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Vietnam experience

At 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 16, the Marine Corps League, Northwest Detachment 162 and the VFW Post 4012 of Northville invite all members of the U. S. Military, past, present and family members of those who served to hear author Lisa Lark. Lark wrote two books: *All They Left Behind* and most recently *There and Back*.

Seating will be available on a first-come basis. The VFW Post 4012 is located at 438 S. Main Street, Northville. For any questions, email Bill King at wking39483@comcast.net.

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. Call Margie Martin, Grief Support services manager, at 734-769-5821.

Residents meet their legislators

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

The Northville Chamber of Commerce event “Meet Your Legislators’ Breakfast” brought in a full house of attendees and valuable updates from local elected officials.

Held on Feb. 6 at Genitti’s Hole in the Wall, the event was sponsored by Robert Law, Strategic Communications Solutions and the Detroit Regional Chamber. It provided an opportunity for residents and the business community to meet their state officials, and hear about com-

mittee work and future legislation that may affect the community.

State Sen. Patrick Colbeck (7th District), state representatives Kathy Crawford (38th District) and Kurt Heise (20th District) and U.S. Rep. Dave Trott all gave those in attendance an update. This past November election Colbeck and Heise were re-elected while Trott and Crawford were elected to their new roles for the first time.

Colbeck

Taking a quick look back over the last few years, Colbeck said there have been some bright spots that demonstrate the state is in a better place. He cited the decreasing of the unemployment rate from 11 percent to 6 percent as one of these.

Locally, Colbeck said the Michigan International Technology Center project planned along Five Mile Road in Northville and Plymouth townships is a great example of a positive local, state and business partnership. The project is calling

for redevelopment of property, including former prison sites, along this corridor.

“This MITC project has been a model of cooperation,” he said.

Going forward, he said the big challenge ahead is road repair and it’s funding. He said he’s not a big fan of the coming ballot initiative being voted on in May. If passed, only 25 percent of the generated funding in the first year would be used on roads, he said.

“I will be working on an alternative because I do want to

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Jan Williams (right) stirs up a batch of stew at Northville’s Allen Terrace Jan. 29 chili cook-off event. Five different chilis were entered into the contest and judged by Poole’s Frank Matthews. Williams’ traditional chili was judged overall best that night. Bill Spencer (left) organized the inaugural event.

WILLIAMS CROWNED CHILI COOK-OFF CHAMP AT ALLEN TERRACE

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Chili comes in different recipes and tastes. This was evident at the first annual chili cook-off at Allen Terrace, which turned out to be a fun (and filling) event.

Organized by residents Bill Spencer, Hazel Kelliher and Tony Rizzo, a group of residents at the senior community in Northville recently gathered to eat and judge who has the best chili recipe. The guest judge was Frank Matthews, Poole’s kitchen manager.

“This is about getting together and celebrating our love for food, specifically chili” Spencer said. “We thought chili was a perfect thing to have on a cold winter night like this.”

There were five entries in the contest. Each was judged on details like appearance, aroma, texture and overall taste. One contestant was resident Erik Cuolahan, who made a sweet potato and black bean chili. For him the contest wasn’t about competition, rather it was about sharing some food and laughs.

“This is great fun,” he said.

Matthews said the key to a good chili is time and patience, and good ingredients.

Resident Jan Williams was the overall winner. Matthews said all of the entries were very good, but it was Williams’ classic take on chili that put her over the top. She said it’s a recipe she has made before.

“It’s just my traditional take on chili,” she said. “I try to make each scoop tasty.”

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Starting Gate closes doors

Owners: ‘It’s time’ after 36 years in Northville

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

An era ended this past weekend when Starting Gate Saloon sliced up its last pizza and poured its last beer. Ownership has called it quits and sold, moving on to the next stage in life.

“It’s time,” Jim Rea said Feb. 5 as he looked back on 36 years in downtown Northville as a restaurant owner and 55 years from the time he first started in Dearborn. “We haven’t been able to be here as much to take care of it properly, so it’s about time.”

Starting Gate owners Jim and Mary Margaret Rea, along with their sons, have been a big part of the Northville community. They first came to downtown and opened their restaurant in the early 1980s at the original location on West Main, which is now Joseph’s Coney Island. In 1984, they moved to 135 N. Center Street.

Rea got into the restaurant business with a friend in 1959 and has been at the helm of an eatery ever since. However, that didn’t mean he was always in the office.

“I took to it right away,” he said of running a restaurant.

Many times he tended bar and he always had a smile and laugh with the many longtime patrons who have come to know and love the pizza, steaks, seafood and nights of karaoke and dancing at Starting Gate.

The saloon had a Western style, with a feel that took one back to a former time in Northville. Many in the community probably caught a Detroit Tigers game there in the summer or a football game in the fall on its televisions. Families would gather there Friday evenings for a famous large pizza after hearing some music performed in town square.

Throughout their time at the saloon, Rea family members have offered dependable and quality service. They’ve had

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Northville’s Starting Gate Saloon on North Center Street in downtown.

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The interior of Northville's long-time bar, Starting Gate Saloon, which closed this past weekend.

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employees who have been there a long time and they have supported the Northville community as residents and business owners. Going forward, they will relax and enjoy their free time. Rea said he might even grow a big garden. The building has been sold and Rea in-

dicated the new owners have restaurant ownership experience. Rea, though, does not know what their plans are for the old saloon. "We've enjoyed our time and have made a lot of friends," Rea said. "We hate leaving the place, but it's for the best."

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Drop-In Morning Storytime
Time/Date: 10:15-10:45 a.m. Thursdays beginning January 29
Details: Storytime fun

MEET

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fix the roads, but I know we can do without raising taxes," he said. In other good news, he cited the newly signed bill he led called the Direct Primary Care Services bill to help local businesses and others. He said this legislation ensures that direct primary care services are not treated as insurance products by regulators. 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. Colbeck will have an open-to-the-public meeting March 30 at Northville Township Hall.

Crawford
Formerly an Oakland County Commissioner, Kathy Crawford's new position as a state representative includes representing Novi and the Oakland County portion of the city of Northville. She started her talk citing her many connections with the community of Northville. She said although a Novi resident, in her younger years she went to school in Northville. "I always felt closeness with Northville," she said.

NORTHVILLE LIBRARY LINES

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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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LONNIE HUHMANN

Shown (l to r) are Northville Mayor Chris Johnson, state Rep. Kurt Heise, state Sen. Patrick Colbeck and U.S. Rep. Dave Trott prior to the Meet your Legislators event, which was held at Genitti's and sponsored by the Northville Chamber of Commerce.

Early in first term, Crawford said going forward she will be a cheerleader for this part of the state. One passion she has is helping expand services for older people and individuals with a disability. It's her goal to be forward thinking in everything. She emphasized that she was put in her new role to represent the communities in her district and that's she what plans to do. She succeeds her husband, Hugh, who was term-limited. "Know that I'm one of you and I want to hear from you," she concluded her talk.

Heise
The state budget, education funding and the plan for roads high-

lighted Heise's talk. He said there are more challenges ahead, but also a lot to celebrate and look forward to. He also cited the MITC project and said the partnership has accomplished a lot in the last couple of years in regard to this development. He has played a big part in it. He has provided help in getting the former prison properties in a place to be redeveloped for the good of the community. One challenge ahead is the budget hole in the state's funding plan for the coming year. He said there is a \$500 million "hole" that is a result of tax credits going back over many years that need to be addressed. He said some things might


need to be cut to fix this, but this should not include K-12 school funding or grants to local governments. As far as the roads, Heise said if the proposal in May does fails it doesn't mean road work that's already planned won't happen. "What we lack in this state is a long-term, sustainable, predictable funding source for the additional money that we need for road improvement," Heise said.

Trott
Still early in his new role, Trott said one highlight so far is how much has been done in passing legislative bills and sending them on to the next level. He cited bills on small business rules and energy as two examples of the new Congress tackling some important issues in the last month. "We're off to a good start," he said. He said further addressing of issues like human trafficking and employment for military veterans is important to him. Looming challenges include figuring out the funding for the Department of Homeland Security and addressing the Affordable Care Act, said Trott.

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Hittin’ the brakes



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Riley Lincoln, 10, laughs as she puts on the brakes while sledding towards a fence at Northville Township's Cass Benton Park on Jan. 21. The park's hills saw quite a few visitors that day, taking advantage of the nearly two inches of recent snowfall for sledding fun.

MILL RACE MATTERS

Mill Race Historical Village is located at 215 Griswold Ave., north of Main Street near Ford Field. Buildings will re-open on Sundays in June 2015. Grounds open daily dawn until dusk. Mill Race relies on rentals and memberships to maintain the Village. Consider becoming a member or making a donation today; visit www.millracenorthville.org for details.

Upcoming events
Contra Dancing: noon to 5 p.m. Feb. 15 at the New School Church. Entrance fee; discount for members (become a member today).
Lecture Series: 7 p.m. Feb. 25 – The Bay View Association – A National Historic Landmark Lecture at the New School Church. Free event; donations accepted.
Lady Carol Victorian Tea: March 21; ticket sales begin Feb. 6. Discount for members.

General info
Website: www.millracenorthville.org
Volunteers: The Northville Historical Society at Mill Race Village accepts volunteers in many different areas. Contact the office for more details.
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Salvation Army hosts ‘Love Thy Neighbor’ campaign

At Christmas, the Plymouth Salvation Army's focus is helping families enjoy the holidays.

After the holidays, though, the corps still sees families, but the focus changes a bit to working adults and seniors, many of whom are looking for supplemental food and personal care items.

That's where the Plymouth Salvation Army's "Love Thy Neighbor" drive comes in. "Love Thy Neighbor" is a Valentine's Day drive the corps will run throughout February to collected donations of personal care and hygiene items to help those who need it.

"Many of these folks are working and just need a bit of help to meet their bills," said Laurie Aren, the PSA's director of family and community ministries. "Rising out-of-pocket health care costs, salary reductions and other expenses can really take its toll on budgets. Also, many seniors got a small cost of living increase, but not enough to match the rising costs of personal care items."

"We need to be sure that we take care of each other and donating personal care items is a great way to do this," she added.

The corps is accepting donations of deodorant and shaving items for men and women; toilet paper, body soap; dish soap; detergent; shampoo and condition-

er; Hamburger Helper; canned chicken; and tuna. Donations can be dropped off between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday.

The corps' demographics are changing, Aren pointed out, with more and more working adults and seniors from Plymouth, Canton, Belleville and Northville reaching out for help.

"With the help of this generous community, we can continue to meet the ever-changing needs," Aren said.

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NEF fulfills \$50,000 matching gift challenge

Northville Educational Foundation (NEF) announced that the \$50,000 matching gift challenge that had been extended by two very generous anonymous donors was fulfilled during its annual Thanks For Giving Campaign. During the campaign, which ran from mid-November through Jan. 31, all gifts to Northville Educational Foundation were matched dollar-for-dollar up to \$50,000.

At the onset of the campaign, NEF had hoped to raise at least \$80,000 for its general fund and at least \$20,000 in

restricted special project funds for a total of \$100,000. All gifts made during the campaign qualified for the matching gift with all matching gift funds going into the general fund.

With just a few days left in the campaign, NEF was still a couple thousand shy of raising the \$80,000 toward its general fund goal. Through one last ask to the community, NEF raised an additional \$10,000 putting the total raised for the general fund at \$88,772.

"I was overwhelmed by the response," said Jennifer Roosenberg, executive director of

Northville Educational Foundation. "The fact that so many parents, businesses, administrators and public leaders contributed to the campaign is a testament that Northville is a community that truly values quality education."

In addition, NEF raised \$200,000 for its restricted Cooke School fund, bringing the campaign total to \$288,772. The funds will allow for the completion of the vocational kitchen renovation, provide extracurricular activities for the students, and assist with other special projects in the

future.

The gifts received for the general fund are already being put to work. Twelve innovative grant projects were recently funded and have begun to come to life in the classrooms; The Leader In Me and International Baccalaureate programs continue to prepare Northville students to be global leaders; and Northville's first STEM Fair is planned for April 22.

"We can't express our appreciation for the community's support enough," said Roosenberg. "The programs we are able to fund through these

contributions help provide real-world experience and develop team-building, problem-solving and leadership skills in our students."

The Northville Educational Foundation is an independent 501(c)3 nonprofit organization whose mission is to attract, manage, and distribute charitable gifts to provide educational opportunities that enhance Northville Public Schools' commitment to educational excellence. More information can be found at www.NorthvilleEdFoundation.org.

Zhong wins Distinguished Young Woman honor

The 57th Annual Distinguished Young Women of Michigan Scholarship Program was held at Saline High School on Jan. 24, and Northville's Vivian Zhong was named as the Distinguished Young Woman of Michigan 2015.

She received \$2,550 in cash scholarships and was also named as a Top Talent, Physical Fitness, Interview, Self Expression and Scholastics winner. Zhong performed a classical piano piece, *Solfegetto* by C.P.E. Bach. She attends Northville High School and is the member of the National Honors Society, varsity pom pon squad and the Science Olympiad Club. She will be attending the University of Michigan and plans to be a pediatrician.

Zhong will represent Michigan at the Distinguished Young Woman of America Scholarship Program in Mobile, Ala. in June. The fully-paid, two-week trip is provided by the Distinguished Young Women of America organization. Zhong is also eligible for many full ride scholarships at various colleges around the country



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through the national program.

"This was an incredibly talented group of young women and we are so excited with the new Distinguished Young Woman of Michigan. She will be an excellent representative at statewide functions throughout the year and also at the nationals in Mobile Ala." said State Director Angela Bobo.

The Distinguished Young Women of Michigan is a member of the Saline Area Chamber of Commerce. Seventeen contestants from around the state of Michigan competed and were awarded a total of \$7,500 in college scholarships.

Fun learning



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Mikey Whitchurch blows bubbles on a soapy table as he learns about surface tension and how it keeps the bubbles together (their molecules stick together) during the Feb. 4 Family Science Night at Northville's Ridgewood Elementary. The evening, hosted by the Ann Arbor Hands on Museum, featured 20 stations of hands-on learning that brought some basics like sound and light waves to the students and their parents.

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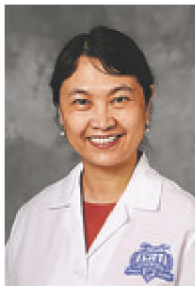
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SCHOOL BRIEFS

Arabo named one of 40 under 40

Melody Saroki Arabo, a teacher in the Walled Lake Schools and the reigning Michigan Teacher of the Year, was selected by a public online vote as winner of the Oakland County Executive's Elite 40 under 40 Class of 2015.

The announcement was made Feb. 4 at Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson's State of the County address held at the Marriott Auburn Hills Pontiac at Centerpoint. As the winner, Arabo was given the honor of introducing Patterson to the crowd of about 500 people.

"It is a true honor to represent the 2015 class of Oakland County's Elite 40 under 40, especially considering the caliber of talent, dedication and professionalism of my fellow class members," Arabo said. "I take great pride in calling Oakland County my family's home and I am thrilled to be an ambassador for all it has to offer."

NHS Cabaret showcases Northville talent

Students from the nationally recognized Northville High School vocal music department will present their annual Cabaret at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28. The NHS cafeteria will be turned into a nightclub-style venue where students will perform a variety of solo and small group songs, dance and instrumental stylings. With more than 20 acts, this evening promises festive, diverse entertainment for all ages. Light refreshments will be served.

Advance reservations are recommended. For tickets (\$15 each) and information, email nhscabaret2015@gmail.com.

gmail.com.

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

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

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

A Growing Place open house

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

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

For more information, call 248-471-2333

Evans scholarships awarded

For two area students, caddying was more than just a summer job – it was an opportunity to earn the gift of a lifetime: a college education.

Northville High's Jonathon Stott and Walled Lake Northern's Molly Stachurski were among a group of students from Michigan who interviewed for the

Chick Evans Caddie Scholarship, a full, four-year housing and tuition college scholarship awarded to golf caddies, Jan. 8 at Oakland Hills Country Club in Bloomfield Hills. The group of 25 were all awarded the scholarship and will begin college as Evans Scholars this fall.

Evans Scholars are chosen based on demonstrating a strong caddie record, excellent academics, outstanding character and financial need. The scholarship is valued at more than \$80,000 over four years. Selected students will attend a university where the foundation owns and operates an Evans Scholarship House, including Michigan State University and the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor.

Starchurski plans to attend University of Michigan and was sponsored by Oakland Hills Country Club. Stott plans to attend Michigan State University and was sponsored by Meadowbrook Country Club.

Northville High School information session

Come and discover what it means to be a Mustang by taking part in the Northville High School Community Information Session 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22. Tour the state-of-the-art, technology-equipped high school with student leaders as your guides.

Meet with academic department chairs and representatives from athletic teams, student clubs, and music and art programs, as well as current students, administrators and parents.

While the session is geared toward incoming freshmen for the 2015-16 academic year, families with students of all ages, as well as community members, are welcome to attend.

Northville High School is located at 45700 Six Mile. For more information, call 248-344-

3800 or go to <http://nhs.northvilleschools.org/>.

WLCSO names Teachers of the Year for 2014-15

The Walled Lake Consolidated School District announced the District Teachers of the Year for 2014-15 at the Feb. 5 Board of Education meeting: Martha Rogers (Dublin Elementary School); Paula Mather (Sarah Banks Middle School); and Mary Hullibarger (Walled Lake Northern High School).

"Our teachers practice the philosophies 'every child, every day' and 'whatever it takes' to ensure each of Walled Lake Schools' students is receiving the services and experiences needed to excel," said Kenneth Gutman, superintendent. "Walled Lake teachers differentiate their instruction, use technology and other tools so students are engaged in learning, communicate and collaborate with parents and so much more. The 2014-15 Teachers of the Year know their students well and deliver instruction to help each of them succeed."

Walled Lake art students awarded

High school art students from Walled Lake Northern High School and Walled Lake Western High School recently entered their work into the Southeastern Michigan Region of the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards. The students listed below were recognized during the Scholastics Award ceremony Feb. 10 at The College for Creative Studies and their art work is on display from through March 6. Student art will be on display from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

Anisa Rakaj, Walled Lake Western High School senior, earned two very prestigious awards: Best in Show Portfolio and The American Vision Award. Her Gold Key

Portfolio and individual Gold Key pieces will go on to New York to be judged nationally. She took home four Gold Key awards and four Silver Key Awards. Rakaj has earned a full ride scholarship to College for Creative Studies based on her portfolio.

The American Vision Award winners are chosen as the Best of Show from all of the artwork entered in this year's Southeastern Michigan Regional competition. Each regional program across the country selects the five most outstanding works of art from their Gold Key recipients. These five young artists represent the region on the national level as American Vision nominees. A national panel selects one of the nominated works from each region as the American Vision Award Recipient for 2015.

Sidney Smith, Walled Lake Western High School senior, also won a

Gold Key Portfolio.

From Walled Lake Northern High School, Ashley Koenig won a Gold Key award, two Silver Key awards and an Honorable Mention; and Sierra Chadwick won a Gold Key award.

Additional winners from WL Western include: Mackenzie Abele, Gold Key Photography and Honorable Mention Photography; Nicole Czarnecki, Gold Key Photography and Honorable Mention Photography; Alicia Krapf, Honorable Mention Painting and Honorable Mention Drawing and Illustration; McKenna O'Malley, Honorable Mention Photography; Christopher Stefan Gold Key Design; Kayla Strange, Silver Key Drawing and Illustration; and Anisa Rakaj, Gold Key Painting and Silver Key Painting.

The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards have an impressive legacy dating back to 1923.

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- Best coffee_____
- Best place for breakfast_____
- Best steaks_____
- Best deli_____
- Best fast food restaurant_____
- Best family restaurant_____
- Best place for soup_____
- Best place for salad_____
- Best place for burgers_____
- Best place for hotdogs/cones_____
- Best place for subs_____
- Best place for desserts_____
- Best Sushi restaurant_____
- Best Italian restaurant_____
- Best Asian restaurant_____
- Best Mexican restaurant_____
- Best Greek restaurant_____
- Best place for pizza_____
- Best martini_____
- Best wine selection (store)_____
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- Best beer selection (restaurant)_____
- Best place for romantic dinner_____
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A long journey of love renews each morning

Daily walk helps keeps 70-year relationship strong

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

With Valentine's Day fast approaching, it's worth remembering a simple act of love can mean so much. For passersby on Eight Mile Road in Northville, the sight each morning of the elderly couple walking down the sidewalk together and then exchanging a kiss in

parting is a perfect example. Northville resident John Pankopf walks his wife Dawn to her teaching job at Cooke School daily. Although back surgery has left him using a walker to get around, John said it's important for them to start their day together. "It gives us a chance to talk," Dawn said. They leave their home off of Eight Mile around 7:30 a.m. and make their way toward Taft Road. Wind, rain or snow can't stop them from the daily trek – and they've been

doing this for a long time. Both are in their late 70s and have lived in Northville since 1986, raising three children. They are originally from the Pittsburgh area and came to Michigan for work. Dawn has spent her adult life as a teacher and John also still works as a business administrator in a local dentist office. They've known each other for 70 years. Both say having a lot in common and enjoying each others' company have played key parts in their

long relationship. So do the daily walks. School crossing guard Doris Booth is one who has seen the couple each morning. The sight of them always brightens up her day. She said many in the community know of the Pankopfs' daily walks and agree it's great to see them. "When they part, he gives her a kiss goodbye. I just think it's so sweet and touching," Booth said.

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Northville resident John Pankopf walks his wife Dawn each morning to her teaching job at Cooke School.

Novi family's missing cat found after four months

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

It took four months, but a Novi family's missing cat was safely returned. The Paulk family moved in September to Novi. Shortly after, the family's cat, Milo, went missing, leaving them in despair. "It was a difficult year with losing some family members, so Milo going missing was another sad thing for us to deal with," Laura Paulk said. Family members conducted an extensive search for Milo throughout the fall, got help from friends and posted fliers around the community. Although they got some telephone calls about possible sightings of Milo, he never turned up. "We had given up hope," Paulk said. It was around Christmas when Milo finally did turn up at a home near Nine Mile and Beck roads, a mile or so away from the family's home in the 10 Mile and Taft roads area. Christine Constantine was house-sitting at her aunt's Northville home when she spotted Milo outside. Her aunt has cats of her own and had placed food and shelter outside the house. This attracted Milo and, as an animal lover, Constantine began taking care of him. "I started noticing this orange cat outside and he seemed friendly enough," she said. She looked after him for three weeks and



Christine Constantine (left) helped to get Milo the cat back to his Novi owners after a four-month absence. The cat ran away from his owners, Laura Paulk (center) and her family, in the fall. He was found near Beck and Nine Mile roads, almost two miles from the Paulks' house off 10 Mile.

posted his picture on Facebook, reporting he was missing. However, it was during a visit to the veterinarian that she found a lead to his owners. Paulk had sent out word of their cat being missing through the

website www.lostmydoggie.com. A flier with Milo's picture was posted in a local vet office. "I noticed the picture right away because he has very striking features," Constantine said of Milo.

She called Paulk and they compared their knowledge of Milo's behavior, which revealed his identity. He finally made it home in mid-January. "We were so excited to have him back," Paulk

said. Mostly an indoor cat, Milo was in relatively good shape upon his return. A visit to the vet cleared him of any health issues. However, his attitude has changed a little bit.

Paulk's son Anthony said Milo looked normal, but was acting different. "He's more cuddly," he said. lhuhman@hometownlife.com
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Crawford looks forward to working on 2015-16 Action Plan

State Rep. Kathy Crawford, R-Novi, recently participated in a Capitol news conference to announce important priorities for the current legislative session.

House Republican lawmakers outlined their top priorities as the 2015-16 legislative session gets underway. Crawford, R-Novi, said she looks forward to working on policy and speaking with constituents about how best to implement the plan.

“The Action Plan gives us a great benchmark to go by as we work on legislation this term,” Crawford said. “I was pleased to see mention of children and senior issues in the plan. As a member of the House committee on Families, Children and Seniors, as well as a career advocate for seniors, I am eager to continuing to give voices to these two groups at the state level.”

Crawford also serves on the House committee on Workforce Talent and Development and said she was excited to see skilled trades a focus in the plan.

“It is time that we really focus on students in this state who might be interested in skilled trades but not have the opportunity to learn the skills. Michigan has numerous unfilled positions and now we can foster the talent to fill those positions.”

The GOP's Action Plan for the new legislative session can be accessed at http://gophouse.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/ActionPlan_2015.pdf.

Firefighters work to extinguish muscular diseases

For more than 60 years, firefighters have taken to the streets throughout the summer months, gathering donations in support of the Muscular Dystrophy Association's mission toward finding cures and treatments for neuromuscular diseases. In 2014, more than 30 stations in Michigan participated in the Fill the Boot campaign. Generous support from fire fighters and people of the community has helped make the Fill the Boot campaign one of MDA's most successful programs.

Novi Local 3232 contributed \$2,370 last year.

Sixty-one years of friendship and support received from national sponsor the International Association of Fire Fighters and partner the Michigan Professional Fire Fighters Union strengthens each year. MDA is grateful to have a strong connection with heroes of the community that continue to inspire and set ambitious fundraising goals every year.

Since 1954, IAFF has raised more than \$500 million in support of the MDA's cause. In 2014, firefighters across Michigan brought in a combined total of \$234,126 for MDA.

Backyard, pool, spa show returns March 20

The 20th annual Novi Backyard, Pool & Spa Show returns to the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi March 20-22.

“Winter is not over but homeowners will have the opportunity to see inground and above ground pools, hot tubs, spas and backyard environments for fun this summer,” said Richard Martin, president of Association of Pool & Spa Professionals, Michigan Chapter. “Many of our exhibitors provide design, equipment, construction, servicing and refurbishing for homeowners that want to swim, exercise or just

entertain in their backyard.”

Hundreds of ideas, products and services are available from the major outdoor living environment categories including inground and above ground pools, spas, swim spas, hot tubs, saunas, decks, patios, fencing, outdoor kitchens and living spaces, landscaping, water features, brick paving, decorative concrete, patio furniture and accessories.

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

Show hours are 3-9 p.m. Friday; 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$8; \$4 for children 6-14; and children 5 and under admitted free. Discount coupons for \$2 off adult admission are available at show's website. On site parking is available for a fee. For show information, visit www.NoviPoolShow.com or call 734-398-9700.

World champion coming to Gracie Barra Novi

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

Almeida is a black belt student of Carlos Gracie Jr., one of the most renowned legends in Brazilian jiu-jitsu. The Gracie family is credited with bringing the martial art to national fame and recognition in Brazil and later worldwide.

Grace Barra Novi recently opened its doors under the instruction of first-degree black belt instructor professor James Burchfield and is currently accepting new students.

Brazilian jiu-jitsu is an ancient form of martial art and focuses on grappling and ground work and was the initial idea behind the Ultimate Fighting Championship, to determine which martial art worked best in real world scenarios. For more information, call 248-957-9597.

What's on your bucket list?

Looking for ways to ensure 2015 is a great year? Creating a bucket list is a good way to start.

A bucket list, whether big, small or random, notes things you most want to do, goals you want to achieve and dreams you hope to fulfill while making the most of life experiences. Achieving bucket list items initiates conversations, revitalizes direction and provides a feeling of self-satisfaction.

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

Novi citizens ages 55 and older are encouraged to share their bucket list items via www.cityofnovi.org, at the Older Adult Services Office (45175 10 Mile) and at the Meadowbrook Activity Center, 25075 Meadowbrook Road. Novi's bucket list will be on display through April 30.

Those who add to the list will be entered into a drawing for gift certificates. Success stories will be shared in a future edition of the *Enhance* newsletter, online at www.cityofnovi.org and at both the Older Adult Services Office and Meadowbrook Activity Center.

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

Too cold



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A freezing afternoon finds not much going on at Novi's Lakeshore Park, only a few shadows from unused playground equipment. With wind chills in the minus range, the only thing that will draw more visitors to the park is a good amount of snow for skiers and sledders.

Solomon Northrup's America

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

Presented by Dr. Roy E. Finkenbine, University of Detroit Mercy, professor of history, who teaches African-American and 19th century American history. He is a specialist on slavery, abolition, the Civil War and the Underground Railroad.

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

Chocolate Fest at Fox Run

Residents of Fox Run retirement community in Novi will feast on hundreds of chocolate delicacies prepared by the nation's finest chefs Friday, Feb. 13, when they celebrate a pre-Valentine's Day Chocolate Fest by basking in the nostalgia and romanticism of chocolate. The event will be held 4-6:30 p.m. in the Fireside and Signatures restaurants on the Fox Run campus (41000 13 Mile).

Family members of residents who have flown into Novi will also participate (and there promises to be a few “surprises,” according to the participating chefs).

Kevin Cunningham, director of Dining Services and a chocolatier who admits to having a constant craving for truffles and cheesecakes, will create many of the chocolate masterpieces himself as part of this “History of Chocolate” extravaganza. Fox Run's Chefs de Cuisine have assisted Cunningham by gathering chocolate recipes and history from around the world. The final presentation will challenge some of the best chocolatiers across the globe.

Late, Locked-In & Loud

The Novi Youth Council & the Novi Public Library, in partnership with Novi Police and Fire departments, invites Novi students in grades 5-8 to a lock-in at the library 7-10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27.

The event, which is open to 300 students, encourages all in attendance to enjoy an electronic-free evening with food, including pizza provided by Tony Saccos of Novi, giveaways, activities and more for \$10.

Registration is available now and can be done online at www.cityofnovi.org or by sending \$10 cash or check (per student) with the com-

pleted permission slip payable to city of Novi, mailed to Community Relations, 45175 10 Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375. A confirmation email will be sent out Feb. 23 to all families that have registered.

For more information, call the Community Relations office at 248-347-0416.

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.

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 non-resident 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 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 community.

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 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 hands-on 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.

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 coats 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 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 appointment, 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.

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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: 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.).

NORTHVILLE

Chamber welcomes Freep columnist

The Northville Chamber of Commerce welcomes Rochelle Riley, *Detroit Free Press* columnist, to a chamber luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 18, at Northville Hills Golf Club (15565 Bay Hill Drive). Event

sponsors are ATI Physical Therapy and Patti Mullen, Remerica Home-town One. Cost is \$25 for chamber members; \$28 for non-members. Lunch includes Northville Hills Michigan Cherry Salad with chicken, soup, rolls and coffee/hot tea.

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

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

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.

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.

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.

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

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

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

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, Livonia.

The evening includes dinner, drinks, dancing with live music from the Killer Flamigos, 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 with Heise

State Rep. Kurt Heise invites local residents to meet with him to share their perspectives and ask questions from noon to 1 p.m. at the Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady.

Beginning this month, Heise's office hours will be the second Monday every other month rather than each month; however, he will continue to hold coffee hours the third Friday of each month.

Heise is also available to meet with constituents by appointment either in the district or at his Lansing office. Residents are invited to call toll free 855-REPKURT or email KurtHeise@house.mi.gov to schedule an appointment.

Ninth annual Member Exhibition

The Northville Art House presents its ninth annual Member Exhibition showcasing more

than 70 works of art in this all-media, non-juried member show. This exhibition was developed to showcase local talent and to say "thank you" to everyone who is supporting the growth and creativity of the arts in our community.

New, emerging and experienced artists come together to present some of their favorite works of art in this highly anticipated exhibition. This exhibit continues through Feb. 27 during Art House Gallery hours (noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday).

For additional information, call 248-344-0497 or go to www.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.

Barnes & Noble presenting authors

Michigan author Paul Flower wrote a suspense novel, *The Redeeming Power of Brain Surgery*, set in Michigan that has been dubbed "rural noir" by reviewers. He has a book signing 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, at the Barnes & Noble (17111 Haggerty, Northville).

Some call it agile, some call it lean. Richard Sheridan and his team call it joyful -- and it produces results, business and otherwise. Six Inc. magazine revenue growth awards, invites to the White House, speaking engagements around the nation, numerous articles and culture awards and so much interest they are doing a tour a day of his Menlo Software Factory.

Sheridan visits Barnes & Noble March 18 for a storytelling event. Sheridan will offer a discussion and Q&A followed by a book signing. RSVP is not necessary, however recommended. For more information, please contact Gayle Townsend at 248-348-1274.

Becoming a Love & Logic Parent

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

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

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

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

Blues @ The Elks

Plymouth-Ann Arbor Elks Lodge No. 325 in Plymouth will present Blues @ The Elks the second Tuesday of each month in partnership with the Detroit Blues Society and Jazz @ The Elks the last Tuesday of each month. The Dennis Tini Quartet returns Feb. 24.

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

Rotary's Little Libraries

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

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

Brief Summary



GRASTEK®

Timothy Grass Pollen Allergen Extract
Tablet for Sublingual Use 2800BAU

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

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

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

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

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

What is GRASTEK?

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

Who should not take GRASTEK?

You or your child should not take GRASTEK if:

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

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

What should I tell my doctor before taking GRASTEK?

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

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

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

Are there any reasons to stop taking GRASTEK?

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

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

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

How should I take GRASTEK?

Take GRASTEK exactly as your doctor tells you.

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

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

- Wash hands after taking the tablet.

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

If you tolerate the first dose of GRASTEK, you or your child will continue GRASTEK therapy at home by taking one tablet every day. Children should be given each tablet of GRASTEK by an adult who will watch for any symptoms of a serious allergic reaction. Take GRASTEK as prescribed by your doctor until the end of the treatment course. If you forget to take GRASTEK, do not take a double dose. Take the next dose at your normal scheduled time the next day. If you miss more than one dose of GRASTEK, contact your healthcare provider before restarting.

What are the possible side effects of GRASTEK?

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

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

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

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

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

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School’s smoking walkie-talkie brings firefighters

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

A malfunctioning walkie-talkie led to firefighters being called Monday morning to Thornton Creek Elementary School on the report of smoke.

In an email blast sent out to the Northville Public Schools community, Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher said, “For your information, there was a malfunction with a walkie-talkie radio unit this morning at Thornton Creek that produced smoke. As a precautionary measure, the Fire Department was contacted and students in the pre-K classrooms were temporarily moved to the cafeteria while the issue was investigated.”

The Novi Police and Fire departments arrived at the school shortly after the smoke

appeared. Thornton Creek is located on Nine Mile Road.

The incident took place at 9:20 a.m. and students were able to return to their classrooms by approximately 10 a.m. Gallagher said students arriving by bus for the Early Childhood program did have wait on the bus temporarily until the all-clear was given.

The cause behind the smoke is not known just yet.

“The cause of the walkie-talkie malfunction is being researched with the vendor and steps are being taken to check remaining batteries and charging units prior to further use,” Gallagher said. “The students, staff and families of Thornton Creek handled this situation calmly, with a focus on student safety.”

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Construction tools stolen

Tools, such as nail guns and saws, were stolen from a site in the 39000 block of Seven Mile Road over the weekend of Jan. 16-19.

Two different companies had tools and equipment stolen from them. Tracks from a vehicle were found in the snow that Monday. There are no suspects at this time, but the case remains open.

NORTHVILLE POLICE BRIEFS

Computer theft

A Novi man had \$3,800 worth of computer equipment stolen from his rental car while it was parked on Main Street in Northville.

The Northville City Police were told about the incident Jan. 17. The equipment was in the backseat and there was no reported signs of forced entry.

Sign stolen

A home address sign was stolen Jan. 16 from a

home on High Street.

The sign had the address and was in blue lettering. The homeowner told Northville City Police that he went to dinner and then found it missing upon arrival back home. The street sign has been stolen in the past.

Marijuana possession

Passing on a double yellow led to the arrest for marijuana possession.

A 23-year-old Livonia

man was stopped Jan. 22 along Seven Mile Road near Silver Springs Drive by Northville Township Police for the illegal traffic move. The police reported spotting a baggie with what appeared to be marijuana inside it while the driver was grabbing his documents. When asked, he said, “Oh, it’s just a little marijuana.”

The man’s car was also impounded.

– By Lonnie Huhman

NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

Tires stolen

A Novi man found his vehicle running with the tires half off.

The man, who lives at Pavilion Court Apartments, discovered Dec. 28 his Chrysler 300S with the wheels splayed out at angles while the engine was on. He called Novi Police to file a report. Upon further investigation, the lug nuts were found to be taken off the vehicle and it appeared as if someone tried to back it

out, causing the tires to partly come off.

Construction tools stolen

A contractor had an air compressor, saw and nail gun stolen from a Novi home he was working on.

The theft was reported Dec. 29 from a home on Danyas Way. The contractor hid the tools overnight in a closet inside the locked home. Novi Police did not report any signs of a forced entry, but the owner of the tools told

police the locks were easily opened with a credit card, which he had done before.

Police had little evidence and the owner of the tools did not have the serial numbers for the equipment.

Breaking and entering

A breaking and entering was reported at a Novi apartment on Portside Drive, with cash and personal items stolen. Novi Police responded

to the residence after a call from the occupant, who was out of town at the time of the thefts. The victim told police he arrived home Dec. 28 and found the sliding door unlocked, yet told police he had locked it before leaving days earlier.

A tin box containing a \$100 bill and a wrist watch were stolen. There was no evidence as to how the suspect gained entry.

– By Lonnie Huhman

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF NORTHVILLE

The Northville Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing to receive public input on two variance requests by the property owner at 206 Randolph Creek, Northville, Michigan. 206 Randolph Creek, parcel number 48-002-01-0585-305, is a relatively new lot that is accessed off of the north side of Randolph Street in the R-1B zoning district. The applicant is constructing a new home and is seeking two dimensional variances to allow construction of the home.

One variance is to allow a new front porch in the required front yard setback. The City’s Building Official has determined that per Section 15.01 of the Northville Zoning Ordinance, the required front yard setback in this district is 25 feet. The location of the proposed front porch is setback 22.77 feet from the property line. Therefore, a variance for 2.23 feet is requested from the Board of Zoning Appeals.

The second variance is to allow lot coverage of 33.6%. The City’s Building Official has determined that per Section 15.01 of the Northville Zoning Ordinance, the maximum lot coverage for this district is 30%. Therefore, a variance for 3.6% is requested from the Board of Zoning Appeals.

The public hearing will be held on Wednesday, March 4, 2015, at 7:30 p.m. at City of Northville Municipal Building - Council Chambers, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-449-9902, as part of the regular City of Northville Board of Zoning Appeals meeting. The purpose of the hearing will be to receive public comment on the variance requests. Written comments regarding the variance requests should be directed to the City of Northville at the above address.

A copy of the variance application is available for review at the City of Northville Building Department during regular office hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The City of Northville will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with special needs at the meeting upon seven days notice to the City of Northville.

ROLLAND STAPLETON
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS CHAIRPERSON

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CITY OF NORTHVILLE

2015 BOARD OF REVIEW WAYNE AND OAKLAND COUNTIES

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Review of the City of Northville, Wayne and Oakland Counties, will meet at the City Hall, 215 West Main Street, for the purpose of reviewing and adjusting the 2015 Assessment Rolls of the City of Northville on the following dates:

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| TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2015: | 9:00 a.m. Administrative Meeting |
| MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2015: | 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. |
| WEDNESDAY MARCH 11, 2015: | 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. |
| FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2015: | 1:00 p.m. for deliberations |

Unless otherwise specified the dates above are for Public Hearings

Pursuant to Act 165 of 1971 and based on the proposed changes to assessed values for 2015, the Wayne and Oakland County Equalization Departments have set the following tentative equalization factors relative to the 2015 Real and Personal Property Assessments: **WAYNE COUNTY** - Commercial Real 1.00; Industrial Real 1.00; Residential Real 1.00; All Personal Property 1.00. **OAKLAND COUNTY** - Commercial Real 1.00; Industrial Real 1.00; Residential Real 1.00; All Personal Property 1.00

Mail-in Petitions must be received by March 11, 2015 before 5:00 p.m. ALL TAXPAYERS wishing to petition their property’s taxable value or assessment in person with the Board of Review will be seen by **APPOINTMENT ONLY. To ensure every appeal is heard it is requested that appointments be scheduled prior to Tuesday, March 3, 2015.** Please contact the City of Northville Tax Department at (248) 449-9901 for an appointment or with any questions you may have regarding your 2015 taxable or assessed value.

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Hey, Northville! *It’s Time to Pick Your*

PEOPLE’S CHOICE AWARDS

*We Need Your Input On the Best Places To Shop... Best Places To Eat...
Best Place For Great Service, This is NOT scientific! It’s a fun, readers poll.
Join in on the Balloting!*

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

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

FOOD OUTLETS

- Best speciality coffeehouse_____
- Best place for breakfast_____
- Best Sunday brunch_____
- Best fast food restaurant_____
- Best family restaurant_____
- Best place for soup_____
- Best salad bar_____
- Best place for burgers_____
- Best place for hot dogs/coneys_____
- Best place for subs_____
- Best place for ice cream_____
- Best place for chicken_____
- Best quality dining restaurant_____
- Best place for desserts_____
- Best Italian restaurant_____
- Best place for seafood_____
- Best oriental restaurant_____
- Best Tex-Mex restaurant_____
- Best place for pizza_____
- Best place for steak_____
- Best place for barbeque ribs_____
- Best wine selection(restaurant)_____
- Best beer selection(restaurant)_____
- Best place for romantic dinner_____
- Best after work meeting place_____
- Best sports bar_____
- Best Mediterranean food_____

BEST SERVICE PROVIDERS

- Best hair salon_____
- Best place to bank_____
- Best real estate company_____
- Best auto service_____
- Best oil change shop_____
- Best collision shop_____
- Best insurance (agency)_____
- Best veterinary service_____
- Best travel agency_____
- Best child care service_____
- Best house painter_____
- Best landscaping company_____
- Best health/fitness company_____
- Best waitress/waiter (include restaurant)_____
- Best tanning salon_____
- Best accountant_____
- Best chiropractor_____
- Best doctor_____
- Best dentist_____
- Best eye care_____
- Best dance studio_____
- Best fitness provider_____
- Best pet supply store_____
- Best art gallery store_____

BEST RETAIL STORES

- Best pharmacy_____
- Best bakery/baked goods_____
- Best floral shop_____
- Best grocery store_____
- Best party store_____
- Best jewelry store_____
- Best lumber yard_____
- Best beer selection (store)_____
- Best wine selection (store)_____
- Best children’s wear_____
- Best men’s wear_____
- Best women’s wear_____
- Best resale/consignment shop_____
- Best sporting goods_____
- Best antique store_____
- Best hardware/home improvement store_____
- Best home décor_____
- Best yoga studio_____

All Entries Must Be Received By February 20th

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RELIGION CALENDAR

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

Brightmoor Christian

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

Church of the Holy Family

Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road.
Contact: 248-349-8847 or visit holyfamilynovi.org.
Mass Schedule
Time/Day: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday through Friday; 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday; 4:30 p.m. Saturday; 6:30 p.m. Saturday

(Spanish).
Holy days: 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment.
Priests: the Rev. Bob LaCroix, pastor, and the Rev. Beto Espinoza, associate pastor.
AA: 8 p.m. Wednesdays.

Crosspointe Meadows

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

Destiny Worship Center

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

Emmanuel Lutheran

Location: 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia.
Web: www.emmanuel-livonia.org.
Contact: 248-442-8822.
Sunday worship: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Youth group: 7 p.m. Wednesdays.
Holy days: 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Special Needs Ministry: Contact Judy Cook, 248-442-8822.
Women's Coffee Break Bible Study: 10-11:30 a.m. Mondays -- "Everybody's Normal Till You Get to Know Them" by John Ortberg
Adult Bible Class: 11 a.m. Sundays -- "Seeing Grey in a World of Black and White" by Adam Hamilton
Ash Wednesday Worship: 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Feb 18, 11 am and 7 pm
Bible Studies: "WHY? Making Sense of God's Will " by Adam Hamilton; 9:30 and 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sundays, beginning Feb. 22; 10 a.m. Mondays (Women's Coffee Break); 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Wednesdays.

Faith Community Presbyterian Church

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

First Baptist Church of Northville

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

First Church of the Nazarene

Location: 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile.
Contact: 248-348-7600 or visit dfcnazarene.org.
Sunday Schedule: 9:30 a.m. Classic worship service, Adult Bible Fellowship classes and Children's Sunday School; 11 a.m. Contemporary worship service with Kids Church, Teen Worship Service and Adult Bible Fellowship classes. Cafe is open from 9:15-11 a.m.; 6 p.m. Evening Traditional Service.
Thursday: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group and Bible Study.
Tuesday: 9:25 a.m. Women of the Word Bible Study -- the Books of Ruth and Esther
Wednesday: 5:30 p.m. family dinner; 6:30 p.m. Caravan Scouting program for ages 4 through fourth grade; Club 56 for fifth and sixth graders; Surge Youth Group, Bible Study with Pastor Troy Ogle; and Little Critters for preschool age.

First Presbyterian Church of Northville

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

First Presbyterian Church

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

First Presbyterian Church

Location: 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington.

First United Methodist Church of Northville

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

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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

Holy Cross Episcopal

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

Hope Lutheran Church

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

Lakes Baptist Church

Location: 309 Decker Road, Walled Lake.

Livonia Church of Christ

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

Legacy Church

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

Meadowbrook Congregational Church

Location: 21355 Meadowbrook Road between Eight Mile and Nine Mile.
Contact: the Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, senior minister, at 248-348-7757; visit mbccc.org; or email to office@mbccc.org.
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.
Church School and Nursery Care: provided during worship.
Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m.

NorthRidge Church

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

Northville Christian Assembly

Location: 41355 Six Mile.
Contact: 248-348-9030; ncalife.org.
Sundays: 9-10 a.m. Sunday School for adults/youth/children; 9 a.m. Contemporary service in sanctuary; 10:15 a.m.: Contemporary service in worship center; children's super church on the second level (208/210).
Wednesday Family Night: 7 p.m.; Adult elective classes; junior and senior high ministries; children's programs, Nursery and Preschool Program on Sundays and Wednesdays Home of Northville Christian School (day care; preschool through eighth grade); call 248-348-9031.

Novi-Northville Center for Jewish Life

Details: Events, programs and activities for all ages throughout the year -- children's programs, Sunday school, adult Jewish classes, youth clubs, holiday services and programs and community social events.
Contact: Rabbi Avrohhom and Leah Susskind at 248-790-6075 or rabbim@novijewishcenter.com; www.novijewishcenter.com.

Novi United Methodist

Location: 41671 W. 10 Mile.
Contact: 248-349-2652 or visit umcnovi.com.
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Novi-United-Methodist-Church/59782031433>.
Sunday Worship: 9:45 a.m.
Healing Service and Holy Communion: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of every month.
Peace Vigil: noon first Sunday of every month in front of the church. Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace.

Oak Pointe Church

Location: 50200 W. 10 Mile, Novi.
Contact: 248-912-0043.
Web: www.oakpointe.org/lifegroups.
Worship Services: 5:15 p.m. Saturday; 9:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m. Sunday.
ReNew Life Group Ministries: 7-9 p.m. Monday (groups meet weekly).
Women's Life Groups Ministries: 7 p.m. Tuesday; 9:30 a.m. Wednesday.
Men's Life Groups Ministries: 6 a.m. Friday; at the church and various locations.

Orchard Grove Community Church

Location: 850 Ladd Road, Walled Lake.
Contact: 248-926-6584; www.orchardgrove.org.

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church

Location: 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth Township.
Contact: 734-453-0326, Ext. 221.

Our Lady of Victory

Location: 132 Orchard Drive, Northville.
Contact: 248-349-2621 or olvnorthville.org.
Saturday Worship: 5 p.m.
Sunday Worship: 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

Our Savior Apostolic Lutheran Church

Location: 54899 Eight Mile, Northville.
Contact: 248-374-2268.
Children (5-10) & Adult Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Bible Study: Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

Our Shepherd Presbyterian Church

Location: 1200 S. Sheldon, Plymouth.
Contact: pastor Bill Burke at 734-927-0891.
Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.
Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. with fellowship and food after service.

Our Savior Apostolic Lutheran Church

Location: 54899 Eight Mile, Northville.
Pentecostals of Novi
Location: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile.
Contact: 248-697-8158 or visit www.thepentecostalsofnovi.org.

Plymouth St. John's Episcopal Church

Location: 574 S. Sheldon in Plymouth.
Contact: 734-453-0190, Ext. 16,

or visit www.stjohnsplymouth.org.

Praise Baptist Church

Location: 45000 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth.
Contact: 734-748-3898.

Prince of Peace Lutheran

Location: 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills.
Phone: 248-553-3380
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St. James Catholic

Location: 46325 10 Mile, Novi.
Contact: 248-347-7778.
Pastor: Monsignor John Kasza.
Mass schedule: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Tuesday; 7 p.m. Wednesday; 5 p.m. Saturday.

St. John Lutheran Church

Location: 23225 Gill, Farmington Hills.
Contact: 248-474-0584 or visit stjohn-lutheran.com.
Saturday Worship: 5:30 p.m.
Sunday Worship: 9, 11:15 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:15 a.m.

St. Paul's Lutheran

Location: 201 Elm St., Northville.
Contact: 248-349-3140.

Unity of Farmington Hills

Location: 32500 W. 13 Mile, Farmington.
Contact: 248-737-9191; AdministrativeDirector@unityfh.com.

Unitarian Universalist Church of Farmington

Location: 25301 Halsted, Farmington Hills.
Contact: www.uufarmington.org.
Details: This religious education program is open to the public and currently enrolling new students. Classes are grouped into grades K-5, 6-8 and 9-12 with age-specific education materials for all.
Contact: Jennifer Teed at 248-478-7272 or dre@uufarmington.org
Details: Six weeks exploring different topics like religion, philosophy, science, health, social and political issues. No advance registration necessary; a \$5 donation is suggested. Drop in and pick the class that interests you most at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Farmington.
Contact: 248-478-7272 or uufarmington.org/uucf/re-lifespan.
Multigenerational Services: 6:45 p.m. Fridays.
Details: Family members of all ages can gather for drumming, chanting, and meditation followed by a brief participatory worship service which could include stories, songs and sharing. A religious education activity will follow, such as an art project, music, dance, game or theater. The evening will close with a light snack and a short time to socialize, ending at 8:30 p.m.

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville (behind the shopping center at the corner of Six Mile and Haggerty)
Web: www.wardchurch.org.
Contact: 248-374-7400.
Sunday Worship: 8 a.m. Liturgical in the Chapel; 9:30 a.m. Contemporary in the Sanctuary; 11 a.m. Traditional in the Sanctuary; 11a.m. Post-Contemporary in Knox Hall.
Sunday Groups and Classes: Nursery, Children's and Middle School programs available on Sunday mornings. High School Sunday night at 6:30 p.m. Sunday Morning Adult Life Classes also available.
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Service Broadcasts: Live at <http://live.wardchurch.org> at 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sundays for live interactive video web-streaming. Also, the Traditional Service is broadcast every week on WRDT-AM 560 at 11 a.m.

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Members of the Novi High School varsity pom pon squad put their best foot forward during their Jan. 16 halftime routine at the Wildcats' basketball game.

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BROSSOIT, THERESA
Age 71, of Shelby Twp., formerly of Brighton, passed away February, 8, 2015. Full obit at casterlinefuneralhome.com

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CARMICHAEL, MARY
June 1, 1959 - February 6, 2015.
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DUNN, JERRY M.
January 28, 2015, age 73. Beloved husband of Susan. Dear father of Jeffrey Dunn and Jennifer (Douglas) Wagner. Grandfather of Cassidy, Kerrigan, Kirsten, Shannon, Brendan, Brigid and, Caitlin. Brother of James P. (Diana) and Danny (Kathleen) Dunn. Funeral service was held Monday, February 2, 2015. Donations may be made to The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research at www.michaeljfox.org. Share memories at www.schrader-howell.com

EGNER, RICHARD
Oct. 20, 1934 - Jan. 15, 2015
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GUSTINA, ARTHUR P.
Age 99, of Fowlerville, died Tuesday, January 27, 2015, just sixteen days short of his 100th birthday. He was born February 12, 1915 in Dungen, Ohio to John and Jennie (DeRoya) Giustina, the youngest of three siblings. He met his wife Helen, also of Ohio, at a local dance hall and they were blessed to be husband and wife for 74 years, she preceded him in death on November 16, 2011. He was a retired tool and die maker, he and Helen retired and lived in Highland, MI for 27 years. He was a parishioner of Holy Spirit Catholic Church, St. Agnes Catholic Church and a member the Knights of Columbus. His hobbies included gardening, bowling, hunting, playing cards, camping and being a faithful fan of the Tigers and Red Wings. Surviving are two daughters: Rosemary (Roger) Cahaney of Fowlerville and Rita Bates of Castle Rock, Colorado, two sons: John (Grace) Gustina of Lansing and Art (Peggy) Gustina of Lapeer, nine grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his sister Violet Salvador and brother Hector Gustine. Mass of the Christian Burial will be Saturday, February 14, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Agnes Catholic Church with Fr. Nathaniel Sokol officiating. Interment in Mt. Olivet Cemetery. Visitation from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday, February 13, 2015 at Niblack Funeral Home, where the Rosary will be recited at 7pm. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Agnes Christian Service. www.niblackfuneralhome.com



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HERRICK, JESSIE A.
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PILCH, WILLARD
March 21, 1928 - Feb. 6, 2015
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SHERMAN, DONALD J.
As it must to all men, death came on February 2, 2015 to Donald, a resident of Lansing and Northville. He is survived by his loving wife of 67 years Glenna, cherished children Gregory, Michael, Jane, Anne, John, Jaclyn and Kate. Proud grandpa of 12 and great-grandpa of 12. Also survived by dear sister Patricia Ann Slivensky of Lansing. Don's services were entrusted to the Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Livonia. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions are appreciated to the CS Mott Children's Hospital. Please share a memory with the family at www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com

Local lawmakers serve on new Asian Pacific American Caucus

Several western Wayne County lawmakers were among a group of legislators who gathered Jan. 27 for the first meeting of the recently formed Asian Pacific American Legislative Caucus.

The bipartisan group is composed of members of the Michigan Legislature who identify as Asian Pacific American and members who represent districts with large concentrations of Asian Pacific American residents.

Serving on the committee are Sen. Hoon-Yung Hopgood, D-Taylor, whose district includes Westland; Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, whose district includes Wayne, Livonia, Canton, Plymouth

and Plymouth Township; and Rep. Kristy Pagan, D-Canton, whose district includes Canton.

"I am thrilled to be a part of the new Asian Pacific American Legislative Caucus," Hopgood said. "Asian Pacific Americans comprise the fastest growing population in Michigan and legislators need to work together on the issues affecting the entire community. I am confident that my fellow caucus members and I will be able to do just that."

The caucus will work to advance policies and initiatives to provide for the full participation of Asian Pacific Americans in Michigan and to address the

needs and concerns of the Asian American community.

As part of its mission, the caucus will work to educate other members of the Legislature about the contributions and concerns of the Asian Pacific American community in Michigan.

In addition to Hopgood, Colbeck, Pagan, Chang and Singh, other members of the Caucus include Sen. Mike Kowall, R-White Lake; Sen. Marty Knollenberg, R-Troy, Sen. Rebekah Warren, D-Ann Arbor; and Reps. Martin Howrylak, R-Troy, Christine Greig, D-Farmington, Jeff Irwin, D-Ann Arbor and Adam Zemke, D-Ann Arbor.

Protecting state's water resources



State Sen. Mike Kowall, R-White Lake, and Gov. Rick Snyder (seated) hold Public Act 537 of 2014 at a ceremonial bill signing by the governor last week. The measure, sponsored by Kowall, is part of a package of bills addressing the problems caused by non-native species to Michigan's ecosystems.

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OUR VIEWS

Bullying won't stop until you get involved

Film 'White Rabbit' to be shown Feb. 12

"It takes one to know one" is an old expression, usually derogatory and meaning that the subject to which it is directed is exhibiting the same behavior that person is criticizing. But in the case of Jordan Roberts, a former Bloomfield Hills resident, that expression would be one of empathy.

Roberts' production company has created a film about bullying, *White Rabbit*, which will have a special showing Feb. 12 at the Emagine Theater in Royal Oak. The showing is an anti-bullying fundraiser, and it is a subject that Roberts is well familiar with from her days in St. Louis in sixth grade.

"I went from having a lot of friends in school, to moving to a new area and having no friends and being afraid of going to school," she told reporter Jay Grossman.

That's a particularly relevant comment. In a report released last week, WalletHub said a nationwide survey of students found that Michigan ranked 17th in the percentage of students who have missed school due to fear of being bullied.

The report was released to coincide with Stop Bullying Day on Feb. 9.

That WalletHub figure, if it is to be believed, is shocking in a state which has taken steps to deal with bullying, and it is one that ought to motivate parents and school personnel to redouble those efforts.

The state Legislature recently added cyber bullying to the state's 2011 anti-bullying measure called Matt's School Law. According to WalletHub, Michigan ranked 38th in the percentage of students who were bullied on school property and 39th in the percentage bullied online.

While we all think we know what bullying is, consider this information from a government web site: Bullying involves "unwanted aggressive behavior," whether perceived or real. It involves an "imbalance of power" that can include everything from threats to rumors, physical or verbal attacks, or even exclusion from a group.

According to the Risk Behavior Surveillance System of the Centers for Disease Control, 20 percent of students experienced bullying tactics in 2013.

So what are we going to do about it? The state law requires training and that school personnel be identified to deal with the problem. It requires that incidents be investigated promptly and that educational programs be offered.

One such program that Attorney General Bill Schuette has taken statewide is "OK to Say," a way of telling students that it is a good thing to report threatening behavior. Those programs also explain to students the dangers of sexting and other cyber bullying behaviors - including the fact that they could go to jail for reposting revealing photos of other students.

Ultimately, it will be up to parents to take an active role in teaching their children the consequences of bullying, and how to deal with it. Online suggestions for doing so include talking about making friends, setting rules for behavior, monitoring Internet use of their children and discussing age-appropriate Internet use.

Parents want to know that the schools they send their children to are safe. Our children are vulnerable at any age. Bullying destroys the nurturing environment needed for learning.

Roberts says that her film leaves the viewer feeling hopeful and that there is something that can be done about bullying.

Make that true by getting involved in your local school.

The state Legislature recently added cyber bullying to the state's 2011 anti-bullying measure called Matt's School Law. According to WalletHub, Michigan ranked 38th in the percentage of students who were bullied on school property and 39th in the percentage bullied online.

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What does Valentine's Day mean to you?

Asked at Novi and Northville businesses that will play a key role come Valentine's Day.



"It's about sharing the passion for romance with others who come to the flower shop and also seeing the faces of people light up when they receive flowers as a gift from a loved one."

Lee Ann Adam
Novi (Flower Alley)



"It's about helping either single people or couples find ways to enhance their Valentine's Day."

Harper Berry
Novi (Lover's Lane)



"It's the one time of year where people really want to express their love and we get to be part of that. It's refreshing and, although we are busy, it's always fun."

Larry Podpora
Northville (Donna and Larry's Flowers)



"It means helping someone bring some love into a loved one's life by helping them reach out with some beautiful flowers. This is a special time of year for us."

Donna Podpora
Northville (Donna and Larry's Flowers)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Wayne County can't handle Eight Mile

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

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

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

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

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

Michael Salemi
Novi

Last year's voters smartest ever

In a recent article in your Opinion page, the writer states his whole case on an NBC/Wall Street Journal opinion poll. Really? The two most biased, liberal-minded organizations in the US.

Additionally, several other polls say differently.

But the only real poll that counts comes out of the voting booths. Liberals are still in denial as to what the heck happened this year, hence calling them "stupid" as did this reader.

Let's look at some facts.

President Obama literally sent a check to West Africa via Executive Privilege for \$8 billion for a disease that has now passed. Check it out. Want to guess where our money went? It went into the hands of the leaders over there.

Think how many roads and schools could have been fixed with this money?

And are we are to believe 65% of the American voting public is OK with this? Not.

Let's talk about what the same reader thinks the public is in favor of. He thinks we are OK allowing millions of illegal immigrants to come across the border at will -- who do not have a lot of money, but do have a lot of diseases such as measles, and even a few terrorists.

Additionally, these same people are put into schools, where they don't understand the language the teacher is speaking and ultimately drop out of school, only to hang around on street corners, which of course leads to many bad things. Some of these

illegals were even bussed all around the U.S.

Who pays and pays for all this free care? The smart voters do, that's who.

With the stroke of the pen, President Obama made this entire tidal wave legal, and even more attractive to people south of our border. So we are now made to believe, according to this poll, we are OK with this? Not.

I could go on and on, but I only hope the voters stay as smart for the next election, and hope we can still save our country.

Paul Thal
Novi

Arming bureaucrats

I object to the premise that bureaucrats need to be armed, especially with firepower that exceeds common reason. These untrained personnel have not been trained nor authorized to use weapons against the citizens of this state.

Even worse, is that bureaucrats are beholden to special interest groups that seek to criminalize the rights of the general public.

This smacks of the Nazi regime of the 1930s. History is repeating itself. And not in a good way.

Pointing out the foibles of politicians is akin to a perceived anarchy. We, as a free people, need to expose the abuses of those currently sitting in power. Of course, standing up for one's right will ultimately incur the wrath of paid-off judges and other politicians who have been bought and paid for by corporate interests.

Randy Zeilinger
Garden City

Protect our rights

If the media reports about the National Security Agency's warrantless spying program are true, our Constitution and our republic are in serious danger.

The Fourth Amendment to the Constitution is non-negotiable. It protects Americans from being searched by the government without a warrant and for good reason. Before independence, American colonists were subject to "general warrants" by the British government. The king's agents could search anyone whenever they felt like it, without suspicion of any wrongdoing.

The current NSA spying program is exactly the same. Government bureaucrats can spy on your phone calls, chats, Internet searches and emails. That's un-American.

State Rep. Tom McMillin, R-Auburn Hills, has a solution. His bill - HB 5420 - would protect the Fourth Amendment rights of Michiganders by banning Michigan state agencies from complying with the NSA's warrantless spying program.

Rep. McMillin's bill is a common sense way to protect our inalienable rights. But HB 5420 is stuck in the House Judiciary Committee. Our representatives should pass this bill and uphold their oath to the Constitution.

Government bureaucrats have no right to spy on me or any other American without a warrant. I encourage all my fellow Michiganders to pressure their representatives to pass HB 5420. Our Constitution hangs in the balance

Matthew Webb
Westland

Being flooded

I am very curious as to how these children manage to make it to the U.S. It is a grueling jour-

ney and I can't believe that a 6-year-old could make this trip on his/her own. My son, who resides in Guatemala, says there is little or no information on this there.

It seems that suddenly our country is being flooded with these children and I do not understand how this has come to be the case. Any information you are able to provide would be of interest to the community, I'm certain.

I am deeply opposed to being financially responsible for illegal immigrants when so many citizens are desperate for help and the constant refrain from various agencies is that they lack the financial resources. Something seems to be very wrong when resources can be found for non-U.S. citizens, but not for U.S. citizens. In the end, all the money comes from the U.S. taxpayer.

Lynn Markowitz
Farmington Hills

Have I got this right?

Milwaukee has had vouchers for 23 years and the United States Department of Education ranks them among the very worst urban schools in the country.

Sweden has had privatization and choice for 30 years. They rank below the United States on international testing and are in the process of changing to a public school system.

Chile was schooled in vouchers and choice by none other than Milton Friedman, the father of choice and vouchers. They are no longer financing private schools with public money.

Both "No Child Left Behind" and "Race to the Top" have been abject failures. Yet, *Detroit* News columnist Ingrid Jacques, in the face of charter school failure nationwide, wants more choice and vouchers.

What passes for "reform" in this country is an unmitigated disaster. For too long, we have listened to corporatists, who wish to profit through privatization of American schools and a few wealthy and well-intentioned citizens who are unschooled in how children learn (Bill Gates and Eli Broad).

We need to look for improvement by emulating our high-performing schools (Massachusetts, New Jersey, Connecticut) and Finland, a top performing nation that is subjected to standardized testing a grand total of once in the educational life of a student.

Al Churchill
Livonia

Revamp Electoral College

I am so glad that Angela Ryan pointed out to me the inequities in the current system of electing a president using the Electoral College. It sounds like the winner in each state takes all the electoral votes.

So, according to her, everyone in Michigan who voted for Romney in the last election lost their vote and it was given to Obama by the Electoral College. And she thinks that this is a fair way to run an election.

The only fair way to run an election is to simply count the popular vote nationwide. The candidate with the majority of votes, nationwide, is the winner. This method would reflect the will of the majority. No one would lose their vote.

We need to do away with the outdated and unfair Electoral College system. I have thought this for years.

Carol Maynard
Northville

Black history lessons should be taught at school and at home, too

Tears streamed down my daughter Olivia's cheeks as she watched a video unfold on YouTube. She ran from our home office and burst into the kitchen trembling.

"Why would he do that to her? Why does he hate her so much?"


"Turn it off, Daddy, I can't go back in there."

Olivia, 7, was watching YouTube with the best of intentions. Her class was learning about Black History Month and she was excited to see if there were any videos about the Drinking Gourd.

Olivia doesn't often come home from school enthralled with the notion of homework, but she was this time.

She talked rapid fire about what she had learned earlier that day, making a case for extra computer time.

"People sang a special song to follow the gourd



Larry Ruehlen

north," Olivia said. "They'd go at night with Miss Tubman and follow the stars."

That seemed to be the sum total of Olivia's knowledge on the subject of slavery before she sat down in my office chair. A quick search revealed a bunch of related content and younger brother Mark, 5, squeezed alongside Olivia to see whatever it was that had earned extra screen time.

I made the mistake of drifting back to work and the screams came 10 minutes later.

The children were watching something on Harriett Tubman and her role in the Underground Railroad. Olivia bolted in horror at the depiction of



a slave getting whipped. The slave screamed in agony as her back ripped open with each lash, begging for mercy that didn't come.

That scene launched a long and difficult conversation that I hadn't even considered having with our children. I like to think I'm doing my part to raise enlightened children and all kinds of topics have been open for discussion. Cancer, religion, death, work ethic, stealing, money and love have all been dinner-table conversation. Just last week, Mark asked if it was OK for a boy to marry a boy or a girl to

marry a girl. I looked at my wife Robin for a nod of approval before answering. It is OK, I said, and even legal in some states, but most of the time men marry women. The explanation must have sufficed, because the conversation quickly turned to something less controversial: Mark's love of cheeseburgers.

The discussion of slavery was different. In fact, it was almost urgent.

Olivia's best friend is black. They hit it off the first day of kindergarten and never looked back. We recently moved nearly 60 miles away, but the girls still exchange messages and even went out for lunch over Christmas break.

Olivia and Mark needed to make sense of something that makes no sense in the eyes of a child.

How could a person own someone else?

Why would they want to?

Was it legal?

How long did it last?

Why didn't someone stop it?

Did our family own slaves?

My wife and I answered every question they asked and it went on for a full 30 minutes.

Our answers were basic and to the point. People owned slaves because they were greedy. They made slaves work for free so they could get rich.

It was legal, but our country went to war over slavery and President Abraham Lincoln and the north won. Eventually, all the slaves were free.

Mark asked if a little boy could be taken from his parents and I said yes, slaves could be sold as their owners saw fit.

More tears fell.

What about the gourd, Olivia asked. Why didn't they run away?

White people had guns, we said, and run-away slaves were chased down and even killed for trying to get to freedom.

Olivia and Mark seemed hurt by the whole thing – not the history lesson, but the fact that slavery had happened at all.

Up to now, we hadn't confronted the issue of race in our household. We have simply told our children to be friends with whomever they liked and repeated that skin color doesn't matter.

The truth is all, children need to know about this ugly chapter of American history and parents shouldn't depend only upon schools to tell it.

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A traditional approach

Griffin family brings changes to Northrup-Sassaman Funeral Home in Northville

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

The Griffin family's approach in taking over the ownership of the Northrup-Sassaman Funeral Home in Northville was the same one that has helped them serve other communities so well.

"Every community deserves a place that will help them honor a family member," said David Griffin, who operates the family-owned business, L. J. Griffin Funeral Home Inc., with his brother Larry and mother Gerry.

One mission of this longtime community business is "honoring the achievements of loved ones and celebrating the life you shared together are the cornerstones of healing after loss."

Last March, the Griffins became the new proprietors of the home located at Northville and Seven Mile roads. John Sassaman, the former owner, died last year, but he was able to be part of the planning and upgrades the Griffins have

put into the building.

They now want to get the word out to the community that they are here to serve. They offer a range of quality services that fit any budget – and they're open to all faiths.

The Griffin family has a long history in metro Detroit. They have other locations in Westland, Livonia and Canton. David said they have built a tradition on high ethics and supporting the community that goes back years.

In 1954, Larry and Gerry Griffin opened the doors to their first funeral home in Detroit. Working together as licensed funeral directors, they understood the meaning of commitment and provided quality service to all families.

As a licensed funeral home director, Gerry was a rare breed in a profession dominated at the time by men. During her career, she was a leader among female funeral directors.

Their family grew during the years as they built the business. It was

the concept of family that made them successful.

Larry died last year, leaving behind his wife and sons to carry on that tradition. Gerry still helps out in various capacities and both sons manage the locations. A Griffin family member is always involved in some part of each service.

David understands the importance of supporting the community in which he lives and does business, so during the updating of the Northville location he looked to it. From his wife's design ideas to getting the lumber from the Northville Lumber Yard and the stained glass from Tiffany's, the renovations have taken on a local touch.

The first upgrade one will notice is the new roof. Once inside, one is greeted by a warm fireplace and spacious sitting areas. New furnishings and a crystal chandelier give it an elegant look.

An open house will take place after Easter, giving everyone a chance



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The Griffin family has been well-established at their Griffin Funeral Home in Northville since last March. With their mother Gerry are brothers Larry (right) and David. Their funeral home is located at the southwest corner of Northville and Seven Mile roads.

to see what the Griffins are bringing to the community.

"The open house will allow the community to come in and see what we've done here," David said.

The L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Northrup-Sassaman Chapel, is located at 19091 North-

ville Road and its number is 248-348-1233.

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Participants sought for statewide Community Conversation on jobs

The League of Women Voters, Northwest Wayne County, in concert with Citizens for Peace of Livonia, is hosting a Community Conversation for the Center for Michigan, a non-partisan group in Lansing, at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 18, at the Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia.

These conversations are conducted statewide. Attendees have the opportunity to weigh in on issues presented during the conversation. The results are com-

piled into a report by the Center for Michigan and the report is given to state legislators. The findings from these conversations have resulted in the passage of several laws in recent years.

The topic is Challenges to Upward Mobility in the job market. Twenty-five to 50 participants are being sought for the conversation to speak to their experiences starting out in Michigan's work force, seeking and maintaining a job and succeeding in Michigan's job market.

Participants may include the unemployed, underemployed, young professionals, those looking to change careers, employers, entrepreneurs, as well as workforce development and service professionals.

Due to the limited seating, it is essential that participants RSVP to Angela Ryan at cruiserryan@ameritech.net or 734-591-0995 or Colleen Mills at cmills0079@yahoo.com or 734-425-0079 no later than Feb. 15.

New retirement saving option invests in U.S. treasuries

As long as I have been in the financial world, I've encouraged people to save for their retirement. Retirement is a brand new concept. After all, just think of what life expectancy was 100 years ago. Today, retirement is a major issue and something that everyone needs to be concerned with.

Over the years, there have been changes to the way one can save for retirement. There are now more tax-favored options than ever before. The newest retirement vehicle, which took effect this year, is myRA (My Retirement Account).

My Retirement Account is sponsored by the U.S. Treasury Department. It is similar (from a tax standpoint) to a Roth IRA in that you deposit post-tax money and the money grows and can be withdrawn tax-free.

The rules with regard to withdrawals are also similar to a Roth IRA — the money has to stay within the myRA for five years and can be withdrawn after age 59½. However, there are exceptions.

In order to qualify for a contribution to myRA, household income for those married has to be



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less than \$191,000. For single taxpayers, household income has to be less than \$129,000.

Unfortunately, you cannot send a check to open an account nor can you have a direct deposit from your checking account. The only way to open a myRA account is payroll deduction through your employer.

This is not an employer-sponsored plan and employers do not contribute money, nor will they administer the plan. It is no different than any payroll plan you may have through work.

The maximum annual contribution to a myRA is \$5,500. In addition, the plan does have a little quirk. Once the value of your account exceeds \$15,000, then the money has to be transferred into a traditional Roth IRA.

Unlike a Roth IRA — where you select your investment options — myRA is invested in U.S. treasuries.

One of the beauties of this plan is the fact that there are no costs to open the account. In addition, there are very low minimums to establish the

plan. You can start the plan with as low as \$25 and ongoing automatic payroll deductions can virtually be any amount.

In addition, because the myRA is invested in securities backed by the U.S. treasuries, your account value will not decrease.

Although I'm always in favor of new retirement options, investors need to be cautious about the myRA. The money is invested in U.S. treasury obligations and, on the whole, when you factor in inflation and increased cost of living, this investment generally doesn't keep up.

I believe a traditional Roth IRA with investment options offers a better chance for growth. However, for a conservative investor who does not like principal fluctuation, myRA is something to consider.

For more information about myRA, visit the U.S. Treasury's website www.myRA.treasury.gov.

You cannot save too much money for retirement. Therefore, no matter what type of retirement vehicle you start with, 401(k), myRA or a Roth IRA, the key is to start saving as soon as you can and as much as you can.

Good luck.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Taste of Northville registration underway

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

The showcase will feature interactive exhibits from retail, service and nonprofit businesses at this fun family-themed event. This year's theme will

celebrate the "Wearing of the Northville Green" (St. Patrick's Day). The early bird registration fee of \$175 (chamber members' discount) includes booth space, table, chairs, set up assistance and four tickets to the event.

Schoolcraft offering small business seminars

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

through April.

The "Entrepreneur Series," is designed to provide entrepreneurs the education and tools to launch a successful small business. The series consists of the following five classes which can also be taken individually: Starting a Business; Writing a Business Plan; Marketing Your Business; Financial Management; and Business Legal Issues.

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Oakland County to debut 9-1-1 texting for emergencies

By Robert Allen
Michigan.com

For some emergencies, calling 9-1-1 isn't the most feasible option.

You could risk tipping off your location to a home burglar. You could be stuck in back country, where the cellphone signal is so weak that a call won't connect. Or, perhaps, you can't hear.

In these and other cases, texting can be a lifesaver. In Oakland County, it's about to become an option.

"We want to have the latest and best technology that will allow us to help people when they call 9-1-1 or text 9-1-1 or make any contact to get help," Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard said.

In the first three months of 2014, there were 21,683 attempts to text to 9-1-1 across the U.S., with 272 of them in Michigan, according to TeleCommunication Systems, the company working with Oakland County and wireless service providers to enable text to 9-1-1.

But the usual response was a bounce-back message: "Make a voice call to 9-1-1 for help; text to 9-1-1 is not available."

Through most of Michigan and the U.S.,



Oakland County Fire and EMS quality assurance supervisor Ryan Cohee oversees police quality assurance supervisor Jaime Seling.

calling 9-1-1 is the only reliable way to get emergency help from police, fire or emergency medical services, despite the widespread use of cellphones that text and send photos and video. But dispatch centers are catching up, as Oakland County planned to begin receiving text messages by the end of January.

It's only for Short Message Service; no iMessages or SnapChats. And they're asking people to use it only in a pinch.

"Call when you can;

text when you can't," said Mel Maier, chief of emergency management operations for the Sheriff's Office.

The text to 9-1-1 service works much like any text-message conversation, with the operator using a web browser to respond within seconds.

Officials emphasize that it's much more effi-

cient to have a phone conversation, if possible. But even a text of "Help" and nothing else will generate a response to the location triangulated using cell towers — as is done now with phone conversations, Maier said.

Because of cooperation with service providers such as Verizon Wire-

less and technology already in place, text to 9-1-1 won't be any more expensive to operate than the existing service.

"There's no extra cost right now for the county to incur on this," Maier said.

The Oakland County dispatch center provides services for a number of communities which contract police services through the county.

But to ensure text to 9-1-1 works everywhere inside the county lines, it's providing service for every Oakland County dispatch center.

Officials said the service is to be especially helpful for people who are deaf or hard of hearing, as previous technology such as Text Telephone and relay services become less popular.

Oakland County is the second-busiest dispatch center in the state, next to Detroit, Maier said. Detroit police Sgt. Michael Woody said the department has looked into text to 9-1-1, but has such a high call volume that more innovation would be needed.

The text to 9-1-1 service is a temporary fix as dispatch centers go digital, opening floodgates for data such as live video and all manner of readings of vehicles, human vital signs and more.

In 10 years, you might be doing Skype or FaceTime with your 9-1-1 operator.

Consumer technology has rapidly outpaced what's available to the nation's roughly 6,000 emergency dispatch centers; the first iPhone was released in 2007 and texting started gaining traction before that.

Last year, 84 percent of the 9-1-1 calls to the Oakland County Sheriff's Office came through cellphones, Maier said. An increasing number of phones offer video and image transfers.

The shift to the next generation has taken time because the dispatch centers are run by local governments based on standards from pre-cellular days. And innovation will take money, security and interoperability among local sites.

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Novi's Alex Felice gets fouled grabbing the rebound by the Mustangs' Kendall Dillon (left) as Emily Maresh converges on the play.

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Hoops thriller

Novi's Felice sinks two clutch free throws to stall Mustangs

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

After missing a wide-open layup coming off a perfectly designed out-of-bounds play with only 14.6 seconds left that could have given Novi the lead, Alex Felice got her reprieve. After teammate Ellie Mackay's shot was rejected by Northville's Emily Maresh in the lane, Felice grabbed possession of the ball, was fouled and found herself at the free-throw line with the game on the line and only 6.4 seconds left.

"I don't know, the pressure kind of got to me and I was like, 'This is my senior year, I've got make these to beat Northville in my last attempt,'" Felice said. It was nothing but net, timeout and swish again by the senior forward as the visiting Wildcats pulled out a wild 33-32 victory in a game in which Novi never led until the two game-winning free throws. Northville had one last chance to answer, but Novi's Allie Lipson came up with a timely steal near mid-court to seal the the KLAA Central triumph,

leaving both teams at 9-5 overall and 4-4 in the division. Novi won despite hitting only 6-of-24 shots from the floor (25 percent). But the Wildcats made up for it by sinking 13-of-14 free throws. The only miss from the foul came with 5:56 left in the third quarter. And it was by guess who? "I air-balled that one that we didn't make, but I'm glad I made the last two," said Felice, who finished with five points.

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Northville trips rival Novi with 57-42 win

Mustangs end Wildcats' 10-game winning streak

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Northville had the revenge factor working in its favor Friday night against boys basketball rival Novi. The Mustangs were playing at home and trying to make amends for a 62-54 loss Jan. 16 to the KLAA Central Division leaders. It was mission accomplished as the Mustangs snapped Novi's 10-game winning streak with a convincing 57-42 victory. Novi fell to 11-3 overall and dropped into a first-place tie with Salem in the KLAA Central with a 7-1 mark. Northville (9-5) moved into third place all alone in the division at 4-4. "I think in the second half, it was all about defense," said Northville coach Todd Sander, whose team outscored the Wildcats 17-6 in the third quarter after leading 27-25 at halftime. "The guys really gutted it out and (assistant) coach (Sean) Turner did a spectacular job getting our match-ups correct with who we wanted guarding with all of their skill guys. We were able to lock them down the second half." Northville senior guard David Morrissey nailed a pair of 3-pointers to spark the third-quarter assault, while sophomore guard Jack Burke also came off the bench to contribute

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Novi's Naji Ozeir (left) and Northville's Ryan Roberts go up for the opening tip in Friday's KLAA Central Division clash.

Shamrock, Novi swimmers impress at Oakland County meet

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Novi Detroit Catholic Central and Novi High boys swim teams wanted to use Saturday's Oakland County Championships at Lake Orion as a spring-board for the remainder of the season. And the two area schools did not disappointed in field loaded with state champions. Birmingham Brother Rice, the defending MHSAA Division 1 state champion, repeated as county champion with 363 team points, while defending Division 2 state champ Birmingham Seaholm was runner-up with 293. Defending Division 3 state champ Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook with third with 234. CC and Novi, meanwhile, took the fourth and fifth slots in the 24-school field with 165 and 164, respectively. It was another big day for CC senior Jack Walsh, who shattered his own meet record in the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 1:50.02. The Stanford University signee successfully



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Novi's Narayan Manivannan earned a state qualifying time in the 100-yard breaststroke at Saturday's Oakland County Championships.

defended his title in the 100 backstroke (50.54) as well. Walsh also led the Shamrocks to a fifth-place finish in both the 200 medley relay (1:39.37) and 400 freestyle relay (3:18.47). Other top eight finishers for CC included Matt Loniewski, who took fifth in the 100 breaststroke (59.80), and Grayson Arnold, who placed eighth in

the 50 freestyle (22.13). Novi's top performer on the day was junior Ryan Katulski, who placed runner-up in the 50 freestyle to Troy's Zachary Chen (21.22) with a school record time of 21.69. Katulski also added a fourth in the 100 freestyle (48.06) and teamed with Joey Berman, Narayan Manivannan and Arthur Shi for fourth in the 200 medley relay (1:38.18), only 0.04 seconds off the school record. "This was an amazing meet for us," Novi coach Brent Pohlonski said. "It was beyond my wildest dreams that we would be swimming this fast so early in the season. To be setting school records and having such big time drops before we have begun our taper phase of the season is unheard of." Novi's 200 freestyle relay team of Katulski, Toraki Maehata, Shi and Siddhardha Karedy contributed a fourth in the 200 freestyle relay with a state cut of 1:29.39.

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Novi goes 2-for-2 in Public Showcase

Hofelich goes wild with 6-point night; Mustangs fall, 2-1

Brad Hofelich figured prominently in Novi's 8-3 victory Sunday over Salem in the Michigan Public School Hockey Showcase held at Chelsea's Arctic Coliseum.

The senior forward enjoyed a six-point night with three third-period goals to go along with three assists as the state-ranked Wildcats improved to 14-6-1 overall. Novi, ranked No. 4 in Division 2, jumped out to a 2-0 first-period lead on goals by Nik Tewilliager (from Bryan Fegert and Brendan Wexler) and Brennan Martin, on a power play from Hofelich and Drake Shepard, at 5:12 and 8:47, respectively.

The Wildcats, who outshot Salem 36-26, added two more goals in the second period to lead 4-3, with Baxter scoring twice, the first with Hofelich and Ryan Turner assisting at 12:24 and the second at 14:19 from Cyr and Baxter.

Salem (8-9-3) countered with goals from Matt Schaumburger (unassisted at 8:06); Zach Newsome (from



Northville's Brett Ridener (left) and Hartland's Kyle Mazur collide during Friday's game at Novi Ice Arena.

Noah Willer at 16:33; and Willer (from Zach Goleniak at 16:54).

But Novi put it away with four unanswered third-period goals - Hofelich (from Baxter and Fegert at 6:21); Hofelich on a power play (from

Wexler at 9:28); Tewilliager on an empty-netter (from Cyr and Alec Wells at 14:25); and Hofelich on another power play (from Baxter and Fegert at 15:21).

Novi goalie Josh Richardson made 23 saves.

HARTLAND 2, NORTHVILLE 1: Goaltending took center stage Friday night as the Eagles (12-7-2) edged the Mustangs (14-5-2) in a match-up of state-ranked teams at Novi Ice Arena.

The Eagles, No. 10 in Division 2, got a sterling performance from goaltender Christian Spengler, who made 32 saves.

Not to be outdone was Northville senior Chance Boutin, who turned away 33-of-35 Hartland shots only to be ambushed by Trevor Murray's unassisted goal with just 42 seconds remaining to break the 1-1 deadlock.

Hartland jumped out to a 1-0 lead at 12:30 of the first period on Nick Snyder's goal from Spencer Anderson, but Northville answered on Jack Meacham's goal from P.J. Schnepf and Nick Williams with only 43 seconds remaining in the second. "I thought we battled really hard. The guys all seemed to come to work," said Northville coach Clint Robert, whose No. 4-ranked Division 1 team suffered its third straight defeat. "It was the first game this week that where we put three periods together. It was really heck of a goaltending battle. I thought both goalies played great on both ends. Unfortunately, they snuck one in the last 40 seconds of the game."

NOVI 5, ESCANABA 3: Nik Tewilliager racked up four assists as the Wildcats (13-6-1) battled back from an early third-period deficit Feb. 5 to beat the Eskymos (12-7-1) in the opener of the Michigan Public School Hockey Showcase at Chelsea's Arctic Coliseum.

Novi fell behind 3-2 at the 1:30 mark of the final period when Chris Lemire scored for the Eskymos from Levi Wunder, who notched his third assist of the game and 65th point of the season.

But Novi roared back on Bryan Fegert's game-tying goal with only 7:51 remaining from Brendan Wexler and Tewilliager.

Just 48 seconds later on the next shift, Jake Cyr put Novi ahead for keeps with a goal from Brad Hofelich and Brennan Martin.

The Wildcats, ranked No. 4 in Division 2, added an empty-netter with 39 seconds left on Wexler's goal from Tewilliager and Patrick Wojtylo.

Novi led 2-1 after one period on goals by Brad Hofelich (from Tewilliager at 6:29) and Wexler (from Alec Wells and Tewilliager at 9:45).

The Eskymos, ranked No. 13 in Division 2, got a goal from Paul Carne from Wunder at 13:36 of the first period and tied it at 2-2 at 4:00 of the second period on Charlie Zuibemo's goal from Wunder.

SALINE 3, NORTHVILLE 2: The Hornets (16-3) jumped out to a 3-0 first-period advantage Feb. 5 and held on for a Public School Hockey Showcase victory over the state-ranked Mustangs (14-4-2) at Arctic Coliseum in Chelsea.

Two of Saline's goal came via the power play as Owen Helber and Ethan Peitz both finished with a goal and assist. Grant Ellis had the other goal for the Hornets.

The Mustangs got a second-period goal from Jack Meacham, assisted by Alec Melucci and Alec Morgan, to trim Saline's lead to 3-1.

Melucci then cut the deficit to 3-2 with a goal in the third from Meacham and Morgan, but the Mustangs were unable to tally the equalizer.

CC gets emotional win vs. Grandville

Fallen Bulldogs star Fischer remembered in semifinal rematch

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

The game was secondary as far as the Novi Detroit Catholic Central boys hockey team was concerned in its emotional meeting Saturday afternoon against Grandville in Grand Rapids.

Three-time defending Division 1 state champion CC improved to 14-5-1 overall by tallying three goals in the final period to secure a 4-1 victory over the Bulldogs at Van Andel Arena.

The teams paid tribute prior to the game to Ryan Fischer, who died unexpectedly 11 months ago because of an enlarged heart the morning of the MHSAA Division 1 state semifinal, when the two teams met at Plymouth's Computware Arena (won by CC, 3-0).

CC players wore commemorative jerseys, held a pregame Mass and huddled together with the Grandville players near the goal at one end of the rink for a group prayer just prior to the puck being dropped.

The Shamrocks, who

also presented a signed No. 11 CC jersey, raised \$1,450 to go toward a scholarship fund in the name of Fischer, who was a three-sport letter winner and had been accepted by the U.S. Naval Academy and West Point.

After a scoreless opening period, senior Kyle McCullough got the Shamrocks on the board with a second-period goal.

CC would go on to add three more goals in the final period, including a pair from Andrew Spiegel and another from Brian Kearns, who also finished with an assist. Other assists for the Shamrocks went to Mitch Ossowski, Andrew Lane and Luc Krasicky.

Spencer Wright went all the way in goal for CC.

The loss dropped Grandville, ranked No. 8 in Division 1, to 15-3-2 overall.

FOREST HILLS CENTRAL 2, DETROIT CC 1: Top-ranked Novi Detroit Catholic Central (13-5-1) ran into a hot goaltender Friday night as Luke Gaudette made 42 saves to enable host Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central (17-2) to earn the upset victory at Patterson Ice Arena.

The Rangers, ranked No. 3 in Division 3, led 1-0 after two periods on Noah Arent's first-period goal from Connor Foresman and Chris Kramer.

The Shamrocks tied it in the third period on Dillon Jones' goal assisted by Brian Kearns.

Forest Hills Central won it on Ben Scholte's goal in the final period from Patrick Lunt and Nicholas Allen. Detroit CC goaltender Alec Calvaruso made 16 saves.

Ann Arbor Pioneer ices Northville girls

Mustangs downed in Michigan Metro H.S. Hockey League, 7-4

Allison Strassburg racked up six points, while Kathryn Wissman contributed a hat trick Saturday to propel host Ann Arbor Pioneer to a 7-4 Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League win over Northville at Veterans Arena.

Shay Pinhey chipped in with a goal and two assists, while Elizabeth Stitham also tallied a goal as Pioneer improved to 5-11 overall and 5-11 in Division 1 of the Metro.

The Mustangs, who trailed 3-2 after one period and 5-3 after two, got a pair of goals and one assist from both Marisha Hackett and Grace Healey.

Hailey Gross and Olivia Lesh each contributed an assist for Northville, which slipped to 3-13 overall and 2-13 in Division 1 of the Metro.

Annette Taylor started in goal for Northville, playing the first two periods, before giving way to Isobel Bush in the third.

Lucy Fuller went all in the way in goal for Pioneer.

MERCY 8, NORTHVILLE 3: Megan Kerr recorded a goal and two assists, but Michigan Metro Division 2 leader Farmington Hills Mercy (10-2-1, 10-2-1) came away with the victory Feb. 5 over the Mustangs (3-12, 2-12) at Livonia's Edgier Arena.

Mary Reeber scored two goals and added an assist for the Marlins. Also adding a goal and assist for Mercy were Julia McAree, Maddie Jones, Natalie Vaitas and Sophie VanAcker.

Elena Ervin also tallied a goal, while Natalie Cieslak, Hannah Hamilton and Emily McCann collected two assists apiece.

Moe Hackett and Emily Comben each contributed a goal and assist for the Mustangs. Lauren Masse also added an assist.

Katy Kouvaris went all 45 minutes in goal for the Marlins, while Isobel Bush made 22 saves for the Mustangs.

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Franklin Road at Univ.-Liggett, 7:45 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 17
A.A. Richard at Detroit CC, 7 p.m.
Roeper at Franklin Road, 7 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 20
Franklin Road at Inter-City, 7 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL
Friday, Feb. 13
S. Lyon East at Northville, 7 p.m.
Novi at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Franklin Rd. at Univ.-Liggett, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 17
Franklin Road at Roeper, 7 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 20
Franklin Road at Inter-City, 5:30 p.m.

BOYS HOCKEY
Friday, Feb. 13
Novi vs. Franklin at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.

(MIHL Trenton Showcase)
Northville vs. Houghton, 10 a.m.
CC vs. Toledo St. Francis, 4:20 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 14
(MIHL Trenton Showcase)
Northville vs. Detroit CC, 2 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 17

Novi vs. Plymouth at Novi Ice Arena, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 18
Detroit CC vs. DeLaSalle at Mt. Clemens Arena, 7 p.m.

GIRLS HOCKEY
Saturday, Feb. 14
Northville vs. Ladywood at Arctic Pond, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 19
Northville vs. Warren Regina at Fraser Hockeyland, 5:40 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 21
Northville vs. Ply.-Canton-Salem at Novi Ice Arena, 8:30 p.m.

PREP WRESTLING
Saturday, Feb. 14
(MHSAA Individual District)
Novi, Northville, Detroit CC at Westland Glenn, 10 a.m.

Saturday, Feb. 21
(MHSAA Individual Regional)
Division 1 at Saline, 10 a.m.

BOYS SWIMMING
Thursday, Feb. 12
Stevenson at Northville, 6:30 p.m.
Novi at South Lyon East, 6:30 p.m.

Detroit CC vs. Notre Dame Prep at Livonia Community Rec. Ctr., 7 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 13
MISCA meet at EMU, noon.

Thursday, Feb. 19

Detroit CC vs. U-D Jesuit at Livonia Comm. Rec. Ctr., 7 p.m.

Friday-Saturday, Feb. 20-21
KLAA Central Division Meet at South Lyon East, 4 p.m. & noon.

PREP BOWLING
Thursday, Feb. 12
(at Westland's Vision Lanes)
Novi vs. John Glenn, 3:30 p.m.
Northville vs. Canton, 3:30 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 16
CC at Sterling Mixed Doubles, 3:30 p.m.

(at Canton's Super Bowl)
Novi vs. Plymouth, 3:30 p.m.
Northville vs. Salem, 3:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 20
KLAA Association Tourney, TBA.

Saturday, Feb. 21
CHSL Tourney at Oak Lanes, 9 a.m.

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Saturday, Feb. 21
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Thursday, Feb. 12
Regional at Mt. Brighton, 9 a.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 17
SEMSL Meet at Pine Knob, 9 a.m.

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Friday, Feb. 20
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Champ fuels CC win over Rice

Kozlowski's free throws secure 58-56 triumph vs. Central Division foe

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

With a player named Champ, the Novi Detroit Catholic Central's boys basketball team couldn't go wrong in its rematch Tuesday night with rival Birmingham Brother Rice.

Senior point guard Champ Kozlowski led the way with a team-high 16 points, including the game-winning free throws with only 4.2 seconds remaining, to give the host Shamrocks a 58-56 Catholic League Central Division victory.

The 5-foot-10 Kozlowski, who went 7-of-7 from the line, was fouled on a drive to the basket when the Shamrocks milked the clock for the final shot after the Warriors tied it on a pair of free throws with 40 seconds left.

Rice was then unable to get a shot at the rim as time expired.

"It was Champ's best game of the year, no doubt about it," said CC coach Bill Dyer, whose team led 28-23 at half-time and 48-38 after three quarters. "He's playing with a lot of confidence right now and he was 7-of-7 from the free throw line. He really took good care of the ball for us. He played great for us tonight."

Senior forward Ike Marchie and sophomore forward C.J. Baird added 13 and 10 points, respectively, as CC improved to 5-7 overall and 2-4 in the Central.

Rice (9-4, 3-3) got a game-high 19 points from Kevin Hayes, while Dominic Downs and Nick Bieleke added 17 and 10, respectively.

CC made 13-of-18 free throws, while Rice was 14-of-18.



Catholic Central's Champ Kozlowski goes in for the layup against Birmingham Brother Rice.

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"Our energy level was pretty high," Dyer said. "We had a pretty good group and scored 20 points in the third quarter, which was our best quarter of the year, I think. We had some balanced scoring."

The Shamrocks avenged a 59-53 overtime loss Jan. 16 to the host Warriors.

"It was a very similar game than the last time," Dyer said. "We were up by double digits. The last time we were up seven after three (quarters) and this time we went up 10. But they fought back. They have a lot of seniors and the game got close last time and we didn't finish, but this time we finished."

OAKLAND CHRISTIAN 53, FRANKLIN ROAD 49: In a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division game Friday, Eric Unger scored a game-high 26 points to lead visiting Auburn Hills Oakland Christian (6-6, 4-4) past Novi Franklin Road Christian (5-9, 2-7).

The Warriors' leading scorer, junior guard Austin Hearn, went down in the second quarter with a hyper-extended arm and did not return.

Franklin Road got a team-high 14 points from Maxwell Holleman.

NORTHVILLE 58, STEVENSON 47: Senior

guard David Morrissey pumped in 17 points and senior center Ryan Roberts added 12 Feb. 4 to power the Mustangs (8-5, 3-4) past Livonia Stevenson (4-8, 2-5) in a rescheduled KLAA Central Division game. Justin Zimbo and Nick Wilds each added eight for Northville, which outscored the Spartans 16-7 in the final quarter.

Senior guards Noah Campbell and Jalen Webber led Stevenson with 15 and 12 points, respectively. Stevenson made 4-of-7 from the foul line, while Northville was 9-of-12.

NOVI 61, SOUTH LYON 53: Senior guard Nick Hankerson scored nine of his 21 points in the decisive fourth quarter Feb. 3 to propel the first-place Wildcats (11-2, 7-0) past the visiting Lions (2-11, 1-6) in a KLAA Central Division encounter.

Junior center Najj Ozeir added 17 points and 11 rebounds for Novi, which needed to 21-12 run in the final quarter to subdue South Lyon.

Senior Anton Skupin paced South Lyon with 13 points.

Novi was 20-of-27 from the foul line (74 percent), while the Lions hit 8-of-14 (57.1 percent).

South Lyon opened the third quarter with a 12-0 run to take a six-point lead and went into the final quarter with a 41-40 advantage.

SOUTHFIELD CHRISTIAN 87, FRANKLIN ROAD 49: Junior Marlo Brown led four players in double figures with a game-high 24 points Feb. 3 as state-ranked Southfield Christian (10-2, 8-0) rolled to a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division win over visiting Novi Franklin Road Christian (5-8, 2-6).

Also scoring in double figures for the Eagles, ranked No. 10 in Class D, were Brock Washington (15), Bryce Washington (13) and Kameron Gardner (12).

Junior guards Austin Hearn and Gavin Harris tallied 15 and 10 points, respectively, for the Warriors, who trailed 40-24 at halftime and 65-31 after three quarters. Franklin Road made 9-of-14.

Southfield Christian, the three-time defending Class D state champion, went 17-of-23 from the foul line (74 percent).

15-of-17 free throws (88.2 percent), including 6-of-7 in the fourth quarter.

Ashley Lipinski and Arryn Dochentz paced Stevenson with 10 and eight points, respectively. The Spartans made 9-of-13 free throws (69.2 percent).

NOVI 44, SOUTH LYON 22: Alex Felice finished with 12 points, eight rebounds and four steals Feb. 3 as the Wildcats (8-5, 3-4) kept their KLAA Kensington Conference playoff hopes afloat with a Central Division win over the host Lions (1-12, 0-7).

Felice, a senior forward, helped catapult the Wildcats to a 17-0 first-quarter run.

Freshman guard Ellie Mackay chipped in with eight points, three assists and three steals for Novi, which took advantage of 29 South Lyon turnovers.

The Wildcats made 14-of-32 shots from the floor (43.7 percent) and 15-of-26 from the foul line (57.6 percent).

South Lyon got seven points from senior Emily Heinrich.

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"That definitely won it, because I didn't play the best game. But the ending sure was good."

Novi was able to avenge a 35-31 loss Jan. 16 to the Mustangs.

The Wildcats, making just 3-of-14 shots, were fortunate only to be down 17-16 at half-time. Mackay, who led the Wildcats with 14 points, nailed eight straight free throws to keep things close.

"That's not surprising to me at all; that's one of the things where we've struggled in these close games," Novi coach Bill Kelp said of his team's shooting woes. "We've lost a couple games by a point, one by three and one by five. We've been in every game and, when we lose, we're shooting in the 20 percent range."

In the third quarter, Northville nailed three consecutive triples, two by sophomore forward Jessica Moorman (14 points) and another by freshman guard Kendall Dillon, to open up a 29-20 advantage with 2:24 left.

But the Wildcats clawed their way back to close within four, 29-25, entering the fourth quarter thanks to Carson Garquilo's triple with 19 seconds left.

Northville's only basket of the third quarter came from Dillon with 6:27 to make it 32-27. It was the last points the Mustangs would score as Novi would go on a 6-0 run to pull within one with 2:35 remaining thanks two Mackay free throws.

"Ellie was huge," Kelp said. "She had our first eight points with free throws to start the game. It's something we've struggled with as well. And tonight they made them."

The Mustangs played possession basketball down the stretch trying to protect their slim lead.

"It was part milk the clock and make them come out and play some defense," Northville coach Todd Gudith said. "We just needed a couple of buckets. We had a lead and, in this game, any lead is a good lead. Obviously, we wish we still had that nine-point lead that we had in the third quarter. But we knew they were going to chip away. We knew they weren't going to give up."

Still ahead 32-31, the Mustangs took an ill-advised shot from the wing with 1:25 remaining to give Novi possession.

"At the end there with a 1:20, that was not the shot we want-



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Novi's Ellie Mackay (left) dribbles up the floor pressured by Northville's Mariah Modkins.

ed, obviously," Gudith said. "We were trying to milk clock at that point. In the middle of the (fourth) quarter, we were still trying to play a little bit and, if we can get a good shot, we'll take it. But with a 1:20 left, we knew they had to foul."

"It's end of game, (a) rivalry and it sometimes gets the better of them and then we make some silly mistakes out there. Part of it is experience. We had three freshmen on the floor out there late in the game. We haven't been really in a lot of tight games down the stretch like this where we have to make decisions every trip. We were about a minute away and let it slip out of our hands."

Novi missed three shots in the final 44.6 seconds, but always seemed to come up with the key rebound.

Northville finished with six 3-pointers to Novi's three.

"Nothing surprises me," Kelp said. "Todd (Gudith) does a great job over there and has a great, young team. They're just as young as us, but they have more experience. On paper, they have kids 6-foot who can shoot and do some things. I'm just really proud we battled with them. And we play hard. The kids play hard and that's all I care about."

Meanwhile, the Mustangs only went 2-of-4 from the foul line.

"We made five threes against them last time," Gudith said. "We can hit threes and we were on, but we didn't get to the line enough. Only four attempts isn't enough."

And when Felice stepped to the line with outcome in doubt, she said she wasn't paying attention to the loud crowd behind the basket trying to distract her. She only wanted to make amends for missing the layup just seconds earlier.

"Free throws come in handy," Felice said in her raspy voice. "Free throws win games and we work on it in practice."

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Franklin Road girls cagers get win

Eighth-grader Alexis Johnson scored 24 points and grabbed 13 rebounds Friday to power Novi Franklin Road Christian to a 62-55 Michigan Independent Athletic Conference girls basketball win over visiting Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest.

The Warriors (8-6 overall and 4-4 in the MIAC Blue) also got 18 points from senior guard Katherine Larabell.

Louise Hohnstadd and Katie Irwin paced Lutheran Northwest (10-4) with 19 and

13 points, respectively.

Franklin Road made 12-of-17 free throws, while the Crusader connected on 18-of-25.

NORTHVILLE 39, STEVENSON 25: The Mustangs (9-4, 4-3) were offensively challenged for three quarters Feb. 4 before exploding with a 14-2 fourth-quarter run to beat visiting Livonia Stevenson (5-8, 3-4) in a KLAA Central Division game.

"It was a dogfight all the way," said Northville coach Todd Gudith, whose team led 15-13 at halftime and 25-23 after three quarters. "We played well defensively."

"We had a ton of shots and could not score. We had lot of good looks, inside and outside; it didn't matter."

Sophomore Brook Adams and freshman Kendall Dillon paced Northville's scoring attack with 10 and nine points, respectively. The Mustangs made

Novi boys skiers wind up second in KLAA

Mitch Goodman was the slalom champion as the Novi boys ski team took runner-up honors Monday in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association championships at Mt. Brighton.

Goodman also placed sixth in giant slalom, while teammate Andrew Jamison placed eighth in slalom and ninth in giant slalom.

Meanwhile, the Wildcats girls team finished seventh as Unie Gu, Rachel Casaccia and Claire Krueger were the top finishers.

Alpine Valley meet

Temperatures dipped to six degrees Feb. 5 morning at Alpine Valley, but the Novi boys generated some heat on the slopes by finishing second in the Southeast Michigan Ski League division championships.

The Wildcats were led by Goodman, who placed second in a field of 61 in slalom, just

0.06 seconds behind Birmingham Brother Rice senior Rob Corte.

Andrew Jamison also added a 10th as Novi qualified for the SEMSL championships Thursday, Feb. 17, at Pine Knob.

With only one senior (Elaine Hamilton), the Novi girls captured fifth in the Alpine Valley Division championships led by Unie Gu, who placed 10th out of a slalom field of 68.

Gu became the first Wildcat to qualify for the SEMSL championships in the nine-year history of the program.

Wildcats earn split

Earlier in the week, the Novi boys and girls completed their SEMSL Alpine Valley Division schedule by splitting aa double-dual with White Lake Lakeland and West Bloomfield.

In the boys giant slalom, Jamison and Goodman re-

corded the best times as Novi defeated West Bloomfield, 11-34, but fell to Lakeland, 18-23.

In the boys slalom, Goodman and Jamison led the way again as Novi beat Lakeland, 17-20, and the Lakers, 10-35. But Lakeland took totals based on the combined score, 28-30, while Novi downed West Bloomfield, 21-69.

Novi's boys finished with a 5-3 division dual record.

In the girls giant slalom, Rachel Casaccia and Gu earned top times for the Wildcats, who lost to Lakeland, 16-20, but defeated West Bloomfield, 16-26.

Gu and Casaccia were also the top Novi finishers in the slalom as Novi beat Lakeland, 17-20, and West Bloomfield, 18-23. But Lakeland edged the Eagles on the combined score, 26-27, while Novi toppled West Bloomfield, 34-59, to finish 3-5 in the division.

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a triple as well.

Novi, meanwhile, went ice cold during the same stretch, hitting just 1-of-17 from the floor. The Wildcats were unable to get closer than 11 points the rest of the game.

"We talked about taking care of the basketball, playing under composure," said Novi coach Brandon Sinawi, whose team committed 15 turnovers during the first three quarters. "We played a good team tonight, yet we were having problems that we were dealing with. But the biggest problem was Northville tonight and they caused those turnovers.

We had some mishaps, some mental breakdowns, but they were in good spots."

For the game, Novi made just 27 percent of its field goal attempts (13-of-48).

"They forced us to take bad shots," Sinawi said. "They forced us to turn the ball over at times, so I give them all the credit. They were very well-prepared and did a great job in causing us to shoot 1-of-17. We were off, but we were off because of them."

The Wildcats' leading scorer, Najj Ozeir, went scoreless until only 3:11 remained in the game. The 6-foot-5 junior center had 18 points in the previous meeting and it was the first time all season he didn't reach double figures.

"I thought we put our kids in

a lot better spots in terms of who we wanted guarding their bigs and who we wanted to guard as far as their shooters," Sander said.

The 6-3 Morrissey, meanwhile, led all scorers with 20 points. He was 7-of-11 from the field.

"David is special player,"

Sander said. "We've been waiting for a night when he's just going to kind of take over and he showed it tonight. When we needed a big hoop, he found a way to get the ball up and it went in."

Junior guard Justin Zimbo and junior forward Nick Wilds chipped in 12 and 10 points, respectively, as the Mustangs made 18-of-43 shots from the field (41.6 percent) and 14-of-18 free throws (77.7 percent).

"As much as we've gone through this season, we've really uncovered that we're deeper than we thought than the first time we played them, which has allowed us more energy to finish games down the stretch when we really need to lock down and get a stop," Sander said.

Max Yanke, a senior guard, was Novi's top scorer with 12 points, nine coming in the first quarter. Senior guard Brad Dotinga added eight.

"I do think we need to improve on our offensive efficiency, taking care of the ball, of course, but taking better shots," Sinawi said. "In the 10-game streak, we've done that. We've had some really great opportunities to make some baskets and to put some

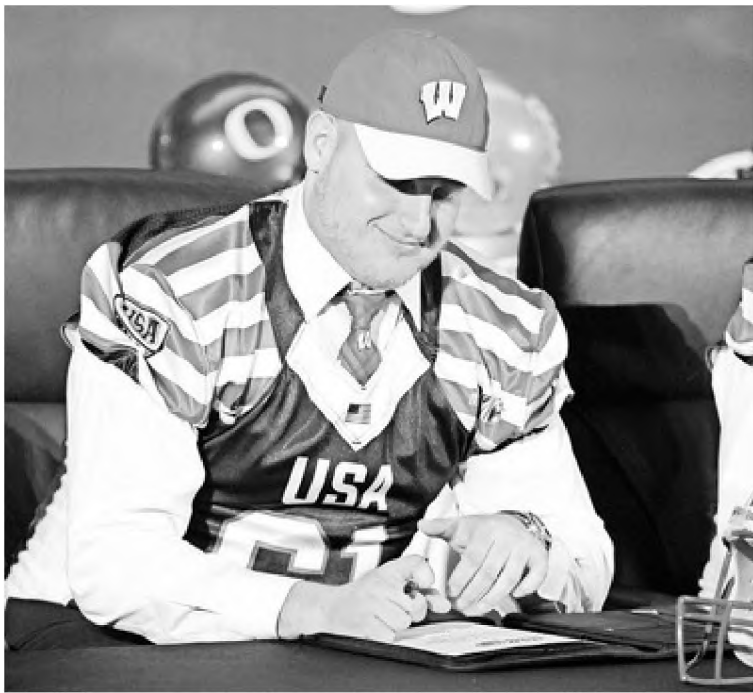
points on the board. But the last couple of games – coming off the South Lyon game and tonight – we just haven't been very efficient."

The Wildcats are now faced basically with a winner-take-all situation Tuesday for the KLAA Central title, when they travel to face co-leader Salem (11-3, 7-1).

Getting the offense straightened out will be paramount for the Novi coach.

"We're going to concentrate on that because they (Salem) have good defenders, guys that can guard us," Sinawi said. "So we're hoping go in there, at a hostile environment and be better taking care of the basketball."

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USA FOOTBALL

Northville High School offensive lineman David Moorman signed his letter of intent Feb. 4 with the University of Wisconsin during USA Football's National Signing Day breakfast held at AT&T Stadium, home of the Dallas Cowboys. The 6-foot-5, 290-pound Moorman was a member of the victorious Under-19 National Team, which earned a 35-0 win against an all-star team from Canada in the International Bowl held at University of Texas-Arlington. Moorman was also selected to play for Team Michigan in the second annual Ohio Michigan High School Border Classic on Saturday, June 13, at Wayne State University.

Northville swimmers edged for Wayne County title

Grosse Pointe South's Jacob Montague proved to be the difference Saturday as the host Blue Devils held off Northville to win the Wayne County Invitational boys swim meet.

Montague set meet records in the 200-yard individual medley (1:53.06) and 100 breaststroke (57.50) as Grosse Pointe South scored a team-high 380 points, while the Mustangs were runner-up with 361.5.

Montague also led the Blue Devils to victories in the 200 medley relay (1:39.84) and 200 freestyle relay (meet record 1:29.34).

Rounding out the top

five in the 19-school field were Plymouth (269), Livonia Stevenson (251) and University of Detroit-Jesuit (133.5).

Northville's top performer was James Xue, who took second in both the 200 freestyle (1:48.56) and 100 butterfly (54.70). He also teamed with Kirk Maibach, Mark Kaminski and Fred Schulz for second in the 400 freestyle relay (3:21.29).

The 200 medley relay team of Larry Zhao, Chris Geng, Troy Stacer and Nirek Sharma placed second in 1:44.76, while the foursome of Xue, Maibach, Sharma and Schulz was third in

the 200 freestyle relay (1:31.12).

"We had 33 swimmers make cuts for this meet, which is a great achievement," Northville coach Rich Bennetts said. "Unfortunately, as a team we swam very poorly overall. We did have nice swims from Schulz, Taiyo Ichikawa and Jack Breuch. We were also able to get our 200 free relay state cut, so there were some positives."

Other top eight finishers for the Mustangs included: Maibach, second, 100 backstroke (56.18); Geng, second, 100 breaststroke (1:02.14) and fifth, 200 IM (2:09.1); Schulz fifth, 200 free-

style (1:50.67) and eighth, 500 freestyle (5:07.78); Kaminski, sixth, 100 freestyle (51.84); Ichikawa, fifth, 500 freestyle (5:06.22); Nikolai Arton, seventh 100 breaststroke (1:05.52); Zhao, eighth, 100 freestyle (51.86); and Yash Bajaj, eighth, 100 breaststroke (1:05.63).

"We have a problem of picking and choosing when we want to swim fast," Bennetts said. "It has been an issue now for the second year in a row. We have to realize that each and every meet is an opportunity to improve and build towards the end of the season."

"We missed an opportunity to get better today

and that is very disappointing. I give all the credit in the world to Grosse Pointe South."

WAYNE COUNTY INVITATIONAL BOYS SWIM MEET
Feb. 6-7 at Grosse Pointe South
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Grosse Pointe South, 380 points; 2. Northville, 361.5; 3. Plymouth, 269; 4. Livonia Stevenson, 251; 5. University of Detroit Jesuit, 133.5 (19 schools).

FINAL RESULTS
200-yard medley relay: 1. G.P. South (Ethan Briggs, Jacob Montague, Devlin Francis, Robby Koueiter), 1:39.84; 2. Northville (Larry Zhao, Chris Geng, Troy Stacer, Nirek Sharma), 1:44.76.
200 freestyle: 1. Alex Lee (Stevenson), 1:48.18; 2. James Xue (N'ville), 1:48.56; 5. Fred Schulz (N'ville), 1:50.67; 13. Matthew Schafer (N'ville), 1:54.21; 14. Jack Breuch (N'ville), 1:54.63.

200 individual medley: 1. Montague (GPS), 1:53.06 (meet record); 5. Geng (N'ville), 2:09.1; 10. Trevor DeGroot (N'ville), 2:11.56; 12. Roman Grossi (N'ville), 2:13.45; 14. Ancheng Da (N'ville), 2:15.13.

50 freestyle: 1. Jackson O'Dowd (LS), 21.18 (meet record); 13. Sharma (N'ville),

23.71.
1-meter diving: 1. Ethan Burke (Livonia Churchill), 478.80 points (meet record).

100 butterfly: 1. D. Francis (GPS), 54.68; 2. Xue (N'ville), 54.7; 14. John Duan (N'ville), 59.84; 15. Stacer (N'ville), 59.87; 16. Da (N'ville), 1:01.41.
100 freestyle: 1. O'Dowd (Stevenson), 46.95 (meet record); 6. Mark Kaminski (N'ville), 51.84; 8. Zhao (N'ville), 51.86; 13. Sharma (N'ville), 52.36.

500 freestyle: 1. Matt LaPorte (Stevenson), 4:52.23 (meet record); 5. Taiyo Ichikawa (N'ville), 5:06.22; 8. Schulz (N'ville), 5:07.28; 16. Nicholas Mouaikel (N'ville), 5:25.94.

200 freestyle relay: 1. G.P. South (D. Francis, Cam Francis, Montague, Koueiter), 1:29.34 (meet record); 3. Northville (Kirk Maibach, Xue, Sharma, Schuler), 1:31.12.

100 backstroke: 1. Brendan Wellman (Salem), 54.89; 2. Maibach (N'ville), 56.18; 9. Zhao (N'ville), 58.56; 13. Arthur Greenlee (N'ville), 1:01.24.

100 breaststroke: 1. Montague (GPS), 57.5 (meet record); 2. Geng (N'ville), 1:02.74; 7. Nikolai Arton (N'ville), 1:05.52; 8. Yash Bajaj (N'ville), 1:05.63; 11. Sho Kikumori (N'ville), 1:06.74.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Stevenson (Lee, Eric Ferrara, Adam Goeddeke, O'Dowd), 3:17.73; 2. Northville (Xue, Kaminski, Schulz, Maibach), 3:21.29.

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Kareddy, a sophomore, placed seventh in the 100 butterfly (53.04) and eighth in the 200 IM (state cut 1:59.4), while the Wildcats' 400 freestyle relay team of Karedy, Berman, James Popyk and Maehata finished eighth (3:20.99).



CC's Walsh won 2 races.

"I'm so happy for our guys right now," Pohlonski said. "We were close to 100 percent best times in the meet and it was fun to see some of our swimmers achieve the first state qualifying times of their careers. I hope this meet will give our boys confidence as we approach the championship meet phase of our season."

OAKLAND COUNTY BOYS SWIM MEET
Feb. 6-7 at Lake Orion
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Birmingham Brother Rice, 363 points; 2. Birmingham Seaholm, 293; 3. Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook, 234; 4. Novi Detroit Catholic Central, 165; 5. Novi, 164; 6. Rochester Adams, 157; 7. Birmingham Groves, 151; 8. Troy, 139; 9. West Bloomfield, 119; 10. Clarkston, 115.

AREA RESULTS
200-yard medley relay: 1. Seaholm (Evan Burke, Jack Russell, Nick Ross, Enrique Hernandez), 1:34.98; 4. Novi (Joey Berman, Narayan Manivannan, Arthur Shi), 1:38.18 (state cut); 5. Catholic Central (Jack Walsh, Daniel Long, Matt Loniewski, Grayson Arnold), 1:39.37 (state cut).
200 freestyle: 1. Andrew Guan (Cranbrook), 1:42.48; 14. James Popyk (Novi), 1:49.73; 16. Ethan Bezzina (CC), 1:50.72.

200 individual medley: 1. Walsh (CC), 1:50.02 (meet record); 8. Siddhardha Kareddy (Novi), 1:59.4 (state cut); 12. Jonathan Lee (CC), 2:01.66 (state cut); 15. Long (CC), 2:02.06 (state cut).

50 freestyle: 1. Zachary Chen (Troy), 21.22; 2. Ryan Katulski (Novi), 21.69 (state cut); 8. Arnold (CC), 22.13 (state cut).

1-meter diving: 1. Shinya Kondo (Adams), 430.55 (11 dives); 12. James Ciolli (Novi), 328.60; 14. Nathan Pellerito (Novi), 298.95.

100 butterfly: 1. Devon Nowicki (Lake Orion), 49.93; 7. Kareddy (Novi), 53.04 (state cut); 15. Shi (Novi), 55.01.

100 freestyle: 1. Ross (Seaholm), 46.95; 4. Katulski (Novi), 48.06 (state cut); 9. Arnold (CC), 48.81 (state cut); 10. Loniewski (CC), 48.85 (state cut).

500 freestyle: 1. Rudy Aguilar (Rice), 4:41.27; 13. Berman (Novi), 4:58.33; 16. Dan Vela (CC), 5:04.47.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Seaholm (Hernandez, Russell, Liam Little, Ross), 1:25.3 (meet record); 4. Novi (Katulski, Toraki Maehata, Shi, Kareddy), 1:29.39.

100 backstroke: 1. Walsh (CC), 50.54 (state cut); 11. Chris Barron (CC), 55.21 (state cut); 12. Berman (Novi), 55.41 (state cut).

100 breaststroke: 1. Burke (Seaholm), 58.57; 5. Loniewski (CC), 59.8 (state cut); 10. Lee (CC), 1:01.15 (state cut); 11. Long (CC), 1:01.28 (state cut); 12. Manivannan (Novi), 1:01.54 (state cut).

400 freestyle relay: 1. Rice (Aguilar, Bobby Powrie, Gust Kouvaris, Mark Blinstraub), 3:08.74; 5. Catholic Central (Walsh, Arnold, Loniewski, Bezzina), 3:18.47 (state cut); 8. Novi (Kareddy, Berman, Popyk, Maehata), 3:20.99 (state cut).

Novi tankers victorious in dual vs. Stevenson

Katulski leads way as Wildcats earn KLAA Central Division win

Livonia Stevenson came away with seven of 12 first-place finishes, but Novi walked away from the Spartans' home pool Feb. 5 with a 108-78 dual meet boys swim victory.

Junior Ryan Katulski paced the Wildcats with victories in the 100- and 200-yard freestyle events in 49.74 and 1:49.87, respectively. He also anchored a first-place finish in the 400 freestyle relay (3:26.65), joining Siddhardha Kareddy, Arthur Shi and Toraki Maehata.

James Ciolli led a Novi sweep in the 1-meter diving event with a total of 219.83 points, followed by teammates Nathan Pellerito (196.43) and Trey Richman (162.45).

The Wildcats' other first came from Gordy Williams in the 100 backstroke (59.41).

"I was very impressed with our team's toughness against Stevenson," said Novi coach Brent Pohlonski, whose team is 6-2 overall and 2-1 in the



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Novi's Gordy Williams was victorious in the 100-yard backstroke (59.41) in a 108-78 dual victory over Stevenson.

division. "It is the phase of the season where it is difficult to post big time drops, but our boys gutted out their races and earned the points our team needed. As they have in every close meet, our divers came through with a one-two-three finish that gave us the boost we needed."

Stevenson was led by Jackson O'Dowd, who figured in four first-place finishes.

He captured the 50 freestyle (21.27) and 100 butterfly (53.86), while also being a member of

the Spartans' first-place 200 medley (1:45.68) and 200 freestyle relay (1:31.79) relay teams.

Matthew LaPorte added firsts in the 200 individual medley (2:08.53) and 500 freestyle (4:58.58), while Brian Smith captured the 100 breaststroke (1:06.13) as Stevenson slipped to 5-2 overall and 2-1 in the KLAA Central.

DUAL MEET SUMMARY
NOVI 108
LIVONIA STEVENSON 78
Feb. 5 at Stevenson
200-yard medley relay: 1. Stevenson (Adam Goeddeke, Brian Smith, Parker Wasielewski, Jackson O'Dowd), 1:45.68; 2.

Novi (Toraki Maehata, Narayan Manivannan, Joey Berman, Siddhardha Kareddy), 1:46.32; 3. Novi (Maxwell Williams, Gordy Williams, Phillip Billiu, James Popyk), 1:48.56.

200 freestyle: 1. Ryan Katulski (N), 1:49.87; 2. Alex Lee (LS), 1:49.89; 3. Eric Ferrara (LS), 1:53.07; 4. Maehata (N), 1:56.79; 5. Brian Son (N), 2:01.07.

200 individual medley: 1. Matthew LaPorte (LS), 2:08.53; 2. Alexander Yuan (N), 2:10.17; 3. Berman (N), 2:11.18; 4. M. Williams (N), 2:16.09; 5. Ben LaPorte (N), 2:17.18.

50 freestyle: 1. O'Dowd (LS), 21.27; 2. Kareddy (N), 23.7; 3. Arthur Shi (N), 24.07; 4. Phillip Billiu (N), 24.31; 5. Goeddeke (LS), 24.52.

1-meter diving: 1. James Ciolli (N), 219.83 points; 2. Nathan Pellerito (N), 196.43; 3. Trey Richman (N), 162.45; 4. Jacob Hall (LS), 120.998; 5. Victor Huang (LS), 114.68.

100 butterfly: 1. O'Dowd (LS), 53.86; 2. Billiu (N), 58.83; 3. M. Williams (N), 59.7; 4. Wasielewski (LS), 59.71; 5. Berman (N), 59.97.

100 freestyle: 1. Katulski (N), 49.74; 2.

Lee (LS), 50.81; 3. Ferrara (LS), 51.89; 4. Yuan (N), 52.8; 5. Shi (N), 52.8.

500 freestyle: 1. M. LaPorte (LS), 4:58.58; 2. Popyk (N), 5:10.54; 3. Kareddy (N), 5:16.93; 4. Benjamin LaPorte (LS), 5:17.44; 5. Erik Halboth (N), 5:29.91.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Stevenson (O'Dowd, Goeddeke, Ferrara, Lee), 1:31.79; 2. Novi (Billiu, Shi, Yuan, Katulski), 1:34.19; 3. Novi (Son, Joel Koryk, Manivannan, Tomoki Moriya), 1:40.40.

100 backstroke: 1. G. Williams (N), 59.41; 2. Maehata (N), 1:00.88; 3. Wasielewski (LS), 1:00.91; 4. Popyk (N), 1:02.11; 5. Goeddeke (LS), 1:03.64.

100 breaststroke: 1. Brian Smith (LS), 1:06.13; 2. Manivannan (N), 1:06.14; 3. Edward Cheng (N), 1:12.03; 4. Maxwell Weng (N), 1:12.1; 5. Joey Ferraciolo (LS), 1:14.67.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Novi (Kareddy, Shi, Maehata, Katulski), 3:26.65; 2. Stevenson (M. LaPorte, Wasielewski, Ferrara, Lee), 3:27.64; 3. Novi (Popyk, Berman, M. Williams, Yuan), 3:30.82.

Dual meet records: Novi, 6-2 overall, 2-1 KLAA Central Division; Stevenson, 5-2 overall, 2-1 KLAA Central.

By Brad Emons

Staff Writer

Northville's Rich Bennetts sounded anything but the winning coach Feb. 5 following a 101-77 dual meet boys swim victory at home against Salem.

The Mustangs, who captured the meet's first nine events before Salem took the final three, improved to 8-1 overall and 3-0 in the KLAA's Central Division with the victory.

"We swam well to start the meet and then it all fell apart after the 500 freestyle," Bennetts said. "We need to be able to finish if we are to have any chance to win this thing (Kensington Conference meet Feb. 28)."

All was not lost, however, as Northville's Matthew Schafer earned an MHSAA Division 1 state qualifying time in the 500 freestyle with a first-place clocking of 4:54.72.

"I'm very excited for him," Bennetts said. "We did have some positives, but to end with such a thud like we did kind of



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Northville's Matthew Schafer made his Division 1 state cut in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 4:54.72.

takes away from what we did in the beginning. We will work on that a lot this upcoming week and see if we can improve next time."

Senior Fred Schulz, freshman Kirk Maibach and junior James Xue each figured in three firsts for Northville.

Schulz swept the 50 and 100 freestyles with times of 23.89 and 51.76, respectively, while Maibach added a win in both the 200 freestyle (1:51.42) and 100 butterfly (55.94).

The two also teamed up with Nirek Sharma for a victory in the 200 freestyle relay (1:32.86).

Xue also captured the 200 individual medley (2:02.48) and teamed up with Larry Zhao, Chris Geng and Mark Kaminski for first in the 200 medley relay (1:43.85).

The Mustangs' Christian Field also posted the top score in 1-meter diving (203.40 points).

Meanwhile, Salem's Brendan Wellman broke Northville's win streak

with a victory in the 100 backstroke (57.24).

The Rocks' Nicholas Landon got credit for a win in the 100 breaststroke (1:14.59) for the Rocks, while the foursome of Wellman, Collin Urbacewski, Charles Liu and Phillip Collingwood got credit for a first in the 400 freestyle relay (3:38.97).

DUAL MEET SUMMARY
NORTHVILLE 101, SALEM 77
Feb. 5 at Northville
200-yard medley relay: 1. Northville (Larry Zhao, Chris Geng, James Xue, Mark

Kaminski), 1:43.85; 2. Salem (Patrick Casey, Charles Liu, Brendan Wellman, Noah Fleming), 1:47.47; 3. Northville (Fred Schulz, Yash Bajaj, Troy Stacer, Nirek Sharma), 1:49.33.

200 freestyle: 1. Kirk Maibach (N), 1:51.42; 2. Matthew Schafer (N), 1:53.26; 3. Trevor DeGroot (N), 1:54.03; 4. Taiyo Ichikawa (N), 1:57.82; 5. Collin Urbacewski (S), 2:02.35.

200 individual medley: 1. Xue (N), 2:02.48; 2. Geng (N), 2:11.08; 3. Bajaj (N), 2:11.75; 4. Liu (S), 2:11.8; 5. Phillip Collingwood (S), 2:13.76.

50 freestyle: 1. Schulz (N), 23.89; 2. Kaminski (N), 24.36; 3. Fleming (S), 25.41; 4. Sharma (N), 24.76; 5. Mike Scaranino (N), 25.14.

1-meter diving: 1. Christian Field (N), 203.40 points; 2. Michael Falzon (S), 190.00; 3. Jon Vary (S), 170.00; 4. Thomas Rys (N), 144.50; 5. Brendan Sibel (S), 142.20.

100 butterfly: 1. Maibach (N), 55.94; 2. Xue (N), 56.3; 3. Wellman (N), 57.75; 4. Urbacewski (S), 59.17; 5. Ancheng Da (N), 1:01.21.

100 freestyle: 1. Schulz (N), 51.76; 2. Kaminski (N), 52.23; 3. Zhao (N), 52.83; 4. Liu (S), 53.83; 5. Fleming (S), 54.49.

500 freestyle: 1. Schafer (N), 4:54.72; 2. Collingwood (S), 5:15.9; 3. Jack Breuch (N), 5:17.5; 4. Connor Lepish (N), 5:30.11; 5. Brendan Casey (S), 5:37.67.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Northville (Maibach, Xue, Schulz, Sharma), 1:32.86; 2. Salem (Fleming, Casey, Urbacewski, Collingwood), 1:38.77; 3. Northville (John Duan, Geng, Bajaj, Shane Boran), 1:38.88.

100 backstroke: 1. Wellman (S), 57.24; 2. Zhao (N), 58.96; 3. Casey (S), 1:00.63; 4. Arthur Greenlee (N), 1:01.19; 5. DeGroot (N), 1:01.91.

100 breaststroke: 1. Geng (N), 1:02.53; 2. Roman Grossi (N), 1:05.99; 3. Nikolai Arton (N), 1:06.44; 4. Bajaj (N), 1:07.36; 5. Sho Kikumori (N), 1:08.72.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Northville (Maibach, Kaminski, Zhao, DeGroot), 3:31.53; 2. Northville (Ichikawa, Stacer, Duan, Schafer), 3:36.4; 3. Salem (Urbacewski, Liu, Wellman, Collingwood), 3:38.97.

Dual meet records: Northville, 8-1 overall, 3-0 KLAA Central Division; Salem, 0-3 KLAA Central.

Northville gymnasts 12th at Canton Invite

The competition proved to be stiff as the Northville gymnastics team posted a team total of 130.65 en route to a 12th-place finish in Saturday's Canton Invitational held at Plymouth High School.

Rockford-Sparta captured the team title with a 145.10 to unseat the host Chiefs, the defending state champions.

Top performers for the Mustangs included Erin McCallum, vault (8.55); Claire Cotter, floor exercise (8.525); Grace Janowski, uneven bars (8.425); and Maggie Drag-

on, balance beam (8.325).

Host Livonia Blue scored a team-best 138.25 to topple Northville (131.15) and Waterford (129.75) in a tri-meet Feb. 4 at Churchill High School.

Neha Vallabhaneni recorded Northville's top score with 8.6 on the vault, followed by Janowski, uneven bars (8.45); McCallum, balance beam (8.4); and Brooke Stecker, floor exercise (8.4).

Northville stands 1-6 overall and 0-4 in the KLAA's Kensington Division.

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Welcome, Hobby Lobby



A ribbon-cutting ceremony and grand opening of the Novi Hobby Lobby in the Novi Town Center was held Feb. 2. The store was honored at the event with an official Senate tribute, presented by Sen. Mike Kowall (third from right), R-White Lake, which read in part: "For more than 40 years, Hobby Lobby has emphasized family values over its own profits by allowing employees to worship and spend quality time with their children each Sunday. ... We applaud their accomplishments and long-term commitment to the Novi community and wish much continued success." Holding the ribbon are (from left) Jay Estes, district manager; Steve Nagy, manager; Kowall; Pete Auger, Novi city manager; and Lauren Royston, Novi Economic Development director.

New digs



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Work continues Jan. 7 at the location for the new General RV center at the former Ford Wixom plant headquarters. The facility, located at the northwest corner of Wixom Road and I-96, will feature an 83,000-square-foot building on the 30-acre site. The recreational vehicle sales and service business was formerly located less than a half-mile east.

Avoiding tax-time schemes to steal your identity

My mom always told me if it sounds to be good to be true, it is. But during tax season, the saying should really be "if something sounds too strange to be true, it is."

Each tax season, the IRS reports an increase in aggressive and sophisticated tax-related phishing schemes. It's important to understand phishing schemes and to what lengths criminals will go to appear legitimate.

The most routine scam involves phone calls from supposed "IRS officials" demanding immediate payment for current or back taxes via wire transfer or debit card. They also may try to secure personal information. But according to IRS.gov, the IRS will never call your home to dictate terms of payment and especially won't enforce a payment without the ability to appeal.

On the Internet, phishing scams are taken to an entirely new level. Emails are doctored to look professional and may feature IRS logos or link to a website that mirrors that of IRS.gov. Many times, the emails direct consumers to update their IRS file immediately in an attempt to steal private information.

The IRS never "initiates contact with taxpayers by email to request personal or financial information." And it's just too strange to think a



Jon Gunnells
TECH SAVVY

government agency like the IRS ever would initiate contact via email.

Millennials may be slaves to their inboxes, but not everyone checks as routinely and not everyone has reliable or consistent Internet.

If the IRS or another government agency wants to contact you, chances are it will be through the mail.

And while this may not be "tech savvy" advice, keeping an eye on your mailbox is a great way to deter identity theft, particularly this month. Scammers and crooks know workers will be receiving W-2 forms and end-of-year summaries from banks and brokerages.

If you've hit mid-February and you're waiting on important tax information, check to make sure if it was lost or not sent, instead of being stolen for the personal and financial information.

If you suspect you are a victim of a tax-related phishing scam, you can report the attack at IRS.gov.

If you think you may be a victim of identity theft from stolen mail or other theft, visit FDIC.gov. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.

has information and links to help you report the attacks to the Federal Trade Commission, credit reporting bureaus, financial institutions and local authorities.

Unlike tax phishing schemes, identity theft and other phishing schemes are year-round crimes. And the easiest way to protect yourself is by remembering "if it sounds too good or too strange to be true, it is."

Unsolicited emails from strangers claiming you have won the lottery or have inherited a large sum of money from a Nigerian prince are both too good and too strange to be true. So refrain from sending those strangers money via wire transfers or debit cards in order to claim your prize.

Think about it: Would a lottery ever require you to pay for a prize? That's the worst lottery ever.

Would a Nigerian prince really be sending you money? I don't know a lot about royalty or Nigeria. I know even less about Nigerian royalty, but I assume you do not become a rich Nigerian prince by sending Internet strangers money.

Free money from the Internet? That is definitely too good to be true.

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BBB has advice on what to do when identity is compromised

Tens of millions of Americans could be victims of the latest corporate data breach, this one at Anthem Insurance. Unknown hackers apparently stole personal identifying information from current and former Anthem customers, including names, addresses, Social Security numbers, dates of birth and other information that can be used for identity theft.

Anthem has set up a separate website with information on the breach, but the Better Business Bureau recommends that consumers always go to a company's main website first and follow links from there. Scammers often take advantage of data breaches and subsequent confusion to set up spoof websites and send phishing emails.

BBB offers the following suggestions for consumers concerned that their PII has been stolen (also available at bbb.org/breach):

- » Do not take a "wait and see" approach as you may have done with breaches involving credit card data. You must act quickly. Breaches involving Social Security numbers have the potential to be far more detrimental to victims, and the damage can be difficult to repair.

- » Consider taking a preemptive strike by freezing your credit reports. This will not impact existing credit cards and financial accounts, but will create a roadblock for thieves seeking to create fraudulent

accounts using your personal information.

- » At a minimum, if you know your Social Security number has been compromised, place a fraud alert on your credit reports. While less effective than a freeze, this will provide an extra layer of protection.

- » Take advantage of the free credit monitoring services Anthem will be offering to breach victims. While this is not a preventative measure, this will alert you to new accounts or inquiries using your Social Security number so that you can act quickly to repair the damage.

- » Vigilance is key. Regularly check your credit reports at annualcreditreport.com for unauthorized charges or other signs of fraud. (Note: This is the only free credit report option authorized by the Federal Trade Commission.)

- » For more information and complete step-by-step guidance on repairing the damage caused by identity theft, visit the FTC's identity theft resources.

- » Expect that scammers will take advantage of this data breach to send out phishing emails

and other messages that appear to be from Anthem, a credit bureau or other legitimate companies. Do not click on links from any email, text or social media messages about this or any other data breach.

For all businesses that collect customer information:

- » Make sure you protect your customers' data. If a data breach can happen to a major corporation with significant data security measures in place, it can happen to any business.

- » Check out BBB's updated online guide Data Security - Made Simpler for free information on how to create a data security plan.

According to its BBB Business Review, Anthem Inc. also operates as Wellpoint, Inc., Anthem Blue Cross & Blue Shield and Administar Federal, Inc. However, not all Blue Cross & Blue Shield companies are part of the Anthem network.

If you aren't sure if your insurer is affected by this data breach, call the number on the back of your card or go directly to your insurer's website.



Panpan Hu joins JRT

JRT has added to its web team with the addition of Panpan Hu as a JAVA programmer.

Hu served as a software engineer in the hotel/hospitality industry in Florida before relocating to Michigan. As part of the JRT web team, Hu



Hu

will work with client dealer sites, as well as other various projects.

The Novi resident holds a master's degree in electrical engineering from

the University of Nebraska.

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Plymouth Township home blends past, present well

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

A home built in the 1940s in Plymouth Township is a pleasing mix of the old and new.

"It has the new amenities," said Realtor Chris Patrick of Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel of Plymouth, speaking of the 46450 Shamrock Lane home in Plymouth Township. It was built in 1940 "and then they renovated it later."

The home is on an more than an acre, and near both Plymouth Township Park and the Hilltop Golf Course. It's listed at \$489,000. Cove ceilings and archways speak to the home's older origins.

Realtor Patrick, the listing agent, noted the four bedrooms and three full baths. The home's in the Plymouth-Canton school district, and its sellers are relocating.

They've added paver walkways. The roof, from 2013, has a lifetime warranty.

The home's 3,100 square feet and has two furnaces from 2012 and 2014. Its kitchen was updated in the past, and boasts a large island which seats six or more, as well as skylights and a convection oven with gas stove top.

Patrick noted the cove ceilings, fireplace and hardwood floors in the living room, din-



DAN DEAN

Hardwood floors and archways give the 1940s era home character.

ing room and two bedrooms as pluses. "It's a short bike ride to downtown Plymouth," she said. "You don't find many with acreage and close to town."

The living room has a gas fireplace and opens on the dining room. There is a dual entrance to separate decks.

Both the first- and second-level baths were recently updated, Patrick noted. The master suite has a study area and a walk-in closet, with its glamour bath boasting a jetted tub.

Patrick is available at 734-546-9978.

In addition to the treed lot, there's an outdoor basketball court, and the deck has a newer ceramic tiled fire pit. The home has a finished lower level, first floor laundry and three and a half car garage.

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46450 Shamrock Lane in Plymouth Township is within walking distance of downtown and sits on 1.13 acres.



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The kitchen features an island with seating for six.

Forceful removal of squatters may be ill-advised

Q: I understand there a new law regarding squatters in Michigan. Can you give me any insight?

A: Effective Sept. 24, 2014, the new legislation 1) permits the use of force to remove squatters; 2) makes squatting a misdemeanor for the first offense and a felony thereafter; and 3) makes the felony punishable by fine of up to \$10,000. One should be cautioned, however, that forcibly removing a squatter may result in personal danger to the person removing the squatter and perhaps potential liability if excessive force is used.

Q: Can you sue someone who is not on the premises on a regular basis for nuisance?

A: Based upon a recent Michigan case, a landowner who was not in possession and does not participate in the activity which could be a nuisance is not liable for a nuisance. While the owner may have some responsibility, it does not rise to the level of a nuisance in terms of what transpired, which in that case was that the plaintiff's decedent was killed when her car hit a horse that was standing in the road and was kept on a farm by his brother and sister-in-law, and the horse had escaped from its stall more than 30 times over the course of seven years.

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Mortgage seminar

"A Mortgage Experience You Can Brag About" seminar will be held 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25, at the Livonia Library, 32777 Five Mile, sponsored by Keller Williams Realtors. Pertinent information on getting back into the market after a bankruptcy, short sale or foreclosure. New programs available for first-time homebuyers. Call Sheila Roma at 248-760-6785 or Debbi McLaughlin at 248-561-0077 by Feb. 19 to reserve a spot.

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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Sept. 15-19, 2014, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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| 32046 Auburn Dr | \$265,000 |
| 15562 Birwood Ave | \$70,000 |
| 16950 Kirkshire Ave | \$240,000 |
| 31036 Pickwick Ln | \$322,000 |

BIRMINGHAM

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| 1393 Cedar Dr | \$490,000 |
| 2196 Derby Rd | \$225,000 |
| 1942 E Lincoln St | \$235,000 |
| 1798 Graefield Rd | \$131,000 |
| 1971 Graefield Rd | \$117,000 |
| 1768 Graefield Rd Unit 30 | \$126,000 |
| 508 Graten St | \$342,000 |
| 1165 Hillside Dr | \$270,000 |
| 1324 Humphrey Ave | \$232,000 |
| 519 Lewis St | \$325,000 |
| 808 Madison St | \$885,000 |
| 1828 Mansfield Rd | \$235,000 |
| 1119 Pilgrim Ave | \$600,000 |
| 600 Shepardsbush St | \$1,305,000 |
| 600 W Brown St # 210 | \$275,000 |
| 764 W Lincoln St | \$350,000 |
| 2140 Yorkshire Rd | \$212,000 |

BLOOMFIELD HILLS

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| 5450 Lahser Rd | \$335,000 |
| 1860 Cedar Hill Dr | \$450,000 |
| 279 Millington Ct | \$225,000 |
| 4064 W Orchard Hill Dr | \$285,000 |

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

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| 4187 Antique Ln | \$418,000 |
| 2700 Aspen Ln | \$225,000 |
| 3255 Berkshire Dr | \$255,000 |
| 4694 Burnley Dr | \$317,000 |
| 5710 Crabtree Rd | \$275,000 |
| 4920 Dryden Ln | \$380,000 |
| 6153 Eastmoor Rd | \$299,000 |
| 1332 Forestglen Ct | \$232,000 |
| 839 Helston Rd | \$297,000 |
| 1365 Indian Mound W | \$830,000 |
| 2100 Kemp Rd | \$321,000 |
| 5137 Kings Gate Way | \$410,000 |
| 7150 Lindenmere Dr | \$446,000 |

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| 6815 Mark Ct | \$582,000 |
| 2664 McClintock Rd | \$260,000 |
| 1870 Pine Ridge Ln | \$419,000 |
| 1096 Rock Spring Rd | \$360,000 |
| 3776 Shellmarr Ln | \$525,000 |
| 3381 Squirrel Rd | \$280,000 |
| 3718 Thornbrier Way | \$365,000 |
| 3672 W Bradford Dr | \$361,000 |
| 4049 W Maple Rd # A104 | \$102,000 |
| 4043 W Maple Rd # D202 | \$90,000 |
| 615 Windsor Run | \$472,000 |
| 4850 Wye Oak Rd | \$334,000 |

COMMERCE TOWNSHIP

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| 1929 Alsop Ave | \$223,000 |
| 6135 Ashland St | \$148,000 |
| 3112 Belle Terre | \$239,000 |
| 5097 Birkdale Dr | \$328,000 |
| 300 Charlevoix St | \$100,000 |
| 9533 Chaumont Dr | \$252,000 |
| 3541 E Commerce Rd | \$174,000 |
| 8050 Flagstaff St | \$360,000 |
| 1901 Glen Iris Dr | \$200,000 |
| 8542 Golf Lane Dr | \$290,000 |
| 2145 Golfcrest Dr | \$309,000 |
| 5948 Majestic Oaks Dr | \$470,000 |
| 3201 Mandrake St | \$82,000 |
| 2846 Pinto Dr | \$172,000 |

FARMINGTON

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| 23631 Bicking Ct | \$126,000 |
| 32010 Grand River Ave | \$42,000 |
| 31592 Marblehead Rd | \$168,000 |

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| 22181 Arbor Ln | \$231,000 |
| 28264 Bayberry Rd | \$191,000 |
| 22280 Cass St | \$279,000 |
| 21706 Colgate St | \$105,000 |
| 27654 E Echo Vly Unit 233 | \$66,000 |

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| 29346 Earth Ln | \$580,000 |
| 22945 Fox Crk | \$246,000 |
| 24928 Glen Orchard Dr | \$374,000 |
| 37645 Glengrove Dr | \$384,000 |
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| 22117 Haynes Ave | \$75,000 |
| 28732 Kirkside Ln | \$220,000 |
| 29564 Mayfair Dr | \$268,000 |
| 30791 Misty Pines Dr | \$149,000 |
| 23105 Montclair St | \$135,000 |

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| 34182 Old Timber Ct | \$263,000 |
| 26250 Orchard Lake Rd | \$210,000 |
| 21244 Parker St | \$155,000 |
| 24467 Penrose Dr | \$180,000 |
| 31030 Ridgeway Dr | \$230,000 |
| 29038 Summerwood Rd | \$215,000 |
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| 30980 Franklin Rd | \$220,000 |
| 32875 Wing Lake Rd | \$229,000 |

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| 155 N Saint John Rd | \$90,000 |
| 3200 Ramada Dr | \$440,000 |
| 3455 Ramada Dr | \$216,000 |

LATHRUP VILLAGE

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| 18769 Alhambra Ave | \$172,000 |
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| 1690 Cooley Lake Rd | \$335,000 |
| 743 E Liberty St | \$202,000 |
| 3039 Old Plank Rd | \$289,000 |
| 1635 Orban | \$148,000 |
| 805 Panorama Dr | \$170,000 |
| 2872 Rowe Rd | \$279,000 |
| 170 Water St | \$330,000 |

NORTHVILLE

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| 48882 Castello Ct | \$254,000 |
| 21221 E Glen Haven Cir | \$143,000 |
| 21247 Eastfarm Ln | \$260,000 |
| 38744 Harvard Ct | \$410,000 |
| 42126 Pellston Dr | \$127,000 |
| 52217 Pierce Dr | \$100,000 |

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| 27651 Belgrave Pl | \$266,000 |
| 41611 Blair Dr | \$136,000 |
| 25483 Buckminster Dr | \$180,000 |
| 41913 Cantebury Dr | \$282,000 |
| 28059 Carlton Way Dr | \$195,000 |
| 22323 Chelsea Ln | \$175,000 |
| 41533 Cypress Way | \$182,000 |
| 43152 Emerson Way | \$289,000 |
| 23447 Greening Dr | \$300,000 |
| 51149 Halffield St | \$297,000 |
| 28105 Hewes Ln | \$231,000 |
| 41774 Independence Dr | \$154,000 |

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| 25782 Island Lake Dr | \$575,000 |
| 25710 Laramie Dr | \$500,000 |
| 51183 Luke Ln | \$290,000 |
| 24760 Olde Orchard St | \$108,000 |
| 42487 Park Ridge Rd | \$230,000 |
| 41796 Primrose Dr | \$172,000 |
| 41940 Quince Dr | \$173,000 |
| 27484 Sloan St | \$294,000 |
| 1127 South Lake Dr Unit 118 | \$95,000 |

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| 23785 Stonehenge Blvd | \$120,000 |
| 26018 Whipple | \$55,000 |

SOUTH LYON

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|------------------------|-----------|
| 130 Lyon Blvd | \$140,000 |
| 52058 Red Cedar | \$374,000 |
| 22899 Saint George Cir | \$410,000 |
| 1054 Shetland Dr | \$260,000 |
| 500 Willow Dr | \$270,000 |
| 388 Winchester St | \$176,000 |
| 58560 Winnowing Cir S | \$73,000 |

SOUTHFIELD

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|---------------------|-----------|
| 15842 Addison St | \$128,000 |
| 28410 Brooks Ln | \$111,000 |
| 29382 Candlewood Ln | \$65,000 |
| 17692 E Goldwin St | \$179,000 |
| 28415 Evergreen Rd | \$98,000 |
| 29657 Fairfax St | \$56,000 |
| 17359 Gateway Cir | \$68,000 |
| 18455 Kesh St | \$85,000 |
| 28384 Lady K Ct | \$287,000 |
| 24639 Maryland St | \$97,000 |
| 17389 Melrose St | \$117,000 |
| 25426 Saint James | \$120,000 |
| 28675 Streamwood Ln | \$225,000 |
| 28029 Tavistock Trl | \$195,000 |
| 28765 Tavistock Trl | \$183,000 |

WHITE LAKE

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|---------------------|-----------|
| 11384 Brigham Ln | \$150,000 |
| 921 Dacea Ct | \$325,000 |
| 786 Golden Shrs | \$355,000 |
| 9247 Hickorywood Dr | \$147,000 |
| 603 Kent Ln | \$390,000 |
| 44 Myrick St | \$51,000 |
| 9499 Portage Trl | \$105,000 |
| 9476 Thames Blvd | \$219,000 |
| 8754 Townsend Dr | \$242,000 |

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CANTON

| | |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| 1603 Aberdeen St | \$203,000 |
| 43053 Avon Rd | \$242,000 |
| 4180 Berkeley Ave | \$128,000 |
| 2248 Berwick Dr | \$185,000 |
| 2406 Brookfield St | \$179,000 |
| 2677 Brookfield St | \$175,000 |
| 6787 Brookshire Dr | \$204,000 |
| 50595 Coollidge St | \$327,000 |
| 41475 Copper Creek Dr | \$185,000 |
| 43775 Cranford Ave | \$209,000 |
| 1754 Dunston Rd | \$254,000 |
| 6453 Durham Dr | \$209,000 |
| 47125 Fairlawn Ct | \$249,000 |
| 7048 Foxcreek Dr | \$258,000 |
| 43948 Fredericksburg St | \$169,000 |
| 2393 Lexington Cir N | \$313,000 |
| 2255 Lexington Cir S | \$310,000 |
| 43927 Marne Ct | \$170,000 |
| 45714 Morningside Dr | \$306,000 |
| 45499 Muirfield Dr | \$340,000 |
| 6699 Old Haggerty Rd | \$175,000 |
| 1921 Pinecroft Dr | \$134,000 |
| 7451 Pointe Dr | \$205,000 |
| 41777 Princess Dr | \$290,000 |
| 42299 Saratoga Cir | \$163,000 |
| 44465 Savery Dr | \$70,000 |
| 51195 Sleepy Hollow Ln | \$221,000 |
| 4155 Strathmore Ln | \$215,000 |
| 4290 Timberline Dr | \$271,000 |
| 44279 Vassar St | \$217,000 |
| 47934 Wadebridge Ct | \$430,000 |

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|----------------------|-----------|
| 1826 Willard Dr | \$180,000 |
| 40734 Worthington Rd | \$185,000 |

GARDEN CITY

| | |
|-------------------|-----------|
| 2205 Belton St | \$54,000 |
| 27713 Bock St | \$120,000 |
| 6669 Cardwell St | \$95,000 |
| 431 Gilman St | \$110,000 |
| 30405 Hennepin St | \$90,000 |
| 6700 Mansfield St | \$89,000 |
| 221 Ross St | \$96,000 |
| 858 Venoy Rd | \$45,000 |

LIVONIA

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|-----------------------|-----------|
| 14418 Arden St | \$154,000 |
| 14994 Bainbridge St | \$45,000 |
| 9750 Bassett St | \$160,000 |
| 12031 Cardwell St | \$95,000 |
| 14737 Country Club Dr | \$170,000 |
| 11456 Deering St | \$100,000 |
| 15375 Edington St | \$222,000 |
| 11774 Farmington Rd | \$123,000 |
| 9083 Fremont St | \$135,000 |
| 11014 Garden St | \$119,000 |
| 31114 Grennada St | \$134,000 |
| 31717 Hees St | \$125,000 |
| 14100 Henry Ruff St | \$180,000 |
| 16232 Houghton Dr | \$292,000 |
| 30880 Industrial Rd | \$280,000 |
| 8942 Knolson Ave | \$215,000 |
| 38769 Lancaster St | \$255,000 |
| 29522 Lori St | \$139,000 |
| 15707 Loveland St | \$212,000 |
| 29902 Lyndon St | \$159,000 |
| 14803 Melvin St | \$178,000 |
| 39118 Minton Ave | \$157,000 |
| 30800 Munger Dr | \$351,000 |
| 28455 N Clements Cir | \$98,000 |
| 28482 N Clements Cir | \$95,000 |
| 9013 Oporto St | \$105,000 |
| 35172 Orangelawn St | \$150,000 |

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|----------------------|-----------|
| 14568 Richfield St | \$151,000 |
| 38115 Richland St | \$147,000 |
| 38499 Richland St | \$130,000 |
| 14526 Riverside St | \$273,000 |
| 32520 Schoolcraft Rd | \$205,000 |
| 35974 Scone St | \$161,000 |
| 38568 Summers St | \$175,000 |

NORTHVILLE

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|-----------------------|-----------|
| 42373 Anchor Ct | \$173,000 |
| 47562 Arbor Trl | \$399,000 |
| 17023 Birchwood Dr | \$343,000 |
| 44665 Broadmoor Cir N | \$390,000 |
| 19537 Dartmouth Pl | \$114,000 |
| 19706 Dearborn Ct | \$135,000 |
| 632 East St | \$180,000 |
| 375 Orchard Dr | \$250,000 |
| 47104 Red Oak Dr | \$495,000 |
| 50105 Venice Ct | \$430,000 |
| 39582 Village Run Dr | \$275,000 |

PLYMOUTH

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|---------------------|-----------|
| 576 Ann St | \$223,000 |
| 11871 Appletree Dr | \$315,000 |
| 1105 Carol Ave | \$241,000 |
| 49573 Donovan Blvd | \$168,000 |
| 42241 Mill Race Cir | \$139,000 |
| 1782 Nantucket Rd | \$250,000 |
| 40695 Newport Dr | \$110,000 |
| 49750 Plymouth Way | \$168,000 |
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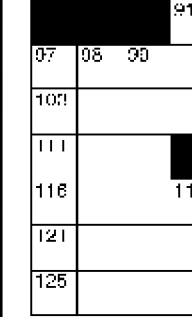


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ACROSS
1 Melize
5 1980s TV's "Kate & —"
10 Bank acct. underwriter
14 Resort slo near Naples
19 Cuck (mixed cog breed)
20 Pencil end
21 Prehistoric beast, briefly
22 ALF or ET
23 Pool hall charmer?
26 Flower calyx part
27 Off — (radically)
28 Small flycatcher
29 Christmas songs
31 Omega precursor
32 Passover crackers
34 Place where pizza dough is "balanced"
37 "We — not amused"
38 Ripken of the diamond
40 Arginines
41 Actress De Carlo
42 Get the shoe mender on the phone?
47 Marine sel
49 Poetic lout
50 Pertaining to the str.
51 Still wrapped for short
52 In spite of the fact that
55 King Arthur's home
58 Commercial in which a of one's fury is unleashed?
62 Hilo's sound
65 Faced
66 Philless Foreigner Jules
68 I like a sin's bed
69 Blowtorch the exterior of your launch veh o?
74 Wild section player
75 Quaint oaf
76 Just a (somewhat)
77 Missing snake sound
78 Ice-skating
80 Mexican menu items
84 Blast maker
85 "Mamma!" has three
86 "Thank you, Henri"
87 Opera part
91 PR concern
94 Farmer's motto?
97 Risen from sleep
100 Seemingly endless time
101 Park crucifix
102 Dwelling: Abbr.
103 Trades about the trials of being a mother?
109 Not switched on
111 Ace
112 A-1 style
113 Sofa
115 Spanish for "cuck"
116 Wax
118 Actor Moranis playing a garbage sweeper?
121 12-inch stick
122 Small toiletry case
123 Pay the penalty
124 First-aid plan
125 Fencing blades
126 Part of NYPD: Abbr.
127 Tightly wound
128 Give away lamppost
131 Squid oish
2 Expand
3 Sports squad that rarely has home games
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5 Fourth mo.
6 Belt holder
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8 Soft, evenly
9 Lucy's TV pal
10 32nd pres.
11 Actress Wilest
12 Disguised for short
13 Allentown's la Papis
14 Tapoca-yie ding tree
15 Hoopy drink
16 19/2-11 Broadway musical
17 Explanation
18 Queued up
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25 More elusive
30 Astron. distance
33 Little pouch
35 L ke the vbs. "eat" and "e"
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72 Problems for va n lyces
73 Tide targets
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82 Bygone AT&T rival
83 Slums
86 Home of Monte Carlo
88 Vehicle
89 Get drunk
90 Trapped
91 34th prez
92 Corporate marriages
93 Avonlea girl
94 Hide — hair
95 It's nothing
96 Comical Cher
97 Cumen: unit
98 Pre-race stretch, say
99 "King Halph" actor Peler
100 Ocular clearing receptacle
104 One way to mark debts
105 Uninspired
106 Like skim milk
107 Mozart's "Don ke —"
108 "Dance —"
110 Prenatal
114 Egg layers
117 Golf gadget
118 Model-making set
120 "An-nice —"



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