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Spring Fling

Northville Hearing Center (18600 Northville Road, Suite 700A) is hosting a free celebration event from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. March 19. To make an appointment, call 248-349-0657.

Allen Drive, Novi Street area getting more sewer fixes

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

The city of Northville will be doing additional work this spring to ensure there will be no further sanitary sewer backups into homes along Allen Drive and Novi Street neighborhoods.

Northville City Council awarded a contract for the Allen Drive Sanitary Sewer Modifications Project to Rowe Pro-



Director Jim Gallogly said following a 2011 Gallogly

rain event, which resulted in sanitary sewer backups into homes along Allen Drive and Novi Street, the city undertook an engineering in-

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ville Public Work

fessional Services vestigation as to what steps Co. in the amount could be taken to prevent backups in the future. of \$33,972.

Following this study he said Public Works made improvements to the existing sanitary sewer system in the area which will significantly reduce or eliminate storm water and ground water infiltration into the sanitary sewer pipes in this area.

"It is believed that this work solved the capacity problems

experienced in our sanitary sewers in this part of the city," Gallogly said. "However, beyond the improvements already made, it is proposed that an existing overflow pipe, which discharges into the North Huron Rouge Valley Sanitary Sewer System, be enlarged to provide additional assurance that the backups experienced in 2011 will

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Northville Rotary members constructed six little libraries at the local Home Depot. These will soon be placed around the community.

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Rotary placing six little libraries around community

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

The Northville Rotary Club's Little Free Library project is coming along well, and there will soon be six of them set up around the community to give interested

readers an opportunity to find

good reads - or share a few. A Little Free Library is a gathering place where community members share their favorite literature and stories with a box full of books where anyone can stop by and pick up a book or two and bring

back another to share.

"Rotary is really excited about the Little Free Library project and that it is on track." Rotary member John Kelly

Rotary members and their families met at Home Depot in Northville last month and

constructed six Little Free Libraries. Home Depot generously furnished all the supplies, tools and lumber pre-cut to the plans. They even had several workers helping them along the way.

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City's brush collection rules changed

By Lonnie Huhman

Residents in the city of

getting rid of a brush pile in

amount by \$45,000 per year,

which will be accompanied by

some changes in how homeown-

ers can get dispose of unwanted

their yard.

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brush in a way that isn't so back breaking. Staff Writer

'City staff has looked at the possibility of providing a curb-Northville have a new option in side collection program where bush will no longer need to be bundled. This would make it The Northville City Council easier for residents to dispose of their brush," Northville Public on Monday approved a contract change order with Waste Man-Works Director Jim Gallogly agement increasing the contract told council.

Changes

Prior, residents would have to bundle branches that could be

no bigger than four feet in length with a similar diameter. That's changed to six feet in

length and six in diameter.

Piles still need to be neatly placed at the curb. The entire set of guidelines will be detailed on an upcoming water bill for residents

The city's program was a weekly brush collection during the months of April through November. That's also changed; it will now be year-round.

"This program required resi-

dents to wrap their brush with twine/rope into bundles four feet in length, which many of our residents choose not to do," according to Gallogly. "As such, the back yards of properties in our neighborhoods tend to fill up with piles of brush, which are unsightly, but more importantly, present a fire hazard to our community.

Another new guideline states that should the city suffer an ice

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not happen again." In addition to enhancing the capacity of the sewer system in this area, Gallogly said the city is also looking at spot repairs to the existing sanitary sewer line in Allen Drive which was found to have significant

dips and irregularities. The plan is to have a larger diameter relief sewer be constructed to replace the current one on the north side of Novi Road, east of Novi Street.

"This sewer will have a backflow preventer on it to prevent any flows from the county's 42-inch interceptor sewer from backing up into our community," Gallogly said. "In addition, a spot repair will be made on the existing sewer on Allen drive to eliminate a large dip in the line, and backflow preventers will also be considered for two houses on Novi Street."

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CSI Northville



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Juliana Scherwin, 9, takes a look at some evidence during a fun, informative Ann Arbor Hands On Museum Crime Lab visit to the Northville District Library on Jan. 21. The museum brought along samples of fabric and fluids for the kids to analyze and figure out whodunnit in the fictional crime scene.

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Sing Out 4 Kids



It was karaoke at its finest on Saturday night at the Emagine Theatre Royal Oak. Standing ovations all around for the 11 performers who were this year's "Sing Out 4 Kids" participants. The 3rd Annual event, attended by 150 donors, was a benefit for the FAR Conservatory of Therapeutic and Performing Arts. Pictured are Northville residents Mario Stante and Nick Giammarco. Kroger was the presenting sponsor. The sold-out event raised over \$40,000 for FAR, based in Birmingham, and will go towards providing art, music, dance, recreation and sports therapy to children with special needs.



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BRUSH

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or wind storm, a special collection could be implemented to collect debris from any downed

And instead of picking up bulk brush and placing it into a truck to haul away, the brush will now

be chipped into a truck on the street and then removed.

"This minimizes trucking cost and most efficiently removes this solid waste material from our community," Gallogly told council.

Cost

Overall, the changes save money and time. Residents won't see a

rate increase just yet because in the city's current fund balance in the residential portion of the City's Solid Waste Fund covers this increase cost for April, May and June, allowing this new program to begin the first full week of April.

However, come July the city will look to initiate a slight rate increase to cover the expanded service.

"To cover this increase in cost to our solid waste program, it will be necessary to raise the city's residential solid waste fees as part of the city's annual budget process. A \$45,000 program added to our residential collection program will result in an increase to each customer of \$1.71 per month,"

according to Gallogly. He added this en-

hanced service is not intended to replace the private contracting of tree and brush removal, as the city intends to continue to hold contractors responsible for the disposal of brush, limbs and other debris resulting from professional tree cutting and pruning activities.

This program is being designed to assist private property owners who's trees may have been impacted by a storm event, or to assist them with brush removal they perform incidental tree trimming/removals on their property," Gallogly said.

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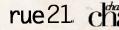


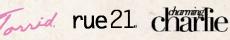












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"Home Depot and their staff were terrific, and Rotary extends a big thank you," Kelly said. The libraries are now

being painted, weathersealed and decorated. They should be up soon. Kelly said the specific locations haven't been named yet, but they are looking at locations in the Northville community that are primarily pedestrian with accessible car parking. He said many people in the community have contacted Rotary about the

placement of the librar-

"The library location should be easily accessible so that books can be replenished as needed and the library can be maintained," he said.

They are considering Ford Field and the walkway in the front of Northville Township Hall as possible locations, and the Rotary is also looking for help and advice.

"We welcome anyone who would like to assist in the stocking and maintenance of the libraries," Kelly said.

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Renovations at Smoky's include liquor license and new bar area

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Smoky's Northville Cigar Bar and Lounge has completed its renovations, and a new bar area gives this local favorite even more appeal.

Owner Teresa Jaafar has wanted for awhile to add on to the lounge at the shop, which is located in the Highland Lakes Shopping Plaza off Seven Mile Road. Now it's completed and she wants the community to stop by and check it out – and maybe have a drink with their fine cigar.

"We're very excited about this," she said standing next to the bar. "It adds a new detail that many of our customers have wanted and are happy to see."

happy to see."
Five years ago, Jaafar bought the cigar shop which was Trader Tom's for 30 years. Since then she has worked to maintain what makes it a great shop while also trying to make it better. Getting a liquor license and adding the bar not only appeals to customers, but it also diversifies

the longtime shop.

There has always been a wide variety of cigars.

There are so many that

Jaafar has sort of lost count. The shop's walk-in humidor and selection of premium brands, such as Padron, has made it a destination. The ventilation system is state-of-the-art, giving those wishing to hang out but not smoke a cigar a comfortable setting.

The lounge area which has been expanded into the bar area can only be described as comfy and relaxing. It has leather-bound chairs that are roomy and inviting with a bar that can sit up to six people. The handful of televisions also makes it a great place to watch sports.

The bar is fully stocked with beer, featuring a variety of craft brews, liquor and wine. Jaafar said since it's so new they are taking suggestions from customers for potential ideas to add to the selection.

There will be an official grand opening in the next month at the 43249 W. Seven Mile Road locale, which can be reached at 248-348-8333.

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Teresa Jaafar pours a hard cider at the recently-opened bar at Smoky's Cigar Shop in Northville Township's Highland Lakes Plaza.
The lounge has had a cigar and pipe lounge for years, but recently added a liquor license and small bar in the back.

Mill Race Historical Village is located at 215 Griswold Ave., north of Main Street near Ford Field. Buildings will re-open on Sundays in June. Grounds open daily dawn until dusk. Mill Race relies on rentals and memberships to maintain the Village. Consider becoming a

member or making a donation today; visit www.millrace-northville.org for details.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Lecture Series: When Mark Twain Came to Michigan; 7 p.m. March 25 at the New

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Lady Carol Victorian Tea:

1-3:30 p.m. March 21.

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Website: www.millracenorthville.org

Volunteers: The Northville Historical Society at Mill Race Village accepts volunteers in many different areas. Contact the office for more details.

Donations: Accepted only from 9 a.m. to noon Tuesdays. **Archives:** The archives are open Monday and Tuesday.

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Cooke School educators and students gather on March 13 to celebrate their commitment to reading.

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Cooke School has fun with reading

Reading month is a special time of year at Cooke School, where students get to do things like celebrate "Let's Do Disney!", a day in which they get to wear Disney gear and bring fairy tales to read.

As a special education school, Cooke works to reach each student during the month in ways that will inspire in them even more love for the written word.

Cooke School serves a variety of special education students ranging from severely cognitively impaired, severely multiply impaired and dual diagnosed (cognitively and emotionally impaired) students from the ages of 3 years to 26 years old.

"The purpose of reading month in all schools is to celebrate and model reading as something that we all do to help us understand the world around us," said Cooke Principal Jennifer Bugar. "Staff

helps the students by reading in each others' classrooms, by inviting guest readers, and sharing things they like to

During reading month at Cooke, Bugar said they pick a theme, and this year it is fish and ocean life, which goes along with a unit of study in an academic area.

'Throughout the month, classrooms look for ways to celebrate reading and to create meaningful ways to see how we use reading," she said.

But Bugar said it isn't just one month a year they celebrate reading.

Reading is part of English Language Arts instruction for all Cooke students, each Friday staff and students (since we have done this the last three years) wear their 'Read' shirts and then have an option where classrooms can join together or individually participate," she said.

Other Reading Month celebration days included Drop Everything and Read, Read Across America as well as Camp Out Day and Beach Par-

"Each day's function is to build in fun to reading together," Bugar said.

In the last full week of March, Cooke will have a book fair (last year was the first) where the PTA works with school staff to provide a Family Fun Night with food, a musical presentation, and the book fair, in order to bring the community together at school.

At the end of the month they will have a Door Decorating Contest. Classrooms decorate their door with their favorite books. All classrooms vote on the doors, with the winning classroom receiving two books.

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Cooke School student Tiara Crump (center) shares a hug and a smile with teachers Melinda Demray (left) and Peggy Dinicola on March 13 as the school celebrated the importance of reading throughout the day. Teachers wore shirts with messages about how reading can positively affect the mind and all hoped to build a purpose for reading everyday.

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

The library will be closed Friday, March 20 for a staff inservice day.

General Computer Help

1-3 p.m. Thursday, March 19: 40-minute session with a staff member for one-onone free computer help for your general computer questions. Registration required.

Drop-In Super Saturday Storytime

11-11:30 a.m. Saturday, March 21: Enjoy stories, music and movement all about precious pets in this storytime best for ages 2 – 4, but entire families are welcome. Just drop in.

Foreign Film @ Your Library

6:30 p.m. Monday, March 23: See the well-reviewed French film The Auction, subtitled in English. No registration required.

Sustainable Landscaping

7 p.m. Monday, March 30: Drew Lathin, general manager of Creating Sustainable Landscapes, describes core concepts, the importance of using native plants and rain gardens, how to eliminate the use of pesticides, and how to increase natural habitats in your garden. Registration required



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Two CC robotics teams capture state crown

Last month was a great one for Shamrocks robotics, as two Detroit Catholic Central VEX robotics teams partnered with a team from Haslett to roll through the state tournament and be named state champion.

Team 2030C from Catholic Central High School was the No. 1 seed in the tournament and selected No. 3-ranked Haslett as its first ally, followed by Team 2030A, also from Catholic Central

The three-team alliance then competed against seven other groups, all composed of teams ranking in the top 40 in the state. The CC/ Haslett/CC combo proved to be a great one, as it scored a state record 84 points on its way to the

Team 2030B from Catholic Central was also competing in the tournament as part of the No. 2-ranked alliance, which was unfortunately knocked out of the tournament in the first round.

Co-coaches Ben Ahronheim and Heather Vingsness said they are very proud of all three teams, which have competed well all season.

Another highlight of the year was a win at the Central Toronto VRC Qualifying Event earlier this month, where CC partnered with its Basilian Brothers at St. Michael's College School on the way to victory. The next step for the teams will be the world championships, which will be held in Kentucky in April.



The Detroit Catholic Central High robotics team celebrated its state championship with a group photo including all three Shamrocks squads.

CATHOLIC CENTRAL'S ROBOTICS TRIO

Team 2030A: Conor Starrs (captain), Albert Asta, Joseph Longville, Andrew Reilman, Danny Reilman, Fareed Samaan, Zach Sanders, Paul Schulte and Evan Shoup Team 2030C: Mithuun Srinivasan (captain), Luke Behm, Vijay Bikki, Michael Holland, Jacob George, Carson Jones, Jon Jraiche, Patrick McNallen, Lucas Pucheta, Quinton Schwagle, Ben Sovis and Alex Zarouck

Team 2030B: Jake Aprilliano (captain), Elijah Blasczynski, Brian Coe, Michael Ryan, Jacob Swaneck, Ethan Wasylewski, Evan Williams and Grant Zydeck

Novi High talent on display March 20

Novi High School's fifth annual International Talent Show will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, March 20, in the auditorium. All proceeds are donated this year to Doctors Without Borders to aid in the fight against the spread of ebola. More than 300 people attended last year's event, which raised almost \$2,000 for The International Justice

Mission. The show will feature Novi High School students performing in acts representing various countries. Some of the many acts include dances, soloists, instrumentals and more. Following the performances, a food court will be set up where attendees can sample international

The production was organized by Novi High School's IB Diploma candidates as part of their CAS (creativity,

activity and service) requirement for earning the IB diploma. The students planned all aspects of the show from recruiting to advertising, ticket and program preparation, and emcee duties. In addition, many of the IB students are performing in the show under the direction of their staff coordinator Barbara

Tickets are \$7 per person and can be purchased at the door.

Wildcats win medals

Five Novi High School students are National Medalists in the largest art and writing competition in the nation: Rylie Butner, silver medal, ceramics; Jacob Carlson, silver, digital art; Lauren Kim, silver, painting; Jeffrey Wan, silver, design, and gold, design art.

Southeast Michigan had 24 award winners; Novi High School was the second highest high school with the most earned medals.

SCHOOL BRIEFS The top 2,000 works in the country earned National Medals and will be celebrated at a ceremony June 11 at Carnegie Hall. There will be an ongoing exhibition at the U.S. Department of Education and the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities. In addition, National Medalist art and writing will also be displayed in cities across the U.S., as part of

Novi's Green Gala

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national touring exhibi-

The Green Gala is the annual signature event of the Novi Educational Foundation. It will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 28, at Lyon Oaks (52551 Pontiac Trail, Wixom; 248-347-9200).

This fundraiser, launched St. Patrick's Day in 2007, is one of many year-long NEFsponsored activities. NEF supports the Novi School District's mission to develop each student's potential with a worldclass education by funding program enhancements and additional educational opportuni-

Tickets and sponsorships are available at www.novieducationalfoundation.org.

Novi offering Great Start Readiness Program

The Novi Community **Education Preschool is** proud to announce it will again be offering the **Great Start Readiness** Program for 4-year-olds starting in September.

To qualify for this state funded program, children must be age 4 by Sept. 1 and meet two of seven criteria set by the state. The GSRP program is a free preschool and includes lunch and snack. Parents provide transportation.

The all-day class will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday and follow the Novi School District calendar.

The GSRP program uses the High Scope Curriculum. This curriculum supports the children learning through hands-on activities and follows the state of Michigan Early Childhood Standards. Lesson plans reflect social, emotional, physical, cognitive and

language development. Registration begins April 1. Space is limited and enrollment is not guaranteed. Parents or guardians should contact the Community Education Preschool office at 248-449-1713. The following documents are necessary for registration: Child Information Record form, 12-month proof of income of all household members (2014 tax forms, FIA statement), child's birth certificate, health insurance, copy of child's immunization records and three proofs of Novi residency (one proof must be a mortgage or lease).

A Night for Northville

A spring break theme with vibrant colors and tropical decor will be part of A Night for Northville that will benefit the Northville Educational Foundation and the many programs it supports throughout the Northville Public Schools district.

Hosts Blaine and Colleen Fowler join the NEF to welcome the Northville community to a casual evening of music, hearty hors d'oeuvres, an open bar, fun games, an amazing silent auction and great company. The Fowlers are Northville residents and longtime supporters of the Northville Public Schools. Blaine Fowler is also co-host of Blaine & Allyson in the Morning on WDVD-FM (96.3)

Presented by Patti Mullen and Associates, the event will be from 8

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Frog and Toad

PHOTOGRAPHER Students perform a dress rehearsal March 11 of their musical "A Year with Frog and Toad" at Novi's Orchard Hills Elementary. The play, directed by teacher Nicole Gustafson, featured numbers like "Snail with the Mail," "Cookies" and "Down the Hill."



ON CAMPUS

Olivet College

A total of 324 students, including Novi's Mary Dalrymple, have been named to the 2014 fall semester dean's list. To make the dean's list, a student must be full time and earn a grade-point average of 3.5 or

Grand Valley State

Nearly 1,000 students earned degrees from GVSU in December 2014, including the following local students: (Northville) Rebekah S. Cullen, BBA; Matthew M. Lypka, BS; Rachel M. Maceri, BS; Ryan M. Schafer, BBA; (Novi) Mary C. Anolick, BS; Stephanie M. Berent, BBA; Bryce S. Herbel, BS; Alec J. Lanigan, BS; Evan Lian, BBA; James A. Lister, BA; Margaret A. Mcphee, BS; Christopher J. Montville, BA; Jennifer K. Thomas, BS; Chelsea L. Turner, BA; Kevin J. Zak, BBA; (Walled Lake) Anna E. Gottschalk, BS; Joseph A. Schiavi, BS; (Wixom) Matthew W. Dornan, BS; Austin J. Ewart, MS; Kathleen A. Golicz, BBA; Darcy R. McGuckin, BA; and Kelsey A. Young, BS.

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p.m. to midnight Saturday, March 21, at Northville Square (133 W. Main Street). Seventy dollars of each \$100 ticket is tax-deductible.

In its fourth year, A Night For Northville is the premier fundraising event for the entire Northville school district attracting an average of 300 guests each year. In past years, the event has helped raise funds for the renovations to Tom Holzer Ford Field and to support programming in the arts in all 10 Northville schools.

This year, A Night For Northville will support the programs that NEF has committed to funding during the 2014-15 school

The easiest way to purchase tickets is through the event website (www.NightFor-Northville.com). Tickets can also be purchased in person in the main office of any one of the 10 Northville schools or over the phone by calling 248-344-8458.

For additional information, email NEF@NorthvilleEdFoun dation.org or call 248-

Drugs 101: What Parents Want To

An informative and educational program for adults (only) to learn about the signs, symptoms and current trends of teen drug use will be held 6:30-8:30 p.m. March 24 in the auditorium at South Lyon East High School (52200 10 Mile).

A highlight of this program is a mock teenager's bedroom set up for adults to observe and attempt to identify the obvious and not-so-obvious drug-related paraphernalia. Learn facts about trends in drug use; tools to identify potential teen drug use; and skills to engage kids in conversations.

This free event is sponsored by South Lyon Area Youth Assistance, Novi Youth Assistance, South Lyon Community Schools and Novi Community Education.

Walk-ins will be accepted, but registration is appreciated online at stjoeshealth.org/classes. For more information, call 734-398-7518.

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 248-349-0720

Developmentally delayed students

If you have a child that will be under the age of 5 years old on or before the first day of the 2015-2016 school year, and you suspect that your child may have speech and language difficulties or overall developmental delays, please call Nadine Harris, director of Northville Public Schools Office of Special Services, at 248-344-3530.

Mom to Mom Sale

Novi Community Education's Infant & Toddler program, The Lily Pad Lane, is hosting its annual Mom2Mom Sale from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 18, at Novi High School. Tables are \$20 per round and \$10 per space for sellers who

provide their own racks. All baby, toddler and children's items will be accepted, including large items such as high chairs, swings, strollers and large toys. Admission for adults is \$1 at the door and free for chil-

dren ages 15 and under. For more information, contact Community Education - Child Care Services at 248-449-1713. All proceeds will benefit equipment for the pro-

Northville roundup, parent orientation

Northville Public Schools hosts two important events in the spring to ease some of your fears and answer many of your questions: Parent Orientation and Kindergarten Roundup.

Parent Orientation is an opportunity for you to hear about our programming, meet key staff members, learn about your child's elementary school and ask questions. The evening is interactive and highlights what to expect the first few weeks of school and how you can help prepare your child for his or her first day. At registration, you will receive a folder with important information that we ask you to review prior to parent orientation. Please note: This is a

meeting for parents only; children should not at-

Kindergarten Round-Up is designed for your incoming kindergartner. Your child will participate in a number of activities that will help us get to know your child better and help him or her feel more comfortable in the classroom. When you arrive for Kindergarten Round-Up, we will greet you and your child and your child will come with us to start their busy schedule. While your child is with our staff, vou will participate in an informational session highlighting our many important initiatives, including The Leader in Me. We will provide more details about the Round-Up experience at parent orientation.

The following are the dates for Kindergarten Parent Orientation and Round-Up at each of our elementary schools:

Amerman - April 30, 6:30 p.m. May 1 Moraine - May 11, 6:30

p.m. May 15 Silver Springs - May 6, 6 p.m. May 15 Thornton Creek –

April 29, 6 p.m. May 7

Ridge Wood - May 11, 6:30 p.m. May 15 Winchester - May 11, 6

p.m. May 12 ABWA offering grant, scholarships

The mission of the American Business Women's Association, a national nonprofit organization, is in part to provide opportunities for women to help themselves grow personally and professionally through education. As a testament to their collective mission, the Novi Oaks Charter Chapter of the ABWA has announced it will offer one grant and two scholarships this year for the education of local students.

The Bettie Archer Johnson Scholarship is offered to students of Madonna University and interested students should contact the financial aid office at Madonna for more information. Two other opportunities include the Novi Oaks' Impact Scholarship (\$1,000) and the Novi Oaks' Outright Grant (\$1,500).

To apply, interested parties should send name, email address and phone number to Education Chair Karen Kolc at kkolc@yahoo.com, with the subject line "Impact Scholarship" (applications must be completed online by March 31 at www.sbmef.org) or "Outright Grant" (applications must be completed online by June 1 at www.sbmef.org).

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Registration is required. Please call the school to register over

734-464-2789 the phone.

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Empower Yoga collecting for Civic

Empower Yoga Studio is teaming up with Northville's Civic Concern to help families in need. Empower's owner, Julie Cook, believes in giving back to the community and has included Karma Yoga – the act of selfless giving - into her Yoga Teacher Training pro-

Trainees are asked to choose a local organization to help during their Karma Yoga Project in which they collect donations in the community and then volunteer in the organization of their choosing. The trainees have picked Northville Civic Concern, a nonprofit organization created by local concerned citizens who wanted to help those in need within their own community. Northville Civic Concern helps families in the city of Northville, Northville Township and Focus HOPE recipients.

Empower Yoga Studio will be accepting donations until March 20. The trainees will be volunteering March 21 at the Northville Civic Concern's pantry, stocking shelves and distributing the items collected.

You can help by bringing canned goods, paper products, soap, cereals or baby products to Empower Yoga Studio (41620 Six Mile Road, Northville) to donate. Phone 248-719-7520 for more informa-

'The Frog Prince' at **Marguis**

The Marquis Theater in downtown Northville presents The Frog Prince through May 10.

After dropping her gold ball into a pond, a princess reluctantly befriends a frog and comes to discover that no one should ever judge a book by its cover. Watch as the Princess learns an important lesson, once the frog magically transforms into a prince. A delightful show with lots of singing and dancing.

Show times are 2:30 p.m. March 21-22 and 28-29; April 4, 11-12, 18-19 and 25-26; May 2-3 and 9-10 and Tuesday through Friday, April 7-10.

Tickets for all performances are \$9; no children under the age of 3. Group rates and reserved seating for groups of 20 or more. Birthday parties and Scout Days available. Special weekday school shows are also available.

For more information, call the Marquis Theatre at 248-349-8110 or go to www.northvillemarquis theatre.com.

Learn about identity

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

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to prevent it and what to do if you're a victim.

Reserve a spot for you and a friend by registering online for \$15 per person to cover a facil-

March 31 tax foreclosure deadline

Oakland County Treasurer Andy Meisner is urging property owners in Oakland County to beat a statutory March 31 deadline for tax foreclosure by entering into a monthly payment plan and applying for the Step Forward Michigan Loan Rescue Program, which provides eligible families with up to \$30,000.

Oakland County property tax foreclosures peaked in 2012 with around 1,650 and are expected to be fewer than 800 in 2015. Property tax foreclosure in Michigan is administered by the county treasurer under Public Act 123 of 1999 and involves a threeyear process of notices, interest and fees and eventual loss of property.

Meisner's office works to share information with delinquent taxpayers about resources. including free financial counseling and the Step Forward Michigan Loan Rescue Program.

For more information, call 248-858-0623.

Free health lectures

Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease will be discussed by Emad Shehada, M.D., pulmonary and sleep medicine, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 24. Do you suffer from chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, asthma, bronchitis or emphysema? If so, attend to learn about common breathing problems and how to "catch your

Hip and knee pain will be discussed by Joseph Salama, M.D., orthopedic surgeon, 6-7 p.m. Thursday, April 2. Don't have time for the pain? Learn about advanced treatments that may offer relief from your hip and knee pain, including information on medications, nutrition and exer-

Both lectures will be held at Novi's Providence Park Hospital in the Outpatient Building (faces Grand River Avenue), Conference Room A. Park and enter by the Heart Institute entrance. For more information or to register, call 888-751-

Pistol safety class

offered The Novi Police Department will be offering a Civilian Pistol Safety Class from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 28, at the Novi Police Department Training Center located at 45125 10 Mile Road. The course fulfills both the classroom and shooting requirements to obtain a Michigan Concealed Pistol License.

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

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

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

EGGstravaganza a sure sign of spring

Celebrate the unofficial kick-off of spring at the Eggstravaganza event, hosted by the Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department in partnership with MSU Tollgate Education Center and Farm, from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 28.

The Eggstravaganza will feature a petting farm, kid craft area provided by Macaroni Kid and Rosebrook Elementary, age designated egg hunts, hayrides, refreshments, and an opportunity to take pictures with the bunny. The event is geared for kids ages 2-12.

The price, \$8 for residents and \$10 for nonresidents, is for the participating child. There is no charge for parents to enjoy and take pictures. Due to the unseasonably cold weather, parking information will be emailed to all registered participants prior to the event. The MSU Tollgate **Education Center and** Farm is located at 12 Mile and Meadowbrook roads.

Registration is available now at www.cityofnovi.org or the Novi Parks Office, 45175 10 Mile. The deadline to register is Friday, March 20; no on-site registrations will be taken. For more information, call 248-347-0400.

Choralaires sneak peek

The Novi Choralaires Sneak Peek preview concert spring show "Let There Be Music" will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 7, at the Novi Public Library (45255 W. 10 Mile). Join the Choralaires for memorable songs from the 1970s and join them as they celebrate their 40th season of music.

For more information, go to www.novichoralaires.org or their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/novichoralaires.

www.cityofnovi.org and

Public Hearing Notice NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Zoning Board of Appeals for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, April 7, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Council Chambers Novi Civic Center 45175 Ten Mile Road to consider:

City of Novi

CASE NO. PZ15-0005 1653 WEST LAKE DRIVE The applicant is requesting variances from the CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES;

Section 3.1.5(d) to allow construction of new two-story additions on an existing lake front lot with a reduced side yard setback of 5.5 ft. and a reduced aggregate side setback of 10.7 ft. The property is located east of West Park Drive and south of Pontiac Trail.

CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 3.1.5(d) requires minimum side yard setbacks of 10 ft. and a minimum aggregate of 25 ft. respectively.

CASE NO. PZ15-0007 BOTTLZ 31260 WAKEFIELD

The applicant is requesting a variance from CITY OF NOVI. CODE OF ORDINANCES.

The applicant is requesting a variance from CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES,

Section 28-5(3) to allow a second ground sign of 30 square feet. The property is located east of Novi Road and south of 14 Mile Road.

CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 28-5(3) permits a single ground sign in a RA, Residential Acreage District.

CITY OF NOVI **NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 15-57.02**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE NOVI CITY COUNCIL HAS ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 15-57.02 TO AMEND THE CITY OF NOVI CODE OF ORDINANCES, AT CHAPTER 34, "UTILITIES," ARTICLE II, "WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM," DIVISION 2, "CROSS-CONNECTIONS," IN ORDER TO UPDATE REFERENCES TO STATE LAW AND THE CITY'S CROSS CONNECTION CONTROL PROGRAM AS APPROVED BY THE STATE, TO CORRECT REFERENCES TO APPROPRIATE CITY AND STATE DEPARTMENTS FOR ENFORCEMENT, AND TO PROVIDE FOR A PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS.

The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, March 9, 2015 and the provisions of the ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its adoption. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., prevailing local time.

Maryanne Cornelius, City Clerk

My bot



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Vishnu Sunkara, 8, works on creating his own colorful, wind-up robot during a Feb. 25 crafts session at the Northville District Library. Kids got to make their own bots using a couple of wind-up toys and packets of guick-dry, colorful clay.

347-0414.

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: 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.).

Celebration of Hope

This year, New Hope Center for Grief Support is celebrating its 15-year anniversary. Since 2000, New Hope has been serving people all across southeast Michigan as they grieve the loss of a loved one. Over that time, thousands of people have found hope, healing and new beginnings.

Its Celebration of Hope 15-year anniversary dinner Friday, May 1,

at St. Mary's Cultural Center (18100 Merriman Road in Livonia) will celebrate the past, present and future of New Hope. Founders Cathy Clough and John and Betty Baird will be the guests of honor. The event starts at 6 p.m. and there will be many items for bid at the live and silent auctions, including a week-long vacation on Hilton Head Island in South Carolina, as well as food, drinks and dancing.

Registration (at http:// tinyurl.com/k2r857h) for the event starts at \$50 per person (before April 8: \$60 after) and proceeds from the night go toward helping New Hope's mission of providing support, education and community to those who are grieving.

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Recognize youths

Novi Youth Assistance is looking for good candidates for the NYA Recognition Ceremony at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 2, at the Novi Civic Center. The purpose of the program is to recognize and honor those students who have volunteered their time and talents for the benefit of their community.

NYA is looking for anyone in the Novi community to make nominations.

NYA is attempting to recognize any student who has volunteered in the community or contributed their time to make the world a better place by helping others. There is no limit to the number of students honored. Last year, there were 14 students.

If you know of a young person who is presently a Novi resident and qualified, contact the NYA office at 248-347-0410 or stop by the office at 45175 W. 10 Mile Road.

Hillside Spring Craft

The Hillside Middle School PTSA is hosting a spring craft fair for amateur and professional handcrafters 4:30-8 p.m. Friday, April 17, in the school (775 N. Center, Northville) cafeteria.

PTSA members may rent an eight-foot table for \$10; \$20 for non-members. Registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis until all tables are filled. For more information, contact Karen Wang, Hillside PTSA president, at kfbwang@gmail.com.

Reel Michigan Film Festival

As part of the Arts and Acts Festival in downtown Northville, the Reel Michigan Film Festival 2015 will feature a diverse collection of Michigan-made short films beginning at 5 p.m. Saturday, June 20, followed by a Q&A with filmmak-

Reel Michigan is now accepting Michigan-made or Michigan-themed short films, less than 20 minutes long.
Reel Michigan welcomes all genres, from student films to the experimental. The submission deadline is April 17. The entry form, trailers and more information are available at http://northvilleart house.org/special-events/reel-michigan/.

Hoops for Hope

During the month of March, Bagger Dave's Burger Tavern will seek to help the more than 4,500 Michigan families associated with Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan through the organization's annual Hoops for Hope campaign.

To support CLF, Bagger Dave's guests can simply purchase a paper basketball pinup with a donation of at least \$1. The funds raised will go directly to help the families affected by leukemia, lymphoma and other

related blood disorders who need financial assistance and emotional support. With the purchase, supporters have the option to write a personalized message that will be displayed throughout the participating burger taverns, which includes the Novi location (northeast corner of Novi Road and Grand River Avenue)

"We encourage everyone to join us for the
madness this basketball
season and offer support
to the Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan," said Michael Ansley, president and CEO
of Bagger Dave's. "Last
year, Bagger Dave's
raised about \$6,000 for
CLF. We hope to surpass
that number this year."

Motor City Comic Con rolls into the Showplace

Fighting for truth, justice and the American way, Motor City Comic Con enlists a new cast and crew of comic and media guests for its 26th annual comic con event. The pop-culture event gathers fans of all ages to meet and greet more than 300 creators, writers, illustrators and actors from their favorite comics, television shows and movies.

and movies.

The event takes place
12:30-7 p.m. Friday, May
15, 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Saturday, May 16, and
10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 17, at the Suburban Collection Showplace (46100 Grand River Avenue in Novi). Event tickets and VIP passes can be purchased by visiting http://www.motorcitycomiccon.com/new-tix/.

Want to be a mentor?

Northville Youth Assistance is looking for adults who are interested in becoming mentors for Northville youngsters. Volunteer mentors participate in 10 hours of training and then are matched one-on-one with a child or teen in the community. The purpose of the mentoring relationship is for the young person to have a positive adult role model to help get him or her through some tough times.

All of the clients live Northville Township the city of Northville or in the Northville Public School District. Some of them come from singleparent families; others are new to the community and may be having a hard time fitting in. Sometimes another child in the family requires a great deal of attention due to illness or another difficulty, and the family is looking for positive attention for their other

children. Volunteers are asked to spend an hour or so per week with their mentees for at least a year, taking them places and enjoying activities such as sports, crafts, games or cooking. Mentors and mentees are carefully matched according to personalities and interests, since research suggests that the most important factor in a positive, impactful mentoring relationship is that the mentor and mentee have fun together.

Northville Youth Assistance will be holding volunteer mentor training 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, April 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, at the Northville Community Center, 303 W. Main St. This five-session training includes information about the program, techniques for positive communication and discussion about the impact that one positive adult role model can have on a young person in the community. Preregistration is required.

Volunteers need to be at least 21 years old and be able to pass a criminal history background check.

If you think you might be interested, call NYA Director Sue Campbell at 248-344-1618 to schedule an interview. Coming to training doesn't commit you to becoming a mentor; training can help you decide whether mentoring is the right fit for

Fox Run residents

volunteer More than 1.2 million volunteer hours were given to charitable organizations in 10 different states last year by men and women who live at Erickson Living-managed retirement communities. This marked the fifth successive year in which residents volunteered more than 1 million hours. Marylandbased Erickson Living manages Fox Run retirement community.

In Novi, residents volunteered at hospitals and hospice facilities, schools, churches and synagogues. They also volunteered at libraries and military-support organizations. Agencies that benefitted from their volunteerism and philanthropy included the ALS Association, Alzheimer's Association, Second Chance, The Salvation Army and Make-a-Wish.

"Giving back is what matters most to our residents," said Jeff Watson, director of operations. "They bring their interests and volunteering efforts to us, and in doing so they educate our employees and staff on the importance of having love and relationships with their local communities."

Want to learn more about road-funding initiative?

Officials with the Road Commission for Oakland County are available to give educational presentations about the upcoming May 5 ballot initiative that would provide additional funding for Michigan's roads and increase the state's sales tax – Proposition 1

sition 1.
Prop. 1, placed on the ballot by the state Legislature, would provide a long-term solution to Michigan's road-funding crisis while also eliminating the sales tax on fuel in the state. At the same time, the initiative would raise Michigan's sales tax rate from 6 percent to 7 percent and dedicate the

Mayor speaks at Fox Run



RICHARD COULTER

Novi Mayor Bob Gatt speaks to Fox Run resident Nita Luther during a reception following his March 3 State of the City presentation to residents of the Novi retirement community. A total of 150 residents attended and Gatt's speech (including a Q&A) lasted 40 minutes. The mayor talked about the excellent job done by of Novi Police and Fire departments, the reduction in debt, the reduction of taxes and the completion of Metro Connector Trail. This connector allows bikers to safely travel 35 miles from northern Monroe County north to West Bloomfield Township.

revenue from the additional 1 percent primarily to Michigan's schools and local communities.

"We would welcome the opportunity to meet with any organization in Oakland County to provide education about Prop. 1," RCOC Managing Director Dennis Kolar said. "We will not advocate for or against the initiative, but we will explain what it is, how it would work and what will happen if it passes and if it does not pass."

Kolar noted that he and the three RCOC commissioners, Ron Fowkes, Eric Wilson and Greg Jamian, are available to make presentations as are other key members of the RCOC staff. "This is an important issue for Michigan and for Oakland County," he said. "So we are making our selves available anywhere and anytime there is a group that would like us to speak."

To schedule an RCOC official to discuss Prop. 1 with your group or organization, contact Peggy Pentecost in the RCOC Managing Director's Office at 248-645-2000, ext. 2252, or via email at ppentecost@rcoc.org.

Limited quantity of tax forms at the Novi Library

During tax season, many people head to the Novi Library for their tax forms, but this year the library will see a decrease in materials it receives for residents. Due to budget cuts at the IRS, the Novi Library will only have access to a limited quantity of the most popular tax forms -1040, 1040A and 1040EZ and instruction books for these forms will not be provided.

Forms can be downloaded and printed through the IRS website (www.IRS.gov/Forms) or to request forms to be mailed, go to www.irs.gov/orderforms or call 800-829-3676. All printouts of forms/instructions can be made on a library computer, with a library card and reproducible copies of the forms and instructions are also available at the library for making copies (10 cents per page).

For more income tax information, go to www.novilibrary.org or stop by at 45255 W. 10 Mile Road.

State of Northville

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, Northville).

"The State of the Community luncheon provides an opportunity for residents and the business community to hear from its city, township, school district and state officials on past year successes and on future plans for their respective organizations" said Traci Sincock, Northville Chamber of Commerce associate director.

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 tracisin-cock@northville.org.

'The Case of the Dead Paparazzi'

The Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department is recruiting teams of four to participate in an interactive murder mystery, The Case of the Dead Paparazzi, at 8 p.m. Friday, May 1, at the Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk shopping center.

The mystery starts when a member of the local paparazzi is found dead in a Novi apartment. The local police will narrow down the suspect list to eight, the suspected weapons list to seven and the possible crime scenes to six. It is now up to you, the CSI Department, to determine whodunit, with what weapon and where. Clues are scattered throughout the area and special agents will be working on the case, forwarding on the information as it's received.

The Case of the Dead Paparazzi will take place entirely on foot and features actors, riddles, a scavenger hunt and problem solving. This event is limited to 25 teams. Register early as tickets are expected to sell out. The price is \$80 per team. There will be time for fun stops; however, purchases are not included in the registration price.

For more information, contact Cultural Arts Programmer Amelia Purdy at 248-735-5615 or apurdy@cityofnovi.org.

What's on your bucket list?

Looking for ways to ensure 2015 is a great year? Creating a bucket list is a good way to start. A bucket list, whether big, small or random, notes things you most want to do, goals you want to achieve and dreams you hope to fulfill while making the most of life experiences. Achieving bucket list items initiates conversations, revitalizes direction and provides a feeling of self-satisfaction.

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

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

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

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

Veterans benefit counseling

In 2010, a nationwide **Veterans Administration** survey found fewer than half of all veterans understood their benefits, including medical care, college tuition reimbursement and pension or disability payments. City of Novi Older Adult Services has partnered with the Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America to increase awareness of VA benefits and medical care for those who qualify.

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

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

CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 8, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider TACO BELL, SITE PLAN NUMBER 15-05, FOR SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT AND PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN APPROVAL. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT 31172 BECK ROAD IN SECTION 4, ON THE EAST SIDE OF BECK ROAD SOUTH OF PONTIAC TRAIL. The applicant is proposing a 2,171 square foot drive-though Taco Bell restaurant with associated parking and landscaping on an existing shopping center outlot. Plans are available for review at the Community Development Department in the Novi Civic Center.



All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be made to the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during the City's regular business hours, Monday thru Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., and must be received by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, April 8, 2015

Novi Planning Commission

Michael Lynch, Secretary

Published: March 19, 2015

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND GRANT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Novi will hold a Public Hearing on the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) Grant Application Proposal for land acquisition of parcel 50-22-30-476-005, for 12.57 acres of property located on 9 Mile Road west of Garfield Road. The Hearing will be held on Monday March 23, 2015, at 7:00 p.m., at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375, for the purpose of hearing public comments on land acquisition of parcel 50-22-30-476-005, for 12.57 acres of property located on 9 Mile Road west of Garfield Road.

All interested citizens are requested to attend these Hearings

Comments will also be received in writing or in person at the City Clerks Office – City of Novi, 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375 until 5:00 p.m. March 23, 2015.

Arrangements to reasonably accommodate special needs, including handicap accessibility or interpreter, will be made upon receiving 72-hour advance. Contact Maryanne Cornelius at 248.347.0456 for special services.

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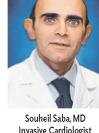
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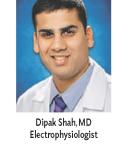
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Elizabeth's Bridal Manor honored by The Knot

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

Northville business woman Elizabeth Clancy recently achieved some great accomplishments both professionally and personally with her successful bridal shop being put in a hall of fame, plus she placed highly at the Senior Olympics for

ballroom dancing. Clancy has been feeling good since being chosen to be in the hall of fame of popular wedding website The Knot, which comes after five consecutive selections to The **Knot Best of Weddings** and then winning first, second and third places at the Michigan Senior Olympics in several dance competitions.

"It's really exciting to be recognized by The Knot in this way," she said of the well-respected wedding resource. "And I'm smiling even more after having success at the competition,

because it's such a fun and personal accomplish-

There are a variety of categories in The Knot's hall of fame pick, but only 2 percent of shops become part of it. Customer reviews of her shop on south Main Street in Northville played a big part in making this happen. Other awards for the shop include Editor's Choice in Styleline magazine.

Having customers rate the shop so highly means a lot to Clancy.

"I would like to thank all of my customers and supporters throughout my 26 years in business and to extend sincere appreciation and thanks to my loyal and exceptional staff who have greatly contributed to Elizabeth's Bridal Manor's success," she said.

The dancing success is fairly recent for Clancy, but it's something she has been working on with teacher and competition

partner Dwight Davis of Wixom, who is an awardwining instructor and performer.

Clancy participated in the Michigan Senior Olympics Dancesport Competition at the Royal Park Hotel in Rochester last month and took first place with Davis, performing the samba, as well as second and third in the East Coast swing and tango.

This was her third competition since performing dance more seriously over the last nine years.

This feels good. It does mean a lot to me," she said of the dancing honors.

Elizabeth's Bridal Manor can be reached at 248-348-2783 and is located at 402 S. Main Street in Northville. Its website is www.elizabeths bridal.com.

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Elizabeth Clancy's Elizabeth's Bridal Manor shop was nominated for the national hall of fame by The Knot. Clancy has had some success, too, on the dance floor recently in ballroom dancing competitions.

Stackable rejoins

Farmington Hillsbased JRT has added Rob Stackable to the creative marketing services firm's IT team. The

Stackable Novi resident had

two prior stints at JRT, from 2003-09 and again from 2010-11.

As digital asset manager, he will streamline and organize digital assets and also assist the JRT production and internal IT departments.

Most recently, Stackable held a position as a network administrator for Smart Label Solutions.

Kalass named Ascend Fellow

Starfish Family Services announced that CEO Ann Kalass has been selected by The Aspen Institute to join the 2015 class of national Ascend Fellows.

The Ascend Fellowship invests in diverse leaders from a range of sectors who have breakthrough ideas to build economic security, educational success and health and well-being for low-income families in the United States.

Kalass will collaborate with other leaders who are on the front lines of new

Kalass solutions to bridge inequality for children and their parents. Ascend Fellows fuel their work with a two-generation approach that in-

and their parents. "This is an extraordinary opportunity for me to learn with and from other leaders across the country who are equally committed to supporting families and children in

vests in both children

some of our most distressed communities," Kalass said. "This experience will also help me become a more effective advocate for policy change that supports low income families.

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Kalas and her husband Scott reside in Northville with their two daughters.

Kalass has served as the CEO of Starfish Family Services since 2007. She is responsible for strategic planning, fund development, board development, fiscal management and program and organizational development for the \$35 million private, nonprofit

In 2014, she was elected to the Northville Public School district board for a four-year term. She also serves on the Oakwood Healthcare System board and she recently served on the Executive Committee of the Great Start Collaborative Wayne, a collaborative designed to engage the entire community in a coordinated system of services and resources for families and children birth through age 5.

Famie wins Matrix Award

Keith Famie has been selected by the Association for Women in Communications Detroit Chapter for the organization's prestigious Matrix

The Wixom-based documentary filmmaker has been selected to receive the Diamond Award for portraying women positively in the media.

He will be celebrated at AWC Detroit's annual Matrix Award's presentation Thursday, May 14, at The Community House in Birmingham.

Keynoting the evening's celebration will be Denise Ilitch, an integral member of Detroit's business and philanthropic communities, serving as a business leader, devoted community servant, tireless advocate for women and children and supporter of many charitable causes. She is "Of Counsel" at Clark Hill PLC, where she advises clients in the areas of business practice, corporate law and government policy.

An Emmy awardwinning director/producer, Famie is being honored for his recent documentary The Embrace of Aging, the female perspective of growing old, the second film of a trilogy exploring the aging process. A 13-episode series detailing what getting older signifies to women around the world, Famie's documentary debuted on Detroit Public TV, WTVS-TV (Channel 56) in October.

Well-known for his stint on the TV show Survivor, the Australian Outback, his work as a chef on the Food Network's Keith Famie's Adventures and his culinary skills as a celebrity chef at popular metro Detroit restaurants, Famie began his journey into documentary film-making in 2004.

Governor appoints Koh

Gov. Rick Snyder appointed Jin-Kyu Koh of Northville to the Michigan Asian Pacific Amer-

ican Affairs Commission. The 21-member commission, housed in the Michigan Department of Civil Rights, advances the full and equal participation of Asian Pacific

Appointees will serve four-year terms expiring Nov. 30, 2018. Their appointments are not subject to the advice and consent of the Senate.

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7th Generation in Northville

Fox Run earns highest ranking

Fox Run retirement community's Continuing Care Facility in Novi received the highest overall rating of five stars in U.S. News & World Report's seventh annual Best Nursing Homes, available exclusively at

http://www.usnews. com/best-nursing-homes.

Created by the publisher of Best Hospitals and Best Children's Hospitals, the Best Nursing Homes 2015 ratings highlight the top nursing homes in each city and state, out of nearly 16,000 facilities nationwide. The goal is to help users find a home with a strong track record of quality

To create Best Nursing Homes 2015, U.S. News drew on data from Nursing Home Compare, a program run by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, the federal agency that sets and enforces standards for nursing homes. *U.S.* News awarded the "Best Nursing Homes" designation to facilities that recently earned the agency's highest overall rating of five stars.

Rojo relocates

Rojo Mexican Bistro has moved from the Twelve Mile Crossing at

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Fountain Walk entertainment complex in Novi less than two miles away to the former Gus O'Connor's location in downtown Novi at 42875 Grand River Avenue. Brian Mexico is the operating partner.

The vacancy at Fountain Walk is being remodeled into a dueling piano bar. It's currently under construction and should be opened by mid-April.

Businesses call on Legislature to protect programs

More than 80 Michigan businesses representing tourism, real estate, construction and other industries called on the Michigan Legislature to protect of the state's highly successful energy-efficiency programs in a letter sent to policy-

makers last week. "From a business perspective, energyefficiency is a clear winner, helping to reduce our operating budget while improving the comfort of our showrooms," said Rachel Tronstein, president of Gardner-White Furniture, a Michigan familyowned business started in 1912. Gardner-White recently undertook a series of energy-efficiency upgrades across its nine standalone showrooms that are expected

to result in a one-year return on investment.

The letter outlines the success of the state's energy-efficiency pro-

grams, including: » Helping tens of thousands of businesses reduce energy costs and improve their competitiveness

» Saving ratepayers \$2.5 billion since 2011

» Lowering energy rates by reducing the need for investment in new generation

"Michigan's energyefficiency industry is a driving force in our economy, employing more than 46,000 Michiganders and contributing billions of dollars to the Michigan economy each year," said Dan Scripps, president of the Michigan Energy **Innovation Business** Council. "Eliminating our energy-efficiency programs would kill jobs, increase energy costs for businesses and make Michigan a less attractive place to invest and do business.'

The cost of eliminating the current energyefficiency programs is estimated at \$8 billion in lost economic activity over the next 10 years and that doesn't include lost energy savings for businesses and homeowners.

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OAKLAND COUNTY BUSINESS WORKSHOPS

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

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

UPCOMING WORKSHOP CALENDAR

8: CEED Small Business Loan Orientation 8: Business Research: Feasibility to Expansion 9: Starting a Business 30: Create Your Marketing

WBE Certification Orientation

March 25, 9-11 a.m. Learn the benefits and process of becoming a Women's Business Enterprise. Benefits include

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5: Business Research 7: Get a Grip on Your Business 12: QuickBooks for Business Owners

13: CEED Small Business Loan

Orientation 14: Starting a Business 14: Break the Rules, Close

More Sales 21: Team SBA Financing Roundtable

certification to private sector WBE's and access to procurement opportunities with major national companies. For additional information on WBE or CEED visit

www.miceed.org. Fee: \$25 per person. Introduction to Quick-**Books**

March 26, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. This introduction class will provide an overview of Quick-Books®. It is designed for a person who is new to QuickBooks® or worked within the software in a limited capacity. ATD Solutions will cover the basic areas within QuickBooks® such as invoicing customers, receiving payments and making deposits, entering and paying vendor bills, generating

financial statements, and more. Fee: \$60 per per-

SCORE Loan Workshop March 26, 9 a.m. to

noon Getting a business loan can be a challenging process. Learn about the "5 Cs of Credit," including how to develop a winning loan proposal and what you need to position your business to be "bankable" before you meet with a lender. Fee: \$20 per person.

Legal Basics for Small Business

March 31, 9 a.m. to noon Legal Basics for Small Business provides new and existing Michigan entrepreneurs an understanding of the key legal and financial considerations when starting and operating a business in the state. The program addresses how to select the best legal entity for your business, how to protect your business interests when dealing with customers, suppliers or independent contractors and important information and guidelines for establishing short- and long-term succession plans for your business. Fee: \$25 per person.

BRIEFS

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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.

tech248 is a new L. Brooks Patterson initia-

tive 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.

Marvel hosting business webinar

Novi-based Marvel Technologies Inc., an SAP consulting solutions and services company, will host an SAP BI industry webinar, "Which SAP Business Intelligence Tools Are Right For Your Organization," at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 25. There is no fee to register.

Presented by SAP BI Practice Lead Sathees Kana, the educational webinar will provide clear understanding of

the reporting categories like Canned, Ad-Hoc, Self Service, Agile, C-Level Reporting and Scorecards. After the webinar one will have a clear understanding of the reporting categories, what tools fall into which category, limitations, pros and cons of each tool, and what tool to use where.

"The purpose of this webinar is to provide an overall SAP BI evaluation," Kana said. "At the end of the webinar, you will know where SAP is headed on BI reporting. This is important to know because if you don't have proper reporting capabilities, infrastructure and tools, even a skilled user won't be able to make optimal sense of

data." Kana is an SAP veteran with more than 16 years of experience in

SAP BI implementations, Center of Excellence, Technical alliance, Practice Management and Business Pre-Sales and

More information is available at www.marveltechus.com.

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 (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.

SBA launching new tool for entrepreneurs

The Small Business Administration will launch a first of its kind tool on the federal agenlooking for a small business loan to get matched with a SBA lender. This

(Leveraging Information and Networks to access Capital), will have small business owners fill out a simple online form of 20 questions and connect them with lenders within 48 hours. By directly connecting with prospective borrowers, the agency will be able to provide more guidance and ensure more capital is reaching our nation's entrepreneurs.

Prospective borrowers may go to https:// www.sba.gov/tools/linc.

After filling out the form, a borrower's answers will be blasted out to every lender in that borrower's county, as well as to other lenders with a regional or national reach. Once lenders have reviewed the information that matters most to them, they'll respond within 48 hours. all this for no fees or commitment. This option will untether entrepreneurs from the one neighborhood bank, using technology to get their foot in the door at any of a number of institutions and improve their access to capital.

Racing resumes



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cy's website that will allow entrepreneurs new tool, called LINC

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DINNER - Chicken Kabob + Rice Pilaf + side salad

FRIDAY: LUNCH - Baked Macaroni & Cheese + Veggie of the day + side salad

DINNER - Baked Wild Caught Salmon + Veggie of the day + Baked Potato* SATURDAY: LUNCH - Homemade Sausage & Peppers + Veggie of the day + side salad

DINNER - Prime Rib + Veggie of the day + Baked Potato*

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Brightmoor Christian

Location: M-5 and 13 Mile, Novi Contact: 248-668-7014; CelebrateRecovery@bright-

Web: www.brightmoorchurch.org

Celebrate Recovery

Time/Dates: 7 p.m. Monday 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. Preregister.

Church of the Holy Family

Location: 24505 Meadowbrook

Road, Novi Contact: 248-349-8847

Web: www.holyfamilynovi.org Mass Schedule: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday through Friday; 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday; 4:30 p.m. Saturday; 6:30 p.m. Saturday (Spanish)

Holy days: 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appoint-

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, Novi Contact: 248-669-9400, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday Web: www.crosspointemea-

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

Destiny Worship Center

Location: Ridge Wood Elementary School, 49775 Six Mile, Northville

Contact: DestinyW3C@Gmail.com Web: www.DW3C.org

Detroit Japanese Christian Fellowship

45301 Eleven Mile Road, Novi Reverand: Kanji Fuki Contact: 248-756-3336

Dominion Church

Location: P.O. Box 605, Novi

RELIGION CALENDAR

Contact: 248-767-1366 Pastor: James H. Moseley Jr. Asst. Pastor: Ashaki M. Moseley

Emmanuel Lutheran

Location: 34567 Seven Mile,

Web: www.emmanuel-livonia.org

Contact: 248-442-8822

Sunday worship: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Youth group: 7 p.m. Wednes-

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

Women's Coffee Break Bible Study: 10-11:30 a.m. Monday --"WHY? Making Sense of God's Will" by Adam Hamilton

Adult Bible Class: 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, and $\overline{7}$ p.m. Wednesday -- "WHY? Making Sense of God's Will" by Adam Hamilton

Faith Community Presbyterian Church

Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile Contact: 248-349-2345 Web: www.faithcommunity-

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

First Baptist Church of Northville

Location: 217 N. Wing, North-

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. Tuesday

Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first Saturday

First Church of the **Nazarene**

Location: 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile Contact: 248-348-7600

Web: www,dfcnazarene.org Sunday Schedule: 9:30 a.m. Classic worship service, Adult Bible Fellowship classes and Children's Sunday School; 11 a.m. Contemporary worship service with Kids Church, Teen Worship Service and Adult Bible Fellowship classes. Cafe is open from 9:15-11 a.m.; 6 p.m. Evening Traditional Service

Thursday: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group and Bible

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 fifthand sixth-graders; Surge Youth Group, Bible Study with Pastor Troy Ogle; and Little Critters for preschool age

Easter Eggstravaganza: 10:30 a.m. April 4. Over 15,000 eggs to hunt; five age groups (1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-11); pictures with the Easter Bunny; games, prizes and a gift for bringing a friend; hot dogs, chips, cookies and drinks for all. Join the circus, performed by Cirque Amongus. Rain or shine; registration required at dfcnazarene.org and closed after 600 or on April 1 (which comes first).

First Free Will Baptist Church

Location: 51395 10 Mile Road,

Contact: 248-348-2380

First Presbyterian Church of Northville

Location: 200 E. Main, North-

Contact: 248-349-0911 Web: 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 Street, South Lyon Contact: 248-437-2875

First Presbyterian Church

Location: 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington

Tri County Celiac Support **Group:** The next TCCSG general meeting will be held March 30. The doors open @ 6:30 p.m. and the meeting begins @ 7:00 p.m. Our speaker will be Kelly Dorfman, one of the world's foremost experts on using nutrition therapeutically to improve brain function, energy and mood. The title of her presentation is "Be-

vond Celiac: When Removing

Gluten Is Not Enough".

First United Methodist Church of Northville

Location: 777 W. Eight Mile, Northville

Contact: 248-349-1144 Web: www.fumcnorthville.org. **Sunday Worship (September-**

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

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Location: 41415 Nine Mile, Novi Contact: 248-349-0565

Sundays: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible study; 10 a.m.

Grace Immanuel Bible Church

Location: 21900 Meadowbrook Road, Novi

Pastor: Charles Sexton Contact: 248-344-4465

Holy Cross Episcopal

Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile, Contact: 248-427-1175; ho-

lycrossnovi@gmail.com Web: www.holyCROSSnovi.org Sunday Worship: 7:45 and 10

Sunday School and Nursery Care: 10 a.m. worship service **Alzheimer's Support Group:10** a.m. second Saturday

Hope Lutheran Church

Location: 39200 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills

Lakes Baptist Church Location: 309 Decker Road,

Walled Lake

Legacy Church

(formerly First Baptist Church and Orchard Hills Baptist Church) Location: 23455 Novi Road, Novi

Contact: pastor Jon Hix, 248-349-5665

Web: www.legacychurch.us **Sunday School/Small Groups** for all ages: 9:45 a.m.

Worship Services: 11 a.m. Bible Study/Prayer: Wednesday 7 p.m.

Livonia Church of Christ

Location: 15431 Merriman, Livonia

Contact: 734-427-8743 Web: www.livoniachurch.net Sunday Worship: 11 a.m. Bible School: Sunday 10 a.m.; Wednesday 7 p.m.

Meadowbrook Congregational Church

Location: 21355 Meadowbrook Road, Novi

Contact: the Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, senior minister; 248-348-7757; office@mbccc.org

Web: www.mbccc.org Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Church School and Nursery Care: provided during worship Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m.

Memorial Church of Christ

Location: 35475 Five Mile Road,

Minister: Mark McGilvrey Web: www.5milechurch.org Contact: 734-464-6722; churchoffice@5milechurch.org

NorthRidge Church

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

Northville Christian Assembly

Location: 41355 Six Mile **Contact:** 248-348-9030

Web: www.ncalife.org Sundays: 9-10 a.m. Sunday School for adults/youth/children; 9 a.m. Contemporary service in

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

rary service in worship center; children's super church on the second level (208/210)

Wednesday Family Night: 7 p.m.; Adult elective classes; junior and senior high ministries; children's programs, Nursery and Preschool Program on Sundays and Wednesdays Home of Northville Christian School (day care; preschool through eighth grade); call 248-348-9031.

Novi-Northville Center for Jewish Life

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

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

Novi United Methodist

Location: 41671 W. 10 Mile, Novi Contact: 248-349-2652

Web: www.umcnovi.com Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/pages/Novi-United-

Methodist-Church/59782031433 Sunday Worship: 9:45 a.m. **Healing Service and Holy**

Communion: 9:45 a.m. first

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

OakPointe Church

Location: 50200 W. 10 Mile,

Contact: 248-912-0043 Web: www.oakpointe.org/ lifegroups

Worship Services: 5:15 p.m.

Saturday; 9:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m. Sunday. **ReNew Life Group Ministries:** 7-9 p.m. Monday (groups meet

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

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

Oakland Baptist Church

Location: 23893 Beck Road,

Contact: 248-982-4041 Web: www.oaklandbaptistnovi.ora

Orchard Grove Community Church

Location: 850 Ladd Road, Walled Lake

Contact: 248-926-6584 Web: www.orchardgrove.org **Our Lady of Good**

Counsel Catholic

Church Location: 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth Township

Our Lady of Victory

Contact: 734-453-0326, ext. 221

Location: 132 Orchard Drive, Northville Contact: 248-349-2621

Web: www.olvnorthville.org Saturday Worship: 5 p.m. Sunday Worship: 7:30 a.m.,

9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

Sing Out 4 Kids



It was karaoke at its finest Saturday night at the Emagine Theatre Royal Oak. Standing ovations greeted the 11 performers who were this year's "Sing Out 4 Kids" participants. The third annual event, attended by 150 donors, was a benefit for the FAR Conservatory of Therapeutic and Performing Arts. Pictured are Sara Simon of Bloomfield Township (left) and Irena Studnicka of Novi. Kroger was the presenting sponsor. The sold-out event raised more than \$40,000 for FAR, based in Birmingham, and will go toward providing art, music, dance, recreation and sports therapy to children with special needs.

ENGAGEMENT



Michael Poulos and Megan Wicks

Wicks-Poulos

Megan Wicks and Michael Poulos, both of Novi, are engaged to be

married May 24 in Novi. She is the daughter of

Wicks of Douglas, Mich.

Suzy Seiler and Paul

A 2006 graduate of Sau- Karen Poulos of Northgatuck High School, she earned an education degree from Western Michigan University

2011 and is employed as a nanny. The groom-elect is the son of William and

ville. A 2006 graduate of Northville High School, he earned a finance degree from Western Michigan University 2010 and is an entrepre-

neur.

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Holiday deadlines are subject to change.



BODDY, JANET

KATHRYN Went into the arms of the Lord September 11, 2014, after a fiftysix day stay at Angela Hospice in Livonia, surrounded by the loving and dedicated staff who cared for her in her final days. Janet was born July 29, 1945, in Yuma, Arizona to William and Lois (Morgan) Boddy, both of whom preceded her in death. She was also preceded in death by her brother Michael Boddy and nephew James Henri Mailloux. She is survived by her sister, Susan (Boddy) Mailloux of Charlevoix, Michigan, her niece Mailloux Michelle (Gregg Whitley), her nephews Denis Mailloux, Christopher (Traci) Mailloux and her great-nephews and nieces, Connor, Aiden, Clara, Boddy, Kaylyn and Madeleine, all of Charlevoix, Michigan. Janet is also survived by numerous cousins and friends whom she loved dearly. Jan's Memorial Mass will be held on Monday, May 4, at 11:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Fatima, 13500 Oak Park Blvd., Oak Park. Immediately following the memorial, everyone is invited to attend a luncheon to celebrate Jan's life at Farina's Banquet Center, 2485 Coolidge Hwy., Berkley. Memorial donations may be made to either Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Rd., Livonia, 48154, or to Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish (Fatima Campus), 13500 Oak Park Blvd., Oak Park, 48237.

CAROSIO, MARY ANNE

March 3, 1956 - March 6, 2015 L. J. Griffin Funeral Home Northrop Sassaman Chapel

CHAPMAN VERONICA M.

Age 90, died March 10, 2015. Beloved wife of the late Robert. Dear mother Mark (Carla), Gary (Julie), and Larry. Grandmother of Mark Jr. (Jen), Andy (Cori) Kurnez, and Colin (Whitney). Great grandmother of Lauren, Katy, Bronsen, Kitsen, and Taylor. Sister of Virginia Engel. A Funeral Service was held Thursday, March 12 at Harry J. Will Funeral Home. Memorial donation can be made to New Beginnings United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware, Redford. www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com

DINGELDEY, JAMES Of Northville, December 4, 1936 ~March 13, 2015. Service by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Northrop-Sassaman Chapel

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GEE, SONJA October 11, 1945 - March 11, 2015. L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Northrop-Sassaman Chapel.

HENDRICKSON, ANDREW

Sept. 27, 1938-March 15, 2015 Arrangements by:

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PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME.

www.phillipsfuneral.com McCOMMONS, LEON March 26, 1929-March 13, 2015 Arrangements by: PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME www.phillipsfuneral.com

PERALA, JASON M. of Novi, March 18, 1973 - March 14, 2015. Services entrusted to

L.J. Griffin Funeral Home,

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www.hometownlife.com

REDINGER, DAVID August 6, 1954 - March 13, 2015. Arrangements by: PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME. www.phillipsfuneral.com

Northrop-Sassaman Chapel

Van Ee, HEIDI 58, lifelong resident of Northville, passed away March

casterlinefuneralhome.com.

Full obit at

2015.

May the memory of your loved one...



Conference addresses baby boomer dilemma: What's next?

Oak Pointe Church will host a baby boomer conference from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 18, in conjunction with the city of Novi and other surrounding communi-

Boomer University-Dream Again will have something to offer all baby boomers, including live music with Michael King and The Boomer Band and Ken Calvert of WCSX-FM (98.7) and former Detroit Pistons PA announcer.

Chuck Gaidica from Oak Pointe Church will lead the conference and share a bit of his story and encourage other

DETAILS

Oak Pointe Church is located 50200 W. 10 Mile, in Novi. Tickets are \$10 and are available online at www. oakpointe.org; seating is limited. For more information, go to www.oakpointe-.org or call 248-912-0043.

boomers in transition or thinking about transition to dream again. The conference promises to be inspirational, informational, helpful and entertaining.

Various speakers will share their own baby boomer stories, how to transition in life and how to re-fire when life changes or it gets changed for you.

How to move life from Success to Significance will be the main topic presented by keynote speaker Rhonda Kehlbeck from The Half Time Institute in Dallas, Texas.

Each attendee will receive a complimentary copy of the book Half Time, Moving Life from Success to Significance. For fun there will be muscle cars and cool motorcycles on display, lots of free coffee and grab-and-go snacks. There will be plenty of parking and friendly faces.

The first part of the conference brings in live music, videos and the nationally recognized speakers: Craig De-Roche, executive director of Justice Fellowship; Bob Shirock, senior pastor at Oak Pointe; Gaidica, pastor of Outreach at Oak Pointe: Robert Werntz from Mission Next; and Blaine Dennison on money issues.

All of the speakers will address the question of "What could be next for me" and will also discuss the milestones of reaching the halftime part of life. These milestones include issues of the heart and soul, financial planning, health screenings and many more life issues. The goal of this conference is to help baby boomers make a plan for their transition from success to significance.

The rest of the conference will provide attendees with a free medical health fair with free health screenings and dozens of info-tables set up to encourage and help guide boomers to think or dream about what's next in life; how to change careers; where to volunteer locally and beyond; learn to fly an airplane; strengthen their marriage; and

where to travel with a purpose.

There is more after the conference, too. Each Tuesday night for six weeks, starting May 5, at Oak Pointe Church, Gaidica will lead additional sessions along with additional speakers and Oak Pointe staffers who will continue to encourage and guide boomers to plan for and dream about their future. A book study of the Half Time will be included each week. Everyone who attends the main conference and/or the additional sessions will help design a new "baby boomer movement."

Your Invitation to

Highland

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.

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ST. JAMES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH

aturday: 4:30 p.m. (English) & 6:30 p.m. (Spanish Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Fr Boh LaCroix Pastor

Fr. Beto Espinoza, Associate ish Office: 349-8847 • www.holyfamilyno

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40700 W. Ten Mile Rd. • 248-427-1175 Sunday Worship 7:45 am & 10 am Healing Service Wednesday 11:45 am Rev. Ann Webber, Rector holycrossnovi@gmail.com

OAK POINTE CHURCH

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The Church of Christ

9:30 a.m. Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Praise and Worship Inesday Midweek Ministries 7 p.m Troy Singleton, Minister

Fellowship Evangelical

Presbyterian Church Sunday Worship @ 9:30 am Sunday School @ 11 am Wednesday mid-week programs Rev. David Brown, Pastor -437-2222 • www.fellowshipepc.org

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Worship: 8:15 am, 10:45 am, 11 am & 6:30 pm

Sunday School: 9:40 am

Rev. Sondra Willobee, Lead Pasto

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Shepherd's Way Lutheran Church, ÉLCA

59255 10 Mile Rd. South Lyon MI 48178

Sunday Worship 9:00 AM Education Hour 10:15 AM

Rev. Bart Muller, Pastor

248-573-7320

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Pastor Terry Nelson

437-8810 • 486-4335 Griswold Rd. at 10 Mile

hip: 10 a.m.; Sunday School: 10 a.m. Adult Bible Study: 9 a.m

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF **SOUTH LYON**

60820 Marjorie Ann St., South Lyon 48178 Phone: 248-437-2983 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. • Worship Service 11:00 a.m. Evening Service 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m. Genior Pastor: Rob Freshour / Assoc. Pastor: Randy Wea Website: www.fbcsouthlvon.com · Email: fbcsouthlyon@sbcglobal.net

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Sunday Service 10:00 a.m. All Classes 9:00 Pastor Scott Miller, (248) 437-1651

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Service Times 8:45am, 10:00am & 11:30am **Christmas Eve Services** 5:30pm & 7pm

Brighton

HOLY SPIRIT ROMAN CATHOLIC www.hsrcc.net 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 School 9:45 a m Worship, 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening, 7:00 p.m.

New Hudson

NEW HUDSON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

6730 Grand River Avenue • New Hudson MI 4816 (248) 437-6212 . Gerald S. Hunter, Pastor School & Bible Class -9:30 a.m. Worship-10:30 a.m www.newhudonsumc.ord

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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 Nurséry Available Rev. Martin Dressler

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1250 South Hill Rd. www.opcmilford.or Contemporary Worship Service: Sunday 9:15 am & 11:15 am Adventureland Children's Program: Sunday 9:15 am & 11:15 am The Rock (Middle School) Wednesdays 6:30-8 pm, Sundays 9:15 am The 707 (High School) Sundays 6:30-8:30 pm Women, Men and Life Groups: Various Schedules

WEST HIGHLAND

BAPTIST CHURCH

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Sunday Worship 9 am & 11:15 am

Wed. Kids-6:30 pm/Adults-6:45 pm

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MILFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Pastor Bryant Anderson

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Northville

Presbyterian (1)
Churchof Northville www.fpcnorthville.org 200 E. MAIN ST. AT HUTTON Worship, 9:30 am. Sunday School for all ages, 10:30 am. 248-349-0911

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(248) 349-1144 (8 Mile and Taft Road Northville, Michigan Worship Times: September - May 9:15 & 11:00 a.m.

Rev. Marsha M. Woolley, Lead Pastor www.fumcnorthville.org

Memorial Day - Labor Day 10:00 a.m.

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Loving God and Loving People 22183 Pontiac Trail • 248-486-4400 (In Brookdale Shopping Center, behind Powerhouse Gvm) SUNDAY WORSHIP: 10:00 A.M. Reed Heckmann, Pastor/Teacher www.solidrocksouthlyon.com

For more information regarding this Directory, please call Sue Sare at 248-926-2219 or e-mail: ssare@michigan.com

OPINION

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.

Plan a Pure Michigan vacation this summer

With temperatures warming up, couples and families are starting to make summer travel plans.

This year, consider vacationing in our home state. You will save money on gas and tourist attractions, support the local economy and enjoy the great out-doors amidst some of the most breathtaking scenery in the country.

Michigan has more than 3,200 miles of freshwater coastline – more than any other state – more than 11,000 inland lakes and 36,000 miles of rivers and streams. No matter where you go, you are never more than six miles from a lake or stream or more than a

few hours from a Great Lake. Michigan also has 102 state parks, 600 campgrounds and 650 public golf courses, where people can appreciate the state's natural beauty.

New this year, Michigan library patrons can get into more than 230 state parks, historic sites, forest campgounds and recreation areas for free.

On May 24, the MI Big Green Gym program is being added to the Michigan Activity Pass program, which will continue to offer free admission or other discounts to more than 100 cultural attractions throughout the lower and upper peninsulas.

The Michigan Activity Pass program is and always has been free for library patrons. Some attractions offer free admission, others free offers or discounts in the gift shop. Five passes are available per attraction per library each week. Patrons visit www.michiganactivitypass.info to print out their passes, which are good for seven days.

The expanded Michigan Activity Pass program will include a free, one-day pass to get into the park of

Also for 2015 are several new attractions, which



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Enjoy the great outdoors amidst some of the most breathtaking scenery in the country with a Michigan vacation.

may or may not participate in the Michigan Activity Pass program. They include The Richard and Helen DeVos Japanese Gardens at the Frederick Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park and the Discovery of King Tut Exhibit at the Grand Rapids Public Museum, both in Grand Rapids; a \$21 million Penguinarium at the Detroit Zoo; the Sea Life Michigan Aquarium at Great Lakes Crossing in Auburn Hills; and Michigan's new statewide trail stretching from Belle Isle Park to Ironwood.

For more ideas for a Pure Michigan vacation, visit michigan.org

LETTERS

Political correctness is evil

President Ronald Reagan and Pope St. John Paul II combined forces to set the stage for the collapse of the iron curtain and freedom for millions. The iron curtain collapsed, but communist ideology survived and it learned what it needed to ultimately prevail.

The legal and moral foundation of America, like most of Western civilization, is based on Judeo/Christian principles firmly rooted in the Ten Commandments. This is the source of the American sense of fair play and empathy for the less fortunate. The forces of evil have mounted an all-out campaign, under the guise of political correctness, to undermine and dilute our moral foundation. As Thomas Jefferson warned "Even under the best form of government, in time, and by slow operations, perverted it into tyranny." Tyranny is coming our way at light speed.

By using the camouflage of political correctness, the forces of tyranny have removed discussion of religion and thus removed morality from public life under the guise of separation of church and state.

It is that removal that is the source of the deterioration of the way of life our forefathers passed to your care. Political correctness has made it illegal for preachers to preach moral issues, redefined by them as political issues, from the pulpit.

Unfortunately, most of the religious powers have, out of convenience, surrendered their right to preach and educate their congregations on how political issues and specific politicians align with the Christian foundation of the Ten Commandments.

If this country is to be turned from tyranny, it will take someone with extremely strong moral character firmly rooted in the Ten Commandments, along with the firm, vocal and unwavering support of the Christian community. So, as we approach this next election, I plead with voters to ignore all the political noise and vote for the candidate with a track record firmly demonstrated to align with the Ten Commandments.

Ben Di Ponio Tea Party Patriots of West Oakland County

Agrees with Guiliani on Barack Obama

Former New York City mayor Rudy Giuliani came under fire from the media and White House when he commented the president "wasn't brought up the way you were brought up, and I was brought up through love of this country." The response was ridicule, not rebuttal, suggesting Giuliani's sentiments may have touched a nerve. It certainly raises questions.

How many Fourth of July or Memorial Day holidays do you suppose Barack Obama celebrated in Indonesia with his Muslim stepfather?

How often did he recite the Pledge of Allegiance or sing or hear the national anthem or hear about George Washington's heroics while attending Indonesian schools in Jakarta? How many of you were exposed to Marxist ideology from age 10 through high school by Frank Marshal Davis, a close friend of your grandfather, who asked Davis to mentor you because he felt you needed a black father figure?

Davis was a member of the Communist Party USA and writer for the communist newspaper the Honolulu Record. Frank Marshall Davis did not love America. That's why he was on an FBI watch list for 19

years during the Cold War.

Did some of Davis rub off on his young protege? In Obama's book, Dreams from My Father, he spoke fondly of a man named Frank. He talked about "choosing his friends carefully" including "Marxist professors" while attending Occidental College and Columbia University. He listened without objecting to the anti-American rants of pastor Jeremiah Wright for 20 years until he had to sever ties with Wright before he became a campaign liability in 2008

Can you harbor both Marxist thinking and love for a country founded on principles that conflict with it? It doesn't seem likely. Perhaps his campaign promise to "fundamentally transform the United States of America" offers a clue.

Jack Belisle

Move to popular vote in the United States

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

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

The only fair way to run an election is to simply count the popular vote nationwide.

The candidate with the majority of votes, nationwide, is the winner. This method would reflect the will of the majority. No one would lose their vote

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

Carol Maynard

Fix our roads

Last summer, as I drove along Warren Road between Canton Center and Beck, I noticed the roads' lines had been repainted. Immediately, I knew that we Canton/Sunflower Subdivision residents would be dealing with this washboard, potholed-infested road for another winter.

Tonda Elementary is located within this stretch of

Warren, so it is particularly dangerous to residents and teachers, not to mention the hundreds of students driven to school each day. Merely painting the lines on this stretch of Warren truly brought to mind the phrase "lipstick on a pig."

I realize this is only one of hundreds, maybe thousands, of similar dilapidated road situations throughout our crumbling state. Surely, something more than "lipstick" paint must be available. Otherwise, save the paint money.

Joe Violi

Support affordable care

"Obamacare is a job killer!" Did you notice that you don't hear that anymore? The reason is that it is not true. It never was.

During the Obama presidency, jobs have been created. The unemployment rate has been cut in half. The stock market has doubled.

Now conservatives are trying to kill the Affordable Care Act in the Supreme Court on a technicality. The ACA has resulted in 7 million Americans having health insurance who could not afford it before. The conservatives have no alternative plan to offer Please support our president in defending the Affordable

Thomas M. Hartnett

Supports ballot proposal

The Michigan Townships Association supports the May 5 transportation funding ballot proposal and will encourage its members to do the same.

MTA's Executive Committee believes a funding increase is in the best interest of townships and the state as a whole. Townships already spend more than \$186 million a year on roads and bridges even though they aren't required to do so by law.

Quality roads are a critical driver for Michigan's economic prosperity and for the safety of our residents. MTA plans to work with other organizations in the coming months to actively support this proposal and ensure its approval.

Linda Preston 2015 MTA president

GUEST COLUMN

Students, parents don't need to stress over state's change to SAT

he Michigan Department of Education rang in the new year with an announcement that impacts

many college-bound students. After nine years of offering the ACT as part of the Michigan Merit Exam, Michigan will require public high school juniors to take the SAT as part of the MME, starting in the 2015-16 school year.

While many school administrators are wondering what this means to their school's curriculum, many more 10th-graders are wondering what this means to their college plans, since standardized test scores can play a big

role in a college application. As more information becomes available about this important change, here are some key ideas for students and parents to consider:

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» Michigan colleges accept both SAT and ACT scores. Parents may remember a time when most Michigan colleges required all applicants to take the ACT. Those days are long gone; all Michigan colleges that require standardized testing for their admissions process, typically, are happy to accept either the SAT

» Both tests are also welcome at almost all colleges in the United States. It used to be that some colleges on the East and West coasts would only accept SAT scores, but this also isn't the case anymore. Every college in the United States that recruits nationally will take results from either test – and many no longer require any test scores at all.

» Students should take both the SAT and the ACT at least once by the end of junior year. Each test measures student knowledge differently, so it's important for students to make sure they're taking the test they are most comfortable with. The best way to do that is to take each test once and then take the test they're most comfortable with a second time. Ideally, this first round of testing should be done by the end of the junior year if applying to competitive colleges. Counselors have given this advice for years and it's still a good idea, even with the change in the MME

» The best way to prepare for either test is by doing strong work in the classroom. Each test asks different questions, but the best way to be "test ready" is to do the reading, studying, questioning and thinking that leads to strong learning and good grades. This involves much more than just memorizing answers for a test and forgetting them once the exam is over. Good students are deep thinkers and take the time to

understand the "why" behind the facts they're learn-

» Test prep resources for the SAT and ACT are readily available and often free. Students wanting to know what each test will look like can take advantage of free test prep materials available on the College Board and ACT websites. In addition, free test preparation and sample tests can be found on the Khan Academy website, as well as the Learning Express Hub of the Michigan eLibrary. Your school counselor knows of other test prep resources; be sure to ask

» Your SAT scores on the MME aren't automatically sent to any college. All scores on the MME are sent to your high school, but the only way a college will see your scores is if you ask the College Board to send them. All Michigan colleges requiring test scores will give you the choice of sending only your best scores as part of your application. A few colleges outside of Michigan ask for all of your test scores, but they almost always consider only your best scores. It is important, therefore, to give the MME your best effort, but one shouldn't worry if the scores aren't every-

thing you would hope they would be. It's easy to be nervous about this change in the MME and it's understandable why students want to get strong test scores. Doing strong work in classes and working closely with your school counselor are the best ways to make sure you'll be test ready and prepared to make the most out of college.

Gretchen Parks is president of the Michigan Association for College

Admission Counseling.

Trott learning the ropes in Washington, D.C.

By Jay Grossman Staff Writer

These past several weeks have served as boot camp for Dave Trott as he shifts from the private sector to public service.

One of the things people said to me you've been running a business and now you're going to be one of 435 people in Congress, how is that going to work?" he said Tuesday while enjoying a week-long spring break back in his district. "I went in with that understanding – I didn't have an expectation that John Boehner was going to come to me every time he made a decision to make sure I was good with it - and that certainly hasn't happened. So I knew that making the transition work would be part of the process."

Troft replaced the outspoken Kerry Bentivolio as the representative for Michigan's 11th U.S. House District. While the two Republicans might vote in similar fashion, their approach to politics could not be further apart.

Bentivolio trampled into Congress like an angry rhino, constantly making headlines with threats to start impeachment proceeding against President Barack Oba-

When Trott met Obama, the two talked about their golf games. Their first meeting took place when he and the other new members of Congress were invited to the White House right after the November elections.

"He came over to my wife and I and we started talking about golf," Trott said of the con-



Trott

versation. "At one point, the president looked at my wife and asked, 'Do you play?' My wife is a good golfer, better than me, and before she could answer, I said, 'Mr. President, she's a very good golfer ...' and then out of nowhere my wife points at me and said, 'He's got a horrible reverse pivot!' Mr. Obama then looked at me and said, 'I'd rather play with you then.' You had to be there, but it was a funny moment."

He then pauses for a moment.

"Whether it's Bill Clinton, Ronald Reagan, Obama or Bush - they're all pretty talented when it comes to being a people person. ... Obama looks you right in the eye and he seems sincere - and again, I don't agree with a lot he's done – but it was very nice to invite us to the White House."

Getting settled

The 11th District encompasses portions of western Wayne and Oakland counties. Even though the district leans Republican, voters quickly tired of Bentivolio's political grandstanding as they bounced him from office

after one term. Trott says he's in it for the long haul, having divested himself from the family law firm of Trott & Trott. His district office is set up in Troy and he has his 14member congressional staff in place. He's been appointed to several prominent committees and he's already voted on a number of bills.

And he's enjoying a lot of Chick-Fil-A.

"That's another thing about D.C.," he said. "There's a lot of meetings and at every single meeting they feed you and it's not always the healthy stuff. Although (Republican Whip) Steve Scalise, whenever he has a meeting, he has Chick-Fil-A – that's pretty tasty stuff. I see a Scalise meeting on my calendar, I don't eat lunch or breakfast.'

Trott, who lives in Birmingham with his wife Kappy and their three children, admits there's a lot of rushing around in Washington, tons of committee meetings and perhaps a bit too much partisanship. But for the most part,

he's enjoying the ride. Now, if he could only improve that reverse pivot.

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Proposal 1 wording approved

By Wayne Peal Michigan.com

Wording was approved Feb. 25 for Proposal 1, a tax issue headed for the May 5 ballot, but a local activist remains unhappy over what it will say.

If approved, Proposal 1 would increase the state sales tax to 7 percent to pay for road repairs, as well as set aside money for public schools, local government and other projects.

But Wes Nakagiri, of Hartland Townshipbased RetakeOurGov, said the proposal offers no guarantees the money would be used as indicat-

"Prop 1 provides no constitutional guarantees that funds won't be diverted to legislative pet projects," said Nakagiri, who was among those testifying at a hearing before Michigan's state

board of canvassers.

The board voted 3-1 in favor the wording.

This is how Propos- Nakagiri appear on

the May 5 ballot:

"A proposal to amend the State Constitution to increase the sales/use tax from 6% to 7% to replace and supplement reduced revenue to the School Aid Fund and local units of government caused by the elimination of the sales/use tax on gasoline and diesel fuel for vehicles operating on public roads, and to give effect to laws that provide additional money for roads and other transportation purposes by increasing the gas tax and vehicle

registration fees. The proposed constitutional amendment would: Eliminate sales/use

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Increase portion of use tax dedicated to

School Aid Fund (SAF). Expand use of SAF to community colleges and career/technical education, and prohibit use for 4-year colleges/ universities.

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Increase sales/use tax to 7%, as authorized by constitutional amend-

Increase gasoline/ diesel fuel tax and adjust annually for inflation, increase vehicle registration fees, and dedicate revenue for roads and other transportation purposes.

Expand competitive bidding and warranties

for road projects. Increase earned income tax credit.

Should this proposal be adopted?"

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Legally blind in one eye, WWII vet still served country

World War II veteran Bruno Douglas "Doug' Williams of Novi was honored as the Veteran of the Month for March by the Sons of the American Legion Squadron of the Myron H. Beals American Legion Post 32 in Livonia.

Williams served in the Army from 1942-46. He was drafted in 1942 at 21 year, but a childhood injury left him legally blind in his right eye so he was assigned to the U.S. Army Special Forces.

He was inducted at Fort Custer in Michigan and sent to Fort McCoy in Wisconsin for boot camp and then to Rock Island, Ill., for training. With a background as a truck driver, the Army decided to make him a

Knowing nothing about baking, he was fortunate to be teamed up with a seasoned baker who taught him all he needed to know. He was



Doug Williams, 94, is the Veteran of the Month for March at American Legion Post 32 in Livonia.

even more fortunate that he was able to have his wife join him while stationed there. He was then sent to Camp Ellis,

Ill., an Army Service **Forces Training Center** and P.O.W. camp for German troops, where he served as an M.P.

At the time he was drafted, he was told that he would serve out his time in the United States as he could not be part of the infantry. But, with the escalation of the war in 1944, he found himself on a troop transport ship, two months after D-Day, on his way to France. He was a supply ser-

geant there and spent the next year following and supplying the infantry through France, Belgium and Germany. A day never passed that he felt safe and secure, but he had the utmost admiration and sympathy for those on the front line as they were in real danger 24 hours a day. His most precarious and fearful time was in Belgium when the Germans mounted a major offensive with plans to break through the Allied lines and retake Paris. His group was right in their planned route. It was later known as the "Battle of the Bulge.'

Williams served out his remaining year in Germany after the war as an entertainment director. He returned to the U.S. in May of 1946 to an overwhelming surprise — his wife Frances had rented an apartment and had it fully furnished and waiting for him. He is proud of his time in the service but was relieved to be home safe and sound.

Williams is a member of the American Legion Post 32-Livonia and VFW Post 6695, Plymouth. His current passion is singing karaoke, and he can be seen every Friday night at either the American Legion or the VFW enjoying a song or two. He was interviewed by members of the S.A.L. Veteran of the Month committee at his home in Novi, and a video was made of the interview. In his honor, he was presented a plaque containing his picture and service information and an

additional plaque was put on display in the entrance hall of the Post 32 for all to see.

A 94th birthday party was held Feb. 22 at the American Legion Hall in Livonia by his seven children and was attended by a multitude of family and friends. S.A.L. members were in attendance to present his plaque, show the video and introduce him as the March "Veteran of the Month."

Williams was also recognized at the S.A.L. meeting March 3 to show appreciation for his service to our country.

The S.A.L. invites local residents to attend their monthly meetings to listen to the Veteran of the Month. The public is also encouraged and to nominate veterans to be honored at its meetings. Nomination forms can be picked up at the American Legion Hall, 9318 Newburgh Road, Livo-

American Red Cross issues urgent call for more blood donations

Following round after round of snow, freezing rain and Arctic cold in many parts of the country, the American Red Cross has an urgent need for eligible blood and platelet donors to give now to help restock its shelves.

March storms forced the cancellation of more than 200 blood drives, resulting in nearly 7,000 uncollected blood and platelet donations. This shortfall follows more than 26,400 uncollected blood and platelet donations in February due to severe weather across 27

In the Southeastern Michigan Red Cross Blood Services Region, serving Macomb, Oakland, St. Clair, Washtenaw and Wayne counties,

DONATION DETAILS

Upcoming blood donation opportunities in Oakland County include:

BLOOMFIELD HILL

St. Hugo of the Hills, 2215 Opdyke Road, 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. March 22

FARMINGTON HILLS

NTN Bearing Co. of America, 39255 W. 12 Mile, 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. March 20 St. Fabian Social Hall, 32200 W. 12 Mile, 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.

March 22

Holy Family, 24505 Mead-

more than a dozen blood drives were canceled this winter, causing almost 600 blood and platelet donations to go uncollected. Despite the

owbrook, 8:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. March 22

Donation also can be made at American Red Cross Bloomfield Blood Donation Center, 4190 S. Telegraph, 12:45-6:45 p.m. Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday or at the Farmington Hills Blood Donation Center, 31150 Haggerty, 12:45-6:45 p.m. Monday and Thursday and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

Download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, go to redcrossblood.org or

weather, hospital patients still rely on transfusions.

"Blood products are being delivered to hospitals almost as quickly as

call 800-RED CROSS (800-733-2767) to make an appointment or for more information. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in.

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.

they come in," said Jim Flickema, CEO of the Southeastern Michigan Blood Services Region. "Donors who give now aren't just restocking our shelves, they are making sure hope continues to be available for patients in need."

Residents in unaffect-

ed areas can help the Red Cross restock its shelves immediately. As a national network, the Red Cross can help ensure blood products are available for patients at local hospitals as well as hos-

pitals throughout the

country.

The Red Cross urges donors of all blood types to make and keep appointments in the coming days. Platelet donors, as well as blood donors with the most in-demand blood types - O-negative, A-negative and B-negative - are particularly encouraged to give now to help replenish the blood supply.

Platelets help prevent massive blood loss and are a vital part of cancer and organ transplant treatments. With a shelf life of just five days, platelet donations are especially needed. Eligible donors with types O-negative, A-negative and B-negative blood are encouraged to donate double red cells where available. During a double red cell donation, two units of red cells are collected while most of the plasma and platelets are returned to the donor.

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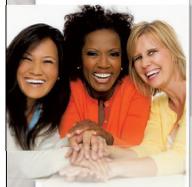
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County recruiting volunteers to report severe weather

By Laura Colvin Staff Writer

Interested in learning about severe weather? Want to play a role in

community safety? The National Weather Service is looking for individuals to participate in Skywarn, a program that aims to save lives by providing free training for weather spotters. After completion of a 90-minute class, volunteers are tasked with keeping an eye on the sky and reporting severe weather in their neigh-

borhoods. The program is coordinated by the Oakland County Homeland Security Division, which will host classes in various locations during March and April.

Human eyes, said Rich Pollman, warning coordination meteorologist for the National Weather Service station in White Lake, are the only "instrument" able to detect a tornado or funnel cloud with complete certainty and are therefore essential to issuing accurate warnings during severe weather.

"Radar is good at seeing rotation in the cloud base," Pollman said. "But it is not able to differentiate between whether that rotation is the first stage of formation of a wall cloud something you learn about in the Skywarn training – or if it becomes a funnel cloud or if it becomes an actual tornado. So we need the spotters to help us out.'

Radar is also able to detect hail inside a cloud and whether the hailstones are large or small.

'But we can't tell if that hail is golf ball-size or baseball-size and that makes a difference as far as the damage it's going to cause," Pollman said. "We can see the meteorological factors coming together to pro-

SKYWARN SPOTTER TRAINING **CLASS SCHEDULE**

» 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday, March 21, Oakland County Homeland Security Division Executive Office Building, 41W, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road, Waterford

» 1-2:30 p.m. Saturday, March 21, Oakland County Homeland Security Division Executive Office Building, 41W, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road, Waterford

» 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, March 23, Groveland Township Fire Department, Station No. 1, 14645 Dixie Highway, Holly » 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 1, Southfield Civic Center Library 26300 Evergreen Road, Southfield

» 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 21, Farmington Hills City Hall Council Chambers, 31555 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills » 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 30, Charter Township of Commerce, 2009 Township

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duce wind out of a thunderstorm, but whether that wind is 60 mph and pushing over some trees or if it's 75 mph, causing widespread tree damage, radar may not have a handle on that, either."

role in verifying the weather that shows up on radar. "Every storm is a

Spotters also play a

learning opportunity for better warning," Pollman said.

Class details

During the class, instructors will walk participants through a recap of last year's severe weather and take a look at how spotters played a role helping with warning operations.

Attendees will also learn how to report - via amateur radio or a phone call - to the National

Weather Service, as well as how to remain safe during severe weather.

'Then we'll actually get into some of the meteorology and the visual observations that will help them report that information, whether it's severe thunderstorm or tornado development,' Pollman said.

Some 5,000 spotters across 17 counties in southeast Michigan participate in the Skywarn program and more are always needed; the footprint of any given storm is often relatively small usually about five to 25 miles in diameter, so a trained spotter is not always available in the storm's path.

Local spotter

That was the case last July, when Highland resident Jim Pearson was away and arrived home – too late to make a report - just moments after a storm blasted high winds and large hail through parts of the township, causing serious property damage.

Pearson began volunteering in the Skywarn program in the 1980s after establishing the Milford Amateur Radio Club at Milford High School, where he taught for more than 30 years.

After learning about the program from other local ham radio operators, Pearson decided to join the effort. Over the years, he's called in details on numerous weather events, but one storm he experienced from his classroom at MHS in the 1990s stands out in his mind.

"We were getting extremely high winds and rain," Pearson said. "We were in storm cellar mode - heads down in the hallway. I turned on my (walkie-talkie) and realized there was no weather reporting going on.'

So he broke into a conversation on the main



Jim Pearson of Highland Township puts an eye to the sky with his ham radio in hand. Pearson has served as a Skywarn volunteer for more than 20 years.

repeater in Oakland County to report the severe weather activity.

"That, I believe, alerted the rest of the county that some bad stuff was

coming," he said. "High-land, Milford and South Lyon are quite critical in warning everyone downwind of us in Oakland

County; we're the first

ones to see this kind of weather coming in.'

Since knowledge about severe weather continues to evolve, volunteers are asked to take a refresher Skywarn class every other year or

"There's something new every year," Pearson said. "I would compliment the Weather Service; the presentations get more precise, and better, every year."

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Tollgate Farm volunteer John MacInnis adds a couple of logs to the sugar shack's boiler March 12. The boiler will reduce the amount of water in the sap to the point where it will finally become syrup.

SWEET!

Maple syrup season in full swing at Tollgate

TAP INTO MAPLE SUGARING

March is maple-sugaring month in Michigan and Wayne County Parks has a sweet Saturday program available for your entire family March 21 and 28. Bundle up and join park naturalists for the annual Maple Sugaring program at the Cass Benton Park picnic shelter in Northville, where a historic "sugar bush" still

Cass Benton Park is located off of Northville Road, north of Six Mile Road.

Learn the history of maple sugaring and take a short hike into the woods for an actual tree-tapping demonstration. In celebration of this early spring ritual, the group will enjoy pancakes topped with the "real thing" afterward.

"The Maple Sugaring program is one of many diverse activities Wayne County Parks offers for the entire family," Wayne County Executive Warren Evans said. "This is a great opportunity to experience a unique, hands-on, educational program that is exclusive to our region during the early spring.

The practice of maple sugaring dates back to when Native Americans taught early settlers how to collect and boil sap. The freezing nights and warm sunny days of spring create pressure and force sap out of the maple

The duration of the program is approximately 90 minutes. One may register for either March 21 or March 28 and choose a start time of

either 10 a.m. or 11:30 a.m. Dress accordingly, as this is an outdoor program and the trail may be muddy. All ages are welcome. The program fee is \$6 per child and \$2 per adult for Wayne County residents. Add \$1 per person for non-county residents.

Advance registration and payment is required at the Wayne County Parks office (33175 Ann Arbor Trail) or call 734-261-1990. Cash, credit card or check payable to Wayne County Parks is accepted. For more information, go to www.parks. waynecounty.com.

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

The sweet aroma wafting out of the sugar shack at the Tollgate Education Center and Farm in Novi is a signal that spring is around the corner and tasty maple syrup is being made.

Novi resident John MacInnis started the maple syrup program at Tollgate years ago in what he calls a humble beginning, with 12 tree taps. Over the years, it grew and now in the forest at Tollgate there are at least 300 taps producing an average of more than 100 gallons of maple syrup a season.

Along the way, he has received help from the staff at Tollgate and its many volunteers, one being John Woodrich.

"It's a fun thing to do," said Woodrich, who is also a volunteer at one of the farm's gardens, "plus Tollgate is such a great place for the community that I like to be out here as much as I can to help."

The maple syrup season started last month, but it really picked up in March with the colder temperatures at night and the warmer days. MacInnis said at the start the syrup is lighter in color, but as the season moves on it gets darker and that's what he thinks

tastes the best. He said they have a naller system for proc essing the sap into syrup, which he believes makes it even better in the end. It takes up to 40 gallons of sap to boil into one gallon of syrup. Last year, they produced 126 gallons of syrup, which volunteers usually have the first dibs on.

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Wayne Watson checks a storage bucket collecting maple sap March 12 at Novi's Tollgate Farm. Volunteers at the farm at 12 Mile and Meadowbrook roads are working to collect the sap that has begun to run from the trees as the days finally get above freezing. The sap is then boiled down in the farm's sugar shack, bottled and sold to visitors. Tollgate has been sponsoring groups during the week to show them how sap is turned into syrup and held a demonstration day March 8.



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John MacInnis checks the sugar content of the sap with a hydrometer. It's important to figure out how much sugar the sap has, as it will have differing boiling points.







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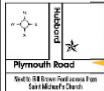
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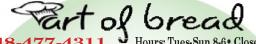
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SWEET REPEAT



DENNIS BARNES

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

For the 12th time in school history since the Michigan High School Athletic Association began sponsoring a state tournament, Novi Detroit Catholic Central was the last team standing in boys hockey.

The Shamrocks didn't need any luck just three days before St. Patrick's Day. They seized the day and found their pot of gold Saturday night with a 5-2 win over Grandville in the

CATHOLIC CENTRAL DOWNS GRANDVILLE FOR DIVISION 1 CHAMPIONSHIP, 5-2

Division 1 championship game played at Plymouth's Compuware Arena.

Catholic Central players, coaches and support staff celebrate after repeating as boys hockey MHSAA Division 1 champs following a 5-2 win over Grandville.

The Shamrocks, who repeated as Division 1 champions, finished 24-5-1 overall under interim coach Danny Veri, who took the job after the school parted ways with Doug Itami only a

week prior to the regular season.
Evan Rochowiak's goal from Nick

Macari and Brendan Cleary with just 3:10 remaining in the game sealed the victory and CC's ninth MHSAA Division 1 crown.

"I told them a story about planting

grass and believing in the process," Veri said of his talk prior to the final period. "And we've done it all year long. And we just got to make sure we stick with it. We had 17 minutes. I always tell stories before our games. That one happened to be during it. We told them a story about perseverance, keep mining for the gold. I told them, 'If you plant your grass for 17 minutes, you'll be mining out gold. So just keep to the process, just do what we

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CLASS A BOYS BASKETBALL DISTRICT

Plymouth denies Mustangs in district championship tilt

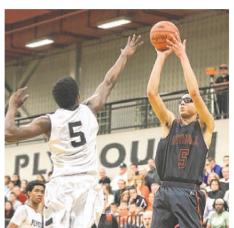
By Brad Emons

Plymouth's Brent Davis harkened back to his practice habits when he stepped to the free-throw line with 26.6 seconds remaining and the boys basketball Class A district title hanging in the balance.

Northville, which trailed most the of the game, took a 46-42 lead with 55.6 seconds left on a basket by Nate Kellum, but the host Wildcats got a clutch triple from Josh Reynolds from the wing to pull within one, then forced a turnover before Davis got fouled.

"That last free throw, everyone was counting on me and I knew I was going to be the guy that lost the game if I didn't hit at least one," the 6-2 junior said. "So when the first one went off the backboard, it was like, 'OK, maybe I can hit the second one."

Davis swished the go-ahead foul shot and Northville couldn't convert on three attempts during final moments as the Wildcats, who improved to 16-6 overall, cut down the nets for the first time in their brief school history with a 47-46 triumph.



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO
Northville's Nate Kellum (right) shoots over
Plymouth defender Deji Adebiyi in Friday's

"And the second one ... ," Davis said.
"I just remember we do what we call
the (Steve) Nash drill in practice
where we continuously shoot free
throws for a straight minute and we

Class A district championship game.

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MHSAA BOYS SWIM STATE FINALS

CC's Walsh breaks two state marks

Shamrocks place eighth in Division 1 team standings

By Brad Emons Staff Writer

Jack Walsh not will only go down as perhaps the greatest swimmer in Novi Detroit Catholic Central history, but also among the state's elite following Saturday's MHSAA Division 1 boys swim state finals.

The senior established two new state records and was a member of two relay teams that placed as well while leading the Shamrocks to an eighth-place showing in the team standings with 134.5 points at Eastern Michigan University's Jones Natatorium.

Catholic League rival Birmingham Brother Rice repeated as team champion with 358 points, with Holland West Ottawa (247), Ann Arbor Pioneer (178.5), Saline (158) and Zeeland (151) rounding out the top five.

Walsh, who plans to continue his swimming career at Stanford University, successfully defended his 100 backstroke crown with a Division 1 record time of 48.48.

And in the 200 individual medley, Walsh established an MHSAA all-class



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Catholic Central senior Jack Walsh broke two records at the MHSAA Division 1 boys swim state finals.

record with a clocking of 1:47.26, eclipsing the mark of 1:47.47 set last year by Livonia Stevenson's Nick Arakelian, whom Walsh placed runner-up to in 2014.

"It was definitely exciting," said Walsh, who is headed this week the to USA Swimming Junior Nationals in

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MHSAA BOYS SWIM STATE MEET

Future bright for both Northville, Novi

Mustangs were 12th and Wildcats 21st

> By Brad Emons Staff Writer

It was an encouraging finish to the season for both the Northville and Novi boys swim teams following the MHSAA Division 1 state finals held Friday and Saturday at Eastern Michigan University's Jones Natatorium.

While Birmingham Brother Rice repeated as team champion with 358 points, Northville placed 12th with 58.5 and Novi was 21st with 27 as both schools boasted a pair of all-state performances (top eight).

Northville freshman Kirk Maibach placed eighth in the 100-yard freestyle (47.13), while junior Chris Geng took eighth in the 100 breaststroke (1:00.15).

In Friday's prelims, Geng and Holland West Ottawa's Mitch Plaggemars tied for ninth with identical times of 59.59. The two then met in a swim-off for the 'A' final heat after the second qualifier, Hartland's Ryan Geheb, was scratched due to an injury, forcing a swim-off.

Geng edged Plaagemars by two-hundreths of a second in the two-man race, 59.22 to

"Crazy day at the state meet," Northville coach Rich Bennetts said. "We were involved in something I have never seen in 17 years of a coaching. This was probably the most watched swim-off ever as they usually take place after the meet is over on Friday and most teams and spectators have already headed for the

Also scoring individual points for Northville were Mat-



Novi's Ryan Katulski was eighth in the 50-yard freestyle and 10th in the 100 freestyle at the MHSAA Division 1 state

thew Schafer, 11th, 500 freestyle (4:45.51); Maibach, tied for 13th, 50 freestyle (47.13); and James Xue, 16th, 200 individual medley (2:00.27 after going 1:58.15 in prelims).

The Mustangs' 400 freestyle relay team of Xue, Fred Schulz, Mark Kaminski and Maibach also added a 10th (3:12.60).

That 400 freestyle relay at the end has become a really competitive race within our division," Bennetts said of KLAA Central. "Northville, Novi, Stevenson and South Lyon were all in the consolation heat for finals and for us to finish ahead of all of those teams, yet again, was awesome. We left with a smile on our faces, that's for sure."

Northville's quartet of Larry Zhao, Geng, Xue and Maibach also contributed an 11th in the 200 medley relay (1:37.99).

"We had some really good swims and although we fell short of our goal of top 10, we still improved from what we did at the (Kensington) conference meet," Bennetts said.

"Most of the kids will be coming back next season, so with the experience that we gained this year, we should be able to do even better next year at this

"I really enjoyed coaching this team. They developed some toughness during the course of the season and I'm really proud of them for that."

Meanwhile, Novi's 200 medlev relay team of Joey Berman, Nayaryan Manivannan, Arthur Shi and Ryan Katulski placed seventh in the prelims (1:37.99), but was disqualified for a false start in the 'A' final.

Junior Ryan Katulski placed eighth overall in the 50 freestyle (21.65), after posting a prelim time of 21.28, to earn all-state recognition. He also scored with a 10th in the 100 freestyle (46.97) and teamed with James Popyk, Shi and Siddhardha Kareddy for a 13th in the 400 freestyle relay (3:14.38)

Berman also contributed a 16th in the 100 backstroke (54.23).

"We really had a solid state meet," Novi coach Brent Pohlonski said. "I was so happy with the guys on Friday (prelims). When last season ended and were we looking to where we wanted to be this season, our whole goal was just to get guys to the state meet and get them some experience so next year they could make finals. We lose some seniors that were on our relays that scored, but we get all our individual (qualifiers) back next year."

Pohlonski is even more optimistic about the Wildcats' fu-

"Our team is far ahead of where we thought we would be at this time," he said. "We had some disappointments that still hurt, things that we were so close to achieving and just came up short on. This team just exceeded all expectations. I never imagined we'd set four school records this year and was beyond our wildest dreams, to be honest.'

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BOYS SWIM RESULTS

MHSAA DIVISION 1 BOYS SWIM FINALS March 13-14 at EMU's Jones Natatorium

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Birmingham Brother Rice, 358 points; 2. Holland West Ottawa, 247; 3. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 178.5; 4. Ottawa, 247, 3. Alli Alboi Priolee, 173.5, 4. Saline, 158, 5. Zeeland, 151; 6. Rockford, 143; 7. Ann Arbor Huron, 135; 8. Novi Detroit Catholic Central, 134.5; 9. Livonia Stevenson, 86; 10. Hudsonville, 69; 12. Northville, 58.5; 21. Novi, 24 (31 schools scored). FINALS/PRELIM FINISHERS

FINALS/PRELIM FINISHERS
200-yard medley relay: 1. Brother Rice
(Mark Blinstraub, Drew Grady, Gust Kouvaris,
Jack Kennedy), 1:31.68; 11. Northville (Larry
Zhao, Chris Geng, James Xue, Kirk Maibach),
1:37.99; 3. Catholic Central (Jack Walsh, Matt
Loniewski, Christopher Vela, Grayson Arnold),
1:34.11

1:34.11.
200 freestyle: 1. Kai Williams (Pioneer),
1:38.10; 26. Ethan Bezzina (CC), 1:47.86; 29.
Matthew Schafer (Northville), 1:48.06; 31.
James Popyk (Novi), 1:48.25; 39. Phillip Billiu (Novi), 1:49.51.

(Novi), 1:49.51.

200 individual medley: 1. J. Walsh (CC), 1:47.26 (Division 1 meet and all-class record); 16. Xue (Northville), 2:00.27; 10.

Daniel Long (CC), 1:59.51; 20. Jonathan Lee (CC), 1:59.89; 22. Siddhardha Kareddy (Novi), 2:00.27; 29. Charlie Walsh (CC), 2:02.90.

50 freestyle: 1. Tabahn Afrik (West Ottawa), 20.26 (Division 1 meet record); 8. Ryan Katulski (Novi), 21.65; 13. (tie) Maibach (Northville) and Grayson Arnold (CC), 21.63 each.

1-meter diving: 1. Jake Herremans (Rockford), 528.45 points (Division 1 meet record); 23. James Ciolli (Novi), 338.90; 24. Nathan Pellerito (Novi), 319.90; 26. Robert Vance (C.) 311.45.

Nathan Pellerito (Novi), 319.90; 26. Robert Vance (CC), 311.45.

100 butterfly: 1. Devon Nowicki (Lake Orion), 48.92; 19. Kareddy (Novi), 52.72; 27. Xue (Northville), 54.11; 28. Vela (CC), 54.22.

100 freestyle: 1. Afrik (West Ottawa), 44.06; 8. Maibach (Northville), 47.13; 10. Katulski (Novi), 46.97; 13. Arnold (CC), 47.52; 30. Loniewski (CC), 48.89.

500 freestyle: 1. Trayton Saladin (Bridgman Co-op), 4:30.99; 11. Schafer (Northville), 4:45.51; 19. Bezzina (CC), 4:49.96; 27. Trevor DeGroot (Northville), 4:54.99.

27. Irevor DeGroot (Northville), 4:54.99. 200 freestyle relay: 1. Pioneer (Noah Frassrand, Jiaming Shen, Andrew Heise, Williams), 1:23.68 (Division 1 meet record); 18. Novi (Arthur Shi, Toraki Maehata, Popyk, Kareddy), 1:29.78; 22. Northville (Mark Kaminski, Yash Bajaj, Nirek Sharma, Fred Schulz) 1:30.58

Kaminski, Yash Bajaj, Nirek Sharma, Fred Schulz), 1:30.58.

100 backstroke: 1. J. Walsh (CC), 48.48 (Division 1 meet record); 16. Berman (Novi), 54.23; 24. Chris Barron (CC), 55.30; 26.

Maxwell Williams (Novi), 55.36.

100 breaststroke: 1. Nowicki (Lake Orion), 53.59 (Division 1 meet record); 8. Geng (Northville), 1:00.15; 9. Long (CC), 59.66; 13. Lee (CC), 1:00.00; 20. Nayaran Manivannan (Novi), 1:00.82; 22. Nikolai Arton (Northville), 1:01.33; 23. Bajaj (Northville), 1:01.37; 36.

Andrew Conner (CC), 1:02.61.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Brother Rice

Andrew Conner (CCU, 1:U.C.). 18. (24. 400 freestyle relay: 1. Brother Rice (Kouvaris, Rudy Aguilar, Bobby Powrie, Blinstraub), 3:02.58; 5. Catholic Central (J. Walsh, Arnold, Loniewski, Lee), 3:10.29; 10. Northville (Xue, Schulz, Kaminski, Maibach), 3:12.60; 13. Novi (Katulski, Popyk, Shi, Karedky), 3:14.38 Kareddy), 3:14.38.



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WALSH

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Orlando, Fla. "I was racing Nick (Arakelian) last year when he set that (200 IM) record, so that was one of the things I was kind of aiming for this year ... try and drop another second and beat that record. It was nice to see that happen.

"I had couple of races ith a counte of guvs who pushed me to those records, Mark Blinstraub (Brother Rice) in the IM (1:48.24) and Gust Kouvaris (Brother Rice) in the back (48.79). It was pretty close. I was just trying to hit my hand at the wall first and it ended up happening. It was definitely fun.

Walsh also teamed with Matt Loniewski, Christopher Vela and Grayson Arnold for a third in the 200 medley relay (1:34.17) as well as a fifth in the 400 freestyle relay along with Arnold, Loniewski and Jonathan

While Walsh was personally responsible for 55 of ČC's 134.5 points, the Shamrocks also racked up 27 points in the 100 breaststroke, led by Loniewski, who placed fifth (58.22); Daniel Long, ninth (59.66); and Lee, 13th (1:00.00).

Arnold also contributed a 13th in the 100 freestyle (47.52).

"I had a lot of great teammates to push me and that I had a lot of fun with my four years,' Walsh said. "And my coach (Shannon Dunworth) helped me become a better swimmer and person and really pushed me.

"This past year, I had my little brother (Charlie) on the team, so that kind of made it fun. He's a freshman, so it was fun to have him on the team.'

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BOOK OF LIFE (PG)

BOYS HOCKEY DIVISION 2 QUARTERFINAL

Spartans' three-goal flurry stuns Novi

Stevenson returns to D2 semifinal with 5-1 triumph

By Brad Emons Staff Writer

High school hockey games last 51 minutes, but it took only one minute for Livonia Stevenson to continue its run in the MHSAA Division 2 boys hockey state tournament.

The Spartans, who captured the Division 2 title in 2013, broke a 1-1 deadlock with three goals during a 55-second span in the second period and went on to beat KLAA Central Division rival Novi, 5-1, in the state quarterfinal March 10 at the University of Michigan's Yost

Stevenson, which improved to 19-5-5 overall, went on to beat Escanaba in the state semifinals March 12, 3-2, before losing in the championship final Saturday at Compuware to Birmingham Brother Rice, 6-3.

Against Novi, the Spartans struck first after a scoreless opening period on defenseman Zach Finzel's wrist shot from the left point off an assist from Andrew Nowak on a delayed Novi penalty at 2:37

But Novi responded with a power-play goal by senior forward Brad Hofelich, assisted by Bryan Fegert and Ryan Baxter, at 9:29 to even the

But just 35 seconds later, Stevenson went "bingo-bango" (as Detroit Red Wings TV color commentator Mickey Redmond likes to say) with a rapid-fire three-goal flurry.

Nate Sudek tallied what proved to be the game-winner on another wrister from just inside the blue line from Joe Alcantara at 10:04, followed by Vince Glenn's goal from Josh Denomie and Alex Hunt at 10:24. Then Stephen Olschanski delivered at 10:59, assisted by Shane Leonard, to make it a three-goal advantage.

'I didn't even know it was 55 seconds, to tell you the truth," Stevenson coach David Mitchell said. "We just talked about staying the course. All year long, this team has been so determined. Whether we score or the other team scores. we have a bump-up shift and we come back. We focus on the next shift. We've been doing it. all year long. Give our guys all the credit in the world for bouncing back there."

The three-goal barrage proved to be a back-breaker for the Wildcats, who were making their first quarterfinal



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Novi's Pat Wojtylo (left) sends Stevenson's Zach Finzel tumbling with a hip-check during the Division 2 quarterfinal at Yost Arena.

appearance since their 2011 Division 1 championship sea-

"We tie it up on a powerplay goal and got momentum," Novi coach Mark Vellucci said. "I think the second goal shocked (goalie) Josh (Richardson), definitely, and was one he wanted to have back."

Novi, which bowed out with a 17-9-1 record, was unable to recover from that secondperiod Stevenson blitz.

'It's tough to come back from and I give a lot of credit to Stevenson," Vellucci said. "They played a great game. Good game plan and they executed it, nothing fancy, just chip the puck out. I think the first period was kind of a chess match, the teams going back and forth getting a feel for one another. That's how it happens. We couldn't get to that second goal. We had a few chances and (Cullen) Barber made a

couple of nice saves there." In the final period, Stevenon tightened up its defense and put the game away with 3:50 left on Glenn's second goal of the night on a power-play effort from Nowak and Alcan-

"We just tried to get a jump, get pucks to the net, crash,

managed to get the first one," said Glenn, a senior forward. "From there, we just had bump-up shifts that kept us going. When we got our bounces, we buried them."

The unofficial stats had Stevenson outshooting the Wildcats 30-25, including 9-6 in the first period.

"The first period, I thought we could be better and we could have skated more," Mitchell said. "But give Novi credit. They put us in bad situations. That's a good hockey team over there. They're wellcoached with top high-end guys that skate real well and produced high numbers this year. Wasn't real thrilled with the first period, but at the end of it it was 0-0."

The Wildcats had some chances during the first two periods, but could only score the Hofelich power-play goal.

"Cullen Barber is a guy who thrives in these pressure situations," Mitchell said of his junior goaltender, who mad 24 saves. "He held us in there when we were not very good early on. He did really well and he's an extremely hard worker and you can see his attention to detail in practice and everything that he does.

The effort he puts into practice, you can see how he plays

Stevenson also won the first meeting between the two teams, 5-2, Jan. 28 at Novi Ice Arena.

"We tried to do some things, change the lineups around a little bit," Vellucci said. "The first game, we weren't ready for them. I think we were ready for them today, but unfortunately three goals in a minute and a half was a stunner. We thought about calling a timeout after the second and third goal, but it's just one of those things."

It was a somber dressing room afterward for Novi, which loses 10 players to graduation.

"Our seniors were great," Vellucci said. "Hofelich's line producing on the power play and we just couldn't get one by Barber there. He played well and it was tough because we didn't get a lot of shots in the third period. I don't think we had our first shot until the seven- or eight-minute mark. It's tough to come back when you can't get pucks to the net

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do and we'll be OK.""

The Shamrocks got off to a good start as junior JoJo Mancinelli lifted a quick backhand by Grandville goaltender Myles Madden at 3:07 of the first period off assists from Ryan Burnett and J.P. Laffer-

Catholic Central struck again at the 10:36 mark on Andrew Spiegel's goal from Dillon Jones to make it 2-0.

CC also killed off a pair of penalties during the final 3:16 of the first to lead 2-0, while outshooting the Bulldogs, 13-7.

The Shamrocks then went up 3-0 at 6:30 of the second period on Luc Krasicky's rebound goal from Owen Kipke and Jones.

And at that point, it appeared CC was well on its way to perhaps a lopsided win.

But the Bulldogs (25-4-2) started to show some life and apply some offensive pressure, scoring back-to-back goals a 14-second span in the

Jacob Baum lit the lamp at 13:50 on a power play off a rebound following a shot by Mitchell Parsons. Gianni Vitali scored again for the Bulldogs from Zach Vanderwl and Brandon Rozema at 14:04.

But just 46 seconds later, after Vitali was sent off for a hooking penalty, the Shamrocks responded with a powerplay goal of their own by Rochowiak off an assist from Kyle Mulka to make it 4-2 at the end of two periods.

"It was a great play on the power play by Blake (Veri),' said Rochowiak, a senior forward. "When they put two goals behind us, we got a little bit nervous and I think the goal kind of took the pressure



Catholic Central goaltender Spencer Wright (left) saves a breakaway attempt by Grandville's Noah Weigle in Saturday's Division 1 final.



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Catholic Central's JoJo Mancinelli slips a backhand past Grandville goalie Myles Madden for the game's first goal.

off us a little bit.

"I think we recovered well. We got into a little bit of a slump in the second period and we weren't playing like we did in the first. So we just decided to step it up again and it turned out well.

CC outshot the Bulldogs 15-12 during the second period, but it was by far Grandville's best period.

"We were within a hair'sbreath of tying that up,'

Grandville coach Joel Breazeale said. "It was a great game and a great team won. Two great teams competed."

The two teams played in Grand Rapids during the regular season, with the Shamrocks coming out on top 4-1.

"The big thing we realized was that although we lacked the depth that CC had, we knew certainly from a grit standpoint, the speed standpoint, we could compete,' Breazeale said. "Honestly, this performance was better than the Van Andel (Arena) performance, in my opinion, considering everything that was at

Madden kept the Bulldogs close with 42 saves. Although CC's Spencer Wright had to make just 20 saves, he always seemed to come up with the

Spencer is a great goalie," CC senior captain Andrew Lane said of his teammate. "I've been playing with Spencer since the eighth grade in Farmington. He's always been reliable. He's the best goalie you can have in this state, honestly. In my opinion, he's the best."

Although the CC players

celebrated jubilantly with their massive student section following the victory, it was almost a sigh of relief for many connected with the

"It's unbelievably stressful, the pressure from the school, parents, family, friends ... everyone is relying on you, especially this year," Lane said. "Luckily, we had a team that all bought into the program. It was unbelievable to win again, probably the greatest feeling in the world.

Veri, CC's third head coach in three years, said afterward that he'll return to his JV duties next season.

"We had great leadership and these guys are a really, really tight group," the in-terim coach said. "They really went to battle for each other. I believe it. They're a great bunch of guys. It's been fun. I saw them come in as freshmen and go out and win as seniors.'

And although the Shamrocks had some mid-season woes, they were able to bounce back and close the season on an 11-game winning streak.

"We had some adversity at the very beginning of the season with the coaching change," Veri said. "We as a staff had to build the trust of the players. I did coach a majority of these guys already through the JV program, so at least they knew who I was. And they bought in. They had that little slump in the middle of the season and I told them that was probably the best thing in the world that could have happened to them, because it made them realize that when we steer away from what we are doing, we're going to run into some trouble. They got back on track."

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Dives for Akron

Akron University sophomore Rachel Aepelbacher (Novi) competed Friday at Ohio State's McCorkle Aquatic Pavilion in the

NCAA Diving Zone C meet, where she placed 28th out of a field of 53 one-meter springboard competitors (246.05 points)



Aepelbacher

and was 32nd in the threemeter event (243.10 points) out

The top 18 divers advanced to the final session, with the top eight earning trips to the NCAA championships.

At the Mid-American Conference championships, held Feb. 25-28 at Eastern Michigan University's Jones Natatorium, Aepelbacher placed eighth in the one-meter springboard (247.75 points) and 14th in the three-meter (244.90 points)

As a senior at Novi, Aepelbacher was the Kensington Conference champ, runner-up at Oakland County and eighth in the MHSAA Division 1 state finals. She is the school record holder.

AAU girls hoops

Tryouts for the Novi Motion AAU girls basketball team have been scheduled for the following age groups at Parkview Elementary School (enter the parking lot off Taft Road,

by the tennis courts):
Grades 4-5 - 6-7:45 p.m.;
grades 6-7, 7:45-9:30 p.m., both
Tuesday, March 24;
Grades 8-9 - 6-7:45 p.m.;
grades 10-11, 7:45-9:30 p.m.,
both Friday, March 27.
Teams will be grouped in

Teams will be grouped in the player's current grade level. Players need to arrive 15 minutes prior to start time dressed and ready to play.

Forms are available online at https://sites.google.com/site/ novimotionbb/. The tryout fee is \$20 (parent or guardian must sign waiver form).

For more information, call Ron Valente at 248-349-5464 or Rob LaLain at 248-767-2030.

Women's golf lunch

The Executive Women's Golf Association Metro Detroit will stage its 2015 season kickoff from noon to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, March 21, at On the Dunes Sports, 2055 Haggerty Road, Commerce Township.

The event features lunch, tworking, golf simulators golf practice, golf fitness and contests. Jacky Brito of the LPGA is the guest speaker. The cost is \$35.

You can register online at www.ewgamd.com.

Novi Rec leagues

The city of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department is offering a series of activities for every age, including golf at Riverbank Golf Course, soccer at ITC Community Sports Park, softball at Ella Mae Power Park and tennis.

» The adult 8-on-8 soccer league (ages 18-and-up) is a five-game season each Sunday afternoon beginning April 19. Teams will earn trophies based on standings at the end season. The cost is \$250 per team, plus \$30 referee fee. Interested individuals will be placed on a "free agent" list.

» The adult tennis league (ages 18-and-up) features a 14-match season with matches scheduled on a weekly basis directly with opponents at a convenient time and location for both. There will be a season-ending banquet. The cost is \$50 per resident for singles and \$25 each for doubles.

» The 55-plus golf league includes men's Monday, women's Wednesday and mixed Thursday divisions.

All golf leagues consist of partners playing a round-robin schedule with a banquet at the conclusion of the season. The cost is \$219 per resident for the first league and \$199 per additional league. A \$5 golf cart fee for will be assessed weekly based on two individuals sharing a cart.

» The 55-plus softball league will be Tuesday morning and Thursday evening. Registration is by teams only and the cost is \$560 per team, which includes 12 regular season games, and a tournament. Umpires are paid \$15 per team at the field.

Registration for leagues is ongoing at cityofnovi.org.

For information, visit the Novi Parks office inside the Novi Civic Center, 45175 10 Mile, or call 248-347-0400.

BOYS HOCKEY

It was a Veri special ending for CC interim coach

By Brad Emons Staff Writer

Novi Detroit Catholic Central's Danny Veri literally tried to hide from the spotlight all season when he was dealing with the press, always deflecting the attention away from himself and putting it toward the players.

While the media was waiting for the interim boys hockey coach out in the hallway following an impressive 6-0 January victory over Rochester Unified in a match-up of the state's top-ranked teams, Veri had already headed out the back door of Plymouth's Compuware Arena and to the parking lot.

While he was driving on Beck Road, a CC assistant coach reached Veri on his cellphone and said the media were waiting for some quotes.

Veri immediately turned around and headed back inside the arena with one polite stipulation: "No videos, please. I'm too ugly to be on camera, thank

But after Saturday night's 5-2 victory over Grandville, Veri couldn't avoid the lenses that were aimed directly at him.

And as always, Veri handled the post-game press conference like he handled his newly crowned 2015 MHSAA Division 1 state champions – cool, calm and collected.

Veri, who served as CC's White and Blue JV coach during the past four seasons, certainly found himself on the hot seat after being named interim coach just one week before the regular season following the departure of Doug Itami, who parted ways with the CC administration following a 23-7 record and a 2014 Division 1



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Catholic Central interim boys hockey coach Danny Veri never wanted to be the center of attention.

state title

Veri, who builds homes for a living and owns his own construction firm based in Livonia, found himself starting from the ground up, although he was surrounded with a solid cast of assistant coaches, including Gordie St. John – who guided or co-coached CC to seven MHSAA crowns – along with Rick Buttery, Tom Nugent and Mark Johnson.

"We had some adversity early in the season with the coaching change," Veri said. "We as a staff had to build the trust with the players. I did coach a large majority of these guys already through the JV

program, so at least they knew who I was. And they bought in."

CC, as always, played a demanding schedule and the Shamrocks (24-5-1) took a few lumps along the way after starting out 10-0-1.

A pair of weekend losses occurred against Culver (Ind.) Military Academy, one of the nation's top prep hockey programs. CC also fell to Division 2 champ Birmingham Brother Rice, lost to and tied Division 3 champ Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook and lost to Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central.

"We had that little slump in the middle of the season and I told them that was probably the best thing that could have happened to them, because it made them realize if you steer away from what you're doing, you're going to run into trouble," Veri said. "They got back on track and we almost had the tale of two seasons."

Veri reaffirmed following Saturday night's victory that he's a "one-and-done" varsity coach. CC athletic director Aaron Babicz will be searching for his third head coach in four seasons for the high-profile program.

And it's only speculation at his stage who might be Veri's successor.

"I can't do it," Veri said of the varsity job. "This program needs a lot of time. I own my own business. I have four kids and three of them play hockey. I don't have the time to commit. I did it this year, but I told Aaron I can't do it the way my lifestyle is as far as work and personal commitments with my kids."

Veri said he plans to return to his old coaching position.

"The JV program – I probably put in a a hell of a lot more time than most coaches do," he said. "I do video, I do things that probably others don't, but varsity is that much more. And this program deserves 100-percent focus, 100-percent attention and all the extra things that help the kids get to the next level. And all those things, I just don't have the time to commit to. I do enjoy it and it's great, but I can't."

Amid the jubilation and the celebration Saturday night at Compuware, Veri did enjoy one Kodak moment. He was able to share it with one of his senior defensemen, who knows the CC interim coach probably better than anybody.

"What's really funny," Veri said, "I won state championships with my daughter and my other son and every year I kept saying, 'Wow,' I kept forgetting to see my kid's reaction when we won and the buzzer went off. I purposely found where my son (Blake) was on the bench and stared at him and I watched him the whole time until I saw the smile on his face, throwing up his arms and his gear ... that was really cool; that was the best part about it."

Too bad the media missed out on a video capturing that priceless moment.

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Novi Detroit Catholic Central's Alex Kreutzer (left) battles for the puck against Nick Gadowski of University of

CC rides extra gear into D1 final

By Tim Smith

Staff Writer
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attack that never wavered for 51 minutes, Novi Detroit Catholic Central outshot University of Detroit-Jesuit by a 54-18 margin during Friday's boys hockey Division 1 state semifinal at Compuware Arena.

Yet the Shamrocks had to hold on for dear life in the final minutes, earning a 4-3 victory over the Cubs and moving on to the D1 final.

"Last year was a feeling I'll never forget; honestly seems like a dream," Shamrocks senior defenseman Owen Kipke said. "And knowing I'll have another chance to make it reality is an unreal feeling."

CC needed to kill off late penalties in order to seal the deal and advance to the final for the second consecutive season. But thanks to team depth and speed, the Shamrocks (23-5-1) just had more in the tank down the stretch.

"Sam Knoblauch, Christian Wirth-Karbler and Teddy Apap are their three players and they're in every situation," Shamrocks head coach Danny Veri said. "You could see they ran out of gas. When they have to fight against us rolling, pushing it every shift ... I'm the luckiest coach in the world to have the depth that we have here that allow us to do that."

U-D Jesuit (22-7-1) somehow stayed close all night despite senior goalie Jack Deines facing an endless attack

"They're just a really good team. They're deep, they come at you in waves, they throw four lines at you and we only have three," Cubs head coach Rick Bennetts said. "Just in terms of numbers, we had 20 guys dressed, but we only skated 15. They used all 20. It makes a difference in the long run."

The Cubs got out to a quick 1-0 lead just 1:27 into the contest, when Wirth-Karbler scored the first of his two goals. Wirth-Karbler one-timed a crossing feed from Joey Garves over the trapper of Shamrocks senior goalie Spencer Wright.

But the Shamrocks quickly responded with 12:34 remaining in the period, when senior defenseman Ryan Burnett followed up his own rebound and jammed the puck past Deines. Drawing the assist was JoJo Mancinelli.

Once again, U-D took a one-goal lead thanks to Wirth-Karbler. With just under 10 minutes remaining, he took a pass from Apap, cut in front of Wright and slid a back-hander that slipped through the goaltender's pads.

CC, which enjoyed an 18-6 shots advantage in the opening period, managed to draw even with 3:48 left on a power-

play goal by senior defenseman Blake Veri.

"We felt we were fortunate to be 2-2 after the first period," Bennetts said. "We wanted to try and make a few adjustments on how to get the puck out of our end, because we kept turning the puck over trying to make breakout passes."

The CC attack continued unabated in the middle period, yet it took a miscue by Deines to lead to the tiebreaking goal at 4:26.

Deines went behind his net to handle the puck. But junior forward Kyle Mulka stripped him of it and sent it into the vacated net.

Less than a minute later, CC junior forward Brian Kearns scored (from Dillon Jones and Andrew Spiegel) to make it 4-2.

U-D would not go away quietly, however. A power-play goal by Lorenzo D'Agostini with 9:31 left in the second cut the deficit to 4-3, despite the Cubs being outshot 35-9 to that point.

The third period was a parade to the penalty box by both teams. The Shamrocks needed to kill off a major for boarding, not to mention a late minor against Kipke.

Veri wasn't too worried, not with a team still with plenty of energy: "I think I got a little grayer. It was intense, but we had our guys out there. We were OK." **BOYS HOCKEY**

Shamrocks waltz by Troy icers in quarters

By Brad Emons Staff Writer

It continued to be a relative smooth ride March 11 for Novi Catholic Central in its quest to repeat as MHSAA Division 1 boys hockey champion.

The Shamrocks made it three shutouts in three state tournament games with a 7-0 triumph over Troy in a quarterfinal at Orchard Lake St. Mary's Athletic Center.

CC, which improved to 22-5-1 overall, got a pair of goals from senior Mitch Ossowski to reach the state semifinal against University of Detroit-Jesuit, which eliminated Salem on the same night, 4-2.

Catholic Central outshot the Colts 19-5 in the opening period, but had only one goal to show for it as Ryan Burnett scored at the 52-second mark from Owen Kipke and Andrew Spiegel.

Troy (23-4-1) was able to keep it a one-goal deficit thanks to the solid goaltending of Michael Fisher as the Colts successfully fought off three CC power-play chances to end the period.

"We took them a little lighter than we should have," CC interim coach Danny Veri said. "They heard it in the room and started playing again."

It took the Shamrocks just 33 seconds into the second period to go up 3-0.

Ossowski scored on a power play from Alex Kreutzer and Burnett at the 14-second mark and then quickly followed with his second from Kreutzer and Burnett just 19 seconds later.

"We weren't really offensive in the first period and we were kind of playing sloppy and not to our game," Ossowski said. "We kind of came out with different mentality than we did Saturday night and we knew we had to get it back. Just the first shift in the second period, I wanted to lead the boys and get them going in the right direction."

Ossowski's back-to-back

goals led to four more, including a Dillon Jones rebound goal from Kipke and Andrew Spiegel at 3:38 of the same period to make it 4-0.

"He seems to do that," Veri said of Ossowski. "He doesn't score and then he scores two. They get pretty excited when he scores for some reason, as opposed to other people. And I'm not sure why, but they do."

Ossowski, however, downplayed his two-goal effort. "Everybody gets excited for everyone," the 6-foot-0, 185pound senior said. "We're all a family and we all get excited when we all have success. And it's really fun to be around

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17-5 in the second period, CC
continued to go on the attack
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Ossowski

Wasik at 4:12 (from J.P. Lafferty and Kyle McCullough); JoJo Mancinelli at 3:49 (from Kreutzer and Burnett); and

period goals

from Sheldon

Nick Macari at 7:20 (from Spiegel and Kyle Mulka).

"The first period we were hanging in there, but we were taking a lot of penalties," Troy coach Tim Zimmerman said. "You can't take penalties against a team like that. Even if you kill that penalty it's usually the shift or two after that that the momentum carries over and I think that's what happened today.

"CC is a very talented, very fast team, offensive-minded team, very well-coached. For a team like us, we have to play a perfect game and we didn't play a perfect game. But, hey, all credit to them. They're the best team in the state and they deserve it."

In its first three state tourney games CC outscored its opponents 18-0 as senior goalie Spencer Wright has logged all three shutouts.

"Goals are pretty hard to come by," Veri said. "Sometimes you get lucky and we have two quick ones. And, obviously, we love to have that more often, but it doesn't happen that often."

And with a 47-14 advantage in total shots, CC was dominant once again.

When you get that opportunities, even when you don't score, you're wearing them down," Veri said. "The more you play in your own zone, the more tired you're going to get. We're very fortunate we're deep. We get to roll four lines. They (Troy) don't have four lines, they don't have 16 (forwards). They have seven, so we have a deep bench. And when we have somebody pinned in their own zone because of a power play, we're going wear you down.'

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Warriors fall victim to Roeper

Franklin Road ends season at 9-13

What appeared to be a promising prospect of winning a boys basketball Class D district title ended on a sour note March 11 for Novi Franklin Road Christian.

The Warriors, who had posted lopsided 52-30 and 50-25 victories during the regular season over Birmingham Roeper, fell victim in the third encounter against the host Rough-

riders, 42-33. Max Whipple and David Gardner paced

Roeper (3-18) with 14 and 12 points, respectively.

Junior guard Austin Hearns paced the Warriors (9-13) with 10 points.

The Roughriders fell to Detroit Winans Academy in the district final,

CC freshman champs



The Novi Detroit Catholic Central freshman boys basketball team capped an 18-0 season March 3 with a 67-31 triumph over Dearborn Fordson. The Shamrocks also won the Catholic High School League Central Division title, while also capturing the CHSL playoffs with a 68-45 semifinal win over Birmingham Brother Rice, followed by a 61-52 triumph in the final over Warren DeLaSalle. Team members, honored recently at the University of Detroit's Calihan Hall, include (front row, from left): Jake Hinshaw, Jack Downs, A.J. Abdelnour, Andrew Prieskorn, Jack Dooley, Ryan Houlihan, Jeron George and Tre'Vaughan Jenerette and (back row, from left) second-year head coach Gregory Curry, Jack Mills, Christian Girjis, Nick Parros, Will McCoy, Theo Day, Colin Caverly, Kevin Korte and student manager Kyle Lockhart.

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have to hit 14. I just kept hearing in my head, 'Nash drill, Nash drill, Nash drill, Nash drill. The second one I just released it softly and it went straight in and I knew from then from those seconds on we won the game.'

Davis, who finished with a team-high 14 points along with senior point guard Randall Aikins, had gone 1-of-4 from the line during the fourth quarter prior to the game-tying and game-winning foul

And he takes an unorthodox approach when shooting free throws by standing slightly off-center and to the left.

"That's something I've done since I was a kid," Davis said. "Whenever I center myself to the basket, it doesn't feel right. My trainers and coaches tell me all the time that I should center myself, but it never happens.'

'It means a whole lot. We finally felt like we made history," Aikins said. "Me, Josh (Reynolds) and Deji (Adebiyi) have been dreaming of this moment since we were sophomores. Our senior year, we had to have this addition. It means a whole lot to us."

Northville (14-8) trailed 17-9 after one quarter, but fought its way back to trail 23-19 at halftime.

It appeared the Mustangs were down and out with 2:38 left in the third quarter, when Davis made a basket to put Plymouth ahead,

35-25. But Northville, going exclusively with its starting five, made an 8-0 run to close out the quarter to cut the deficit to 35-33.

And with just 3:53 left in the game, the 6-8 Kellum, who had a game-high 16 points, drilled a shot near the top of the key to put Northville on top, 42-41. He then scored two straight hoops to put the Mustangs in position to



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO Northville's Justin Zimbo launches a shot over Plymouth's Randall Aikins.

win the game with a four-point lead.

But that's when Reynolds, who finished with 11, answered with a triple with only 47.6 seconds left after going 3-of-15 from the floor and not scoring since the first quarter.

"It's not about how many, it's about the right times," Plymouth coach Mike Soukup said of Reynolds' streaky shooting.

Northville then committed a costly turnover with 39.1 seconds left and Davis put the Wildcats ahead to stay.

The Mustangs, however, got off two shots, including a rebound put-back in the waning moments, but couldn't convert.

"It's a hard team to hold the ball against and protect a lead," Northville coach Todd Sander said of the Wildcats. "We felt we had to keep scoring, but we certainly didn't want to turn it over. It's plagued us a little bit of late. But it doesn't come down to the last minute. It was a spectacular basketball game I'm sure to watch and certainly to be a

With 3.2 seconds left, Northville had one last

chance following a timeout, but Morrissey's short baseline try off an in-bounds play sailed over the rim at the buzz-

"We had Nate (Kellum) as an option, we had David (Morrissey) as an option, we had Ryan (Roberts) an option," Sander said. "David made a play and we almost had a tip-in, too. Guys executed. (Plymouth) defended it well.'

Morrissey, a 6-3 senior guard, and Roberts. a 6-7 senior center, added 13 and 10 points, respectively.

Northville shot 20of-52 from the floor (38.4 percent), while Plymouth was 17-of-51 (33.3 percent).

"Northville p their tails off," Soukup said. "It was a great nip-and-tuck game. Coach Sander does a fantastic job with the program. Those boys play really hard and we had a couple of breaks go our way tonight. I'm not going to lie about that. Our kids didn't stop playing, though, and that was part of it. All 32

minutes. We'll take it." And it literally came down one crucial possession from the Mus-

tangs' perspective. 'You drive yourself crazy, thinking back and going through the whatifs," Sander said. "I'm so proud of our team, not only for tonight, but of everything they accomplished this year and we had tremendous leadership that grew throughout the season from our four seniors. And it was really evident in tonight's game.

"Those are tough moments, especially when it comes down to close game like this. Just that we love them and the seniors had a great message for everyone coming back that remember this moment as motivation leading into next season.

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BOYS BASKETBALL CLASS A DISTRICT

Fourth's a charm: Mustangs oust Salem

By Brad Emons Staff Writer

If at first you don't succeed, try, try, try and then try once again.

After losing its first three meetings during the regular season against KLAA Central Division foe Salem, the Northville boys basketball team broke through March 11 in the Class A district semifinal at Plymouth by holding off the Rocks for a 53-50 victory.

The magic elixir for the Mustangs, who moved into the district final against host Plymouth, was a 2-3 zone defense that forced Salem into 26.7 percent shooting from the field (15-of-56).

And it didn't hurt that Northville (14-7) had its version of the Twin Towers in concert as 6-foot-8 Nathan Kellum, who missed a majority of the season with a dislocated knee, patrolled the paint area effectively along with 6-7 Ryan Roberts.

The senior tandem scored 14 and six points, respectively, but more importantly, combined for seven blocks and a grabbed a bundle of rebounds.

"We finally got our two 'bigs' back underneath," Northville coach Todd Sander said. "I thought they altered a lot of shots and it made a big difference when they were able to break us down off the dribble. Our guys played with a lot of urgency getting out to their 3-point shooters."

The first half proved to be a chess match, as Northville led 12-11 after one quarter, while Salem came back to take a 22-21 halftime advantage.

"They blocked a few and they changed our trajectory," Salem coach Bob Brodie said. "We didn't take them up real strong a couple of times, especially in the first half. We had good looks in the first half and they didn't fall or we were real tentative with the shots. The key against a zone a lot of times is to offensive rebound and we didn't offensive rebound very well against

them.' The third quarter was Northville's best, as the Mustangs made 6-of-8 shots from the floor and built a 36-31 lead. Senior guard David Morrissey struck for nine of his team-best 16 points after being limited to four points and just three shots over the first two

quarters. "I thought we handled their pressure a lot better in the back court,' Sander said of the 15-10 third-quarter surge. "A lot of times, if you can get it out of that first trap, you're going to end up with a good scoring opportunities. David (Morrissey) made big plays in the second half. He had 12 of his 16 (points), all in the second half and Nathan (Kellum) found some loose balls. We got a bunch of offensive rebounds. Guys really stepped up and made clutch plays down the stretch. Very proud of our team."

After making just 7-of-28 first-half shots, Salem went only 2-for-9 in the third quarter and missed its first five attempts to start the fourth



Northville's Nathan Kellum (left) and Ryan Roberts (background) combine on the block against Salem's Jakob

quarter as Northville increased its lead to double-digits, 45-34, on a pair of free throws by sophomore guard Kevin Morrissey with only 1:53 left.

Salem (16-6) tried to make a late surge and could have cut it to three in the final minute, but couldn't convert a layup after one of Northville's seven turnovers during the quarter.

"You got to be able to shoot the basketball against the zone," Brodie said. "It didn't surprise us. We knew it was coming. We knew they used it against (Westland) John Glenn in the first round of the (KLAA) playoffs. We had actually one day to prepare for it, but we prepared for it a little bit prior to that, but you can't look ahead at all. We just had to run our stuff and make some

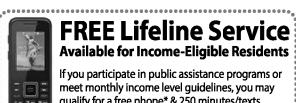
shots and we didn't do a very good job of that."

Northville, meanwhile, was 17-of-36 from the floor (47.2 percent) and 16-of-26 (61.5 percent) from the foul line, including 13-of-20 over the final eight minutes.

"Those are interesting situations," Sander said of trying to protect a late lead. "Salem certainly didn't let back. I thought we let off the gas pedal a little bit and we're real smart. Fortunately, we had enough timeouts to gut us through that last 30 seconds."

Jon Swift and Jake Stropes, both seniors, paced Salem with 20 and 12 points, respectively. Senior Allante Wheeler and junior center Kenny Topolovec each contrib-

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Realtors Noel and Lee Bittinger are The Bittinger Team of Canton.



Realtor Terry Lewiston is with Coldwell Banker Preferred. The Canton resident was at the Canton Home Improvement Expo.

Realtors find Home Improvement Expo a win-win for business

By Julie Brown Staff Writer

Realtors were out in full force at the Canton Home Improvement Expo Saturday and Sunday, March 7-8.

Noel and Lee Bittinger of Canton are The Bittinger Team. "We live and play here," Noel Bittinger said of Canton, where they've worked together in real estate 31 years.

'It's picking up really nicely," husband Lee said of the market, now a seller's market with limited inventory. She added, "The inventory has been low since probably January of last year.'

The couple handled short sales through the recent recession. "That was the market," she recalled of 2007-11. "We've weathered a lot of markets in 31 years.

What she tells sellers is "first and foremost is to make it as showable as possible.'

That means, for example, on a higher-end home replacing Formica countertops with granite, "things we know are going to help get the best dollar possible."

They've been working together a long time, with Lee noting, "The real estate business is not marriage-friendly," with long hours and unpredictability. "The fact that we're both in it we understand it," he said, and that's strengthened their marriage.

"The market is still appreciating," Noel Bittinger said, which means fewer deals for buyers now. The Bittingers focus on Plymouth-Canton-Northville, which was less hit in housing by the recession.

"Everything got hit all over," he said. "Those communities seemed to recover."

Nearby at the Expo was Terry Lewiston of Canton, a Realtor with Coldwell Banker Preferred. She's got 14 years

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in the business, and was doing well at the Expo, including describing ways to upgrade homes to help them sell.

Lewiston was also giving out information on area home values, which are increasing, such as 3 percent in Canton for the year 2013 to 2014.

"Westland actually came up 7 percent," Lewiston said. The top price point average for 2014 was Northville at \$506,505, compared to \$256,690 for Canton (Plymouth-Canton schools, with \$223,117 in Wayne-Westland or Van Buren schools). Plymouth and Plymouth Township rose 5 percent in sale price average, with the 2014 price point at

Livonia rose 4 percent, with a 2014 price point of \$179,782. Westland's 7 percent was recorded in the Wayne-Westland school district, with price points of \$138,974 in Wayne-Westland, and \$145,584 in the

29850 W 12 Mile Rd Apt

Livonia district portion of Westland, according to the figures shared by the firm at the Expo.

Lewiston was joined by assistant staffer Julie Ertman of Plymouth at the Coldwell Banker Preferred booth. "I did a lot of leasing" during the recession, Lewiston said. She also handled short sales, as well as transferrees leaving Michigan.

"I dealt with relocation. Now we have transferrees coming to Michigan. I would say a lot," said Lewiston, agreeing her work is now more pleasant.

The Canton Home Improvement Expo is sponsored by Canton Township, the Canton Chamber of Commerce and O&E Media.

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Q: We have owned our land for a number of years and we are in the process of trying to sell it, but we obtained a title commitment, and found out that there are competing interests on the property. We have tried to work it out amicably, but to no avail. What should we do?

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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 bmeisner@meisner-law.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

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16000 Hummel Dr	\$280,
32444 Sheridan Dr	\$415,
30255 Woodhaven Ln	\$610,
BIRMINGHAM	
268 Abbey St	\$469,
1628 Graefield Rd	\$120,
1336 Humphrey Ave	\$509,
615 Oak Ave	\$420,
751 S Bates St	\$320,
1808 Stanley Blvd	\$225,
650 Wallace St	\$468,
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
150 E Long Lake Rd Apt 9	\$135,
381 Keswick Rd	\$1,318,
1735 Tiverton Rd Unit 12	\$165,
100 W Hickory Grove Rd	\$60,
Apt C1	
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
1725 Beechwood Way	\$595,
3039 Berkshire Dr	\$944,
2756 Brady Dr	\$235,
1001 Forest Ln	\$300,
2329 Heronwood Dr	\$810,
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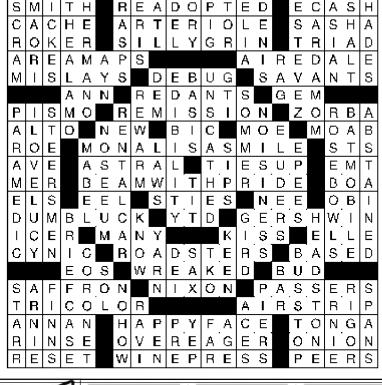
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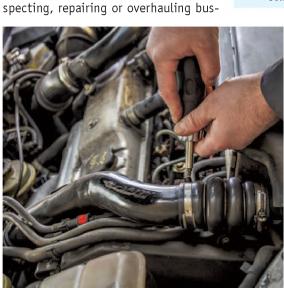
GET FUELED UP: Jobs in diesel mechanics and technology

If the idea of working behind the scenes to help power diesel machines sounds interesting, read on about a career in diesel mechanics and technology.

When driving down the freeway, you'll often pass trucks hauling various types of cargo. You may wonder what it takes to keep such high-powered machines running so they're able to deliver their cargo on time and intact, no matter the distance. While it's the driver who gets the truck from point A to point B, it's the job of diesel service technicians and mechanics to make sure the ride goes off without a hitch. If the idea of working behind the scenes to help power diesel machines sounds interesting to you, read on to learn more about a career in diesel mechanics and technology.

Working as a diesel service mechanic and technician

If a vehicle has a diesel engine, diesel service mechanics and technicians are called upon to keep it in tip top shape. These workers are responsible for in-



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Today, diesel mechanics and technicians need to use more than their hands to fix these powerful machines. Their jobs are becoming increasingly complex as engines and other components are being powered and controlled by electronic systems. For example, fuel injection and engine timing systems use microprocessors to maximize fuel efficiency and minimize harmful emissions. Workers often use computers to diagnose problems and adjust engine functions. Those interested in entering this field

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Diesel mechanics and technicians – by the numbers

Employment growth: The occupation is projected to grow steadily over the

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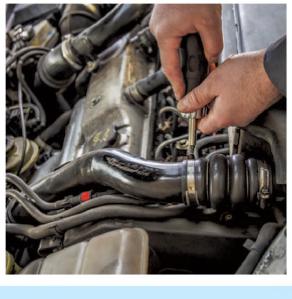
next couple of years. According to EMSI, 239,666 workers are employed as bus and truck mechanics and diesel engine specialists today. By 2016, the occupation will grow by 2.1 percent, to 244,664.

Earnings: EMSI notes that bus and truck mechanics and diesel engine specialists earn a median hourly wage of \$20.35 an

Educational programs: In 2012, 9,294 people graduated with a degree in a program related to this occupation, according to EMSI. Eight thousand, six hundred and thirty four graduated from a Diesel Mechanics Technology/Technician program, while 660 graduates took part in a Medium/Heavy Vehicle and Truck Technology/Technician program.

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