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Support the Northville Chamber of Commerce and the Tipping Point Theater by attending Leaving Iowa by Tim Clue and Spike Manton at 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20 at he Street

(361 E. Cady Street). Newspaper columnist Don Browning is searching for the perfect spot to scatter his dad's ashes. Join him on a solo journey across the Midwest, remembering the zany vacations he took with his dad, mom and sister. Leaving Iowa is a rewarding journey that goes beyond nostalgia into the very nature of families and the experiences that bind us together.

Tickets are \$32 and can be purchased at the chamber office, 195 S. Main Street, Northville.

Join Northville Chamber of Commerce members for an informal networking event from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10 at Brick's of Northville (133 W. Main Street, Suite 201).

RSVP to tracisincock@north ville.org or 248-349-7640, ext. 22.



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Detroit Tigers manager Brad Ausmus shakes hands with Northville Fire Chief Steve Ott on Jan. 23 as the Tigers Winter Caravan makes a pit-stop at Northville City

TIGERS HELP CITY FIRE CELEBRATE 125 YEARS

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

The Northville City Fire Department celebrated its 125th anniversary on Jan. 23 with some special guests – the 2015 Detroit Tigers Winter Caravan, including team players, coaches and executives – along with Northville community members.

A highlight of the event was the competition between players Alex Avila and Joe Nathan to see who could suit-up in fire-fighter gear the fastest. During a question-and-answer session, Nathan said he had two dreams as a boy: first to be a baseball player and, if that didn't work out, then to be a firefighter.

"I have the utmost respect for them and what they do," Nathan said.

The gear weighs around 70 pounds and all firefighters are expected to put it on in under a

minute, according to NCFD Chief Steve Ott. At 58 seconds, catcher Avila just edged out pitcher Nathan, who also finished under a minute.

"We're glad they could be here to mark this anniversary with us. This is a lot of fun," said Ott while everyone collected inside the fire station in downtown Northville.

Toward the end of the gathering the players gathered inside city council chambers and answered questions from an audience while gifts were raffled off. The consensus amongst the players was that, although the division has improved, the Tigers have another talented team and they're looking forward to the season starting in

Established in 1890, the NCFD remains a department where service to community is

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JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Northville firefighter Jon Ponte, left, helps get Tigers catcher Alex Avila into his turn-out gear during a Jan. 23 visit to the department's station on West Main Street. The firefighters didn't make Avila go on a run with them, but instead put him in a competition with pitcher Joe Nathan to see who could don the gear quicker.

Board of Education prepares for a new year

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

The Northville Board of Education has selected new officers for the new year, which plans to be a challenging one.

The board's president is now Cynthia Jankowski and vice president is Scott Craig while former president Jim Mazurek is now acting secretary.

These selections come in the wake of the fall election that saw new board member Roland Hwang elected, and Mazurek and Ann Kalass re-elected. The board is young with Mazurek serving the longest at four years. The other board members include Adam Phelps and Matt Wilk.

Longtime board member Ken Roth chose not run for re-election after nearly 13 years

of serving.
In his motion
to nominate Jankowski for president, school
board treasurer
Wilk said Jankowski has all
the right traits
necessary to fill
the important



Jankowski

leadership role. He said she is level-headed and listens well. Phelps did make a motion to nominate Craig, but the suppor

nominate Craig, but the support was behind Jankowski. Craig, who is also president of the

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Colbeck bill regarding free-market health care signed by Gov. Snyder

State Sen. Pat Colbeck, R-Canton, believes the path to providing Michigan citizens with access to higher quality, lower cost health care has been cleared following Gov. Rick Snyder's signature into law of Colbeck's SB 1033 (Public Act 522 of 2014).

According to Colbeck, this legislation ensures that direct primary care services are not treated as insurance products by regulators. The direct primary care model enabled by Colbeck's legislation has been referred to by David Chase of Forbes.com as "Two parts Mar-

cus Welby and one part Steve Jobs."

The new law assures physicians who adopt a direct primary care service business model that the administrative burden associated with insurance regulations will not interfere with their treatment of patients. Physicians who offer direct primary care services provide specified services for a monthly subscription fee that usually vary between \$50 and \$125 per month.

\$125 per month. Typically, Colbeck said,

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\$500,000: Northville District Library thanks donors

The Northville District Library hosted an after-hours event Jan. 25 to thank those who donated to the library or to the library's Endowment Fund in the past two

"We host this special gathering every two years to thank our generous donors, and this year we had an extra reason to celebrate. I am very pleased to announce that we reached a milestone at the end of 2014," said Julie Herrin, library director. "Our Library **Endowment Fund** reached the half million mark, which is pretty amazing given the fact that the fund was begun

less than 15 years ago." The fund was estab-

lished in 2001, with a vision of a few citizens and library board of trustee members. "Growing the Library Endowment Fund is an ongoing effort to build financial support and stability for the library," said Herrin. "Our gathering this past Sunday was attended by over 50 donors who enjoyed sipping wine, eating hors d'hoeuvres, listening to music and strolling around the library after hours. It was a lovely opportunity to meet personally with people in our community who support our library so generDonors support the library in many ways, such as contributions to the library directly, or donations to the Friends of the Library. In 2014 alone, the Friends organization donated \$22,000, which was used to purchase new chairs for the public computers and new youth computer stations.

Sunday's event was called a "500,000 Milestone Celebration". Besides reaching this milestone number in the fund, there were milestones the library has marked in the past 10 years. In 2005, the number of books and other materials reached the 100,000 mark, and in

2009, the library's annual circulation topped 500,000 for the first time.

Many donors reached the milestone gift of \$1,000 of cumulative giving since 2006, and their names will be engraved on the library Giving Tree, located at the entrance.

Local musicians Hugh and Mary Lou Battley provided the music for the event, playing dulcimer and keyboard. They graciously donated their time and music for the evening. Geri Kilsdonk donated a movie-themed raffle basket, and guests left the evening with a small token of appreciation by the library.



Library donors in the past two years, who have contributed \$1,000 in cumulative giving. Shown (I to r, back) Neal Hartshone, Dorothy Hartshorne, Julie Herrin (library director), Carol Oldenburg, Margaret Schupra, Richard Pearson, Cheryl Pearson; (front) Harry Hartshorne, Tina Hwang, Roland Hwang, Joe Oldenburg and Frank Schupra.

NORTHVILLE LIBRARY LINES

The Northville District Library is located at 212 W. Cady Street. Hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday; and 1-5 p.m. Sunday. Phone 248-349-3020 for more informa-

Drop-In Morning Storytime

Time/Date: 10:15-10:45 a.m. Thursdays beginning January 29

Details: Storytime fun for toddlers and preschoolers! All ages are welcome. Caregivers must accompany children age 3 and younger, and must remain in the library if children 4 and older attend independently. Just drop in.

Between the Lines Book Discussion

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 9

Details: Enjoy an interesting discussion of the book "I Am Malala: How One Girl Stood Up for Education and Changed the World" by Malala Yousafzai, who won the 2014 Nobel Peace Prize. Just drop in.

Museum Mysteries

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 2 and 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6

Details: Hear a speaker from the Detroit Institute of Arts talk about the variety of works in the collection that are mysterious in some way. Registration required.

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9th Annual Member **Exhibition**



The Northville Art House presents its 9th Annual Member Exhibition showcasing over 70 works of art in this all-media, non-juried member show. This exhibition was developed to showcase local talent and to say "thank you" to everyone who is supporting the growth and creativity of the arts in the Northville community. New, emerging and experienced artists come together to present some of their favorite works of art in this highly anticipated exhibition. This exhibit will open with an artist reception from 6-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6 and will continue through Feb. 27 during Art House Gallery hours (noon to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays; noon to 4 p.m. Saturdays). For additional information, call 248-344-0497 or visit www.northvillearthouse.org. The Art House is located at 215 W. Cady Street and is a facility of the Northville Arts Commission. Admission to Art House exhibits is always free and open to the public. Shown is Burg Eltz', a watercolor by Jennifer Helner.

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

The Northville Art House is located at 215 W. Cady St. in historic downtown Northville and provides art enrichment and education to the community through classes, art shows and public art. The Winter & Spring art classes and workshops are now available online for children, teens and adults at www.north villearthouse.org. Register early as classes fill quickly. New Art House hours will be Tuesday through Friday, noon to 5 p.m., Saturdays from noon to 4 p.m., and First Fridays only from 1-9 p.m.; phone 248-344-0497.

Upcoming Events Between Land-

scape and Place: A solo show by John Dempsey through Jan. 31. John's paintings are composed in order to confront a variety of environments and perspectives at once. They bring together a number of complex contemporary spaces for the purpose of an immediate comparison.

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Visit the Art House Store to find unique and affordable quality art and contemporary fine crafts by local artists ranging from iewelry to decorative art for the home. Our featured artist is fiber artist, Kathy Forzley. Kathy's love of textiles began at a very early age. She draws much of her inspiration from nature. Her passion for texture, surface design, color and detail is evident in her work. She particularly loves how fibers play together to create their own textural qualities and surface design. See her beautiful felted pins and accessories in our store.

Art Classes & Workshops

Sign up now for our classes and workshops for children, teens and adults. New classes are beginning. www.north villearthosue.org.

Volunteers

Volunteers are the heart of the Art House - call if you're interested in getting involved. One can also offer support through an annual membership which supports Art House activities and gives members a discount on store items and classes. Be a pART of it!

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Northville Mayor Chris Johnson, right, talks with Detroit Tigers players Wynton Bernard, left, and Blaine Hardy.

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Detroit Tigers pitcher Justin Verlander laughs as he takes a photo of catcher Alex Avila dressed up in firefighter's gear while being interviewed.

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the main mission. The all-volunteer department, which gets about 1,600 calls a year, has grown over the years and now includes coverage of the city of Plymouth.

The NCFD provides

fire suppression, basic life support (BLS) EMS, fire prevention and inspection services and public education for the cities of Northville and Plymouth, operating out of three stations. The department is staffed by a full-time chief and 55 part-time and paid on-call firefighters and EMS responders.

Between the two

cities, the department serves an area of 4.5 square miles and a residential population of

Mayor Chris Johnson said the community is blessed to have such a fire department.

"This fire department is really special," Johnson said. "Because it's volunteer, it shows a dedication that it's more than just a job. I'm proud of this department."

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Sen. Pat Colbeck believes the path to providing Michigan citizens with access to higher quality, lower cost health care has been cleared.

COLBECK

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these services include routine medical care such as office visits and basic tests and procedures. Consumers would also purchase a high-deductible health plan at reduced rates to cover those services not provided through their DPCS plan.

DPCS redirects the focus of health care away from government mandates, regulations and fee schedules back to the simplicity of the doctor-patient relationship. The enactment of this law comes on the heels of the release of a study of the impacts of DPCS by Seattle-based Oliance Medical Management, LLC.

In this study, Qliance reports that the adoption of DPCS as a component of employersponsored health plans resulted in a 20-percent reduction in health care costs, increased patient satisfaction and better

"The citizens of Michigan will have greater access to high quality, low cost health care as individual physicians, finally free of the insurance and hospital system bureaucratic monopolies can innovate and deliver high-value healthcare." said Tom Valenti, founder and partner of Forthright Health.

"Kudos to Sen. Pat Colbeck and Gov. Rick Snyder for making SB 1033 law. This law enables direct primary care here in our state. This innovative health care delivery model will help solve Michiganders' health care costs and access challenges," said Matt McCord, M.D., with

Docs4PatientCare.

The legislation is the centerpiece of Colbeck's "Exploit then Repeal" strategy regarding the Affordable Care Act. The adoption of this solution would 'effectively nullify the need for the 159 new federal organizations erected between a doctor and patient under Obamacare," Colbeck

"As we pursue health care reforms, we need to protect the doctor-patient relationship," Colbeck said. "I do not want our citizens to be subject to the same anxieties around coverage or continuity of care that accompanied the rollout of Obamacare as we pursue its repeal. Patients enrolled in DPCS agreements at the time of the repeal of Obamacare will have no such anxieties.'

For more information, go to the "Obamacare Alternative" section at www.Morningin-Michigan.com.

Colbeck urges Senate colleagues to shun 'politics as usual'

By Darrell Clem Staff Writer

State Sen. Patrick Colbeck has implored his legislative colleagues to ponder why they sought election, move beyond political posturing and work to restore public faith in elected leaders.

"We need to move beyond politics as usual and foster a political environment that restores the public's trust in our system of government," Colbeck, R-Canton, said last Thursday, delivering a speech on the Senate floor. "Too often in Lansing, we find ourselves caught up in a cesspool of playground politics filled with false narratives, whisper campaigns and attempts to elevate oneself by demeaning another.

"We are better than this," he added.

His remarks followed another development as Colbeck was passed over for chairing any Senate

committees, despite his ranking as a second-term senator. He downplayed the significance and said he can still accomplish goals.

Colbeck, who has drawn his own share of criticism from his political opponents, released a copy of a speech he gave as he starts his new fouryear term representing the 7th District, which includes Canton, Livonia, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Northville, Northville Township and

Čolbeck, calling the start of the new legisla-tive term "a good time for some introspection," asked senators whether they sought election for "power and prestige" or to serve the public's interest.

Moreover, Colbeck reminded legislators they took the oath of office to serve their constituents and not their own personal interests or those of lobbyists.

Colbeck has been on the receiving end of political accusations, too. Most recently during the last Plymouth-Canton school board race, Canton resident Charles Portelli, a former school district employee affiliated with the Michigan Education Association. criticized Colbeck for

Colbeck endorsed candidates Estelle Oliansky, Don Turner and Tom Kelly, none of whom won election. Portelli questioned Colbeck's involvement, noting he was treasurer of the Canton Charter Academy before launching his first Senate campaign.

issuing endorsements on

Facebook.

Portelli accused Colbeck of endorsing based "solely on somebody's political beliefs," but Colbeck said his position as senator didn't trump his right to express his opinion. Rather, he said, his endorsement was part of his efforts to

convince the school board to stop fingerpointing on budget is-

Colbeck, meanwhile, has received no committee chair positions from Arlan Meekhof, the Senate majority leader. Rather, Colbeck will serve on the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on State Police and Military Affairs, as vice chair of Local Elections and Government Reform and as a member of the Education Committee, the Judiciary Committee and the Veterans, Military Affairs and Homeland Security Commit-

Colbeck said he still expects to serve effectively without chairing any committees.

The effectiveness is still there," he said. "I have many ways of getting things done."

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Marecki sworn in as county commissioner



Wayne County Commissioner Terry Marecki, R-Livonia, (right) is joined by daughters Jordyn Salmon (left) and Brynn Marecki at the Commission's organizational meeting Jan. 8. Marecki, formerly the Livonia city clerk, is beginning her first term representing the 9th District, which covers most of Livonia and the city of Northville and Northville Township. Marecki's daughters shared in delivering her oath of office.





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This weekend, Northville becomes Maine, almost

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

The Northville High School Drama Club is performing its annual student led production over the next few days, tackling a story that's full of stories.

Almost, Main, a play by John Cariani, is broken into nine simultaneous stories that explore the pursuit of love and the hazards of loss in a remote, mythical almost-town called Almost, Maine, according to Jillian Stacer, an NHS junior and the director.

This is her first time directing, but she's been involved with many others. She and the cast are looking forward to opening night.

"It's been a fun chal-

DETAILS

"Almost, Maine" dates and times are 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday. All tickets will be sold at the general admission price of \$10 and will be available one hour prior to each performance at the box office at Northville High School (45700 Six Mile Road).

lenge, and we've been working hard at putting it together," she said.
"It's really interesting because it has nine different stories in one. This is different for us to have this many characters playing such big roles."



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF

Northville High School student Jillian Stacer is directing the school's student-run production of "Almost, Maine."

The story's synopsis goes: "Welcome to Almost, Maine, a town that's so far north, it's almost not in the United



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Northville High School students Celine Weimar and Marius Schuoze rehearse a scene from the drama department's upcoming production of "Almost, Maine," which will be performed at the school this weekend.

States—it's almost in Canada. And it almost doesn't exist. Because its nized. So it's just...Al-

residents never got around to getting orgamost."

"One cold, clear Friday night in the middle of winter, while the northern lights hover in the sky above, Almost's residents find themselves falling in and out of love in the strangest ways. Knees are bruised. Hearts are broken. Love is lost, found, and confounded. And life for the people of Almost, Maine will never be the same."

"This is a big story for a student-led production," she said, adding that at least 50 students auditioned for the roles and the variety of roles has presented some great opportunities.

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Northville varsity dancers prove they're 'Invincible'

The Northville High School Varsity Dance Company presents "Invincible," its eighth annual performance, at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 8 in the high school auditorium. The show features dance routines from many genres, including hiphop, jazz, contemporary, lyrical, and tap. Students, under the guidance of the Dance Company's artistic director Carly Siracusa Carlin, have choreographed many of the acts.

Carlin, an awardwinning dancer and cho-reographer from New York City, joined the NHS Varsity Dance Company in 2009 as a contributing choreographer and later became the artistic director in 2011. She says this year has been filled

IF YOU GO

Tickets for "Invincible" will be available for purchase the day of the show at the NHS Auditorium Box Office beginning at 2:15 p.m. Tickets are \$8 each.

with unexpected sur-

"This was definitely a year of change, but it was a formative year filled with growth, positivity, and most of all love," said Carlin. "I am beyond proud and excited to show our audience what we have been doing this season. This is the hardest working and most positive group of dancers I have ever

worked with, and I couldn't be more proud of their accomplishments this season."

The Dance Company is comprised of 18 dancers, all with varied backgrounds in dance. Many compete at local dance studios such as Center Stage Dance Company, Performer's Edge Dance Company, Flex Point Performing Arts Center, and Metropolitan Dan-Centre. Most have danced for upwards of 10 years, but some have transitioned from other sports and have found the Dance Company to be a perfect fit.

NĤSVDC Captain Laura Trumbore says that being part of this group has changed her entire high school expe-

"Since being on the team my freshman year, I've met so many people who share my passion for dance," she said. "Throughout my high school years they have taught me so much ... and we've all become a

family." In addition to its annual performance, the NHS Varsity Dance Company has performed at many events this year, including the Fall Pep Rally, Homecoming Parade, NHS varsity basketball games, and the Northville Holiday Lighted Parade. In addition to performing, the Dance Company conducts fundraising events where they develop leadership and organizational skills, and social events that help the team bond over the Company's seven-

month season. Carlin looks forward to growing and expanding the Dance Company each year, adding new talent and creativity. She emphasizes that she looks for a dancer's p tential and has seen



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growth in all of her dancers over the years. A unique aspect of the Dance Company that Siracusa Carlin fosters is its emphasis on student choreography.

"Our dancers have the opportunity to share their artistry and vision through pieces that they choreograph them-selves," she said. "For many, this is a highlight of the Dance Company experience."

"Even if you haven't been dancing that long," added Trumbore, "we would love to see what dancers can bring to the table with different styles and creative visions."

In addition to Trumbore, the Dance Company leadership team includes junior class representatives Ani Misirlivan and Lauren Talby, and sophomores Alexys Click and Macy Afsari.

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Northville Democratic Club, said he was disappointed that politics made its way into the decision but did not elab-

The year will be a challenging one, which Phelps noted in his motion for Craig, saying he had the right experience for the coming challenges. The contract with the teachers union will be renegotiated this spring and summer, so the board has some tough

decisions ahead. Jankowski and Mazurek said keeping the students interests at the forefront will remain the priority in each challenge they face.

Following the board's election of officers, the school board was recognized as part of school board recognition month. Northville City Manager Pat Sullivan and Northville Township Supervisor Robert Nix both spoke and thanked the board for their work.

"These are challenging and exciting times in public education," said Mary Kay Gallager, the district's superintendent. "Working together with our district's leadership team, the members of the Northville Board of Education develops policies, and make tough decisions that help shape the future of our educational system. They bear the responsibility and oversight for an annual bud-

get of nearly \$70 million, more than 7,000 students, 800 employees and 12

buildings. We often forget about the personal sacrifices our Board of Education members make day-in and day-out," Gallagher added. "They dedicate countless hours to attending meetings, as well as school and community functions, and hours of preparation and study for the important decisions they make. On top of this, many of our Board members pursue professional development opportunities to stay abreast of the everchanging education land-

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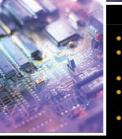
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LTU students in awe at Detroit auto show

By Nathan Mueller
Staff Writer

Jacob Lanyon and Greg Vandervoord were in awe last week as they walked around the North American International Auto Show, rubbing shoulders with some of the biggest names in the

automotive industry.
The two seniors from
Lawrence Technological
University in Southfield
got an exclusive look at
the auto show during
media preview week and
were doing everything
they could to soak it all

Their dream is to one day have their finger-prints on the vehicles others ogle over, but Jan. 13 was all about them doing the ogling.

"I wish I could spend a day with every car and take pictures of it and then go home and just start sketching," said Lanyon, a Lyon Township resident.

And there is nothing like an up-close and per-

sonal view that gets the heart racing.

"You have to come here and look at all the details, rub your hands along the trim and see how the reflections work," he said. "A picture is just a picture; you have to come see it to really experience it."

Vandervoord said it is a great experience having the auto show in Detroit and, unlike many students who graduate and flee the state, he wants to stay put.

"The automotive industry is the lifeblood of Detroit," he said. "It is what people think of when they hear Detroit or Michigan. They think Big Three, cars and all that stuff. I wouldn't want to leave this."

The two have aspirations to become exterior creative designers and their experiences at LTU have prepared them for the real world.

Lanyon said he had a class taught by Colin Bonathan, a designer at



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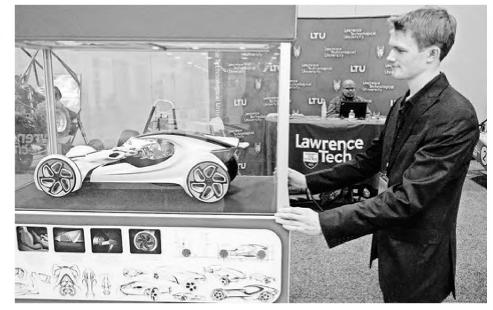
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Greg VanderVoord, a student
at Lawrence Technological
University, said it is "pretty
special" having the auto
show in Detroit.

Ford Motor Co., and is well-versed in sketch, computer design and 3D

The LTU connection also got them into the auto show.

"I'm here flirting with the fame of the game," said Lanyon, who took a picture with Ford CEO Mark Fields and "almost passed out."

To the casual observer, the vehicles don't carry



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Jacob Lanyon, a Lyon Township resident and student at LTU in Southfield, wishes he could spend more time with all the cars at the auto show.

much meaning, but to these students they are works of art.

"It's pretty special just being in Detroit and having the auto show in our back yard," said Vandervoord, of Clarkston. "That is something other people around the country don't get and everyone here enjoys cars or they wouldn't be here."

they wouldn't be here."
LTU also will have a
booth in the lower level
of the Cobo Center dur-

ing the public show this week for those interested in learning more about the school's programs.

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The cast of W.L. Western's production of "All Because of Agatha" (from left): Meghan McNerney, Anthony Paz, Claire Murphy, Sabrina Shingleton, Michaela Kekel, Nik Berishaj, Emma Murphy, Ryan Tate, Nic Folson, Brandon Burnet and Lindsday Scheidler.

W.L. Western performing arts presents: 'All Because of Agatha'

Walled Lake Western High School performing arts presents *All Be*cause of Agatha at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 5-7. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for students and senior citizens. Tickets are on sale now at

www.wlcstickets.com and will also be sold at the door before each

All Because of Agatha is an ensemble cast of 10

students. The students involved in the production include: Ryan Tate, Emma Murphy, Brandon Burnett, Nic Folson, Michaela Kekel, Anthony Paz, Sabrina Shingleton, Nik Berishaj, Claire Murphy, Meghan McNerney and Lindsey Scheidler.

All Because of Agatha, by Jonathon Troy, is filled with bright, funny dialogue and a cast of thoroughly delightful characters, the play deals with the hilarious plight of a young couple who move into a centuries-old house, only to find that it is haunted by a distressingly capricious, maddeningly tenacious yet undeniably appealing witch.

For more information on this production, go to www.wlcstickets.com.

Food collectors



At the beginning of January, students from Novi Meadows collected peanut butter and pasta for the Novi Emergency food pantry. They were able to collect about 300 jars of peanut butter and more than 900 boxes of pasta. Food pantry shelves are bare after the holidays, so it's a great time to help them restock. All buildings and grades in Novi Schools were assigned a food item to collect for the pantry, located at Faith Community Church. Fifth-graders Tiffany Smith, Ava Fleming, Leah Nuzman, Isaac Johnson, Kyle Gilger, Max Kinter and Aaryian Junnare are shown with pasta collected.

SCHOOL BRIEFS

"A Day in the Life of a Novi Student!"

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

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

A Growing Place open house

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

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

For more information, call 248-471-2333

Leader in Me



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Volunteer Ruth Blohm-Hunter assists Deerfield Elementary School student Kennedy Gilmore in learning knitting techniques Jan. 22 during the school's celebration of its Leader in Me program. That day's event, Sharpening the Saw, allowed students to choose a number of different fun activities around the school – like cupcake decorating, building a birdhouse or puzzle playing – to show the importance of occasionally rewarding yourself while still working within a group project.

ON CAMPUSES

Marquette University

Northville's Bridget Winn and Novi's Amy Cauzillo have been named to the dean's list for the fall 2014 semester. Respectively, they are pursuing a bachelor of science degree in accounting and a doctorate in physical therapy.

University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point

More than 2,740

undergraduate students attained high gradepoint averages during the fall semester of the 2014-15 academic year, including Novi's Evan Dixon, high honors. Full-time undergraduates who earned gradepoints of 3.90 to 4.0 are given the highest honors designation. High honor citations go to those with grade-point averages from 3.75 to 3.89 and honor recognition is accorded to those with grade-point averages from 3.50 to

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Final Days of the January Certified Pre-Owned Sale at Varsity Lincoln

By Greg Mullin

Varsity Lincoln of Novi is celebrating auto show season with great deals and a Certified Pre-Owned Sale. More than 150 Certified Pre-Owned Lincolns are on-site, ready to drive off the lot for as low as

In 2014, 540 Certified Pre-Owned vehicles were delivered at Varsity Lincoln, making the dealership the number one pre-owned sales volume dealer globally.

The dealership has held the honor of highest volume sales dealer globally for 17 consecutive years.* It offers a newly remodeled showroom, indoor delivery area and service reception aisle.

This year Varsity Lincoln celebrated its 20th anniversary and won six prestigious automotive awards: the Triple Crown Award, Lincoln Leaders of Excellence. President's Award, Ford One Hundred Club, CPO Sales Leadership and Premier Club.

Hurry over to Varsity Lincoln these next three days to catch the deals:

» Thursday, Jan. 29, 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. » Friday, Jan. 30, 8:30 a.m.

to 6 p.m.

» Saturday, Jan. 31, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"I have the MKS and I love, love, love the technology in it," said Lincoln MKS owner Latanya Tarleton, who has been a customer at Varsity Lincoln for 16 years. "I get the best service here. I never have to worry about any-

Certified Pre-Owned Lincoln vehicles come with many benefits, including:

» A meticulous, 200-point inspection by factory-trained technicians

» 6-year/100,000-mile comprehensive warranty coverage » Complimentary 24/7

roadside assistance "The warranty is key. With Certified Pre-Owned, you get



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the best from Varsity Lincoln," said Jere Law, Varsity Lincoln's General Sales Manager and Pre-Owned Director.

Certified Pre-Owned financing is available for as low as 0.9% APR.*

"Leasing or buying from the number one dealer in the country gives you the best selection, price and service," Law said. "Our dealership is ready to assist customers with anything, whether it is special financing or a specific request. We can handle every unique situation."

This dealership provides The Varsity Lincoln Advantage. Varsity Lincoln team members are selected based upon their unwavering focus on customer care and satis-

'I have an MKZ from Varsity Lincoln; I've had it for

about a year now. It's a beautiful interior, a beautiful exterior, it handles well on the road and gives me good gas mileage!" Lincoln MKZ owner Gary Trudeau said. "I love this place. I wouldn't even consider buying a car from anybody

Jason Towe told us why he got a Lincoln, stating: "I definitely love the comfort and the sportiness of the Lincoln. The cost was a big factor for me, it was actually cheaper than my last car I owned, and I feel I'm getting a better quality car for what I'm paying! There are numerous bene-

fits of purchasing a Certified Pre-Owned, including the outstanding warranty that comes with the vehicles," Law said. "The 100,000-mile free bumper-to-bumper warranty that comes alongside all Certified

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"Our customers speak for themselves and how their experience is. When you read the reviews our customers write online, you can see how happy they are, before, during and after the sale," Law concluded.

*Based on 12/2014 Total New Retail Sales, Pre-Owned Sales and Service Customer Satisfaction per Lincoln Sales Report.

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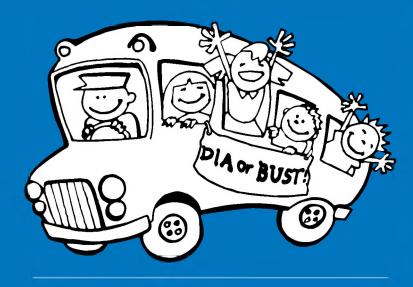
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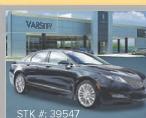
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Special events offered by Novi's Older Adult Services

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

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

Hearty Party Luncheon – noon to 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12: Join your friends and neighbors for a hearty meal, laughter and barbershop performance from Harmony Town. Ticket deadline is Feb. 6.

Shamrock Smash Luncheon – noon to 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 17: Irish or not, you are invited to a wee bit o' blarney at the St. Patrick's Day celebration. Enjoy a traditional Irish meal and entertainment and let the luck o' the Irish be with you. Ticket deadline is March 11.

Take Me Out to the Ball Game Luncheon – noon to 2 p.m. Monday, April 6: Tigers fans, you're on deck. Join other loyal fans at this opening game celebration with a stadium style lunch, entertainment from Joel Palmer and then stay to watch the game and cheer the Tigers to victory. Ticket deadline is March 31

Kentucky Derby – 4-6 p.m. Saturday, May 2: Hear the roar of the crowd and the high energy announcers at Churchill Downs as they witness the most exciting two minutes in sports. Attendees will have fun horsing around the Meadowbrook Activity Center doing Derby Day activities along with dinner and watching the big event. Ticket deadline is April 27. Resident price is \$7.50 and nonresident price is \$9 Tickets are limited and must be purchased in advance at the city of Novi Older Adult Services office located in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 10 Mile.

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

Police academy begins March 4

The role of a police officer has always been of interest to the average citizen. The film industry has capitalized on this curiosity and television shows and movies about police officers are staples in the entertainment industry, but how accurate is the information they provide about law enforcement?

The creation 18 years ago of the Lakes Area Citizens Police Academy affords citizens the opportunity to learn about their local police department and take a behind the scenes look at what law enforcement work is all about. Participants also gain an insider's knowledge of the police agency, enabling them to make informed decisions on issues affecting the police and the communi-

The academy is a joint venture between the Novi, Milford, Walled Lake, South Lyon, Wolverine Lake and Wixom police departments. Applications are currently being accepted for this free academy, scheduled to begin March 4. Those interested can find the application on cityofnovi.org. Participants must be 18 years of age or older and a resident of one of the participating jurisdictions.

"The Citizens Police Academy is a free program for our community

which increases the understanding and cooperation between the police and residents," Novi Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police David Molloy said. "This education, along with the relationship established with members of the police department, assists in achieving the ultimate goal of community-oriented policing - the reduction of crime through a stronger citizen partnership with the police department and commu-

The 30-hour program includes practical demonstrations, hands-on exercises, as well as presentations. Participants will tour the Oakland County Medical Examiner's Office, the Michigan State Police DNA lab and the 52-1 District Court. They will also view a K-9 demonstration, receive a handson experience at the Novi Firearms Training Center and have the opportunity to participate in a ride-along with a police officer.

Classes are scheduled 6:30-9:30 p.m. each Wednesday, March 4 through May 13. The first class will meet at the Novi Police Training Center. The registration deadline is Feb. 20. For more information, contact Det. Sgt. Scott Baetens at 248-347-0530.

Gardeners present Magic of Lighting

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

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

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

Lakes Area Chamber hosting 'Frozen' event

What better way to spend a chilly Sunday afternoon in February than hanging out with your favorite character from the Disney movie Frozen? The Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce is teaming up with chamber member Wonderland Lanes for an afternoon of family fun that will include the chance for parents to take pictures of their children with Elsa, Anna and Olaf from the movie. Participants are encouraged to dress like their favorite Frozen

characters.

The event will be held Sunday, Feb. 22, with check-in beginning at 1 p.m. and bowling 1:30-

3:30 p.m. The Winter Wonder Bowl (8265 Richardson Road in Commerce) will feature crazy bowling games for all ages, kid's karaoke, a 50/50 drawing and awards. The cost for ages 5-17 is \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door; for ages 18 and up the cost is \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Advance registration is available by calling the Lakes Area Chamber at 248-624-2826. The bowler registration form is also available online at www.lakesarea chamber.com.

A coat drive will be held during the event, and participants are asked to bring clean, gently used coasts and new hats, gloves and scarves to be donated to the Open Door Outreach Center in Waterford.

Veterans benefit counseling

In 2010, a nationwide Veterans Administration

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survey found fewer than half of all veterans understood their benefits, including medical care, college tuition reimbursement and pension or disability payments. City of Novi Older Adult Services has partnered with the Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America to increase awareness of VA benefits and medical care for those who qualify.

Bonnie Williams, a service officer from MPVA, will host free, 30-minute, one-on-one counseling sessions 1-3 p.m. the fourth Monday of each month - Feb. 23, March 23 and April 27 at the Meadowbrook Activity Center (25075 Meadowbrook Road). To schedule an appoint-ment, call 248-347-0414 or stop by Older Adult Services office in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 10 Mile.

For more information about Veterans Benefit Counseling, contact Sandy Fisher, Social Services coordinator, at 248-347-0414 or sfisher@cityofnovi.org. To learn about additional older adult social and educational programs, go to www.cityofnovi.org.

New fitness classes

The city of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department offers more than a dozen opportunities to meet goals of leading healthy and active lifestyles with classes for every age and ability. Fitness classes range from beginner's gentle yoga and balance training to cardio-pumping, Piloxing and Zumba.

Classes begin throughout the month of January and are offered mornings, mid-days and evenings. For a full listing of available classes, go to www.cityofnovi.org or pick up a copy of the Engage! magazine.

Registration is going on now via cityofnovi.org and at the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department located inside the Novi Civic Center, 45175 10 Mile. For more information, call 248-347-0400.

Scrapbook for a cause at library

Kick the creativity into gear and get your paper, stickers and cardstock ready by joining the Novi Public Library from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, for 12 hours of scrapbooking fun.

To partake in this day full of craft making, each individual will pay \$30 for a six-foot table. Consultants from Creative Memories and Close to My heart will be on hand to help with any creativity needs. Crafters will get the opportunity to enjoy lunch, make and takes and giveaways. All proceeds will go toward the library to support future programming opportunities.

If you would like to participate in this scrapbooking event, call 248-869-7204 to register or go to www.novilibrary.org.

2015 State of the City Address

Novi Mayor Bob Gatt will deliver the 2015 State of the City Address on Thursday, Feb. 12, providing Novi citizens and business partners an opportunity to reflect upon the 2014 accomplishments and learn about the goals Novi will strive for in 2015. The event, in partnership with the Novi Chamber of Commerce, begins with a 7:30 a.m. breakfast at the Suburban Collection Showplace.

Interested parties can register online at cityofnovi.org (\$23 per person) or mail a check (\$20 per person, made payable to city of Novi) to Community Relations, city of Novi, 45175 10 Mile, Novi, MI 48375.

Mile, Novi, MI 48375. Contact 248-347-0416 for more information.

Novi Farmers Market continues through winter

The 2014 Novi Farmers Market was so suc-

Maybury skiing



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Marion Marks (right) of Novi skis through the woods of Maybury State Park and is joined by Northville resident Pat Seiter and dog Jack for a bit during a Jan. 13 outing. At that time there was about five inches of snow in the park for visitors to enjoy.

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

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

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

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

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

Coffee with the Superintendent

Join Novi Schools Superintendent Steve Matthews for Coffee with the Superintendent at the Novi Public Library in the Board Room 202 on: Feb. 9 (6:30 p.m.); Feb. 11 (10:15 a.m.); March 9 (6:30 p.m.); March 11 (10:15 a.m.); April 13 (6:30 p.m.); April 15 (10:15 a.m.); May 11 (6:30 p.m.); and May 13 (10:15 a.m.).

Art classes for older adults

adults
City of Novi Older
Adult Services invites
those ages 50 and above
to socialize, relieve
stress and lift moods by
taking part in the upcoming Color Your World
art class series. The
classes are led by volunteer Novi High School
art students who want to
share their love for art.
No previous experience
is necessary

is necessary.
Pre-registration is required and can be completed online at www.cityofnovi.org, at the Novi Civic Center (45175 10 Mile) or Meadowbrook Activity Center (25075 Meadowbrook

Road).
Classes are held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Saturday at the Meadowbrook 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.

Cottage & Lake Front Living Show returns to Novi

The eighth annual Cottage & Lakefront Living Show returns Thursday, Feb. 26, through Sunday, March 1, to the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi.

"Our preseason event is designed for property and vacation homeowners or those looking to buy, build or rent to make their dreams happen this summer," said Dawn Baker, show manager of ShowSpan, Inc. "Builders, remodelers and Realtors will be ready with ideas. Start planning for this summer's family fun and memories by researching a new cottage, looking at a fishing kayak or boat and playing in the sand at the beach."

Suburban Collection Showplace is located at 46100 Grand River, between Novi and Beck roads. Show hours are 3-9:30 p.m. Thursday; noon to 9:30 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday; and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$10; \$4 for children 6-14 and free for children 5 and under. Free crossover admission from the Cottage & Lakefront Living Show to Outdoorama. On-site parking is available for a fee. For more information, go to www.NoviCottage Show.com or Facebook.com/NoviCottageShow or call 800-328-

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UM Alumni host pro networking event

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

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

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

Hospice presentation

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

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

Fewer tax materials at the library

Due to budget cuts at the Internal Revenue Service, the Northville District Library will see a major reduction in the number of printed federal tax materials received for residents this year.

Only Forms 1040, 1040A and 1040 EZ will be shipped to the library. One set of reproducible forms and one copy of Publication 17 will also be shipped. However, no instruction booklets to complete the forms will be received.

"Our staff is prepared to assist residents in finding forms and instructions online, and printing the forms needed," said Julie Herrin, library director. "The cost is 10 cents per page."

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The government is asking taxpayers to file online or visit the IRS site (www.irs.gov/Forms) where forms can be downloaded and printed. To request forms and publications to be mailed, go to http://www.irs.gov/uac/Forms-and-Publications-by-U.S.-Mail or call

1-800-829-3676.
As in the past, free tax assistance for seniors can be found at the Northville Community Senior Center through AARP Tax-Aide, on Thursdays from Feb. 5 to April 9, by appointment;

call 248-305-2851.

"We expect to see federal forms arriving at the library in early February, but we have not been told an exact date," Herrin said. "The forms we receive will be located in the copier area on the upper level of the library, where they have

been located in the past."
State tax forms and publications can be found online at http://www.michigan. gov/taxes. The library expects to see state tax forms arriving in February.

Chamber Night at Tipping Point Theatre

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

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

Tickets are \$32 and can be purchased at the chamber office, 195 S. Main Street, Northville. Email tracisincock@northville.org or phone 248-349-7640, ext. 22, for more information.

Northville Chamber networking event

Join Northville Chamber of Commerce members for an informal networking event 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10, at Brick's of Northville (133 W. Main Street,

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

*Date is approximate, depending on your region.



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



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.

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- 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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18-year-old finishes third film

He's just 18, but Luke Jaden has already finished production on his fourth film, titled King Ripple.

Produced by Troika (Not Well) and Mother and Midwife Pictures (*Papou*), the script is written by author Josh Malerman, who has achieved recent critical acclaim from his latest HarperCollins published novel Bird Box.

King Ripple stars Keith Stanfield (Selma, Short Term 12), Torrey Wigfield (Lost River), Allie DeBerry (Cawdor), Jaden and film newcomer Callaghan Belle. The story follows four teenagers as they travel through a desolate, urban wasteland brought forth by the very being they wish to find: King Ripple himself.

This is Jaden's first time both as a director and actor on one of his projects.

"As a director, you have to be behind the camera, paying attention to every little detail from a bird's eye view. But I couldn't do that on this project," he said. "I had to get into character, look at the acting notes and rehearse lines. On this one, I decided to take a step back.'

While acting, Jaden



"King Ripple" features actors (from left) Torrey Wigfield, Callaghan Belle, Luke Jaden and Allie DeBerry.

depended much on the experience of his pro-ducers, Novi resident Michael Angelo Zervos (Papou) and Phil Wurtzel (Cawdor), both directors of feature films themselves, to help behind the camera on Ripple

I had to trust the DP and the producers," Jaden said. "They believed in me when I was behind the camera, but I had to believe in them when I was in front of

"Luke took a risk directing a film in which he was also expected to perform," Zervos said of his director. "The conditions of production were trying already with near freezing temperatures and all location shooting. Taking on this additional challenge could have broken a less driven individual, but Luke has never lacked the perse-

verance to succeed.' Jaden's previous films include Madmen and

Martyrs (which premiered at the African American Museum in Detroit), Not Well (in post-production) and Neverlands (in postproduction).

Ripple is currently in post-production, with completion expected by the middle of 2015. For more information on the film, go to http://Motherand midwife.com or on Facebook at King Ripple The Movie.

Take a trip across the Midwest at the Tipping Point

The Tipping Point Theater presents *Leav*ing Iowa from Jan. 29 through March 8. The curtain rises at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, with matinees at 3 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. A special matinee performance has been added at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 18.

Newspaper columnist Don Browning is searching for the perfect spot to scatter his dad's ashes years after his death. Join him as he sets out on a solo journey across

the Midwest and through some of the zany and emotional family road trip vacations he took with his dad, mom and sister. Through the long stretches of corn fields, conflicts with siblings, and the tourist traps that litter his memories, he rediscovers his love and admiration for his dad. Leaving Iowa is a rewarding journey - one that goes beyond nostalgia and into the very nature of families and

the joys and experiences



that bind us together. The production stars Dave Davies, David Wolber, Ryan Carlson,

Alysia Kolascz and Northville resident Brenda Lane. This activity is supported in part by an award from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Tickets are \$29 to \$32 for adults and \$27 to \$30 for students and senior citizens, available now by calling the box office at 248-347-0003. Tipping Point Theatre at 361 E. Cady Street, Northville; www.tippingpointtheatre.com.

including as The Cow-(The Odd Couple). Rated PG, this fam-

'Fiddler' production

features local talent

The Broadway version of Fiddler on the Roof is performing at the Village Theater in Canton for two weekends, Jan. 30 and Feb. 1 and Feb. 6-8, and will star all local talent.

Fiddler on the Roof is the story of Tevye, the father of five daughters, and his attempts to maintain his Jewish religious and cultural traditions, as outside influences encroach upon his family's lives. He must cope both with the strong-willed actions of his three older daughters who wish to marry for love and the edict of the Tsar that evicts the Jews from their village.

"This show is timeless and great for the entire family," said director Connor Rhoades, a Plymouth-Canton Educational Park graduate studying theater education at Eastern Michigan University. "I am so excited to bring such a timehonored show to Canton on its 50th anniver-

With 18 musical numbers and a cast of more than 50 ages 6-22, Rhoades said, the show has "a little something for everyone in the family."

More than 100 performers came from all over metro Detroit to participate in auditions in November 2014, coming from as far as Ann Arbor, Novi, Madison Heights and Windsor, Ontario. Brandon Waldenmayer of Canton plays the role of Tevye.

"I'm honored to be part of such an extraordinary cast," said Waldenmayer, a junior at Easter Michigan University double majoring in children's theater and public administration who has performed

in more than 50 shows, ardly Lion (The Wizard of Oz) and Felix Ungar

ily friendly production is a wonderful way to take the family to see a timeless Broadway style show without spending a fortune. Audiences will be familiar with songs such as Tradition, If I Were a Rich Man and Matchmaker, Matchmaker.

In addition to the public performances, Forever After Productions will present two performances for local school children to attend.

"The school shows are an important part of what we do bringing this level of theater performance to young people who may not otherwise have the opportunity to attend a touring production' show producer and choreographer Debby Ash said.

Forever After Productions is a community theater company based in Plymouth. Since 2009, it has produced more than 25 full-stage musical and dramatic productions throughout metro Detroit, including at the Power Center in Ann Arbor, The Berman Center in West Bloomfield and The Village Theater in Canton.

Tickets are \$17 and are on sale for all eight performances – 7 p.m. Jan. 30, 2 and 7 p.m. Jan. 31, 2 p.m. Feb. 1, 7 p.m. Feb. 6, 2 and 7 p.m. Feb. 7 and 2 p.m. Feb. 8 – and can be purchased at www.iheartforeverafter.com or by calling Forever After Productions at 734-547-5156. The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Read in Canton.

Brief Summary



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

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

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Who should not take GRASTEK?

You or your child should not take GRASTEK if: You or your child has severe, unstable or uncontrolled

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

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

What should I tell my doctor before taking GRASTEK? Your doctor may decide that GRASTEK is not the best treatment if:

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

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

Are there any reasons to stop taking GRASTEK?

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

- Any type of a serious allergic reaction
- Throat tightness that worsens or swelling of the tongue or throat that causes trouble speaking, breathing or swallowing · Asthma or any other breathing condition that
- gets worse
- Dizziness or fainting
- Rapid or weak heartbeat
- Severe stomach cramps or pain, vomiting, or diarrhea
- Severe flushing or itching of the skin · Heartburn, difficulty swallowing, pain with swallowing,
- or chest pain that does not go away or worsens Also, stop taking GRASTEK following: mouth surgery procedures (such as tooth removal), or if you develop any mouth infections, ulcers or cuts in the mouth or throat.

How should I take GRASTEK?

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

- 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

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

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- 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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DENSO shows off safe-driving technology

By Nathan Mueller Staff Writer

There is a certain level of comfort drivers feel when they close the door and hit the road.

A seat belt keeps them comfortably strapped into the seat, an airbag is positioned in such a way to reduce injury and the structure of the vehicle itself lends to a safer environment.

But what if there was something else inside your vehicle that provided the ultimate comfort? Something that could alert you of a car running a red light or hiding in your blind spot or a system that could tell you about slick road conditions.

That technology is closer to reality than previously thought - and Southfield-based DENSO Corp. is at the forefront with its vehicle-to-vehicle and vehicle-to-infrastructure technology

"The key thing is it provides you real-time, non-line-of-sight information," said Douglas Patton, executive vice president at DENSO. "It is really valuable technology from a safety standpoint.'

The technology gives vehicles the ability to communicate with surrounding vehicles and traffic signals, notifying drivers of hazardous situations before they happen. People can get a sample of the technology at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit next week.

It is not a DENSO-specific technology, Patton said, but one the company sees as one of its "social obligations."

Patton noted that currently the accident rate is 5.5 percent of all vehicles. If 10 percent of vehicles were equipped with this type of technology, that number could be reduced by 1 percent. While the number may seem small, Patton said it is actually very "signifi-

The U.S. Department of Transporta-

tion's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration is using DENSO's technology in Ann Arbor as part of a pilot program; a report on the findings is expected this year.

There is no one answer as to how the system will notify the driver, but a heads-up display appears to be the best option.

"It's all about getting the right information in the right place at the right time," Patton said. "There are two ends of the spectrum. One is you have so much information, you just kind of freak out and the other is you are driving in Montana and you are sleeping because you realize there is nothing to keep you awake."

Patton said the company is also working on technology that would provide only the information needed.

'My analogy is you are driving on I-696 and there is a semi-truck on one side and a snow plow on the other. You don't even want your phone to ring. You want it to go to voice mail," he said

The world outside the vehicle

DENSO also is showcased its vision for "smart cities" of the future and how its technology can be expanded beyond the automotive world.

The display showed how vehicles, homes and infrastructure connect and become more energy-efficient.

"We are looking at how we take the technology we have right now for the car and apply it to other areas, like inside the home or the city," said Julie Kerr, senior manager of corporate communications. "We know (DENSO's products) are high-quality and durable, so the next step is to see where we can apply that technology and expertise to better manage energy and better manage living.

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Southfield supplier DENSO highlights its SmartCity concept, going beyond the automobile, at the North American International Auto Show.



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Douglas Patton, executive vice president and chief technological officer for DENSO Corp., talks about the demonstration on display of his company's vehicle-to-infrastructure technology that allows cars to communicate with their surroundings.

OAKLAND COUNTY BUSINESS WORKSHOPS

Business owners and entrepreneurs who need assistance are invited to attend seminars offered by the Oakland County One Stop Shop Business Center.

Unless otherwise noted, all programs take place at the Oakland County Executive Office Building Conference Center, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road, west of Telegraph, Waterford. For pre-registration and location specifics, visit www.advantageoakland.com/businessworkshops or call 248-858-0783.

CEED Small Business Loan

Orientation Feb. 11, 9-11 a.m. Many small business owners face obstacles when trying to obtain a business loan. If your business is in Oakland County and you need alternative financing, consider the Center for Empowerment and Economic Development (CEED) Small Business Loan Program (formerly CEED Micro-Loan program). Discover the requirements and process necessary to apply and obtain a CEED small business loan. This workshop is free but pre-registration is required.

Starting a Business

Feb. 12, 9-11 a.m. This workshop is designed for individuals who are at the beginning stages of starting a business. It will help aspiring entrepreneurs assess their abilities to lead and manage a company, as well as evaluate market and sales potential for their products/services. Start-up costs, financing options and business planning are introduced, along with necessary steps to getting started. This workshop is free but pre-registration is required.

Business Research: Feasibility to Expansion

Feb.18, 6-8:30 p.m. Thinking of starting a business and want to research your business idea? Do you want to identify market trends and opportunities to grow your sales? Are you looking

for new customers or to diversify your market base? Business Research shows you ways to find your ideal customers. your competitors, perform competitive analysis and more. This workshop is free but pre-registration is required.

Government Contracting 101

Feb. 19, 9 a.m. to noon. Find out what it takes to sell your goods and services to the federal government and the state of Michigan. What makes a successful government contractor? What services and resources are available to a small business pursuing the government market? If your company is considering government contracting, this seminar will give you the insight you need. Management and key players who will support and facilitate government contracting within your company should attend. Presented by Alexander Masters, PTAC of Schoolcraft College. \$45 per person.

Team SBA Financing Roundtable

Feb. 26, 9 a.m. to noon. What's the secret to getting a business loan? Attend this free Financing Roundtable and find out how banks look at your application, what you can do to improve your chances for a loan, and how SBA loan guarantee programs can help you get the financing you need. This session is best suited to those who have good credit, a solid business idea and some money to invest in their business. NOTE: Because the SBA does not provide loan guarantees to real estate investment firms, including purchasing and rehabbing houses for resale, this type of financing is not discussed at the roundtables. This workshop is free but pre-registration is required.

Upcoming Workshop Calendar

March 5: Get a Grip on Your Busi-

March 10: Business Research: Feasibility to Expansion

March 11: CEED Small Business **Loan Orientation**

March 12: Starting a Business March 12: Break the Rules, Close

March 17: Capital Raise March 25: WBE Certification Ori-

March 26: Introduction to Quick-

Plan

March 31: Legal Business Basics April 8: CEED Small Business Loan Orientation

April 8: Business Research: Feasibil-

ity to Expansion April 9: Starting a Business April 30: Create Your Marketing

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Fireman's Ball set for Feb. 14

The Northville Township Firefighters Charity Fund presents the 12th annual Fireman's Ball from 6 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Feb. 14, at Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft Road, Livo-

The evening includes dinner, drinks, dancing with live music from the Killer Flamingos, a raffle and silent and live auctions. Hosted by special guest Dan Miller of WJBK-TV (Channel 2) and the voice of the Detroit Lions, all proceeds will benefit the Northville Township Firefighters Charity Fund, a 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation.

For more information, call 734-219-3961, email admin@ntffcharityfund.com or go to www.NTFFCharityFund.com.

Meet Your Legislators Breakfast

The Northville Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Meet Your Legislators Breakfast 7:30-9 a.m. Friday, Feb. 6, at Genitti's Hole in the Wall (108 E. Main, Northville). The event sponsors are Robert Law, Strategic Communications Solutions and the Detroit Regional Chamber. The event includes a buffet breakfast, provided by Genitti's. Cost is \$12 for chamber members, \$15 for non-members.

"The Meet Your Legislators Breakfast provides an opportunity for residents and the business community to meet their state officials, hear about committee work and future legislation that may affect the Northville community," said Traci Sincock, associate director of the chamber.

Presenters include state Sens. Patrick Colbeck, 7th District, and Mike Kowall, 15th District, and state Reps. Kathy Crawford, 38th District, and Kurt Heise, 20th District.

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



Local company creates web program designed to simplify online car sales

LOCAL NEWS

Bv David Veselenak

Staff Writer

Purchasing a car should be like purchasing anything else, according to Yuval Moed, who says the Internet should be able to play a role.

That's why the CEO of Verishow, a company based in Farmington Hills with research firms in Israel, and his team came up with a webbased program to allow customers to interact more intimately with sales people.

'We basically allow them to engage with customers using video chat and comprising content sharing," he said. "They want to engage with them. They want to try and sell online.'

While the service is similar to other services such as Skype, this technology has a simple interface, is easy to use and does not require installa-



Yuval Moed, CEO of Farmington Hills-based Verishow, at his booth at the North American International Auto Show at Cobo Center in Detroit.

tion of programs on a hard drive. A demonstration is available at Verishow's booth at the

North American International Auto Show, running through Jan. 25 at Cobo Center in downtown De-

Moed, who lives in Israel but has several ties to southeast Michigan,

said the program will allow other features besides video chat, including the ability to share documents, photos and videos to display vehicles for sale. Customers do not need to install any software and could use computers, mobile phones and tablets that meet system requirements.

The company began in Israel, but moved to Farmington Hills later. Moed, who graduated from the University of Michigan with an MBA, brought his company to Michigan after working with several associates. His wife also comes from Huntington Woods.

The move to the web is important, Moed said, especially for young buvers who do online research before heading to a brick-and-mortar dealership.

"When you shop for a car, you first go online

and do all your research," he said. "You don't walk into a dealership before you know all this stuff."

The system could take a customer all the way through the purchase of a vehicle, to collecting information from the consumer if they've made a selection, Moed said.

It was tested in several area dealerships and received a strong response, Moed said. Since opening his booth at the auto show, he said there have been several dealerships expressing interest in using the software. He hopes to have the system be more widespread later this year.

"Some of the largest auto dealerships have stopped by already today to talk to us," he said.

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Auto show put focus on Cadillac brand

By Julie Brown Staff Writer

Dan Pierce of Novi was proud to show off some new Cadillacs at the North American

International Auto Show. "We're here to talk a little bit about the Cadillac, some of the new brands," said Pierce, a 1995 North Farmington High School graduate who works for Cadillac Communications. "Detroit in particular is a great place for us to introduce vehicles."

He and colleagues

were busy during the

"It's the toughest yet the most exciting and fun couple of weeks you could have in the industry," said Pierce, who grew up in Farmington Hills and earned his two

Detroit auto show.

bachelor's degrees from

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the University of Missouri. "We're just excited to be able to show off our cars.

He described the 2016 Cadillac CTS-V, the highest performance Cadillac ever built. "It has 640 horsepower and a top speed of 200 miles per hour," Pierce, 37, said.

He and a Cadillac product specialist who detailed vehicle specifications were at a University of Missouri alumni gathering Jan. 15. Pierce tipped his hat to Rod Alberts, executive director of the Detroit Auto Dealers Association and NAIAS and also a business school graduate of the University of Missouri.

Missouri native Alberts is a resident of Bloomfield Hills. He and other auto show organizers like the show's draw of thousands of media, including foreign, as well as the public. "For us, it's a perfect combination to getting

Oakland County at-

ment in 2014, prompting

expand its global search

for companies looking to

The business devel-

opment team has trips

planned to Canada, Chi-

na, France, Germany,

Japan and Taiwan in

2015. Oakland Deputy

County Executive Mat-

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Michigan Gov. Rick Sny-

der on a trade mission to

team will also be attend-

ing the 2015 SelectUSA

Investment Summit in

March as it partners with

the Michigan Economic

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County is a multi-nation-

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Washington, D.C., in

China in August. The

tracted \$171 million of

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development team to

locate in the county.



IULIE BROWN

Dan Pierce of Novi, with Cadillac Communications, shows off an Escalade at the North American International Auto Show.

the word out," Pierce

He's a big fan of both rs and his alma mater. so the meet-and-greet with alumni was fun.

Oakland County's 30 deals

total \$171 million

"It's been great to be able to combine both of them," Pierce said.

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ALBERS, HENRY L. Age 83, passed away January 24, 2015. He was born on August 5, 1931 in Lansing, son of the late Grant Bertha Albers. Henry was a proud Air Force veteran serving in the Korean War. He was known for his larger than life personality and his big hearted, generous nature. Henry was a very young 83 year old. He loved life and most of all, loved spending time with his family. He was an avid hunter and fisherman and enjoyed snowmobiling. He is survived by his loving daughters: Vicky (Bill) Finn and Kelly (Mike) Kuzma. Henry is also survived by his grandson, Sam; his sister, Sally Nichols; his sister-inlaw, Carolyn Albers and his nieces and nephews. Visitation will be held on Friday, January 30 from 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. with a funeral service on Saturday, January 31 at 11:00 a.m. at PHILLIPS FÜNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake

St., South Lyon. www.phillipsfuneral.com



BEDARD JAMES RAYMOND

Michigan, died on January 25, 2015 in Apollo Beach, Florida. Born on May 14, 1942 in Detroit, Michigan, James is survived by his wife of 31 years, Carole F. Bedard and daughter Jacqueline Good (Scott), brothers Bradford (Shirley), Duane (Jo Ann), and Gary (Ruthy) and six step-children, 12 grandchiland nine greatgrandchildren. James was the owner of Bedard Shade Tree Co. since 1969 and always loved the tree and landscape business. His wish was that the business continue on and will now be run by his family members. He was a faithful member of the Cross of Christ Lutheran Church and an avid Classic Car enthusiast. Funeral Service will be held from Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, 24155 Griswold Rd., South Lyon, on Monday, February 2nd, at 10 AM. Friends may visit at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty Street, Milford on Sunday, February 1st, from 1:00-8:00 p.m. Memorial donations may be made to Cross of Christ Lutheran Church. For further information, please call 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneral Directors.com.

BOYD, MITSUE A. Age 90, of Hartland, formerly of Northville, passed away January

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COUCH, RONALD ALBERT ERNEST

36 year resident of Novi, passed peacefully January 18, 2015 in Glendale, Arizona. Born in April 23, WWII Veteran of The Royal Air Force, Immigrated to Canada in 1956 and to the U.S. in 1964. A Film Editor with Pinewood Studios, London, CBC Ottawa, NBC Cleveland and WKBD Detroit. He is survived by one brother in Scotland; children; and eight grandchildren who will miss him dearly. Interment at Glen Eden in Livonia. Please donate to a charity of choice in lieu of

JACKSON, DOUGLAS B.

Age 89, of Alma, MI, formerly of Hazel Park, Detroit, and

South Lyon, passed away at Masonic Pathways in Alma on Jan. 22, 2015. A Masonic and Church Memorial Service for Douglas will be held on Sun., Feb.1 at Doig Chapel, Masonic Pathways in Alma at 2:00 P.M. Douglas was born on August 13, 1925 in Highland Park, MI to Claude and Blossom A. (Sayre) Jackson. He owned a Mobil gas station, sold insurance, was a car salesman and was the office manager for Colonial Acres in South Lyon. Douglas was a Staff Sgt. in the 8th Air Corps during WWII. He belonged to the Presbyteran Church, the Masons where he was a Past Master of Archive Lodge #546 and the V.F.W. Surviving Douglas are his two son, John A. "Andy" (Donna) Jackson of Westland, MI and Bradley D. (Leslie) Jackson of Bellingham WA; three grandsons, Robert (Lauren) and Jeffrey (Tiffany) Jackson, Jason three great Johnston, granddaughters and two great grandsons. Preceding Douglas in death are his wife Martha "Pat" and a brother, Sidney Jackson of Traverse City. A Commandry Memorial Service will be held for Douglas on Saturday, Feb 7 at 11:00 a.m. at White Chapel Cemetery in the Mausoleum. Memorial contributions may be made to Masonic Pathways, 1200 Wright Ave., Alma, MI 48801. The family is being served by the Dewey Funeral Home of Alma.

JISKRA, JUSTINE "JÚTY" Age 95, of Livonia, formerly of

Cadillac, passed away January 23, 2015. Share condolences at casterlinefuneralhome.com



MAXWELL. RUSSELL LEE

Age 83 of South Lyon, passed away on January 15, 2015. Russell was a loving and devoted husband to his wife, Constance. He is survived by his children, Robert Maxwell, (Kathie) Maxwell Sharen (Steve) Gustafson, Karen (Les) Smith, Cynthia (Joe) Scott, (Kevin) Nancy Sharon (Lew) Horn and, Diane (Jeff) Thibodeau. He was the dear grandfather of 17 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Mary. Russell proudly served his country in the United States Air Force. He was an volunteer in the Plymouth-Canton community. He was a lifetime member of the Plymouth Lions Foundation serving as a two-time, past President. He also served as Vice President and President of the Yankee Air Museum. Russell was an active volunteer with the Plymouth-Canton High School

ROGERS,

KRISTINA M. Age 39, passed away January 22, 2015. She was born on June 18, 1975 in Detroit, daughter of Rachel and the late Douglas Heikkinen. She is survived by her beloved husband, Jeff; her loving children: Brandon, and Marissa, her step-children: Jeffrey and Jody and her step-grandchildren: Jayden and Blake. Kristina is also survived by her mother, Rachel Heikkinen; her siblings: John (Jackie) Heikkinen and Julie (William) Lazzaro and her loving aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, brothers-inlaw, sister-in-law and many friends. Visitation was held on Sunday and a funeral service was held on Monday at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. She was laid to rest in South Lyon Cemetery. Donations may be made to the Rogers Family. www.phillipsfuneral.com

SMITH, ROBERT C. December 25, 1942-January 16, 2015 L. J. Griffin Funeral Home

STEPHENSON,

and services entrusted to L.J. Sassaman Chapel

GERALD L.

Age 68, longtime resident of Northville, passed away 1/26/15. Casterlinefuneralhome.com

WANTUCK, JOHN N.

May 26, 1944-January 20, 2015

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MARVIN "CARL" January 22, 2015. Age 68. Care

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VanNOORD,

perfect hedge for U.S. investment. They play off each other extremely Among the significant international deals that came to Oakland County

in 2014 is Hirata Corp. of

of foreign investment America, headquartered in Indianapolis with operations in Wixom and a subsidiary of Hirata Corp. of Japan. The company designs and manufactures advanced robotic production facilities, primarily for the automotive and semiconductor industries. The company plans to expand into a larger facility in Lyon Township, investing up to \$2 million and creating

39 jobs. More than 40 countries are expected at SelectUSA, which is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Commerce and is held to encourage international investment in the United States. The attendee list is limited to 2,400 people and not everyone who applies is granted access

to the two-day event. "We applaud the Department of Commerce for organizing such an important event as SelectUSA and appreciate the opportunity to partner with the Michigan Economic Development Corp. to sell potential investors on our state." said Irene Spanos, who directs the county's Department of Economic Development & Community Affairs. "We are excited about the event."

The county has long prided itself on the international diversity of its business investment. More than 1,000 international firms from 38 countries have business

locations in Oakland County. In 2014, more than two international businesses a month either expanded or located in Oakland County.

Thirty companies invested a total of more than \$171 million - more than a quarter of the \$639 million total business investment in the county for the year. The investment created 1,941

"We are focusing on companies who have expressed a desire to locate in the United States – automotive, tech and medical device companies," Spanos said. "Michigan is at the western end of the Eastern Time Zone, which makes it attractive to many businesses. It's our job to sell them on our many assets and Oakland County's strategic location.'

Spanos said Faurecia, a French tier one auto supplier in Auburn Hills, established an office in Oakland County about 15 years ago and staffed it with two employees. The company now has 700 employees.

'We've been doing this for 20 years," Spanos said. "Companies get everything they need here from what their business needs to what their family needs. We travel the world in search of these companies. And when they get here, we partner with them.

Governor emphasized positives in address, but still much work to do

ov. Rick Snyder gave a passionate and positive speech (Jan. 20) where he highlighted attainable goals that focused on the people of Michigan. The governor emphasized positives which include entering 2015 with the lowest unemployment rate in 12 years! That number is great to see, but it doesn't mean that the work on Michigan's recovery is done. There is still much to do and by working with our constituents and the governor, we can continue on the course of making an even stronger state for our children and grandchil-



Kathy Crawford **GUEST** COLUMNIST

dren. Michigan's success is about the success of its local communities and providing a voice to all residents has to be a priority.

Snyder also highlighted his ideas for 2015. I applaud him for discussing realistic goals that put people first and create a stronger, more efficient government for Michigan residents. A few of his ideas especially stood out to me. Drug

abuse, senior and family issues and skilled trade training are issues that have a direct impact on the 38th District and I look forward to exploring them further, as well as hearing your input on these important topics.

The governor highlighted the prescription drug abuse problem in Michigan that has been a large issue in Oakland County. I think everyone agrees it is important we find practical and effective solutions to help people. As a member of the House Committee on Health Policy, I look forward to working on policy that can address

this issue.

Seniors and children are two groups that often have their needs overlooked. As a member of the House Committee on Families, Children and Seniors, it is a priority that they are heard and protected in our state. Snyder recognizes this as well and his 2015 goals include making services for both children and seniors easier to obtain.

Finally, the governor's focus on increasing Michigan's skilled trade workforce struck a chord. Michigan has a large number of skilled trade jobs that are going unfilled. The state has

already made great strides to increase vocational training and create partnerships with community colleges to help fill these jobs.

As a member of the Workforce and Talent Development Committee, I look forward to working on policy that will continue to increase Michigan's skilled workforce. Creating an environment for strong job growth and economic prosperity involves budgeting for our priorities in Michigan, making compromises and remembering that Michigan residents are who we work for. Michigan is

already a better place to live and work than it was five years ago.

It is easy to go from bad to good, but to go from good to great is where the really hard work starts. That is where Michigan is now and I promise to listen to you, the people who trust in me, to take Michigan from good to great!

Kathy Crawford is the 38th District state representative for the cities of Novi, South Lyon, Walled Lake and the Oakland County portion of Northville and the townships of Lyon and Novi. She can be reached at 517-373-0827 or kathycrawford@house.mi.gov.

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OUR VIEWS

Do more than 'think warm thoughts' to protect from cold

This winter has been a cold one. It took some thermal underwear and an extra pair of socks to keep warm with temperatures in single digits recently and the wind chill hitting minus-20 degrees.

Part of the joy of living in Michigan is that it is a four-season wonderland. Cold weather is great for area ski hills making snow and for the fishermen who want to set a shanty over a favorite fishing

But the cold is dangerous and everyone needs to be smart when sending kids out the door or going out themselves.

The Michigan State Police agency offers these tips to stay safe in cold weather.

» Stay indoors, if possible. If you must go outside, wear protective gear — such as hats, mittens and gloves — in addition to a warm coat. Always protect your lungs with a scarf.

» Watch for signs of frostbite, which include loss of feeling or pale appearance of fingers, toes

» Watch for signs of hypothermia, which include uncontrollable shivering, memory loss, drowsiness and exhaustion.

» Understand the hazards of wind chill. As wind speed increases, heat is carried away from a person's body more rapidly and could lead to severe hypothermia.

» Remove clothing if it gets damp or wet. Wet clothing can make you more prone to hypother-

» Weather-proof doors and windows to trap heat inside your home.

» Check heating units. Poorly operating or damaged heating units can release carbon monoxide gas. Test carbon monoxide detectors for proper operation and battery life.

» Check on family, friends and neighbors who are at risk and may need additional assistance.

» Watch pets closely and keep them indoors when possible. Animals can suffer from hypothermia, frostbite and other cold weather injuries.

» Check and restock your emergency preparedness kit. If you don't have a kit, make one.

» Minimize travel. If travel is necessary, keep a full tank of gas and an emergency preparedness kit in your vehicle. Put warm clothing — such as gloves, blankets and hats — in your kit in case you become stranded.

If you are going to head out, don't forget to check road conditions. The MSP encourages drivers to go to www.michigan.gov/roadconditions and www.michigan.gov/drive. If you are stranded, do not leave your vehicle. Stay with the vehicle and wait for help.

Like it or not, these bitter cold days are part of what make Michigan special. And remember, the days are getting longer and spring really is less than two months away.



Bundled up against the elements, with a fraction of her face showing, Jackie Woloszyn walks along Center St. in Northville recently. The wind-chill temperature at time was minus 5 degrees.

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COMMUNITY VOICE

Is "Deflategate" being overblown or is it serious, and who do you think will win the Super Bowl?

This question was asked several Northville sports bars.



"I don't think it's overblown, but I do think if they are not going to punish them before the Super Bowl we should stop talking about it so much. I hope Seattle wins, but I'm not exactly a big fan of them either." John Deutschendorf

> The Rusty Bucket in Northville Township



"I do think it's a little overblown. So I'm hoping the Patriots win and Tom Brady gets his fourth Super Bowl win."

> Walter Payton Deadwood Bar and Grill in

Northville Township



"I do think it's a little bit overblown. I don't think a couple pounds under is a big issue. I'm rooting for the Patriots."

Rick Weiland

Northville Sports Den in



"I hope Seattle wins because I do think it's (Deflategate) a big deal."

Mark Menghini

Northville Sports Den

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Watch Republican actions

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

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

The most well known of these measures is a bill to change the way Michigan awards its Electoral College votes (HB5974). Unable to win the popular vote for president in Michigan, Republicans want to change from the winner take-all system, which directly reflects our nation's long tradition of majority rule, to a scheme that would dilute the people's choice. Instead of majority rule, the winner would receive only nine of the state's 16 electoral votes. The rest would be allocated based on a convoluted mathecandidate to earn more than 60 percent of the popular vote to win all the electoral votes.

The scheme is a blatant attempt to help a Republican presidential candidate win nationally since not all states are adopting this change - only a

state where Democrats fre-

But that's not all. Eyeing an increasingly Democratic tilt in Oakland County, Republicans from that county have intro-duced a bill to make it harder for a Democrat to win the post of Oakland County executive (HB5953). The election for that position is now held in presidential election years. Recognizing that more Democrats vote in those years, Republicans want to change the date to non-presidential years, making a Republican victory easier. Of course, this follows a measure the GOP Legislature approved in 2011 to change the way Oakland County reapportioned its

county commission districts,

allowing the Republicans to

hang on to a majority on that

board.

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

Another measure (HB5955) would eliminate primaries for offices such as governor, state representative, and state senator, and have political parties nominate candidates at party conventions. This would make it extremely difficult for an independent voter to have any say in the nominees of either party.

And HB5956 would require voters to disclose their party preference when they register to vote and prohibit voters from participating in primaries for president, U.S. Senate, or other offices unless they declared which party they support at least 30 days before the primary. Again, independent voters would be disenfranchised.

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

Judy Daubenmier Livingston County Democratic

Praise immigration action

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

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

James Gualdoni Commerce Township

STAFF COLUMN

How 'sweet' it is determines products' success

et's talk about chocolate and cars – because these days, they're related

No, I am not thinking about an Easter parade, with a basket of chocolate in hand, or the August Dream Cruise of classic cars. But I am thinking about two products that, over the years, traditionally have been designated as sweet, but now share in a much wider buffet of possibilities.

Recently on Twitter, a photo appeared of what was called chocolate, along with the question: Would you eat chocolate made by a



3-D printer? If you answer that question with another query – "Milk chocolate or bittersweet?" then you are either a chocoholic or a techie, meaning someone who embraces technology.

My response to the first question also would take the form of another. To paraphrase Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet. "Would chocolate made by any other means than on the stove still taste as sweet?"

Others may choose to paraphrase Gertrude Stein in her 1922 book by saying, "A piece of chocolate, is a piece of chocolate, is a piece of chocolate ..."

But chocolate, like cars, is

noteworthy for more reasons than its taste - consider its texture, its creaminess, the quality of its ingredients. How all that would play out through a 3-D printer boggles my mind's limited knowledge of technology.

With cars, there are countless elements as well that make for a "sweet" ride - the suspension, size of the tires, color and chrome, size of the trunk space, heated leather seats and the time it takes to go from 0 to 60. I could go on at some length, but a Lawrence Technological University student interviewed at the auto show pretty much summed it up.

"You have to come here and look at all the details, rub your hands along the trim and see how the reflections work. ... A picture is just a picture, you have to come see it to really experience it," Jacob Lanyon of Lyon Township told reporter Nathan Mueller.

The "here" that Lanyon spoke of is the North American International Auto Show at Cobo Center in Detroit. Lanyon was part of a delegation of LTU students participating in the

Those students - and other designers and engineers who dare to dream - are the future of the auto industry. And here's the other link between choco-

late and cars. Consider this question: Would a car still have as sweet a ride if it were made by a 3-D printer instead of on an assembly line? And, for heaven's sake, would you even consider it safe to ride in one?

This is not a joke and after reading a story by Jay Grossman about a company called Local Motors (www.hometownlife.com), apparently it's not far-fetched.

The company makes an electric car in three phases, the first of which involves a 44hour stretch of "printing" the

There are other technological things that go into making chocolate - and cars. For chocolate, there is powdered cocoa, Dutch cocoa, white chocolate and sugar-free.

For cars, there is "green" technology, such as advances in battery storage and the use of other alternative fuels, not to mention driverless cars.

As far as I am concerned, engineers can forget the driverless cars. There is something that would be lost without the

hands-on experience of driving. But as for the rest, whether we're discussing 3-D printing of chocolate or cars, the end product of a sweet experience is what will determine the suc-

cess of any new process.

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CC rebounds, skates circles around Rochester United

Shamrocks snap winless streak with 6-0 win

By Brad Emons Staff Writer

After going 0-3-1 while scoring just a total of three goals in its last four games, Novi Detroit Catholic Central's hockey team may have been down, but it was certainly far from being

The three-time defending MHSAA Division 1 state champions made quite a statement Friday at Plymouth's Compuware Arena with a convincing 6-0 victory over No. 2-ranked Rochester United.



Rochowiak

"I just think we had a rough period," said CC senior forward Evan Rochowiak, who finished with two goals. "The team and the passion

wasn't all there and I think tonight we showed a lot more passion, a lot of hard work and I thought it was a good team effort."

Rochowiak's last goal came during CC's last victory, Jan. 9 against University of Detroit Jesuit

During that four-game winless stretch, the Shamrocks tied Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook (1-1), fell twice to Culver (Ind.) Military Academy (4-0 and 3-1) and lost to Birmingham Brother Rice (3-1).

Rochester Unified, featuring senior forwards Max Harper and Marshall Henry with a combined 118 points, came into the match-up with a glittering 15-0-1 record.

"We came out to play, for sure," Rochowiak said. "We knew Rochester was going to be a good team. We heard a lot of hype about them and we made sure we gave them our



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Catholic Central's Andrew Lane makes a pass in front of Rochester United's Trey Ebinger during Friday's clash of top-ranked Division 1 teams.

best game."

After CC senior goalie Spencer Wright denied Harper on a breakaway just 1:40 into the game, the Shamrocks went on

to dominate the opening period, scoring three quick goals within a span of 1:18.

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Northville motors by Novi in thriller



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The Mustangs' Matthew Schafer was runner-up in the 500 freestyle and fourth in the 200 freestyle against Novi.

Final outcome not decided until 400-yard freestyle relay

By Brad Emons Staff Writer

This was no ordinary dual meet as boys swim rivals Northville and Novi went tooth-and-nail for 12 events Jan. 22 in a meet that wasn't decided until the final relay.

After being outscored 12-4 in the last individual event, the 100-yard breast-stroke, host Novi trailed 90-82 needing to go first and second in the 400 freestyle relay to pull out the win.

But the visiting Mustangs held on by garnering a second and walked out with a thrilling 94-92 KLAA Central Division triumph.

"We were able to take control in the breaststroke and that was the whole deal," said Northville coach Rich Bennetts, whose team is 6-1 overall and 2-0 in the division. "We fought. We came into a hostile environment and we knew they (Novi) were a really, really good swim team. My guys showed a lot of heart. We made a lot of mistakes tonight, but they just kept fighting."

Despite the loss, Novi coach Brent



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Novi's Siddhardha Kareddy leaps out of the pool after winning the the 200-yard freestyle in the 94-92 dual meet loss to rival Northville.

Pohlonski continues to be encouraged by his team's performances so far this season

son.
"This is what it's all about," said Pohlonski, whose team is 4-2 overall and 0-1 in the KLAA Central. "You get a meet with your rival and it comes down to the

last relay and everybody is swimming great. That's the best part. It was close, but both teams were swimming great. If you had told me two teams go 3:18 and 3:19 in the last (400 freestyle) relay ... we didn't go that fast last year until (Kensington) conference meet."

Northville individual winners included James Xue, 200 individual medley (2:04.47); Kirk Maibach, 100 freestyle (state meet cut 48.86); Trevor DeGroot, 500 freestyle (4:58.62); and Chris Geng, 100 breaststroke (1:03.58).

The Mustangs also captured the 200 medley relay as Maibach, Geng, Xue and Nirek Sharma were clocked in a state qualifying cut of 1:41.89.

"We had a lot of things that didn't go our way," Bennetts said. "We got destroyed on the diving board, but we just kept fighting. We don't have a ton of talent, but we have a ton of heart and I'm real proud of of them.

"We had some kids that swam really well. Trevor DeGroot, a freshman who has come on real, real strong the last

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Novi rips Spartans to stay in first place

Sinawi downs former team in 74-45 victory

By Ed Wright Staff Writer

A close, compelling boys basketball game gradually evolved into a slow-motion train wreck Friday for Livonia Stevenson.

Spartans sophomore guard Ian Knoph's steal and layup with 3:45 left in the second quarter gave his team a 21-20 advantage over visiting Novi, but the Wildcats re-charged their batteries at halftime before running away with a 74-45 triumph.

The game marked the return to Stevenson of former head coach Brandon Sinawi, who took over the reins at Novi during the off-season.

Stevenson struggled at both ends of the court following an encouraging opening 12 minutes.

The Spartans' offensive troubles were reflected in the fact that their co-leading scorers – Knoph and Noah Campbell – tallied just seven points each.

Defensively, the hosts had a difficult time slowing down the Wildcats' insideoutside tandem of guard Max Yanke (17 points) and 6-foot-6 post player Naji Ozeir, who pumped in 19.

Novi improved to 8-2 overall and 5-0 in the KLAA

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ED WRIGHT

Stevenson's Jalen Webber battles Jaylen Dixon for a rebound Friday night.



On guard: Moorman to play U.S.

Wisconsin commit chosen for Under-19 team vs. Canada in International Bowl

> **By Brad Emons** Staff Writer

David Moorman is getting a head start on the 2015 football season.

The 6-foot-5, 290pound senior all-state offensive lineman from Northville High was one of 16 players added recently to the 52-man U.S. **Under-19 National Team** that will face Team Canada in the International Bowl on Saturday, Feb. 7, at the University of Texas at Arlington's Maverick Stadium.

The University of Wisconsin commit will also sign his NCAA letter of intent with the Badgers during a press conference held Wednesday, Feb. 4, in conjunction with the all-star game.

The game, which will be televised live on ESPN3 beginning at 2 p.m., features some of the top recruits for 2015 from schools such as Ohio State, Alabama, Oregon, Michigan State, Southern Cal and Notre

Moorman was one of three Michigan players selected, joining Detroit Cass Tech running back Mike Weber (Ohio State) and Southfield cornerback Tyson Smith (MSU).

Moorman's high school coach Matt Ladach was contacted via email about Moorman's availability. He filled out an application and did an interview over the phone with one of the U.S. coaching staff members.

'They asked me why I wanted to play for my country and what I'd bring to the game," Moor-man said. "They asked if I was OK with playing guard instead of tackle. They asked me some

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Northville offensive lineman David Moorman will play Feb. 7 in the International Bowl for the U.S. Under-19 team at Arlington, Texas.

other questions and it went over well. I was fortunate to get an invitation to it and I accept-

Moorman will fly Monday, Feb. 2, to Dallas. And during National Signing Day, he'll take part in a press conference at AT&T Stadium, home of the Dallas Cowboys, where some of the players will announce where they'll be signing.

"It should be a good atmosphere," Moorman said. "They made a highlight video for us. It will be pretty cool."

Moorman committed last May to Wisconsin, but following the Big Ten championship game,

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head coach Gary Andersen bolted for Oregon State.

Wisconsin athletic director Barry Alvarez, who coached the Badgers in their New Year's Day bowl victory against Auburn, hired Pittsburgh's Paul Chryst to replace Andersen.

The 49-year-old Chryst, a Madison native, played quarterback at Wisconsin (1986-88) under Alvarez and was offensive coordinator for Brett Bielema (now head coach at Arkansas). The new Badgers coach met Moorman and his family for the first time last Friday for a home visit.

And despite the coach-

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ing change at Wisconsin, Moorman didn't waver about his commitment.

"It was a great visit," Moorman said of Chryst. "He's a really down-toearth guy and I just want to go there and play for him."

Moorman, meanwhile, turned down official visits from Purdue, Penn State and Illinois. Other potential suitors such as Michigan and Michigan State stayed away.

"If they did, it wouldn't have changed anything either," Moorman said. "I want to play at Wisconsin and it can't get much better than that. I thought about it with my family. It would have been cool to check them out, but Wisconsin is the place I want to be. I want to show with my commitment and kind of be a leader for my class, so I decided not go on other visits and stay committed 100 percent Wisconsin.'

Moorman believes he fits the Badgers' style of offense.

"Five or six guys on the line, run the ball and throw when you have to," he said. "I'm excited for that and that's what I love to do. I can't wait."

And Moorman can't wait to lace up the pads for the International Bowl, where he'll be thrust into a different position.

"I played guard a little my freshman year," he said. "I've been a tackle ever since my sophomore year, but whatever they want me to play. It will be awesome because in college they want me to be able to switch from guard to tackle. I think it's better for me to diversify my game a little



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SPORTS ROUNDUP

ODP trio chosen

Three area players participate this week in the 2015 U.S. Youth Soccer Olympic Development Program Girls National Training Camp at Seminole Soccer Complex in Sanford,

More than 200 players were selected from the 1999, 2000, 2001 age groups to represent each of the four U.S. Youth Soccer Regions.

Among the 1999 Region II pool players are Isabel Nino (Northville), a goalkeeper for the Michigan Hawks and Michigan Rush club teams, and Bethany Kopel (Novi), a goalie with the Michigan Jaguars.

Meanwhile, midfielder Alexa Morello (Northville), a member of the Michigan Hawks, was in the 2001 Region II pool.

Training was led by U.S. Soccer staff coach and Marantha Baptist University coach Jeff Pill, who has more than 40 years of experience in the sport and has worked with the women's national teams at both the youth and senior levels. Numerous college coaches also attended the National Training Camp throughout the week, as well as U.S. Soccer scouts, including U.S. Soccer Technical Director April Heinrichs

Smith nominated

Northville High's Nancy Smith is among eight finalists for the National High School Athletic Coaches Association National Coach of the Year for cross country.

Smith, who guided the Mustangs to a thirdplace finish in the 2014 MHSAA Division 1 state finals and a state title in 2013, was recently honored as 2014 Central Sectional Coach of the Year by the National Federation of State High School Associations.

The National Coach of the Year awards banquet will be Saturday, June 20, during NHSACA convention at the Kahler Grand Hotel in Rochester, Minn.

Smith was selected for this national honor by the Michigan Interscholastic Track Coaches Association based on her longevity, service to high school athletics, honors, championship years and winning parentage.

The nominees and finalists are evaluated by experts using a sport-specific rubric to assign points in each category. The NHSACA is the oldest in the nation and has been recognizing national coaches of the year since 1978.

N'ville Runners

Start 2015 by joining a local running group, the Northville Road Runners, which meets for runs/walks each Tuesday and Thursday evening, as well as each Saturday morning.

Go to www.NorthvilleRoad Runners.org for meeting times and venues. Additional information can be found on Facebook.

The club sponsors the annual Northville Road Runner Classic each July at Maybury State Park and is involved at giving back to the running community by supporting and volunteering at local races.

For more information, email Gary Haf at run_gh@yahoo.com.

Wings alumni

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

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

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

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

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Catholic Central grapplers split on collegiate tour

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Novi Detroit Catholic Central's wrestling team embarked on its college tour last weekend against a pair of state-ranked opponents and came away with a split.

On Friday, nationallyranked Lowell came away with a 39-22 win over the Shamrocks in a warm-up to the Michigan-Wisconsin Big Ten dual match at U-M's Cliff Keen CC, ranked No. 2 in Division 1, then bounced back Sunday in Mount Pleasant to upend Remus Chippewa Hills, ranked No. 4 in Division 3, in a prelude to the Central Michigan University-Northern Iowa match, 49-16.

The Shamrocks (15-3), got pins from Trevor Zdebski (130 pounds) and Tyler Morland (189 pounds), a major decision from Myles Amine (160) and decisions from Stone Moscovic (103) and Aaron Rehfeldt (112) in the loss to Lowell, ranked No. 2 in Division 2 by Michi-

ganGrappler.com.

Moscovic and Rehfeldt avenged earlier losses this season to Lowell's 103- and 112-pounders.

"This match was bittersweet," CC eighth-year coach
Mitch Hancock said. "We won
two matches maybe on paper
we weren't supposed to down
low, but we lost two matches
we expected to win up top. We
win those two matches up top
and it's a seven-seven split. I'm
pumped for Rehfeldt and Moscovic. I thought they did a
great job in both duals and are

starting to gain some momen-

Catholic Central captured 10 of 14 matches in the victory over Chippewa Hills, including bonus points in eight of those matches.

CC's Tommy Herrmann won by technical fall over No. 6ranked Mike Felix at 125, while Rehfeldt capped a strong weekend with a pin against No. 10 Kayden Ellis at 112

Other winners for CC, which jumped out to a 29-0 lead, included Moscovic (103), who won on a pin, along with Joe Lyon (119), Zdebski (130), Amine (160), Conor Cox (171), Tyler Morland (189), Nick Giese (215) and Nick Jenkins (285).

"The boys got after it today," said Hancock, who wrestled at CMU. "We are a pretty good team on top, we just have to score more take-downs to get ourselves more opportunities to score on top. I'm proud of the way these guys responded after Friday night's loss."

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Warriors deal CC 3-1 setback

Brother Rice's Pyc gets game-winner in MIHL divisional test

By Marty Budner
Staff Writer

Brother Rice veteran head coach Lou Schmidt wasn't necessarily looking for a win to keep league-leading Catholic Central within shouting distance in the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League standings.

Rather, Schmidt simply was searching for a strong, hard-working, tournament-like effort against Rice's archrival and the state's topranked team – and he got it.

Brother Rice broke a 1-1 tie with a pair of third-period goals Wednesday and skated to an emotional 3-1 triumph over CC at the Oak Park Ice Arena. It marked Rice's first win over CC in at least two years.

"It's a really good rivalry and it brings out the best in each team," Schmidt said. "CC is definitely one of those teams that's on the top every single year and they've had our number, no question about it

"For us to come out and play like we did today was a good step forward for our team. I'm just happy for the boys and I thought they played hard. The league is great, but just look at the competition (in the MIHL).

"To be honest with you, I didn't even think (about the league standings) as we went into the game," he added. "For us, to kind of get ourselves ready, we need to play hard against the best team. I thought today was good."

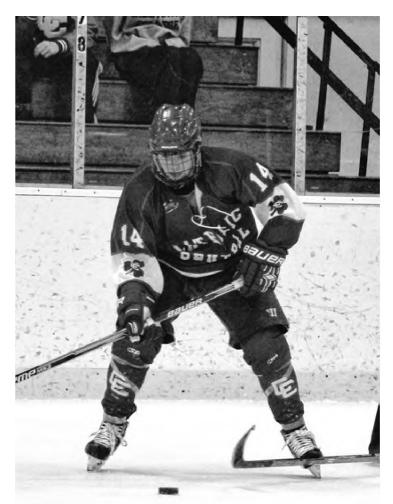
The loss was Catholic Central's third straight.

After having won their first 10 games, the Shamrocks are now 0-3-1 in their last four, including a tie against Cranbrook Kingswood, a pair of losses to Culver (Ind.) Military Academy.

CC, the state's top-ranked Division 1 team, still leads the MIHL standings with a 7-1-1 record for 15 points. Cranbrook Kingswood (6-0-1-1) is second with 14 points and and Rice (5-2-0) stayed in third with 10 points

with 10 points.

"(Rice) wanted it more
than we did. It was simple,"
CC head coach Danny Veri
said. "They won the loose
puck battles. They won the
corner battles. They got every
rebound. They got 90 percent
of the second pucks in that



MARTY BUD

Catholic Central forward Brian Kearns (14) tries to gain control of the puck during in Wednesday's MIHL clash against Birmingham Brother Rice at Oak Park Ice Arena.

game.

"But not to make excuses for our guys, I think Culver took a lot out of them," he added. "They had to bring everything that had to play Culver and I don't think they had it in them tonight."

The teams were scoreless after a fast-paced first period.

Catholic Central senior Evan Rochowiak broke the ice with a wicked wrist shot from the left face-off circle just seconds into the second period. He was assisted by senior captain Mitch Ossowski and and senior assistant captain Ryan Burnett.

It took Rice five minutes to counter. Senior defenseman Will VanderVeen poked the puck into the net off a goalmouth scramble to tie the game.

Brother Rice senior forward Brendan Pyc netted what proved to be the gamewinning goal less than a minute into the final period. He jammed the puck in from the side of the net off assists from senior Joey Vassallo and junior Nick Bowman.

Catholic Central's offense responded with a strong effort after Rice took the lead, only to be held off the board by a pair of great saves by Warriors goaltender Nicholas Macina.

The senior goalie stopped CC junior Nick Macari from point-blank range shortly after Rice broke the tie. A few minutes later, Macina, with his team on the power play, made a huge save off a short-handed shot by Shamrocks junior Brian Kearns

junior Brian Kearns.

"We're in a tough stretch
right now and that's what we
want as a program. That's
how we get better," Veri said.

"That's why for us to ever
think for one second that
we're not going to lose – regardless of the talent we have
– that we're naive. It just isn't

"On top of that, every team when they play us, they bring everything they got," he added. "They want to beat us and it shows. You saw how excited (Brother Rice) was. That's good for them and good for the league when we have this

CC outshot Brother Rice by a 28-27 margin. The Shamrocks played a good portion of the game shorthanded as they were saddled with a pair of five-minute hitting-frombehind penalties.

Turner's goal gives Novi OT victory against Bears

Northville upends Lions in Saturday matinee, 7-1

Ryan Turner precisely picked the right time to notch his first goal of the season.

The senior defenseman scored with 1:21 into overtime Saturday to give Novi a 5-4 boys hockey victory over Berkley Unified in a battle of Division 2 state-ranked teams at Berkley's Ice Arena.

The Wildcats, ranked No. 3, improved to 11-5-1, while the Bears, ranked No. 5, slipped to 10-3.

Berkley jumped out to a 3-1 first-period lead on goals by Zach Leonard (unassisted at 11:52), Jacob Tomlinson (from Kevin Jurvis at 15:20) and Ian Melrose (unassisted at 16:17).

Novi's Alec Wells countered at 15:40 of the same period from Nik Tewilliager and Brendan Wexler.

The Wildcats then scored three times in the second period to take a 4-3 lead. Wells notched his second of the afternoon (from Wexler and Jimmy Hole at 4:15); Alex Cai scored on a power play (from Jake Cyr and Hole at 8:26); and Brad Hofelich (from Tewilliager and Bryan Fegert at 10:42) scored.

Berkley's Max Dooley then scored a short-handed goal with 8:55 left in the third from Melrose to send the game into OT.

Novi goaltender Josh Richardson made seven saves, while Michael Schwanke had 21 for the Bears

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NORTHVILLE 7, SOUTH LYON 1: On Saturday,
the Mustangs (12-2-2, 6-2-1) unloaded for a total of
51 shots to beat South Lyon Unified (3-11-1, 1-7-1) in a
KLAA Central Division clash at Novi Ice Arena.
Northville jumped out to a 2-0 first-period lead on
Kyle Abraham's power-play goal (from Brett Ridener
and Kyle Vann) followed by a Riley Brass goal from
Sam Bradley and Zac Osaer.
The Mustangs added three more goals in the
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The Mustangs added three more goals in the second period to take a commanding 5-0 lead – Jack Sargent on a power play (from Jack Meacham and Alec Morgan); Cam Layne (from Morgan and Grant LaLonde); and Layne again (from Sargent and

LaLonde). In the third period, Kevin O'Connell scored unassisted and Vann made it 7-0 on a power play from Brendan Hicks and Nick Strom. Chance Boutin, who had to make just six saves, had

his shutout bid spoiled with four minutes remaining when South Lyon's Spencer Stanley scored unassisted. "We did a really good job of getting bodies to the net," Northville coach Clint Robert said. "We were looking for secondary scoring and it was great to see that six of our seven goals were either crashing bodies to the net off screens, deflections or re-

South Lyon goalie Justin Zabinski made 44 saves.

NORTHVILLE 3, FRANKLIN 3: On Jan. 21,
goalie Matt Monendo made 33 saves as host Livonia
Franklin (6-5-2, 0-3-3) continued to play spoiler
gaining a Kensington Conference crossover draw
against the No. 7-ranked Mustangs (11-2-2, 5-2-1) at

Franklin's Chase Willis scored with only 2:29 left off assists from Trevor Lassaline and Kolby Dewhirst to

earn the tie.

Franklin jumped out to a 1-0 lead at 5:29 of the opening period on Brendan Whitney's short-handed goal from Justin Makowski and Willis.

Northville then tied it at 15:56 on Jack Meacham's goal from Alec Morgan and Nick Strom.

After a scoreless second period, Morgan scored unsecited just 57 seconds into the second period.

unassisted just 52 seconds into the second period, but Lassaline countered for the Patriots with 6:36 left on an assist from Whitney.

Meacham then notched his second of the night with 5:35 to play from Morgan and Kevin O'Connell to make it 3-2, but Willis answered just 3:06 later. Northville goalie Kevin Onofrio, getting the start after starter Chance Boutin went home ill, made 24



DENNIS BARNE

Catholic Central goaltender Spencer Wright (center) made 20 saves to post the shutout against Rochester United.

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Rochowiak went top shelf at 11:03 assisted by by Mitch Ossowski and Alex Kruetzer, followed by a pair of Ossowski goals, the first coming at 12:11 (assists by Andrew Lane and Brian Kearns) and the second at 12:29 (from Kearns and Ryan Burnett).

Rochester United had a hard time flushing the puck out of its own end during the first 17 minutes.

"As much as us struggling, give CC credit," Rochester United coach Craig Staskowski said. "They're big, they're strong. They're very good at cycling the puck. To be honest, I thought our defense did a good job having body position.

"The first three goals they scored in the first period were all transition. It's something we talked about, but we haven't played a team that came into the zone they way they did."

CC successfully fought off four Rochester United powerplay efforts during the second period, running its streak to 32 minutes dating back to the Rice loss.

And with just 14.8 seconds left on a four-on-four, the Shamrocks struck again on Kreutzer's goal from Burnett to make it 4-0 entering the third period.

The Shamrocks, (11-3-1), then added two more goals in the final period, with Rochowiak scoring at 11:02 from Kyle Mulka and Luc Krasicky followed by Nick Macari's goal from Mulka and Lane at

"We had a pretty good process," Veri said. "You run into slumps. We had our chances in all those games, but those two games with Culver were pretty tough to score on. We had a little more intensity in practice yesterday. We worked hard around the blue paint and around the net and it showed. They worked hard today. I think they wanted to prove something today."

Wright proved stellar as he turned away all 20 Rochester shots.

"He was a rock star tonight," Veri said. "He was good. I think he wanted to prove himself. I think he was mad at himself that last (Brother Rice) game letting that second one in. I think he wanted to prove it."

The one negative was penalties, as CC took a total of eight, but the Shamrocks were sharp killing them, including a five-on-three Rochester United power play late in the third period.

"We're pretty disciplined, but for whatever reason the last two games we seem to collect mail at the penalty box," Veri said. "They work at it and we work on it enough that they know what they're doing. And sometimes it's the goaltender, right? If you got a good goalie and guys get in shooting lanes, it makes it

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easy to kill a penalty.'

Gold Bracket champs



CHRISTIE NOLES

The Force Volleyball Academy National 16s finished first among 48 teams in the Gold Bracket in the Winter Bump Volleyball Classic held Jan. 17-19 at Myrtle Beach, S.C. Team members include (front row, from left) Abby Laurentius, Livonia Ladywood; Caroline Audette, Birmingham Marian; Rachel Holmes, Northville; and Kiera Borthwick, Northville; and (back row, from left) coach Angela Kalczynski, Julia Caravias, Bloomfield Hills; Sammie Noles, Northville; Bryce Quic, Northville; Andrea Williams, Birmingham Groves; and Audrey Kohl, West Bloomfield.

Hankerson, Ozeir pave way in KLAA Central test

> **By Brad Emons** Staff Writer

In a game of runs and spurts, Novi had a few more in its boys basketball KLAA Central Division first-place showdown Jan. 20 against visiting Salem.

The host Wildcats trailed 33-28 at halftime, but came out with a 10-0 run to start the third quarter and wound up shooting 63.6 percent from the floor during the second half to earn a 77-65

With its sixth straight victory, Novi improved to 7-2 overall and 4-0 in the division.

For Novi coach Brandon Sinawi, the halftime message was direct.

We talked about playing with some hustle and some determination," he said. "We came out really flat in the first half, I thought, getting outhustled, outworked for extra baskets, extra rebounds. That's all we talked about. I challenge my kids every time at halftime, whether we're up or whether we're down, to do something better than we have before. Salem turned it over and we turned it into points and that was big.

Salem (7-3, 3-1) committed turnovers on its first three possessions to start the second half and the Wildcats turned them into six quick points and added two more baskets without an answer to make it 38-35.

"It kind of set the tempo a little bit for us and got us in the game and got us in a rhythm," Sinawi said.

Salem, however, came up with a 10-2 run of its own and regained the lead, 45-42, with 2:49 left in the third quarter on Jon Swift's bas-

But the Wildcats responded with another 10-point run and wound up outscoring Salem 24-12 in the third to gain control, 52-45.

The Rocks were unable to get closer than four the rest of the way, with the dagger coming with 3:14 left when Novi junior point guard Kam Hankerson, who led all scorers with 24 points, converted a steal into a dunk to make it sixpoint cushion, 64-58.

Naji Ozeir, a 6-5 junior forward, added 20 points and a team-best 12 rebounds for the Wildcats. A majority of Ozeir's points came off the pick-and-roll with the 6-3 Hankerson, who also dished out six assists.

(Brad) Dotinga had a tough night and Max Yanke (nine points) had a tough night, but other guys stepped up," Sinawi said. "Kameron is a special talent. He necessarily hasn't been our leading scorer, but he does so many other things right - rebounding, defending and blocking shots.'

Novi shot a blistering 21-of-33 in the second half using its bread-and-butter

"And Naji does what Naji does," Sinawi said. "He's scoring inside and he's an outside threat at times. He's doing the little things to put us over the top. And tonight both had top-notch performances and I'm proud of them.

Jakob Lenders and Jake Stropes each scored 14 to lead Salem, while Allante Wheeler and Swift contributed 13 and 11, respectively.

'That's a good basketball team and they definitely have a lot of weapons," Salem coach Bob Brodie said of the Wildcats. "One guy is down a little bit, the next guy picks him up. They hurt us all around tonight, especially in transition. They got a lot of run-out baskets on us because we didn't get back real well. They killed us on the glass. They beat us two-to-one on the boards. They got a nice ball club."

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Northville 6-foot-7 center Ryan Roberts (middle) feels some pressure from South Lyon East's Trent Willenborg (left) and a teammate in Friday's KLAA Central clash.

CC grounds Pilots at buzzer

Marchie's layup does in DeLaSalle, 63-61

Novi Detroit Catholic Central won in dramatic fashion Friday night at home to notch its first Catholic League Central Division boys basketball victory of the season.

Tyler Laurentius made a pass to Ike Marchie, who finished with a layup at the buzzer to give the Shamrocks a 63-61 triumph over visiting Warren DeLaSalle.

C.J. Baird led CC (4-5, 1-2 in the Central), with 22 points. The sophomore forward connected on three 3-pointers and was 5-of-6 from the foul line.

Marchie, a senior center, added 14 points, while Laurentius, a junior guard, chipped in

CC outscored the Pilots

23-19 during the final quarter. 'I'm really proud of how we responded to the tough (overtime loss Jan. 16) loss at Brother Rice," said CC coach Bill Dyer, whose team was 19-of-27 from the foul stripe. "I'm extremely happy for our team, who has been working so hard in practice. We fought back from behind late and we were

fortunate to make plays down the stretch in order to win at the buzzer.'

Kevin McKay, who made 9-of-11 free throws, paced De-LaSalle (7-4, 2-1) with a gamehigh 28 points, while Josh Winowlecki and Jack Ballantyne added 11 and 10, respectively.

The Pilots connected on 21-of-25 free throws (84 per-

NOVI 61, ROCHESTER 45: Senior Max Yanke scored 17 points Monday and the host Wildcats (9-2) made a 41-24 halftime advantage hold up in a non-conference win over the Falcons (0-9).

Junior center Naji Ozeir added 11 points for Novi, which withstood a 15-4 Rochester run in the third quarter. The Wildcats, who have won eight of their last nine, were 9-of-15 from the foul line

R.J. Kelley (16), Hunter Schattler (14) and Ivan Bavrazc (11) all scored in double figures for Rochester, which was 0-for-3 from the free-throw line which was 0-10-13 from the meet-throw line.

NORTHYILLE 64, S. LYON EAST 42: Senior guard David Morrissey scored a game-high 22 points Friday as the Mustangs (7-4, 2-3) pulled away in the final quarter to beat host South Lyon East (4-5, 2-3). Senior center Ryan Roberts and sophomore guard

Kevin Morrissey chipped in with 14 and 11 points, respectively, for Northville, which led 36-30 after The Mustangs then outscored the Cougars 28-12 in the fourth quarter, going 10-of-10 from the foul line. "This has been a wild couple of weeks for our team and we're so proud of how they've hung together and kept working to get better," Northville coach Todd Sander said. "It's nice to see them get rewarded

twice this week." Trent Willenborg and Dorian Watson scored 16 and 13, respectively, for the Cougars.

FRANKLIN ROAD 61, GREENHILLS 45:

Novi Franklin Road Christian (4-6, 2-3) downed Ann Arbor Greenhills (5-4, 2-3) in a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division game.

Betcher finished with 17 points and 10 rebounds, while Bause added 10 points and 13 boards. Junior quards Austin Hearns and Gavin Harris chipped in 15 and 13 points, respectively, as the Warriors led 29-17 at halftime and 46-29 after three

Rawson Scheinberg and Armaan Dhaliwal paced the Gryphons with 13 and 12 points, respectively. Both teams shot 43 percent from the foul line –

Franklin Road (6-of-14) and Greenhils (7-of-16). NORTHVILLE 51, SOUTH LYON 36: On Jan. 20, the Mustangs (6-4, 1-3) broke their three-game losing streak with a KLAA Central Division win over the host Lions (1-8, 0-4). Senior guard David Morrissey paced Northville with a game-high 21 points, while sophomore Kevin Morrissey and junior Justin Zimbo each added eight points. Juniors Nick Wilds and Michael Minick

contributed six apiece.

"Balance was the key for us," said Northville coach Todd Sander whose team led 13-3 after one quarter It was nice to get the first one and hopefully can propel us in the right direction." Northville connected on 4-of-5 from the line.

Josh Remstad and Nick Flynn each tallied eight points for South Lyon, which made 9-of-10 free

FRANKLIN ROAD 70, PCA 51: On Jan. 20, junior guard Austin Hearns finished with 18 points, 10 rebounds and seven assists as Novi Franklin Road Christian (3-6, 1-3) rolled to the MIAC Blue Division victory at Plymouth Christian Academy (2-6, 1-3).

"It was Austin's best all-around game. We've been waiting for it," said Franklin Road's Glynn Blackwell, who notched his first victory in three tries as the Warriors interim coach, "The team goes off his energy

warnors interim coach. The team goes of his energy when he plays with that intensity."

Joshua Betcher, a 6-foot-6 junior center, led the Warriors with a game-high 24 points to go along with eight rebounds. Joshua Bause, another 6-6 junior, posted a double-double with 11 points and 11

PCA, unable to recover from a 35-14 halftime deficit, got 14 points from Luke Yakboer and 12 from Michael Slater. The Eagles made 14-of-17 free throws, while Franklin Road was 8-of-10.

Wolfpack rule tourney



SUE THOMPSON

The Northville Wolfpack, a seventh- and eighth-grade girls basketball team, finished 4-0 to capture a tournament held Jan. 10 at the MAAC Sports & Fitness facility in Clio. The Wolfpack defeated the Ortonville Lady Mustangs, Livonia Hawks, Madison Heights Greg Grant and Ann Arbor DSO en route to the title. Team members include (front row, from left) Tara Beason, Chloe Zulcosky, Ava Burrows and Jenna Lauderback and (back row, from left) coach Steve Grant, Nicole Martin, Julia Straky, Hannah Grant, Jane Berry, Morgan Thompson, Ellie Thallman and assistant coach Steve Thallman.

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Central Division, while the Spartans slipped to 4-6 and 2-3, respectively. The game marked the mid-point of the season for both squads.

The Wildcats took full advantage of Sinawi's familiarity with the Stevenson roster.

I haven't seen them play in a long time, but I know what they can do and how to guard them," Sinawi said. "We knew Noah (Campbell), Jalen (Webber) and Jacob Dollar are their scorers, so we tried to take them out of the game and my guys accomplished that."

Sinawi said his team is a pleasure to coach because when one player is off the mark, another will step up and fill the void.

We really don't have one go-to guy this season," Sinawi said. "We have different guys stepping up every game. Max, who is a senior captain, is very, very efficient when he wants to be and he definitely was tonight. Naji missed too many short shots, but he had a good game.



Livonia Stevenson's Hyder Mansour (left) and Andrew Bambach apply a trap to a Novi guard.

Stevenson's early catalyst was senior guard Nolan Bradford, who pumped in four quick points to help the Spartans build a 13-11 lead after one quarter.

A rim-rattling dunk by Novi's Kam Hankerson capped a 5-0 second-quarter run for the visitors, giving them a 16-13

But Stevenson didn't back down the rest of the half and actually cut its deficit to 35-29 on Campbell's layup to open

the third quarter.

Novi, however, knocked down 10-of-16 field-goal attempts in the third compared to 3-of-14 shooting for Stevenson, which led to the game getting out of hand for the entire fourth quarter.

Senior forward Brad Dotinga was solid throughout for Novi, scoring 12 points to go with five rebounds. Ozeir led both teams with 14 boards.

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East's Bird difference maker as **Northville** girls edged

Northville girls basket-ball coach Todd Gudith will be glad when South Lyon East's Gabi Bird finally graduates.

That's because the 6-0 senior forward headed to Central Michigan University was at it again Friday, scoring a game-high 20 points to lead the host Cougars to a 45-44 KLAA Central Division win over the Mustangs

Junior Peyton Jones added 17 points for the victorious Cougars (7-3 overall, 4-1 KLAA Central Division).

Bird is obviously a tough cover," said Gudith, whose team slipped to 8-3, 3-2 KLAA Central. "There's a reason why she is a Division I player. She and Jones obviously provide most of the offense for them.'

Freshman guard Mariah Modkins and senior forward Emily Maresh each tallied 11 for Northville.

East tallied the game-winning basket with only 18 seconds left following a Northville turnover. The Mustangs then missed the go-ahead shot just before the final buzzer.

'Our kids played really hard; it certainly wasn't because of a lack of effort," Gudith said. "The effort was really good. There were a lot of plays throughout the game that could have made a difference. We kind of have to learn it's the little things throughout the game to get better at, especially when it comes down to a situation late in the game like that."

Northville was 4-of-5 from the foul line, while East was 6-of-14.

STEVENSON 46, NOVI 45: Senior Arryn Dochenetz scored 20 points and sophomore Grace Lamerson added 11 Friday as host Livonia Stevenson (4-7, 2-3) turned back the Wildcats (5-5, 1-4) in overtime in a KLAA Central Division

Freshman guard Ellie Mackay led the Wildcats with 20 points, while Alex Felice and Carson Garguilo each added 10. Allie Lipson also

grabbed a team-high 12 rebounds. Novi made 14-of-55 shots from the floor (25.4 percent) and 13-of-21 free throws (61.9 percent). The Wildcats led 18-17 at halftime and 29-28 RAPTIST PARK 74. FRANKLIN ROAD

71: Eighth-grader Alexis Johnson scored a game-high 30 points and grabbed 10 rebounds Road Christian (7-4, 3-2) fell to host Taylor Baptist Park (4-5) in a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division game.

Johnson also had four assists and four steals,

while senior guard Katherine Larabell contribwhile senior guara Katherine Larabeii Contrib-uted 18 points and nine rebounds. Junior forward Hannah Rayburn added 11 points. Mikayla Thompson paced the victorious Wildcats with 29 points, while Hope Bates and Mikaylah LaPlante each finished with 12. Franklin Road, which trailed 37-35 at halftime and 59-51 after three quarters, made 11-of-14

NORTHVILLE 65, SOUTH LYON 16: On Jan. 20, the Mustangs (8-2, 3-1) got off to a hot start and steamrolled its way to a KLAA Central Division victory over visiting Lions (1-9 0-4). All 10 players scored for the Mustangs, who led 22-1 at halftime and 34-7 at intermission. Sophomore forward Jessica Moorman led the

Sophomore forward Jessica Moorman led the way with 22 points, while freshman guard Kendall Dillon chipped in nine to lead Northville. "Jessica did a great job of finishing around the rim and that resulted in her 22 points, which she did in just three quarters," Northville coach Todd Gudith. "We had no letdown after an emotional game Friday with Novi (36-31 win) and everybody came ready to play."

Emily Heinrich paced South Lyon with eight points.

points.

The Lions shot 4-of-11 from the foul line, while

Northville was 10-of-15.

SALEM 41, NOVI 27: On Jan. 20, Lasha Petree tallied 11 points as the host Rocks (6-4, 4-0) pulled away in the final quarter to beat the Wildcats (5-4, 1-3) in a KLAA Central Division Shara Long added nine points and nine

rebounds for Salem, which led 17-16 at halftime before outscoring Novi 11-7 in the third quarter and 13-3 in the decisive fourth Freshman Ellie Mackay paced the Wildcats with seven points to go along with seven

Novi shot only 8-of-35 from the floor (22.8) percent), including 2-of-12 from beyond the arc. The Wildcats were 9-of-15 from the foul line (60

FRANKLIN ROAD 47, PCA 31: On Jan. 20. iunior Hannah Rayburn scored 14 points to go along with four assists and five steals to lead host Novi Franklin Road Christian (7-3, 3-1) to a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division victory over Plymouth Christian Academy (3-7, 1-4). The Warriors who led 22-12 at halftime, also

got 12 points, 11 rebounds and five steals from eighth-grader Alexis Johnson. Senior guard Katherine Larabell added 10 points. Franklin Road won despite going 5-of-15 from

Aliyah Pries scored a game-high 15 points for the Eagles, who made 5-of-9 foul shots.



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO Salem's Lasha Petree (right) tries to take the ball inside against Novi defender Alex Felice.

CC swimmers deal Stevenson rare defeat

State champion Walsh leads way with two state cuts

By Brad Emons Staff Writer

Stanford Universitybound Jack Walsh figured in three first-place finishes Jan. 22 as Novi **Detroit Catholic Central** handed Livonia Stevenson its first home dual meet setback in six

years, 111-75. CC, coming off a first-place finish at the East Grand Rapids Invitational and a third at the Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Invitational, improved to 4-2 overall.

'It's always fun to swim Stevenson," CC coach Shannon Dunworth said. "They have a very rich swimming tradition with highly accomplished swimmers and coaches."

Walsh, who as a junior was the MHSAA

ity by winning the 100 breaststroke (1:01.67),

Walsh also teamed up with Matt Loniewski, Christopher Vela and Grayson Arnold for a first in the 200 medley

finishers included Arnold, 50 freestyle (23.37); Robert Vance, 1-meter diving (241.65 points); and Chris Barron, 100 backstroke

Stevenson (4-1), last year's Division 1 state runner-up, was led by Alex Lee, who figured in

The senior swept the 100 and 200 freestyle events in 50.13 and 1:49.09, respectively. He also teamed up with Jackson O'Dowd, Eric Ferrara and Matt La-Porte for a victory in the 200 freestyle relay

The Spartans' foursome of Lee, Adam Goeddeke, Éric Ferrara and O'Dowd also captured the 400 freestyle relay in a state qualifying time of 3:23.15.

O'Dowd in the 200 IM (1:57.64) and LaPorte in the 500 freestyle (4:53.84). Both were state meet qualifying times as well.



Walsh

200 freestyle: 1. Alex Lee (LS), 1:49.09; 2. Eric Ferrara (LS), 1:52.68; 3. Matt LaPorte (LS), 1:53.0; 4. Ethan Bezzina (CC), 1:54.3; 5. Tommy Wiaduck (CC), 1:56.71.

O'Dowd (LS), 1:57.64 (state cut); 2. Jonanthan Lee (CC), 2:04.83; 3. Long (CC), 2:07.2; 4. C. Walsh (CC), 2:11.9; 5. B. LaPorte (LS), 2:19.92.

50 freestyle: 1. Arnold (CC), 23.37; 2. Goeddeke (LS), 24.43; 3. Mills (CC), 24.75; 4. Connor Mullaly (CC), 25.46; 5. Chris Clark (CC), 26.18.

1-meter diving: 1. Robert Vance (CC), 241.65 points; 2. Brendan Connelly (CC), 194.85; 3. Connor McCliment (CC), 160.80, 4. Jacob Hall (LS), 122.70; 5. Victor Huang (LS). 104.10.

Huang (LS), 104.10. 100 butterfly: 1. J. Walsh (CC), 52.45 (state cut); 2. O'Dowd (LS), 53.88 (state qualifying time); 3. C. Vela (CC), 58.82; 4. Wasielewski (LS), 59.96; 5. C. Walsh (CC),

100 freestyle: 1. Lee (LS), 50.13; 2. Loniewski (CC), 51.12; 3. Arnold (CC), 51.82; 4. Ferrara (LS), 51.88; 5. Wiaduck

51.62; 4. Ferrara (15), 51.86; 5. Widduck (CC), 53.76. **500 freestyle**: 1. M. LaPorte (LS), 4:53.84 (state cut); 2. Bezzina (CC), 5:04.91; 3. Lee (CC), 5:06.8; 4. Dan Vela (CC), 5:17.16; 5. B. LaPorte (LS), 5:17.89. 200 freestyle relay: 1. Stevenson (O'Dowd, Ferrara, M. LaPorte, Lee), 1:34, 45; 2. Catholic Central (Wiaduck,

Mills, Bezzina, Jimmy Connor), 1:40.6; 3. Catholic Central (Clark, Ethan Makjian, Mullaly, Joe Long), 1:43.63.

100 backstroke: 1. Chris Barron (CC), 58.57; 2. Wasielewski (LS), 59.81; 3. C. Vela (CC), 1:00.41; 4. Loniewski (CC), 1:00.59; 5. Goeddeke (LS), 1:01.54.

Goeddeke (LS), 1:01.54.

100 breaststroke: 1. J. Walsh (CC), 1:01.67 (state cut); 2. D. Long (CC), 1:02.67; 3. Connor (CC), 1:05.38; 4. Smith (LS), 1:08.04; 5. Joey Ferracciolo (LS), 1:14.44,

400 freestyle relay: 1. Stevenson (Lee, Ferrara, Goeddeke, 0'Dowd), 3:23.15 (state cut); 2. Catholic Central (Arnold, Loniewski, Bezzina, J. Walsh), 3:24.66; 3. Catholic Central (Lee, C. Vela, C. Walsh, Wiaduck), 3:37.62.

Wiaduck), 3:37.62.

Dual meet records: Catholic
Central, 4-2 overall; Stevenson, 4-1 overall.

Bowling: Novi girls lose 23-7 vs. Wayne

The Novi girls bowling team couldn't make it two in a row Monday as Wayne Memorial earned a 23-7 KLAA Central Division victory over the Wildcats at Super Bowl in Canton.

Novi (2-8, 2-5) won the first Baker set, 134-124, but lost the second, 164-133 and totals. Wayne (7-3, 6-1) won both regular games, 856-599 and

The Wildcats won three single points in the second regular game by Heather Gregory (154-144), Megan Hartmus (153-119) and Megan Hrit (160-140).

On Jan. 22, Nicole Kilikevicius led the way as the Novi earned six singles points to edge Plymouth, 16-14, in a KLAA Central Division encounter at Vision Lanes in Westland.

Novi (2-7, 2-4) took both Baker sets, 126-118 and 152-105, while narrowly falling in the both regular matches, 705-704 and 686-665.

Kilikevicius captured both of her singles matches, 173-158 and 194-182, while Lauren Wahrman (159-120), Hartmus (136-111) and Emily Jennings (109-77) also earned points.

The loss dropped Plymouth to 1-8 overall and 0-6 in the division.

Wildcat boys fall

Wayne Memorial (6-4, 5-2) overcame a 10-0 deficit Monday to record an 18-12 win over the Novi boys (0-10, 0-7) in a Central Division match.

The Wildcats took both Bakers, 179-168 and 157-140, along with totals, but could not score again until Peter Koomen (192-141) and Scott Pryson (154-148) each captured second regular game singles matches. Novi lost both regular games,

1,047-768 and 902-762. On Jan. 22, Plymouth (4-5, 2-5) earned the 23-7 KLAA Central victory over Wildcats (0-9, 0-6)

Vision Lanes. Novi captured the first Baker game, 212-154, while dropping the second, 178-154, but won on totals, 373-313. Plymouth took both regular games, 1,019-784 and 817-689.

Prvson secured Novi's long point in singles needing to finish with six straight strikes in a 223-221 victory.

NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

January 28, 2015

The Northville Public Schools (also referred to as the District or NPS in these documents) will accept sealed bids for:

Cooke School Door Replacement Project - 2015

Drawings will be available for this project on January 28, 2015. The drawings, specifications and bidding documents will be made available on line at: www.bid4michigan.com or www.northville.k12.mi.us. There will be a pre-bid meeting on February 3, 2015 at 3:30PM at Cooke School 21200 Taft Road Northville, MI 48167.

Sealed bids should be submitted to Mike Zopf, Assistant Superintendent Northville Public Schools, 501 W. Main Street, Northville MI 48167. Bids are to be submitted no later than 3:00PM Wednesday, February 11, 2015. The District will not consider or accept a bid received after the date and time specified for bid submission. Bids will be publicly opened immediately following the close of receiving bids. No oral, email, telephonic or telegraphic

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids in whole or in part; or, for reasons of establishing uniformity, delivery time or preference, to award the contract to other than the low bidder.

The contents of RFP and Bidder's (also referred to as Contractor in these documents) Proposal will become contractual obligations, if a contract ensues. Failure of the Bidder to accept these obligations will result in cancellation of the award. Award of a contract by the District is subject to the Contractor executing a Contract, which shall incorporate the contents of this RFP and the Contractor's Proposal and final approval if the same by the District's legal counsel.

In compliance with MCL 380.1267, the bid shall be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner or any employee of the bidder and any member of the board, or the superintendent of the school district. Additionally, the bid shall be accompanied by a sworn and notarized affidavit that represents and warrants that the bidder, including its officers, directors and employees, is not an "Iran Linked Business" within the meaning of the applicable Michigan Public Act No. 517 of 2012, and that in the event bidder is awarded a contract as a result of the RFP, the bidder will not become an "Iran Linked Business" at any time during the course of performing under the contract. The Board shall not accept a bid that does not include these sworn and notarized disclosure statements.

Certified check or Bid Bond must accompany each proposal by an approved surety company in an amount not less than 5% of the proposal amount. All bids shall be firm for at least sixty (60) days from the date of opening of bids. Length of time required for completion shall be specified in the bid. All bids submitted must meet or exceed all specifications herein

Bids are to be submitted on the District's Bid Proposal Form, signed by the Bidder, in a sealed envelope and clearly marked. Two (2) copies of the Bid Proposal Form should be addressed to the attention of:

> Mike Zopf, Assistant Superintendent Northville Public Schools 501 W. Main Street Northville, MI 48167

"Cooke School Door Replacement - BID"

One (1) copy of the bid form should be retained for your files. Any questions regarding bid

requirements should be referred to Michelle Kerns (248) 921-3929 if you have questions regarding the project specifications contact David Mielock from Mielock Associates at (248) Publish: January, 29, 2015

Charter Township of Northville

Division 1 state champion in the 100-yard backstroke and runner-up in the 200 individual medley, showed his versatilbutterfly (52.45) and 100 both state meet qualifying times.

relay (1:42.21) Other CC first-place

four first-place finishes.

(1:34.45).

Stevenson's other two individual winners were

DUAL MEET SUMMARY NOVI CATHOLIC CENTRAL 111 LIVONIA STEVENSON 75 Jan. 22 at Stevenson



200 individual medley: 1. Jackson

Novi boys skiers stay unbeaten in double-dual the top giant slalom Sacred Heart, 20-59, ing Western, 16-20.

The Novi boys improved to 4-0 in Southeastern Michigan Ski League action with a double-dual meet Alpine Valley Division win over Orchard Lake St. Mary's, 32-44, and Walled Lake Western, 21-70.

THRILLER

Continued from Page B1

couple of weeks, had a

great meet. We had a lot

of guys with some good swims, but he probably

really helped our cause

Novi, meanwhile,

captured seven races,

the Wildcats was Sidd-

figured in four of those

200 freestyle (1:49.84)

and 100 butterfly (54.12)

He also teamed up with

Ryan Katulski, Arthur

for a first in the 200

freestyle relay. The

sophomore also an-

chored the Wildcats

which also included

Maehata.

victorious 400 freestyle

relay (state cut 3:18.94)

Katulski, Shi and Toraki

"We're swimming

great right now. I'm just

ski, whose team was tied

"Our guys really stepped

up tonight. We had a lot

so happy," said Pohlon-

78-78 after 10 events.

of best times, but un-

fortunately came up a little short. But it's hard

to be disappointed with

how hard we swam. We

got four state qualifying

times tonight. Last year,

we only had one individ-

ual who had a state cut

team qualify until the

(Oakland) county meet

and here we are with our

400 free relay qualified."

ners for Novi included

(state cut 22.27); James Ciolli, 1-meter diving

(222.40 points); and Phil-

lip Billiu, 100 backstroke

Katulski, 50 freestyle

Other individual win-

at this time last year. We didn't even get a relay

Shi and Alexander Yuan

Kareddy captured the

hardha Kareddy, who

first-place finishes.

Leading the way for

including two relays.

stands out to me that

tonight."

In the Jan. 21 slalom, Mitch Goodman and Jack Grove posted the best times for the Wildcats as they beat St. Mary's, 16-22, and Western, 10-31.

Andrew Jamison and Goodman then posted

times Jan. 22 as Novi won 16-22 over the Eaglets and 11-39 over the Warriors.

Meanwhile, the Novi girls stand 2-2 after falling to Livonia Ladywood/Bloomfield Hills

while defeating Western, 33-44.

In the slalom, Elaine Hamilton and Claire Krueger were Novi's top finishers as the Wildcats fell to Ladywood/Sacred Heart, 10-33, while edg-

Rachel Casaccia and Tori Engler, meanwhile, posted Novi's best times

in the giant slalom in a 10-26 loss to Ladywood/ Sacred Heart and a 17-24 victory over the Warriors.

Manivannan, Joey Berman, Toraki Maeha-ta), 1:45.13; 3. Northville (Larry Zhao, Yash Bajaj, Troy Stacer, Shane Boran), 1:45.53. 200 freestyle: 1. Siddhardha Kareddy (Novi), 1:49.84; 2. Trevor DeGroot (N'ville), 1:51.03; 3. James Popyk (Novi), 1:52.54; 4. Matthew Schafer (N'ville), 1:52.63; 5. Mark

cut); 2. Novi (Phillip Billiu, Narayan

Kaminski (Novi), 1:52.91.

200 individual medley: 1. James Xue (N'ville), 2:04.47; 2. Geng (N'ville), 2:07.8; 3. John Duan (N'ville), 2:09.22; 4. Brian Son (Novi), 2:10.47; 5. Joel Kotyk (Novi), 2:11.48.

50 freestyle: 1. Ryan Katulski (Novi), 22.27 (state cut); 2. Maibach (N'ville), 22.31 (state cut); 3. Fred Schulz (N'ville), 22.31 (state cut) 3. Fred Schulz (N Ville), 23.36; 4, Billiu (Novi), 23.39; 5. Bradley Huang (Novi), 23.68.

1-meter diving: 1. James Ciolli (Novi), 222.40 points; 2. Nathan Pellerito (Novi), 208.50; 3. Trey Richman (Novi), 170.45; 4. Christain Field (N'ville), 157.40; 5. Thomas Rys (N'ville) 122.25

170.45; 4. Christain Field (N'ville), 157.40; 5. Thomas Rys (N'ville), 122.25. 100 butterfly: 1. Kareddy (Novi), 54.12 (state cut); 2. Xue (N'ville), 54.9; 3. Arthur Shi (Novi), 57.14; 4. Son (Novi), 58.92; 5. Stacer (N'ville), 59.37. 100 freestyle: 1. Maibach (N'ville), 48.86 (state cut); 2. Katulski (Novi), 49.03 (state cut); 3. Schulz (N'ville), 50.71; 4. Zhao (N'ville), 51.2; 5. Maehata (Novi), 51.23.

500 freestyle: 1. DeGroot (N'ville), 4:58.62; 2. Schaffer (N'ville), 4:58.65; 3. Berman (Novi), 5:07.82; 4. David Alamed-dine (N'ville), 5:08.98; 5. Popyk (Novi),

200 freestyle relay: 1. Novi (Katulski, Shi, Alexander Yuan, Kareddy), 1:31.95; 2. Northville (Kaminski, Bajaj,

Geng, Schulz), 1:34.88; 3. Novi (Huang, Popyk), 1:35.84. **100 backstroke:** 1. Billiu (Novi), 57.06; 2. Zhao (N'ville), 57.69; 3. Maehata (N'ville), 58.53; 4. Arthur Greenlee (N'ville),

(N Villey, 38.35; 4. Arthur Greenlee (N Ville), 78.00.62; 5. M. Williams (Novi), 1:00.63. 100 breaststroke: 1. Geng (N'ville), 1:03.58; 2. Bajaj (N'ville), 1:05.28; 3. Manivannan (Novi), 1:05.92; 4. Roman Grossi (N'ville), 1:06.03; 5. Huang (Novi), 1:03.33

400 freestyle relay: 1. Novi (Katulski, Shi, Maehata, Kareddy), 3:18.94 (state cut); 2. Northville (Xue, Kaminski, Schulz, Maibach), 3:19.84 (state cut); 3. Novi (Billiu, Berman, Yuan, Popyk), 3:29.71 Dual meet records: Northville, 6-1 overall, 2-0 KLAA Central Division; Novi, 4-2 overall, 0-1 KLAA Central.

Novi's Alan Yu springs into action during the KLAA Central Division dual meet against

JOHN HEIDER I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Northville.

"Ryan Katulski had a great night with two state qualifying times," Pohlonski said. "I'm just so happy how my guys competed and how much time we dropped. And, of course, you've got to give props to our divers. They always keep us in it. They're amazing.'

Northville outscored Novi by a combined 26-6 in the 200 IM and 500 freestyle, while Novi

beat the Mustangs 34-14 They swam better than I in diving, 100 butterfly and 100 backstroke. "You got a ton of re-

spect for that (Novi) team," Bennetts said. "They're dangerous. We've seen this coming for a while. We're fortunate to get out of here with a win. You've got to give Novi all the credit in the world. They're a well-coached team and (Pohlonski) had a great lineup against us tonight.

thought they would and that's a testament to how hard they're working. It's preview of things to come in February and

> FINAL HEAT SCORING 200-yard medley relay: 1. Northville (Kirk Maibach, Chris Geng, James Xue, Nirek Sharma), 1:41.89 (state

we'll be going at each other again.' DUAL MEET SUMMARY NORTHVILLE 94, NOVI 92 Jan. 22 at Novi H.S.

2015 Wayne County Community Development **Block Grant Funds**

City of Northville

Final Statement of Objectives

The Northville City Council approved the following Community

Development Block Grant projects for the 2015 Program year:

Allen Terrace Improvements Senior Center Programming Program Administration

\$33,305 6,861 4,463

Total Estimated Allocation

\$44,629

Sherry Necelis, Housing Director Publish: January 29, 2015

NOTICE - CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Structural Firefighting Gear

The Charter Township of Northville will receive sealed proposals for Structural Firefighting Gear (SFG) according to the specifications of the Charter Township of

Sealed proposals will be received until 10:00 A.M. prevailing Eastern Time, February 27, 2015 at which time proposals will be opened and read. Proposals shall be addressed as follows:

Charter Township of Northville OFFICE OF THE TOWNSHIP CLERK

44405 Six Mile Rd. Northville, MI 48168-9670

All proposals must be signed by a legally authorized agent of the proposing firm. ENVELOPES MUST BE PLAINLY MARKED

"Structural Firefighting Gear" AND MUST BEAR THE NAME OF THE PROPOSER

The Township reserves the right to accept any or all alternative proposals and award the contract to other than the lowest proposer, to waive any irregularities or informalities or both; to reject any or all proposals; and in general to make the award of the contract in any manner deemed by the Township, in its sole discretion, to be in the best interest of the Charter Township of Northville.

Sue A. Hilebrand, Clerk

Publish: January 29, 2015

REAL ESTATE

JULIE BROWN, EDITOR JCBROWN@HOMETOWNLIFE.COM 248-842-8046 FACEBOOK: HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Check with

lawyer on

foreclosure,

don't just vacate

premises

Q: I understand there

has been a shortening of the redemption period

under certain circum-

stances. I am living in a home now where there has

been a foreclosure and I

am kind of worried. Can

A: I think you were re-

ferring to a bill that became

effective on June 19, 2014, in

applies to parties to the Na-

tional Mortgage Settlement.

You are best advised to con-

sult with an attorney as soon

as possible to ensure that

your rights are being pro-

premises until you are re-

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you help me?

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Home Builder Association taps new leaders for 2015

Home Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan (HBA) has announced its leadership team for 2015. The 2015 **Executive Committee includes:**

» President — **Norman Finkelstein**, Norwood Homes, Ltd., Farmington Hills

» First Vice President — James Clarke, Robertson

Brothers Company, Bloomfield Hills » Treasurer — Wil-

liam Phillips, Windham Development, Inc., Bloomfield Hills

» Secretary — Law-rence Cohen, Cohen-Homes.com, LLC, Franklin



Finkelstein

» Immediate Past President — Paul Aragona, Aragona Properties, Clinton

» Vice Presidents — David S. Compo, Compo Builders, Inc., Novi; Rino Soave, Infinity Homes Corporation, Livonia; Robert M. Tedesco of Silverado Homes, Birmingham; Ben Templeton of Templeton Building, Birmingham; Associate Vice President — Katie Hallett, TK Design & Architecture, Howell; CEO — Michael C. Stoskopf.

President Norman Finkelstein has developed subdivisions and condominium homes in southeastern Michigan for the past 26 years. His company, Norwood Homes, Ltd., specializes in land development, condominium conversions, custom homes, remodeling, brokerage and corporate relocation services. The company's mission is to provide quality home ownership to as many families as pos-

"We are fortunate to have Norm leading our team for 2015," said Michael Stos-

\$410,000

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STEPHEN CANTRELL

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\$180,000

\$170,000

\$68,000

\$52,000

\$158,000

\$83,000

\$80,000

The Home Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan focuses on residential construction

kopf, HBA's CEO. "He has been a valuable asset to this organization for many years and we are counting on his expertise to guide us through the coming year."

Finkelstein also serves as president of HomeAid Southeastern Michigan and on the Board of Directors of the HBA Charitable & Educational Foundation.

The Executive Committee is responsible for furthering the building industry's relationship with municipal and county governments and providing representation in the state and national associations. In addition, the Committee assists in overseeing HBA's mission to provide education, information, programs, net-

working, political action and all other activities that advance the building industry, while making the American dream of home ownership a reality for Michigan

Headquartered in West Bloomfield, Home Builders Association of SE Michigan (HBA) and Apartment Association of Michigan (AAM) are trade associations representing 800 builders, remodelers, multi-family property owners, developers and suppliers to the single family and multi-family residential construction industry. HBA is affiliated with the Home Builders Association of Michigan in Lansing and the National Association of Home Builders in Washington, D.C.

44471 Midway Dr

24429 Olde Orchard St

42195 Park Ridge Rd

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Sept. 2-5, 2014, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices. **BEVERLY HILLS**

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|-------------------------|
| BIRMINGHAM |
| 1255 Bird Ave |
| 1099 Canterbury St |
| 1638 Hazel St |
| 1376 Humphrey Ave |
| 2852 Manchester Rd |
| 885 N Old Woodward Ave |
| 286 Pleasant St |
| 711 Rivenoak St |
| 327 Southfield Rd # 15 |
| 2298 W Lincoln St |
| 1286 Willow Ln |
| 35300 Woodward Ave # |
| 504 |
| BLOOMFIELD HILLS |
| 1165 lvyglen Cir |
| 776 Kingston Ct |

//6 Kingston Ct 1999 Long Lake Shore Dr 2442 Mulberry Sa # 40 6078 Rocky Spring Rd 67 Scenic Oaks Dr S 6804 Spruce Dr

1225 Stuyvessant Rd

2627 Bradway Blvd 1021 Dowling Rd 1861 Hunters Ridge Dr 3500 Sunnydale Rd 3805 W Maple Rd 4559 Wabeek Forest Dr **COMMERCE TOWNSHIP** 209 Annison Dr 2490 Baltimore Ct 1913 Cheshire Ln 5669 Strawberry Cir **FARMINGTON** 32020 Grand River Ave Unit 27 32297 Leelane 33725 Oakland St **FARMINGTON HILLS** 25538 Arden Park Dr 36780 Chesapeake Rd 31711 Dohany Dr

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

2755 Ayershire Dr

29190 Earth Ln 29202 Earth Ln \$370,000 28312 Green Castle Rd 33531 Heirloom Cir \$74,000 \$670,000 38741 Lancaster Dr \$79,000 29215 Marvin Rd \$365,000 30790 Misty Pines Dr \$1,300,000 28145 Parkhill St \$220,000 21415 Parklane St \$559,000 29738 Pine Ridge Cir

34016 Rhonswood St \$649,000 27634 Wellington St 24749 Westmoreland Dr \$800,000 \$435,000 25465 Wykeshire Rd FRANKLÍN \$285,000 26450 Carol Ave \$523,000 HIGHLAND \$420,000 \$440,000 2150 Elkridge Cir 179 Gailes Ct \$175,000 \$278,000 \$476,000 \$60,000 \$60,000 \$169,000 \$140,000

3259 Jackson Blvd 3778 Taggett Lake Dr MILFORD 2375 Bridle Trl 1190 Eagle Nest Ct 2425 General Motors Rd 707 Pointe Ct **NORTHVILLE** 20755 Normandy Ct 47945 Ravello Ct \$225,000 43475 Scenic Ln \$283,000 43491 Scenic Ln \$155,000 48867 Veneto Dr \$182,000 48868 Veneto Dr \$101,000 NOVI \$186,000 43050 12 Oaks Crescent Dr # 6066 \$70,000 \$133,000 50873 Almafi Ct \$283,000 41418 Cornell Dr \$164,000 40848 Coventry Rd \$263,000 39560 Kartar Ln \$278,000 40755 Ladene Ln 25695 Laramie Dr \$142,000

\$226,000 22351 Peachtree 45700 White Pines Dr \$495,000 **SOUTH LYON** 24873 Carriage Ln \$295,000 21111 Greenbriar Ln \$323,000 23805 Griswold Rd 57248 Hidden Timbers Dr \$195,000 \$205,000 \$230,000 \$340,000 \$254,000 \$309,000 \$635,000 \$1,230,000 \$425,000 \$448,000 \$155,000 \$182,000 \$180,000 \$490,000 \$208,000 \$360,000

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57837 International Dr 1086 Paddock Dr 58906 Peters Barn Dr 22821 Spy Glass Hill Dr 58678 Winnowing Cir S SOUTHFIELD 28075 Fairfax St 25559 Farmbrook Rd 21570 Hidden Rivers Dr S 19480 Hilton Dr 16115 Hilton St 18162 Melrose Ave 28815 Murray Crescent Dr 28588 Regent Ct S 23895 Wendy Ln WHITE LAKE 9640 Cooley Lake Rd 9105 Huron Bluffs Dr 314 Lakeside Dr \$85,000 \$253,000

\$108,000 \$255,000 \$320,000

lease transaction as a lessee with a landlord who says he does not want to accept responsibility for

any repairs to keep the place habitable and he wants to put that provision in the lease. Is that legal or reasonable? A: You have asked a del-

icate question because it may not be reasonable, but it may be legal if the landlord complies with a Michigan statute which allows landlords to shift the responsibility for repair to the lessee under certain circumstances. The relevant Michigan statute provides lessees with a specific protection arising from the existence of a residential lease for habitability, and in addition to any other protection provided by the common law. Therefore, a landlord's failure to comply with the requirements to maintain the unit in good repair would be considered a breach of the terms of the lease between the parties unless the lease has a term of at least one year and the parties have agreed to modify these obligations. These obligations are that the premises and all common areas are fit for the use intended by all the parties and to keep the premises in reasonable repair to comply with applicable health and safety laws of the state and the local unit of government where the premises are located unless the tenant causes the problem. I would suggest that you contact a good real estate lawyer before entering into this type of transaction.

Selling and Operating a Condominium." He is also the author of "Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track," second edition. Visit bmeisner@meisner-law.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and

the author of "Condo Living 2: An

Authoritative Guide to Buying,

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY **GARDEN CITY** 19608 Aqueduct Ct \$118,000 25002 S Sylbert Dr

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Sept. 22-26, 2014, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

| CANTON |
|------------------------|
| 1485 Brookdale Dr |
| 6622 Brookshire Dr |
| 44236 Candlewood Dr |
| 1692 Christopher Dr |
| 41699 Glade Rd |
| 44746 Glengarry Rd |
| 39641 Hillary Dr |
| 42819 Lilley Pointe Dr |
| 2037 Premier Ln |
| 4089 Radcliff Dr |
| 448 Robyn Dr |
| 48200 Royal Pointe Dr |
| 42254 Saratoga Cir |
| 4435 Southbridge Dr |
| 49565 Taft Ln |
| 43598 W Arbor Way Dr |
| 1535 W Lakeview Ln |

31234 Florence St 32990 Florence St 32683 James St LIVONIA 14800 Arcola St 18111 Deering St 32621 Five Mile Rd 14532 Garden St 18447 Glengarry Dr 29870 Greenland St 34425 Grove Dr 17505 Hizmet St 19387 Ingram St 37206 Ladywood St 8928 Louise St 19630 Merriman Ct 29849 Minton St 34610 Munger Dr 34887 Pembroke Ave 18354 Pershing St 17575 Rexwood St 16240 Ronnie Ln 34635 Sarah Beth Ln 36035 W Chicago St **NORTHVILLE**

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\$162,000

17654 Parkshore Dr 42926 Richards Ct 18161 Shoreline Ct 20141 Silver Spring Dr 46735 Timberlane St 15576 Troon Ct 411 Yerkes St **PLYMOUTH** 46551 Barrington Ct 10880 Chestnut Dr 12016 Landers Dr 9040 N Haggerty Rd 641 S Harvey St 585 S Sheldon Rd 9305 Saddlebrook Ct **REDFORD** 9570 Brady 11780 Columbia 17445 Delaware Ave 20387 Fox 18288 Indian

15461 Bay Hill Dr

42202 Farragut Ct

44861 Broadmoor Cir S

16741 Lochmoor Cir E

\$565,000 14850 Seneca \$130,000 8890 Woodbine \$415,000 \$67,000 \$180,000 WAYNE \$265,000 \$315,000 37550 Michigan Ave \$758,000 5037 S Hubbard St \$38,000 \$129,000 \$80,000 4222 Winifred St \$650,000 WESTLAND \$123,000 \$118,000 34249 Barton St \$370,000 38041 Carolon Blvd \$45,000 \$810,000 35760 Castlewood Ct \$72,000 \$171,000 35784 Castlewood Ct \$61,000 7734 Cherrywood Dr \$263,000 \$310,000 36630 Deerhurst S \$126,000 \$190,000 \$122,000 36631 Deerhurst S \$466,000 35214 Donnelly St \$120,000 **\$94,**000 35097 Florence St \$85,000 \$180,000 29850 Hanover Blvd \$44,000 \$300,000 2401 Hawley Blvd \$135,000 \$547,000 35689 Hunter Ave \$66,000 30389 Lacy Ct \$116,000 \$90,000 8194 Melvin Ave \$115,000 \$98,000 1008 Mitchell Dr \$165,000 \$80,000 \$130,000 441 Ravencrest Ln \$56,000 1547 S Carlson St **\$65,000**

1425 S Crown St

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

\$48,000

Industry kudos

6340 Wedgewood Rd

The third-generation owners and co-presidents of The Real Estate One Family of Companies, brothers Dan Elsea and Stuart Elsea, earned a spot on the The Most Powerful People in Residential Real Estate list in the 2015 edition of the Swanepoel Power 200 (SP200). The Elseas were ranked 44th among 200 of the top real estate leaders and executives in the nation.

They jointly run The Real Estate One Family of Companies. Their companies produced over \$4.2 billion in sales last year with almost 25,000 transactions.

"It is an honor to be recognized on a list of the nation's most influential individuals in our industry," said President of Brokerage Services Dan Elsea.

"It means a lot to be recognized by our piers for the success our team has achieved." President of Financial Services Stuart Elsea added, "Our companies' top priority is to give our clients the best real estate experience through our family of services, and realizing that mission ultimately helps us grow as individual leaders and become positive influences in our community and business."

Short sales

If you owe more than what your house is worth, you may be interested in a free informational seminar on short sale procedures.

Bonnie David, broker/owner of Quantum Real Estate, is the presenter. It will be 6-7 p.m. each Thursday at 129 N. Lafayette, downtown South Lyon.

Please call the office at 248-782-7130 or email june.quantum@gmail.com for your reservation or additional informa-

Investors

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne will have an open forum. Investors will answer questions and offer a market update. Meetings are at 6-9 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the Red Lobster on Eureka in

Members are free, guests \$20, which will be applied to their membership. The Red Lobster is next to 7-11, near Trenton Road.

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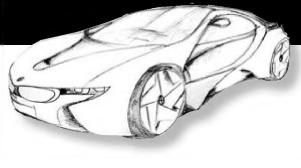
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Car Report

To Big Game Or Not To Big Game? Auto Brands Going Separate Ways This Year





A lot has been made of NBC's late closing of inventory for Big Game ad spots. But really, you can just blame it all on automakers: At least a half-dozen car brands that have been reliable Big Game advertisers during the last few years have decided, this year at least, to bow out

What's going on here? For a start, the most common explanation by the automakers that have • BMW, promoting its i3 EV electric

• Kia, tapping James Bond actor Pierce Brosnan to promote the new Kia

· Lexus, which just released its second Big Game ad, showing the new Lexus NX compact SUV making some noise;

• Mercedes-Benz, which is teasing "The Big Race," its fourth-quarter tortoise vs. hare Big Game spot, with a faux sport talk show starring Jerry Rice and a microsite promoting a Big Race viewing party contest;

inspirational themes under the "To Be a Dad" umbrella with athletecelebrities ranging from Amy Purdy to Muhammad Ali

And, presumably, Fiat Chrysler will return with at least one of its brands, continuing a run that has produced a string of memorable, and often remarkable, Big Game ads stretching back to the Eminem "Born Of Fire' spot in 2011

Audi was the latest to join the Big Game holdouts, saying that it won't participate in Big Game advertising this year for the first time in seven years. An Audi spokesman paid homage to the power of Big Game advertising by reminding Automotive News that the brand led the luxury car segment into the game and pioneered in areas including the use of the first hashtag in a Big Game ad.

Now Audi feels that it can maintain its incredible marketplace momentum of the last several years without a Big Game ad in 2015 even though, the spokesman said, after the Big Game "year after year, we've continued to see record levels of awareness and showroom traffic with national consideration numbers showing significant spikes post-game."

This sort of argument also helps explain why Chevrolet, lately a major Big Game advertiser, is taking the year off, as are the other General Motors brands. Buick and GMC introduced significant new and revised products last year, and sales are doing well.



Last year at this time, Chevy was ramping up the launch of its most profitable product, a new heavy-duty version of the Silverado pickup truck. "It made sense" then to pound the Big Game with truck spots, as GM returned to the Big Game in 2014 after a year's absence, Chevrolet CMO Tim Mahoney told USA Today. This year, by contrast, significant Chevy introductions such as the new-and-improved Volt mostly won't come until the second half of the year.

Honda US CMO Mike Accavitti echoed that theme in remarks to USA Today about why Honda has bowed out of the Big Game this year. "The timing wasn't right," he said.

Arguably, Volkswagen these days could really use the kind of boost in visibility and goodwill that it has gotten annually from its Big Game ads, which have effectively used humor (remember "Little Darth Vader"?) to underscore the accessibility and relevance of the VW brand. Last year, VW sales in the United States took a beating after three solid years of gains.

But to a large degree VW's annus horribilis in the US last year was the result of a lack of a significant new-product introduction until late in the year. And once Volkswagen debuted the new-generation Golf and GTI subcompacts last fall, sales began to spurt forward again—and the nameplates won the 2015 North American New Car of the Year Award at the Detroit auto show last week

Consider the attention that has rained down on VW lately because of the popularity of the new Golf and the third-party honors it has received. How many more Golfs would Volkswagen actually sell in the US this year even by applying its trademark humor in a Big Game spot?

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While there were 11 automotive brands advertising in the game last year, there will sill be at least six in this year's Big Game:

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7 jobs for people who like to travel

By Susan Ricker CareerBuilder Writer

Traveling can be more than just taking a break for a few days. For those who love to travel, it's about seeing the world and interacting with people from different cultures. Some may enjoy traveling so much that they make it a part of their job. Here are seven occupations for people who like to travel:

1. Airline and commercial pilot*

What they do: Airline and commercial pilots fly and navigate airplanes or helicopters. Pilots spend a considerable amount of time away from home, because flights often involve overnight

Typical education level that most workers need to enter this occupation: Many pilots learn to fly in the military, but a growing number have an associate or bachelor's degree from a civilian flight school. All pilots who are paid to transport passengers or cargo must have a commercial pilot's

Median pay: \$92,060

2. Anthropologist and archaeologist

What they do: Anthropologists and archeologists study the origin, development and behavior of human beings, past and present. They examine the cultures, languages, archaeological remains and physical characteristics of people in various parts of the world. Although some anthropologists and archaeologists work in an office, many work in laboratories or travel occasionally for fieldwork.

Typical education level: Master's degree.

Median pay: \$54,230

3. Geographer

What they do: Geographers study the Earth and its land, features and inhabitants. They research the physical or human geographic characteristics of a region, ranging in scale from local to global. Most geographers work for the federal government. Some travel to foreign countries or remote locations for fieldwork.

Typical education level: Bachelor's degree

Median pay: \$72,800

4. Heavy and tractor-trailer truck driver

What they do: Heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers transport goods to and from locations. They deliver goods over intercity routes, sometimes spanning several states. Long-haul truck drivers can be away from home for days or weeks at a time and spend much of their time alone.

Typical education level: Highschool diploma or equivalent Median pay: \$37,770

5. Meeting, convention and event planner

What they do: Meeting, convention and event planners coordinate all aspects of professional meetings and events, such as choosing meeting locations and arranging transportation. They work onsite at hotels or convention centers,

and they often travel to attend events and visit prospective meet-

Typical education level: Bachelor's degree

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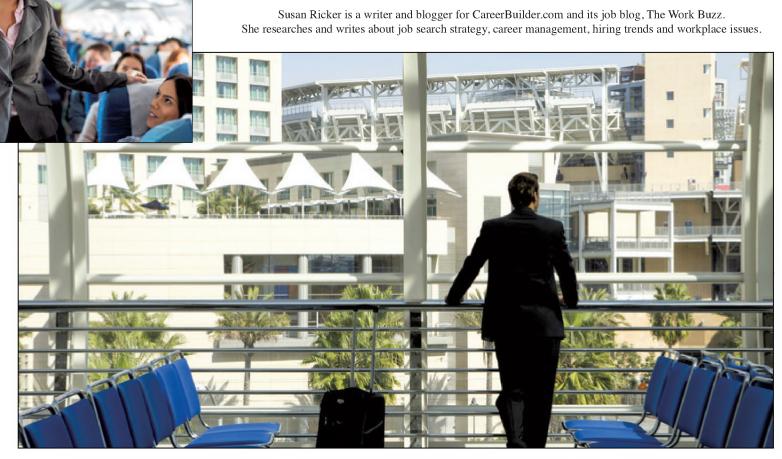
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7. Train engineer and operator

What they do: Train engineers and operators ensure that freight and passenger trains stay on schedule and travel safely. Train engineers drive trains, while train operators work the brakes, signals or switches. Locomotive engineers drive trains between stations, and rail-yard engineers move trains around in a rail yard.

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