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The annual State of the Community will be held from noon to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 15 at Meadowbrook Country Club (40941 W. Eight Mile Road). "The State of the

Community Luncheon provides an opportunity for residents and the business community to



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state officials on past year successes and on future plans for their respective organizations" said Traci Sincock, Northville Chamber of Commerce associate director.

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Featured speakers include Northville Township Supervisor Robert Nix, City of Northville Mayor Chris Johnson and School District Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher.

Tickets are \$40 per person. Reservations may be made by contacting the chamber at 248-349-7640 or tracisincock@northville.org.

Board expels student charged with making violent threats

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

The student responsible for the threat made against and subsequent lockdown at Northville High School in December has been expelled from the school district permanently

school district permanently. The Northville Board of Education at a closed session meeting Feb. 10 unanimously voted to expel the student, who because of privacy concerns has not been named. With an attorney present and acting as the facilitator for the Board's executive (closed) session, an appeal of a recommendation for student expulsion was given.

This punishment stems from the lockdown that happened Dec. 18 after a tip was received on the State of Michigan "Ok2Say" tip line about a threat regarding Northville High School.

Northville Township Police said at the time the, "threat was deemed credible; due to naming specific students, weapons, explosives and a specific time frame. A lock down of the 2,500 students and staff was initiated to ensure their safety."

This was followed up with an

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Northville Township Police quickly locked down the high school in December when they received word of a threat.



City could prohibit marijuana businesses

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

The city of Northville introduced potential new regulations on medical marijuana that would prohibit dispensaries or provisioning centers while allowing possession, growth and cultivation of marijuana for licensed caregivers and patients, as permitted under current state law.

This approach is currently a hot topic in legislative talks in Lansing. The question as to where exactly should medical marijuana patients get their marijuana is under debate. Passed in 2008 by a statewide vote, the medical marijuana law has been under discussion ever since. Northville is now looking to officially weigh in through local regulations. The Northville City Council approved the first reading Feb. 17 of the proposed amendments to Article 2 Zoning Districts and Mapping Interpretation, Article 18 General Provisions, and Article 26 Construction of Language and Definitions in the City of Northville Zoning Ordinance, pertaining to Medical Marihuana. The proposed city regulations states: "Medical Marihuana activities would be allowed within residential zoning districts; however, medical marijuana dispensaries, provisioning centers, or other commercial facilities are expressly prohibited. A key part of the council debate centered on what state legislators might decide. Mayor pro tem Jim Allen asked city consultant Don Wortman, of Carlisle Wortman, whether or not any potential changes being talked about in



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Workers of the nutritional support company Lifeboost peek out from behind the sliding doors of their third floor office at the Village Workshop on Feb. 13. The business is one of two permanent leasees of space at the shop.

GRAND OPENING SET FOR VILLAGE WORKSHOP

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

The grand opening of the Village Workshop in downtown Northville is this weekend, and is expected to be an exciting time to see the great potential of this new community resource.

What was an idea two years ago of founders Dennis Engerer, Chris McDonald and Brian Donovan is now a reality.

The newly-revamped historical Bellanger building now houses the tools, equipment, staff and software needed to make ideas come to life. Now they want to show the community what the space dedicated to creativity, learning, entrepreneurship, and prototype services looks like and is all about.

Donovan said the idea came about originally when he looked into the "Maker-space Movement" and the TechShop in Allen Park. He thought his community, Northville, could use a place where people could make innovation happen. He took the idea to the other two men and they ran with it.

"It's been a long haul, but we're finally here," said Engerer. "I think when people see the workshop and what might be done here, the spirit of entrepreneurship and creativity will start to fill the building, which is our goal."

The workshop is already home to some businesses, both new and established. Some of the new equipment inside the 26,000 square-foot space includes a 3D printer, long-arm quilting machine, an auto lift, milling machines and many other things that can be used in the creation and building process.



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Village Workshop co-owners Brian Donovan and Dennis Engerer pause in the computer room where design and technology courses will be taught.

OPEN HOUSE

The Village Workshop will hold an open house from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday. There will be a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 2 p.m. and the public is invited to attend. There will be something for all ages, including activities for kids, led by Einstein by Design.

The workshop on March 1 will begin open enrollment for those interested in becoming members.

The Village Workshop is located at 455 E. Cady Street. To learn more, visit http://www.thevillageworkshop.com/ or call 855-777-3836.

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PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY JOHN HEIDER The city of Northville is looking at ordinances regarding marijuana.



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The Northville Art House is located at 215 W. Cady Street in historic downtown Northville and is celebrating 10 years of providing art enrichment and education to the community through classes, art shows and public art. Our Winter & Spring art classes and workshops are available online for children, teens and adults at www.north villearthouse.org. Register early as classes fill quickly. Art House hours are noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday; noon to 4 p.m. Saturdays: and 1-9 p.m. First Fridays only; 248-344-0497.

Upcoming Events

The Northville Art House is proud to pre-

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investigation involving the Northville Township Police, Northville Public Schools, Michigan State Police and Detroit FBI office, which resulted in the arrest of a 15-year-old Northville High School

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ings and mixed media artwork by Kate Paul called "the mystery lesson."

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

student on Jan. 6. The student on Jan. 7 received a preliminary hearing and was charged by the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office with

false terroristic threats (a felony punishable by 20 years in prison) and false report or threat of bomb or harmful device (a felony punishable by

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Volunteers

Volunteers are the heart of the Art House call if you're interested in getting involved. One can also offer support through an annual membership.

four years in prison).

ville School Board President Cvndv Jankowski, in any serious discipline matter that could result in long-term suspension or expulsion, the process includes a hearing with a hearing officer, as well as the opportunity to appeal the recommendations of the hearing officer to the Board of Education.

"The Board carefully

MARIJUANA

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state legislation would expand or contract the current law. Wortman said it's up in the air right now.

Mayor Chris Johnson said late in 2014, the discussed legislation in the last session pertained to what say local units of government should have. However, he emphasized that was the last session and any final decisions have not been made at the state level.

Allen then asked council whether this was something they wanted to do, considering cur-

Stunningly Ordinary



COURTESY OF AMY BELL-BURFORD

The work of Northville Arts Commissioner and Northville Art House volunteer Amy Fell-Burford of Novi has been accepted into the University of Michigan Hospital's Gifts of Art Program. The goal of the program is to bring beauty to the health care environment. Fell-Burford's solo exhibit, Stunningly Ordinary, is currently on display in the main lobby of the hospital. Her work explores and celebrates the beauty of everyday objects. The photo is titled "Ball Jars." All is work is oil on canvas. Stunningly Ordinary runs through April 5.

considered the record of the hearing officer, and considered the information presented during the appeal. This was a gutwrenching process, and not taken lightly by the six members of the Board of Education present." Jankowski said. "At its conclusion, the Board determined that there were serious violations of the Student Code of Conduct and found that the discipline

rent law and what possible legislation might decide.

Johnson said he thinks it's appropriate not to commercialize medical marijuana. He believes there's plenty of opportunity in the medical marijuana statute for a caregiver to obtain marijuana legally in all sorts of fashions without needing to make it a commercial operation.

"I think once you get into a commercial operation you really are attracting a different kind of crime situation than you would have ..." said Johnson of the city's potential new regulations.

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recommended (expulsion) was appropriate given the nature of the violations."

She said they considered all of the information very carefully, and acted in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct, "and in the best interest of all of our students."

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ning Commission on Jan. 20 conducted a public hearing regarding proposed zoning text amendments for medical marijuana. Wortman said the proposed regulations were developed with guidance from the city attorney and reflect the findings of recent Michigan Supreme Court cases. He said the proposed draft zoning amendments are patterned after municipal zoning regulations which have been successful in other communities.

Possible adoption will be decided on March 16.

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OLD RAIL STATION HAS NEW LIFE AS PHOTO STUDIO

By Matt Jachman Staff Writer

A Northville Township couple has brought new life to a century-old Plymouth train station, incorporating the romance of the rails into their wedding and portrait photography business.

Craig David Butler Studios opened last spring in the former Pere Marquette Railway Co. station at 900 Starkweather, alongside tracks still heavily used by CSX Railroad freight trains. The building of about 1,500 square feet is at least 105 years old, though some sources date it from as far back as 1871.

Remodeled several times, the station retains some of its original characteristics, including high plank ceilings in some rooms, the original ticket window, an elaborate wooden ticketing desk, and a foundation of tree trunks, hewn beams and fieldstone.

'From day one I wanted to buy," said Craig Butler, recalling how the station was the 10th, and final, stop on a list of potential studios he toured with a real-estate agent last February.

'Rough shape'

Butler, the photographer, and wife Bonnie, who handles the business side of things, leased two different studio locations in downtown Northville over the years, but had been looking for a permanent site

"We wanted something that seemed to fit us," said Craig Butler.

The station was in "rough shape" when they bought it last March, he said; the Butlers "kind of looked past that" and cleaned up, painted, leveled the floor and had wiring, obviously added later in the building's life to the walls, concealed within them.

They had to get an insurance rider for foundation replacement in case of a total loss. "Tree trunks aren't up to code," Craig Butler said.



Bonnie and Craig Butler at the original ticket window in the former train station on Starkweather in Plymouth, which is now their photography studio.



Bonnie Butler looks at a photograph, circa 1910, of the Pere Marquette Railway Co. depot that is now a photography studio owned by her and her husband.

There's a reception area with a living-room feel that includes the ticket desk, a studio room with props, backdrops and equipment, and a high-ceilinged storage area.

The Butlers also own a smaller building next door plus the adjacent grounds, which they use in some of their photo shoots.

Clients, they said, are



MATT JACHMAN The station's original ticket desk includes this cash drawer. The desk was refinished in 2001; the granite countertop is new.

drawn to the building's charm and its association with the railroads.

"I think people really like that feeling," Bonnie Butler said.

Whistle stops

Craig Butler said that during client meetings, some people will rush to the windows to catch a glimpse of passing freight trains.

"They actually seem to like having the trains. It's pretty crazy," he said.

Historical events, not just trains and the feel of an old building, add to the station's aura: President George W. Bush spoke there in September of 1992 during his reelection bid, and, the Butlers say, President Theodore Roosevelt once made a whistle stop there as well. A former building owner, Bonnie Butler said, had an aunt who was a stationmaster there for 25 vears.

The Butlers even found some 90-year-old Pere Marquette Railway freight documents that list shipments of coal, flour and "autos."

They say the building's historical and railroad connections give their studio an

edge. "It's different from every-body else," Bonnie Butler said. "It's not everybody has a historical building they can shoot against.'

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NORTHVILLE LIBRARY LINES

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

Drop-In Morning Storytime

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

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

March is Reading Month Dates: March 1-31

Details: Get hooked on books this month. Celebrate all month by enjoying books and earning fun prizes. Open to all children preschool age through sixth grade.

Tween Cupcake Extravaganza

Time/Date: 4:15-5:15 p.m. Tuesday, March 17

Details: Just for Tweens ages 9-12. Decorate your own scrumptious cupcake confection; limit 30. Registration required and begins March 1.

Kidz Time for first-, second- and third-graders

Time/Date: 4:30-5:15 p.m. Thursday, March 19 **Details:** Fun after-school activity features stories, games and crafts, all about fancy folktales. Register beginning March 1.

Teen Film-Maker Workshop

Time/Date: 4-8 p.m. Saturday, March 7

Details: Celebrate Teen Tech Week: Libraries are for Making with this hands-on workshop about film production presented by Alex Thomas and Friends, a collaborative group of Michigan artists. Gear up for the Reel Michigan film competition in June. Space is limited, registration required. This event continues after the library closes.





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Practice makes perfect as Northville High students (from left) Claire Matthews, Camille Tish and Troy Cini prepare for the annual Cabaret, slated for Saturday, Feb. 28 in the school cafeteria.

Curtain going up Saturday for NHS Cabaret

Northville High School is known for its excellence in vocal and instrumental music. Saturday evening, the contagious joy and surprising versatility of the music program will be showcased in the NHS Cabaret. Over 20 acts will perform in an intimate, nightclub-style setting. All NHS students were invited to perform, whether or not they participate in the music program.

Senior Andrew Schafer will perform a classical vocal solo as his mother, Kathleen, accompanies him on the piano. Other acts include sophomore vocalist Carly Bins and her ukulele. Senior Robyn Crongeyer's vocal solo will have piano accompaniment. A small jazz ensemble will add a spark of heat to the evening. Juniors Camille Tish and Claire Matthews will sing, accompanied on guitar by senior Troy Cini. Junior vocalists Tamar Changelian and Sarah Ptashnik are anxious to perform. And Frances Master and Patrisia Vekima, both seniors, will join forces to sing, with piano accompaniment by Vekima.

NHS vocal music director Mary Kay Pryce is coordinating this event with creative students and enthusiastic parent volunteers.

'We've been doing the Cabaret for about 15 years," she said. "This is a great way to spend a cold winter night - enjoying the individual performances of these terrific NHS music students.

Light refreshments and festive decorations will warm the NHS cafeteria this Saturday, starting at 7 p.m. Advance reservations are recommended, although tickets can be purchased at the door. Proceeds will benefit the school's choir program. For tax-deductible tickets (\$15 each) and information, email nhscabaret2015@gmail.com.

Moraine students help sea turtles

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

Project-based learning has taken on an even bigger meaning at Moraine Elementary School with students helping out cold-stunned sea turtles at the Georgia Sea Turtle Center.

To enhance her teaching and the learning experiences of her Northville students, teacher Suzanne Lipshaw has employed the topic of oceanography as a yearlong themed project-based learning (PBL) approach to teach her students the Common Core Standards (CCS) that relate to their reading goals.

"This is a fun and engaging way for them to learn," said Lipshaw.

And it's working very well. The first PBL experience involves a partnership with the Georgia Sea Turtle Center (GSTC)

As part of this experience students have taken a virtual field trip to the GSTC, have done computer and text based research about the threats to sea turtle, and have conducted a virtual all school assembly. The latter consisted of cooperative small group PowerPoint, a skit, a newscast and poster presentations that were presented via Google Classroom and aimed at informing Moraine about the threats to sea turtles.

Students also just completed a collapsible water bottle fund-



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These Moraine Elementary School students are involved in their school's effort's to raise funds for, learn about and save sea turtles. The students are holding collapsible water bottles their selling to raise funds for the sea turtle effort.

raiser with the goal of raising money to "adopt" two sea tur-tles and additional funds to help rehabilitate cold-stunned turtles. This fundraiser brought in over \$1,700. The class will use \$95 to adopt sea turtles Mahi and Sprout (who live at the GSTC) while the rest will go to the center to help care for the cold stunned turtles.

The project is giving the students the ability and knowledge to blog about their research. They are staying connected with and getting health updates about their adopted turtles from the GSTC personnel. Students maintain reflection journals documenting

their learning and progress through use of meta-cognition skills, which helps them better understand how they learn.

At the end of this PBL experience, Lipshaw said the individual projects will be shared via Skype with the GSTC at one of their Professional Development bag lunches where the students become the teachers

"We feel good about this and what we've learned so far and been able to do," said fifthgrader Lucas Courtney. "We feel a lot of pride in helping the turtles."

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Brightmont Academy relocating Northville campus

Brightmont Academy is moving its Northville campus to a new location that will meet the needs of more students. Beginning its third year serving the metro Detroit community, the campus includes additional individual learning rooms, a larger student commons and a study studio.

The new campus is located at 15374 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, 1.1 miles away from the previous location. In addition, a new Brightmont campus will be opening in Birmingham

in early spring. Brightmont Academy, a private school, specializes in one-to-one instruction where one experienced teacher works with one student throughout every learning session.

"We are excited to expand our campus and to be able to offer an enhanced learning environment to our students," said Campus Director Cathi Stojkov.

The new design of the Northville campus includes 50 percent more individual learning rooms. There will also be a student gathering area and lunch room to provide students with a comfortable space that encourages socializing during break times. A mobile science cart will allow students to complete more complex labs with safety in mind. And a new, quiet study area with computers provides an area for independent work.

Parents can tour the new school by contacting the campus at 734-548-8740.



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MSU political leadership fellows graduating

Michigan State University's 26th class of the Michigan Political Leadership Program Fellows – including Thomas Nafso of Novi, state assistant attorney general – will be celebrating graduation at a dinner featuring two best-selling authors who've advised two U.S. presidents.

They'll be gathering, officially as a class one more time, for a special ceremony at MPLP's 20th annual dinner Thursday, Feb. 26, at Laurel Manor Banquet and Conference Center in Livonia.

Nicolle Wallace, cohost on ABC-TV's The



nik, former White House Nafso adviser to

President Bill Clinton, will speak at the event.

Wallace and Sosnik will also appear together the next morning at MPLP's 13th annual breakfast Friday, Feb. 27, at the Marriott in downtown Grand Rapids. The events are open to

the public. Tickets and

more information about MPLP are available at www.ippsr.msu.edu/mplp

Before dinner, the 24 MPLP Fellows will be congratulated by their MPLP mentors and codirectors – Anne Mervenne of Mervenne & Co. governmental relations consultant and Global Detroit Director Steve Tobocman.

Then, on something of a bittersweet note, they'll hear from Douglas B. Roberts, a former state treasurer who worked for five governors and spent the last dozen years of his distinguished career at MSU.

He's director of the Institute for Public Policy and Social Research, where MPLP makes its home in MSU's College of Social Science.

An economist who earned his master's and doctorate degree at MSU, Roberts will address the MPLP class of 2014 for the last time as IPPSR director. He plans retirement in June. Nearly half of MPLP's alumni have graduated during his tenure at IPPSR.

"This is a terrific program," he said about MPLP, considered one of the nation's premier training grounds for people who have a compelling interest in public service. "It's been my privilege and my pleasure to serve MSU."

The first class of Fellows graduated in 1992, each year since 24 new Fellows are competitively selected. MPLP is multi-partisan. Among MPLP Fellows are Republicans, Democrats, members of the Green Party and those who consider themselves strong independents.

The weekend curriculum is delivered over the course of 10 months.

It includes presentations by some of the state's leading policymakers, elected officials, corporate, economic and media leaders. Sessions are conducted around the state and include tours, hands-on activities and workshops on policy analysis, governing and media relations.

Alumni reports indicate 50 percent of MPLP alumni are serving or have served in an appointed or elected capacity since MPLP's founding in 1992. Their service ranges from city, village and township offices, to school boards, and 11 legislators in the Michigan Legislature, including four in the state Senate.

New program kicks off with 'What Parents Need to Know'

'm the father of three boys.

I also hold three college degrees. I have taught school. I was a social worker responsible for helping parents figure out how to be good parents. I was a faculty member at both Wayne State University and the University of Michigan.

With all of that, I thought I would know how to be a good parent. But when I became a parent, I learned I had a lot to learn.

Boys are tricky. I suspect girls are as well, but since I did not have daughters, I really don't know.

Boys sometimes don't say anything. Sometimes they say too much. Sometimes they are moody. Sometimes they are emotional.

As a parent, I found myself at a loss sometimes in knowing exactly what to do. How do I set limits? Should I let them fail? Should I step in and fix the situation? How much should I advocate?

At times, children look to parents for answers and guidance. And, quite honestly, sometimes as a



collaborative program with the Novi Police Department called "What Parents Need to Know." It will be a quarterly program co-hosted by the school district and police department to provide parents with information and insights about situations and dilemmas that our children face.

Our first program will be right before spring break and just shortly before prom and graduation parties. So our first program will be about what parents need to know about helping their children navigate these significant events in positive ways.

I invite all of you to make an appointment to join us at 7 p.m. April 1 to listen to insight from police and school personnel.

Every parent needs help from time to time. I know I did. This collaborative program will be an opportunity to listen and share so that we all can be the parents that our children deserve.

'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.).

Festive Northville Cabaret spotlights student talent

"Let every student who wants to perform have a chance to take the stage."

With that philosophy, Northville High School's vocal music department prepares to host its annual Cabaret at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28. An evening of dance, instrumental and vocal performances by more than 20 individuals or small groups will fill the school's cafeteria. Light refreshments, unique decorations and a crew of enthusiastic students will add to the festive event, suitable for all ages. Advance reservations are recommended.

For tickets (\$15 each) and information go to nhscabaret2015@gmail.com.

A Growing Place open house

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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.

Performance workshop

A workshop focusing on "The Importance of the Present Level Of Academic Achievement and Functional Performance (PLAAFP) Statement in the IEP" with Jill Mazur Skornicka will be held from 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, March 4 in Novi Woods Elementary - Media Center (25195 Taft Road)

Register by Feb. 26 at 248-557-5070, ext 112 or

jill.s@michiganalliance forfamilies.org. A minimum number of participants must be registered by the registration deadline for the presentation to be held. If it is after the deadline and you haven't registered, please call or email to check the status of the event. If you require accommodations or materials in an alternative format, please let us know one week before the workshop.

Northville curriculum night

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

WLCSD hosting kindergarten orientation

The Walled Lake Consolidated School District is hosting kindergarten orientation for the 2015-16 school year at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 10, at each of the district's 12 elementary schools. All kindergartners, who will be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, and their parents are cordially invited.

Research indicates that developmentally appropriate full-day schedules benefit kindergarten children academically, socially and emotionally. The district's principals and teachers understand this and are well equipped to meet the needs of kindergarten students. Walled Lake kindergarten students begin to learn a whole host of reading, writing and mathematics concepts and learning strategies that give them the foundation for a successful elementary school career in Walled Lake Schools.

For more information, go to www.wlcsd.org.

Meet 'SPARK' author

Author Dr. John Ratey describes *SPARK* as a groundbreaking exploration of the connection between exercise and the brain's performance that shows how even moderate exercise will supercharge mental circuits to beat stress, sharpen thinking, enhance memory and much more. The book will change the way you think about your morning run or for that matter, simply the way you think.

Meet the author at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 28, at Novi Middle School. Registration is required; go to novilibrary org or call 248-

parent I didn't know what to say. I learned that listening to people who understood things better than I did helped a lot.

On April 1 – yes, on April Fool's Day – the Novi Community School District is starting a new Steve Matthews is superintendent of Novi Community Schools. He can be reached at 248-449-1204 or smatthews@novischools.net. 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 Programs, including curriculum and enrollment procedures.

Call the Early Childhood office to register at 248-465-2550. Go to www.earlychildhood.northvilleschools.org for more information on current programs. 349-0720.

Parents and caregivers are encouraged to read "SPARK" in advance of the author event. To borrow a copy of the book, visit the Novi School library or the Novi Public Library. Copies are also available for purchase at Barnes & Noble, Northville.



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Cottage & Lake Front Living Show returns to Novi

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

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

Suburban Collection Showplace is located at 46100 Grand River, between Novi and Beck roads. Show hours are 3-9:30 p.m. Thursday; noon to 9:30 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday; and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$10; \$4 for children 6-14 and free for children 5 and under. Free crossover admission from the Cottage & Lakefront Living Show to Outdoorama. On-site parking is available for a fee. For more information, go to www.NoviCottage Show.com or Facebook.com/NoviCottageShow or call 800-328-6550

Become a hero give blood during **Red Cross Month**

During Red Cross Month in March, the American Red Cross reminds eligible blood donors that it doesn't take a cape or superpowers to be a hero. By donating blood, donors can become a hero for patients in need. Donors with all blood types are

needed, particularly those with types O negative, A negative and B negative.

To learn more about donating blood and to schedule an appointment, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit redcrossblood.org or call 800-RED CROSS (800-733-2767). Upcoming local blood donation opportunities include:

Novi - 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. March 4, Ricoh Professional Services (26800 Meadowbrook); 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. March 7, Corrigan Record Storage (45200 Grand River Avenue), and 7:30 a.m. to 7:15 p.m. March 13, Providence Park Hospital (47601 Grand River Avenue)

Northville Township -9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. March 14, Amerman Elementary (847 N. Center Street)

Individuals who are 17 years of age, weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements. For more information, visit redcross.org or on Twitter at @RedCross.

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.

Bowl-A-Thon set for March 7

The 33rd annual Bowl-A-Thon, sponsored by Providence Park Hospital, will be held 1-4 p.m. Saturday, March 7, at Novi Bowl (21700 Novi Road).

The goal is to raise \$25,000 and all monies raised are used in the community through Novi Youth Assistance. NYA is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization and all donations are tax-deductible.

The event includes free bowling, pizza and refreshment and prizes will be awarded.

Form a team and/or sponsor a bowler or lane. Pledge sheets are due at check-in at noon. For pledge sheets or information regarding sponsorship, call 248-347-0410 or go to www.cityof novi.org.

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 nonresident price is \$9. Tickets are limited and must be purchased in advance at the city of Novi Older Adult Services office located in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 10 Mile.

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

Police academy begins March 4

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

ty. The academy is a joint venture between the

the mystery lesson



"LOTUS" BY KATE PAUL

The Northville Art House presents its March 2015 exhibit -"the mystery lesson" paintings by Kate Paul – a solo artist show opening Friday, March 6, with an artist reception and talk (sponsored by Bandoni Creative) 6-9 p.m. and running through Saturday, March 28. The art show is curated by Took Gallagher. "To live in the mad world of man-made incantations and hocus pocus gives me not any special knowledge to understand the mystery of life," Paul said. "The knowledge is knowing that I don't know and cannot know the magic that surrounds me. The lessons learned are of experimenting with color, paint and images that define me. The mystery lesson is the comedy of errors and insights that lead me to play on!" For more information, email

Exhibits@NorthvilleArtHouse, go to

www.NorthvilleArtHouse.org, come in to the Art House at 215 W. Cady Street, Northville or call 248-344-0497.

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 handson experience at the Novi Firearms Training Center and have the opportunity to participate in a ride-along with a police officer.

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

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People's Choice Awards

2015

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. 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 barbecue 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

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 Best hor 	me décor
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All Entries Must Be Received By March 6

Best art gallery store_

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tens at 248-347-0530.

'Les Miserables' at OakPointe

A new production of Boublil and Schonberg's *Les Miserables* will be coming to OakPointe Church in Novi March 6-8.

Winner of eight Tony Awards and based on Victor Hugo's epic novel about a powerful story of redemption, loyalty and liberty; this is the show that has touched the hearts of its international audience as few shows in history have ever done.

Les Miserables will be the sixth production by OakPointe Players in conjunction with Northville Ballet Theatre, as they continue building on the rich tradition of cultural excellence of Oak-Pointe Church and the greater Detroit area. Net proceeds from ticket sales and donations will be given to Living Hope International, an international ministry dedicated to serving and building a future for orphans in Ndola, Zambia (www.livinghopeinternational.org).

Tickets are available at OakPointe Church (50200 W. 10 Mile Road) from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and after each weekend service. Prices are \$15 for adults and \$12 for children under 10 and seniors over 65.

For more information, contact Sue Brock at OakPointe Church at 248-912-0043, ext. 319 (www.oakpointe.org).

Woman's Club meetings

The next program of the Northville Woman's Club on March 6 will be a preview of the Diego Rivera & Frida Kahlo in Detroit exhibit opening March 15 at the Detroit Institute of Arts. The Northville Woman's Club will conclude its 2014-15 season on March 20 with the program, The J.L. Hudson Story, complete with a catered Maurice salad luncheon.

Those interested in more information about the Northville Woman's Club or attending its programs should contact Lorraine Andaray at 248-349-9463.

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 Hometown One. Cost is \$25 for chamber members; \$28 for non-members. Lunch includes Northville Hills Michigan Cherry Salad with chicken, soup, rolls and coffee/hot tea.

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

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

Novi Farmers Market continues through winter

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

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

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

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

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

'Leaving Iowa' at Tipping Point

The Tipping Point Theater (361 E. Cady Street, Northville) presents *Leaving Iowa* by Tim Clue and Spike Manton through March 8. The curtain rises at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, with matinees at 3 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday.

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." 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.

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 networking

Rise and Shine Networking will be held from 8-9 a.m. Wednesday, March 11 at Henry Ford Novi Medical Center, 40000 W. Eight Mile, Northville. Join Northville Chamber of Commerce members for morning networking and light refreshments. It's free, but RSVP at tracisincock@ northville.org or 248-349-

7640, ext. 22. Rise and Shine Networking will be from 8-9 a.m. Wednesday, March 25 at Community Choice Credit Union, 41660 Six Mile, Northville. Join chamber members and welcome a new business to the Northville community with a grand opening ribbon cutting ceremony, including networking and light refreshments. It's free, but RSVP at tracisincock@ northville.org or 248-349-7640, ext. 22.

State of Wixom

Wixom Mayor Kevin W. Hinkleywill present his annual State of the City address at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 5, in the Wixom Community Center (located at the Wixom Civic Center Campus at 49015 Pontiac Trail).

The mayor will provide an overview of the current state of the city and other matters pertinent to Wixom, its residents and businesses. Businesses and residents are encouraged to attend. A reception will follow.

Women and the clothes they wear

Love, Loss And What I Wore, a comedic play by Nora and Delia Ephron, plays for just one weekend, March 13-15, at Tipping Point Theatre. The curtain rises at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, with matinee at 2 p.m. Sunday.

Clothing is used as a vehicle to access some of the most vulnerable moments in a woman's life. Shopping for undergarments is transformed from a mortifying experience to a symbol of womanhood, a birthday outfit becomes a story of acceptance, and a bathrobe comes to embody the relationship between mother and daughter. Through a collection of monologues, the allfemale cast of "What I Wore" reminds us that what we wear flourishes more than our outfit; it

accessorizes life's most pivotal moments of love and loss.

The play is directed by Lynn Wilde Concannon and stars Julia Glander, Katie Huber-Welty, Denise Jenkins, Laura Mandernack and Julie Yolles.

The theater is located at 361 E. Cady St. in Northville. All tickets are \$35 and are available now by calling the box office at 248-347-0003. Box office hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 90 minutes prior to performances

For more information, call Lynn Wilde Concannon at 248-347-0003.

Learn about identity theft

Novi Community Education will present a seminar by Rebekah Wiles, special agent of the FBI, 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, March 24, at Novi Middle School (Room 502). It will cover Identity Theft: What it is, how to prevent it and what to do if you're a victim.

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City honors those who protect and serve residents

The Novi Police and Fire Departments held their annual awards ceremony Feb. 19 to celebrate accomplishments and recognize professional development achievements of those who protect and serve the community.

The ceremony was held at the Novi Civic Center. Both departments additionally recognized employees of the year, including Police Officer of the Year, Civilian Employee of the Year and Firefighter of the Year.

"It is with great honor and pride that we recognize Novi Fire Lt. Todd Seog, Police Officer Robert Manar and Public Safety Performance Analyst Jason Porter for

the honorable work they have done for the Novi Fire and Police Departments and in dedicated service to the entire Novi community," Director of Public Safety/ Chief of Police David E. Molloy said.

"In addition to performing their work assignments at peak performance, all three individuals embrace the highest level of public safety values and serve as outstanding role models for their colleagues, the city of Novi and the community," he added.

Police Civilian of the Year – Public Safety Performance **Analyst Jason** Porter

Porter started his career with the Novi Police Department as a records clerk/crime analyst in 2013 and was reassigned to the administrative team in 2014 as the public

safety performance

analyst. His analytical skills were utilized to implement Data Driven Approaches to Crime and Traffic Safety, a nationally recognized police operational model which merges crime and traffic crash data with geo-mapping technology to identify areas for highly visible enforcement by uniform patrol officers.

Porter

The initiative reduced targeted crimes and traffic collisions by double digits in targeted zones and contributed to a nearly 8-percent reduction in Part A crime in the city in 2014. In addition, Porter



Manar

implemented an electronic crime and information sharing tool for patrol briefings, coordinated weekly Public Safety CompStat meetings and initiated a regional crime analysis group to enhance information sharing between local, state and federal agencies in southeast Michigan.

Firefighter of the Year – Lt. Todd Seog Seog started his ca-

reer with the Novi Fire Department as a paid-oncall firefighter in 1997, was hired as a full-time fire protection officer in

1999 and promoted to the rank of lieutenant in 2012. Seog worked diligently to improve the safety of employees and citizens alike by ensuring the readiness of the automatic external defibrillators and emergency kits located throughout city owned facilities. For more than a decade, Seog has led the File of Life and Self-Contained **Breathing Apparatus** Programs for the Novi Police and Fire Department members and was recently recognized as Public Safety Employee of the Month for mentoring new and current members of the fire department.

Police Officer of the Year – Officer **Robert Manar**

Manar has been a member of the Novi Police Department since 2005, serving as a K-9

handler from 2008-12. Along with his K-9 Alex, Manar earned several awards for the capture of numerous fleeing felons, multiple narcotics seizures and a lifesaving award for tracking a distraught woman who had taken narcotics in an attempt to end her life.

In addition to his patrol duties, Manar is a highly regarded field training officer responsible for training and evaluating new police officers, ensuring they meet the quality standard expected from the Novi Police Department. Throughout his nineyear career, Manar has also earned two Merit Citations, four Unit Citations, Individual Achievement Award and received numerous letters of thanks from citizens for his dedicated service to the community.

Michigan State Police testing drone for department operations

Many uses seen for unmanned aircraft

The Michigan State Police is seeking approval to use an unmanned aircraft system — com-monly known as a drone - to enhance public safety efforts.

State police spokeswoman Shanon Banner said if the Federal Aviation Administration approves its request, the state police would become one of the first police agencies in the nation to obtain statewide authorization to fly the drone to support public safety efforts.

"The drone would be used in search and rescue, crime scene and crash investigations," she said.

The state police purchased an Aeryon Sky-

Ranger in September 2013 in the hopes of using the drone to support law enforcement missions. It was selected because "of its high rating in the federal Robotic Aircraft for Public Safety survey," according to a state police news release

The RAPS survey evaluated different systems for safety, capability and reliability. Since that time, the state police worked closely with the FAA to meet all safety and training requirements, as well as to develop policies and procedures for the safe and effective implementation of this equipment.

In February, state police received a certificate of authorization from the FAA to conduct training flights with the

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drone near the department's Training Academy in Lansing.

Departmental policy dictates the unmanned aircraft system is always flown by a two-person crew, with one acting as the pilot and the other as a safety observer. The FAA-certified pilot has received specific training from the manufacturer in the safe operation of the Aeryon SkyRanger.

The Aeryon SkyRanger must remain below 400 feet and always be within a line of sight of the crew, according to the policy. Many additional safety factors are included with the design of the device.

A site visit with the FAA is scheduled in the near future to review the state police's request for authorization.





The Michigan State Police has been testing this Aeryon SkyRanger since February in the hopes the Federal Aviation Administration will allow the department to fly it in support of public safety efforts. If permission is granted, the state police will use the drone for search-and-rescue operations and for investigations of crime scenes and vehicle crashes.



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Economists predict state looks strong in 2015 and beyond

By Jay Grossman

Staff Writer

Two financial experts who spoke at Feb. 12 economic forecast breakfast in Birmingham are predicting the U.S. economy will continue growing at a healthy clip.

Even so, there are signs the party won't last forever.

Paul Traub, a senior business economist for the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago-Detroit Branch, said the overall economy grew about 2.5 percent in the past year and should continue to do the same in 2015.

"It looks like it's expanding at a solid pace," he said of the economy. "The labor conditions are improving, household income is rising moderately and a decline in energy prices has been a big boon to consumers because it gives them money to spend elsewhere."

David Sowerby, a vice president with Loomis, Sayles & Co., said investments in the capital markets are bringing an average return rate between 7-8 percent. He thinks the trend will continue into 2015.

"Capital markets – what a



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Linda Watson directed questions to the two guest speakers, David Sowerby and Paul Traub.

six-year bull run we've had after facing Armageddon," Sowerby said of the Great Recession that began in 2007 and ended in 2009.

The Birmingham-Bloomfield Chamber hosted the breakfast and Linda Watson with Clark Hill moderated the discussion. Chamber president Joe Bauman said he was encouraged by the forecast. "Overall, I thought our ex-

pert panelists offered a pretty

optimistic outlook for the state of Michigan's economy in the short term, which certainly is good news," Bauman said. "Especially in Oakland County, home prices are up, unemployment is down and business leaders we hear from on a daily basis are pretty optimistic the economy will continue its upward trend."

Still, there are a few dark clouds are the horizon. Traub said the housing market remains sluggish in most parts of the country and that borrowing rates are going to increase sooner than later. He also believes wages need to rise for the economy to keep growing.

"New car prices are rising steadily and that's a wonderful thing with low interest rates," Traub said. "But the tale of the tape is when interest rates start to rise. Right now, it's not how much you want to spend on your vehicle ... it's how much you want to spend per month on the payments."

The two economists believe oil prices will eventually rise, but they can't say for certain by how much.

"Nobody on this planet can forecast the price of oil," Traub said. "I remember in 2007, oil was \$130 a barrel and Goldman Sachs said it was going to \$200 a barrel. Guess what? It went to \$30 a barrel ... good luck trying to make money on an oil or gasoline forecast."

Sowerby expects Michigan's economy to grow 2-3 percent in the coming year. Michigan's unemployment rate of 6.3 percent is slightly higher than the national average of 5.6 percent, but the unemployment rate in Detroit remains disturbingly high at 14 percent.

Both men agree Detroit remains a tale of two cities: The downtown is thriving, while the outer neighborhoods are struggling.

"You have 139 square miles for a population of 710,000," Traub said of Detroit's infrastructure. "Good luck trying to solve that."

Looking back, Michigan was one of the fastest-recovering states from the recession. Sowerby said the state outperformed the national economy in 19 of the last 22 quarters. In 2007, the state ranked 27th in competitiveness – today it ranks 12th in the country.

try. "Michigan looks good in short term and in the long term," he said.

But in the long run, Sowerby said Michigan needs to diversify its auto-based economy and start attracting major companies that want to locate their headquarters in the state.

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NEWSMAKERS

Cahill appointed to Harper hospital board

Northville resident Robert Cahill, president and CEO of Hospice of Michigan, has been appointed to the Harper University Hospital Board of Directors.

Cahill is among the health care and business professionals who serve on the board of Harper, one of eight hospitals and institutes that comprise the Detroit Medical Center. Harper offers services in a broad range of clinical areas, including cardiology, neurology, neurosurgery, organ transplant, plastic surgery, general surgery, bariatric endocrinology and sleep disorders.

Cahill, who joined HOM more than 16 years ago, was named president and CEO in 2013. He brings a well-rounded background of hands-on experience in finance, operations, sales and marketing in a variety of industries, including health care, managed care, insurance and banking/finance.

Cahill also serves on the National Hospice Work Board and Hospice of Michigan Foundation Board. He has also served on the boards of other community and professional organizations, including American Society of Employers, Detroit Economic Club, Michigan Hospice and Palliative Care Association Board, among others.

Before joining HOM, Cahill served as vice president of operations for Value Health's Great Lakes region, the largest division of the managed-care organization responsible for the care of 3.5 million people.

Prior to Value Health, Cahill was vice president, chief operating officer and chief financial officer at Insight Recovery Centers. He helped this multi-site nonprofit grow and diversify itself for 13 years.

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DDA showcases Northville via YouTube

The Northville Downtown Development Authority has a new You-Tube channel dedicated to downtown Northville.

To view different videos, go to the channel name Downtown Northville. The current videos on the channel include: 2014 Flower Sale; 2014 Arts & Acts Festival; 2014 Concours d'Elegance Preview Event; and 2014 Skeletons are Alive event.

To view, go to https://www.youtube.com/ channel/UCZsQ5chm M291b3BTjiNQxTg.

Building a Joyful Workplace

The city of Novi, Novi Public Library and the Novi Chamber of Commerce are partnering to present an author luncheon featuring Richard Sheridan from 11 a.m. to 1:30 Wednesday, March 18, at the Novi Civic Center.

As the CEO of Menlo Innovations, Sheridan describes how he worked to create a joyful culture at the company in his book *Joy Inc*.

Please join for a presentation, discussion and lunch how any organization can create methods for a healthier, happier work atmosphere with a passionate team and sustainable business results required for growth.

The cost is \$35 per person and includes lunch and hardcover copy of book. Registration increases to \$45 per person after March 4.

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began to support various community groups, sponsored art and theater events, and backed educational events through the African-American Chamber of Commerce.

The goal was both to provide important support to the community and to recruit new African-American financial professionals.



Under New Leadership, Mass Mutual Southeast Michigan Seeks Growth Through Community Outreach

Southfield, Mich., Feb. 22, 2015 –When Colleen Schueneman took over full leadership of MassMutual Southeast Michigan last summer, she immediately set about building relationships with different segments of the community.

Schueneman, the new General Agent, and a growing staff of financial professionals are intent upon building meaningful connections, whether it's meeting with leaders of the Detroit Economic Club, local African-American organizations, or the Belle Isle Women's Committee.

"The fact is, you need to build trust in a community before you can start doing business there," Schueneman said. "We have been working very hard to get our feet firmly planted here."

"We are very excited to have Colleen at the helm of MassMutual Southeast Michigan," said John Vaccaro, Senior Vice President and Head of USIG Sales & Distribution for the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company (MassMutual). "Colleen is an innovative and visionary thinker who will be a strong leader for her agency, as well as the larger community."

For Schueneman immersion in the community has been a winning strategy. When she became Managing Director at MetLife in Chicago, Schueneman quickly realized that the company was not adequately serving the large multicultural community in the area.

Schueneman reached out to top leaders in the African-American community, invited them to a meeting, and just listened. The leaders told her they felt that the company had no presence locally, and that their constituents weren't being adequately supported or educated about financial matters. Schueneman continued to hold meetings over the next several months to hear about what they wanted and needed. From those conversations, Schueneman



Colleen Schueneman, CLF, LUTCF

General Agent

MassMutual Southeast Michigan 28411 Northwestern Hwy., Suite 1000 Southfield, MI 48034 cschueneman@financialguide.com 248-208-2706 Schueneman learned valuable lessons from that endeavor and is employing a similar approach to her leadership at MassMutual Southeast Michigan.

"We recognize that in general, the multicultural market is vastly underserved," Schueneman said. "Just as I did in the Chicago area, I am meeting with leaders in this community and just listening to what their needs are."

In her new position, Schueneman has spent considerable time meeting with leaders of the Michigan Black Chamber of Commerce.

"What came out loud and clear is that the community needs more education about basic financial planning, debt reduction, college funding, and the danger of overusing credit cards," she said. Schueneman is working to develop an educational series through the chamber on these topics.

In addition to multicultural groups, Schueneman also is reaching out to women and to Millennials. She has recently brought on five women for staff positions and another nine women as financial professionals. Schueneman has spoken at various women's organizations and events in hopes of recruiting more women.

"A lot of our top producers are women," she said. "The job is appealing to women because it offers a lot of flexibility and opportunities for development, growth and advancement."

Under Schueneman's leadership MassMutual Southeast Michigan also is reaching out to Millennials, both in terms of recruiting and to develop a younger clientele. She has spoken at college campuses and to alumni groups, and is using newer technologies, such as video conferencing and social media to reach this tech-savvy audience.

Overall, Schueneman is creating an innovative vision that brings MassMutual Southeast Michigan squarely into the 21st Century. She has created a one-stop shop at her agency, where clients can access an array of services under one roof.

She and her staff have also thrown themselves headlong into community service projects, including volunteering with Habitat for Humanity, Race for the Cure, and at Genesee Resources, a program that helps homeless women in the area. Schueneman also is active with The Make A Wish Foundation, Special Olympics, Ronald McDonald House, the Judson House, Jewish Vocational Services, Cal's Angels and WASCO Development of Girls, among other charities. Schueneman also serves on the Board of Trustees for the GAMA Foundation for Education and Research, where she develops research to educate future leaders in the financial services industry.

"I have been out and about in the community, building trust and rapport among people because that is the starting point," she said. "If you want to be engaged in the community, you also need to give back."

But for all the new relationships she is building, Schueneman's role as the new General Agent of MassMutual Southeast Michigan is a homecoming of sorts. A Michigan native, she has been in the financial services industry for nearly 30 years. Schueneman began her career as a financial services representative and has represented Prudential, Mutual of New York and MetLife, and headed her own firm before joining MassMutual. After spending 20 years in the Chicago area, Schueneman has returned to the area with her husband and three children. She is an avid golfer and sports enthusiast, and enjoys her time as a Fast Pitch softball coach.



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Lotus, Level One merging to form new community bank

The shareholders of Novi-based Lotus Bancorp, Inc., approved the merger into Level One Bancorp, Inc., in a transaction that will create one of the largest, locally-owned, independent community banks in Oakland County.

The announcement was made Feb. 18 by Neal J. Searle, president and CEO of Lotus and Patrick J. Fehring, president and CEO of Level One.

"Our shareholders have demonstrated full support of this partnership," Searle said. 'Joining forces with Level One will provide more opportunities and the infrastructure and resources necessary to continue to be competitive for our clients and communities. Level One's team and board

members have been exceptional to work with, a clear illustration of what the future holds for the combined organization."

The merger, which will include the consolidation of Lotus' subsidiary bank Lotus Bank into Level One's subsidiary bank, Level One Bank, is expected to close Feb. 28. The transaction has already received approval by federal and state regulatory authorities. Upon closing, the two institutions will have combined assets of approximately \$820 million, including nine banking centers in southeast Michigan.

"We greatly appreciate the confidence the shareholders have placed in Level One and look forward to welcoming Lotus clients to our

bank," Fehring said. "This acquisition allows us to continue our commitment to local community banking while providing new office locations and resources including residential mortgage, treasury management and investment services - to their clients."

Founded in 2007, Level One has completed two prior acquisitions in the past five years, including Michigan Heritage Bank in 2009 and Paramount Bank in 2010. Advisers for the latest acquisition to Level One include the law firm of Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP. For Lotus, Austin Associates, LLC served as financial advisers, with Howard and Howard providing legal counsel.

OCC seeks audit committee members

The Oakland Community College Board of Trustees is seeking a community volunteer to serve on the Board's Audit Committee. OCC has a budget of about \$157 million for fiscal year 2014-15.

The Audit Committee is composed of three OCC trustees and four community members. Duties include:

» Developing and periodically reviewing audit-related policies for approval by the Board of Trustees;

» Reviewing the audit plans for the coming year and discusses with the external audit firm;

» Meeting with the audit firm to review the audited financial statements and the audit report on federal awards received as required by federal law or regula-

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» Addressing any issues identified in the required communications and management letter;

» Reviewing the performance of the auditors annually, ensuring continued independence;

» Reviewing with management and the external auditor the internal control process and the risk management and mitigation process:

» Reporting the results of the audit and providing recommendations based on the findings to the Board of Trustees for approval;

» Reviewing the College's whistle blower policies and procedures for appropriateness and effectiveness; **Community** Audit

Committee candidates must reside or work in Oakland County and submit an application form. Upon appointment by the OCC board, community volunteers will serve a two-year term.

"Serving on this committee is an excellent way to support oversight of the financial reporting processes at OCC, a major tax-supported institution in Oakland County," OCC board Chair Thomas Sullivan said. "Community involvement is important because we want to continue to be as responsive as possible to the community and its needs.3

Applications may be completed online at https://oaklandcc.edu/ Trustees/Audit Committee/

The deadline to apply is Feb. 27.

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for the online registration.

Upcoming tech248 Meetup

The first tech248 Meetup for the Southwest Region of Oakland County (Novi, Wixom, South Lyon, Lyon Township, Milford, Milford Township, Commerce Township, Wolverine Lake and Walled Lake) will be held at 2:30 p.m. March 26 at the Detroit Public TV Riley Broadcast Center (1 Clover Court, Wixom). The featured speaker will be Thanh Tran, founder and CEO of Kidpreneur. To register for this tech248 event, go to www.Advantage Oakland.EVENTBRITE. com

tech248 is a new L. Brooks Patterson initiative for Oakland County tech companies to provide better access to talent, connectivity and branding.

In Novi, close to 300 companies were identified as "tech" companies based on NAICS codes for industries defined for tech248. Go to mitech248.com for more information on the initiative.

Taste of Northville set for March 14

The Northville Chamber of Commerce announces the annual Taste of Northville Business Showcase Event, with presenting sponsor Community Financial Credit Union, is scheduled for 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 familythemed event. This year's theme will celebrate the "Wearing of the Northville Green" (St. Patrick's Day).

"The Business Showcase is a great opportuni-

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ty for our local businesses to showcase their products and services, to meet the community and to network with other businesses" Northville Chamber Associate Director Traci Sincock said. "It's also a fun way for the whole family to spend an afternoon in a fun atmosphere, getting to know our local businesses and to sample great food from our area restaurants and caterers.

Premier event sponsors include: CertaPro Painters, Independence Village of Plymouth, Monroe Bank and Trust, Plymouth Physical Therapy and TDR Specialists in Orthodontics.

'Our businesses also sponsor raffle prizes and bring lots of promotional items," Sincock said. "We encourage attendees to vote for their favorite restaurant/caterer, business and best theme displays.'

Tickets for the Business Showcase are available at the door for \$3

per person. Contact the chamber for additional information at 248-349-7640 or go to www.northville.org.

SCORE business mentoring

The Service Corp of Retired Executives onehour appointments are available from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. one Saturday per month (Feb. 28. March 28 and April 25) at the Novi Public Library.

SCORE mentors provide free one-to-one business counseling, discuss how to start your business, grow your business or overcome a specific business hurdle with an experienced business mentor from SCORE.

Go to the Novi Public Library's website (www.novilibrary.org) to get started on a path to an improved you in 2015.



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

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

Drop Off or Mail Into: People's Choice Awards - Novi News, 29725 Hudson Dr. Novi, MI 48377 Only one entry per person per week, 18 years or older.

Please fill out form completely. Partial Ballots may be disqualified.

BEST FOOD OUTLETS

BEST SERVICE PROVIDERS & RETAIL STORES

Best place for donuts/bagels/baked goods	Best physician	
Best coffee		
Best place for breakfast		
Best steaks	•Best eyecare	
•Best deli		
Best fast food restaurant	•Best salon	
Best family restaurant		
Best place for soup		
Best place for salad		
Best place for burgers	•Best real estate company	
Best place for hotdogs/coneys	•Best real estate agent	
Best place for subs	•Best mortgage provider	
Best place for desserts	•Best accountant	
Best Sushi restaurant	•Best auto dealer	
Best Italian restaurant	•Best auto service	
Best Asian restaurant	•Best oil change shop	
Best Mexican restaurant	•Best collision shop	
Best Greek restaurant	•Best tire store	
Best place for pizza		
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Best wine selection (restaurant)		
Best beer selection (store)	Best health/fitness club	
Best beer selection (restaurant)	•Best car wash	
Best place for romantic dinner		
Best after work meeting place	Best garden center	
Best sports bar	•Best dance studio	
Best place for dancing		
Best framing shop	•Best dentist	
Best financial planner		
Best massage		
Best sporting goods store	•Best insurance agency	

Must Be Received By Entries 6th

Legacy Church

and Orchard Hills Baptist

Church)

cychurch.us.

day 7 p.m.

Church

Nine Mile.

Novi.

(formerly First Baptist Church

Location: 23455 Novi Road,

Contact: pastor Jon Hix, 248-

Sunday School/Small Groups

349-5665 or visit www.lega-

for all ages: 9:45 a.m.

Meadowbrook

Congregational

Location: 21355 Meadowbrook

Road between Eight Mile and

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.

Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m.

Caring for the Caregiver:

Social worker Marcia Filek will

8. The presentation is open to

manager for Senior Care Solu-

tions by Oakwood and manager

for Oakwood Care Connections.

Learn how to manage caregiver

stress and burnout along with

identifying resources that are

Address: 35475 Five Mile Road,

Web: www.5milechurch.org.

Phone: 734-464-6722

Livonia

Email:

attend. Filek is the resource

present "Caring for the Caregiv-

er" from 6-8 p.m. Sunday, March

the public and there is no cost to

Church School and Nursery

Care: provided during worship.

Worship Services: 11 a.m.

Bible Study/Prayer: Wednes-

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.brightmoorchur-

ch.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).

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Passages How to reach us; 1-800-579-7355 · fax 313-496-4968 · www.mideathnotices.com

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

ALTMAN. ANN LOUISE

Of Eaton Rapids, Michigan (formerly Brighton, of Michigan), was born March 14, 1928 to Henry and Viva Ray, and passed away peacefully February 15, 2015 at age 86. Ann is preceded in death by her husband, Charles Altman Jr. and daughter, Susan (Altman) Merkle. Left to cherish her memory are Roger and Kaylee Altman; son and daughter-inlaw, Eaton Rapids, MI.; Ronald R Merkle, son-in-law, Howell, MI; Justin Merkle, grandson, Tampa, Florida; Lauren (Roy) Alisoglu, granddaughter, MI. Ann married Metamora, Charles Altman in 1948 and was a loving wife for 65 years. Over the years Ann was an active member of the Hartland and then New Hudson United the Methodist Church. She was a caring woman with a kind heart. A Funeral Service celebrating Ann's life will be at the New Hudson United Methodist Hudson Church on Saturday, March 14, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. With a meal following. Donations can be made to the New Hudson United Methodist Church, 56730 Grand River Avenue, New Hudson, MI 48165, (248) 437-6212, http://w tributes.com/obituary/show/Ann-Altman-102197840.

BARAN FRANCES E.

Age 94, formerly of South Lyon, MI, passed away on February 9, 2015 in Sun City, Arizona. She was born in Detroit on January 26, 1921 to William and Antonia Kawiak. She was preceded in death by her husband of 47 years, Edward F. Baran and her four siblings, Joseph, Mary, Stella and Richard. Frances led a very full and active life. Upon graduating from high school, she received training through the National Recovery Act, and during World War II, became a Rosie the Riveter. After the war, she and Edward were married and began their family. She is survived by her three children, Patricia (Richard) Norton of Scottsdale, Arizona, Lawrence (Betty) Baran of South Lyon and James (Kristi) Baran of Hendersonville, North Carolina; and three grandchildren Matthew Baran of Chicago, Lisa (Brian) Klaban of Wheaton, Illinois and Brian Baran of Las Vegas. Spending time with her children and grandchildren was one of her greatest joys in life. Frances was a Girl Scout Leader and Den Mother for many years. She was also a co-owner with her hus-band Edward, of Baran's Jewelry for 25 years and sole owner of Baran Collectibles; both in South Lyon. She also realized a life long dream when she began college at the age of 48. She graduated from Eastern Michigan University with Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Business Education. She taught business classes at Schoolcraft College and substitute taught in South Lyon. She joined the computer age later in life and took classes well into her 80's. She was active in the Red Hat Society in South Lyon, the Computer and Investor Club in Sun City and the Rosie the Riveter Association in Sun City. It was her goal to stay relevant and informed. Frances was an inspiration to all who knew and loved her. Funeral Services and burial took place on February 17th at the National Memorial Cemetery in Phoenix, Arizona. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Vincent de Paul

EATON, FRANK LEVI

Passed away peacefully on February 10, 2015 at home in West Palm Beach, Florida. Frank was born July 4, 1923 in Northville, Michigan, and graduated from the University of Michigan after serving in the United States Navy in World War II. He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Margery Jean Merriam Eaton; his twin brother Louis Eaton; his sister Alice Sackett; two sons, Timothy and Charles (son Robyn Lee preceded him in death); six grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and many nieces, nephews and loving friends. Frank lived an honorable and productive life, brightened the lives of those around him, and is truly missed. Frank died of complications of Parkinson's disease. Memorial gifts can be made to the Parkinson's Disease Foundation. Memorial services were held Saturday, February 21, at Lakeside Presbyterian Church, West Palm Beach, FL. To express condolences and/or make donations: Visit PalmBeachPost.com/obituaries.



FORRER, DR. GORDON R.

Age 92, of Northville, passed away on February 17, 2015. Dr. Forrer was born April 1, 1922 in Baltimore, Maryland, eldest son Wilhelm G. Blanchard Forrer Shules. He trained as a medical doctor at the University of Maryland and graduated from the University of Maryland at Baltimore School of Medicine in 1947. He did his internship at the U.S. Marine Hospital and residencies at Wayne Co. General Hospital and Ypsilanti State Hospital. He proudly served his country in the Army during the Korean War where he taught medical students and interns at Ft. Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas. Dr. Forrer married Carol Hanke in 1951 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Dr. and Mrs. Forrer settled in Northville, Michigan where he was clinical director at Northville State Hospital and then in private practice until 2001. Gordon was a great woodworker; among his projects he made beautiful furniture and carved shore birds. He was a painter, who also classical music and talented enjoyed reading. Gordon was an inventor; he was always inventing or improving gadgets or tools. He loved his family, especially his grandchildren. Gordon Forrer, lived a long and fruitful life; he was an admirable and caring husband and father, and he will be missed by those who love him. Gordon is survived by his loving wife, Carol Forrer; his children, Jane (Russell) Weston, Susan (Randy) Busscher, and John (Sharon) Forrer; and his grandchildren Dr. Joshua (Lena) Busscher, Andrew (Caitlin) Busscher, Adam Forrer, and Lauren Forrer. He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, and one sister. A time of gathering will be held Saturday, February 28, 2015 from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. with a Memorial Service beginning at 3:00 p.m. at Casterline Funeral Home, 122 W. Dunlap, Northville. In lieu of flowers the family would appreciate memorial contributions to Salvation Army. Online condolences at www.casterlinefuneralhome.com

GRESHAM, GERALD Age 72, of New Hudson, died

Sunday February 15, 2015. He was born February 7, 1943 in Detroit to Burl G. and Sue

(Muchay) Gresham and married Carol A. Ray on June 4, 1966. Gerald was a veteran of the US Army and worked as an Auto Test Engineer. Surviving are his wife: Carol, three children: Gerald B. Gresham, Melanie A. Gresham and Layna M. (Jason) Reeves, brother William (Ellen) Services 11a.m. Gresham. Monday, February 23, 2015 at Hidden Springs Christian Retreat Center in Howell with Pastor Matt Parks officiating. Visitation 2-6p.m. Sunday February 22 at Funeral Niblack Home, Fowlerville. Memorial contributions may be made to a Veteran's Hospital or your local humane society. www.niblackfuneralhome.com

HAUSER, PAMELA KAYE

A longtime resident of Highland, passed away in the care of her family on February 19, 2015 at the age of 62. Pam was preceded in death by her son, Daniel Hauser and her parents Dale and Frances Duncan. In addition to Bob Langley, her loving partner of 30 years, Pam is survived by her son?, Johnathon (Mary Krist) Hauser; step-daughter, Autumn Langley; grandsons, Kristopher Hauser and Mason Hauser-Reed, and his mother, Jessica Reed; (Wayne) Dalene siblings, Hosmer, Sandy (Terry) Burger, Sharon Heimke, Cliff Duncan, and Dale Duncan, Jr. Services will be held privately. Memorial contributions are encouraged to the family for the education of Pam's grandsons. For further information, please visit

LynchFuneralDirectors.com

JACOBSON. **DAVID EDWARD**

May 11, 1946 - February 16, Griffin Funeral 2015

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-livo-

nia.org. Contact: 248-442-8822. Sunday worship: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Youth group: 7 p.m. Wednesdays.

Special Needs Ministry: Contact Judy Cook, 248-442-8822.

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, began 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.

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.

May): 9:15 and 11 a.m. Sunday School (September-May): 9:15 a.m. Nursery 12th

Good Shepherd

Location: 41415 Nine Mile, corner of Meadowbrook Road,

worship.

Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile. Contact: 248-427-1175 or holycrossnovi@gmail.com; visit

Sunday Worship: 7:45 and 10 a.m.

Care: 10 a.m. worship service. Alzheimer's Support

of month.

Hope Lutheran Church

available to assist the caregiver. **Memorial Church of** Christ Minister: Mark McGilvrey

Sunday Worship (September-

grade; 11 a.m. Nursery-sixth grade.

Lutheran Church

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Contact: 248-349-0565. Sundays: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible study; 10 a.m.

Holy Cross Episcopal

holyCROSSnovi.org

Sunday School and Nursery

Group:10 a.m. second Saturday

Wednesday Family Night: 7 p.m.; Adult elective classes; junior and senior high ministries

churchoffice@5milechurch.org NorthRidge Church Location: 49555 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. Phone: 734-233-3621.

Email: pheaton@northridge church.com.

Northville Christian Assembly

Location: 41355 Six Mile. Contact: 248-348-9030; ncalife-.org

School for adults/vouth/children;

9 a.m. Contemporary service in

sanctuary; 10:15 a.m.: Contem-

children's super church on the

second level (208/210).

porary service in worship center;

Sundays: 9-10 a.m. Sunday

May you find comfort in family and friends



Northrop Sassaman Chapel

NIEHAUS, ADELIA

April 2, 1945-February 20, 2015 Arrangements by: PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME. www.phillipsfuneral.com

THORNE, MARILYN J.

January 23, 1931 - February 1, 2015 L. J. Griffin Funeral Home Northrop Sassaman Chapel



TRAPP, WALTER G.

surrounded Walter G. Angels Trapp and took him away so he could see God on this glorious day of February 16, 2015. Walter was born on July 26, 1932 in Grass Lake, Michigan to Walter J. and Lillian (Nickel) Trapp. He married his beloved wife, Donna Jean Carter, on January 18, 1964. God blessed them with a loving family of two children: Eric (Carrie) Trapp of Northville and Philip (Stephanie) Trapp of Grand Ledge; six grandchildren: Allison Trapp, Megan Trapp, Sarah Trapp, Ben Trapp, Austin Lee, and Isabel Lee; and many nieces, nephews, and other ex-tended family. Walter served in the Korean War as an Airman in the Security Services and worked for Cadillac Motor Car Company for 37 years. He attended St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church where he devoted his life to serving the Lord. Walter was

an avid sports fan, coaching his sons in baseball and cheering for his favorite team the Detroit Tigers. Funeral Services were held at St. Peter's Evangelical Luther-an Church, Plymouth on Saturday, February 21, 2015. Interment was at Glen Eden Lutheran Memorial Park, Livonia. In lieu of flowers, memorial contribu-tions may be made to Wellspring Lutheran Services or St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church and School. To leave a condolence www.schrader-howell.com



ZELL, GAYNE R. February 20, 2015. Age 88. Services entrusted to L. J. Griffin Funeral Home Northrop Sassaman Chapel-Northville

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

Eichholtz-Roark

Patricia Hart Eichholtz and Adam Patrick Roark were married Sept. 12, 2014, at Cathedral of the Assumption in Louisville, Ky.

The bride is the daughter of Debbie and Kevin Eichholtz of Northville. She graduated from Ladywood High School in 2007 and the University of Louisville in 2011. She is a pediatric emergency room nurse at Our Lady of the Lakes Regional Medical Center in Baton Rouge, La.

The groom is the son of Shelly and Brian Roark of League City, Texas. He graduated from Russell High School in 2008 and from the University of Louisville in 2012. He is a chemical engineer for Marathon Oil in Baton Rouge, La.

The Rev. Gilbert Enderle, C.Ss.R – the same priest who married the bride's parents 30 years ago - officiated the ceremony.

The bride's attendants included Carmen Lakin, Jessie Mamula, Katie Wright, Lorraine McIver, 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.

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

Novi-Northville **Center for Jewish** Life

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

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

WEDDING



Patricia Hart Eichholtz and Adam Patrick Roark

Madison Roark and Alexandra Czukkermann

The groom's attendant's included Danny Clark, Greg Hoblitzell, Ryan Satek, Nathan Bessler, Harry Eichholtz

and Carter Roark.

A reception was held at the Ice House in Louisville, Ky. The couple honeymooned in Aruba and they reside in Baton Rouge.

Better Business Bureau's list of 10 most pervasive scams for 2014

The Better Business Bureau hears from thousands of consumers and business owners every year about a variety of scams and frauds. Many are new twists on existing scams, but scammers get more sophisticated every year in how they spoof trusted names and how they fool consumers.

While BBB doesn't have specific numbers about how many people were defrauded or for how much, here are the scams we think were most pervasive this past year:

10. Sweepstakes scam: You've won a contest or the lottery, but you must pay fees or taxes in advance so they can release your prize.

9. Click bait scam: Social media posts show pictures of Malaysian Airlines, celebrity images and fake news to get you to unintentionally click and download malware.

8. Robocall scam: This scam claims to be able to lower your credit card interest rates and takes credit card information then charges fees to your card.

7. Government grant scam: You get a call saying you've been awarded a government grant for thousands of dollars, but

Your Invitation to

you need to pay fees by wire transfer or prepaid debit card.

6. Emergency scam: You get a call or email from your grandchild or other relative who was injured, robbed or arrested while traveling overseas and needs money ASAP.

5. Medical alert scam: A caller states a concerned family member ordered you a medical alert device, but need your credit card information to complete the order.

4. Copycat website scam: You get a message about a sale. You click through and order, but

you either get a cheap counterfeit or nothing at all.

3. Are you calling yourself? scam: Scammers can make a call look like it's coming from anywhere. The latest trick puts your number in the caller ID. 2. Tech support scam:

Call claiming to be from Microsoft about a problem on your computer they can fix, but they install malware on your computer instead.

1. Arrest scam: Call from someone claiming to be a police officer or government agent (often the IRS) stating they are coming to arrest you for

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overdue taxes

What you can do

» Don't be pressured into making fast decisions

» Take time to research the organization. Check them out on bbb.org, search online, etc.

» Never provide your personal information (address, date-of-birth, banking information, ID numbers) to people you do not know.

» Don't click on links from unsolicited email or text messages.

» If you are unsure about a call or email that claims to be from your

bank, utility company, etc., call the business from the number on your bill or the back of your credit card.

» Never send money by wire transfer or prepaid debit card to someone you don't know or haven't met in person.

» Never send money for an emergency situation unless you've been able to verify the emergency.

For more information on these and other scams, go to BBB Scam Stopper (bbb.org/scam). Sign up for the weekly Scam Alerts to learn about new scams. You can report scams there, too.

Highland

HIGHLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 0 W. Livingston Rd. • Highland, MI 483 248.887.1311 • www.myhumc.com Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Kids Church: 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. MS & HS Youth: 11:00 a.m. Wed is MS Youth Night: 6:30 p.m. Griefshare, Mondays, 6:30 p.m.

NEW HUDSON UNITED

METHODIST CHURCH

6730 Grand River Avenue • New Hudson MI 4816

(248) 437-6212 · Gerald S. Hunter, Pastor

Worship-10:30 a.m

www.newhudonsumc.org

School & Bible Class -9:30 a.m.

Whitmore Lake

FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH 10774 Nine Mile Road Rev. M. Lee Taylor • 449-2582

Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Worship, 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening, 7:00 p.m.

New Hudson

NEW HOPE - A Unitarian Universalist Congregation 57855 Grand River Ave., New Hudson, MI 4816 Phone 248-474-9108

Celebration of Life Service 10:30 a.m Rev. Suzanne Paul, Minister site: http://www.newhopeuu.org

Milford

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH school, Pre-K & Kdg. - Mo. Syr 620 General Motors Rd., Milford Church office: (248) 684-0895 Norship Services: Sunday 8:30 am & 11:00 an Bible Study: Sunday 9:45 am Nursery Available Rev. Martin Dressler

Brighton

HOLY SPIRIT ROMAN CATHOLIC Church & School www.hsrcc.net at the corner of Winans Lake & Musch Rd. 810-231-9199 Fr. John Rocus, Pastor Weekend Liturgies Saturday 4:00 p.m. Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.



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Sunday Worship 9:45 a.m.

Rev. June M. Smith, Pastor

248-349-2652



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Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the hometowns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

OUR VIEW

Gov. signs bill to hold down FOIA costs

Gov. Rick Snyder, in passing sweeping changes to state FOIA laws, recently reminded government officials that they work for the public, not the other way around.

FOIA Changes good policy

FOIA is a great tool for so-called "average Joes." When dealing with a reluctant official unwilling to hand out information about the functioning of government, it is the FOIA that spells out what information should be available to the general public and how it should be turned over.

Reporters love the FOIA, yes, and they use it with some frequency, but it's the average citizen who needs and uses it most.

State lawmakers recently passed a reform bill intended to hold down the price of requesting information from governments and make it easier to access. Sponsored by then-state Rep. and now-Sen. Mike Shirkey, R-Clarklake, and recently signed by Gov. Rick Snyder, the changes go into effect July 1.

The law says government agencies cannot charge more than 10 cents per page for standard office-size copies. Don't be misled. There can be additional charges for pages bigger than 8½by-11-inch paper or 8½by-14-inch paper. And there can still be labor charges for compiling the information.

But it does say that "a public body shall utilize the most economical means available for making copies of public records."

The law also allows requesters to take an agency to court if they believe the price is exorbitant. And it provides for discounts if the agency is late responding to a request. Further, it increases the penalties if a court concludes the public body "arbitrarily and capriciously" charged an unreasonable fee or violated the FOIA by refusing or delaying release of public records.

Signing the bills, Snyder issued a statement to remind government workers that they "are working on behalf of our residents, who should not be discouraged from learning about how that government is serving them."

Most government officials don't need that reminder. At least locally, most government officials are willing and ready to give residents the information they need to understand how their government works.

But there are times, and yes, locally, too, when residents do have a difficult time getting information out of an official. And, yes, it is an all-too-common ploy of reluctant government officials to run up the costs involved if they don't want to hand out information.

This bill makes significant steps forward for Michigan residents in holding down the costs they incur when seeking out information from government.

Various government agencies previously had wildly varying prices for copies of government documents. You pay 10 cents for copies at the library, but when you deal with some government agencies, you may pay much more. Some offices have charged \$5 for a single sheet of paper. Keep in mind, the information that is compiled in order to run city hall, the township or the state, has already been paid for by you, the taxpayer, so there is no doubt that you, the taxpayer, should be able to access it. The exceptions are already well laid out in the law. This reform won't smooth out every problem with the current FOIA — it won't close every loophole nor convince every reluctant government official to be more forthcoming — but it is a significant step forward. And it should help hold down your costs.

COMMUNITY VOICE

Why do you like the line dancing classes at the Northville Community Center?

This question was asked of regulars who join the line dancing each Monday.



"It keeps you physically fit and works the memory muscle. It's also a great way to develop friendships."

> Rosemary Krest Community Center

> instructor for 11 years



"It's a great way to exercise the body." Roseanne Sopuch Farmington Hills



"It keeps us young!" Nancy Savage Northville



"It's a fun way to stay in shape and be with friends."

> Pat Barney Novi

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Water rates, drip by drip

OK, we now know that this year's fixed rate portion of the water bill is going up \$215, or 77%. So now we'll pay \$337 instead of \$122. We sure hope the Detroit Water and Sewer Department (DWSD) makes good use of the extra \$1.8 million Northville Township will be sending them every year. Case closed? No, three questions remain. The first two are basic, but the third is complex:

1. What is the total fixed rate for 2016? It appears that the full rate pass-through from DWSD is a two-year deal. Therefore, it's likely that another increase is coming, probably a sizable one. Northville Township should disclose the total two-year increase in fixed rates now, so that we all understand the big picture and its impact.

2. What are the commodity/ usage rates for 2016? Our water bill is comprised of two parts: fixed and commodity. We know that the commodity rates for 2015 are the same as last year, but are we confident that 2016 will remain the same?

3. Why is all this extra money going to DWSD now? The low water consumption answer is weak and misleading.

When dealing with a public utility that's also a monopoly, we need: above.

Three cheers for Ruehlen's column

I was fascinated with your approach to teaching your young children about the horrors of American slavery. It is a difficult subject to broach at any age and your honest efforts were refreshing. All aspects of U.S. History should be examined and designed to be "age appropriate." I taught a class entitled "Negro History" for 10 years beginning in 1969 at St. Mary's of Redford High in Detroit. At first, the student body was all white, but the neighborhood was beginning to be integrated. The principal of our school funded a training class for me in Dayton, Ohio. At this conference I had the pleasure of meeting the famous author James Baldwin and other wonderful speakers and trainers. I remember my excitement of having a meaningful discussion with James Baldwin about his books

Returning to Detroit, the class was offered to 11th grade students. This course was one of the favorites that I taught throughout my stay at St. Mary's. One group of female students was lucky enough to visit Rosa Parks who had moved to Detroit. This was a wonderful experience for these young students to interview first hand an icon of the Civil Rights Movement. On a recent night, my wife and I took our 12-year-old granddaughter to see the movie Selma. She is a sixth-grader at Riley and this gave us an opportunity to discuss the history of race relations through our experiences and education. When she got

home, she told her dad that "every middle school student should see this movie!"

In summary, I so enjoyed your column and keep up the good work!

Tom Klisz Livonia

More kudos

I was impressed with your editorial about talking to your children about the issues of life like racism and sexual orientation. The answers as parents were thoughtful and true. You are right, we don't talk to our children (in my case grandchildren) as openly as we should about these issues.

Sally Pinchock Plymouth

And more

I just read your column entitled: "Black history lessons should be taught at home, too" and felt the need to respond. Your experience with your children is something I wish would happen in every home. I felt your emotions in the printed words of the column and silently cheered both you and your kids as you explored a sad yet powerful set of lessons in our past.

Too many parents either push such questions aside as too difficult, or too embarrassing, to answer. My own kids are having children of their own, but who's to say that this grandpa won't get an opportunity to teach his grandkids? Maybe your experience will help me do a better job. I hope it empowers other parents.

Vic Leo e Northville Township

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ting the best bang for the buck. » Checks and balances – pursuit of legislative and judicial action, if necessary, to ensure fairness for all citizens and communities. And,

» Accountability – use of the ballot box to secure all of the

It was a powerful message, well said, and I thank you for sharing it.

Dave Ewick Southfield

GUEST COLUMN

Make education an overwhelming priority

istory, they say, is written by the winners. And here's a rock-solid political truth: The folks with the votes write the notes.

Michigan Republicans over-

whelmingly control the House of Representatives (63-47). So if you look through the 24-page, nicely designed House Republican Action Plan for 2015, you get a pretty good idea of what notes Speaker Kevin Cotter, R-Mount Pleasant, and his colleagues intend to play this year.

That is, once voters decide May 5 whether to raise the sales tax to fix the roads and once the governor and Legislature agree how to fix a state budget that's currently several hundred million dollars in the red.

The target date for budget stabilization is June 1. Once that's done, you can bet lawmakers will be turning their gaze to the GOP's 78-item action plan. It pretty much covers the entire waterfront. Among other things, it calls for repealing the state's prevailing wage rules, eliminating local ordinances that require paid sick days, reforming the teacher retirement system, reviewing the role of land banks and establishing a uniform definition of a veteran.

Most consequential, however, are these four items:

» Adopting a teacher-performance evaluation system that is accurate, fair, transparent, easy to admin-



Kurt Kuban, Community Editor Susan Rosiek, Executive Editor **Grace Perry,** Director of Advertising ister — and one that won't be trashed by the teachers unions.

» Adopting stiffer certification tests for graduates of schools of education. (This needs to come with some — any — system of accountability for the state's schools of education, which annually produce around 4,000 graduates of varying quality for only around 2,500 new openings.)

» Initiatives to deal with third-grade reading performance, a generally recognized benchmark that determines which children are likely to succeed in school. Last term, a proposal that would have held back every third-grader who didn't pass a proficiency exam withered after critics said it would be very expensive, but not do much to help the kids who needed it.

» Reform of the state's corrections system, which now costs far more than Michigan spends to support the entire system of public colleges and universities. Lost during the chaos of last year's lame-duck legislative session were a number of carefully thoughtthrough proposals by term-limited state Rep. Joe Haveman, R-Holland, including sentencing reform.

The GOP blueprint was rattling around in my head last week while I listened to a fascinating presentation on school reform made by officials from Tennessee.

While Michigan's school performance has declined in recent years, other states have shot ahead, particularly Tennessee, Florida, Massachusetts and Minnesota. (The reasons why are featured in a series of articles in *Bridge* magazine, published as "The Smartest Kids in the Nation," available at http://www.bridgemi.com.)

Tennessee is particularly interesting. The state spends less per pupil and pays teachers substantially less than Michigan. Yet its academic performance as measured by the National Assessment of Educational Progress examination has shot ahead of ours.

There are lots of reasons Tennessee has excelled, including high-stakes teacher evaluations, increased investment in teacher on-the-job training and quickturnaround student achievement data. It's impressive that some of those are included in the Republican house policy agenda.

Only one absolutely essential thing is lacking, not just in the recent GOP report but in, literally, decades of Michigan education policy from both parties. Yet it's a big one: Making schools better has to be our long-term top priority, period.

The Tennessee folks (can't mention names because the session, mysteriously, was off the record) made it perfectly clear: For more than a decade, under both Republicans and Democrats, the Volunteer State has made improving education a singular focus. Their suggestion: "Get widespread agreement that the entire future of the state of Michigan depends on the education of your citizens at the state and local level."

Right on!

Without being disrespectful to the Republican Party policy agenda, any priority list with 78 items on it has no priorities.

I understand why they did that. Because our present political system requires slicing and dicing the world into specific constituencies with specific interests, there's a great tendency to pander to every known interest group by issuing lengthy cover-theentire-waterfront policy proposals.

That may make political sense. However, in the real world, the rule is simple: No focus, no progress.

Try to do everything and you accomplish little or nothing.

If we're ever going to get serious about our state's future, we need to recognize that, buckle down and make improving the education of our citizens Michigan's overwhelming priority.

Former newspaper publisher and University of Michigan Regent Phil Power is a longtime observer of Michigan politics and economics. He is also the founder and chairman of the Center for Michigan, a nonprofit think tank; the Center also publishes Bridge Magazine. The opinions expressed here are Power's own and do not represent the official views of the Center. Comment at ppower@thecenterformichigan.net.



GUEST

COLUMNIST

Trott talks politics with area Rotary Club

By Jay Grossman Staff Writer

U.S. Rep. Dave Trott's first 40 days in office have been a whirlwind of political hobnobbing as he learns his way around the corridors of Congress.

The Republican congressman shared some observations Feb. 16 about the nation's capital and the inner workings of the U.S. House and Senate with the Birmingham Rotary Club. Trott said the House passed 42 bills in his first six weeks in office — and all but one had some degree of bipartisan support.

He also spoke about some of the nuances of Congress.

When I was in business for 30 years, if I scheduled a meeting for 10 a.m. I wouldn't typically schedule anything else at 10 a.m. But in Congress, they triple book you," Trott said. 'So last week at 10 a.m., I had a briefing on Iran that I thought was pretty important to go to. I also had a committee hearing ... and I had the Oakland County Schools visiting my office. The consequence of that is you're running around a



JAY GROSSMAN Newly elected U.S. Rep. Dave Trott spoke Feb. 16 to the Birmingham Rotary Club.

lot. I probably walk about 15,000 steps a day." Trott, who lives in Bir-

mingham with his wife Kappy and their three children, was in good spirits as he talked about his experiences as a first-term congressman. While the GOP has a majority in the House and Senate, Trott noted it takes 60 votes in the Senate to stop a debate — or filibuster — and move an issue to a vote.

"In the Senate, you need 60 votes — we have 54 votes on a good day — and you need 60 votes to get anything done," he said. "As described to me, there are a handful of members in the House of Representatives that are highly relevant: the speaker, the majority leader, the committee chairs and the whips ... in the Senate, every senator is relevant because one senator can hold the whole place up."

Trott then touched on a number of hot-button issues being debated in Congress:

» He expects President Obama to veto the bill to construct the Keystone XL oil pipeline.

"I think it's an important bill and I hope he doesn't veto it, but the word is he's going to," Trott said.

» He expects Congress to approve Obama's request for military authorization to fight the so-called Islamic State (ISIS).

"I think it's necessary because ISIS is a threat that's not going away," Trott said. "But the question the Republicans in the House want to ask, and at least some Democrats, is what is the strategy? There's a lack of confidence among many members, as best as I can discern, that to give the president a blank check without a strategy behind it is a mistake." » On the House vote to repeal the Affordable Care Act, Trott said he doesn't expect the measure to go very far.

"We don't expect the president to sign a bill repealing his signature legislation," Trott said "But still, it is a reminder that it's an onerous regulation that probably will not achieve the cost savings many of us believe is expected."

His first vote in Congress was to support the Hire More Heroes Act that allows small businesses to hire a veteran without being subjected to the Affordable Care Act health insurance requirements.

Trott said one of his bigger goals is to reduce the amount of bureaucratic red tape that small businesses face under the Obama administration. He agrees that more action needs to be taken on immigration reform and he supports sanctions against Iran in light of the country's nuclear program.

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Oakland County seeks to fill vacant positions

The Oakland County Board of Commissioners is seeking residents to fill four vacancies for the Community Mental Health Authority.

Requirements include being at least 18 years of age and an Oakland County residency. The board seeks to appoint individuals to oversee contracts with service providers, review quarterly financial reports and annual budgets, as well as requests for new funds. Application deadline is Saturday, Feb. 28.

Other duties associated with the Oakland County Community Mental Health Authority include planning, funding and administering an array of programs for adults and children with serious mental illnesses, emotional disturbances and/or developmental disabilities.

Individuals selected will serve a threeyear term, beginning April 1 through March 31, 2018. A mileage reimbursement and per diem will be provided.

To apply, Oakland County residents should go to www.oakgov.com/boc, click on the Apply to Serve on County Board, Committees and Commissions link and click on the application form from the Oakland County Community Mental Health Authority link.

Fill out the application form online or mail it to the Oakland County Board of Commissioners at 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Pontiac, MI 48341. To fax the form, submit it to the Oakland County Board of Commissioners' Office at 248-858-1572. To request a form, call 248-858-0101.

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"Shadows" by Hans Molzberger is composed of Raku ceramics and patinated steel.



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JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Artists Michael Rogue Collins and Hans Molzbeger talk to visitors about their artwork.

Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany Herbert

Quelle examines art by Michael Rogue Collins.

Exhibit a reminder of Holocaust brutality

Individually and together artists Hans Molzberger and Michael Roque Collins have long been interested in the Holocaust. Now on exhibit their individual and collective works show their emotional reactions to the Holocaust brutality, loss of life and the human condition.

The artists, who kicked off the exhibit, "Never Let It Rest – Sojourns in the Shadowlands," at the Holocaust Memorial Center Zekelman Family in Farmington Hills, have traveled individually and together to concentration camps and Holocaust Memorial sites throughout Europe.

"Molzberger has de-scended through postwar Germany where his cultural background and early creative activities were foreshadowed



Guests gather for the Jan. 11 opening of "Never Let It Rest — Sojourns in the Shadowlands" at the Holocaust Memorial Center in Farmington Hills.

through the unrest, distress and uncertainty that followed the terror of the Nazi regime in Europe," according to a description of the artists.

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CITY OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF ENACTMENT **ZONING ORDINANCE #01-20-15Z**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Northville City Council has adopted Ordinance No. 01-20-15Z for the purpose of amending the City of Northville Zoning Ordinance. The ordinance amends Article 18 of the Zoning Ordinance by adding Section 18.24 Air Conditioning Condensers and Emergency Electrical Generators and amends Article 26 by adding certain definitions. The amendments create definitions and regulations for the placement of air conditioning condensers and emergency electrical generators.

The ordinance was introduced for first reading on January 20, 2015 and was adopted by the City Council on February 17, 2015. The ordinance shall become effective on March 6, 2015. The complete text of the ordinance amendment is available for public review at the City of Northville Municipal Building, Office of the City Clerk or the Building Department, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-349-1300, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or on the City's website at www.ci.northville.mi.us.

CRAIG STRONG, BUILDING OFFICIAL DIANNE MASSA, CITY CLERK Publish: February 26, 2015

> Oak Pointe Players Presents A new production of

Collins was raised in the southern U.S. where he experienced the racial unrest during the civil rights movement. Both artists are now based in Houston.

The exhibit offers mixed media art that feature sculpture, ceramics, photography, video and found objects relating to the small town of

Salzwedel in the Saxony-Anhalt region of Germany during the time of Nazi control. The Holocaust Memorial Center is at 28123 Orchard Lake, Farmington Hills. The exhibit runs through May 10.

CITY OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF ADOPTION **ORDINANCE NO. 01-20-15**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Northville City Council has adopted Ordinance No. 01-20-15 - an ordinance to amend Chapter 14 Building and Building Regulations, Article IV Mechanical Code in the Northville Code of Ordinances. The amendment deletes Section 14-82 Location of Condensers as the regulation of air conditioning condensers is now included in Article 18 General Provisions in the City of Northville Zoning Ordinance.

The ordinance was introduced for first reading on January 20, 2015 and was adopted by the City Council on February 17, 2015. The ordinance shall become effective on February 28, 2015. The complete text of the ordinance is available for public inspection at the Office of the City Clerk, 215 W. Main St., Northville, Michigan, 48167, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. or on the City's website at www.ci.northville. <u>mi.us</u>

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JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Walter Shapero ponders a sculpture, "Fountain," by artist Hans Molzberger. The sculpture is made of steel and part of an excavated bomb.

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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:

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**. <u>To ensure every appeal</u> 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.

BOARD OF REVIEW

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE 2015 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW DATES

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

Tuesday	March 03, 2015	1:00 pm - Organizational Meeting
Appointment	Dates for Hearing:	
Saturday	March 07, 2015	9:00 am to 12 Noon
Monday	March 09, 2015	$9{:}00~\mathrm{am}$ to 12 Noon and $1{:}00~\mathrm{pm}$ to $4{:}00~\mathrm{pm}$
Tuesday	March 10, 2015	$1{:}00~\mathrm{pm}$ to $4{:}00~\mathrm{pm}$ and $6{:}00~\mathrm{pm}$ to $9{:}00~\mathrm{pm}$
Thursday	March 12, 2015	$9{:}00~\mathrm{am}$ to $11{:}00~\mathrm{am}$ and $6{:}00~\mathrm{pm}$ to $8{:}00~\mathrm{pm}$
Friday	March 13, 2015	9:00 am to 12 Noon

All persons protesting their assessment must complete a petition (form L-4035) which can be obtained at Northville Township Hall or on the Township website <u>twp.northville.mi.us</u> click on Board of Review or at <u>www.michigan.gov/treasury.</u>

> Sue A. Hillebrand, M.M.C. Clerk

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Players stage 'Miracle on South Division Street'

A deathbed confession begins to blow the lid off the Nowak family "miracle," unraveling a secret kept for decades. This revelation is at the heart of *Miracle on South Division Street*, a comedy (with a terrific twist) by Tom Dudzick running through Feb. 28 at the Farmington Players Barn in Farmington Hills.

Imagine the guy next door erecting a life-size shrine in his front yard and the rest of the community flocking to it as a symbol of hope and faith. It's easy to envision this occurring in a Buffalo neighborhood in 1942 at a time when Americans needed so desperately to "believe." The family legend began when Grandpa Nowak witnessed a "holy vision" right in his barbershop, which inspired a commemorative shrine on his property that served as a source of family and pride in the Polish neighborhood for years.

Miracle on South Division Street, provides a breezy look at ordinary people with extraordinary dreams — people who consider themselves to be "special" and "chosen."

"It's sort of a Polish version of *Seinfeld-Moonstruck-My Big Fat Greek Wedding*!" said director Suzanne Rogers of West Bloomfield

Rogers sees it partly as a play about "faith and family." "What is a miracle?" she asks. "Do they exist? In what or whom do you put your faith? How do you maintain faith in a world of chaos?"

The "Shrine" that makes the Nowaks the talk of the town gives them their identity. But when they gather to discuss daughter Ruth Nowak's plans to write a play about that family "miracle," a deathbed confession shakes their faith to its core.

Margaret Gilkes of

JAN CARTWRIGHT The cast includes (from left) Gilkes Bigwood (Farmington Hills), Kristi Schwartz (Canton), Michael Soave (Detroit) and Margaret Gilkes (Farmington Hills).

edy is also "about divisions: divisions in families (even loving families), divisions between young and old, Catholics and Jews, conservatives and liberals, tolerant and intolerant," Rogers said.

Such divisions certainly develop in both heartfelt and hilarious ways while the Nowaks reveal layers of secrets and lies while embracing life's delightful surprises. As the family shares stories amidst a shrine, some soup and a series of secrets, this comedy contains just the right mix of ingredients to leave us all laughing about our own families back at home.

Cast members include: Clara (Margaret Gilkes, Farmington Hills); Ruth (Katie Bigwood, Farmington Hills); Beverly (Kristi Schwartz, Canton); Jimmy (Michael Soave, Ferndale). In addition to Rogers, the pro-

SHOW TIMES AND TICKETS

» 8 p.m., Thursday through Saturday, Feb. 26-28

Reserved seats are available at both www.farmingtonplayers.org and the box office at 248-553-2955.

» Adults: \$16; students:
\$2 off any performance; seniors: \$2 off any performance; Thrifty Thursday: \$2 off the adult price for everyone only Thursday, Feb. 26.
» Group discount: \$2 off any show with a group of 10 or more people.

duction team includes assistant director Julia Spina-Kilar of West Bloomfield, producer Phil Hadley of West Bloomfield and stage manager Jill Jones of Southfield.



The women of 'Miracle' (from left): Katie Gilkes Bigwood (Farmington Hills), Margaret Gilkes (Farmington Hills) and Kristi Schwartz (Canton).

Farmington Hills plays the kind-hearted family matriarch Clara who runs a neighborhood soup kitchen and offers "healing soup" prepared on "holy ground." Clara's daughter, Ruth, is the free-spirited budding playwright destined to make her mark on the world. She is played by Margaret's real-life daughter Katie Gilkes-Bigwood of Farmington Hills. Ruth's sister Beverly (Kristi Schwartz of Canton) is the opposite of her sibling, a skeptical traditionalist who works as a ketchup bottler. Michael Soave of Ferndale plays the "baby of the family" Jimmy, (a garbage collector) who is thinking about marrying outside the faith. His biggest struggle is keeping the peace among all the women in his life.

Rogers says the com-









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PREP WRESTLING

Shamrocks matmen Battle Creek-bound again

By Brad Emons Staff Writer

Novi Detroit Catholic Central's wrestling team appears to be on the fast track once again.

The Shamrocks secured their seventh straight trip to the MHSAA Division 1 quarterfinals Friday in Battle Creek by dominating Livonia Franklin, 75-6, in the regional final Feb. 18 at Westland John Glenn.

The three-time defending state champs, who improved to 22-3 overall, also routed Salem in the semifinals, 69-9, while Franklin advanced with a 47-30 win over Dearborn Fordson.

"We're healthy, that's big, and we're confident," CC coach Mitch Hancock said. "I love this team. We're 22-3 on the year. And I look back on last year's team and we went to the state tourna"We're healthy, that's big, and we're confident. ... (We) beat some really quality teams. ... They had a nice year so far, but we're not done."

MITCH HANCOCK Catholic Central coach

ment at 15-4, so for this team to be 22-3 ... we just found out we beat the Ohio Division 1 champion Brecksville, beat a good Dundee team, beat a good Hudson team and we beat some really quality teams. I'm proud of this team. They had a nice year so far, but we're not done." Scoring two pins for the Shamrocks

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Catholic Central's Tyler Morland (top) posted the pin at 189 pounds over Franklin's Manny Willie.



BOYS BASKETBALL

KLAA test: Novi falls to Churchill in opener

Andoni, Hovermale team up 45 points in triumph

> By Brad Emons Staff Writer

Going forward in the KLAA boys basketball playoffs, Livonia Churchill coach Jim Solak would like nothing better than to clone this one. That because the host Chargers put together their most complete outing of season Friday night by dismantling visiting Novi, 74-49, to advance to the Kensington Conference semifinals. "If we can play like this we can beat anybody, I don't care who you are," said Solak, whose team improved to 12-5 overall. "We know our next opponent (Livonia Stevenson) is going to be difficult. We got to enjoy it. still learn from it and still keep it going. It's nice to have a performance like this against a really good, well-coached Novi team. It's big win for us.' None was better on this night offensively than 6-foot-2 junior

Northville's Grant LaLonde (left) sneaks the puck behind Novi goaltender Josh Richardson in Saturday's KLAA boys hockey crossover.

OVERTIME GOAL LIFTS MUSTANGS

By Brad Emons Staff Writer

Even though the regular season is not quite finished, there was a state tourney atmosphere Saturday night when state-ranked teams Northville and Novi met for the third time.

It was the rubber match between the two boys hockey rivals at Novi Ice Arena and it did not disappoint as the Mustangs earned a 5-4 victory thanks to Kyle Abraham's unassisted goal with 3:52 remaining in a sudden death eight-minute overtime.

"The (defense) really set it up," said Abraham, a senior



forward who notched only his third goal of the season. "They threw it down low. I just put pressure on them and the (defense) on their team coughed it up. I picked it up, I just buried it home and ended it. But great job by everyone there today."

With the win, No. 9 Northville (Division 1) improved to 16-6-2 overall heading into Thursday's regular season finale against Birmingham Brother Rice at Oak Park Arena.

The victory also ended a five-game winless streak for

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JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Novi's Naji Ozeir (left) has his shot blocked by Churchill's Jerod Davis during Friday's KLAA playoff opener.



BOYS BASKETBALL

Big game Hunter: Glenn clips Mustangs

Kellum's return for Northville spoiled in, KLAA playoffs, 47-45

> By Ed Wright Staff Writer

When the seas got a little stormy Friday night for Westland John Glenn's boys basketball team, Tyrikh Hunter did what captains do - he righted the ship.

With 6-foot-10 teammate Mike Edwards forced to the bench with his fourth foul midway through the third quarter of the first-round **KLAA Kensington Conference** contest against visiting Northville, and the Rockets clinging to a 24-23 lead, Hunter — a 6-0 senior guard equipped with serious springs and a fearless persona — scored six of his game-high 13 points over a two-minute span to keep the Mustangs at bay in what ultimately evolved into a 47-45 John Glenn victory.

Following two missed Rockets free throws with 5.4 ticks left, Northville's Ryan Roberts grabbed a rebound and fired the ball to Justin Zimbo, whose mid-court heave at the buzzer tickled the wrong side of the twine

John Glenn improved to 9-8, while Northville slipped to 11-6.

Hunter was "the man" for the winners, adding nine rebounds and four steals.

Hunter said his role changes depending on the situation.

'I'm whatever my team needs me to be," he said, smiling. "If they need me to be a

BOYS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP



Northville's Kevin Morrissey (left) and Nick Wilds (right) contest John Glenn's DeAndre Barthwell for the loose ball in Friday's KLAA playoff game.

rebounder, I'll rebound. If they want me to be a lockdown defender. I'll do that. They needed me to score at that moment, so that's what I did. It was a team effort tonight, but I'm a captain, so I feel obligated to step up and try to lead the team to victory."

Senior guard Mychael Bradley carried the Rockets' load early, scoring 11 first-quarter points (before finishing with 12) to help stake his team to a 14-11 advantage.

Foul-plagued Edwards played less than half the game, but managed nine rebounds and nine points - six the result of three monstrous dunks. The bulk of Northville's

offense came from the insideoutside duo of David Morrissey, who drained five triples and scored 22 points, and Nathan Kellum, who netted 17 points in his first action since he suffered a dislocated knee in game five.

'Their pressure defense affected us and made it hard for us to run what we were trying to run," Northville head coach Todd Sander said. "They play such sticky defense. We don't see a lot of that and we had a lot of young kids out there, who we were asking to do a lot. Tonight will make us better in the long run.²

Whenever Morrissey was able to set his feet and square his shoulders — which was often - he was a perimeter nightmare for the Rockets.

'David is a special player," Sander said. "He's been our leading scorer all season. He's more than just a shooter; he's a terrific player. He played his guts out tonight like he always does.

The 6-foot-8, long-armed Kellum provided an added dimension for the Mustangs, who will be a dangerous team to encounter down the stretch.

Northville made just 8-of-17 free throws, while the Rockets were only 7-for-21

Nick Wilds grabbed nine rebounds for the Mustangs, while Roberts snatched seven.

State-ranked Inter-City rolls past Franklin Road

Shamrocks down Richard; Franklin Roads rips Roeper

Senior guard Evan Kraatz pumped in 22 points Friday to propel state-ranked Allen Park Inter-City Baptist to a convincing 71-36 boys basketball victory over visiting Novi Franklin Road Christian.

Josh Estell and Luke Barber added 13 and 10 points, respectively, for the victorious

Chargers (No. 7 Class D), who improved to 15-3 overall and 11-2 in the Blue Division of the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

Franklin Road (6-12, 4-9) got 19 points from junior guard Austin Hearns, while junior guard Gavin Harris and junior forward Joshua Betcher each added eight points.

The Warriors, unable to overcome a 32-20 halftime deficit, made only 5-of-17 free

throws (29.4 percent). Inter-City connected on 8-of-13 foul shots

DETROIT CC 51, GABRIEL RICHARD 40:

Novi Detroit Catholic Central (6-9) flipped the switch during second half en route to a victory Feb. 17 at home over Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard (6-9). The Shamrocks, who were tied at 19-19 at halftime, outscored the Fighting Irish 32-21 over the final 16 minutes as senior point guard Champ Kozlowski and senior center Ike Marchie led the way scoring with 12 and 10 printer representation.

12 and 10 points, respectively. Junior guard Tyler Laurentius and sophomore forward C.J. Baird each contributed seven as the Shamrocks overcame 10-of-20 shooting from the free-throw line.

"We didn't play very good in the first half, but we

played better in the second half," CC coach Bill Dyer

Joe Chavey scored a game-high 20 points and Anthony Valenti added 15 for Gabriel Richard FRANKLIN ROAD 50, ROEPER 25: Junior guard Austin Hearns scored a game-high 20 points and dished out five assists Feb. 17 to spark host Novi Franklin Road Christian (6-11, 4-8) to a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division win over Birmingham Roeper (2-14, 1-11). Junior guard Gavin Harris and junior forward

Joshua Betcher each added 10 points for the Warriors, who led 20-12 at halftime and 35-19 after three quarters. Junior center Joshua Bause also contributed eight

points and eight rebounds for Franklin Road. Th Warriors made 4-of-6 free throws. Jake Flynn and David Gardner each tallied eight for

the Roughriders, who went 9-of-14 from the foul line.

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL Thursday, Feb. 26 Detroit CC at Divine Child, 5 p.m. Detroit CC at Divine Child, 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27 Novi at Waterford Mott, 7 p.m. Brighton at Northville, 7 p.m. Franklin Rd. at A.A Greenhills, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 5 Novi at Howell, 7 p.m. Waterford Mott at Northville, 7 p.m. GIRLS BASKETBALL Thursday, Feb. 26 W.L. Northern at Northville, 7 p.m. Milford at Novi, 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27 Baptist Park at Franklin Road, 6 p.m. Novi at Waterford Mott, 7 p.m. DISTRICT TOURNEY DRAWS CLASS & CLASS A at NOVI

Monday, March 2: (A) Plymouth vs. (B) Salem, 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 4: Northville vs. A-B winner, 5:30 p.m.; Canton vs. Novi, 7

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Wednesday, March 4: Birmingham Roeper vs. A-B winner, 6 p.m.; Novi Franklin Road Christian vs. Detroit Winans Academy, 7:30 p.m

7:30 p.m. Friday, March 6: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals Tuesday, March 10 at Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes vs. Clarkston Everest Collegiate district champion.) BOYS HOCKEY Thursday Eab 26

BOYS HOCKEY Thursday, Feb. 26 Northville vs. Brother Rice at Oak Park Arena, 6:15 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28 Detroit CC vs. Grosse Pte. North at Great Lakes Arena, 3:45 p.m. REGIONAL TOURNEY DRAWS DIVISION 1

REGIONAL TOURNEY DRAWS DIVISION 1 DET. CATHOLIC CENTRAL (Host) Monday, March 2: (A) Auburn Hills Avondale vs. (B) Waterford Mott, 7 p.m. at Orchard Lake St. Mary Prep; (C) Birmingham Groves vs. (D) North Farmington-Harrison, 7:30 p.m. at Plymouth's Compuware Arena. Wednesday, March 4: A-B winner at Orchard Lake St. Mary Prep, 7 p.m.; C-D winner vs. Novi Detroit Catholic Central, 7:30 p.m. at Compuware Arena. Saturday, March 7: Championship final, 1 p.m. at Compuware Arena. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals, 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 11 at Orchard Lake St. Mary Prep vs. Troy Athens regional champi-

Mary Prep vs. Troy Athens regional champion.)

PLYMOUTH (Host)

PLYMOUTH (Host) Monday, March 2: (A) Howell vs. (B) Brighton, 5 p.m. at Kensington Valley Ice House; (C) Plymouth vs. Salem, 6 p.m. at Canton's Arctic Edge; (E) Northville vs. (F) Canton, 8 p.m. at Arctic Edge. Wednesday, March 4: South Lyon vs. A-B winner, 6 p.m. at Kensington Valley Ice House; C-D winner vs. E-F winner, 8 p.m. at Arrtic Edge.

Arctic Edge

Arctic Edge. **Friday, March 6:** Championship final, 8 p.m. at Arctic Edge. (Winner advances to state quarterfinals, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 11 at University of Michigan's Yost Arena vs. Dearborn Edsel Ford regional championship.)

Championship.) DIVISION 2 NOVI (HOST) Monday, March 2: (A) Saline vs. (B) Ann Arbor Pioneer, 8 p.m. at Ann Arbor Ice Cube

Wednesday, March 4: Ann Arbor Skyline vs. A-B winner, 7:50 p.m. at Ann Arbor Ice Cub.

Arbor Ice Cub. Thursday, March 5: Novi vs. Ann Arbor Huron, 8 p.m. at Novi Ice Arena. Saturday, March 7: Championship final, 7:30 p.m. at Novi Ice Arena. (Winner advances to state quarterfinal, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 10 at University of Michi-gan's Yost Arena.) CIPIC E LOCKEY

Yost Arena.) GIRLS HOCKEY Saturday, Feb. 28 Northville vs. Grosse Pte. North at G.P. Community Rink, 6 p.m. MHSAA PREP WRESTLING Friday, Feb. 27 (Division 1 at Battle Creek) Detroit CC vs. Davison at Kellogg Arena, 3:15 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28 (Team Semifinals-Finals)

Howell stops Northville girls bowlers in KLAA semifinals

The Northville girls bowling team turned in a strong showing before falling to Howell, 346-274, in the the semifinals of Friday's Kensington Lakes Activities Association Tournament held at Novi Bowl.

Westland John Glenn, last year's MHSAA Division 1 runner-up, went on to edge Howell for the title in three Baker sets (alternating shots), 470-464

John Glenn was the top qualifier among the eight teams with a total of 2,933 under the format which included six Baker and two regular games.

Northville qualified for the eight-team elimination bracket by finishing sixth with a total of 2,752.

The Mustangs were led by Ashley Schiffer, who rolled the seventh highest single game of the tournament (224) and finished with a team-best 385 series

Schiffer also ranked 17th overall in the KLAA matches with a 180 average in 27 games to earn all-conference honors

(top 21). Teammate Beatrice Nyah added a 359 series in the KLAA tourney, including a 213 high game (12th overall).

Meanwhile, the Novi girls placed 12th out of 21 schools with a total score of 2,373 as Lauren Wahrman's 225 game ranked sixth overall, while her 375 series was 12th. Teammate Nicole Kilikevicius took 30th overall with games of 175-159.

Canton rules boys

Canton defeated Walled Lake Central, 411-351, to capture the boys KLAA championship.

Northville finished 18th in qualifying with 2,728 pins as Justin Morgan rolled a 225-183-408 series to place 20th individually. Teammates Simon Long (192) and Liam Munro (193) posted high games of 48th and 51st, respectively.

Novi, meanwhile, finished 21st in the team qualifying with 2,640 as Ryan Rush's 225 single game tied for 12th on the day, while Scott Pryson placed 33rd with a two-game series of 201-182.

Division 1 at Battle Creek's Kellogg Arena, 9:30 a.m. & 4 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, March 5-7 MHSAA Individual finals at Palace of Auburn Hills, TBA. BOYS SWIMMING Friday-Saturday, Feb. 27-28 Kensington Conference Meet at Novi, 4 p.m. & noon. Thursday, March 5 Last Chance meet at Northville, noon. PREP BOWLING Friday-Saturday, Feb. 27-28 Division 1 at Battle Creek PREP BOWLING Friday-Saturday, Feb. 27-28 (MHSAA Regionals) Division 1 at Super Bowl, TBA. Friday-Saturday, March 6-7 MHSAA Division 1 finals at Sunnybrook Lanes, TBA. GYMNASTICS Saturday, March 7 Saturday, March 7 MHSAA regional at Plymouth, TBA. COMPETITIVE CHEER COMPETITIVE CHEER (MHSAA Regional Tourney) Saturday, Feb. 28 Division 1 at Novi, 2 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 6-7 (MHSAA Division 1-2-3-4 Finals) at Grand Rapids (Delta Plex), TBA. TBA – To be announced.

KLAA TEST

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guard Joan Andoni, who seemed like his old self after battling season-long injuries.

Andoni, who set the school scoring record last year as a sophomore with 39 points against Wayne Memorial, scored 18 of his game-high 27 in the first half as the Chargers roared out to a 44-21 halftime advantage.

Normally a 3-point shooting specialist, Andoni made a living this night at the foul line, going 18-of-21.

"Joan has been fighting injury and he's been doing the things he needs to do to get back on the floor," Solak said. "Every week, his minutes have increased. And we were waiting for that day and today was it. He got to the free-throw line. That's triple of the amount of free throws he's had all year that he shot today. He can play like that and we've been waiting for it all year. We didn't push it. The biggest game of the year he stepped up and I'm proud of him."

Not to be outdone was 6-2 junior swingman Jon Hovermale, who finished with 18 points, five steals and four assists. Hovermale and senior forward Brett Bonarek (nine points) each connected on



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Novi's Max Yanke (center) goes up for a rebound contested by Churchill's Brian Alsobrooks (left) and Brett Bonarek during Friday's KLAA playoff opener.

three of Churchill's 10 triples on the night.

'Jon has been struggling a little bit, but he stayed within himself today," Solak said. "And he played like the threeyear starter that he is today. He made some big shots. He

led the team when Dayton Davis got in foul trouble early. He did everything he needed to do tonight. He refused to lose."

Novi, which dropped its fourth straight after winning 10 in row, slipped to 11-6 overall

The Wildcats got six firstquarter points from senior guard Max Yanke, but still trailed 22-11.

"They played much, much harder than we did," Novi coach Brandon Sinawi said of the Chargers. "That's my take from it. They had some great offensive performances. Andoni hit 18 free throws tonight, so he was getting to the basket with ease. So when you go out and play hard as a team, you're probably going to win most games. Churchill did a great job of proving that tonight.'

Junior point guard Kam Hankerson scored a team-best 14 for Novi, while Traveon Maddox Jr. added seven.

Churchill, however, bottled up Novi's top scoring threats by switching early to a zone defense.

'Our plan was to change up defenses a lot," Solak said. "They were struggling shooting and we thought maybe we could give different looks at them. Their man-to-man offense is much better than their zone offense. They were getting to the basket on us and their big guys got some looks inside on the seal, so we had to make a change and the boys executed the change.

Novi committed eight turnovers in the second quarter alone while being outscored 22-10.

"It's funny, we practiced it

yesterday," Sinawi said. "We knew they run that '13,' that little 1-3-1 (zone) and kind of match-up zone. We knew they run it. I hadn't played against Jimmy (Solak) for a long time. We prepared for it. We just didn't execute. It gave us trouble. It frustrated our players and it frustrated me more because we planned for it. That's why I was upset."

The Wildcats were unable to cut into Churchill's big halftime lead during the third quarter as the Chargers nailed three more triples to take a commanding 59-34 advantage heading into the fourth.

Novi was whistled for three technical fouls in the second half, including two on the bench as the Wildcats could only watch helplessly as the Chargers dissected them from all angles.

"Ten triples ... we knew they could shoot," Sinawi said. "They shot the ball well because they played harder, if that makes any sense. They got to open spots, they attacked the rim at a much higher rate than we did. And their insideout, it was easy. When you're taking uncontested shots you're going to hit most of them. They did a great job and it just wasn't one guy. They had four guys hit threes tonight."

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GIRLS BASKETBALL Fat Tuesday: Plymouth girls devour Novi in KLAA playoffs

By Brad Emons Staff Writer

Plymouth's players celebrated Fat Tuesday's 47-21 KLAA girls basketball playoff win Feb. 17 over host Novi by partaking in a few postgame paczkis.

"One thing that is very important for you to see is that the coach didn't take a paczki," said Plymouth coach Nick Brandon, whose team improved to 15-2 overall. "But I suppose it's a little easier for the players to have one when we win."

"We were looking forward to getting a win here," Brandon said. "It's been a long time since our program got a win at Novi, so it was a good victory for us."

The KLAA South Division champion took control of the quarterfinal game from the start by opening up a 16-6 firstquarter advantage while shooting 7-of-12 from the floor.

"I really liked that we were active in our press," Brandon said. "It showed me that we had energy tonight. My biggest concern coming into this game was that we weren't going play with maximum effort because I knew Novi would. What I identified on tape is that Novi plays extremely hard, especially in the first quarter. I really wanted us to match their intensity and was really glad we did."

Plymouth fattened its lead at halftime to 30-10 by outscoring the host Wildcats 14-4 in the second quarter.

"We didn't anticipate Novi going to a zone," Brandon said. 'I know they've been trying some different things based on what they've done in the past. I like the way we identified it and I liked the way that we were patient against it. I thought we waited for the great shot instead of settling for the good shot, which is important when you're playing against the zone.'

Novi, which slipped to 10-6 overall, was plagued by turn-overs (12) and made only 2of-14 field-goal attempts in the first 16 minutes.

Well, we were fouling too much and we had the young kids in, so we switched it to a zone (defense) and people weren't moving," Novi coach Bill Kelp said. "That was our whole problem. We didn't move at all tonight.'

Plymouth was able to keep Novi off-balance with good ball movement

"It's how they can put the ball on the ground and attack the basket – all of them," Kelp said. "They kick it in and, if you don't get a stop, they finish. And if not, they kick out and find those shooters. They were just way more aggressive,



Novi's Ellie Mackay (right) snags the rebound against Plymouth.

stronger and physical than we are."

Novi was unable to make a second-half charge and finished the game hitting just 5-of-34 field-goal tries (14.7 percent) and only 9-of-20 free throws (45 percent).

"It's the same old thing," Kelp said. "We don't look at our posts enough and we take one shot and done, a lot of them outside when a lot of balls should go inside, score or kick it back out. We want to play

fast, but you don't want to play in a hurry and we play in a hurry too much."

Kendall Rose came off the bench to lead Plymouth with 12 points, while Paige Slominski and Courtney LaValle each added 11. Cassidy Lewis chipped in seven.

Freshman guard Allie Mackay scored a team-high eight for Novi, while junior Allie Lipson added six.

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GIRLS BASKETBALL Lakeland rallies to beat Northville

Eagles erase deficit in final minutes in game delayed a day

By Jeff Theisen Sports Writer

White Lake Lakeland saved its best for last and outscored Northville 15-5 in the final quarter for a 28-25 girls basketball victory Friday night.

The game was delayed a day after schools were closed Feb. 19.

The Mustangs appeared in control up 20-13 entering the fourth quarter, but Lakeland went inside with great results to pull out the win.

We kind of went to an old reliable offense we haven't run in a while – power," Lake-land coach Mike Head said. "We got the ball into the hands of our post players a little bit more.

Our defense was spectacular, too. We always have a goal every game for what our points (allowed) are and today was 30. We kept them to 25. That's excellent." Lakeland (12-6) came out strong in the first quarter and led 9-3. Northville's only points came on a 3-pointer



Northville's Brook Adams looks to shoot against Lakeland's Molly Stec.

GIRLS BASKETBALL Mustangs trample Canton in KLAA consolation round

By Brad Emons Staff Writer

Northville had all the right ingredients going for them in Monday's KLAA consolation round girls basketball game against visiting Canton.

The Mustangs received balance scoring, while shooting 51 percent from the floor, en route to a convincing 51-26 victory over last year's Class A finalists.

"We finally put together a complete game," said North-ville coach Todd Gudith, whose team improved to 12-7 overall. "That's been the story of our season. We play good defense two and three quarters, but haven't been able to a full fourquarter game defensively. And that made the difference tonight and it also helped we kept the scoreboard moving. We finished at the rim, we made some shots and I think that built up or confidence, and gave us that extra push on defense.²

Northville led 22-14 at halfme and broke the game open with an 18-6 third-quarter run. Brook Adams and Emily Maresh each scored 10 points, while Lindsey Rathsburg and Jessica Moorman chipped in nine and eight, respectively, as the Mustangs made 18-of-35 field-goal attempts and 13-of-16 free throws. Speedy freshman point guard Mariah Modkins, who finished with seven points, helped jump-start Northville's offense during the opening half. "I told her after the game that I felt that was her best game in terms of just controlling the offense, doing just enough to help us and not going too fast and out of control," Gudith said. "She really kept the tempo of the game and kept the pace of play for us."

Canton (10-9) shot only 6of-39 from the floor (15.3 percent) and committed 16 turnovers.

Alexa Lagola tallied a teamhigh 10, while Erin Hult and Breanna Finn added six apiece for the Chiefs, who managed to make 14-of-15 foul shots. **NOVI 62, JOHN GLENN 44**: Senior Kelsey Miller poured in a game-high 20 points, while junior Allie Lipson notched a double-double with 14 points and 13 rebounds to lead Novi (11-7) to a KLAA consolation round victory Feb. 19 at Westland John Glenn (7-11). Freshman guard Ellie Mackay also added 12 points for the Wildcats, who led 30-16 at halftime and 44-26 atter three quarters. Novi shot 18-of-38 from the field (47.3 percent) and 23-of-36 from the line (63.8

percent). Carley Loving and Sierra Moseley scored 10 and nine points, respectively, for John Glenn (7-11). Nadia Reed added six steals. The Rockets shot only 27.8 percent from the field (17-of-61) and 42.8 percent from the foul line (9-of-21

INTER-CITY 51, FRANKLIN ROAD 39: Karalynn Goering scored 13 points and Jessiann Weidmann chipped in 10 to carry host Allen Park Inter-City Baptist (6-12, 6-7) to a Michigan In-dependent Athletic Conference Blue Division victory Friday over Novi Franklin Road Christian (6-12 4-9) Hannah Rayburn led the Warriors with 13 points and nine rebounds, while senior guard Katie Larabell

added 11 points. Inter-City led 27-16 at halftime before the Warriors maded a 17-6 third-quarter run to tie the game at 33-33. The Chargers then outscored Franklin Road 18-6 in the decisive fourth quarter. After the game, the Franklin Road coaching staff confirmed that the team's leading corear and rebourg

confirmed that the team's leading scorer and rebound-er Alexis Johnson, an eighth-grader, had been

ismissed from the team. CHURCHILL 44, NORTHVILLE 38: After stangs (11-6)

from Brook Adams. However, Lakeland wouldn't score another field goal until the fourth quarter.

Northville (11-7) hammered away in the second quarter for a 13-1 advantage and a 16-10 halftime lead.

The Mustangs had five different scorers in the second quarter, while Lakeland got a lone free throw from Molly Stec. The Eagles also turned over the ball eight times in the second as Northville put out a full-court press.

The Eagles had no answers for the pressure in the third quarter, either, with six turnovers and just three free throws. Northville managed just four points in the third to lead 20-13 heading into the fourth.

With 5:45 to play, Lakeland's Alana Weyer banked in a 3-pointer for her team's first field goal since the final seconds of the first quarter.

Northville's Emily Maresh answered with an inside hoop and the margin stood at six with more than five minutes to play.

The Mustangs didn't score again until a last-second triple with the score out of reach.

The Eagles went inside to senior and leading scorer Amanda Lock. She hit three inside buckets and added a free throw in a 12-0 run down the stretch.

"They jumped out on us, but we settled down and finally took them out of that game in the second and third quarter. I think we held them with-out a bucket," Northville coach Todd Gudith said. "They went back inside in the fourth quarter. It's almost like they disappeared for a while and then they finally went back inside and made us pay.

"Credit to Lakeland, they didn't give up and found a way to pull it out in the end."

Lock finished with a gamehigh 14 points. Weyer added six points.

Âdams led Northville with seven points, while Maresh and Kendall Dillon added six each.

couldn't stand prosperity in its KLAA Kensington Conference playoff opener Feb. 17 at home against Livonia Churchill (12-5).

The Mustangs held a 16-10 advantage before the upstart Chargers roared back in the second half for a 44-38 victory. Alivia Kondrath, a 5-foot-3 junior guard, loomed

large in the Churchill victory scoring a game-high 17 points, while 5-7 senior guard Natalie Spala added 14. The Chargers outscored Northville 34-22 over the final 16 minutes to advance in the tournament.

Thai to minutes to advance in the tournament. "We were flat on defense, especially in the second haff," Northville coach Todd Gudith said. "Churchill knocked down shots. They exploded the second half. We did not get out on their best players and they and uncours." made us pay." Senior forward Emily Maresh scored 14 points for

the Mustangs, who were coming off an impressive 44-21 win Friday over South Lyon East.

"Our defensive intensity was the exact opposite," said Gudith, whose team was 7-of-11 from the line. "Every time we got a lead, Churchill came right back."

"Every time we got a lead, Churchill came right back." **ROEPER 49, FRANKLIN ROAD 43:** Sophia Savas tallied a team-high 17 points Feb. 17 as host Birmingham Roeper (15-3, 9-3) downed Novi Franklin Road Christian (9-8, 5-6) in a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division game. The Roughriders, who led 25-23 at halftime and

36-28 after three quarters, won despite making only 9-of-25 free throws (36 percent). Eight-grader Alexis Johnson scored a game-high 20

points and grabbed six rebounds in a losing cause. Junior Hannah Rayburn added 11 points as the Warriors shot 4-of-5 from the foul line.

SYNOPSIS FEBRUARY 19, 2015 - REGULAR MEETING **CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

DATE: Thursday, February 19, 2015

TIME: 7:30 p.m.

PLACE: 44405 Six Mile Road

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Nix called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. PRESENT:

Robert R. Nix II, Supervisor Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk Marjorie F. Banner, Treasurer

Mary Gans, Trustee Symantha Heath, Trustee Mindy Herrmann, Trustee Fred Shadko, Trustee

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Agendas: Approved 1.

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- Approve the Regular Agenda and the Consent Agenda items:
 - 1. Minutes Board of Trustees, January 15, 2015
 - 2. Minutes Board of Trustees Special Meeting, January 15, 2015
 - 3. Minutes – Historic District Commission, December 4, 2014
 - 4. Audit Report Western Township Utilities Authority (WTUA)
- 5. Northville Youth Assistance Program Report
- Appointments, Presentations, Resolutions & Announcements: 2.
 - A. Re-appoint George McCarthy to the Planning Commission Approved
 - B. Appoint Paul Smith to the Zoning Board of Appeals Approved
- Public Hearing: None 3.
- Brief Public Comments: None 4.
- 5. **New Business:**
 - A. Certified Local Government Certification HDC Approved
 - Township Buildings HVAC Controls Contract Payment 5 Approved B.
 - Public Safety Server for In-car Video Storage Approved С.
 - D. Public Safety Vehicle Lease Detective Bureau Approved
 - E. Planning Temporary Sign Request Ward Church Approved
- 6. Unfinished Business: None
- 7. Ordinances: None
- 8. **Check Registry:**
 - A. In the amount of \$2,633,142.14. Approved
- 9. **Board Communication & Reports:** A. Robert R. Nix, II, Sue Hillebrand, Marjorie Banner, Marv Gans, Symantha Heath,
- Mindy Herrmann, Fred Shadko, Chip Snider
- 10. Any other business for the Board of Trustees: None
- ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m. 11.
- A draft of the complete minutes will be available March 2, 2015.
- **Respectfully submitted:** Sue A. Hillebrand, M.M.C.

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MARYANNE CORNELIUS, MMC

CITY CLERK

Notice is further given that the second session of the Board of Review will meet for the purpose of hearing and considering assessment appeals in the Novi City Council Chambers at 45175 W. Ten Mile Road on March 9, 10 and 12, 2015.

All appearances before the Board will be by **appointment** only.

Road for the purpose of reviewing and correcting the assessment roll.

If you or your representative wants to appear in person, the appointment must be made on or before 5:00 p.m. EST, Friday, March 6, 2015. Appearances before the Board of Review are limited to five (5) minutes or less. Petitions are available at the Assessor's Office or at www.cityofnovi.org

CITY OF NOVI

NOTICE OF MEETING OF BOARD OF REVIEW

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Review shall convene in its first session at 9:00 a.m.

EST, Tuesday, March 3rd, 2015 in the Novi Assessing Department at 45175 W. Ten Mile

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BOARD OF REVIEW SCHEDULE

Monday, March 9, 2015 - 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Council Chambers Tuesday, March 10, 2015 - 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Council Chambers Thursday, March 12, 2015 - 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Council Chambers Located in the Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road Novi, MI 48375.

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PREP WRESTLING

Amine spearheads CC's mat contingent to Palace

By Brad Emons

Staff Writer The perfect season con-

tinued Saturday for Novi Detroit Catholic Central's Myles Amine.

The senior, bound for the University of Michigan, won all three of his matches by pin to improve to 45-0 overall as the Shamrocks produced four individual champions and three additional state qualifiers for the MHSAA Division 1 wrestling individual state finals, March 5-7, at The Palace of Auburn Hills.

Amine, the Division 1 state champ a year ago at 140 pounds, pinned Travis LaBell of Monroe in 1:42 to capture the 160 title at the regional tourney hosted by Saline.

Other regional champions for CC included senior Trevor Zdebski (130), also Michiganbound and a defending state champion at 119; senior Nick Giese (189), who was third a year ago at the same weight class; and sophomore Tyler Morland (171).

Zdebski, who is 44-4 on the year, edged Dearborn Fordson's Abe Ajami in the regional final, 8-7, while Giese improved to 43-4 overall with pin of Plymouth's Hussein Yous-



SCOTT CONFER

Catholic Central senior Myles Amine (top) improved to 45-0 overall by winning the 160-pound class at the MHSAA Individual Wrestling regional Saturday at Saline.

sef in 1:06.

Morland, meanwhile, upped his overall record to 25-1 by pinning Monroe's Tyler Hammack in 1:38. Hammack came in ranked fourth with a 55-3 record.

"These guys are wrestling well right now," CC coach Mitch Hancock said. "I love the aggressiveness and composure they show on the mat. They are focused and wrestling at a very high level, they are working towards peaking at the right time.

Also making it through for CC with a third place was sophomore Nick Jenkins (285), who improved to 40-15 by decisioning Lincoln Park's Jordan Hottum, 4-3. Senior Tommy Herrmann (125), who scored a 13-1 major decision over Livonia Franklin's Adam Ross to improve to 36-14 overall, also added a third. Meanwhile, junior Aaron

Rehfeldt (112) qualified with a fourth after losing to Tyler Rogaliner of Temperance Bedford, 10-5. Rehfeldt is 34-17 overaĺl.

"I'm proud of these guys," Hancock said. "They are very committed to wrestling and enjoy the process that comes along with wrestling. They worked extremely hard this year to give themselves an opportunity to win a state title."

Mustang makes cut

Northville senior captain Chris Koumariotis (145) punched his ticket to The Palace by going 2-2 on the day and earning a fourth-place finish at the Division 1 regional at Saline.

Koumariotis lost his opening-round match by major decision to Brad Stewart of Bedford, 8-0, but bounced back in the consolation round to defeat John McRoberts of University of Detroit Jesuit, 8-4, and Zack Leck of Livonia Churchill, 2-1, Koumariotis then fell to

Stewart again in the thirdplace match by technical fall, 17-1.

MHSAA INDIVIDUAL WRESTLING DIVISION 1 REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

(top 4 qualify for state finals) 189 pounds: Nick Giese (Novi Detroit Catholic Central) pinned Hussein Youssef (Plymouth), 1:06; 3rd place: Mitchell Gross (Salem) won by injury displace to the final Gross (Salem) won by injury

default over Roy Foster (Salem). **215:** Cody Tis (Southgate Anderson) decisioned Baker Hadwan (Livonia Churchill), 1-0; **3rd:** Brad Scott (Livonia Stevenson) dec. David Tooley (Belleville), 5-1 285: Ali Wahad (Dearborn Heights Crestwood)

dec. Tim Stevens (Temperance Bedford), 2-1; **3rd:** Nick Jenkins (Detroit CC) dec. Jordan Hottum (Lincoln 4-3

Parki, 4-3. 103: Daniel Poupore (Southgate) dec. Rayvon Foley (Ann Arbor Pioneer), 5-3; **3rd**: Michael Mars (Westland John Glenn) won by major dec. over Neil Antrassian (Monroe), 13-0.

112: Carl Antrassian (Monroe) dec. Donte Rivera-Garcia (Southgate), 3-2; **3rd:** Tyler Rogaliner (Bedford) dec. Aaron Rehfeldt (Detroit CC), 10-5.

19: Kevin Fuller (Saline) won by major dec. over Xavier Graham (Brownstown Woodhaven), 17-5; 3rd: Christopher Brown (Belleville) won by major dec. over Brandon Harris (Plymouth), 15-2. 125: Chase Spanos (John Glenn) dec. William Marano (Dearborn Edsel Ford), 7-1; 3rd: Tommy Auromano (Detroit CC) wan by major dec over Adal Auromano (Detroit CC) wan by major dec over Adal

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(Dearborn Fordson), 8-7; 3rd: Nick Robertson (Franklin) dec. Brian Papin (Belleville), 9-6. 135: Collin Vargo (Wyandotte Roosevelt) dec. Dylan Dwyer (Plymouth), 7-1; 3rd: Hunter Grasso (Woodhaven) dec. Suhail Almadhagi (Edsel Ford), Coodhaven) dec. Suhail Almadhagi (Edsel Ford),

140: Ty Jasman (Canton) dec. Jordan Atienza (Franklin), 4-1; **3rd:** Logan DiCarlo (Monroe) dec. Brandon Bellant (Belleville), 9-4.

145: Logan Parks (Southgate) dec. Kendal Freeman (Ypsilanti Lincoln), 8-3; 3rd: Brad Stewart (Bedford) won by technical fall over Chhris Koumariotis

won by technical fall over Chhris Koumariotis (Northville), 17-1.
152: Blake Montrie (Bedford) p. Jacob Balogh (Southgate), 1:14; **3rd:** Quinn Chapman (Lincoln Park) p. Chase Gardner (Livonia Churchill), 1:22.
160: Myles Amine (Detroit CC) p. Travis LaBell (Monroe), 1:42; **3rd:** Ahmad Elsayed (Crestwood) p.
Aleczander Moore (Southgate), 1:55.
171: Tyler Morland (Detroit CC), p. Tyler Hammack (Monroe), 1:38; **3rd:** Stephen Slattery (Saline) dec. Conport Vauchan (Stevenson), 7-4.

Connor Vaughan (Stevenson), 7-4.

GIRLS HOCKEY

Northville girls icers make it four in row

Northville made it four straight victories Sunday night as Emily Comben's five-point outburst highlighted a 6-2 Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League crossover victory against Port Huron at Livonia's Edgar Arena.

Comben, a senior forward, notched a hat trick as the Mustangs improved to 6-13-1 overall and 4-14-1 in Division 1 of the Michigan Metro.

Winless Port Huron, which slipped to 0-15 in Division 2 of the Michigan Metro, dressed only eight players, but led 1-0 after one period on Brooklyn Schumacher's goal from Taylor Elsholz and Lotte Schmidt at 13:59

Northville then struck for three second-period goals, from Grace Healey (from Nadia Ismail and Amanda Olson at 7.29). Comben (from Healey and Sierra Watkins at 8:30); and Clare Ramsden (from Comben and Adrienne McCarthy at 12:21).

Lauren Kelly countered with a goal for the Ice Hawks from Billie Schumacher at 6:25 to make it 3-2 after two periods.

The Mustangs, who outshot Port Huron 28-20, scored three unanswered goals in the final period to put it away.

Notching goals were by Healey (from Comben and McCarthy at 11:52); Comben (from Stacie Shaw and Olivia Lesh at 13:01); and Comben again (from Shaw and Lauren Masse at (13:59)

Isobel Bush played the first half in goal, stopping 9-of-11 shots for the Mustangs, while Annette Taylor finished up making nine saves.

Camille Harrison made 22 saves for Port Huron. NORTHVILLE 6, PLY.-CANTON-SALEM 5: Moe Hackett celebrated senior night with natural hat trick as the Mustangs (5-13-1, 4-13-1) skated to a Michigan Metro crossover victory Saturday over Plymouth-Canton-Salem (8-9, 8-9) in a game played

Marek (from Shannon Schult and Cirino). Hackett then scored three consecutive goals during the second period - at 4:12 from Clare Ramsden and Kendall Murray; at 13:12 from Amanda Olson and Healy; and at 14:15 from Emily Comben and Lauren Masse

The Penguins, however, stayed close on goals by Cirino (unassisted) and Marek (from Cirino). Kerr's goal with 8:32 left in the final period off an ict fr

NORTHVILLE 2, REGINA 1: The Mustangs (4-13-1, 3-13-1) proved they have comeback capa-bilities after rallying for a pair of third-period goals Feb. 19 to beat host Warren Regina (3-13, 3-13) in a Michigan Metro crossover game at Fraser Hockeyland Grace Healy scored what proved to be the game winning goal off an assist from Megan Kerr with just 6:17 remaining in the final period.

The Saddlelites, who dressed only 11 players, jumped

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were Trevor Zdebski (130-135 pounds), who was a state champion last year at 119; Nick Giese (189-215), who was third at 189; and Tyler Morland (171-189). Heavyweight Nick Jenkins also won both his matches.

Meanwhile, Myles Amine (160), state champ last year at 140, never touched the mat as Franklin voided four weight classes in the regional final after falling behind 39-0 following the first seven matches.

In lieu of Saturday's Division 1 individual regional at Saline, Franklin coach Dave Chiola opted not to put any of his six individual regional qualifiers on the mat.

Collin Smith registered the lone win on a pin at 145 for the Patriots.

CC also won by four voids in its semifinal match against Salem, which received its only victories from Seth Dunn on a pin at 145, followed by a 14-10 decision from Caleb McCabe at 152. The Shamrocks will open defense of their Division 1 state title as the fourth seed against Davison beginning at 3:15 p.m. Friday at Kellogg Arena. The winner advances to the semifinals starting at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at Kellogg against either No. 1 Brighton or Oxford On the other side of the draw are seeds Anchor Bay (No. 2) and Hartland (No. 3), along with Grand Haven and Monroe. The championship final will be at 4 p.m. Saturday. "It may matter to others," Hancock said of the upcoming seedings, "but we sort of have the mind-set that you've got to line them up. We're going to wrestle anyone they put in front of us. To us it doesn't matter. We'll wrestle anyone in the state. I think we showed that when they seeded us at three and we had a good state tournament. We got a little bit a work to do and we got to stay healthy and get these guys ready to go.²



Saturday night over Plymouth-Canton-Salem at Novi Ice Arena.

at Novi Ice Arena. Northville was tied 2-2 after one period getting

goals from Nadia Ismail (from Adrienna McCarthy) and Grace Healy (from Megan Kerr), while the Penguins countered with goals by Michelle Cirino (from Bryanna Lanzilotti and Jessica Marek) and

cushion, but Megan Brace scored with 2:56 from Cirino to keep it close. Isobel Bush went all the way in goal, stopping 20 shots for the Mustangs, while the Penguins' Kaitlyn Isom made 18 saves.

Eliza Kain's goal from Isabelle Thibault And after a scoreless second period, the Mustangs tallied the equalizer on Kerr's goal from Moe Hackett and Adrienne McCarthy with 11:56 . Goalie Annette Taylor stopped 11-of-12 shots.

BOYS HOCKEY ROUNDUP CC crushes St. Mary Prep for Catholic League hockey title

Chalk up another Catholic League boys hockey championship for Novi Detroit Catholic Central.

The Shamrocks notched their seventh since 2005 with a convincing 7-1 victory Saturday night over host Orchard Lake St. Mary's.

CC, which defeated the Eaglets for the third time this season, improved to 18-5-1 overall to repeat as league champion.

The Shamrocks jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first period on a goal by Nick Macari from Blake Veri at 8:19, followed by

J.P. Lafferty's goal from Brendan Cleary at 7:40.

St. Mary's (8-13) tallied its lone goal with 2:37 left in the first period, when Jacob Killian scored on a power play from Vince Marino and Joey Verkerke.

It was all Shamrocks from that point as Evan Rochowiak scored on a power play from Macari at 4:09, followed by Ryan Burnett's goal from JoJo Mancinelli at 6:34 to make it 4-1 after two periods.

CC then scored three more times in the final period - Andrew Spiegel from Owen

Kipke at 2:23; Kipke from Kyle Mulka on a power play at 6:41; and Brian Kearns from Spiegel and Alex Kreutzer at 8:07.

Shamrocks goaltender Spencer Wright stopped 18of-19 shots, while Brendan Earls had 31 saves for the Eaglets. DETROIT CC 5, DeLaSALLE 0: Junior forward

Kyle Mulka collected a pair of goals and one assist, lifting top-ranked Novi Detroit Catholic Central (17-5-1, 8-2-1) to a Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League crossover victory Feb. 18 over host Warren DeLaSalle (9-12, 2-9) at Mount Clemens Arena. The Shamrocks jumped out to a 3-0 first-period advantage and added two more goals in the second

to secure the victory.

Job Mancinelli opened the scoring at 2:02 of the opening period off assists from Alex Smith and Mitch Ossowski, followed by Ryan Burnett's power-play goal

from Mancinelli and Andrew Lane at 3:45. Mulka then notched his first of the game from Macari and Evan Rochowaik with just 1:14 remaining in the first to make it 3-0.

Mulka scored again on a power play from Macari at 11:40 of the second and Macari made it 5-0 at 14:19 of the same period, assisted by Smith and Mulka. Goaltender Spencer Wright made 17 saves to post the shutout for CC, while Josh Wilk made 38 saves for

NOVI 2, PLYMOUTH 2: Third-period goals by Rvan Baxter and Brad Hofelich enabled Novi (15-7-2 6-4-2) to earn a tie with KLAA South Division champ Plymouth (13-7-2, 9-2-1) in a Kensington Conference crossover Feb. 17 at Novi Ice Arena.

After a scoreless opening period, state-ranked Plymouth (No. 10 Division 1) got power-play goals from Andrew Jossey and Jake Silvester (both assisted by Josh Smith).

But Novi (No. 6 Division 2) rallied in the final period as Bryan Fegert, Brennan Martin, Ryan Fonda and Alec Wells each collected assists on the Baxter and Hofelich goals.

Plymouth goaltender Jared Maddock made 26 saves, while Josh Richardson had 14 for Novi.

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the Mustangs, who had scored only one goal in their last three outings.

"You can't win if you don't score goals, so it was good to get some scoring back here," Northville coach Clint Robert said

Novi (15-8-2), ranked No. 6 in Division 2, got off to a good start, getting a power-play goal from Brad Hofelich off assists from Ryan Baxter and Brennan Martin at 3:08 of the first period.

And then on the penalty kill, Novi's Bryan Fegert stole a pass in front of the Northville net and scored a short-handed goal when he went top shelf over Mustangs goaltender Chance Boutin at 6:25 of the same period to make it 2-0.

But Northville answered with a power-play goal of its own, when Kevin O'Connell scored at 12:18 assisted by Alec Morgan and Jack Meacham, to cut the deficit to 2-1 after one.

The Wildcats then got another power-play goal when Hofelich tipped in a rebound assisted by Martin and Brendan Wexler just 1:06 into the second period for a 3-1 advantage.

But the Mustangs responded with three unanswered goals before the period ended to take a 4-3 lead.

Meacham got the first of his two from Morgan at 2:45, then added his 17th of the year from Grant LaLonde and Kyle Dann at 9:46

And with just 1:34 left in the period, LaLonde notched his first of the year from Meacham and Jack Sargent to give Northville a one-goal cushion heading into the third.

Just prior to Northville's go-ahead goal, Boutin came way out of his crease to stop a Novi breakaway. The Wildcats also had a five-one-one situation after Northville got caught on a line change, but misfired from point-blank range

With 12:07 left in the final period, Novi evened the score at 4-4 on Alec Wells' goal from Wexler and Nik Tewilliager.

But by the end of the final period, Northville began to apply the pressure and it carried over into overtime.

"I think we dominated the

first period," Novi coach Mark Vellucci said. "By the score and everything, (Northville) got the second. I think the third was kind of half-and-half. There were spurts where we couldn't get the puck out of the zone. They were fore-checking. I think we may have gotten tired at the end. I thought our goalie, Josh Richardson, especially the third period and overtime, made some unbelievable saves to keep it tied."

Going into OT, Robert's directive was simple.

"Just get pucks to nets,' he said. "We thought (Novi) kind of shut it down with two lines. We were kind of able to go with three and had some energy, get pucks to the net and a hard fore-check and see if we would fall into one.'

And it was Abraham who slipped in behind the Novi net for the game-winner.

"I've been working hard and hoping they'd be coming," Abraham said. "It's been a slow season, but I'm glad it came today. It was a tight game. They put on a lot of pressure. It was back and forth and we really just wanted make sure we could put them home. More or

less, we just had to win it. We just really (bore) down, tried to bury it.'

Despite the OT loss, Vellucci thought the effort on both sides was at high level.

'It was a hard-fought game by both teams," he said. "It could have gone either way. Both teams had a couple of chances early in overtime. It came down to a little bad bounce off (the) ref, not intentional, and the guy (Abraham) got a wraparound and scored it.

"It was a great game overall. I thought their top line was good. I thought our two top lines were good. I just think we need to shore up our team defensively. We'll be ready. We have eight days before our next (state tourney) game. We'll be scouting who we're going to play. It was a great night. You saw how big the crowd was. It was a good night for high school hockey, for sure.'

And Robert couldn't argue.

'It's just too bad these teams can't play 25 times a year," he said. "I can't remember a time in all my years here when these two teams have been so evenly matched.'

MHSAA TEAM WRESTLING DIVISION 1 REGIONAL Feb. 18 at Westland John Glenn CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS DETROIT CATHOLIC CENTRAL 75 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 6

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 6 215 pounds: Nick Giese (CC) p. Joshua Rettig, 1:45; 285: Nick Jenkins (CC) decisioned Joe Fortin, 5-2; 103: David Rastigue (CC) p. Howie Whitaker, 1:07; 112: Stone Moscovic (CC) p. Cole Dennis, 0:49; 119: Aaron Rehfeldt (CC) won by void; 125: Dillon DeJonge (CC) won by void; 130: Tommy Herrmann (CC) won by void; 135: Trevor Zdebski (CC) p. Jeremy Nelson, 2:29; 140: Matt Anderson (CC) won by void; 145: Collin Smith (LF) p. Jack Rioux, 2:59; 152: Bobby Brewer (CC) p. Acta Yardley, 1:46; 160: Sam Giese (CC) p. Kristo Cule, 3:38; 171: Conor Cox (CC) p. Andres Garza, 2:35; 189: Tyler Morland (CC) p. Manny Willie, 0:42. Dual match records: Catholic Central, 22-3 overall; Franklin, 15-7 overall.

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CC swimmers top **U-D** Jesuit in final dual of season

By Brad Emons Staff Writer

State champion Jack Walsh captured a pair of individual events Feb. 19 as Novi Detroit Catholic Central tuned up for the upcoming Catholic League boys swim championships with a 97-83 victory over University of Detroit-Jesuit.

The Stanford-bound Walsh, the defending MHSAA Division 1 state champ in the 100-yard backstroke, captured the 100-yard freestyle (48.11) and the backstroke (52.11) as Catholic Central ended the regular season 6-2 overall and 2-1 in the Catholic League.

Other first-place finishers for CC were Matt Loniewski in the 200 individual medlev (2:04.41) and Christopher Vela in the 100 butterfly (57.80).

CC's 200 medley relay team of Chris Barron, Andrew Connor, Ethan Bezzina and Grayson Arnold took first in 1:46.27, while the Shamrocks' foursome of Jonathan Lee, Loniewski, Arnold and Tommy Wiaduck was victorious in the 400 freestyle relay in 3:29.32.

Individual winners for U-D Jesuit included: Alden Kane, 200 freestyle (1:52.11); Jacob Best, 50 freestyle (22.71); Pierce Gordon, 1-meter diving (237.35 points); Kevin Sheridan, 500 freestyle (5:04.98); Michael Campbell, 100 breaststroke (1:05.21).

Campbell and Sheridan also teamed with Jacob Best and Bilaal Pierce for first in the 200 freestyle relay (1:34.59)

"U-D has always been a big rival for us," CC coach Shannon Dunworth said. "Closing out the dual meet season with a win shows that the boys hard work is finally beginning to show

CC is now off until at the Catholic League meet, with the prelims starting at 5 p.m. Friday, March 6, followed by the finals at noon Saturday, March 7, both at the Livonia Community Recreation Center.

Birmingham Brother Rice, last year's Division 1 meet team winner, is the defending league champion.

DUAL MEET SUMMARY DETROIT CATHOLIC CENTRAL 97 UNIV. OF DETROIT JESUIT 83 Feb. 19 at Livonia Rec. Center 200-yard medley relay: 1. Catholic Central (Chris Barron, Andrew

Connor, Ethan Bezzina, Grayson Arnold) Connor, Ernan Bezzina, Grayson Arnoid, 1:46.27; 2. Catholic Central (Jimmy Connor, Jack Walsh, Christopher Vela, Logan Mills), 1:46.96; 3. U-D Jesuit (Jacob Best, Bilaal Pierce, Joe Bergeron, Brian Houghton), 1:54.28

200 freestyle: 1. Alden Kane (U-D), 1:52.11; 2. Kevin Sheridan (U-D), 1:53.76; 3. Charlie Walsh (CC), 1:55.48; 4. Matthew Krakowiak (CC), 2:00.61; 5. Ethan Mekjian (CC), 2:06.72. 200 individual medley: 1. Matt

Loniewski (CC), 2:04.41; 2. Bezzina (CC), 2:09.76; 3. Michael Campbell (U-D), 2:10.84; 4. A. Connor (CC), 2:11.27; 5. Dan Vela (CC), 2:18.35.

50 freestyle: 1. Best (U-D), 22.71; 2. Jonathan Lee (CC), 23.6; 2. C. Vela (CC), 24.09; 4. J. Connor (CC), 24.76; 5. Connor Mullaly (CC), 24.89. 1-meter diving: 1. Pierce Gordon

1-meter diving: 1. Pierce Gordon (U-D), 237.35 points; 2. Robert Vance (CC), 220.50; 3. Connor McCliment (CC), 175.35; 4. Brendan Connelly (CC), 168.05. 100 butterfly: 1. C. Vela (CC), 57.8; 2. Tommy Wiaduck (CC), 59.91; 3. Jacob Skwirsk (CC), 1:03.22; 4. Nick Ferrari (U-D), 1:06.35; 5. Mullaly (CC), 1:09.96. 100 freestyle: 1. J. Walsh (CC), 48.11; 2. Mills (CC), 55.21; 3. Chris Clark (CC), 56.51; 4. Brian Houahton (U-D), 56.58; 5.

Mills (CC), 55.21; 3. Chris Clark (CC), 56.51; 4. Brian Houghton (U-D), 56.58; 5. Pierce (U-D), 57.01.
 500 freestyle: 1. Sheridan (U-D), 504.98; 2. Barron (CC), 5:15.17; 3. John Hurley (U-D), 5:32.62; 4. Peter Chekal (U-D), 5:33.71; 5. Luke Stevenson (CC), 5:55 of

200 freestyle relay: 1. U-D Jesuit (Best, Sheridan, Campbell, Pierce), 1:34.59; 2. Catholic Central (Bezzina, Mills, C Vela, Arnold), 1:34.8; 3. Catholic Central (Mekjian, Mullaly, Clark, Barron), 1:41.02

1:41.02. **100 backstroke:** 1. J. Walsh (CC), 52.11; 2. Loniewski (CC), 57.92; 3. Kane (U-D), 57.99; 4. Daniel Long (CC), 59.28; 5. C. Walsh (CC), 1:01.68. **100 breaststroke:** 1. Campbell (U-D), 1:05.21; 2. Lee (CC), 1:03.14; 4. A. Connor (CC), 1:04.74; Bezzina (CC), 1:08.42. **400 freestyle relay:** 1. Catholic

1.08.42. 400 freestyle relay: 1. Catholic Central (Lee, Loniewski, Arnold, Wiaduck), 3:29.32; 2. U-D Jesuit (Best, Campbell, Houghton, Kane), 3:36.04; 3. Catholic Central (Mekjian, Barron, D. Vela, Long), 3:39.65.

CC's dual meet record: 6-2

BOYS SWIMMING Northville swimmers rule Central

Novi earns runner-up honors

By Brad Emons Staff Writer

If the final results of Saturday's KLAA Central Division boys swim meet are any indication, Northville will be the overwhelming favorite this weekend to win the Kensington Conference title.

The Mustangs displayed their immense depth by scoring a teamhigh 714 points to win the title comfortably over runner-up Novi (486), Livonia Stevenson (390), host South Lyon Unified (318) and Salem (291).

"The kids that rested for this meet swam really well," Northville coach Rich Bennetts said. "I was very pleased with that. Conor Lepish, Nick Mouakiel, Shane Boran and Mike Scarantino all swam great."

Northville got a first from freshman Kirk Maibach in the 100-yard backstroke (55.28), while junior Chris Geng paced a one-two-three Mustang sweep in the 100 breaststroke (1:01.91). James Xue also won the 200 individual medley (2:03.14)

With the Central Division traditionally dominant against the South Division in the Kensington Conference meet, Northville has positioned itself nicely.

Northville, however, must be leery after winning its dual meet earlier this season against Novi by only two points, 94-92.

"As far as next week is concerned, I hope our faster kids will swim a lot better than they did today, but I think we will be ready to go," Bennetts said. "Novi is a very strong team and everything will have to go right for us to have a chance against them. It should be a fun meet. Both teams will lay it on the line, that much I know for sure.'

Novi did not take any individual firsts, but the Wildcats got seconds from Ryan Katulski in

the 200 IM (2:06.67) and Phillip Billiu in the 100 butterfly (55.23)

"The divers got the meet off to a great start by finishing third, fourth, eighth, ninth, 10th and 13th on Friday evening," Novi coach Brent Pohlon-ski said. "The swimmers went in to the meet on Saturday with the goal of dropping a combined five minutes of time. After an amazing day of swimming, the Wildcats dropped a combined seven minutes and 11

seconds of time. "This was a great way to start our championship season. Because of the limited entries at next week's Kensington Conference championships, this was the final meet for many of our swimmers. The amount of time that these swimmers dropped goes to show how hard these boys have worked over the last few months.

ing Kensington champion, won six of the 12 races, including two relays, to settle for third.

figured in four firsts. The junior captured the 200 freestyle (1:43.57) and 100 butterfly (53.46). He also anchored firstplace finishes in the 200

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Stevenson, the defend-

The Spartans were led

by Jackson O'Dowd, who

freestyle relay (1:29.78)

JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Northville's James Xue was Central Division champion in the 200-yard individual medley in 2:03.14.

and 400 freestyle relay (3:29.98).

KLAA CENTRAL DIVISION BOYS SWIM MEET Feb. 20-21 at South Lyon East TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Northville, 714; 2. Novi, 486; 3. Livonia Stevenson, 390; 4. South Lyon Unified, 318; 5. Salem, 291. FINAL EVENT DESILIES

South Lyon Unified, 318; 5. Salem, 291. FINAL EVENT RESULTS 200-yard medley relay: 1. South Lyon (Nick VanDyke, Brandon Bell, Max Kempisty, Oliver Joy), 1:44.31; 2. Northville (Larry Zhao, Chris Geng, Troy Stacer, Nirek Sharma), 1:44.44; 3. Stevenson, 1:45.08; 4. Northville (Kirk Maibach, Nikolai Arton, John Duan, Yash Bajai), 1:45.13; 5. Salem, 1:45.44; 6. Novi (Lames Ponyk, Naravn 1:45.44; 6. Novi (James Popyk, Narayn Manivannn, Phillip Billiu, Bradley Huang), 1:45.13.

1:45.13. **200 freestyle:** 1. Jackson O'Dowd (LS), 1:43.57; 2. Matt LaPorte (LS), 1:48.07; 3. Phillip Collingwood (Salem), 1:50.0; 4. Eric Ferrara (LS), 1:50.63; 5. Maibach (N'ville), 1:51.22; 6. Matthew Schafter (N'ville), 1:51.49. **200 individual**

200 individual medley: 1. James 200 Individual medieg; I. James Xue (N'ville), 2:03.14; 2. Ryan Katulski (Novi), 2:06.67; 3. Popyk (Novi), 2:07.54; 4. Geng (N'ville), 2:07.9; 5. Duan (N'ville), 2:09.1; 6. Wellman (Salem), 2:09.28. 50 freestyle: 1. VanDyke (SLU), 22.83; Alay Les (JS) 22.09; 2. Billiu (Novi). So Treestyre: 1: Vallby 65(D), 22.03
 Alex Lee (LS), 22.98; 3. Billiu (Novi),
 23.18; 4. Adam Goeddeke (LS), 23.24; 5.
 Alexander Yuan (Novi), 23.56; 6. Shane Boran (N'ville), 23.75.
 1-meter diving: 1. Ethan Schmidt (SLU), 412.20 points; 2. Matt Meadows
 (SLU), 381.70; 3. James Ciolli (Novi), 373.50;
 Alextan Collection (Novil), 323.55;

4. Nathan Pellerito (Novi), 343.35; 5. Christain Field (N'ville), 3-1.80; 6. Michael

Falzon (Salem), 263.15. **100 butterfly:** 1. 0'Dowd (LS), 53.46; 2. Billiu (Novi), 55.23; 3. Xue (N'ville), 56.05; 4. Toraki Maehata (Novi), 57.8; 5. Collin Urbacsewski (Salem), 58.39; 6. Duan (Viville) 58.65

Orbacewski (Salem), 56.39, 6. Julari (Viville), 58.65. **100 freestyl**e: 1. Goeddeke (LS), 50.99; 2. Ferrara (LS), 51.07; 3. Fred Schulz (N'ville), 51.4; 4. Zhao (N'ville), 51.51; 5. Mark Kaminski (N'ville), 51.96; 6. Yuan (Novi), 52.25

52.25. 500 freestyle: 1. M. LaPorte (LS), 4:44.12; 2. Schafer (N'ville), 4:57.87; 3. Lee (LS), 4:58.54; 4. Trevor DeGroot (N'ville), 5:05.76; 5. Nicholas Mouaikel (N'ville), 5:08.29; 6. Benajmin LaPorte (LS), 5:10.3. 200 freestyle relay: 1. Stevenson (Ferrara, Lee, Goeddeke, O'Dowd), 1:29.78; 2. Novi (Billiu, Siddhardha Kareddy, Popyk, Katulski), 1:31.67; 3. South Lyon, 1:33.61; 4. Northville (Kaminski, Geng, Boran, Sharma), 1:34.66; 5. Salem, 1:34.7; 6. Northville (Stacer, Xue, Bajaj, Schulz), 1:34.62. 100 beckera kota / Kirk Mikhech

100 backstroke: 1. Kirk Maibach (N'ville), 55.28; 2. Patrick Casey (Salem), 57.6; 3. Zhao (N'ville), 58.09; 4. Parker Wasielewski (LS), 58.67; 5. Charles Liu (Salem), 1:01.07; 6. Brian Son (Novi), 1:01.77.

100 breaststroke: 1. Geng (N'ville), 1:01.91; 2. Bajaj (N'ville), 1:04.5; 3. Nikolai Arton (N'ville), 1:05.52; 4. VanDyke (SLU), 1:05.68; 5. Gordy Williams (Novi), 1:05.95; 6. Haotian Jiang (N'ville), 1:06.5.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Stevenson (Ferrara, M. LaPorte, Wasielewski, O'Dowd), 3:23,98; 2. Northville (Schulz, Zhao, Schafer, Xue), 3:26.14; 3. Northville (Kaminski, Trevo DeGroot, Duan, Maibach), 3:27.86; 4. Kareddy, Yuan, Andrew Kilponen, Arthur Shi), 3:30.26; 5. Salem, 3:33.82; 6. South Lyon, 3:34.1

CITY OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION

ORDINANCE NO. 02-02-15 APPROVING AMENDMENT TO AND RESTATEMENT OF THE DEVELOPMENT AND TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PLAN OF THE NORTHVILLE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the Northville Downtown Development Authority (the "Authority") has previously prepared and recommended for approval a Development and Tax Increment Financing Plan (the "Original Plan") which was approved by the City Council of the City of Northville (the "City") pursuant to Ordinance No. 78-58 adopted on December 4, 1978; and

WHEREAS, the City has approved amendments to the Original Plan pursuant to an Ordinance adopted on March 5, 1979; an Ordinance adopted on September 17, 1979; an Ordinance adopted on April 26, 1988; Ordinance No. 6-93-D, adopted on June 28, 1993; Ordinance No. 7-20-98, adopted on July 20, 1998 and Ordinance No. 10-20-03, adopted on November 2, 2003 (together with the Original Plan, the "Amended Plan"); and

WHEREAS, the Authority has prepared and recommended for approval amendments to and a restatement of the Amended Plan, attached hereto as Exhibit A (the "Amended and Restated Plan"); and

WHEREAS, on February 2, 2015, the City Council held a public hearing on the Amended and Restated Plan pursuant to Act 197, Public Acts of Michigan, 1975, as amended (the "Act"); and

WHEREAS, the City Council has given the taxing jurisdictions subject to capture in the Downtown District an opportunity to meet with the City Council and to express their views and recommendations regarding the Amended and Restated Plan, as required by the Act; and

WHEREAS, after consideration of the Amended and Restated Plan, the City

Catholic Central ninth in Division 1

Marguette 3-peats at Boyne Highlands

By Brad Emons Staff Writer

Chalk one up to experience for Novi Detroit Catholic Central following a ninth-place showing in the MHSAA Division 1 boys ski finals held Monday at Boyne Highlands.

Marquette captured its third consecutive state title with 47 points, followed by Traverse City Central (60), Clarkston (114), Holly (130), Rochester Adams (204), Traverse City West (214), Brighton (221), University of Detroit-Jesuit (271 and Detroit CC (284).

Clarkston's Derek VanItallie was the individual winner in slalom and giant slalom with times of 1:05.3 and 56.62, respectively.

The Shamrocks, led by senior captain Drew Davis' 26th (1:02.59), skied to a seventh in the morning giant slalom, but finished only three

racers during the afternoon slalom program and with penalty points placed ninth.

Freshman Sawyer Reed garnered 26th (1:18.8) in slalom to pace the Shamrocks.

Among CC's overall slalom finishers, while factoring in individual state qualifiers, were Reed, 34th (1:18.8); Josh Blossfele, 41st (1:21.88); and Kyle Spillane, 57th (1:59.3).

Novi's Mitch Goodman rebounded from a poor first run to finish 51st overall in 1:32.48. His second run time placed him 16th.

The Shamrocks' overall giant slalom finishers included Davis, 35th (1:02.59); Max Tokarz, 39th (1:03.04); Reed, 43rd (1:03.7); Justin Woolhiser. 1:05.41; and Blake Richert, 48th (1:06.48).

CC's Logan Freismuth did not finish the slalom or giant slalom.

"There were only two seniors on the team, Drew Davis and Kyle Spillance, so it was a

great experience for the younger racers to take forward," CC coach Tom Gable said.

SEMSL meet

In the Southeastern Michigan Ski League Championships on Friday at Pine Knob, Novi finished eighth in the boys standings as Andrew Jamison placed 26th in giant slalom, while Ross O'Donnell took 35th.

On the girls side, Unie Gu became Novi's first varsity girls skier to compete in the SEMSL meet and placed 47th in giant slalom and 53rd in slalom.

Both teams return all their skiers with the exception of Elaine Hamilton on the girls team.



1:15, 1:35, 4:10, 6:40, 9:00

Council has determined to approve the Amended and Restated Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF NORTHVILLE ORDAINS:

Findings.

The City Council has taken into consideration the findings and (a) recommendations of the Development Area Citizens Council.

The Amended and Restated Plan meets the requirements set forth in the (b) Act.

The proposed method of financing the development is feasible and the (c) Authority has the ability to arrange the financing. (d) The development is reasonable and necessary to carry out the purposes of

the Act.

(e) The land included within the Development Area to be acquired, if any, is reasonably necessary to carry out the purposes of the Amended and Restated Plan and the purposes of the Act in an efficient and economically satisfactory manner.

The development plan portion of the Plan as amended by the Amended and (f) Restated Plan is in reasonable accord with the master plan of the City.

Public services, such as fire and police protection and utilities, are or will be (g) adequate to service the project area.

(h) Changes in zoning, streets, street levels, intersections, and utilities, to the extent required by the Amended and Restated Plan, are reasonably necessary for the project and for the City.

<u>Public Purpose</u>. The City Council hereby determines that the Plan, as amended and restated, constitutes a public purpose.
 <u>Best Interest of the Public</u>. The City Council hereby determines that it is in

the best interest of the public to proceed with the Amended and Restated Plan in order to halt property value deterioration, to increase property tax valuation, to eliminate the causes of the deterioration in property values, and to promote growth in the Downtown District.

4. <u>Approval and Adoption of Amended and Restated Plan</u>. The Amended and Restated Plan is hereby approved and adopted. A copy of the Amended and Restated Plan and all later amendments thereto shall be maintained on file in the City Clerk's office.

Amendment to Ordinance Number; Conflict and Severability. Ordinance No. 10-20-03 is hereby amended by this Ordinance. All ordinances, resolutions and orders or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of the Ordinance are to the extent of such conflict hereby repealed, and each section of the Ordinance and each subdivision of any section thereof is hereby declared to be independent, and the finding or holding of any section or subdivision thereof to be invalid or void shall not be deemed or held to affect the validity of any other section or subdivision of the Ordinance.

Paragraph Headings. The paragraph headings in this Ordinance are 6. furnished for convenience of reference only and shall not be considered to be a part of the Ordinance.

7. <u>Publication and Recordation</u>. The Ordinance shall be published in full promptly after its adoption in the *Northville Record*, a newspaper of general circulation in the City, qualified under State law to publish legal notices, and shall be recorded in the Ordinance Book of the City, which recording shall be authenticated by the signature of the City Clerk

8. Effective Date. The Ordinance is hereby determined by the City Council to be immediately necessary for the interests of the City and shall be in full force and effect following the publication requirements set forth in the City Charter.

$\underline{\mathrm{EXHIBIT}\, \mathrm{A}}$

Due to its size, the Amended and Restated Plan is on file for review at the office of the City Clerk during normal business hours of Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. local prevailing time, or on the City of Northville's website at <u>www.ci.northville.mi.us</u> and the Downtown Development Authority's website at <u>www.downtownnorthville.com</u> (go to About Downtown, then Studies and Reports).

CERTIFICATES

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of Ordinance No. 02-02-15, duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Northville, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held on February 17, 2015, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by such Act.

I further certify that the following Members were present at said meeting: Allen, Darga, Ekong, McKindles, and Johnson and that the following Members were absent: None. I further certify that Member Allen moved adoption of said Ordinance and Member Darga supported said motion.

I further certify that the following Members voted for adoption of said Ordinance Allen, Darga, Ekong, McKindles, and Johnson and that the following Members voted against adoption of said Ordinance: None.

I hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance received legal publication in the Northville Record on February 26, 2015 and effective on February 28, 2015.

Publish: February, 26, 2015

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KLAA GYMNASTICS

Canton wins Association title; Northville claims 7th place

Claire Cotter and Maddie Dragon were Northville's top finishers Saturday in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association gymnastics meet held at Walled Lake Central.

Canton came away with top team honors in the 12-school meet with 147.75 points, while Northville placed seventh with 132.425.

In Division 2, Cotter

placed sixth on the uneven bars with a score of 8.35, while Dragon placed ninth on the balance beam with 8.775.

Other top Division 2 performers for the Mustangs included Erin McCallum on vault (8.7) and Maddie DeGroff on floor exercise (8.7).

The Mustangs return to action Saturday, March 7, at Canton for the MHSAA regional.

Final Days of February Certified Pre-Owned Sale at Varsity Lincoln in Novi

By Greg Mullin Staff Writer

Varsity Lincoln of Novi is celebrating with great deals and a Certified Pre-Owned Sale. Their sale is different than other dealerships. There's no gifts, no trips and no hot dogs — just great deals on more than 150 Certified Pre-Owned Lincolns, which are onsite and ready to drive off the lot for as little as \$11,995.+

There were 540 Certified Pre-Owned vehicles delivered in 2014 at Varsity Lincoln, making the dealership the number one pre-owned salesvolume dealer globally.

The dealership has held the honor of highest volume sales dealer globally since 1997.* Varsity offers a newly remodeled showroom, indoor delivery area and service reception aisle.

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

Hurry over to Varsity Lincoln these next three days to catch the deals: » Thursday, Feb. 26,

8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. » Friday, Feb. 27, 8:30

a.m. to 6 p.m. » Saturday, Feb. 28,

8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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

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"The warranty is key. With Certified Pre-Owned, you get the best from Varsity Lincoln," said Jere Law, Varsity Lincoln's General Sales Manager and Pre-Owned Director. Certified Pre-Owned financing is available for as low as 0.9% APR.**

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

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

"I have an MKZ from Varsity Lincoln; I've had it for about a year now. It's a beautiful interior, a beautiful exterior, it handles well on the road and gives me good gas mileage!" Lincoln MKZ owner Gary Trudeau said. "I love this place. I wouldn't even consider buying a car from anybody else!" Jason Towe told us why he got a Lincoln, stating: "I definitely love the comfort and the sportiness of the Lincoln. The cost was a big factor for me; it was actually cheaper than my last car I owned, and I feel I'm getting a better quality car for what I'm paying!"

"There are numerous benefits of purchasing a Certified Pre-Owned, including the outstanding warranty that comes with the vehicles," Law said. "The 100,000-mile free bumper-to-bumper warranty that comes alongside all Certified Pre-Owned purchases is better than a new car warranty! Additionally, any time the vehicle is in for a service visit, you can receive a loaner for

no cost, exclusively at Varsity Lincoln!"

"Loaded with features, a Lincoln will satisfy any customer. Certified Pre-Owned vehicles not only provide peace of mind on the road, but also provide a combination of sportiness and luxury. Benefits include FWD or AWD, EcoBoost, Navigation, Bluetooth, SYNC, an adaptive suspension, a panoramic roof, and heated and cooled seats for comfort, just to name a few.

"Drivers will also enjoy peace of mind from knowing that Lincoln vehicles will hold their value. Any depreciation has already been taken on by the previous owner. Plus, advanced styling and dependability add to a Lincoln vehicle's value."

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

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

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'Put a Freeze' on fires: Winter no time to forget fire safety basics

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) are teaming up for the fourth year to promote their joint campaign, "Put a Freeze on Winter Fires," which works to educate the public about potential fire hazards during the winter months.

Winter is the peak season for U.S. home fires; cooking and heating are the leading causes. In addition, candle, decoration, and Christmas tree fires peak in December. "Put a Freeze on Winter Fires" provides awareness about these potential fire risks, along with advice and tips to avoid them.

'The colder months and holiday season bring a set of increased fire risks that can quickly turn a festive, wintry time of year into a tragic one." said Lorraine Carli, NFPA's vice president of Outreach and Advocacy. "Working closely with USFA, our shared goal is to inform the public

about winter fire safety and provide educational resources for the fire service. With some increased awareness and basic safety precautions, people can ensure a fire-safe winter for their families and homes."

According to NFPA statistics, cooking is the leading cause of home structure fires and injuries in the U.S., while heating equipment is the second leading cause of home fires and home fire deaths. These and other facts that underscore fire risks associated with the winter and holiday season will be addressed throughout the "Put a Freeze on Winter Fires" campaign.

"USFA is pleased to once again be partnering with NFPA to present this important information to the public," said Alexandra Furr, USFA's director of National Fire Programs. "Since we know the winter months provide more opportunities for home fires, it is even more

important for your family to make sure vou have working smoke alarms on every level of your home, and inside and outside sleeping areas. If you don't have a family fire escape plan, take a few minutes to make one and then practice it. During the winter months, we find ourselves thinking about giving and being with family. Give your family the gift of fire safety. We can all take steps to be fire safe, Fire is Everyone's Fight[™].

For tip sheets, videos and other information on how to prevent cooking, heating and other types of fires, visit www.nfpa.org/winter and www.usfa.fema.gov/winter for an extensive list of resources.

About The United States Fire Administration (USFA)

As an entity of the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency, the mission of

USFA is to provide national leadership to foster a solid foundation for our fire and emergency services stakeholders in prevention, preparedness, and response. www.usfa.fema.gov

About the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)

NFPA is a worldwide leader in fire, electrical, building, and life safety. The mission of the international nonprofit organization founded in 1896 is to reduce the worldwide burden of fire and other hazards on the quality of life by providing and advocating consensus codes and standards, research, training, and education. NFPA develops more than 300 codes and standards to minimize the possibilitv and effects of fire and other hazards. All NFPA codes and standards can be viewed at no cost at

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A: Fiduciary duty means that you have a higher standard of responsibility and care to the members of the association then would otherwise be the case if you

were merely a member of the association. In effect, you must be loyal to the association and cannot serve your own particular interests as opposed to the



Robert Meisner

best interests of the association. If called upon, you must make judgments based on sound business decisions employing those persons that can assist you in reaching the right decision for the Board of Directors on behalf of the Association.

O: We have an easement running over our property that has been there for many years for utilities. We are trying to figure out how or what we can do to get rid of it. It is now imposing a nuisance on our property in terms of what is oozing from the ground.

A: Obviously, it is important for you to find out who owns the easement and to immediately notify them of the condition of the easement on your property. The easement holder has an obligation to ensure that the easement does not unreasonably interfere with your use and enjoyment of the property and, depending upon the circumstances, it may call for you to seek to eliminate the easement and/or to seek damages against the easement holder to the extent that your property and/or the value of same has been damaged.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of "Condo Living 2: An Authoritative Guide to Buying, Selling and Operating a Condominium." He is also the author of "Condominium **Operation: Getting Started & Staying** on the Right Track, " second edition. Visit hmeisner@meisner-law.com This

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

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

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REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Industry kudos

The owners of The Real Estate One Family of Companies, Dan Elsea and Stuart Elsea, received the Leadership Award from the Leading Real Estate Companies of the World (LeadingRE), a global network of more than 500 premier real estate firms. The award was presented at the network's annual Awards Gala held at Wynn Las Vegas during LeadingRE Conference Week.

The Leadership Award is given to the broker who exemplifies outstanding qualities of leadership, business acumen, and contributions on a company, industry, community and personal level. Dan Elsea and Stuart Elsea were recognized for their achievements on behalf of both their company, Leading Real Estate Companies of the World, and the real estate industry at large.

Stuart Elsea was acknowledged for his involvement in NAR's Large Broker Forum and other national, state and local real estate activities, along with leading the Real Estate One Charitable Foundation, established in 2004 to commemorate Real Estate One's 75th anniversary.

Dan Elsea received the Leadership Award for his keen sense of the economic factors, technology trends and demographics that affect the real estate business.

Investors

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

Any questions or concerns, call Bill Beddoes at 734-934-9091 or Wayde Koehler at 313-819-0919.

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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Oct. 20-24, 2014, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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Job search tactics balance old and new technologies

By Robert Half

Unless you're looking for work at a medieval-themed restaurant, the last impression you want to give an employer is of being behind the times. That's one reason many job seekers become preoccupied with using only the latest tools and techniques to find a job. As a result, they often neglect some successful time-tested methods.

Of course, plenty of traditional techniques have gone extinct for good reason. Before you go retro, distinguish the do's from the don'ts. Here are some low-tech methods worth reviving. They can help you stand out and make a positive impression no matter the era.

Take cover

Some vintage tactics, such as writing a cover letter, aren't as passe as you might think. In a recent Robert Half survey of senior managers, 91 percent of respondents said cover letters are valuable when evaluating job candidates. Don't skip the cover letter just because a company's online application system doesn't request one. If there's no field designated for a cover letter, you can often attach extra documentation. In fact, 79 percent of employers said it's common to receive cover letters even when applicants submit resumes electronically.

Stock up on stamps

The vast majority of resumes are submitted online or via email. That's why mailing yours as a hard copy can be effective. Once the hiring manager recovers from the shock of receiving a piece of mail, he might open it out of sheer curiosity. That alone puts you ahead of the dozens or even hundreds of other resumes waiting in the person's inbox. However, you shouldn't rely on regular mail alone; use it as a follow up to an online resume. Just be aware of the employer's preferences. Some make it clear in the job posting that they will consider only electronic submissions.

Use your phone's 'phone' feature

Follow up after submitting your resume by calling the hiring manager. A phone call may require more nerve than an email, but the results justify the effort. A voicemail beats an email in at least three key ways: it demonstrates your assertiveness, reaffirms your interest in the opportunity and comes across as more personal than words on the screen. If the hiring manager answers the call, that's even better. You've already established a direct personal connection.

Take the time to say thanks

Since even the most tech-savvy job seeker knows to follow up after an interview, why not do so in a way that conveys genuine gratitude and a personal touch? Reinforce your thank-you email with a handwritten note mailed within a day or two of the meeting.

Borrowing from the past won't strengthen your job search if you're not selective about the tactics you choose. The following bygone techniques and assumptions have earned their place in the job-search dustbin.

The all-purpose resume

It's been 20 years since altering your resume meant typing up a new document from scratch, or at least using an ancient sub-



stance known as whiteout. Now, there's no excuse for not tailoring every resume you send to each specific opportunity.

Resume relics

The traditional objective statement on a resume has seen better days. By focusing on your wishes, not on what you can provide the employer, you may start off on the wrong foot. It's much more useful to provide a targeted professional summary instead. Similarly, an exhaustive resume that lists every job you've ever had makes it hard for a timestrapped hiring manager to find the most relevant material. Formality for its own sake. Good manners never go out of style, but that doesn't mean your correspondence should read like something out of Downton Abbey." Phrases like "To whom it may concern" and "Dear sir or madam" can distance you from the reader. Instead, try to find the hiring manager's name. Calling the company is usually enough to reveal this nugget of information. If you have no luck, use the person's title.

Today's most successful job seekers combine an awareness of modern technology with a desire to establish old-fashioned personal contact whenever possible. Not by coincidence, that's the kind of versatility most employers, even medieval restaurants are looking for.

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