectively, for Bradford Academy, which shot only 20 percent (5-of-25) from the field in the second half.

"Our team is growing," Murray said. "I'm real positive about what's going on. These type of games - in the tournament - helps you in the long run. And that's what the ultimate goal is about."

DETROIT CC 65, DEARBORN 42: On Dec. 23, Tom Smulsky loomed large for Novi Detroit Catholic Central (2-2) in a victory over the Pioneers (1-3) in the Guido Showcase held at Dearborn Fordson.

The 6-foot-6 junior center scored a game-high 19 points to pace a balanced scoring attack, while sophomore C.J. Baird added 14 points for the Shamrocks.

Senior Ike Marchie chipped in with 10 as the Shamrocks, who led 37-25 at halftime, pulled away in the third quarter with an 18-8 run.

Sophomore Gio Genrich also contributed eight points for the Shamrocks, who made 10-of-18 foul shots.

Antonio Brintley and Daoud Unis tallied 13 and 11 points, respectively, for the Pioneers, who hit only 5-of-10 free throws.

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Car Report

Honda Gets On Same Page with Dealers Via Social Media, ‘Green’ Store Efforts



By Dale Buss

Joe to get the brand and its dealers closer to that goal during this heavy promotional season.

The company also has given its dealers an extra boost in the arena of environmental accountability and sustainability, with Honda's release of a new "Green Dealer Guide" to help its retailers boost their energy efficiency and overall green chops.

With its holiday TV-advertising campaign as it wound up the year, Honda struck a cultural chord with consumers. The ads featured nostalgic cartoon characters in modern roles, hanging around dealer showrooms and talking up Honda vehicles.



Gumby and Pokey got Honda customers talking at dealerships.

Always on the lookout for new initiatives, Honda's peripatetic social-media crew also saw an opening. So also, just in time for Christmas, Honda took the same endearing cast of cartoon characters and put them in a series of holiday-themed online-only social videos that ended in pitches for selected charities.

There was Gumby and Pokey shilling for the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation, for example, and also videos pairing He-Man and Skeletor, and G.I. Joe and Jem.

And guess what? Consumers responded to the TV ads and social videos by yakking about them when they went to Honda dealerships.

"People are coming into the dealerships and talking about Gumby," Susie Rossick, senior manager at American Honda, told me. "So we're getting great feedback from dealers. They're saying, 'We didn't know those ads would be this popular!'"

In turn, Rossick said, Honda "got behind" this organic development in

showrooms "to take social posts that we've put up" about the toy-character campaign and allowed dealers to put them on their own web sites to engage their customers digitally. Honda greased the skids by having Skeletor "take over" its own Twitter feed at one point in November and hurl provocations at, among others, non-automotive brands. Charmin, Olive Garden and Extra! TV were among brands that took the bait and responded.

Honda has become one of the most prolific and effective social media practitioners in the auto industry, coming up with some new initiative or campaign every few weeks that appeals to some significant sliver of its target demographic, especially Millennials.

And the idea of reviving old cartoon characters gave Honda a new way to garner attention in the industry's year-end promotional derby, which began several years ago with a concerted effort by some luxury brands to move metal in a holiday rush but over the last few years has spread to every brand -- all with the same objective.

"You need to break through that clutter in a way that's not obnoxious but inviting and engaging," Rossick said. And in that regard, with its Honda Holiday campaign this year, she said, "We knocked it out of the park."

Honda's other new initiative with dealers was counting on reaching sustainability-minded car buyers through green dealerships. The "Green Dealer Guide" arguably put Honda



Here's how Honda envisions its "green" dealers.

at the forefront of this trend, but it also follows on greater attention that automakers and their retailers have paid to sustainability lately.

Honda publicly released the 93-page energy-efficiency roadmap that it developed specifically for dealerships and similar commercial buildings with high energy loads; in fact, Honda is urging dealers of all car brands to take its advice to heart.

The guide synthesizes the company's experience over the last three years in helping its U.S. dealers to reduce their energy consumption and operating costs. Steps typically include things like investing in an efficient rooftop HVAC system with advanced controls, installing LED lighting with automatic controls, recycling waste, putting in high-speed garage doors and using native landscaping.

"But it's difficult to do just one program for every dealership across

the United States," said Raminta Jautokas, program manager for Green Dealer. "So it's a customizable program where every dealership receives its own custom roadmap for energy and water improvements for their dealership."

There are two good reasons for this step, Honda executives told me. One, the guide can help dealers save money on utilities as well as facilitate their own green sensibilities. And two, customers are telling Honda that they really care about this stuff -- that a showroom's sustainability credentials can be an important factor in whether they buy a car there.

"We have heard through multiple engagements with customers and dealers that this is an important part of the consideration for purchasing vehicles," said Ryan Harty, manager of the environmental business-development office for American Honda, based in Torrance, California.



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By Michael Kingston

Unless you’ve suddenly morphed into Henry Cavill’s Superman and can confidently reply “only Kryptonite,” “What are your weaknesses?” is the one interview question you can’t avoid. While there is no one-size-fits-all response, the following tips will help you prepare for the inevitable question.

1. Be honest with yourself:

We all have weaknesses. We all make mistakes. You need to be as clear on your weaknesses as you are on your strengths. If you’re unsure, take an online personality profile test or ask colleagues who you trust to give you a candid opinion of what they perceive your weaknesses to be (and strengths).

2. Put a positive spin on it:

Always highlight examples of where you’ve turned your weakness into a strength, but don’t mention a weakness you’re still working on. Any you reveal to the hiring manager must be those you’ve resolved, especially if they are in any way related to the vacancy for which you’ve applied.

3. Watch your language:

Words such as “frustrated” and “impatient” will reflect negatively on you, for example, “I get frustrated when analyzing financial information.” Respond with, “I don’t always find financial analysis an easy part of this job, but I have attended additional training courses and spent time with our financial manager to gain a thorough understanding of what’s needed. He was so pleased with my progress that last month he asked me to prepare a financial report for his department.” This demonstrates a depth of self-awareness and an ability to respond to your personal weaknesses.



What are your weaknesses?



10 tips to deal with the INEVITABLE QUESTION

4. Don’t rehearse the response:

It’s impossible to role play an exact response to this question as it will be influenced by the way the interview is progressing. Mentally prepare a general answer but nothing more. Most hiring managers prefer a natural reply, not a clearly rehearsed one.

5. Some weaknesses won’t be relevant:

If you struggle with admin but you’ve applied for a sales position, that won’t generally be an issue. Good sales people are notoriously bad when it comes to admin. You are demonstrating that your job search is focused on roles that will play to your

strengths. Apply a positive approach, for example, “I’m quite weak when it comes to admin so I have developed my own check-list in every job that I’ve been in and monitored it throughout the project’s life cycle.” In that way, you demonstrate your awareness of your weakness and how you manage it.

6. Stick with work-related weaknesses:

Your inability to resist munching your way through copious amounts of popcorn every time you go to the movies isn’t really relevant.

7. Don’t use clichéd responses:

“I work too hard” or “I’m a perfectionist” are typical responses to this question uttered by many candidates. They don’t ring true and sound rehearsed. Don’t be tempted to use them.

8. Make it specific:

By citing “lack of organizational skills” as a weakness, your response is too vague. Give specific examples, such as those mentioned above. Why are your organizational skills poor? How have you taken steps to resolve those issues?

9. Avoid jobs that work on your weaknesses:

Continually being called to work in an area of weakness is demoralizing for employees and one of the top reasons that people change jobs. If you know you lack the confidence or ability to make a formal presentation to a room full of potential clients, don’t apply for jobs that rely on those skills.

10. Above all, be authentic:

Having a weakness doesn’t make you inadequate, it makes you human. Even Superman had a weakness, remember?

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