



**Prop 1
meeting**

There will be a town hall meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, April 13 at Hillside Middle School (775 North



Pagan

Center Street, Northville) to discuss Proposal 1, the new sales tax proposal which will be on the May 5 ballot. The discussion leaders for the Town Hall will be 21st District State Rep. Kristy Pagan, from Plymouth; Scott Craig, Northville School Board vice president, and Chuck Nichols, attorney.

Hardly anyone in Michigan would disagree that we need to get our roads fixed. But is Proposal 1, which would raise the sales tax rate, the solution? Proposal 1 seems to have raised more questions and confusion than provided answers.

This town hall meeting will provide voters with the opportunity to not only hear speakers present on the pros and cons of the issue but also to ask questions. The event will have an open format.

Pathway connection into Maybury finally on tap

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

A pathway connection into Maybury State Park at the intersection of Beck and Eight Mile roads is finally on the horizon, thanks in part to help from Wayne County.

It was announced at the Northville Parks and Recreation Commission meeting that Wayne County Commissioner Terry Marecki, 9th District, helped garner the Northville community \$194,000 for two 2015 recreation-related projects with \$100,000 going toward a pathway along Eight Mile Road into the park.

The 9th District covers the city of Northville, Northville

Township and most of the city of Livonia. The Parks and Recreation commissioners are delighted with the prospect of completing a project that has been a goal of its non-motorized pathway plan for some time.

The money will help Northville Parks and Recreation – which is a Northville Township, City with Public schools shared service – partner up with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

According to Northville Parks and Recreation Director Jason Spiller, the DNR at Maybury has put out a Request for Proposal (RFP) to improve its internal trails and as an alter-



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An access path into Maybury State Park is to be built near the southwest corner of Eight Mile and Beck roads.

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The Northville High Feed a Need club includes (back row) Audrey Tatge, Aimee Montambeau, Harry Kaloustian, Emily Duckworth, Kelly Leary, Shannon Leary; (third) Mina Plachta, Allie Kazewych, Whitney McDonald, Erica Gumkowski, Anna Coe, Madeline Cooper, Christina Rutowski; (second) Marissa Mullett, Alison Hige, Ashley Schiffer, Megan Murphy, Frances Master, Grace Goble, Emily Cornelius; (front) Imaan Munir and Rachel Seyfarth.

Northville High School students organize Civic Concern benefit

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

The price is certainly right, and you'll support Northville Civic Concern by attending a 6-8 p.m. Friday, April 17, charity dinner catered by Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall.

The Feed a Need club dinner will be held in the Northville High School cafeteria. It will include a performance by the Northville High Treblemakers a cappella

choir, as well as raffles for items donated by local businesses. Admission is \$10, with raffle tickets \$1.

"We do it just because it's really fun to get the community together," said Rachel Seyfarth, 18, a Northville High senior and Feed a Need club co-president. "It's a great way to help out."

Feed a Need is a club that works to help feed the needs of the community and provides students with service opportunities. This is the second year the fundrais-

ing dinner has been held for Northville Civic Concern, with last year's dinner raising some \$2,000.

Imaan Munir is the other club co-president and also a senior at Northville High. The teens started their planning about two months ago, reaching out to local businesses.

"Genitti's is super eager to help," Seyfarth said. "They were totally on board

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Needed improvements coming to Fish Hatchery Park

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Northville's Fish Hatchery Park will be getting much-needed improvements, which will eventually include addressing the issues of runoff into Johnson Creek and erosion around the park's pond.

These improvements will begin with the help of Wayne County funding for parks and recreation, which was announced at the last Northville

Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

Northville Township Supervisor Robert Nix, who chairs the commission, said this development, along with the funding for the Maybury pathway connection, is a welcome one. It will go toward starting the work at Fish Hatchery, which is a park that's part of the share-service between Northville Township and city.

He said Wayne County Commissioner Terry Mareki has

helped Northville Parks and Recreation garner \$194,000 for these projects in the coming months, and \$100,000 of this will go toward Fish Hatchery.

"I'm so grateful to her because we've needed these funds," Nix said of Mareki's help.

Now they've got them.

Other issues


This is just the start for Fish Hatchery, which is located off of Seven Mile Road.

There are a lot of crucial fixes needed. The total cost needed to fix the water issues could ultimately be \$1.2 million, according to the commission.

According to Northville Parks and Recreation Director Jason Spiller, Fish Hatchery Park is experiencing major erosion and sediment problems.

"First, the pond used to be around five to seven feet deep with an aerator to move the


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Peeping Tom

A Northville woman called police after spotting an unknown man looking into her window. The woman lives on Glenhill Drive and called Northville City Police on March 11 after spotting the man during the middle of the night.

The man is described as a white male in his 60s with a round face and black glasses.

Drunken driving

A Farmington Hills man was arrested for drunken driving after police observed him driving erratically. The

police report said the man was swerving in his lane while driving down Eight Mile Road near Novi Road. Upon making contact with the man, the police reported smelling alcohol and marijuana inside the vehicle. The man told police he thought he was in Ferndale. His breathalyzer test registered a .21

percent blood-alcohol, which is more than twice the legal limit. This was his second OWI; police confiscated his license plate.

— By staff writer Lonnie Huhman

PARK

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water for the fish,” he said. “Due to the sediment runoff from the unpaved parking lot, the pond is about two feet in most areas filled with sediment.” In addition, he said the aerator can no longer be used as it picks up sediment. Spiller said the pond is actually spring feed with water continually entering into the pond and currently runs over the top into the Johnson Creek. The earthen wall/

dam between the pond and the Johnson Creek is buckling and bowing. “Eventually that will break and all the sediment will dump into the Johnson Creek,” he said if it’s not fixed soon. Major erosion is also taking place behind the baseball fields where the Johnson Creek runs, the area is fairly steep and erosion of trees and soil is occurring, according to Spiller. Northville Parks and Recreation this year will use the funding to probably focus on the parking lot situation. “Once we correct the runoff into the pond, we

can address the pond with possible dredging, repairing the wall, and assisting the erosion problems,” Spiller said. They are looking into Aquatic Habitat grants and other watershed grants to assist with the funding of the project. Northville was denied funding when it applied for the Aquatics Habitat Grant in 2013. Spiller said future plans may include naturalization of the stream bank. The current stream bank along the park side is the original wall used when the fish hatchery was still in operation as a hatchery. This year’s funding help will come early this summer. The overall project will happen over the next several years.



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

In the coming months, Northville Parks and Recreation plans to improve the parking lot at its Fish Hatchery Park, which should prevent mud and debris from flowing into the pond during heavy rains.

PATHWAY

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nate, will include a 200-foot connection from the corner of Eight Mile and Beck into the park. “Since the DNR went out for the RFP’s, we are simply using their sources and paying the DNR for the connection so they can pay their contractor who will be al-

ready on site,” Spiller said. Work has been done along Eight Mile in the past by the Northville community to get a better connection for walkers and bicyclists into the park. Northville City and Township last year worked with Road Commission of Oakland County, which also had the city of Novi involved, to improve Eight Mile

and add a pathway along the south side to get to Beck Road. Prior to last year’s construction there was a large ravine where the sidewalk ended on the south side of Eight Mile (roughly 150 feet to the corner of Eight Mile and Beck). That’s changed, and now a connection will be made going in. What will be done this year will be another 200 feet of pathway that will

run on the south side of Eight Mile along the Maybury fence line where there will be an entrance for pedestrians and bikers to enter, Spiller said. This project is planned to begin within the next few weeks and be completed by July. luhman @hometownlife.com cell: 517-294-4215 Twitter: @luhman

BENEFIT

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with it.” She and Muniir also appreciate the sup-

port of other businesses. Raffle prizes include tickets for shows at the Marquis Theatre. Also contributing are Starring the Gallery, Lorla’s shoe store, Dancing Eye Gallery with candles, and student member baskets with themes ranging from the Detroit Tigers, Fun in the Sun and more. Dinner on April 17 will be pasta, salad, bever-

ages and desserts, “and all that good stuff,” said Seyfarth. You can buy tickets that evening at the door or email feeda-needmi@gmail.com to reserve tickets. Seyfarth is headed to Michigan State University in the fall. “I want to go into business management or event planning,” she said. She’d like to plan such events for

nonprofits. “Doing these events in high school will hopefully help me get the experience for that,” she said. Northville Civic Concern is an all-volunteer organization whose purpose is to help those in need with food as well as toiletries and cleaning products. jcbrown@hometownlife.com

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

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

showcasing the work of seven accomplished pastel artists. This exhibit will continue through April 25 during Art House Gallery hours. The public is invited to this free exhibit. Store Visit the delightful store which features art and gift items by local Michigan artists. The Art House Store is stocked with pottery and make-a-mosaic kits, painted glassware, soft sculpture, fiber, felting, alcohol painting on tile and paper (a new summer class!), basketry, collage, encaustics, jewelry (fine & fun), handmade soaps and toiletries, wood pens and tiles, hand-painted silk scarves, paintings in

watercolor, oil, acrylic and more. The featured artist for the next couple months is Srav Setty, an acrylic artist living in Farmington Hills and originally from India, who loves creating art using lots of texture. Art Classes & Workshops Summer classes are available online and brochures are available at the Art House. Summer classes start June 13 so sign up now. Look for Fashion Design Week for girls June 15-19. The third session for spring classes starts April 13. Volunteers Volunteers are the heart of the Art House; call if you’re interested in getting involved.

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Special Olympians share the hugs in power lifting competition at Northville HS

By Dianne Griswold
Correspondent

How many times have you watched a sporting event and the teams hug one another? Now, how many times have you watched a sporting event and the teams hug everyone, including the opposing teams?

That's what happened at Northville High School on March 21 as Special Olympics Power Lifting brought five teams from Kalamazoo, downriver, Jackson, Canada and

Plymouth together.

The Plymouth-Canton Civitans became involved, sponsoring a team from their area. The international service group aids others needing assistance. They come from all walks of life and do as much or as little as they like with their volunteer service. That Saturday, 10 volunteers were able to watch their team compete. They were especially pleased with the performance of Ben Bendmarz, who is going on to nation-

al power lifting competition.

Northville High School has hosted this event for the past 10 years and utilized their football team as spotters. Thirty-seven athletes competed. They undergo three rounds, and the best of the three wins. The competition involves squats, bench presses and dead lifts. The winners from this will go to state competition.

The event also employs five judges; the head judge is Jerry Ko-



SUSAN HAMRICK

Six teams, including one from Canada, competed in the Special Olympics power lifting competition at Northville High School March 21.

plin, who also does competitive power lifting. This year also saw an addition of a female lifter, Stephany Bellaire from Kalamazoo.

Coach Colin Kelly has

been a power lifter for 20 years, but he got involved with Special Olympic power lifting just two years ago.

"I got asked through a friend, whose son has

Down's syndrome," said Kelly. "It's so rewarding, so humbling. The kids have such love. I enjoy every minute of it"

And now you know why all the hugs occur.

MILL RACE VILLAGE

Mill Race Historical Village is located at 215 Griswold Ave., north of Main Street near Ford Field. Buildings will re-open on Sundays in June 2015. Grounds open daily dawn until dusk. Mill Race relies on rentals and memberships to maintain the Village.

Upcoming events

Bridal Showcase: 1-4 p.m. April 19 at the New School Church, Mill Race Village; fee at the door.

Lecture Series. Little-known Facts About the Lincolns and the Civil War: 7 p.m. April 22 at the New School Church, Mill Race Village; no fee but donations are accepted.

Jane Austen Tea: 1-3:30 p.m. May 9 at the Cady Inn, Mill Race Village. Please call the office to purchase tickets. Discounts for members.

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

Spring Break Movies & Munchies for Kids

Time/Date: noon to 1:45 p.m. Friday, April 10
Details: Bring your lunch to the library and enjoy *The LEGO Movie* (Warner Bros. 2014 Rated PG). Snacks and water bottles provided. All ages welcome. Kids ages 4 and younger must attend with a caregiver. No registration required.

Creating the Green Home: New, Remodel, Addition

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 14
Details: Award-winning architect Michael Klement tells homeowners what they can do to make a house environmentally and ecologically friendly. Learn core con-

cepts in LEED "green building" as they are applied to an actual remodeling project and investigate various green products and technologies. Registration required.

Juggler Crazy Craig!

Time/Date: 4:15-5 p.m. Wednesday, April 15
Details: Celebrate National Library Week with zany juggler, Crazy Craig. All ages welcome. 100 free tickets at the Info Desk five minutes prior to program. Tickets not available in advance. No special groups please, due to space limitations.

General Computer Tutoring Help

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. Thursday, April 16
Details: Free, 40-minute session with a staff member for your basic computer questions. Registration required.

Drop-In Computer Tutoring Help

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 18
Details: Free one hour session with a volunteer

NORTHVILLE LIBRARY LINES

for your basic computer questions. Registration required.

Drop-In Super Saturday Storytime

Time/Date: 11-11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 18
Details: Make the most of your weekend with Super Saturday Storytime! Join us for stories, music and more all about buggy bugs. Best suited for children ages 2-4, but all ages welcome. No registration required.

Books & Beyond: Winetasting Fundraiser

Time/Date: 5-7 p.m. Sunday, April 19
Details: All are invited to come support the Library at our winetasting fundraiser at Cantoro's Italian Market & Trattoria. Tickets are \$45 per person and can be purchased at the library, by phone or at www.northvillelibrary.org.

Magic of Maple Syrup

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Monday, April 20
Details: Learn how this little miracle of nature happens every spring as Michigan State

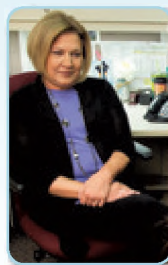
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The Robostangs with their district win and Chairman's blue banners.

Robostangs gallop to district wins

This past weekend the Northville High School Robostangs saddled up for their third district competition at Bedford High School, and stamped towards a win.

After qualification matches, the Robostangs were the second seed among the 40 teams going into the playoff matches where the Robostangs were alliance partners with Michigan's Team 1023, Bedford Express from Temperance and Team 4395, the Dundee Vi-Borgs. The matches were intense and the competition was fierce, but in the end the Robostangs continued to get stacks on stacks of totes, assisting the alliance to the district win.

Prior to this competition the Robostangs competed at Churchill High School where they also had a district win. After qualification matches, the Robostangs were the second seed among the 40 teams going into the playoff matches where the Robostangs were alliance partners with Michigan's Team 67, The Heroes Of Tomorrow (HOT) Team from Highland, and Team 4405, The Atoms Family from Canton.

In addition, the Chairman's team of Deborah Johnson, Aimee Hwang and Utsav Trivedi led the team to a Chairman's Award victory after they conquered their presentation to a panel of

judges. The Chairman's Award is the most prestigious award a team can win and it is awarded to a team that best represents a model for other teams to emulate and best embodies the purpose and goals of FIRST.

Next, the Robostangs were scheduled to head to Grand Rapids for the District Championship Wednesday and are currently ranked ninth in the state. To tune in and watch the live stream, visit <http://goo.gl/PWnY0Nor> <http://goo.gl/7vJfKF> (depending on which stream the competition is on) and select Michigan District Championship.

— Submitted by Neil Jain

Sharing books



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A trio of Silver Springs Elementary School fourth-graders — Emma Asher (left), Gracie McKee and Ruby Hough — peruse a pile of books donated by their classmates on March 23. For that last week of March the school encouraged kids to bring in books they'd finished so that others might enjoy them in a swap meet of reading materials for March is Reading Month.

Spring Fling



PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Hillside Middle School students Tyler Nagy (left) and Jesse Ernest go up for a bouncing balloon during the start of the March 26 Spring Fling at the school. The evening featured a dance contest, computer games, an open gym, food and a photo booth.



A trio of seventh-graders from Hillside Middle School — Nour Moussaed, Taylor Gnau, and Paige Jensen — pose for a fun photo during the March 26 Spring Fling.

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Novi Co-Op Preschool, a play-based kindergarten readiness program for children ages 3-5 years, is hosting two events which are open to the public; children are welcome at both events:

Ice Cream Social – 4-6 p.m. Sunday, **April 19**; and Open House – 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, **April 28**

Novi Co-Op is located at 41671 W. 10 Mile Road (at Meadowbrook Road). For more information or to schedule a tour, call 248-349-3223 or go to www.novipreschool.com.

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.

Parents and caregivers are encouraged to read *SPARK* in advance of the author event. To

borrow a copy of the book, visit the Novi School library or the Novi Public Library.

Northville accepting
early kindergarten
registration

Northville Public Schools is now accepting kindergarten enrollment for fall 2015. If you have a child who will be 5 years of age on or before Sept. 1, schedule an enrollment appointment to register your child using the appropriate school link below and complete the online pre-enrollment process prior to your scheduled appointment.

Enrollment forms and information regarding which documents you will need to bring to your scheduled appointment are listed on the district website at <http://www.northvilleschools.org/node/584>. If you can not meet on the dates listed above for your child’s school, contact the school’s main office. If you are unsure about which school your child will be attending, view the Attendance Boundary Map at <http://www.northvilleschools.org/node/251>.

Novi kindergarten
roundup

In September, the Class of 2028 will officially begin their educational career at Novi Schools. Registration paperwork

is now available in all elementary offices. If you have a student or know someone who has a child who will be turning 5 prior to Sept. 2 and is within the Novi Schools attendance boundaries, have them call the school office: Deerfield (248-449-1700); Novi Woods (248-449-1230); Orchard Hills (248-449-1400); Parkview (248-449-1220); and Village Oaks (248-449-1300).

If you are unsure which elementary school your student will attend, please call the Educational Services Building at 248-449-1200 for assistance.

Also, save the date, **April 16**, for kindergarten parent meetings at Novi K-4 elementary schools.

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 children ages 15 and under.

For more information, contact Community Education – Child Care Services at 248-449-1713. All proceeds will benefit equipment for the program.

NEF golf outing

The Northville Educational Foundation will host its first Play Fore Education Golf Classic on Monday, **May 11**, at the 27-hole championship course of Walnut Creek Country Club in South Lyon.

Presented by Community Financial Credit Union, the tournament will feature a four-person scramble format. Registration and a buffet lunch will begin at 11 a.m. and the shotgun start will begin at 12:30 p.m.

The tournament will feature putting and course contests, giveaways, a silent auction, buffet lunch, sit-down dinner, complimentary beverages on and off the course and 18 holes of golf with a cart.

The cost is \$200 per golfer, or \$760 per foursome. The dinner program will include a short award ceremony to announce the contest winners. In addition, the winning foursome will get their names engraved on the Golf Classic Cup and one-year bragging rights.

Proceeds from the tournament will be designated for the Northville Educational Foundation’s general fund to support enrichment programs in the arts, athletics and academics in the Northville Public Schools.

To learn more or to register, go to www.NorthvilleEdFoundation.org/golf.html, or call 248-344-3503. Registration ends **May 4** or when spots are filled.

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 attend.

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, you 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 elementary school: 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; and Winchester – May 11, 6 p.m. May 12.

Spring musical



Parkview Elementary School fourth-graders play a version of “Rockin’ Robin” on their recorders during their March 31 spring musical. The students gave a musical tour of a day in the life of the Novi school to their classmates and teachers.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Hazardous waste collection

Residents in RRRASOC's member communities of Farmington, Farmington Hills, Novi, South Lyon, Southfield, Walled Lake and Wixom can rid their homes of unwanted and unused household hazardous waste during two HHW collection events scheduled for April.

The free HHW collection events are scheduled for 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, **April 11**, at the Wixom Department of Public Works (2041 Charms Road) and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 18, at the RRRASOC Material Recovery Facility (20875 Mapleridge Avenue in Southfield).

Many common products used in and around the home contain ingredients that can cause harm to humans and the environment. Most poisonings in young children involve everyday household items such as cleaning supplies, cosmetics and personal care items. The majority of pollution problems associated with landfills are caused by household hazardous waste that is improperly disposed of with regular trash by residents.

Residents are asked to handle HHW products with care when preparing them for transport to the drop-off events. Keep products in original containers. Don't mix products together. Containers should be tightly sealed, packed in a box in an upright position and placed in the trunk or on the floor of your vehicle. Never transport any leaking or open containers.

Items accepted at the HHW collection events include: oil-based paint, solvents, automotive fluids, household cleaners, lawn and garden chemicals, batteries, fluorescent light bulbs, as well as unused and expired prescription medications and over-the-counter medications. Residents may also bring unused, unwanted and broken electronics. RRRASOC also provides paper shredding service onsite at its HHW events. Residents may bring up to three boxes or 100 pounds of paper for shredding to HHW events only. A complete list of acceptable household hazardous waste items is available on the RRRASOC website at

www.rrrasoc.org or by calling 248-208-2270.

National Library Week at Wixom Public Library

Babies up through 24 months along with their parent or caregiver can join the Wixom Public Library (49015 Pontiac Trail) for Baby Days at 10 a.m. Monday, **April 13**. Please drop in, as registration is not required.

Children ages 2-10 can join the book-themed Terrific Tuesday about the Wonderful World of Eric Carle at 10:30 a.m. April 14. Registration is not required.

Adults can learn how to make their own Spring Wreath in D.I.Y. series at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 16. Registration is required online at www.wixomlibrary.org; call 248-624-2512 or stop by the library.

Families with children ages 2-10 can be enchanted by a special Magic Show featuring Jeff from A2 Magic at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 18. Registration is required online at www.wixomlibrary.org; call 248-624-2512 or stop by the library.

Northville celebrates library week

The Northville District Library joins libraries in schools, campuses and communities nationwide in celebrating National Library Week April 12-18, a time to highlight the value of libraries, librarians and library staff.

Libraries today are more than warehouses for books. Instead, libraries and librarians are change agents within their communities – transforming lives through innovative educational resources and forward-thinking programming. Libraries are doing their part to close the digital divide and level the playing field by providing free access to information and technologies.

“The Northville District Library offers a lot more than books, DVDs and video games,” said Julie Herrin, library director. “Community members can receive downloading and general computer help and find materials for English-language learners, resources for job seekers, story times to promote early literacy and school

readiness, online gateways to health and legal resources and so much more. eBooks, music and magazines can be downloaded for free with your Northville library card.”

The Northville District Library is celebrating National Library Week with a book discussion for adults at 7 p.m. Monday, April 13, featuring Lauren Hillenbrand's *Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience and Redemption* and a class for adults, Creating the Green Home, at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 14, with award-winning architect Michael Klement discussing how to make homes environmentally friendly. Register by phone or online. A special program for kids of all ages features juggler Crazy Craig at 4:15 p.m. Wednesday, April 15. Free tickets are available 10 minutes before this program. Enjoy drop-in morning Storytime at 10:15 a.m. Thursday, April 16, for toddlers and preschoolers and Drop-In Super Saturday Storytime at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 18.

For more information, go to the library's website at www.northvillelibrary.org or call 248-349-3020.

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.).

No No's meeting

The Gardener's of Northville and Novi (a.k.a. NO NO's) invite you to hear guest speaker Marna Nemon talk about pollinator gardens, Let Them Eat Your Garden, **April 13** at Novi High School's Media Forum Room 198C.

Nemon's pollinator habitat garden was on the Clarkston Farm & Garden Tour in 2013. Gardening is a passion of hers. She loves pollinators, flowers both native and non-native, flowering annuals of the Americas, non-chemical/non-aggressive gardening methods and the joy of knowing that all creatures are welcome to dine in her garden. Nemon will share with us her enthusiasm of gardening and some of her secrets of successful gardening.

Social mixer is at 6:30 p.m.; speaker at 7 p.m. Park in the Staff Parking Lot (first driveway on Taft Road south of 10 Mile). Enter via door No. 43. Pen and paper may be helpful for notes; visitors welcome; \$5 donation from non-members. Go to http://gardenersnorthville-novi.org for more information.

Buddy's Pizza fights hunger

All 11 Buddy's pizza locations – including Novi's (44225 W. 12 Mile Road) in the Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk entertainment complex – are hosting the 39th annual “Slice for Life Event” Monday, **April 13**, with proceeds benefiting the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. With the purchase of an event ticket, patrons may either dine in and enjoy all-you-can-eat two-topping pizzas and salad or carry-out a four-square two-topping pizza or a

medium sized antipasto, Greek or house salad.

In addition to dining on Buddy's award-winning pizza and salad, families will be assisting the Capuchin Soup Kitchen in feeding the hungry. Tickets (\$15 for adults; \$7 for children) may be purchased from the Capuchins in advance at www.cskdetroit.org or by calling 313-579-2100, ext. 170/153, or at the door of any Buddy's pizza. All participants can also register to win one eight-square Buddy's pizza every month for a year.

History of chocolate

The Northville Garden Club will meet Monday, **April 13** (noon social and luncheon; 12:30 p.m. meeting) at Cady Inn. This month the members will at 1:15 p.m. travel to the Schokolad Chocolate Factory at 20450 Haggerly Road. Emily Barke will be presenting “The History of Chocolate” at 1:30 p.m. Guests are always welcome. For more information, contact Inge Knoth at 248-348-1835.

Learn about art restoration

Jennifer Lis, owner of Lis Art Conservation & Restoration Services, will be the speaker at the 6:45 p.m. **April 14** meeting of the Northville-Novu Branch of the American Association of University Women at the Novi United Methodist Church (41671 W. 10 Mile). The public is invited to attend.

A graduate of Mercy High School in Farmington Hills, Lis studied art history at the University of Notre Dame, graduating with honors. She received her master of art conservation degree at Queens University in Kingston, Ontario, Canada, one of only four universities in North America teaching art restoration. She also studied at the Intermuseum Conservation Association in Cleveland, Ohio. Lis has been awarded the designation professional associate by the American Institute of Conservation, a national membership organization of conservation professionals.

Art restoration requires a knowledge of chemistry, including how solvents work. She and her team do varnish removal, surface cleaning, tear repair, paint loss repair, water damage restoration, lining restoration and more.

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 Sincok, 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 tracincock@northville.org.

Toddle Time



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Anna Hay lifts her grandson Layth Farah, 2, so he can attempt to shoot a basketball during the Feb. 24 Toddle Time at the Northville Community Center. Toddle Time is for kids ages 1-4 and their parents and takes place from 10 a.m. to noon each Tuesday. Although some toys are provided, parents can bring their kids' favorite gear as well.

Group Travel Fair

Discover where your next adventure will take you at the Group Travel Fair at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, **April 16** at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road.

Attendees of the free event will learn about exciting day and extended travel opportunities offered by travel agencies, enjoy refreshments, and may receive door prizes. Group travelers will experience immeasurable benefits including meeting new people and making lasting memories while safely realizing the glory of new landscapes and adventures.

The next Group Travel Fair will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 24.

For more information about the travel fairs and additional events and programs, visit cityof-novi.org or call the Older Adult Services office at 248-347-0414.

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 filmmakers.

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://northvilleartshouse.org/special-events/reel-michigan/.

Hillside Spring Craft Fair

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.

Library, Paradise Park team up for fundraiser party

To celebrate National Library Week (April 12-18) the Novi Library and Paradise Park encourage students in grades K-6 (5-8 p.m.) 7-12 (9-midnight) for a night of fun at Paradise Park on Friday, **April 17**.

Along with being the premier sponsor for the Novi Library's Summer Reading program for another year, Paradise Park and the library continue to work together to bring fun-filled events and programs to the community.

With a \$28 wristband, kids can enjoy three hours of unlimited access to laser tag, miniature golf, trampoline, climbing wall, a go-kart ride, 20 arcade tokens and a pizza dinner. For each wristband sold, \$5 will be donated to the library. Students have the option to dress up as their favorite book character and be entered in a costume contest.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call 248-869-7204 or visit novilibrary.org.

Novi Farmers Market open

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

The market will take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, **April 18**.

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

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

Baby boomer conference

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

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Resource Recovery and Recycling Authority of Southwest Oakland County, a public authority and body corporate, shall hold a public hearing on its proposed budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2015 on Thursday, April 23rd, 2015, at 9:30 a.m. at the offices of the City of Farmington Hills, Viewpoint Conference Room, 31555 West Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI, 48336. A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the office of the Authority located at 26261 Evergreen Road, Suite 270, Southfield, MI 48076.

This notice is given on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Authority pursuant to the provisions of Act 43, Public Acts of Michigan, 1963 (Second Extra Session).

MICHAEL J. CSAPO
General Manager

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3,000 expected May 2 for Breakthrough for Brain Tumors Race

By Cal Stone
Staff Writer

More than 1,900 people participated in last year's run/walk to raise funds in the battle against brain tumors. Organizer Larry Berg of Novi expects upward of 3,000 people at the May 2 event, which has grown so much that it's been moved from Novi's Providence Park Hospital to Kensington Metropark in Milford.

"It's much larger again this year," Berg said, "and we're pretty excited about our growth path."

The first Breakthrough for Brain Tumors Race was held in Ypsilanti in 2013 and brought in around \$150,000.

"Last year, we raised just shy of a quarter million dollars," Berg said. "This race has been very successful. People weren't aware of brain tumors. It's about building awareness."

Berg said it's the largest, and perhaps only, race of its kind based in Michigan. It pulls participants from all over the state, as well as out of state.

"We're excited about opportunities to engage communities and to grow as large as we have," he said.

Berg wants to build awareness for the Chicago-based American Brain Tumor Association and what it can do for patients and caregivers.

"It's a great organization," he said. "They do scholarships, clinical trials, educational research for professionals. ... It's a really well-run organization that I'm proud to be affiliated with."

Berg said there are 120 different types of brain tumors and every day 500 people are diagnosed with one. About 700,000 U.S. citizens are currently on the path to recovery.

"I got involved personally in 2011," Berg said. "My daughter, who is now a senior in (Novi) high school, had a tumor. We talked a lot about this and we said want to do something different and help people out."

Berg and his wife Lynn said daughter Kaitlyn is doing much better now and is tumor-free.

"She's exactly where she should be and that's a good spot, considering what we've been through," he said.

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surrounding communities.

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 boomers in transition or thinking about transition to dream again.

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.

Dems meeting

The West Oakland Democrats will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday, **April 21** at United Methodist Church (41671 W. 10 Mile, Novi).

Michigan Education Association President Steve Cook and Tony Trupiano, progressive talk radio host, will discuss current issues important to democrats, including Proposition 1. The meeting is free and open to the public; snacks provided and pizza may be purchased.

BREAKTHROUGH FOR BRAIN TUMORS RACE

Date: Saturday, May 2
Time: 7:30 a.m. event site opens
Location: Kensington Metro Park, 2240 W. Buno Road, Milford
Park entry fee: \$7 per vehicle
Course: USTAF-certified 3.1-mile walk/run (BT5K Race Results will be available the BT5K Michigan page within one week of the event.)
Teams: A minimum of two people is required. There is no fee to register a team. When forming or joining a team, each team member/captain is required to pay the standard registration fee. The first person to start a team will become the team captain.
Pre-event prices: \$35 adult participant; \$30 adult survivor; \$20 children ages 6-12; \$15 children survivor; free for children under age 6.
Registration: Online registration closes April 28. Contact the ABTA event staff at 800-886-1281 to register over the phone or register online at http://hope.abta.org/site/TR?fr_id=3183&pg=entry.



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The Berg family of Novi includes (from left) Larry, Kara, Kaitlyn and Lynn. This year's benefit race is set for Saturday, May 2, at Kensington Metropark in Milford.



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Village Workshop



CAL STONE

Unique items are now being created at the Village Workshop (455 E. Cady, Northville). Laura Hinojosa of Livonia shows a table lamp she made by laser-cutting wood veneer panels and attaching them with wooden connectors. She hopes to use the project in one of the two-hour classes the graphic designer teaches at the Village Workshop. Hinojosa is also wearing a necktie she created from a one-eighth inch thick piece of living hinge wood. Learn more at www.villageworkshop.com.

NEWSMAKERS

Premier Relocations honored

Novi-based Premier Relocations LLC, an agent of the nationwide household goods carrier Mayflower, was honored recently by the van line for exceptional professional performance. The recognition was conferred during Mayflower's annual awards program, with more than 400 Mayflower representatives in attendance.

Premier Relocations, LLC received the following honors for achievements:

» Million Dollar Club Award at the \$1 million level – recognizing top Mayflower revenue producers.

» Customer Choice Award – presented to the Mayflower agent based on highest satisfaction and loyalty scores as rated by its customers in surveys tabulated by a third party.

Airport Ambassadors recognized

Sixty-three Airport Ambassadors at Detroit Metropolitan Airport, including several local individuals, were honored with the President's Volunteer Service Award at a banquet luncheon

recently held at DTW's Westin Hotel.

Local winners of the Presidential Service Award (and their hours of service) include: Gold Level – Shuta Suzuki, Novi (359); Silver Level – Ben Miller, Northville (441.75); George Linker, Northville (403.75); Tom Beyersdorf, Novi (371); Jared Buckley, Northville (335.50); Vivian Verhelle, Northville (277.25); and Bronze Level – John Buckland, Northville (239.50).

In 2014, DTW Airport Ambassadors answered nearly 340,000 questions at six locations throughout the airport in both terminals. Ambassadors can be identified by their blue vests assisting travelers, or helping connect lost and stranded passengers with their families.

The President's Volunteer Service Awards were established in 2003 and are officially issued by the Corporation for National and Community Service.

Lippens joins McKenna Associates

McKenna Associates, a municipal consulting firm with offices in Northville and Kalamazoo, announced Paul Lippens, AICP, previously the director of

Planning for Active Transportation Alliance in Chicago, has joined the firm as a transportation planner. With more than 12 years placemaking experience for communities throughout Michigan, Illinois and Indiana, Lippens serves as McKenna's professional in charge of design and policy for mobility, walkability, transportation and non-motorized planning.

Lippens holds a master of urban planning degree from the University of Michigan and a BA from Hampshire College. He has led transportation and land use planning projects in the Midwest, acting as supervising planner on pedestrian and bicycle plans.

Lippens is the primary author of *Complete Streets, Complete Networks: a Manual for the Design of Active Transportation*, which won the best practices award from the Illinois Chapter of the American Planning Association in 2012 and the 2013 Implementation Award for non-motorized plan and design guidelines for Chicago Heights. Lippens is currently leading the development of Livonia's Non-Motorized Transportation Plan.

Beware of online misinformation

Late last year, I broke the No. 1 rule of the Internet and consulted a popular online medical site. Last August, I found myself ill and despite rest, hydration and numerous visits to my general physician, I couldn't get back to full strength.

After a month of fevers, chills, headaches and malaise, I began to research my symptoms. It was all downhill from there. Based on my specific ailments and sharp pain in my abdomen, a popular medical website suggested I may have mononucleosis or a number of far more serious issues.

Armed with the quickest diagnosis the Internet could provide, I went back to the doctor and told the nurse I thought I had mononucleosis. The nurse ran a spot test, which confirmed I had mononucleosis. But as anyone who has ever had mononucleosis knows, there is no antibiotic treatment for mono or other viral infections.

So I rested, drank lots of Gatorade, watched way too much football and waited for my headaches to go away and my energy to come back. Two months later – and a few more visits to the doctor's office – I had made no improvement.



Jon Gunnells
TECH SAVVY

That's when I decided to get a second opinion and found out I didn't have mono – a diagnosis that was probably only made because I led the first doctor to it after visiting the website.

It was truly the perfect storm of events. The spot test showed positive because I had had mono during an otherwise terrific year of college. My physician never ordered a full blood test. And hey, I had consulted the web, it seemed plausible. Who was I to argue?

We could talk about how my physician was wrong, but this is a technology column. It's more fitting that we talk about the dangers of websites that aid and encourage self-diagnosis. While these sites provide information and tools to manage your health, they offer generic answers for complicated symptoms and can lead patients like myself to more issues.

If you tell a medical website you have a headache and lack of energy (such as I did), you may get results that indicate you either have a minor headache or

that you are dying. I'm not exaggerating – do you know how many simple symptoms lead to an online diagnosis of cancer? It's staggering.

You can avoid a misdiagnosis and a lot of worry by simply not visiting sites that have "symptoms checkers." Instead, visit a medical professional where you can ask follow-up questions and receive reliable answers.

The problem of online misinformation spreads far beyond that of medical advice. Web hoaxes, rumors and lies are all over the Internet because content creators simply do not care about accountability or spreading false information.

Unless you are gathering information from a trustworthy source such as a media company or an online encyclopedia, use common sense to determine if what you are reading might be false. And in the case of medical information, skip the Internet entirely and see a physician.

Take my advice – lots of people play doctor on the Internet.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

SCORE business mentoring

The Service Corp of Retired Executives one-hour appointments are available from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, **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.

Two-Minute Drill

Clint Longenecker, professor of management at the College of Business and Innovation at the University of Toledo, will present The Two-Minute Drill: Lessons for Rapid Organizational Improvement

from America's Greatest Game at 6 p.m. Thursday, **April 16**, in the Jeffress Center, located on the Schoolcraft College Campus.

The Two-Minute Drill explores lessons in football, applying these same techniques to the business setting, facilitating accelerated change in a competitive marketplace. Prior to the presentation, an assortment of hors d'oeuvres will be served from Schoolcraft College Catering.

This presentation is \$10 per person. Register online at https://www.utfoundation.org/foundation/home/Child_NewsEvents_alumni.aspx?request=2.

Schoolcraft College is located at 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia. The Jeffress Center is located at the corner of Seven Mile and Haggerty roads on the northwest corner of the college's main campus in Livonia.

Oakland County's Economic Outlook Luncheon

Online registration is now available for the 30th annual Oakland County Economic Outlook Forecast luncheon set for **April 30** at the Detroit Marriott Troy.

University of Michigan economists Dr. George Fulton and Donald Grimes will present their projections on employment prospects in private manufacturing and non-manufacturing sectors with breakdowns for all industry categories for Oakland County. The outlook report is a main component for Oakland County's long-term planning and promotion activities.

"Fulton and Grimes are two of the most respected economist in the country," Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson said. "Getting their perspective on the county's economic health is both insightful and helpful. I wouldn't spend too much time deciding whether or not this is worth your time. This event is always sold out and these seats will go fast."

Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased online at www.AdvantageOakland.Eventbrite.com. Registration closes April 21 or when capacity is reached. More than 600 people attended the event in 2014. The Detroit Marriott Troy is at 200 W. Big Beaver, east of I-75. The luncheon begins at 11:45 a.m.

The luncheon is hosted by Patterson, Chase and Oakland Community College.

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The evening’s final act (from left): Chitra Lakshumanan, Alicia Kevelin, Anjali Joshi, Michelle Kearney, Aishu Chandrakanthan, Shakila Khan, Isuri Ramawickrama and Sharon Amalraj.

International talent

Novi High School students show off their part of the world

Novi High School’s fifth annual International Talent Show was held March 20 and it raised \$2,058 for the international charity Doctors Without Borders. Approximately 400 people attended the event, held in Fuerst Auditorium.

The evening highlighted the diversity of Novi students and featured 18 student acts representing various countries. The program included several dances (Scottish, Chinese, Indian), songs in different languages (Spanish, German), a karate demonstration representing Japan and several instrumental pieces representing Japan, Armenia, Germany and England. Senior Silvia Fierro recited an original poem about her love of Mexico and also the turmoil the Mexican people are experiencing.

The production was

organized by Novi’s IB diploma candidates from the junior and senior classes under the supervision of their Volunteer CAS Coordinator Barbara Clift. It was followed by an international food court with samples of foods from many countries.

“Each year, this show gets better and raises more money for the charity the students select,” Clift said. “I am pleased we were able to send over \$2,000 to Doctors Without Borders to help in their fight against ebola. What a great night, not only for the students, but also the community!”

As a finale at the end of the show, all 18 acts were brought back on stage for a final curtain call to the song *We are the World*. The show ended with the entire group also shouting, “We are Novi!”



Representing England, drummer Cayetano Garcia and his trio played and sang “Sweet Dreams” by the Eurythmics.



Rio Furuse plays flute in a Japanese band.



Silvia Fierro, a senior, recites an original poem in Spanish about her love of Mexico and the struggles of the people there. Translation appeared on a screen for the audience to follow.



Rachel Garfield, a senior, dances to a Scottish song



Conor Large (left) and Jacob Wolf play their award-winning German song “Computer Liede,” which translates to “Computer Love.” They won second place this month in the music category at the 31st annual German Day competition at the University of Michigan.



Indian dancers (from left) Pooja Panguru, Tulasi Talluri, Meghana Mallavaram and Shreya Gumate.

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BOSHOVEN, DONNA MAE
Age 84, of Jupiter passed away March 27, 2015. Born in Grand Rapids, MI. She lived a full life, worked at the Jupiter Beach Resort, enjoyed tennis, golf, and playing Mah Jongg in her free time. She is survived by her three daughter's, Candace Lee Kritch (Edward), Jami Lynn Boshoven (Bonnie), Lynda Sue Lomangino (Anthony), and son, Robert James Boshoven (Lorie), and her seven grandchildren, Alexander Ellioff, Amanda Sue Ellioff, Charlie Lomangino, Stanley Lomangino, Julie Kritch, Jennifer Kritch, and Elizabeth Boshoven, and one great granddaughter, Sophia Marie Lomangino. Visitation and a Funeral Mass were held in Jupiter, FL. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Hospice of Palm Beach County. For online condolences please visit www.taylorandmodeen.com

HAGMAN, JEFFREY
Age 59, of Highland, passed away April 2, 2015. Lynch & Sons Milford 248.684.6645.

HALBERT MARGARET M.
Age 87, of Northville, passed away, 03/27/2015. Condolences at casterlinefuneralhome.com



HENSON, MICHAEL R.
A life-long resident of Milford, passed away April 3, 2015 at the age of 58. In addition to his parents, Ray and Carol Henson, Michael is survived by his brother, Scott (Dawn) Henson and their family; sister Barbara (Harley Scribner) Nixon and their family as well as many aunts, uncles and cousins. Michael was a kind, loving soul who enjoyed guitar playing, motorcycle riding and his cat, Thomas. He will be greatly missed by family and friends. A Memorial Service will be held from West Highland Baptist Church, 1116 S Hickory Ridge Rd, Milford on Friday, April 10th at 11 AM. Pastor Tom Roberts to officiate. Memorials encouraged to the church. For further information, please phone Lynch & Sons, Milford at 248.684.6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

KELLEY MARY
February 10, 1927 - March 31, 2015. Arrangements by Phillips Funeral Home, www.phillipsfuneral.com

KOEHLER, OLGA MARY
Age 97, gently passed from this life to a life of eternal joy on March 30, 2015. She is survived by her children John (Ellen), Karen (Denis) and Janet (John), grandchildren Trent (Natalie) and Katy (Stephen), great-grandchildren Gabe and Asher, sisters Helen and Amy, and a host of cherished nieces and nephews. She was predeceased in life by her husband John, her siblings John, Mary, Ludwig, Antonia, Chris, Angela, and special friend John Nagrant. Olga's joys in life included raising her children, visiting her large family and friends near and far, visiting her beloved hometown Traunik, Michigan, and serving others at her church. She was known for her wonderful cooking and baking and used those skills to bless others. Her trademark quiet demeanor led those who met her to comment on how sweet she was. Though never tall in stature, she was tall in her courage, determination and strength to push through life's challenges. A memorial Mass will be celebrated at Our Lady of Nazareth Church, Roanoke, VA on Monday, April 6, 2015 at 11:00am. The family will receive visitors from 10-11 am at the church, and following mass at a luncheon in the parish Fellowship Hall. Donations may be made in her memory to Brandon Oaks Auxiliary or Our Lady of Nazareth Church in Roanoke, VA, or to the charity of your choice.
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of sorrow.

MUIR, DONALD J.
Age 86, passed away April 2, 2015. He was born on July 31, 1928 in New York, New York, son of the late Gavin Mary Muir. His parents were born and raised in Scotland, which instilled in Don a strong sense of pride in his Scottish heritage. Don was a proud Army veteran serving in the Army during WWII in Japan. He was a longtime electrician and was a proud member of IBEW Local 58. He was an original member of the Iron Mustangs motorcycle club and loved spending time outdoors, especially in northern Michigan. He was excellent at horseshoes and would play whenever he had the chance. He led an active and fulfilled life and nothing gave him greater joy than spending time with his family. He will always be remembered as a loving and devoted family man. He is survived by his beloved wife, Ruth; his loving daughters, Cindy (Mike) Swift, Laura Cipponeri, Judy (Doug) Hull, Kim (Evert) Arnett, and Beth (David) Bonser. Don is also survived by 14 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren; and his sister, Bonnie Burge and his brother, Jim Muir. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Elsie, and his sister, Betty Fuhst. Visitation and Funeral Service was held on Saturday, April 4 at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. He was laid to rest in South Lyon Cemetery on Monday, April 6 at 10:30 a.m. www.phillipsfuneral.com



NOWICKI, HAROLD
May 28, 1931 - March 30, 2015. Arrangements by PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME www.phillipsfunera.com.

O'BRIEN, BRENDA S.
of Milford died 4/2/15. Wife of: Patrick "Denny;" mother of: Stacy, Darren and Michael. Lynch & Sons Milford 248.684.6645.



PINSON, HAROLYN ANN (HORNBECK)
63, of North Granby, Connecticut. Beloved wife of John Ansel Pinson, passed into the presence of the Lord on Maundy Thursday, April 2, 2015. She was born on December 24, 1951 in Berwick, Pennsylvania, daughter of the late Harold Clifton and Sarah Bower Hornbeck. She lived many years in Birmingham, MI and then Troy, MI with an unforgettable two years in Italy in between. She moved to North Granby five years ago. She graduated from The Pennsylvania State University in 1976 with a BS in Music. Harolyn was a member of Pilgrim Covenant Church in North Granby, CT. She was a passionate teacher, mentor and friend, especially to those in need, and participated in many church ministries. Harolyn enjoyed gardening, sewing, and spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. Besides her loving husband of 21 years, she is survived by her five children, Kimberly Ann (Knepp) Lavallee and her husband Michael Lavallee of Rochester Hills, MI; Brandon Thomas Knepp of Longview, Texas; Joel Aaron Morrah and his wife H. Lee Jennings, of Berkeley, MI; Rebekah Joy (Morrah) Pesce and her husband Anthony Pesce of Indian Hills, Colorado; Catherine Lee Pinson, a student at Temple University in Philadelphia, PA; her nine precious grandchildren, Nicholas, Luke, Sarah, Maria, Harper, Samuel, Cora, Charlotte, and Jeremiah; and her sister, Nancy Eloise (Hornbeck) Spooner and her husband Robert Spooner. Harolyn had a beautiful personality, a friendly smile, and a wealth of caring and selflessness that will be sorely missed by her family and many friends. Calling hours for the public will be held from 7:00-8:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 9, 2015 and a memorial service will be celebrated beginning at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, April 10, 2015 at Bridge Community Church, 5700 Rochester Rd., Troy, MI. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Project Sunset, an E4 ministry in the Democratic Republic of the Congo to provide mosquito nets and malaria education.

RUSSO, JEAN
December 2, 1929 - March 31, 2015. Arrangements by: PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME. www.phillipsfuneral.com

SMITH, EDWARD A.
Age 87, of Northville, passed away April 6, 2015. Share condolences at casterlinefuneralhome.com.



God, government the focus of conference series this weekend

By Philip Allmen
Staff Writer

There's a slew of problems in this country, on that most can agree. But identifying those problems, how they started and their solution is open to more debate. For some west Oakland County residents, it's clear-cut. And it's up to grassroots efforts like one they've started to find the ideal solution. Christian churches are teaming to kick off a conference series focusing on God and government and what the proper relationship should be between faith and politics. The problem, organizers said, is the two aren't corresponding with one another right now.

The conference opens Friday in Highland Township at 59 West. The Rev. Rich LaBelle, pastor at Hickory Ridge Community Church, said the conference series does not endorse a particular political preference, but what guides elected officials' decisions. "Politics is an avenue to express morals or lack thereof," he said.

Changing culture

Joe Salvia, a member of Church of the Holy Spirit in Highland and another conference organizer, said fewer and fewer people believe in God, a marked change from how he and many others grew up in a society based on Judeo-Christian values. That, coupled with government stifling religious-based discussions, is moving the country to a more secular and totalitarian regime, something that has been taking place since World War II, said J.P. Kraft Jr., another event organizer and member of the Hickory Ridge church. "There's no longer talk in the public square," he said. "It's individual values and the state. There's no mediating factor, which has always been the church. You lose that oil between the two forces." Elected leaders reference a Christian back-



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J.P. Kraft and the Rev. Rich LaBelle, pastor of Hickory Ridge Community Church, stand in the 59 West banquet room in Highland, where they are organizing this weekend's conference focused on God and government.

ground and values when running for office, Salvia added, but those beliefs aren't seen in action once elected.

"Government is a reflection of its citizens," he said.

Ben Di Ponio has helped get the word out on the upcoming conference series. He agrees the Christian focus has been missing from government. But the state isn't the only one to blame, he noted, pointing to religious leaders who no longer use their pulpit to address possibly controversial issues.

"The pastors dropped the ball as shepherds," Di Ponio said. "They're afraid to say anything. They're afraid to offend."

Friday's opening conference is a "call to alarm to Christians," Kraft said. "A lot of Christians really don't know how to appropriate the faith. ... In a secular world, the message is not getting out."

Share the faith

It's Christians' right and duty, all agreed, to share their faith. "We want to see Christians wake up," Di Ponio said. "We are the majority in this country and we're being silenced by a vocal minority. "You can't separate your vote from your beliefs and that's happening. It gets worse with each generation."

The church is the moral compass for society and it's up to the church to call out the state when problems arise. All agree that the church does not have the authority – or desire – to govern, but simply to give it the tools needed to govern in the right direction. When the state tries to take over the role of the church, as has been seen in various Marxist regimes, that problems arise.

"The Bible says to obey the state, but the state has a duty to do good," Kraft said.

A grassroots effort, organizers hope to see this conference spur others to start similar programs in other parts of Michigan and across the country.

"We truly believe the church is the way through this," Kraft said.

Opening conference

Scores of churches have joined in to support the God and Country conference series from Milford, Livonia and Dearborn to Traverse City, Grand Rapids and Battle Creek. Based off Charles Colson's book *God and Government, an Insider's View on the Boundaries between Faith and Politics*, the conference kicks off at 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 10, at 59 West, 786 Highland Drive, in Highland. The conference continues at

9 a.m. Saturday, April 11. The opening conference "God & Government: How Can the Church Resist the Onslaught of Tyranny in America?" features guest speaker Lt. Gen. Jerry Boykin, retired.

Boykin will discuss the continuing constitutional crisis he sees in the country, as well as what he calls the threats of Marxism and radical Islam.

"There is a time to preach and a time to pray and a time to fight. That time has come," he said. "It is time for believers to fight in the cause of liberty. ... Nothing else can save America but the church."

People see there is a problem, but they don't know what to do, LaBelle said. This conference series, he said, is a first step.

Among the issues addressed this weekend will be how these issues can be addressed at the grassroots level.

No registration is needed for the conference. For more information, call 248-685-3520 or email pastor@myhrcc.com.

Monthly conferences are planned for the region to follow up the weekend's events. Organizers plan similar national speakers for the series.

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RELIGION CALENDAR

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

Brightmoor Christian
Location: M-5 and 13 Mile, Novi
Contact: 248-668-7014; CelebrateRecovery@brightmoorcc.org
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 from the hurts, deliverance from life-controlling habits and freedom from the hang-ups that keep us from developing strong and healthy relations with God and others. Enter at Door D on the south side of the building. No cost; free child care is available for children birth through fifth grade. Pre-register.

Church of the Holy Family
Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road, 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 appointment
Priests: the Rev. Bob LaCroix, pastor, and the Rev. Beto Espinoza, associate pastor
AA: 8 p.m. Wednesdays
Crosspointe Meadows
Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile, Novi
Contact: 248-669-9400, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday
Web: www.crosspointemeadows.org
Sunday worship: 11 a.m.
Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all ages
Details: Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship experience.

Destiny Worship Center
Location: Ridge Wood Elementary School, 41355 Six Mile, Northville
Contact: DestinyW3C@gmail.com
Web: www.DW3C.org

Detroit Japanese Christian Fellowship
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Reverend: Kanji Fuki
Contact: 248-756-3336
Dominion Church
Location: P.O. Box 605, Novi
Contact: 248-767-1366
Pastor: James H. Moseley Jr.
Asst. Pastor: Ashaki M. Moseley
Emmanuel Lutheran
Location: 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia
Web: www.emmanuel-livonia.org
Contact: 248-442-8822
Sunday worship: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.
Youth group: 7 p.m. Wednesday
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 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-novi.org
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.
First Baptist Church of Northville
Location: 217 N. Wing, Northville
Contact: 248-348-1020
Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. 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 Study
Tuesday: 9:25 a.m. Women of the Word Bible Study — the Books of Ruth and Esther

Showcase offering brides-to-be all their needs in one venue

By Melanie M. Zwegers
Correspondent

Northville's Bridal Showcase is back for its second year 1-4 p.m. April 19 at the New School Church in Mill Race Historical Village.

Brides, bridesmaids, mothers-of-brides and even prom-goers can come partake in a unique, once-a-year event that brings together local businesses offering a variety of wedding needs and services. Stroll the vendor-lined aisles of the Village's New School Church, itself an idyllic choice for a wedding in any season, to browse an eclectic display of new



For more information on Bridal Showcase and other wedding possibilities at Mill Race Historical Village, go to www.millracenorthville.com, stop by the office (215 Griswold Street) between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Monday through Wednesday or call 248-348-1845.

and previously owned wedding gowns and prom dresses at discount

prices. Visitors can also sample bakery and catering food services, peruse

invitation designs and papers, pick out floral arrangements and bouquets and even try on jewelry pieces to match their perfect big-day gown.

Donna Laby, major organizer and volunteer behind the Showcase, looks forward to the event as an opportunity to give local businesses press, as well as support Mill Race Historical Village and its parent organization, the Northville Historical Society, of which she is a contributing member and docent. She selects local retailers to come display their wares in the historic church, affording visitors

the convenience of complete wedding-related services in a single, beautiful setting. In addition, she asks former brides to donate their lightly used dresses, giving new life to closet-bound outfits while also providing future brides with economical gown choices.

Not only do dress sales drum up huge cost benefits for the Village and the Northville Historical Society – a not-for-profit organization that relies solely on the generosity of members and the community – contributors also receive slips for tax deduction based on their donation. If you would like to participate in this

year's Showcase or donate your gently used wedding gown, contact Laby at 248-348-3688.

This year's Showcase will feature familiar community stores such as the Stampeddler, Eva's Bridal, Pastry Palace, Elizabeth's Bridal Manor, K B Jewelers and more. Laby also hopes to feature a tuxedo company at this year's event, making this Showcase a beneficial occasion for bridegrooms as well as brides. The \$5 entry fee per person goes directly to helping the Village and supporting the many behind-the-scenes volunteers who help put on this outstanding event.

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OUR VIEW

Support Northville schools

Vote yes for millage renewal on May 5

Those who live in Northville Public Schools district, whether their children attend these schools or not, know how important the education system here is and how vital it is to the success of not only those students but the community as a whole.

Four years ago, voters here were asked to approve funding for desperately-needed repairs in all 10 of the district's schools and other facilities.

Without that money, it's hard to believe this district would've remained one of the best in the state. Without that money, the district would've needed to tap into its General Fund – taking money from classrooms – to replace the gym floors at Silver Springs and Winchester elementaries; to replace the roof at Thornton Creek Elementary; to replace air conditioning chillers on the roof at Northville High School.

Voters will be asked again to renew 0.9978 mills for the Building Site and Sinking Fund – and this newspaper strongly supports a **yes** vote on May 5.

A sinking fund is one of the only ways a school district can collect money from residents and have it stay in district without going through Lansing.

This funding source offers



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a lower cost approach to paying for needed building repairs/improvements. The district receives only the funds allocated for specific projects in a given year, eliminating the interest expense typically incurred with a bond issuance.

One could base support on the sole fact that this will NOT result in a tax increase for homeowners in the district – it's a renewal.

Your taxes will not change by voting in favor of this millage.

But, what your 'yes' vote will do is continue the nearly \$2.5 million the millage provides annually through 2020. A 'no' vote means that funding ends on Dec. 31.

It's a topic that's worthy of an editorial on its own, but it's no secret that state funding for public schools has been drastically cut for years. Northville has seen its major source of operations funding – the state's per pupil allocation – slashed from \$8,538 in the 2008-09 school year to \$8,099 this current school year.

That equates to a loss of \$3 million in revenues EVERY YEAR. Who knows what the future brings, but by now school administrators throughout the state have been forced to resign to the reality that red is the new black.

So just what will, and won't, the money from this millage renewal be used for?

It will allow the district to keep its General Fund dollars for operating expenses like salaries, benefits, textbooks, software, new buses – all expenses that the Sinking Fund can NOT be used on.

The Sinking Fund millage renewal WILL be used for a variety of much-needed projects

» **Safety and security:** Due to revisions in the building code, necessary improvements in classroom and building safety include replacement of school building hardware for lockdown ability; upgrades in emergency lighting,

fire alarm systems and exit signs; and updated plumbing with mixing valves at sinks.

» **Improving classroom learning environment:** Anticipated projects include adding walls/doors to enclose selected classrooms, updating media centers to create collaboration areas; and upgrading lighting in windowless classrooms.

» **Improving energy efficiency and reducing costs:** Anticipated projects include upgrading HVAC systems; replacing chiller and cooling towers; replacing windows and window systems; and upgrading lighting.

» **Keeping buildings operational:** Due to age or excessive use, anticipated projects include tuckpoint exterior masonry/soffit repairs; improvements to roofing systems; improvements to paving; and replacing floor finishes and door/frame system.

The projects that the Sinking Fund millage will be used for are not a wish list of frills or unnecessary upgrades. Last December, the district hired TMP Architecture's team of engineering and architectural pros to perform a Facility Condition Assessment. They visited every one of Northville Public Schools sites, evaluating the current conditions and

assessed needs for the next five years.

The revenue generated from the Sinking Fund millage renewal, however, still won't cover the entire scope of what's needed. What it will do is allow the district to prioritize that list and start working on projects.

Here's one way to look at why this millage renewal is so crucial: Pretend the district is your house. Nearly all the district's buildings are at least 40 years old. Think of the repairs and upgrades needed to maintain a house of this age, to protect one's investment and keep one's family safe.

School facilities are the same, and this district needs your support May 5 to protect what is actually YOUR investment. Maintaining exemplary schools does two things: It helps provide a top-notch education for our current and future students, and it keeps local property values strong.

Still not convinced and have questions? Learn more about the Sinking Fund millage renewal at www.northvilleschools.org or email questions@nps.northvilleschools.org.

And remember to vote on May 5.

LETTERS

Library Week is April 12-18

During the week of April 12-18, communities across the country will celebrate National Library Week. This event is an opportunity for us to thank the Northville District Library administrators, librarians and all library workers for their dedication and hard work in providing Northville/Northville Township with a quality library and services.

Our library serves as a vital resource offering numerous opportunities for children, teens and adults in books, eBooks, other media and computers. Also available 24/7 is online Homework Help for your kids. Other accessible online databases to search include Zinio which accesses various magazines to read, Ancestry helps you to trace your family history, and archived issues of the Northville Record dating back to 1869. This is just a sampling. For more information, go to the library website at www.northvillelibrary.org.

The library also provides so many programs for community enjoyment, starting with Read to Me, a program for our littlest tots; Story Time; educational programs to assist our patrons with their newest electronic devices; and various speakers on subjects of interest and foreign films. Again, use the library website to review all programs available to meet your needs.

During National Library Week, take a minute to thank the staff at Northville District Library for their efforts on behalf of our community.

"Libraries store the energy that fuels the imagination. They open up windows to the world and inspire us to explore and achieve, and contribute to improving our quality of life." – Sidney Sheldon

Carol Oldenburg
Friends of Northville District Library president

Approve Sinking Fund millage renewal

On May 5, there will be a second issue on the ballot. The Northville Public Schools is asking voters to renew its Sinking Fund for another five years. There is no increase in the amount of millage (it's still

less than one mill). As you know, Northville has one of the best school systems in the state of Michigan. It's important to maintain this excellence for students and allow Northville to be a community of choice because of its educational system.

The Sinking Fund can only be used for infrastructure changes and improvements. This covers such items as school building enhancements for better learning, maintaining the safety and security of facilities, improving energy efficiency and reducing operating costs. It's important to maintain and improve existing structure without having to use general fund dollars that are for classroom learning and staffing.

Many of you already have students who have graduated from NPS and others presently have children in the school system or will have shortly. I urge all of you to vote yes on this proposal. The renewal of the Sinking Fund will allow us to continue to enhance one of the gems of Northville – its public schools.

Richard Brown
Northville

Vote yes in support of Northville schools

On May 5 we need your support. Voters are being asked to renew the Sinking Fund millage. This millage is a little less than 1 mil, and every penny goes directly to support our Northville Public Schools. This is a renewal. Voters first passed this millage in 2010.

The name Sinking Fund is an awkward name. However, these funds are essential to the health and survival of our schools. Sinking Fund money is used for basic maintenance, repair, and replacement. Over the past four and a half years we have replaced roofs, boilers, lighting, painted classrooms, installed new flooring, and improved our athletic facilities.

When the board first came to voters, we were facing a \$470 per pupil cut in funding. The state constitution does not allow school districts to ask voters for money to fund operations, that is, to fund classroom instruction. We are allowed to ask voters to fund maintenance, repair and re-

COMMUNITY VOICE

Are you in favor of the road funding proposal on the May 5 ballot?

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



"Yes because we are the worst in the union for roads."

Gary Haas
Northville



"No. It should all go toward the roads and not other things."

Jim Luterek
Northville



"Yes, I am because the roads are in miserable shape. It's not the best solution, but we need to start fixing them. They can't wait any longer."

Ron Perkins
Northville



"No. I'm in favor of the roads getting fixed, but not through the way this is set up."

Herman Dudley
Novi

placement with a Sinking Fund. Without this help, we would have had to make severe cuts in classroom instruction in order to pay for these repairs.

Our board has been very frugal with the spending of these Sinking Fund dollars over the past four and a half years. Projects have been completed on time and often under budget.

The district has completed a careful study of our building repair, maintenance, and equipment replacement needs for the next five years. Your money will be well spent. We need voters to step forward and continue supporting Northville Public Schools. It is in all of our best interest to maintain educational excellence in Northville.

Scott Craig
Northville

Not a fan of proposal

It appears that our esteemed politicians in Lansing have managed to fill the \$325 million hole in our current budget. This was accomplished by raiding the school aid fund, shorting the retirement system, slashing departments that help our neediest citizens and other cuts.

You might wonder how they plan to pay for the next \$532 million due starting Oct. 1 and continuing in each of the next 15 years, thanks to allowing corporations to double dip with tax credits plus tax cuts.

Well believe this, you won't hear a word until after the May 5 election is held to raise the sales tax.

That ballot proposal is so poorly written and contains so

many loopholes, it would take a scholar fluent in Mandarin Chinese to decipher it.

The defenders of this monstrosity claim the schools and local governments will benefit, along with our roads. To that I say, hogwash! That \$532 million shortage will come out of the general fund dollars that currently go to those entities and they will not gain diddly-squat.

I hate being on the side of tea partiers who oppose the ballot proposal, but believe me, it's for entirely different reasons.

Mine being I know these "sleight of hand" artists. I don't trust them and neither should you.

James Huddleston
Canton

School food dictator not needed

Everyone knew that the First Lady got involved in school lunches, even disappearing of some dishes served. But I didn't know that she could dictate to the schools as to what would be allowed in bake sales. Am I oversimplifying the fact that schools can no longer decide what can be sold? If it isn't on the federally approved "smart snack" list, it will not be in a bake sale. In discussing this with a few younger mothers – I'm 80-years-old with no children in school – I was told that children brown bagging their lunches sometimes have items removed from them – not on the approved list.

This is outrageous. Why have we let this happen? A dictator of school food is not needed. Thank you state Sen.

Patrick Colbeck for bringing this to our attention. Good luck with Senate Bill 139 and House Bill 4202.

Who is watching the First Family to make sure they are abiding by the law set down by Mrs. Obama?

Loretta Stringer
Livonia

It's not about roads

A recent story about the May 5 statewide special election stated "When coupled with other bills Snyder signed Monday, the proposed sales tax increase is expected to dedicate an extra \$1.2 billion in new revenue toward roads, \$300 million more for education and \$70 million for local governments."

So it's not a roads bill, it's yet another unnecessary pork-filled, Rick the RINO tax and spend measure.

The article stated: "Snyder said the state cannot pay for needed road repairs within the existing \$524 billion state budget."

Snyder claims the state government cannot reallocate the mere 2.2 percent of the state budget to pay the \$1.2 billion for the roads. How insane is that?

State House Leader Jase Bolger's bill that the House passed would have reallocated budgetary fat and provided the \$1.2 billion that Snyder claims is needed – with no tax increase.

Vote no on May 5. They already have all the money they need, and more.

Jim Kress
Salem Township

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New legislative term begins with Action Plan

As the new legislative term gets underway in Lansing, I am honored to serve this area as your new state representative. This column will provide residents with updates on work being done in our state government.

For the next two years, I am serving on the following five committees: Families, Children and Seniors; Health Policy; Regulatory Reform; Workforce and Talent Development; and as majority vice chair of the Capitol Committee.

In January, an Action Plan was released for the House and it serves as the guide for the duration of this term. (The full House Action Plan can be found at www.migophouse.org.) One of the main goals described in the Action Plan is fostering job growth for Michiganders and that includes a focus on jobs in the skilled trades. For so long, it seemed the mantra was that skilled trades jobs were dirty, low-level dead ends; students needed careers and college after high school. However, a four-year university is not for everyone and pushing that education path has left a large gap of more than 80,000 open skilled trades jobs in Michigan. That was reaffirmed when I toured a local manufacturing company. When we reached the empty welding area, I asked where the welders were. The response: "You tell us." The company cannot find workers because there are not people with the welding skills to fill the job.

As a member of the House Workforce and Talent Development



Kathy Crawford
GUEST COLUMNIST

Committee, I am happy to have the opportunity to work with my colleagues to find solutions for this. Most recently, I was able to bring the vice chancellor external affairs of Oakland Community College to Lansing to explain how OCC is partnering with the county to increase skilled trades certification. As a cheerleader for our county, it was exhilarating to share the great things Oakland County is doing and I am looking forward to finding more ways to increase these partnerships at home and across the state.

I also have introduced my first piece of legislation this term to create continuing education requirements for veterinarians in Michigan. I was surprised to learn that Michigan is the only state that does not currently have this requirement. The legislation was introduced after speaking with local veterinarians and learning that this is something they want.

I couldn't do my job without the help of residents and welcome your thoughts and ideas. I will be hosting coffee hours 4-6 p.m. April 30 at the Salem-South Lyon Library. I invite all residents interested to come and share your feedback directly with me.

Rep. Kathy Crawford, R-Novi, is state representative for Michigan's 38th District. She can be reached by phone at 517-373-0827 or by email at KathyCrawford@house.mi.gov. Go to www.RepKathyCrawford.com for regular legislative updates.

Tell your story through Short on Words

We never know how the twists and turns in life will play out in our day-to-day existence.

Lisa Barry, the local anchor for NPR's *All Things Considered* on WEMU-FM (89.1), is one of the judges in this year's Short on Words competition. If she was going to enter instead of judge, she'd write about the photo Twister and she'd talk about those twists and turns in life.

There are a lot of people, I'm sure, who would agree with Lisa – life has a way of twisting and turning. Stop and think just about the past year in your life. How many things occurred that altered your life path? My co-worker added four grandchildren and one new son-in-law to her family. There were a lot of twists and turns in her world! I lost a lifelong friend who was much too young and a favorite uncle at 98 who I was nearly certain would make it to 100.

I love to write, I love to read and I love to look beyond the obvious and create my own story. Of course, I think it is more interesting than the real story – sometimes funnier, but always more incredible to my friends, family and colleagues. They accuse me of living in my own world. Personally, I think it's a much better world than the picture painted by the ever-growing number of doomayers among us. Yes, in my world life is interesting – the glass is half-full and there's always a story to tell. I am inspired to tell my story, whether it's writing a letter to my grandchildren or journaling the events of a "girl's weekend."

I'm inviting those of you who see the world a little differently to join me and look beyond the obvious. Tell your story. There is still time for



Denise Jenkins
GUEST COLUMNIST

aspiring authors to enter the fourth annual Short on Words competition, but the deadline is fast approaching. Entries must be postmarked by April 17.

Short on Words is the literature arm of Northville's annual Arts and Acts festival (June 19-21). There are two age categories – 17 and under, 18 and older. Authors are required to write about one of the featured photos in this year's competition. There are some common photos and some unique photos for each age group. The criteria for both age groups calls for entries to be a poem or short story, 1,500 words or less. The photographs were



WILLIAM DEMRAY

Twister is one of the photos writers can choose to tell their story in the Short on Words contest.

taken by Short on Word's sponsor, Dr. William

Demray of Preservation Dental.

All contributing authors are invited, with family and friends, to attend an author reception Friday, June 19, at Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall. The winners will be announced and there will be a selection of readings from this year's competition.

First prize in both age categories is \$100, second prize \$50 and third prize \$25, plus honorable mentions and special awards. Several of the judges will be on hand to congratulate all of the authors.

Denise Jenkins is director of patient/public relations at Preservation Dental, the office of Dr. William Demray, sponsor of Short on Words. For more information and complete details, contact her at 248-348-1313 or denisej@preservationdental.com or go to www.preservationdental.com.



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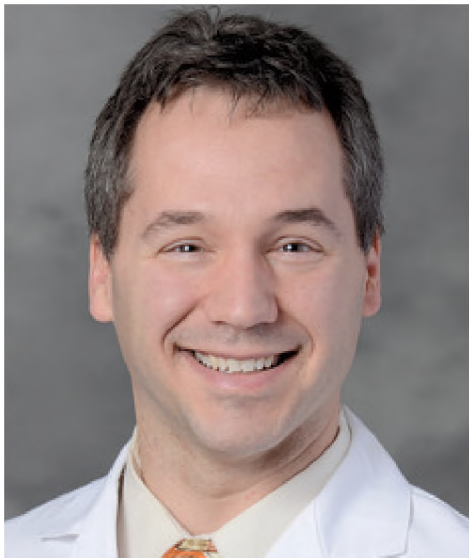
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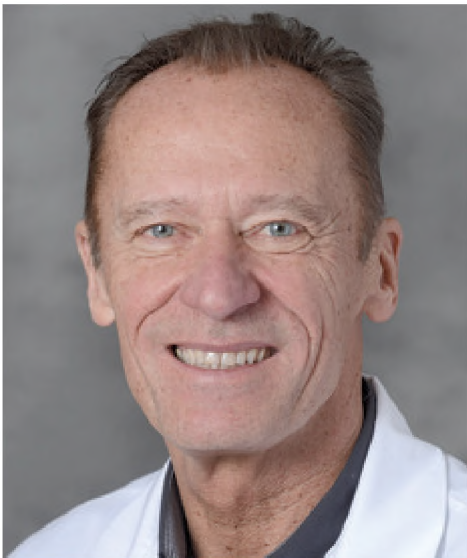
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Community Choice Credit Union member center opens

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

Community Choice Credit Union opened its doors for business with a special ribbon-cutting ceremony last week to mark the new Northville Member Center as its ninth location in south-east Michigan.

Housed in the former Northville Township Finance Department building (41660 Six Mile, across from Winchester Road), the building has been completely renovated over the past year. Gary Klotz, chairman of the CCCU board of directors, said the new location is a point of pride for them and they're excited to be in Northville.

"We think this is the future," he said of the open design and welcoming atmosphere the company has worked to create with the renovations.

Northville Township and Chamber of Com-



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Gregg Zub mans a customer kiosk March 30 at Northville Township's new Community Choice Credit Union. The credit union's interior has an open design with little separating the customer and employee.

merce officials were also on hand to welcome the opening.

"We are delighted you have chosen our community," said Marjorie Banner, township treasurer.

Klotz, a 1969 Northville High graduate, said the building is an open design and takes financial intuitions into the 21st century. Around \$2

million has been put into buying and transforming the old building, which had fallen into disrepair since it closed.

There are no teller lines, but rather desks with personal advisers at them situated around the room with self-serve kiosks to also get things done. Customers can also use their mobile devices



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
The new Community Choice Credit Union in Northville Township on Six Mile, near Winchester Road.

for banking.

Community Choice Credit Union said it's committed to providing an outstanding member experience. Instead of branches, its locations are called member centers, which captures the purpose of them as a place for members to get together with community choice personal advisers

to build a relationship with their financial institution.

Employees won't be separated from their customers by plexiglass. Klotz said this model works hard at centering on the members.

"This is exciting," he said at the ribbon-cutting.

A grand opening cele-

bration for the general public will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 25, and will include food, entertainment, giveaways and prizes. To learn more, go to <https://www.communitychoiceccu.com>.

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Urge Raw Juice Bar features organic and tasty options

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

Paul Delmotte had an urge to get more fruits and vegetables into his diet. That desire has turned into a successful business called Urge Raw Juice and he has now opened a second location in downtown Northville.

It started at home for Delmotte. He wanted to supplement his diet and make it more nutrient-rich. He eventually discovered the cold-press juicer.

"I wanted to be healthier and get everything I needed each day," he said. "I loved it right from the start."

His at-home hobby turned into something bigger as he got better at crafting different reci-



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Laura Rozmus, a manager of the recently opened Urge Raw Juice bar on Main Street in downtown Northville, hoists a couple of examples of its cold-pressed juice combinations March 27. The shop, located near the Marquis Theatre, had its grand opening that weekend.

pes. He set up a stand at the Royal Oak Farmers Market to see how it might go over.

People went crazy for it, he said.

So he took the next step, left his career in pharmaceutical sales and opened his raw juice bar

last summer in Berkley.

"Word got out quickly how good this juice is," he said.

He noted cold-pressed raw juice is as pure as it gets and best retains nutrients.

"It also tastes really good," he said of the end result of cold pressing.

Urge juice is raw, cold-pressed 100-percent juice.

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Delmotte is a resident of Walled Lake, but he has always had a love for

downtown Northville. So when it came time to think about a second location, the perfect one popped up on Main Street.

"I love the downtown vibe here and this location is just perfect," he said of the new Northville juice bar at 137 E. Main.

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Downtown getting a new restaurant

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

A new restaurant and bar is coming to downtown Northville and it's owned by someone who has succeeded with another downtown business venture.

The southeast corner of Main and Center has housed a variety of businesses, the most recent being Buckminster's Pub. Now it will be home to a new idea from Table 5 restaurant owner Mishelle Lussier.

She recently requested and was approved for a transfer into the city of Northville an ownership of a Class C and SDM Liquor License with Sunday Sales and Entertainment permit. The new restaurant is at 102 E. Main and is currently being renovated to accommodate the yet-to-be-named eatery.

Renovations, both interior and exterior, were approved by

the historic commission.

"I'm really looking forward to it," Lussier said March 30 at the Northville City Council meeting.

Lussier, who is also owner of BSIDE Ventures LLC, said the plan is a full-service restaurant and bar. The business will offer seating for 50 patrons, 10 of which will be at the bar. For entertainment, Lussier indicated that on occasion she will provide closed private parties for events such as weddings, where small bands or DJs will play music.

She has successfully operated Table 5 restaurant for more than six years. In its recommendation approval for the license, the Northville City Police Department conducted a background investigation and did not find any negative contacts or violations involving Lussier or Table 5.

It's anticipated the ratio of sales will be 75 percent food



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The former site of Buckminster's Pub will soon become a new downtown restaurant from the same owners as Northville's Table 5.

and 25 percent alcohol.

Planned hours will be 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 11 a.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday; Sunday times have not yet been determined.

Lussier said she is a lifelong resident of Northville and takes great pride in the image of downtown. She believes this new venture will complement the rest of downtown.

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Know your rights when a collection agency calls

The other day when I listened to my messages, there was a call from a collection agency. The message said the normal stuff – that I was seriously delinquent and if I don't immediately contact them and submit a payment, my credit rating would be ruined.

Normally, if I get a call like that, I know it's bogus and I don't return it. However, I thought for research purposes I would call and try to find out the story.


I contacted the collection agency and was given the name of the company that supposedly I owed money to. I recognized the company as my old cable provider. I had not used that cable provider for a decade. In addition, I never in the last decade have received an invoice from the company. When I was a customer, I used the automatic billing program.

I knew that I did not owe the money. I told the rather forceful person on the phone that I doubted the legitimacy of the bill and that before I would proceed further, I would need a copy of the original bill. Not surprisingly, I have yet to receive a copy of the bill. I don't think I ever will.

There are legitimate collection agencies that attempt to collect debts on behalf of companies. Sometimes, however, these companies will buy old account receivables that companies have written off and attempt to collect.

Just because a collection agency contacts you doesn't mean it is legitimate. Even if the agency is legitimate, the debt may not be valid.

Remember, despite a company's threats and strong-arm tactics, you do have rights. Don't let a collection agency intimidate you into



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

paying a debt that is not valid.

Collection agencies must comply with federal and state laws. These include things such as protection against harassing phone calls and phone calls that come all hours of the day.

If you are being harassed by a collection agency, keep a diary of information. Keep track of the name of the person who called you, the time and the content of the conversation and if any threats were made.

If you decide to pursue an action against the debt collection agency through legal or administrative action, having the diary will be helpful.

One threat that collection agencies make is putting something on your credit report to ruin your credit scores. Remember, when someone puts something on your credit report, you have rights. I recommend that everyone review their credit reports at least once a year. Go to www.annualcreditreport.com for a free copy by each of the three major credit reporting agencies – without strings attached.

We should all pay our bills. However, don't let a debt collection agency coerce you into paying a bogus debt.

Good luck.


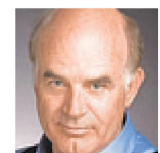

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Spring brings 'The Outgoing Tide' to Northville's Tipping Point

Gunner has retired from his trucking business and now lives in their summer home on the Chesapeake Bay with his wife of 50 years. He has come up with an unorthodox plan to secure his family's future. His plan is met with resistance from his wife Peg and son Jack, who have plans of their own. As winter approaches, the three must quickly find common ground and come to an understanding — before the tide goes out.

The Tipping Point Theater presents the Michigan premiere of Bruce Graham's *The Outgoing Tide* April 9 through May 3.

"This is a type of play that isn't seen often at Tipping Point," director James R. Kuhl said. "I fell in love with the delicacy of the writing. Bruce Graham takes very difficult



Leydenfrost
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The cast includes Alex Leydenfrost, Hugh Maguire and Trudy Mason.

This play echoes the responsibilities that family members have for one another and the ways in which our family shapes our identity as we grow up.


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The theater is located at 361 E. Cady St. in Northville. Tickets are \$29 to \$32 for adults and \$27 to \$30 for students and senior citizens and are available by calling the box office at 248-347-0003.

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GIRLS TRACK PREVIEW



Northville junior Emma Herrmann turns the corner during a leg of the 3,200-meter relay in a March 31 dual meet at Livonia Stevenson.

Mustangs aim for more fame

Novi must replace several key performers

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

The Northville girls track and field program nearly reached the pinnacle in 2014. The Mustangs proved they could almost go the distance as they finished as MHSAA Division 1 state runners-up only to Oak Park. They appear poised to make another strong run despite some key graduation losses which included distance star Rachel Coleman (Michigan), who accounted for more than one-third of the team's 50 points in last year's state meet in Rock-

ford. "We are going to need some kids to step up and show they are ready for the spotlight," Northville coach Tim Dalton said. "For us, the first step of the process is our division and making sure are ready to compete in our dual meets, followed by the conference, regional and state finals." The Mustangs, defending KLAA Central, Kensington Conference and Division 1 regional champions, are not showing any signs of slowing down as they opened their season March 31 with a 94-43 division dual meet victory

over Livonia Stevenson. And once again, Dalton's squad will be anchored by a strong distance crew that finished third last fall in the Division 1 cross country state meet. Among the talented returnees are sophomore Cayla Eckenroth, who placed eighth in the 3,200-meter run (10:44.6); junior Lexa Barrott, a state qualifier who posted a 4:57.1 in the 1,600 at the regional; and junior Emma Herrmann, another state qualifier who clocked 11:24.7 in the 3,200 at the regional.

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BOYS TRACK PREVIEW

Novi rebuilding, N'ville, CC rising

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

A lot of things went right in 2014 for the Novi boys track and field squad. The Wildcats captured the KLAA's Central Division, Kensington Conference and Oakland County championships to go along with a runner-up finish at the regional. Only time will tell if Novi can duplicate last year's successful, but the Wildcats got off a successful start when they rallied to win their division dual meet opener March 31 at home against South Lyon, 71-66. "It's going to be fun to see how we shake out this year," said coach Marsha Reid, now in her sixth season with the Wildcats. "We've got a lot of new kids on the team that have to fill some big roles left by Jordan Love and Ali Taha." Love, who graduated, was Division 1 state runner-up in the 200-meter dash (21.68) and a state qualifier in the 100. He also teamed with Taha, Parker Sutton and Nicholas Oakley – all lost to graduation as well – for eighth in the 400 relay (1:29.26) and second in the 400 relay at the regional (43.3). A freshman, Anthony D'Annibale, has caught Reid's eye in the early going. "As a freshman, he's run some pretty close times and I thought Jordan Love's times would be there for a long time, but he definitely has the strength if he works at it," the Novi coach said. Another top returnee for the Wildcats is junior Joost

Plaetinck, who is coming off an all-state season in cross country and placed 16th a year ago in the 3,200 (9:46.34) at the Division 1 meet in Rockford. **Northville ready** The Mustangs, who galloped past Livonia Stevenson 77-60 in their dual meet opener March 31 at home, hope to improve upon last year's fifth-place finish in the Kensington Conference and eighth-place showing at the regional. Coming off a fourth-place finish in last fall's MHSAA Division 1 cross country meet, Northville will rely on its distance runners to carry the load. Individual state qualifiers returning include junior Connor Naughton, who was 14th in the 3,200 (9:44.23); senior Jason Ferrante, 16th in the 800 (1:54.23); and senior Sean McCullough, who went 9:33.4 in the 3,200 at the Milford regional. "We've got a core group of guys who are hungry to leave their mark in this conference and in our program," Northville coach Brandon Langston said. "I hope that attitude becomes infectious to our newcomers as we continue to build this program." **CC aims higher** Longtime Novi Detroit Catholic Central coach Tony Magni is entering his 49th season overall with the Shamrocks and will bank on senior high jumper Lance Yassay, who was a state qualifier

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Novi returns sophomore hurdler John Stefan for the 2015 boys track and field season.

PREP HOCKEY

Catholic Central's Kaleniecki gets hockey job at alma mater

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

As a former player, Brandon Kaleniecki has now come full-circle after it was announced April 1 that he'll become the new varsity boys hockey coach at Novi Detroit Catholic Central. The 2000 CC grad replaces Danny Veri, who as interim coach guided the Shamrocks to a 24-5-1 record and their 12th MHSAA state title in school history last month. The 33-year-old Kaleniecki, who played four seasons at the



Kaleniecki

University of Michigan followed by a career in the minor leagues, spent the past three seasons as the head coach at Dearborn Divine Child, where he compiled an overall record of 42-31-8. Kaleniecki, who played on back-to-back state championship teams in 1999 and 2000 under Gordie St. John, was one of two finalists for the job interviewed by CC athletic director Aaron Babicz.

"Never in a million years I thought I'd end up back here as the head coach," Kaleniecki said. "And just to be back is such an unbelievable feeling." Kaleniecki, who grew up in Dearborn before moving to Livonia as a teenager, is confident he can adapt and instill his own philosophy to his alma mater. "Obviously, what they have in place has been successful," Kaleniecki said. "They've won back-to-back state titles, so the first thing I have to figure out to do is think about is what they've been successful with.

The biggest thing with me personally is that we always want a team that is structurally sound as far as fundamental hockey and then, on the other hand, a blue collar-type of work ethic. And I know those are already in place from the previous coaches. I'm fortunate enough to know them and how they've coached them and all the things that they do well." Kaleniecki becomes the school's fourth varsity coach in four years. "I love his intensity, I love his attention to discipline," Babicz said. "He obviously

loves Catholic Central, which is a big part of it. The best thing about it is that he is just ridiculously excited to have the opportunity. That, I think for me, is a big part of it because he gets what we're trying to do and he's lived the experience. That's a huge benefit for all of us." Prior to signing with Michigan, Kaleniecki spent two junior seasons in the North American Hockey League. In 2001-02, he scored 52 goals for the Cleveland Barons and was

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GIRLS TENNIS PREVIEW

Northville ascends to No. 1 state ranking

Novi returns nine letter winners from a year ago

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

If the early season returns are any indication, the Northville girls tennis team has the look of a serious state championship contender.

The Mustangs, who finished third in last year's MHSAA Division 1 tournament, are already off to a 3-0 start following a 9-0 KLAA Central Division dual meet victory April 1 at home over South Lyon.

Northville opened its season in impressive fashion March 28 at Ramblewood Tennis & Health Club in Grand Rapids with pair of 9-0 wins over Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central, ranked No. 7 in Division 2, and Hudsonville, ranked No. 10 in Division 1.

The Mustangs are currently ranked No. 1 in Division 1 by the Michigan High School Tennis Coaches Association, while defending state champion Grosse Pointe South is No. 2.

Grosse Pointe South captured last year's state title with 28 points, while Clarkston was runner-up with 22. Northville and



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Emma Worley has moved into the No. 1 singles spot for the top-ranked Northville girls tennis squad.

Bloomfield Hills tied for third with 19 each.

"They have us pretty high up," Northville third-year coach Linda Jones said. "Whether we can pull it off or not ... I don't know. I would think Grosse Pointe South is going to be the team to beat. Bloomfield (Hills) had a number of graduations.

"Clarkston also had a number of graduations. They lost three of their really terrific singles players, but they have a number one singles player (Lexi Baylis) that is

going to be pretty hard to beat."

Northville, the KLAA 'A' Association and regional tourney champ, returns two key singles players in junior Emma Worley, who has moved up to the No. 1 flight after reaching the state quarterfinals at No. 2, and sophomore Joanne Gao, who remains at No. 3 after making the semifinals last June.

Meanwhile, two freshmen with USTA Midwest rankings, Shanoli Kumar and Neha Chava, have moved into the Nos. 2 and 4 singles spots, respectively.

Junior Reeshma Kumar, who played No. 1 singles last year, joins senior returnee Anika Mukherji at No. 1 doubles. State semifinalists Claudia Ma and Paige Baal, both seniors, will team again at No. 2 doubles.

Senior Jordan Hermiz, who teamed with the graduated Alex Jeanotte for a state title at No. 3 doubles last year, will have a new partner in senior Amelia Albanelli, who played No. 4 singles a year ago.

Jones also hopes to solidify the No. 4 doubles flight after state runners-up Libby Quinn and Chloe Page both graduated.

Northville will get a good test when it returns

from spring break Saturday, April 18, when it travels for a quad match at Grosse Pointe South.

"I think our biggest challenge is going to be Grosse Pointe South," Jones said.

Novi optimistic

The Wildcats, who won their KLAA Central dual match opener 7-2 at home April 1 against Salem, hope to parlay a dream boys season – when they captured their first team state championship – with strong girls campaign.

Jim Hanson, in his 31st year with the girls as varsity coach, got his squad to last year's Division 1 state tourney after finishing in runner-up to Northville at the regional.

Novi, which tied for 14th in the state finals, must replace its top two doubles teams from a year ago as Asawari Kanitkar and Amy Zhou went 13-10 at No. 1, while Rachel Bailey and Dina Fawaz went 17-9. Both of those tandems placed runner-up in the regional and KLAA 'A' Association tourneys.

Nine varsity letters return, led by Erin Day, a senior who is playing No. 1 singles for the third straight year after reaching the regional semifinals and earning first team All-Area honors.

She is joined by Allison Lollo, a junior who moves up to No. 2 singles after playing No. 4; Jessica Lypka, a sophomore who will slide down to No. 3 singles; and Carolyn Zhang, a junior who moves into the No. 4 singles spot after playing No. 4 doubles a year ago.

Senior Dhivya Sridar and junior Youna Lee will join forces at No. 1 doubles.

DUAL MATCH RESULTS
NORTHVILLE 9, SOUTH LYON 0
April 1 at Northville
No. 1 singles: Emma Worley (N) def. Saah Uratchiko, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 2:** Shanoli Kumar (N) def. Sarah Plotetski, 6-0, 6-1; **No. 3:** Joanne Gao (N) def. Sabrina Thrall, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 4:** Neha Chava (N) def. Onnilee Lach, 6-0, 6-0.
No. 1 doubles: Anika Mukherji-Reeshma Kumar (N) def. Colleen Barba-Amanda Wandrie, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 2:** Claudia Ma-Paig Baal (N) def. Devyn Schafer-Meagan DeLuca, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 3:** Amelia Albanelli-Jordan Hermiz (N) def. Ashley Koltz-Delaney McReel, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 4:** Molly Bis-Serena Wang (N) def. Jade Wells-Bria Spalding, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 5:** Brittany Macaddino-Lauren Fane (N) def. Rachel Mills-Sarah Miller, 6-0, 6-1.
Dual match records: Northville, 3-0 overall, 1-0 KLAA Central Division; South Lyon, 0-1 overall, 0-1 KLAA Central.

NOVI 7, SALEM 2
April 1 at Novi M.S.
No. 1 singles: Chelsea Yu (S) defeated Erin Day, 7-5, 6-4; **No. 2:** Allison Lollo (N) def. Bianca Ghita, 6-4, 6-3; **No. 3:** Jessica Lypka (N) def. Madison Kulik, 6-3, 6-0; **No. 4:** Kylie Enright (S) def. Sasha Tretyakova, 6-4, 6-0.

No. 1 doubles: Dhivya Sridar-Youna Lee (N) def. Ashley Henderson-Grace Martin, 6-0, 6-1; **No. 2:** Shakila Khan-Sam Martin (N) def. Alyssa Bucciarelli-Alayna Schwartz, 6-1, 6-1; **No. 3:** Teja Mogasala-Carolyn Zhang (N) def. Emilee The-Raegan Henderson, 6-2, 6-3; **No. 4:** Katie Teldier-Katie Xie (N) def. Rachel Godfrey-Corina Ghita, 6-3, 6-3; **No. 5:** Morgan Krupic-Katie Valade (N) def. Trina Pal-Sarah Martin, 6-3, 6-2.

Dual match records: Novi, 1-0 overall, 1-0 KLAA Central Division; Salem, 1-1 overall, 1-1 KLAA Central.



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Novi's No. 1 doubles team will be Dhivya Sridar (left) and Youna Lee as they embark on the 2015 season.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL
Thursday, April 9
Canton at Detroit CC (2), 11 a.m.
Saturday, April 11
Novi at Coldwater Tourney, 9 a.m.
Brother Rice at Detroit CC (2), 11 a.m.
Monday, April 13
Novi at Hartland, 4 p.m.
Det. Western at Northville, 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 14
Stevenson at Detroit CC, 4 p.m.
Franklin Road at Parkway, 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 15
Northville at Salem (2), 4 p.m.
S.L. East at Novi (2), 4 p.m.
St. Mary Prep at Detroit CC (2), 4 p.m.
Thursday, April 16
Parkway at Franklin Road, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, April 17
Wayne at Northville, 4 p.m.
Canton at Novi, 4 p.m.
Saturday, April 18
Detroit CC at Divine Child (2), 2 p.m.
PREP SOFTBALL
Tuesday, April 14
Dexter at Novi, 4 p.m.
Franklin Road at Greenhills, 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 15
Northville at Salem (2), 4 p.m.
S. Lyon East at Novi (2), 4 p.m.
Thursday, April 16
Luth. W'sld at Franklin Rd., 4:30 p.m.
Friday, April 17
Wayne at Northville, 4 p.m.
Canton at Novi, 4 p.m.
Franklin Road at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 18
N'ville, Novi at Mercy Ln., TBA.
GIRLS SOCCER
Tuesday, April 14
Northville at S. Lyon East, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at Novi (Meadows), 7 p.m.
Thursday, April 16
Northville at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Novi at South Lyon, 7 p.m.
Saturday, April 17
Adams at Novi (Meadows), 1 p.m.
BOYS & GIRLS TRACK
Monday, April 13
Brother Rice at Detroit CC, 4:15 p.m.
Tuesday, April 14
Northville at Salem, 4 p.m.
Novi at Stevenson, 4 p.m.
Friday, April 17
Novi (Boys) at Whitmore Lake, 3 p.m.
Saturday, April 18
Northville at Rockford Inv., 9 a.m.
CC at April Showers (Dexter), 9 a.m.
Novi at Milford Invitational, 10 a.m.
BOYS LACROSSE
Friday, April 10
Detroit CC at Cranbrook, 6:15 p.m.
Monday, April 13
Northville at Plymouth (CEF), 7 p.m.
Canton at Novi, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, April 15
W.L. Western at Northville, 7 p.m.
South Lyon at Novi, 7 p.m.
Detroit CC at U-D Jesuit, 7 p.m.
Friday, April 17
Howell at Novi, 7 p.m.
Det. CC at St. Michael's (Ont.), TBA.
Saturday, April 18
Clarkston at Northville, 2 p.m.
Det. CC at St. Michael's (Ont.), TBA.
GIRLS LACROSSE
Monday, April 13
Plymouth at Northville, 7 p.m.
Novi at Farmington Unified, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, April 15
Northville at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.
Novi at South Lyon, 7 p.m.
Thursday, April 16
Novi at Ann Arbor Skyline, 7 p.m.
Friday, April 17
Harrison at Northville, 7 p.m.
GIRLS TENNIS
Tuesday, April 14
Northville at S. Lyon East, 4 p.m.
Stevenson at Novi (M.S.), 4 p.m.
Wednesday, April 15
Novi at Bloomfield Hills, 3 p.m.
Saturday, April 18
N'ville at G.P. South Quad, 8 a.m.
Novi at A.A. Pioneer Journey, 8 a.m.
BOYS GOLF
Monday, April 13
Detroit CC at U-D Jesuit Inv. at Detroit Golf Club, noon.
Tuesday, April 14
Detroit CC vs. Divine Child, Lutheran North at Cattails, 3:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 16
Northville at N. Farmington Inv. at Farm. Hills G.C., 8:30 a.m.
Saturday, April 18
CC at Bedford Valley Open, 10 a.m.
TBA – time to be announced.

GIRLS TENNIS CAPSULE OUTLOOK

NORTHVILLE
Head coach: Linda Jones, third season.
League affiliation: KLAA Kensington Conference (Central Division).
Last year's overall dual record: 7-0.
Last year's finish: KLAA Central Division, Kensington Conference, KLAA 'A' Association and Division 1 regional champs; third, Division 1 state tournament.
Notable losses to graduation: Alex Jeannotte, Libby Quinn, Chloe Page.
Leading returnees: Emma Worley, Jr. (No. 1 singles); Joanne Gao, Soph. (No. 3 singles); Anika Mukherji, Sr. (No. 1 doubles); Reeshma Kumar, Jr. (No. 1 doubles); Claudia Ma, Sr. (No. 2 doubles); Paige Baal, Sr. (No. 2 doubles); Amelia Albanelli, Sr. (No. 3 doubles); Jordan Hermiz, Sr. (No. 3 doubles).
Promising newcomers: Shanoli Kumar, Fr. (No. 2 singles); Neha Chava, Fr. (No. 4 singles); Serena Wang, Fr. (No. 4 doubles); Lauren Fane, Soph. (No. 5

doubles).
Jones' 2015 outlook: "2014 was a very fine year for girls tennis, finishing third in the state competitions. With five experienced seniors on doubles and two new Midwest-ranked singles players, we should be very competitive again this year. The girls are working hard and have good teamwork and spirit for playing the sport. They practice hard and have fun. We are all looking forward to the next two months."

NOVI
Head coach: Jim Hansen, 31st season.
League affiliation: KLAA Kensington Conference (Central Division).
Last year's overall dual record: 9-4.
Last year's finish: second, KLAA Central and Division 1 regional; tied for second, KLAA 'A' Association; tied for 14th, Division 1 state tournament.
Notable losses to graduation: Asawari Kanitkar, Amy Zhou, Rachel Bailey,

Dina Fawaz, Harika Bollineni.
Leading returnees: Erin Day, Sr. (No. 1 singles); Allison Lollo, Jr. (No. 2 singles); Jessica Lypka, Soph. (No. 3 singles); Carolyn Zhang, Jr. (No. 4 singles); Dhivya Sridar, Sr. (No. 1 doubles); Youna Lee, Jr. (No. 1 doubles); Teja Mogasala, Soph. (No. 2 doubles); Sam Martin, Sr. (No. 3 doubles); Shakila Khan, Sr. (No. 3 doubles).
Promising newcomers: Katie Valade, Fr. (No. 2 doubles); Katie Teldier, Jr. (No. 4 doubles); Katie Xie, Fr. (No. 4 doubles); Sasha Tretyakova, Soph. (No. 5 doubles); Morgan Krupic, Jr. (No. 5 doubles); Alexis Malecki, Soph. (doubles).
Hanson's 2015 outlook: "A key factor will be to get continued improvement from last year's nine returning players. The new players on varsity this year, four JV and two freshmen, will need to compete and contribute giving the Wildcats some competitive depth at tournament time."

CITY OF NORTHVILLE – NORTHVILLE HOUSING COMMISSION REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL ALLEN TERRACE WIFI REPLACEMENT PROJECT

The City of Northville, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, requests sealed requests for proposals to replace the current wifi system of City of Northville Housing Commission - Allen Terrace Apartment Building, located at 401 High Street. All interested bidders should see the application to submit a proposal. Proposal details may be received by contacting: Sherry Necelis, Housing Director, 401 High Street, Northville, MI 48167 (248) 349-8030.

An original proposal and two (2) copies must be submitted by Thursday, April 23, at 2:00 p.m. at which time they will be opened and read to: Dianne Massa, City Clerk, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan 48167. Proposals must be sealed in an envelope marked **"PROPOSAL - Allen Terrace – WIFI Replacement"**. Faxed and emailed proposals will not be considered. The City of Northville reserves the right to accept and/or reject any or all proposals and to waive any irregularities in the proposals that are in the best interest of the City of Northville.

Northville City Hall Chamber is handicap accessible. Arrangements to reasonably accommodate special needs including handicap accessibility or interpreter are requested to contact the housing director at the above number at least 72 hours prior to the start of the meeting.

SHERRY NECELIS, HOUSING DIRECTOR
DIANNE MASSA, CITY CLERK

An electronic version of this Request for Bid can be obtained from the City's web site.
<http://www.ci.northville.mi.us/Services/PurchasingAndRFPs/ProposalsBids.htm>.

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INVITATION TO BID INTERIOR RENOVATIONS (Painting & Flooring) At MORaine, AMERMAN, COOKE, MEADS MILL SCHOOLS NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Board of Education of Northville Public Schools is accepting Prime Contractor firm bids for all labor, materials, equipment and all other services to the Painting and Flooring Work at the above referenced schools; located in the Northville Public Schools.

Plans and specifications as prepared by T2 Designs Inc. may be downloaded via PlanWell and are available for review at the office of the George W. Auch Company, 735 S. Paddock Street, Pontiac, MI 48341 248.334.2000, on or after April 7, 2015. Bid Package consists of Instruction to Bidders, Proposal Forms, General and Supplementary Conditions, drawings and pertinent trade specifications. Contact Scott Oswald or Shawn Debo for download instructions.

Your proposal will be accepted **NO LATER THAN 3:00PM, APRIL 22, 2015 TO: NORTHVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION-ROOM 307, 501 WEST MAIN STREET, NORTHVILLE, MI 48167.** Oral, telephone, fax or electronic mail bids are invalid and will not receive consideration.

All bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 3:00 P.M., April 22, 2015 at the Northville Board of Education-Room 104, 501 West Main Street, Northville, MI 48167.

A pre-bid walk through is scheduled for Thursday April 9, 2015 @ 1:00 pm beginning at Meads Mill Middle School, 16700 Franklin Road, Northville, MI. 48168 continuing on from there to the other schools. Please meet in the main school entrance. This meeting is not mandatory but highly recommended.

All contracts to be entered into by the Northville Public Schools must and will comply with the equal opportunity laws of the State of Michigan.

All bids must be submitted on the forms provided in the bid packet.

All bidders must provide familial disclosure in compliance with MCL 380.1267 and attach this information to the bid proposal. The bid proposal will be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner or any employee of the bidder and any member of the Northville Public Schools, Board of Education or the Northville Public Schools, Superintendent. The District will not accept a bid proposal that does not include this sworn and notarized disclosure statement.

Proposals must include a Treasury listed bid bond or certified check made payable to Northville Public Schools for not less than five percent (5%) of the contract for each proposal over \$23,126 and must be submitted on the bid proposal form furnished with the specifications. All proposals shall remain firm for a period of sixty (60) days.

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, either in whole or in part; to award contract to other than the low bidder; to waive any irregularities and/or informalities; and in general to make awards in any manner deemed to be in the best interests of the owner.

James Mazurek, Secretary
Northville Public Schools, Board of Education
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS "NOTICE TO CUT NOXIOUS WEEDS"

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: On or before May 1, 2015, it shall be the duty of every owner, occupant or person having charge of any land within the Charter Township of Northville, Michigan to cut and destroy noxious weeds before they reach a seed bearing stage and to prevent such weeds from perpetuating themselves or becoming a detriment to public health, or shall cause the same to be done.

The above notice is issued pursuant to the Code of Ordinances for the Charter Township of Northville, Chapter 58.2 Article II, Property Maintenance Code.

Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk
Charter Township of Northville

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Northville Public Schools Request for Proposal April 8, 2015

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

Roofing Project 2015

Drawings will be available for this project on April 8, 2015. The drawings, specifications and bidding documents will be made available on line at: www.bid4michigan.com or www.northville.k12.mi.us. **There will be a pre-bid meeting on April 15, at 8:00AM at Amerman Elementary School 847 N. Center Street Northville, MI 48167.**

Sealed bids should be submitted to Mike Zopf, Assistant Superintendent Northville Public Schools, 501 W. Main Street, Northville MI 48167. Bids are to be submitted no later than **2:00PM Wednesday, April 22, 2015.** The District will not consider or accept a bid received after the date and time specified for bid submission. Bids will be publicly opened immediately following the close of receiving bids. No oral, email, telephonic or telegraphic proposals shall be considered.

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

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

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

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

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

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

"Roofing Project 2015- BID"

One (1) copy of the bid form should be retained for your files. Any questions regarding bid requirements should be referred to Michelle Kerns (248) 921- 3929 if you have questions regarding the project specifications contact Jim Watson at TEC Associates at (248) 588-6200.

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GIRLS TRACK

Field events lift Novi over South Lyon

Northville runs past Livonia Stevenson

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

There were plenty of positives to come out of Novi's 87-49 KLAA Central Division girls track victory March 31 over visiting South Lyon.

The Wildcats, led by sophomore Emma Hammelhuff, were able to build a 31-13 lead in the field events and went on to post the season-opening victory.

Hammelhuff swept the shot put (30 feet, 0.5 inches) and discus (70-9), while also taking a third in the pole vault (7-6).

Other individual winners for Novi included Hannah Hood-Blaxill, high jump (4-4); Kate Prisby, long jump (14-0.5); Deanna Martynenko, 100-meter hurdles (16.86); Karennia Roest, 300 hurdles (48.38); Hadley Peterson, 800 (2:48.03); Hannah Loneran,

1,600 (5:27.2); and Jessica Lypka, 3,200 (13:01.88).

Novi also captured the 3,200 relay as Lypka, Shailey Fozdar, Addison Lentz and Loneran were clocked in 11:04.49. The Wildcats capped the meet with a victory in the 1,600 relay as Loneran, Logan Flynn, Hood-Blaxill and Lauren Miesowicz posted a time of 4:36.52.

Northville romps

Gracie Goble and Lauren Rodriguez each captured two events March 31 as the Mustangs rolled to a 94-43 KLAA Central Division triumph over visiting Livonia Stevenson.

"It was our first dual meet of the season, so we were able to race our full squad and further evaluate our student-athletes during competition," Northville coach Tim Dalton said. "With that said, we must



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Novi sophomore Emma Hammelhuff won the shot put and discus, while also taking a third in the pole vault, in an 87-49 dual win over South Lyon.

get better as a team. As a coaching staff, we are really looking for some kids to step up, both returning athletes

and those that are new to the program."

Goble captured the long jump (17-2.5) and 100-meter dash (12.2), while Rodriguez added firsts in the 100 hurdles (15.6) and 300 hurdles (51.21).

Other Northville firsts came from Chloe Abbott, 200-meter dash (25.88); Lindsay Walters, 400 (1:02.0); Emma Smith, 800 (2:33.0); Lexa Barrott, 1,600 (5:22.0); and Cayla Eckenroth, 3,200 (11:28.0).

Northville also took three of four relays including the 800 (1:46.02), 1,600 (4:25.0) and 3,200 (10:23.0).

"We put some freshmen in varsity events and I'm very happy with how they responded," Dalton said. "We have work to do as a team, but it's early. We talk often about believing in the process. Taking care of our division is the first step in the process. As we head into spring break, our message to our kids has been to stay focused."

PREP TRACK RESULTS

BOYS DUAL RESULTS
NOVI 71, SOUTH LYON 66
March 31 at Novi
Shot put: 1. Morris (SL), 36 feet, 10 inches; 2. Dorian Haney (N), 35-10.5.
Discus: 1. Haney (N), 113-2.
High jump: 1. Travis (SL), 5-6; 3. Scott Sawyer (N), 5-3.
Long jump: 1. Reid (SL), 18-5; 2. Anthony D'Annibale (N), 17-11; 3. Aaron Pringle (N), 17-6.75.
Pole vault: 1. Buckhalter (SL), 13-6; 2. Sawyer (N), 11-6.
110 hurdles: 1. Schopa (SL), 15.42; 2. John Stefan (N), 16.64.
300 hurdles: 1. Schopa (SL), 41.64; 3. Hunter Joy (N), 44.94.
100 dash: 1. Aahmaud Jenkins (N), 11.14; 2. Naoto Hikawa (N), 11.53.
200: 1. D'Annibale (N), 23.33; 2. Hikawa (N), 24.11.
400: 1. Joshua Holcomb (N), 53.36.
800: 1. Allen (SL), 2:05.48; 2. Cameron Misko (N), 2:10.94.
1,600: 1. Allen (SL), 4:52.9; 2. Sahisnu Malapati (N), 4:54.7.
3,200: 1. Joost Plaetnick (N), 10:12.8; 2. John Landy (N), 10:13.3; 3. Aric Landy (N), 10:14.4.
400 relay: 1. Novi (Hikawa, Earl Hammond, Jenkins, D'Annibale), 46.51; 2. South Lyon, 47.13; **800 relay:** 1. South Lyon, 1:38.11; 2. Novi, disqualified; **1,600:** 1. Novi (Holcomb, Steve MacPherson, Collin Thomas, Nate Hall), 3:31.53; 2. South Lyon, 3:37.79; **3,200 relay:** 1. Novi (Plaetnick, Hall, MacPherson, Thomas), 8:55.4; 2. South Lyon, 9:30.73.
Dual meet records: Novi, 1-0 overall, 1-0 KLAA Central Division; South Lyon, 0-1 overall, 0-1 KLAA Central.

NORTHVILLE 77
LIVONIA STEVENSON 60
March 31 at Northville
Shot put: 1. Hitchcock (LS), 47 feet; 2. Max Dedona (N), 44-1.
Discus: 1. Hitchcock (LS), 132-11; 3. Dedona (N), 108-0.
High jump: 1. John Hamilton (N), 6-4; 2. Caleb Sheehan (N), 5-8; 3. Andrew Hopkins (N), 5-8.
Long jump: 1. A.J. Abbott (N), 19-9.5.
Pole vault: 1. Clay Alexander (N), 9-6; 3. Marius Schulze (N), 8-0.
110-meter hurdles: 1. Sudek (LS), 18.04; 2. Justin Days (N), 18.12.
300 hurdles: 1. Sudek (LS), 44.42; 2. Days (N), 44.49.
100 dash: 1. Sharp (LS), 11.77.
200: 1. Muffler (LS), 23.7.
400: 1. Alec Pryzbocki (N), 53.38; 3. Sean Flanagan (N), 54.2; 3. Christian Freiburger (N), 54.65.
800: 1. Jacob Kamm (N), 2:04.0; 3. Jeff Baxter (N), 2:13.0.
1,600: 1. Jason Ferrante (N), 4:42.0; 2. Ben Cracraft (N), 4:46.0; 3. Evan Ferrante (N), 4:50.0.
3,200: 1. Connor Naughton (N), 10:08.0; 2. Cracraft (N), 10:10.0.
400 relay: 1. Stevenson, 46.17; **800 relay:** 1. Northville (Adam Ghabra, Matt Jankowski, Antonio Washington, A.J. Abbott, 1:36.71; **1,600 relay:** 1. Northville (Pryzbocki, Freiburger, Kamm, J. Ferrante), 3:39.0; **3,200 relay:** 1. Northville (J. Ferrante, Kenny Goolsby, Sean McCullough, Naughton), 8:50.0.
Dual meet records: Northville, 1-0 overall, 1-0 KLAA Central Division; Stevenson, 0-1 overall, 0-1 KLAA Central.

GIRLS DUAL RESULTS
NORTHVILLE 94
LIVONIA STEVENSON 43
March 31 at Northville
Shot put: 1. Fagan (LS), 30 feet, 0.75 inches; 3. Barbara Davis (N), 26-9.
Discus: 1. Stahrr (LS), 78-11.
High jump: 1. Jessica Hogan (N), 4-10; 3. Lauren Lambert (N), 4-8.
Long jump: 1. Gracie Goble (N), 17-2.5; 3. Emily Anderson (N), 14-10.
Pole vault: 1. Sommer (LS), 9-0.
100-meter hurdles: 1. Lauren Rodriguez (N), 15.6; 2. Abby Gardiner (N), 19.75.
300 hurdles: 1. Rodriguez (N), 51.21; 2. Gaines (N), 56.24; 3. Gardiner (N), 57.83.
100 dash: 1. Goble (N), 12.92; 3. Anderson (N), 14.37.
200: 1. Chloe Abbott (N), 25.88; 2. Goble (N), 26.26.
400: 1. Lindsay Walters (N), 1:02.0; 2. Mary Catherine McLaughlin (N), 1:03.0.
800: 1. Emma Smith (N), 2:33.0; 2. Taylor Gattoni (N), 2:37.0; 3. Rachel Zimmer (N), 2:39.0.
1,600: 1. Lexa Barrott (N), 5:22.0; 2. Ana Barrott (N), 5:32.0; 3. R. Zimmer (N), 5:41.0.
3,200: 1. Cayla Eckenroth (N), 11:28.0; 2. L. Barrott (N), 11:28.0; 3. Emma Herrmann (N), 11:53.0.
400 relay: 1. Stevenson, 54.46; **800 relay:** 1. Northville (Rodriguez, Walters, Goble, Abbott), 1:46.02; **1,600 relay:** 1. Northville (McLaughlin, Elise Daniels, McCallum, Walters), 4:25.0; **3,200 relay:** 1. Northville (Smith, A. Barrott, Herrmann, L. Barrott), 10:23.0.
Dual meet records: Northville, 1-0 overall, 1-0 KLAA Central Division; Stevenson, 0-1 overall, 0-1 KLAA Central.

NOVI 87, SOUTH LYON 49
March 31 at Novi
Shot put: 1. Emma Hammelhuff (N), 30 feet, 0.5 inches; 2. Marissa Dunn (N), 29-0; 3. Alex Felice (N), 27-5.5.
Discus: 1. Hammelhuff (N), 70-9; 2. Felice (N), 65-6.
High jump: 1. Hannah Hood-Blaxill (N), 4-4; 2. Kate Prisby (N), 4-4.
Long jump: 1. Prisby (N), 14-0.5.
Pole vault: 1. Bauer (SL), 11-2 (school record); 3. Hammelhuff (N), 7-6.
100-meter hurdles: 1. Deanna Martynenko (N), 16.86; 2. Brittany Moeller (N), 18.46; 3. Alexandra Hinojosa (N), 18.2.
300 hurdles: 1. Karennia Roest (N), 48.38; 2. Hood-Blaxill (N), 52.54.
100 dash: 1. Romanik (SL), 13.09; 3. Chelsea Collier (N), 13.18.
200: 1. Svaloski (SL), 27.31; 3. Logan Flynn (N), 28.36.
400: 1. Souski (SL), 1:02.1; 3. Lauren Wheat (N), 1:11.6.
800: 1. Hadley Peterson (N), 2:48.03; 2. Justine Rose (N), 3:01.91.
1,600: 1. Hannah Loneran (N), 5:27.12; 2. Addison Lentz (N), 13:13.0; 3. Shailey Fozdar (N), 6:08.31.
3,200: 1. Jessica Lypka (N), 12:01.88; 2. Lentz (N), 13.61.
400 relay: 1. South Lyon, 53.21; 2. Novi, 54.0; **800 relay:** 1. South Lyon, 1:55.2; 2. Novi 1:58.45; **1,600 relay:** 1. Novi (Loneran, Flynn, Hood-Blaxill, Lauren Miesowicz), 4:36.52; 2. South Lyon, 9:30.73; **3,200 relay:** 1. Novi (Lypka, Fozdar, Lentz, Loneran), 11:04.49; 2. South Lyon, 11:42.68.
Dual meet records: Novi, 1-0 overall, 1-0 KLAA Central Division; South Lyon, 0-1 overall, 0-1 KLAA Central.

BOYS TRACK

Northville, Novi rule opening dual meets

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

John Hamilton led a sweep in the high jump with a personal best 6 feet, 4 inches as Northville opened its dual meet boys track season March 31 with a 77-60 KLAA Central Division win over visiting Livonia Stevenson.

"It's always great to start the season with a win, but as a coach I find it more fulfilling to start the season without any glaring mistakes or disasters," Northville coach Brandon Langston said. "We've got over 140 boys on the team and for many of them this was their first track meet."

Other first-place finishers for Northville included A.J. Abbott, long jump (19-9.5); Clay Alexander, pole vault (9-6); Alec Pryzbocki, 400-meter run (53.38); Jacob Kamm, 800 (2:04.0); and Connor Naughton, 3,200 (10:08.0).

Northville's 3,200 relay team of Ferrante, Kenny Goolsby, Sean McCullough and Naughton kept their three-year dual meet unbeaten streak intact with a first-place time of 8:50.0.

"I was very pleased with my returning veterans, but even more proud of how all



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Northville's Justin Days placed second in the 300 hurdles as the Mustangs defeated Stevenson in their season opener, 77-60.

the newcomers came out and competed," Langston said. "It's fantastic to get the first meet over with. It gives a lot of kids that sniff of excitement, which makes all the nasty off-season condition and cold practices worth it all of a sudden. It's also a great measuring stick for ourselves. We've got improvements to be made that are coachable and the guys understand that each day they have to strive to get better than the day before."

Novi wins thriller

Going into the final three races in the March 31 dual meet boys track opener, Novi was staring at a 59-48 deficit against visiting South Lyon. The Wildcats then picked

up an 8-1 advantage in the 200-meter dash and Joost Plaetnick led a one-two-three sweep in the 3,200 run to make it a 17-1 surge.

Then it was all up to the 1,600-meter relay team of Joshua Holcomb, Steve MacPherson, Collin Thomas and Nate Hall and they came through for the victory in 3:31.53 to beat the Lions' time of 3:37.79 and earn a 71-66 triumph.

"We had some great performances for the first dual meet," Novi coach Marsha Reid said. "The boys came down to the 1,600 relay, so it was a fun meet."

Other first-place finishers for the Wildcats included Dorian Haney, discus (113-0.5); Aahmaud Jenkins, 100 dash (11.14); Anthony D'Annibale, 200 (23.33); Joshua Holcomb, 400 (53.26); and Plaetnick, 3,200 (10:12.8).

Novi also captured the 400 relay as Naoto Hikawa, Earl Hammond, Jenkins and D'Annibale were clocked in 46.51, while the foursome of Plaetnick, Hall, MacPherson and Thomas captured the 3,200 relay in 8:55.4.

Kyle Schopa stood out for the Lions with firsts in the 110 and 300 hurdles in 15.42 and 41.64, respectively.

PREP TRACK CAPSULE OUTLOOK

BOYS PREVIEWS

NORTHVILLE

Head coach: Brandon Langston, third season.
Head affiliation: KLAA Kensington Conference (Central Division).
Last year's finish: fourth, KLAA Central (2-3); fifth, Kensington Conference; eighth, Division 1 regional; 37th, Division 1 finals.
Notable loss to graduation: Dan Sims (fifth, 3,200 relay; seventh, 1,600).
Leading returnees: Jason Ferrante, Sr., distance (fifth, 3,200 relay; state qualifier, 800); Connor Naughton, Sr. distance (fifth, 3,200 relay; state qualifier, 3,200); Sean McCullough, Sr., distance (state qualifier, 3,200); Anthony Sources, Sr., 400; Adam Ghabra, Jr. sprints; Clay Alexander, Soph., pole vault; Max DeDonna, Jr., throws; Nick Baldini, Sr., throws; Matt Jankowski, Sr., sprints; Alec Pryzbocki, Sr., 400; John Hamilton, Jr., jumps; Alec Hopkins, Sr., high jump; Joni Shaska, Sr., hurdles; Justin Days, Sr., hurdles.
Promising newcomers: A.J. Abbott, Jr., long jump; sprints; Antonio Washington, Jr., sprints; Marius Schulz, Sr., pole vault (German exchange student); Evan Ferrante, Soph., distance; Kenny Goolsby, Jr., middle distance.
Langston's 2015 outlook: "This season should be an enthralling one. We have lots of contributors back from last year. However, we're looking for some new and old faces to step up even bigger this year if we're going to improve. It's peaceful for a coach to know what kind of expectations to have for certain athletes, but it's more exciting to see the potential for growth in others and develop them. At the end of the season, I want to reflect that we had some great performances by some good runners but, more importantly, we had some good runners who grew into great kids."

NOVI
Head coach: Marsha Reid, sixth season.
League affiliation: KLAA Kensington Conference (Central Division).
Last year's finish: first, KLAA Central Division (5-0); Oakland County meet, Kensington Conference; second, Division 1 regional.
Notable losses to graduation: Jordan Love (state runner-up, 200; eighth, 800 relay; state qualifier, 400 relay); Brian Barnes, eighth, 1,600; Parker Sutton (eighth, 800 relay; state qualifier, 300 hurdles); Ali Taha (eighth, 800 relay; state qualifier, 200, long jump); Nicholas Oakley (eighth, 800 relay; state qualifier, 400 relay).
Leading returnees: Joost Plaetnick, Jr., distance (state qualifier, 1,600); Kevin Li, Sr., sprints (state qualifier, 400 relay); John Stefan, Soph., hurdles; Hunter Joy, Soph., hurdles; Dorian Haney, Sr., throws; Joshua Holcomb, Soph., middle distance; Aahmaud Jenkins, Soph., sprints; John Landy, Soph., distance; Aric Landy, Soph., distance; Sahisnu Malapati, Sr., distance; Aaron Pringle, Sr., jumps.
Promising newcomer: Anthony D'Annibale, Fr., sprints-long jump.
Reid's 2015: "It's going to be fun to see how we shake out this year. We got a lot of new kids on the team that have to fill big roles left by Jordan Love and Ali Taha. We have four new coaches this year and we're young. We'll work to fill the gaps on the throws side. No pun intended at Novi, but we're definitely a green team."

CATHOLIC CENTRAL
Head coach: Tony Magni, 41st season.
League affiliation: Catholic League (Central Division).
Last year's finish: fourth, Catholic League A-B Division (1-4); 11th, Division 1 regional; tie for 56th, Division 1 finals.
Notable losses to graduation: Shane Campau (state qualifier, shot put-discus), J.P. Mulcahy.
Leading returnees: Lance Yassay, Sr., high jump (state qualifier); Connor Canavan, Sr., sprints;



Yassay

Magni's 2015 outlook: "We're building on a young team, Catholic Central will look to bounce back from a 1-4 record in the Catholic League's A-B Division. Last year's River Rat Invitational team champions finished fourth in the Catholic League and 11th in the Milford regional, qualifying two individuals for the state championships - Shane Campau in both throws and Lance Yassay in the high jump. With few losses to graduation, CC returns a considerable number of athletes from last year's varsity roster."

FRANKLIN ROAD
Head coach: Andrew Schmid, first season.
League affiliation: Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.
Last year's finish: 10th, Division 4 regional; 11th, MIAC.

Notable losses to graduation: T.J. Nelson. **Leading returnees:** Joey Robison, Jr., throws; Erick Westphal Jr., sprints-relays; Nate Austin, Soph., distance-relays.
Promising newcomers: Joe Brown, Sr., sprints-relays; Harrison Kjos, eighth-grader, middle distance-relays.
Schmidt's 2015 outlook: "The team this year looks to improve on last year's performance. Joey Robison, our best thrower, is already throwing solidly in the shot and discus. Sprinter Erick Westphal, last year's most improved runner and distance runner, is starting off this season faster than last year. We should have stronger relay teams with the addition of sprinter and athlete Joe Brown and Harrison Kjos in the middle distance events."

GIRLS PREVIEWS

NORTHVILLE

Head coach: Tim Dalton, third season.
League affiliation: KLAA Kensington Conference (Central Division).
Last year's finish: first, KLAA Central (5-0); Kensington Conference, Division 1 regional; second, Division 1 finals.
Notable losses to graduation: Rachel Coleman (first, 1,600, second, 3,200; 3,200 relay); Morgan Roberson (third, 800 relay; seventh, 100 hurdles); Alison Robinson (second, 3,200 relay; third, 800 relay; fifth, 800); Taleen Sharigian (state qualifier, 3,200); Erin Zimmer, second, 3,200 relay; state qualifier, 800); Nicole Mosteller (state qualifier, 800); Audrey Baetz, Molly DeDonna, Kara Ernst, Aya Pickett, Serena Chouman, Chloe Smith.
Leading returnees: Chloe Abbott, Jr., sprints (third, 800 relay; sixth, 100; state qualifier, 200); Lexa Barrott, Jr. captain, distance (second, 3,200 relay; state qualifier, 1,600); Cayla Eckenroth, Soph. distance (eighth, 1,600); Gracie Goble, Sr. captain, sprints (third, 800 relay); Lindsay Walters, Jr., sprints (state qualifier, 400); Emma Herrmann, Jr. captain, distance (state qualifier, 3,200); Emily Anderson, Soph., sprints; Taylor Gattoni, Soph., distance; Hailey Harris, Jr., distance; Lauren Lambert, Soph., sprints; Mary Catherine McLaughlin, Jr., sprints-field events; Aimee Montambeau, Sr., sprints; Lauren Rodriguez, Sr., sprints-hurdles; Emma Smith, Soph., distance.
Promising newcomers: Ana Barrott, Fr., distance; Megan Ciric, Fr., sprints; Elise Daniel, Fr., sprints-field events; Barbara Davis, Fr., field events; Abby Gardiner, Fr., sprints-middle distance; Jessica Hogan, Fr., field events; Morgan Kloosterman, Fr.,

sprints; Erin McCallum, Fr., field events; Brooke Verbie, Fr., sprints.

Dalton's 2015 outlook: "We had a tremendously successful season last year. We have won three straight regional titles and finished as state runners-up. With that being said, the biggest thing for us as a program in 2015 is understanding that we cannot become complacent. We must get better each and every day. The seniors we lost to graduation were a very talented group. We have a team of 90 girls this season, which is the biggest team Northville has had in years and overall we have over 250 kids in our track program, boys and girls combined. It's great that we're building excitement about the sport of track and field in Northville."

NOVI
Head coach: Marsha Reid, 15th season.
League affiliation: KLAA Kensington Conference (Central Division).
Last year's finish: second, KLAA Central (4-1); Division 1 regional, Kensington Conference; 14th, Division 1 finals.
Notable losses to graduation: Kerri McMahan (second, high jump; state qualifier, 400 relay); Taylor Pavlika (fourth, discus; state qualifier, shot put); Abby Downs (state qualifier, 400 relay); Jenny Chang (state qualifier, 400 relay); Kristen Schubring.
Leading returnees: Eryka Ely, Sr., sprints-high jump (state qualifier, 400 relay); Hannah Loneran, Sr., middle distance-distance; Deanna Martynenko, Jr., hurdles; Marissa Dunn, Jr., throws; Emma Hammelhuff, Soph., throws-pole vault; Hadley Peterson, Soph., distance; Kate Prisby, Soph., jumps; Jessica Lypka, Soph., distance; Addison Lentz, Soph., distance; Alex Felice, Sr., throws; Lauren Wheat, Soph., middle distance; Chelsea Collier, Soph., sprints; Brittany Moeller, Soph., hurdles; Alexandra Hinojosa, Soph., hurdles; Logan Flynn, Sr., sprints.
Promising newcomers: Karennia Roest, Fr., hurdles; Hannah Hood-Blaxill, Fr., jumps-hurdles; Shailey Fozdar, Fr., distance.
Reid's 2015 outlook: "I think the biggest thing I'm looking for is seeing where we stand this year. We graduated a huge core of the women's program. We are excited to see who steps up and into the leadership roles and how our athletes respond. We're trying to fill the gap left by Kerri McMahan, who was a point-getter in just about everything she did."

FRANKLIN ROAD
Head coach: Andrew Schmid, first season.
League affiliation: Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.
Last year's finish: sixth, Division 1 regional; seventh, MIAC; 16th, Division 4 state finals.
Notable losses to graduation: Kristin Massey (third, 200; fourth, 100); Mariah Cardenas-O'Toole.
Leading returnees: none.
Promising newcomers: Grace Alex, Soph., middle distance-hurdles; Gabrielle Lochrie, Soph., middle distance-hurdles; Amanda Hall, Soph., sprints-relays; Allie Lee, Soph., sprints-relays; Audrey Hicks, Soph., middle distance-hurdles; Mykah White, Fr., sprints; Analiese Schneemann, eighth-grader, middle distance; Shelby Buis, eighth-grader, distance-relays.
Schmidt's 2015 outlook: "The girls team will miss our stronger performers from last year (including all-star Kristen Massey), but the team this year's has added a lot of depth and new talent. Alex, Hicks, Lochrie, Buis and Schneemann are all solid runners, have lots of heart and are competing in track for the first time. They will be able help in the middle to long distance races, long hurdles and relays. Lee, Hall and White will be concentrating on the sprints, 100 hurdles and sprint relays. As the season progresses, I expect our young team to have solid relay teams and we will see individuals achieve success in many areas."

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The Mustangs will also be strong in the sprints, led by junior sprinter Chloe Abbott, a regional champion who placed sixth in the 100 dash at the state meet (12.39).

Also returning is senior Gracie Goble, who was part of the third-place state meet 800 relay team (1:41.38) and has already posted an impressive leap of 17 feet, 2.5 inches in the long jump, along with junior Lindsay Walters, who was regional champion and a state qualifier in the 400 (58.68).

Novi reloading

Last season, the Wildcats were runners-up to Northville in the KLAA Central Division, Kensington Conference and Division 1 regional meets.

Novi coach Marsha Reid, entering her 15th season, lost two key field athletes in state qualifiers Kerri McMahan, who was Division 1 runner-up in the high jump, and Taylor Pavlika, who was regional champion in the shot put and discus and fourth-place state meet finisher in the discus.

Hurdler Abby Downs, another state qualifier, and sprinter Jenny Chang will also be missed

Senior sprinter Eryka Ely is the lone returnee off Novi's state qualifying 400 relay team, while senior Hannah Loneran will lead the way in the distance events after going 2:21.7 in the 800 en route to a fourth-place finish at the regional.

"We've got four new coaches this year and we're young," said Reid, whose team opened with an 87-49 KLAA Central Division dual meet win March 31 over host South Lyon. "We'll have a little bit different coaching. We're filling some gaps in the throws side. Marissa Dunn and Emma Hammelhuff will fill in on the throws and in the pole vault. High jump is up for grabs. You're filling the gap for Kerri McMahan, who was pretty much a point-getter in anything she did. So it will be fun to see how we shake out."

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Novi senior distance runner Hannah Loneran is coming off an all-state season in cross country.

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after taking second in the regional (6-3).

Catholic Central, which had its dual meet opener March 31 postponed against Warren DeLaSalle, finished 11th at last year's Division 1 regional and fourth in the Catholic League A-B Division meet.

CC returns sophomore Chris Bradbury in the throws as he hopes to replace the graduated Shane Campau, who placed eighth in the shot put (53 feet, 4.5 inches) and was a state qualifier in the discus (155-10).

Among the other returnees are senior sprinters Connor Canavan and Ike Marchie, junior distance runners Scott Smith and Avery Felty and senior hurdler Donovan D'A-more.



BRANDON LANGSTON

Jason Ferrante (front) and teammate Sean McCullough are part of a strong Northville distance crew.

GIRLS SOCCER ROUNDUP

Riley goal gives Novi 1-0 win; Northville rolls by South Lyon

Playing its third match in four days, the Novi girls soccer team got its only goal from junior Megan Riley just 3:40 into the match and opened KLAA Central Division play March 31 with a 1-0 victory over host Salem at Centennial Educational Park.

Senior Amanda Minissale played a free kick from about 30 yards away into the penalty area, where Riley volleyed it past the Salem goalkeeper.

“Overall it was a great team effort,” said Novi interim coach Todd Pheiffer, whose team is 2-0-1 overall and 1-0 in the KLAA Central. “Salem is a very good young team that made us really work for the win. In these first three games, we have really focused on team defense and Tuesday night our team really worked hard to

limit Salem’s scoring opportunities.”

Pheiffer singled out the play of seniors Allie McDowell, Meaghan Wheat and Minissale, along with Riley, sophomore Jacalyn Schubring and two freshmen, Riely Schultz and Mikayla Lynch.

“They did a really great job of working together to slow down the Salem attack and keep our defense organized,” Pheiffer said. “We feel that we will get our scoring opportunities over a course of a game, so for us it’s all about how well we can defend and we defended really well.”

Junior goalkeeper Aastha Dharia (four saves) picked up her third shutout for the Wildcats, who don’t return to KLAA Central action until 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 14, when they host

Livonia Stevenson.

The loss dropped Salem to 0-1 overall and in the division.

NORTHVILLE 8, SOUTH LYON 0: Megan Krygier scored a pair of goals and Kelly McHugh collected four assists April 1 as the Mustangs (4-1, 1-0) made quick work of the Lions (0-3-1, 0-1) in the KLAA Central Division opener.

Kelsey Estes’ goal in the 63rd minute off an assist from Sydney Schmebri ended the match on the eight-goal mercy rule.

Northville jumped out to a 3-0 first-half advantage on goals by Alana Dorfstatter, 30th minute (from McHugh); Alissa Moore, 30th minute (unassisted); and Maddy Westenberg, 33rd minute (from Sarah Park).

The offensive onslaught continued in the second half on goals by Jenna Marotta, 51st minute (from Sydney Schmebri); Kendall Dillon, 53rd minute (from McHugh); Krygier in the 58th and 61st minutes (both from McHugh); and Estes, 63rd minute (from Schmebri).

“It was great to see this team generate some offense,” Northville coach Eric Brucker said. “I think we ended up with 26 shots and 18 of them were on net. They have been putting a lot of hard work at practice on finishing and it started to pay off.”

Kelly McHugh was everywhere tonight; she really played great. Sydney Schmebri continues to put pressure on opposing defenses.”

Senior goalies Emily Maresh and Olivia Ulman split time as they each registered a save in Northville’s fourth straight shutout.

“I stressed the importance of starting our division schedule strong and I think we were able to accomplish that tonight,” Brucker said.



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Novi's Megan Riley (right) scored the game-winner early in the first half during a win over Salem.

PREP BASEBALL ROUNDUP

Tobias sets table in 4-1 Novi win

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Novi got a workman-like performance April 1 from senior right-hander Adam Tobias as the Wildcats notched their first baseball victory in three starts, 4-1, against Westland John Glenn.

Tobias went all seven innings, allowing just three hits, to pick up the victory. He struck out eight, walked four and hit two batters as the Wildcats improved to 1-2 overall and 1-0 in the KLAA’s Central Division.

“He only threw 12 of 29 first strikes, which could be better, but he seemed to come back when he fell behind in the count,” Novi coach Rick Green said of his ace.

Offensively, Novi tallied two runs in the first and added two more in the sixth as Brendan Wexler led the way with three hits.

Jason Pastore also went 2-for-3 with an RBI, while Tobias (double), Joey Carn and Alec Bageris also



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
The Mustangs’ Diaz Saunderson takes a pitch in the leg during a 10-0 victory over Livonia Churchill.

knocked in a run apiece.

John Glenn starter Brendan Wetmore went the first five innings, allowing two earned runs on five hits and a walk. He struck out three before reliever Jacob Damian came on in the sixth and gave up a pair of runs on three hits.

Zach Croft had the lone RBI for the Rockets (0-1, 0-1 KLAA South Division).

The Wildcats return to action Saturday, April 11, at the Coldwater Tournament.

NORTHVILLE 10, CHURCHILL 0: Pitchers

Evan Flohr and Ian Borthwick combined on a two-hitter April 1 as the host Mustangs (3-0, 1-0 KLAA Central) won in six innings over Livonia Churchill (0-1, 0-1 KLAA South) in a Kensington Conference crossover.

Flohr struck out eight, walked two and allowed just two hits over the first four innings, while Borthwick pitched two scoreless innings with three strikeouts and a walk.

“It was a very well-pitched game again by Evan (Flohr) and Ian (Borthwick),” Northville coach John Kostzewa said. “We played solid defense and had a number of great at-bats early in the game with two strikes that got things going.”

Top hitters for the Mustangs included Connor Walters (2-for-4, three RBIs); Tyler Lowe (2-for-4, two RBIs, three runs); and Dugan Darnell (1-for-3, RBI, two runs).

Zach Pnystash and Nate Wixon also drove in runs.

“The middle of our order with Dugan (Darnell), Tyler (Lowe) and Connor (Walters) got things going early for us,” Kostzewa said. “We had a lot of contributions throughout the lineup. Great team effort and a great start to conference play. We wanted to get off to a good start and we did that scoring in the first and second innings.”

Churchill starter Robert Copciac, who gave up eight runs (five earned) on six hits in 3½ innings, suffered the loss.

DeLaSALLE 6-5, DETROIT CC 1-0: Host Warren DeLaSalle (2-0, 2-0) took both ends of a Catholic League Central Division double-header April 1 against Novi Detroit Catholic Central (1-3, 1-3).

Dan Michalak pitched 6½ innings in the opener. CC starter Jack Hintze, who took the loss, pitched six strong innings, allowing just two earned runs on seven hits and two walks. He struck out six.

Sean Garcia collected two hits in a losing cause.

In Game 2, DeLaSalle pitcher Addison Pawalek went 6½ innings to pick up the victory.

CC starter Matt Bocketti, who worked 1½ innings, took the loss. Luke Hargis then came on and pitched 4½ scoreless innings, giving up just three hits and fanning six.

Justin Green collected three hits for Catholic Central.

Northville, Wildcats chalk up softball wins

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Northville used a timely a second-inning homer from Ashley Schiffer and Allison Zwarka pitched a two-hitter April 1 as host Northville opened KLAA Kensington Conference softball play with a 2-1 triumph over Livonia Churchill.

Melissa Swart and Schiffer each went 2-for-3 for the Mustangs, who improved to 3-0 overall and 1-0 in the KLAA’s Central Division.

The Mustangs got a run in the first when Zwarka, the



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Northville's Ashley Schiffer slides into second base during a 2-1 victory over Livonia Churchill.

lead-off hitter, doubled down the right field line and came around to score following consecutive singles by Sarah Hige and Swart.

Churchill scored in the fourth and threatened again in the sixth, but couldn’t manage to get a run across against Zwarka, who recorded her second win of the year.

The loss dropped Churchill to 0-1 overall and 0-1 in the KLAA’s South Division.

NOVI 14, JOHN GLENN 1: Senior Jenna Lowney went 3-for-4 with three RBIs and sophomore pitcher Ally Cummings scattered four hits over five innings as the host Wildcats (2-0, 1-0 KLAA Central Division) rolled to a Kensington Conference crossover victory over Westland John Glenn (1-1, 0-1 KLAA South).

Cummings struck out seven and walked only one to pick up the victory.

Also contributing offensively for Novi was Nicole Ireland (3-for-4, RBI, three runs); Megan Hrit (2-for-4, RBI triple); and Hope Kapelanski and Allison Purtell (two RBIs each).

Glenn’s Mackenzie Huren suffered the loss.

Novi Madness runners-up



RICHARD CUMMINGS

The Novi Madness ‘02 girls softball team earned a runner-up finish in the 14-and-under division recently at Oakland Yard. After going 2-1 and winning their pool, the Madness downed ICE Black, 10-4, in the semifinals, before falling to the Cardinals in the finals, 12-4. Team members include (front row, from left): Gaby Cummings, Cassidy Brendtke, Grace Nieto, Stephanie Schmunk and McKenna King and (back row, from left) Chelsea Collins, Abbey Barta, Maggie Murphy, Olivia Vitale, Sierra Kersten, Kylie Millhorn and Angela Schmidt.

GIRLS LACROSSE ROUNDUP

Wildcats perfect 4-0 entering spring break

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

There’s a lot to like about Novi’s start to the 2015 girls lacrosse season as far as first-year coach Amy Kilgore is concerned.

The Wildcats made it four in a row March 31 as they held off Plymouth in the final quarter for a 10-9 victory in the KLAA Kensington Conference opener for both teams.

Morgan Statetzny paced Novi’s offensive attack with four goals, while Willow Guenther contributed two.

Katie McMaster, Gina Salemi, Mina Cunmulaj and Alanna Clark added one each as the Wildcats led 7-4 at halftime and held off a late Plymouth rally after going up 10-7 in the final quarter.

“For the last 2½ to three minutes, we did a beautiful job of holding possession and killing time,” said Kilgore, whose team improved to 4-0 overall and 1-0 in the conference.

“Megan Yarberry defensively had a great game.”



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Morgan Statetzny scored four goals as Novi is off to a 4-0 start after a victory over Plymouth.

The loss dropped Plymouth to 3-1 overall and 0-1 in the Kensington Conference.

Novi is now off for spring break until 7 p.m. Monday, April 13, at Farmington in a rescheduled match.

NORTHVILLE 9, SALEM 4: Emma Dietrich racked up four goals and added one assist and Audrey Tatge added a hat trick April 1 as the Mustangs (6-0, 1-0) downed the host Rocks (2-4, 0-1) in a Kensington Conference encounter at Centennial Educational Park.

Liz Hansell also had a goal and assist, while Grace Guilbord tallied the other Northville goal.

The Mustangs, who led 4-2 at halftime, got six saves from goalie Gabby Goree. Shayla Croteau and Paige Croteau also came up with interceptions defensively.

“We’re looking to come back even stronger when we get back from spring break,” said Northville coach Amanda Asher, whose team plays next 7 p.m. Monday, April 13, at home against Plymouth.

BOYS LACROSSE ROUNDUP

Novi eludes Hornets, 7-6; Crawford lifts CC to triumph

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

It wasn’t easy, but the Novi boys lacrosse team found a way to win April 2 at Saline.

The short-handed Wildcats made a three-goal lead in the final quarter stand up as they edged the host Hornets in a non-conference match, 7-6.

“We go into the break on a high note after a couple of close games,” said Novi coach Eric Hoffman, whose team improved to 3-2 overall.

Tommy McMaster paced Novi’s scoring attack with a pair of goals, while Pat Wojtylo, Michael Werth, J.T. Lyon, Ian Patters and Michael Leone added one apiece.

Anthony Zagaro, Patterson and goalie Dan Savela, who made three saves before going down with an injury in the opening quarter, added one assist apiece.

Peter Minor came on in net for the Wildcats and finished the game with 10 saves as Saline (2-4) was able to pull within one with three minutes remaining, but couldn’t score the equalizer

“We got a couple of penalties and (Saline) got a couple of man-up goals,” Hoffman said. “It was tough for us tonight,

but it was good to get a win.”

DETROIT CC 14, BRIGHTON 13: Senior captain Zack Crawford scored five goals and added four assists April 1, leading host Novi Detroit Catholic Central (3-2) past the Bulldogs (4-1) in a non-league encounter.

Crawford scored the game-winning goal with 1:33 left after the Shamrocks rallied from being three down in the final quarter.

“We changed our defense and got some turn-overs,” said CC coach Dan Wilson, who also got three goals from Nick Capatina.

Senior Mickey Williams (first half) and Hunter Braun (second half) split time in goal for CC.

“Hunter made some great outlets from the goal and we converted,” Wilson said.

NORTHVILLE 16, SALEM 1: The Rocks (3-3, 0-1) tallied game’s first goal, but the visiting Mustangs (3-3, 1-0) scored the next 16 en route to a lopsided KLAA Kensington Conference victory April 1 at Centennial Educational Park.

Senior All-American Alec Melucci had a big offensive night with five goals and three assists. Connor and Brennan Sweeney chipped in two goals and two assists apiece, while Brendan Hicks also tallied two goals.

Ty Kilar and Nate Holloway contributed one goal apiece, while other assists went to Nick Williams, Matt Brynzda and Anthony Salamone.

“It was good to win before spring break,” said Northville coach Greg Durham, whose team led 12-1 at halftime. “We moved better without the ball and that always leads to good offense. We played hard.”

Goalies Alex Justice and Jack Breuch split time and combined for nine saves.

NOVI 8, PLYMOUTH 7: Anthony Zagaro scored the game-winner with seven minutes left April 1 as the host Wildcats (2-2, 1-0) rallied from a 6-4 third-quarter deficit to beat visiting Plymouth (2-3, 0-1) in a KLAA Kensington Conference encounter.

Michael Werth paced Novi’s offense with three goals and two assists, while Ryan Moore contributed two goals and one assist. Tyler Graver and Pat Wojtylo also added goals.

Hoffman lauded the defensive efforts of Tommy McMaster (one assist), Jimmy Hole and Wojtylo.

“We did a good job defensively of clearing the ball and Dan Savela (10 saves) came up with some big saves in key spots,” Hoffman said. “We played real good, sound defense.”

DETROIT CC 7, EISENHOWER 6: Cole Gingell’s four goals March 31 carried Novi Detroit Catholic Central (2-2) past Utica Eisenhower (2-2) in a non-league match.

The Shamrocks led 3-2 at halftime.

KALENIECKI

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named the NAHL’s MVP.

Kaleniecki scored 64 career goals and added 26 assists in four seasons at U-M, where he helped the Wolverines to one NCAA Frozen Four and three regional tournament appearances, along with two CCHA titles. As a senior (2005-06), he served as the team’s alternate captain while earning Big Ten scholar-athlete honors.

Upon graduating from

Michigan in 2006, the forward embarked on a career in the East Coast, Central and International hockey leagues, including stints with the Las Vegas Wranglers, Gwinnett (Ga.) Gladiators, Wichita Thunder and Port Huron Icehawks, scoring a total of 49 goals and adding 41 assists.

“Brandon has devoted his life to the game of hockey and the overall development of scholar-athletes both on and off the ice,” Babicz said. “The Detroit Catholic Central family is excited, blessed and honored to welcome back Brandon back

home to lead his Shamrock brothers.”

After retiring from pro hockey, Kaleniecki spent one season as an assistant coach at Grosse Pointe North under Scott Lock (also a CC grad) and was the Shamrocks’ assistant for one season for Todd Johnson before taking the job at Divine Child, where he posted records of 16-9-2, 17-9-2 (losing to Division 3 state champ Farmington in the regional final 3-1) and 9-13-4.

Kaleniecki worked two years as an OSD Analyst for Central Transport and will be

completing his graduate degree in education this December at Wayne State University.

With his new coaching job at CC comes intense scrutiny. It comes with the territory of being one of the state’s elite prep hockey programs.

“It’s a very unique situation to be walking in as a new head coach that’s won the last two Division 1 state titles, so certainly there’s pressure,” Kaleniecki said. “At the same side of it, it’s Catholic Central and there’s expectations to win. That’s the mentality in everything you do. You want to make

sure you’re doing it to the best of your ability and doing it all in the right way, with how you’re carrying yourself and how you’re representing your program.”

Babicz said he’ll leave it up to Kaleniecki to put together a staff of assistant coaches.

“He had a couple of CC guys on the staff at Divine Child, two of the former players for us, so I completely trust him and I’m sure he’ll put something solid together for the school and the team,” he said.

ALL-AREA BOYS BASKETBALL

Morrissey always gave Northville shot in the arm

By Jeff Theisen
and Brad Emons
Sports Writers

When it comes to shooting the basketball, Northville's David Morrissey is the man with the golden arm.

The 6-foot-3 senior guard, who averaged 19.7 points per game this season for the Mustangs (14-8), broke the school record for made 3-pointers in a game (nine) and season (68), while shooting an eye-popping 46.2 percent from beyond the arc (68-of-147).

Morrissey, named boys basketball All-Area Player of the Year, also contributed in other ways as he snagged 4.6 rebounds, while dishing out 2.4 assists and making 2.7 steals per game. He shot 72.5 percent from the foul line (68-of-147) and 45.5 percent from 2-point range (82-of-180).

"It's been a tremendous privilege and honor to coach David," Northville's Todd Sander said of the all-KLAA pick. "He never took a day or possession off. He came in and quietly went about his business every moment of every practice and game."

Morrissey, who is getting strong interest from Hope College, also excels as a scholar-athlete with a 33 ACT score and a 3.6 grade-point average.

"He started his career with the reputation of being a great shooter, but he finishes it with a reputation of being a great player," Sander said. "He's one of the best players ever to come through our program and we wish him all the best in the future."

First team
Trent Willenborg
South Lyon East

Few teams suffered more off-the-court issues than the Cougars, but the senior forward still managed to produce through it all. Willenborg averaged 15.7 points a game with a season-high 32 in an overtime win against Carleton Airport in the district. He also stuck his nose in on the boards with nine a night.

"Holds points scored and rebounds school records for East with most points in a



Northville 3-point sharpshooter David Morrissey (right) was named boys basketball All-Area Player of the Year.

game, season and career, same with rebounds," coach Ron Levin said. "Always the focal point of the opposing defense, (he) still manages to score both from the paint and perimeter. Led East to a school record with eight wins.

"Trent was the face of SLE athletics for the past four years. He will be sorely missed."

Naji Ozeir
Novi

The 6-6 junior forward averaged 15.7 points, nine rebounds and shot 85 percent from the foul line for the Wildcats (12-9).

"Naji is a special talent that can play both inside and out," Novi coach Brandon Sinawi said of the all-KLAA selection. "At 6-6, he can finish around the basket and rebound, but has a terrific stroke from be-

hind the 3-point line and is a tough match-up for players his size."

Connor Young
Milford

The senior guard bombed away from outside while also being able to break down defenses with penetration to feed other players. Young averaged 12 points a game with 35 triples in this season and 72 in his career. He made six 3-pointers in one game for second all-time for the Mavs. Young was also strong at the free-throw line, hitting 74 percent.

"Connor has been a mainstay in our back court the last two seasons, as well as serving as one of our captains this season," coach David Gilbert said. "Connor has led us in scoring the past two seasons due to his strong basketball IQ

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Connor Young, Milford
Jake Menzel, Lakeland
C.J. Baird, Detroit CC

SECOND TEAM
Ryan Roberts, Northville
Joe Newman, South Lyon
Max Yanke, Novi
Kyle Valden, Milford
Austin Hearn, Franklin Road

HONORABLE MENTION
Northville – Justin Zimbo (jr.), Nick Wilds (sr.)
Novi – Kam Hankerson (jr.), Brad Dotinga (sr.)
Catholic Central – Ike Marchie (sr.), Champ Kozlowski (sr.), Tyler Laurentius (jr.)
Franklin Road Christian – Joshua Bause (jr.), Joshua Betcher (jr.)
South Lyon – Anton Skupin (sr.), Josh Remstad (jr.)
South Lyon East – Luke Trent (jr.), Josh Smith (jr.)
Milford – Devin Vogel (sr.), Sam Jaklic (sr.)
Lakeland – Timmy Brotherton (sr.), Grant Osborne (sr.)

our toughest competition."

C.J. Baird
Detroit Catholic Central

The 6-5 sophomore earned all-Catholic League Central Division honors while scoring a team-high 220 points (11.5 per game) for the Shamrocks (10-11).

"C.J. was our top player," coach Bill Dyer said. "He led us in rebounds, field-goal percentage and was second in assists."

Second team
Ryan Roberts
Northville

The 6-7 senior center, who is bound for Northern Illinois University on a football scholarship, helped control the paint for the Mustangs while averaging eight points, six rebounds and four blocks per game en route to all-KLAA honors.

Joe Newman
South Lyon

The senior guard was a do-it-all player this year. Newman was voted team MVP after posting 130 total points, 73 assists, 58 rebounds and 33 steals. He also hit 67 percent of his free throws.

Max Yanke
Novi

The 6-2 senior swingman, who earned all-KLAA honors, averaged 13.5 points, 3.5 assists and 4.3 rebounds per game while shooting 88 percent from the foul line.

Kyle Valden
Milford

The senior post player hauled down 183 rebounds for eighth all-time in Milford history for a season. He also put in 10 points a night on 54-percent shooting and swatted away 30 shots. He was strong at the line at 70 percent. Valden also finished the year on a roll with 14 points and nine rebounds over the last 10 games.

Austin Hearn
Franklin Road

The 6-0 junior point guard, who made first team all-Michigan Independent Athletic Conference, averaged 15.3 points and three rebounds per game while shooting 42 percent from the field en route to team MVP honors.

ALL-AREA GIRLS BASKETBALL

South Lyon East's Bird flies to the top of talented squad

By Jeff Theisen
and Brad Emons
Sports Writers

Every team playing against South Lyon East this year knew who it had to stop, but few were able to do so.

Gabi Bird a senior, led the Cougars to their first district title while completely rewriting the record books along the way. She capped it off by being named girls basketball All-Area Player of the Year.

Bird played both inside and outside. She scored 17 points per game with 9.3 rebounds, 3.4 steals and nearly two assists. She hit 34 percent of her 3-pointers.

Both her 1,270 career points and 749 career rebounds are school records.

"Gabi is a fundamentally sound basketball player who is an inside and outside threat," coach Rob Leadley said. "Gabi is an outstanding player, teammate and student and has been fantastic to coach. She broke almost every single-season and career record at East.

"She led the KLAA in scoring for the past two years, averaging a double-double last year and a near double-double this year, despite constant defensive pressure on her by our opponents."

Bird will continue her career at Central Michigan University.

First team
Amanda Lock
Lakeland

After missing her entire junior season with knee injuries, Lock came back to average a double-double as a senior with 12 points and 11.7 rebounds per game. She scored a season-high 22 points against Walled Lake Western and pulled down 22 rebounds in the district final against Walled Lake Central.

"Among the best rebounders I have ever seen on a court and certainly one of the best offensive rebounders in the state," coach Mike Head said. "While averaging a double-double through the season, Amanda showed particular skill on the offensive boards,



South Lyon East's Gabi Bird rewrote the school record books and finished her career at the 2015 All-Area Player of the Year.

grabbing 5.7 per game. Considering she lost an entire season of practice and game experience, Amanda's return to the court as a premier player in the KLAA was particularly impressive.

"She also has a GPA just under 4.0, plus she's been involved with numerous school and community activities during her high school career."

Elise Gustafson
Milford

The senior inside player capped a four-year run on varsity with averages of 8.5 points and 7.4 rebounds. She is third all-time for Milford in career rebounds (733) and fourth in career points (728).

"Elise is a player that knows the amount of effort and work that it takes to succeed on and off the court in basketball,"

coach David Browne said. "She is one of the best on-court leaders that I have had in my coaching career."

Ellie Mackay
Novi

The 5-6 point guard, who earned all-KLAA honors, enjoyed a stellar freshman year, averaging 10.2 points, 4.5 rebounds, 2.7 steals and two assists per game, while shooting 79 percent from the foul line for the Wildcats (13-8).

"Ellie is one of the most coachable players I have ever had," coach Bill Kelp said. "She has an incredible work ethic that matches her passion for the game. She led us in scoring, assists, steals, free throws, 3-pointers and was third in rebounding, all while being a freshman point guard. Her potential is limitless. It

ALL-AREA GIRLS BASKETBALL

PLAYER OF THE YEAR
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FIRST TEAM
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Elise Gustafson, Milford
Ellie Mackay, Novi
Jessica Moorman, Northville
Peyton Jones, South Lyon East

SECOND TEAM
Emily Maresh, Northville
Mariah Modkins, Northville
Alex Felice, Novi
Breanna Lovera, Milford
Alana Weyer, Lakeland
Hannah Rayburn, Franklin Road

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Northville – Kendall Dillon (fr.)
Novi – Kelsey Miller (sr.), Allie Lipson (jr.)
Franklin Road Christian – Katie Larabell (sr.)
South Lyon – Madison Swiatlowski (sr.), Emily Heinrich (sr.)
Milford – Mallory Barrett (soph.)
Lakeland – Amanda Berci (sr.), Molly Stec (jr.), Lena Tiedeman (sr.)

"Peyton is an excellent shooter, especially from 3-point range," Leadley said. "She is also good at getting to the basket and converting at the free-throw line. She was a key player in East's success this year and helped East advance to the regionals."

Second team
Emily Maresh
Northville

The 5-11 senior center, a three-year varsity player who made all-KLAA, averaged 7.8 points and six rebounds per game while shooting 44 percent from the floor for the Mustangs (13-8).

Mariah Modkins
Northville

The speedy 5-2 freshman point guard averaged a team-best 8.9 points points to go along with three assists per game while earning all-KLAA honorable mention recognition.

Alex Felice
Novi

The versatile 5-10 senior forward, a third-year varsity player, was the team's second leading scorer (7.5 points per game) and rebounder (5.5 per game), while coming up with 1.5 steals per outing as she earned all-KLAA honorable mention recognition.

Alana Weyer
Lakeland

The senior post player was a perfect complement inside with Amanda Lock. The two dominated the boards. Weyer finished with 5.9 points, 4.3 rebounds and 1.6 blocks a night. She had five blocks against Walled Lake Central.

Breanna Lovera
Milford

The senior shooting guard was a stat sheet filler with 7.5 points, 3.6 rebounds, 3.8 steals and 2.2 assists per game. She had a season-high nine steals against Pinckney and finished with 119 steals in two years of varsity play.

Hannah Rayburn
Franklin Road

The 5-6 junior point guard earned all-Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division honors, averaging 11.7 points, five rebounds and 4.3 assists per game.

will be fun to watch her progress the next three years."

Jessica Moorman
Northville

The 5-11 sophomore guard averaged 8.6 points per game, while shooting 38 percent from the field and 71 percent from the foul line en route to all-KLAA honors.

"Although Jessica started as a freshman, she made huge strides this season offensively," coach Todd Gudith said. "She has the ability to shoot long range, but can take her defender off the dribble and that makes her a such a tough cover. She is also one of our top defenders, using her length and quickness."

Peyton Jones
South Lyon East

The junior guard/forward took advantage of teams trying to lock down on Gabi Bird and used her shooting touch scored 11.7 points per game while also snagging 3.4 rebounds.

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Bad habits are hard to break. But by making small changes one at a time, you can overcome your hurdles for a healthier lifestyle.

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Celebrity fitness trainer offers tips for reaching goals and staying motivated

Staying healthy doesn't have to mean overhauling your lifestyle. Sometimes small changes can have big impacts. Take it from celebrity fitness trainer Latreal "La" Mitchell: "Everyone can reach their health and fitness goals. It's all about setting attainable goals and staying motivated to see results."

To look, feel and live better, Mitchell is offering tips for small lifestyle changes you can make that can inspire you to make more in the future.

Get moving

If exercise is not a part of your life now, don't worry. "In a short time, you can be doing quality exercises," Mitchell said. "The key is to start small."

Try short sets of pushups, planks, squats and lunges and work your way up. Ten minutes can make a real difference. Remember, little things like taking the stairs instead of the elevator will keep you feeling great all day.

Just be sure to make exercise non-negotiable. Life is busy and it's easy to find any number of reasons to skip a workout. Make yourself a fitness schedule and stick to it – and then don't let anyone or anything stop you from staying on track.

Eat right

The small goal of adding more fiber to your diet can lead you to better nutrition choices. Aim to get 25 to 38 grams of fiber every day. In addition to upping your fruit and vegetable intake and swapping out processed white bread and pasta for the whole wheat variety, fiber supplements can help you meet your fiber goals. But choose wisely, as some options have additional benefits beyond supporting digestive health.

For example, Meta offers products made with psyllium fiber which has multi-health benefits. Try adding Metamucil powder to a morning smoothie. Also try new MetaBiotic probiotic supplement.

For many people, snacking can be a downfall, especially during a busy workday. Try substituting your usual temptations with healthier options. For example, almonds and light popcorn are a good substitute for chips and are more satisfying. If you have a sweet tooth, ditch the afternoon pastry that's high in calories, but won't actually help you feel full. Instead, look for a delicious, easy-to-pack snack like a Meta Health Bar that helps satisfy hunger as a healthy snack.

Lastly, stay hydrated. Skip sugary sodas and sports drinks and opt for water throughout the day. If you need a boost of flavor, add a lemon wedge, cucumber slice or some fresh herbs. Water helps you feel full and process fiber, while helping to keep you hydrated.

More tips can be found at www.metawellness.com.

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Paula Swain

How to bring up difficult topics with aging parents

People are living longer today, so many of my clients are finding that their aging parents are in need of assistance. Caring for your aging parent is something you hope will never happen, but it is something you need to think about just in case it does.

I, as well as other local professionals, have been hosting an "Aging Parents" workshop for the last couple of years helping to educate and answer questions on taking care of an aging parent. I thought would share some of what I have learned in this column.

» Bringing up difficult topics. You may find some resistance. First step is to open up a dialogue with your parent. Make sure to choose the right time and place. Ideally you want privacy. Express your concerns and then simply listen to them (no interrupting). Acknowledge their feelings and share your perspective. Hopefully, you will find a common ground. If not, reach out to someone whose opinion they value – doctor, clergy, adviser, other family members or friend. Ask them to talk with your parent.

» If you can, open up the lines of communication. Find out their needs and wishes. Ask them about long-term care (what would they like to happen if this issues arises), funeral arrangement, finances, investments, medical care decision and insurance. Also, who are their advisers? Ask if you can meet them. Ask where all the documents are kept.

The following legal documents are needed: will, trust (or both) and financial power of attorney (arranges for someone to han-

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Stay on track with your wellness goals

With dreams of bettering their lives, people of all ages pledge to create resolutions with the start of every year. Many people discover, however, that it's easy to make a resolution but difficult to stick to it.

With these helpful tips from Sunsweet and Dawn Jackson Blatner, registered dietitian, certified specialist in sports dietetics and licensed dietitian nutritionist, it's easy to get back on a healthy living track:

1. Get back on track

Falling off the wagon can be discouraging, but don't let your mind get in the way of your might. Track your daily meals and snacks to help you stay focused on what and how much you are eating. Writing in a food journal is a great way to look back over your week to see what you did well and could do better next week.

2. Pack your lunch

Being in control of what



Staying on track takes will power and determination, but by squeezing a few easy hacks into your day you'll be on your way to reaching your wellness goals.

you eat throughout the day is powerful in staying on track with your resolutions. Why hit the greasy food truck outside when you can whip up a fresh salad at home? Sunsweet's

Quinoa, Grape and Prune Salad is an easy, protein-packed lunch that will power you through the day.

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Revisiting those new year resolutions

So now that it's spring, how are we doing on those new year resolutions? Yeah, remember those? Every year we make those promises to ourselves and, every year, many of us break them – usually in the first month.

The good news is we survived another Michigan winter. The bad news is we are seeing the effects from hibernating all season long – not only physically, but mentally. Winter can take its toll on our minds, even more so than our bodies. Spring is the time to rev up and recharge. Dust off those running shoes and get to work.

When talking about our health and wellness, make small changes and set attainable goals to encourage a permanent lifestyle change rather than trying to make a complete overhaul overnight. That will



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set you up for failure.

It's a good idea to re-assess every so often. I find the change of seasons is a good time to evaluate what's working, what's not and fine-tune our goals.

Here are a few things to keep in mind as you set your workout goals for the future:

1. Show up: The hardest part is putting on your workout clothes and getting in the car. No matter how badly you don't feel like doing it, once you get there, you will be glad you did. Now that the weather has

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Plan the perfect Alfresco gathering

Tips for delicious pairings and decorations for your next outdoor event

The days of chilly air and dull skies have been replaced with the sights and sounds of warmer weather. This change in the season is cause for celebration, so pull out all the stops for an outdoor gathering guests will long remember.

From festive decor to the bright colors of seasonally inspired cuisine, use these tips for setting up your alfresco spread:

Make a memorable entrance. Invite guests into your gathering with warm and cheerful decor, starting with your door. Hang a moss-adorned wreath with a few vibrant sprigs of pink roses or yellow tulips, which you can keep up long after the event.

Deck the table. Make sure your centerpiece provides a bright and welcoming ambiance. A low key gathering calls for the downhome elegance of daisies and grasses shooting from mini terra cotta pots or aluminum canisters. More formal events will shine with fresh cut lilies, roses and tulips placed in short cube or rectangle glass vases.

Start with small bites. Serve a few appetizers for your crowd to enjoy as they wait for other guests to arrive. You can't go wrong with deviled eggs garnished with fresh herbs or cheese and crackers. Aim for three cheeses - one hard (Parmesan), one soft (Brie) and one blue.

Serve pairings that please. Spring foods pair perfectly with a fruit-forward wine like pinot grigio. Choose one of high-quality from the northern region of Italy such as Barone Fini Valdadige Pinot Grigio (\$12). This crisp and clean wine goes well with seafood, chicken or white-sauce pasta entrees.

Embrace spring flavors. Bring the garden to your table with fresh fruits and vegetables. Plump, red strawberries look and taste wonderful atop a bed of fresh spinach



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Pull out all the stops for an outdoor gathering guests will long remember.

CHICKEN BREASTS WITH TOMATOES AND OLIVES

Yield: 4 servings

4 (6-ounce) skinless, boneless chicken breast halves
¼ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon freshly ground pepper
1 cup multicolored cherry or grape tomatoes, halved
3 tablespoons oil and vinegar dressing, divided
20 olives, halved
½ cup (2 ounces) crumbled feta cheese

Prepare grill to medium-high heat. Sprinkle chicken evenly with 1/4 teaspoon salt and 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper. Place chicken on grill rack coated with cooking spray, and grill 6 minutes on each side or until chicken is done. Combine tomatoes, dressing and olives in skillet over medium heat; cook 2 minutes, stirring occasionally. Cut each chicken breast half into 3/4-inch slices. Top each chicken breast half with 1/4 cup tomato mixture. Sprinkle each serving with 2 tablespoons cheese and torn basil leaves, if desired.

with a drizzle of balsamic vinegar. Fresh asparagus stems give quiche and egg casseroles texture, while also making a great sauteed side dish. Also try this Chicken with Tomatoes and Olives recipe that's easy to make and sure to please.

From simple floral arrange-

ments to the colorful foods you serve, creating a lovely alfresco gathering is easier than you think. For more ideas to make your event memorable, visit facebook.com/BaroneFiniWines.

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dle the finances).

Also discuss patient advocate – health care power of attorney – arrangements for someone to handle medical issues. I have this document drawn up for my children on their 18th birthday. When your child turns 18, they are considered an adult and you will not be able to make health care decisions for them anymore. This is a very important document that everyone should have.

There are many forms of dementia. Alzheimer's is a form of dementia. There are some medical problems that can mimic the symptoms of dementia – urinary tract infection, dehydration, over-medication and depression. Some tips for keeping your mind sharp – walk, eat healthy, do crossword or mind puzzles, read and change your routine. Try brushing your teeth with the opposite hand – it's not that easy.

Understanding the definition of being admitted to the hospital or being admitted under “observation” when you are on Medicare. When a patient who meets Medicare's three-day formal admission requirement moves to a skilled nursing facility, the program covers 100 percent of the first 20 days. Patients leaving the hospital for a nursing facility after an “observation” stay pay the full cost out of pocket.

Taking care of an aging parent can be overwhelming. Make sure to take care of yourself. Ask for help. Join a caregiver support group.

Don't try to do this alone. There are many organizations and programs willing to help. Check out some of these websites.

» www.aaalc.org – Senior Alliance – senior resources

» www.alz.org/gmc – Alzheimer Association

» www.caregiver.com – Great articles on all aspects of aging parents

» www.caring.com – Search for housing options in your area

» www.caremanager.org – Looking for local or out of state care manager

» Eldercare Locator – 800-677-1116, referral service sponsored by the federal government that can direct you to resources in your area

Preserving your relationship with your parents is extremely important. Understand that they may be unwilling to talk to you. They may resent you for interfering. You may have to try different approaches to get them to open up with you. Don't be afraid to ask for help.

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3. Choose right at snack time

The 3 p.m. slump is almost unavoidable. You're three hours past

lunch and it's too soon for dinner. Instead of reaching for an unsatisfying bag of pretzels or chips, bring Sunsweet Ones Individually Wrapped Prunes or nuts from home to curb the afternoon hunger. Ones are lower in sugar than other

dried fruit and have a low glycemic index of only 29. Prunes are digested and absorbed slowly by the body, which helps to sustain energy over a longer period of time compared to foods with a higher glycemic index.

4. Get moving

Everyone has a lot on their plate and with a busy schedule comes loads of stress and anxiety, but much of that can be alleviated with exercise. If you think about it, 30-40 minutes of exercise a day is only 2 percent of your day. Small changes,

like walks around the block or using an app to count steps is a great way to track your movement throughout the day.

5. Make it fun

Instead of making drastic resolutions early in the year, and inevitably falling off the wagon

a month or two later, embrace a healthy living lifestyle. The key to lasting, lifelong health is to make changes you enjoy. Make eating well and exercising fun and it won't be hard to stick with.

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warmed up, it certainly makes it easier to get motivated.

2. Make an appointment: Hire a trainer, get a work out buddy or commit to a class schedule. It makes it easier to show up if someone is holding you accountable. Once you have arrived, you will have a more successful workout if someone is there with you to help guide you or cheer you on.

3. Warm up: A proper warmup increases blood flow to your muscles, reducing stiffness and risk of injury and will improve your overall performance. It also gives your mind time to prepare for the task at hand.

4. Break a sweat: You might as well make your time worth it. No sense in showing up and phoning it in. Sweating stimulates

the lymphatic system (allowing the body to dispel toxins), controls mood swings, helps prevent colds and other illnesses, clears up your skin and, of course, burns calories!

5. Breathe: When you breathe deeply, it keeps you calm and focused, maintains your heart rate, oxygenates the blood and helps to release endorphins. Proper breathing is just as important as completing your reps.

6. Hydrate: Drink water before, during and after your workout. In fact, drink water all day. Something as simple as drinking enough water throughout the day will increase your metabolism, curb your appetite, aid in digestion and help you perform at peak efficiency. A good rule of thumb is to drink a half-ounce to one ounce of water per pound of your body weight daily.

7. Cool down: You need to gradually reduce

your heart rate once you are done and allow the oxygenated blood to circulate and deliver much-needed nutrients to your body to help grow and repair your newly worked-out muscles. A post workout stretch also helps to eliminate lactic acid in the muscles.

Whatever your goals are, remember to be kind to yourself and make the commitment to yourself first. Remember step one – show up. The rest will fall into place.

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Housing grant to help low-income disabled people

Michigan has been selected to receive more than \$5.5 million in U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funding to provide affordable rental housing and supportive services to extremely-low income persons with disabilities. The Section 811 Project Rental Assistance (PRA) grant application process was a collaborative effort between the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) and the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH).

"This is a great opportunity to help create and encourage independence for people with disabilities," Michigan Lt. Gov. Brian Calley said. "These grants will give those who are capable of living on their own the chance to build a home for themselves and their families, ultimately leading to a higher quality of life."

The funding, announced recently, will be administered by MSHDA. A work group consisting of representatives from MSHDA and MDCH will collaborate to identify, refer and support target populations throughout Michigan.

"This grant will help connect hundreds of low-income adults with disabilities to permanent affordable housing and the supportive services they need for a quality life," said Wayne Workman, acting executive director for MSHDA. "I am proud of the way MSHDA and MDCH worked together to identify and apply for this opportunity to help Michigan residents in a comprehensive way."

Closely aligned with Gov.



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Rick Snyder's "River of Opportunity" model for government and service delivery, the grant is intended to provide rental assistance to help prevent unnecessary institutionalization, and in some cases, homelessness.

"Promoting community-based services and systems of care for persons with disabilities is essential to ensuring that all of our residents have the support they need to lead healthy, productive lives," said Nick Lyon, director of the MDCH and interim director of the Department of Human Services. "This grant is a testament to inter-departmental collaboration, and I look forward to continued partnership with MSHDA as we work to provide stable, inclusive environments for those individuals and families

who need it most."

Michigan was one of 25 states selected to receive funding from the Section 811 PRA program. For more information about the Section 811 Supportive Housing program, please visit: <http://portal.hud.gov>

For more information about housing programs in Michigan, please visit the MSHDA website at www.michigan.gov/mshda

The Michigan State Housing Development Authority provides financial and technical assistance through public and private partnerships to create and preserve decent, affordable housing for low- and moderate-income residents and to engage in community economic development activities to revitalize urban and rural communities.

Cuban land sales still nixed for U.S. citizens

Q: With assumed normalization of relations between the United States and Cuba, I am wondering if I can purchase land in Cuba at this point for development purposes as an American citizen?



Robert Meisner

A: You still have to be a Cuban National in order to purchase property, and most Cubans cannot afford to do so. I did meet one Cuban on my recent trip to Cuba who not only owned a house, but a farm. He obviously had connections with the government. However, what is interesting is that many hotels and restaurants are now partially privately owned in Cuba which may open the door for further private investment. Whether the possible normalization of relations between Cuba and the United States leads to investments by American companies and/or interests in Cuba is still debatable. The tobacco industry is "foaming at the mouth" about the opportunity to have relationships with Cuban farmers and the Cuban government. That may be the first area of entry in terms of American direct participation in the Cuban economy.

Q: I want to review my condominium association's books and records to see if it has received bids for repairing the swimming pool. Am I permitted to do this, and if so, how should I do it? Your association must be aware of significant new and extensive changes to the Michigan Nonprofit Act.

A: You are permitted to review these bids if they are

deemed to be for a proper purpose. Whether they are for a proper purpose will depend on the facts. For example, have these bids previously been made available to the members, and if so why do you need to see them again? Is repair of the swimming pool a current issue, or is it something you would like the association to do but it previously decided not to do?

If the facts show you are requesting the bids for a proper purpose, then you should make a written demand for them. In your written demand, you must describe with reasonable particularity both the records sought for inspection, and the purpose of the inspection. The records sought must be directly connected with the proper purpose. A proper purpose is defined as one that is reasonably related to a person's interest as a member.

If inspection is not timely permitted, or if the association imposes unreasonable conditions on the inspection, the member is entitled to seek a court order compelling the inspection. If the court orders inspection of the requested records, it must also order the association to pay the costs and reasonable attorney fees incurred by the member to obtain the court order, unless the association proves that if failed to permit the inspection in good faith.

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.

Industry kudos

Carol Boji, broker and owner of RE/MAX Classic, was recently honored at the annual RE/MAX of Southeastern Michigan Awards Gala. The event was held at the Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center and celebrated the accomplishments of RE/MAX's highest performers in southeast Michigan.



Boji

Boji received the Showcase Award during the event. Showcase Awards are based on agent growth, average yearly commission per agent and

percentage of productive agents. RE/MAX Classic of Canton was recognized for achieving the highest average of agent commissions for an office category of 26 agents or more.

"Carol Boji is an exceptional real-estate professional," said Magnus Sublett, chief executive officer, RE/MAX of Southeastern Michigan. "Carol and her team have worked extremely hard over the last year. It is a pleasure to see them rewarded for their efforts."

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REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

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Short sales

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

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

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

information.

Investors

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

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

Any questions or concerns, call Bill Beddoes at 734-934-9091 or Wayne Koehler at 313-819-0919.

Seminar each Tuesday, Thursday

A free seminar on government-insured reverse mortgages is offered by Colonial Mortgage Corp. at 6:30 p.m. each Tuesday and at 2 p.m. each Thursday at various locations.

RSVP with Colonial Mortgage at 800-260-5484.

Free foreclosure tours

Free foreclosure tours are 1 p.m. every other Sunday. Meeting place is Panera Bread on the southeast corner of Middlebelt and I-96.

Email Georgia@addedvalue-realty.com or visit FreeForeclosureTour.com.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Nov. 10-14, 2014, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS		
31739 Verona Cir	\$281,000	
BINGHAM FARMS		
24102 Bingham Pointe Dr	\$235,000	
BIRMINGHAM		
1847 Bowers St	\$210,000	
2191 Manchester Rd	\$228,000	
487 N Eton St # B6	\$120,000	
1047 N Old Woodward Ave	\$200,000	
411 S Old Woodward Ave	\$299,000	
Unit 723		
1773 Villa Rd	\$237,000	
463 W Merrill St	\$875,000	
1757 Winthrop Ln	\$433,000	
BLOOMFIELD HILLS		
4430 Stoneleigh Rd	\$450,000	
2049 E Hamond Lake Dr	\$252,000	

4110 Echo Rd	\$130,000	
4560 Niagara Ln	\$312,000	
4566 Tanbark St	\$425,000	
4264 Wabeek Lake Dr S	\$335,000	
39075 Woodward Ave	\$510,000	
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP		
3415 Barlyn Ln	\$170,000	
1974 Dell Rose Dr	\$509,000	
6225 Golfview Dr	\$410,000	
1962 Long Lake Shore Dr	\$960,000	
199 Marlborough Dr	\$175,000	
2970 Middlebury Ln	\$246,000	
904 N Reading Rd	\$270,000	
3037 Patch Dr	\$306,000	
6254 Thorncrest Dr	\$306,000	
6216 Worlington Rd	\$360,000	
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP		
5501 Ford Rd	\$205,000	
9510 Garden Ter	\$130,000	
9590 Listeria St	\$195,000	
3666 Loch Bend Dr	\$261,000	
2645 Pinto Dr	\$204,000	
FARMINGTON		
23167 Hawthorne St	\$96,000	
36801 Heatherton Dr	\$228,000	

33194 Maplenut St	\$160,000	
FARMINGTON HILLS		
32226 Bonnet Hill Rd	\$176,000	
27491 Cranbrook Dr	\$210,000	
24586 Creekside Dr	\$185,000	
27677 Doreen St	\$134,000	
26300 Holly Hill Dr	\$195,000	
20721 Indian Creek Dr	\$78,000	
35970 Johnstown Rd	\$77,000	
29089 Kendallwood Dr	\$205,000	
24509 Lakeland St	\$155,000	
23944 Noble Dr	\$153,000	
29793 Palmer Ct	\$188,000	
22791 Purdue Ave	\$51,000	
28218 Quail Hollow Rd	\$204,000	
20915 Robinson St	\$169,000	
28038 S Harwich Dr	\$249,000	
22520 Vacri Ln	\$305,000	
30074 W 12 Mile Rd Unit 113	\$49,000	
FRANKLIN		
27315 Gardenway Rd	\$290,000	
31055 Woodside Dr	\$315,000	
HIGHLAND		
2986 White Oak Bch	\$512,000	

LATHRUP VILLAGE		
27877 Rainbow Cir	\$270,000	
MILFORD		
3766 N Shoreline Dr	\$828,000	
850 Ridgside Dr	\$235,000	
1974 Scenic Dr	\$557,000	
865 Union St	\$30,000	
2725 Wixom Trl	\$143,000	
NORTHVILLE		
42109 Roscommon St	\$140,000	
NOVI		
24403 Bashian Cir	\$107,000	
41532 Belden Cir	\$220,000	
27476 Belgrave Pl	\$285,000	
25911 Clark St	\$165,000	
39460 Country Ln	\$130,000	
27570 Cromwell Rd	\$320,000	
40005 Crosswinds	\$165,000	
26388 Fieldstone Dr	\$305,000	
26004 Island Lake Dr	\$470,000	
41675 Juniper Cir	\$163,000	
40796 Kingsley Ln	\$405,000	
24561 Olde Orchard St	\$125,000	
40225 Sandpoint Way	\$125,000	
SOUTH LYON		

24889 Carriage Ln	\$73,000	
24932 Carriage Ln	\$81,000	
24953 Carriage Ln	\$73,000	
1092 Chestnut Ln	\$295,000	
26123 Cornell Dr	\$374,000	
971 Oak Creek Dr	\$252,000	
61328 Saddlecreek Dr	\$360,000	
52365 Trailwood Dr	\$497,000	
SOUTHFIELD		
27501 Abington St	\$135,000	
20275 Brookshire St	\$125,000	
29085 Marshall St	\$108,000	
29625 Marshall St	\$130,000	
29419 Stellamar Dr	\$203,000	
18412 Stratford Dr	\$113,000	
28585 Tavistock Trl	\$225,000	
WHITE LAKE		
1055 Pinecrest Dr	\$262,000	
9115 Southeastern St	\$160,000	
9693 Steephollow Dr	\$440,000	
1165 Union Lake Rd	\$164,000	

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Dec. 1-5, 2014, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON		
43159 Applewood Rd	\$131,000	
45485 Augusta Dr	\$351,000	
41525 Conner Creek Dr	\$260,000	
1756 Crestview Dr	\$246,000	
6422 Durham Dr	\$179,000	
44555 Fair Oaks Dr	\$190,000	
6507 Fox Hills Rd	\$250,000	
45599 Hanford Rd	\$260,000	
49384 Hawkshbury Rd	\$224,000	
42828 Keystone Ln	\$153,000	
430 Merrimac Rd	\$167,000	
45544 Morningside Rd	\$287,000	
45169 N Spring Dr	\$260,000	
42264 Oakland Dr	\$259,000	

1607 Peninsula Ct	\$270,000	
41520 Pineridge Ct	\$185,000	
45085 Seabrook Dr	\$332,000	
42000 South Dr	\$190,000	
1201 Terrell Ct	\$210,000	
437 W Canford Park	\$355,000	
42664 Woodwind Ln	\$299,000	
GARDEN CITY		
32365 Bridge St	\$115,000	
7041 Helen St	\$44,000	
28447 Hennepin St	\$152,000	
28620 Krauter St	\$50,000	
6517 Lathers St	\$67,000	
33723 Marquette St	\$48,000	
552 Radcliff St	\$123,000	
31204 Sheridan St	\$66,000	
LIVONIA		
33727 Angeline Ave	\$225,000	
15026 Arden St	\$80,000	
19503 Bainbridge Ave	\$195,000	
12132 Cavell St	\$85,000	
31696 Fairfax St	\$103,000	

36172 Fairway Dr	\$58,000	
19029 Harrison Ave	\$195,000	
19805 Inkster Rd	\$42,000	
37958 Lyndon St	\$144,000	
31064 Mason St	\$142,000	
9351 Merriman Rd	\$120,000	
15224 Middlebelt Rd	\$43,000	
11316 Milburn St	\$145,000	
37100 Muirfield Dr	\$275,000	
32466 Pembroke St	\$284,000	
17511 Roughtway St	\$144,000	
29948 Saint Martins St	\$100,000	
38779 Summers St	\$140,000	
29027 Sunnydale St	\$182,000	
18142 Ventura Ct	\$285,000	
32446 Wisconsin St	\$164,000	
NORTHVILLE		
51275 7 Mile Rd	\$163,000	
17470 Briar Ridge Ln	\$750,000	
16410 Brooklane Blvd	\$555,000	
16705 Carriage Way	\$156,000	
16801 Carriage Way	\$147,000	

16963 Highland Ln	\$580,000	
42021 Pon Meadow Dr	\$310,000	
42649 Savoy Ct	\$120,000	
39406 Springwater Dr	\$181,000	
15698 Spyglass Dr	\$575,000	
16461 Weatherfield Dr	\$306,000	
PLYMOUTH		
46284 Barrington Rd	\$283,000	
44734 Clare Blvd	\$370,000	
650 Herald St	\$475,000	
40718 Ivywood Ln	\$200,000	
15015 Maplewood Ln	\$236,000	
44434 Marc Trl	\$220,000	
243 N Mill St	\$195,000	
9301 Red Maple Ct	\$285,000	
REDFORD		
16296 Delaware Ave	\$130,000	
14393 Dixie	\$93,000	
26626 Dover	\$92,000	
17315 Indian	\$140,000	
25505 Ivanhoe	\$40,000	
19312 Negaunee	\$36,000	

WAYNE		
35139 Ash St	\$44,000	
3633 S Hubbard St	\$23,000	
WESTLAND		
2600 Barns Dr	\$214,000	
28991 Currier Ave	\$103,000	
6891 Deerhurst Dr	\$115,000	
35841 Fernwood St	\$134,000	
37629 Garden Ct	\$83,000	
7445 Hartel St	\$109,000	
6037 Herbert St	\$38,000	
8127 Melvin Ave	\$100,000	
2058 Minerva St	\$145,000	
2582 Muirfield Dr	\$165,000	
8129 N Henry Ruff Rd	\$92,000	
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160 Pattingill St	\$65,000	
1331 Rahn St	\$82,000	
30657 Rustic Ln	\$76,000	

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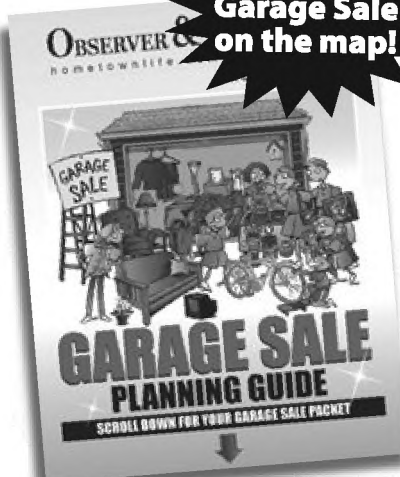
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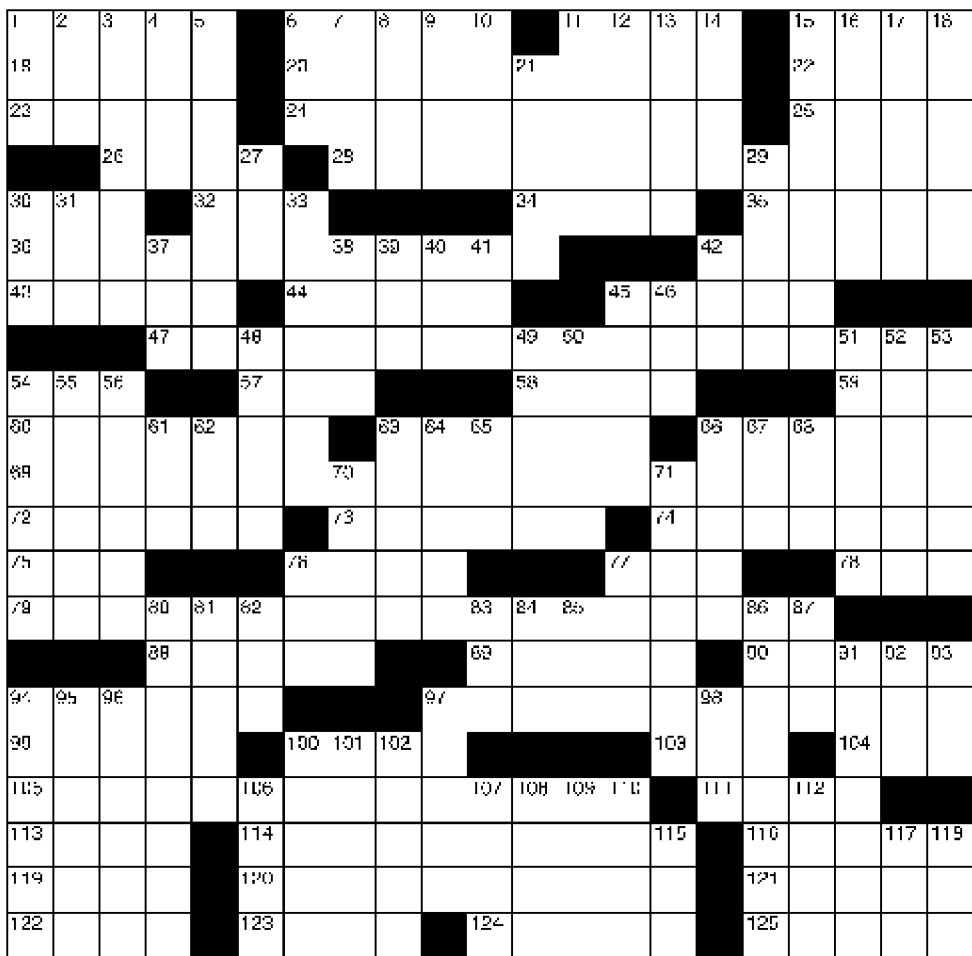
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For Lexus, the Stakes Couldn't Be Higher in Launching New RX This Year



By Dale Buss

In decades of covering the auto industry, the vehicle that – in my opinion, anyway – comes closest to perfection has always been the Lexus RX.

From the day it hit the market in 1998 even to today, its combination of pleasant styling, flawless handling

and ride, technological interpretation, interior amenities and reasonable gas mileage has always brought RX first to mind when

quarter, but Lexus is making darn sure in the meantime that we all know what's coming.

Meantime, the market has tried to catch up with RX over the last 17 years, but I would argue that it really hasn't. At least, in my mind, I'd still rather drive RX than any other mid-size luxury SUV in the market.

"Seventeen years ago, we were about the only one" in the segment, Jeff Bracken, vice president and general manager of the Lexus brand, told me. "Now we have 16 competitors. Yet RX

best whack at actually improving a near-perfect vehicle now in its fourth generation. Styling is one of the most important aspects of the transformation.

The new vehicle presents dramatically rakish and lower-profile new styling as well as an upgraded V6 4 engine, enhanced handling, and the first installation for the Lexus brand of the innovative Lexus Safety System+.

As Lexus put it in a release, RX has a "completely new front end [that is] highlighted by an emboldened spindle grille, more aggressive front bumper and available triple L-shaped LED headlamps. Together with the all-new LED fog lamps and LED daytime running lights, the RX has a more sophisticated and advanced look. Muscular front fender flares add to the vehicle's sporty attitude."

Or, as Bracken told me, "When RX was introduced 17 years ago, it was an immediate home run. So the idea of taking the No. 1-selling vehicle for the brand and applying aggressively re-imagined styling is a big deal for us – like playing with fire.

"But [Toyota CEO Akio Toyoda] is always pushing us to come up with the next 'wow' design. That's why the fourth-generation RX has been engineered in a manner we call 'sophistication with an edge.'"

Meanwhile, Lexus Safety System+ pushes the brand further down the road toward autonomous driving by integrating several of the brand's existing active-safety technologies,



Lexus executives Takayuki Katsuda (left) and Mark Templin pose with the 2016 Lexus RX at the New York International Auto Show.

including a Pre-Collision System that detects sudden stops by the vehicle ahead of the RX, engaging automatic braking in some circumstances. There's also a Lane Departure Alert that issues an audible signal if RX strays out of its intended lane.

"Historically," Bracken explained, "adding these features and systems as options might have cost thousands of dollars. Now, we have bundled them at a price of under \$650; that's a great value. Our strategy is to make that kind of package available on almost all of our models by the end of 2017."

"Our ambition has been to make a bold and completely new statement in this segment while building on and staying true to the pioneering values of previous RX generations," Takayuki Katsuda, chief engineer of the new RX,

said in a news release.

Initial reviews were positive by automotive cognoscenti. "For many shoppers, the RX is simply the go-to vehicle when looking for a luxury SUV," said Brian Moody, site editor for Autotrader. "I expect this will continue and the new look should attract a distinctly younger audience."

Added Karl Brauer, senior analyst for Kelley Blue Book: "Lexus is stepping beyond its comfort zone with the new RX's styling. The redesigned crossover reflects a desire to inject more personality and passion across the Lexus model line, and the new RX certainly conveys both." The new model's "combination of advanced features and value pricing," Brauer concluded, "should keep the RX at the top of the luxury-crossover sales charts."



The 2016 Lexus RX 350 F Sport version, in profile.

someone asks me, "Of everything you drive, what's your favorite?"

Multiply my impression by millions, and you understand why the stakes couldn't be higher for the all-new 2016 version of RX that the brand just unveiled at the New York International Auto Show in New York.

The nameplate is the best-seller in the brand's 26-year history, with global sales of more than 2.1 million units representing three out of 10 vehicles ever sold by Lexus. This version won't go on sale until the fourth

continues to be not only the No. 1 volume vehicle but also to have 25-percent market share. And this is still one of the biggest premium segments.

"This is the most loyal segment we deal with – 60 percent of RX owners return to the Lexus brand. So the new RX is very important not only from a volume point of view but also a return-to-market standpoint."

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The survey takes a closer look at the personalities and preferences of those who occupy the corner office, hopefully helping to remove some of the mystery surrounding them.

Dressing to impress?

They say to dress for the job you want, not the job you have, but if you already have the top job, you might as well be comfortable. According to the survey, only 1 in 5 executives (20 percent) consider a business suit typical office attire. Most executives (57 percent) outfit themselves in business casual clothing, while 18 percent usually wear jeans or shorts to work.

Commonplace commutes

When it comes to commuting, most top dogs prefer cars – but not the chauffeured kind. Seventy-nine percent take themselves to work in an automobile, with 1 in 4 driving an SUV, 1 in 5 opting for a mid-sized sedan and 1 in 10 cruising around in a luxury sedan.

Eighteen percent use more environmentally friendly modes of transport, with 9 percent taking public transportation, 4 percent driving hybrids, 4 percent walking and 1 percent riding their bikes.

Sober hour

You may think happy hours are the best time to see your senior leaders loosen



Like a boss: Study reveals common characteristics of senior management

up, but don't always expect them to let loose with an adult beverage. More than half of senior management (62 percent) abstain from drinking alcoholic beverages at company happy hours. Instead, they choose soda (23 percent), water (19 percent), coffee (13 percent) or nothing at all (7 percent). Thirteen percent of executives kick back with a beer, and the same number (13 percent) sip wine, while 8 percent opt for mixed drinks.

Working up a storm, and a sweat.

If you feel like you're always working overtime, at least your executives likely are too. When asked how many hours they work in a typical week, 40 was the minimum for most head honchos. Fifty-eight percent say they work 40 to 49 hours a week, and 32 percent work 50 hours or more. Then there are those lucky few (9 percent) who work less than 40 hours a week.

Due to their packed schedule, nearly 1 in 5 (18 percent) say they "rarely" or "never" work out. Yet the vast majority of superiors (82 percent) are able to squeeze in at least one work out a week, with 39 percent getting their sweat on four or more days a week. So if your senior leaders can find time for a quick exercise, so can you.

Talking with – or back to – the boss

If given the chance to have a conversation with your CEO, what would you ask him or her? Surveyed workers gave the following answers—some of which could be considered brutally honest...or just brutal.

- "Good job."
- "Give me a raise."
- "Offer employees more opportunity for advancement."
- "Come around more often and meet your employees."
- "I love my job."
- "Empower employees and involve them in developing products and services."
- "Fire my manager."
- "Get a clue how to run our company."
- "Keep your promises."
- "Tell the truth no matter what."
- "Trust the people below you."
- "Tell us when we do something good instead of always focusing on the bad."
- "Give back to your employees. Without them, you would have no money."
- "The inmates are running the asylum."
- "Work on your communication and management skills."

What would you ask your CEO if given the opportunity? Tweet us at @CareerBuilder and let us know!

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