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Mary Sue Coleman to speak

Former University of Michigan President Mary Sue Coleman will be the featured guest speaker at the U-M Club of Greater Northville's annual scholarship fundraiser dinner on Wednesday, April 29 at Laurel Manor in Livonia (39000 Schoolcraft Road).

During her 12 years as the university's 13th president, and the first female in that role, Coleman left her mark on campus - from facilities, to fundraising, to research. Time magazine named her one of the nation's top 10 university presidents.

A silent auction is included, and all proceeds go to scholarships for local area incoming freshman attending U-M this fall.

Cost is \$40 for U-M Alumni Association members and \$50 for non-members. Register for the event on the club's website at umclubs.com/north ville; email NorthvilleClub@um ich.edu; or call the U-M Alumni Association at 800-847-4764.



A large turnout of city, township, business, and education leaders turn out for the April 15 State of the Community address.

NORTHVILLE'S PRESENT AND FUTURE DEFINED

City, township, schools pitch brighter days ahead

> **By Lonnie Huhman** Staff Writer

The Northville community is striving to make a bright future. The State of the Community Luncheon, hosted by the Northville Chamber of Commerce, was an opportunity for residents and the business community to hear from its city, township, and school district on the past year's successes and look ahead to the

Northville Public Schools

"The students and teachers are the heart and soul," Gallagher began her talk about the school district.

This was demonstrated well with help from Silver Springs Elementary School fifth-grader MacKellar (Mac) Graham and first-grader Addison Thakady, who acted out a news broadcast of the different happenings around the district.

Through the help of video, the students and Gallagher highlighted the growth of Leader in Me and International Baccalau reate; gave examples of community service through food packing events like Kids Against Hunger; and noted academic achievements, such as the class of 2015 having an average ACT score of 25.1 out of a possible 36. Gallagher also noted the Sinking Fund Millage renewal on the May 5 ballot as an important way to protect the future of the stu-



ossibilities and plans. It was the biggest turnout yet for the annual event.

Held on April 15 at Meadowbrook Country Club and sponsored in part by St. Mary Mercy Hospital, the luncheon's featured speakers were Northville Public School District Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher, City of Northville Mayor Chris Johnson and Northville Township Supervisor Bob Nix.

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Silver Springs Elementary Principal Melissa Hunt joins Northville Mayor Chris Johnson at the April 15 State of the Community event at the Meadowbrook Country Club. Johnson later gave an update on the city.

Northville made: North Center Brewing opens

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By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

Just an idea four years ago, the taps at North Center Brewering Co. are now filling pint glasses and the doors are open for beer lovers to give this new Northville business a taste test.

Owner Kevin DeGrood and his team wanted to create a look and atmosphere celebrating an ultimate craft beer experience, and they've done it inside the newly built location across from Hiller's Supermarket.

Now their plan is to gain fans by using great products that are made with the best that Michigan has to offer.

"We've been anxious to get to this point, and it feels good to finally see people in here enjoying what we have," De-Grood said this past week after celebrating a soft opening April 11 and the official opening on April 16.

Starting out making beer at home, the new and bigger



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Kevin DeGrood, CEO of Northville's North Center Brewing Co., is looking forward to serving the community. The brewpub is located on North Center Street, north of Dunlap, and will seat 55 customers. North Center will be able to brew up to 10 different beers at a time in the tanks behind DeGrood.

equipment hasn't been intimidating for the brewing team. It has already created some recipes that will probably be longstanding at the brewery.

One is the Tunn-Ale, a pale ale named after the brew master. It's dry-hopped with Cas-

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Soccer contract disputed

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

Northville Soccer Association clashing again with parks and rec

The Northville Soccer Association's season has started, but it took yet another back-and-forth between the Northville Parks and Recreation Commission and the association to reach a lastsecond agreement on a contract for field rental.

This year's dispute came to a head at the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting on April 1. The haggling isn't new, with player information and finances being two areas of

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dents and continue advancing the excellence of the district. This renewal will help continue the needed repairs around the district without a tax increase.

Mac summed it best when he said, "Northville Public Schools is building a culture of student empowerment."

City of Northville

Mayor Johnson has been speaking at the luncheon for years now. His speech highlighted the highlights and challenges.

The challenges for the city and community continue to be financial, since the economic and subsequent crash in property tax values in 2008. Revenues decreased and municipalities like the city of Northville have had to face down the challenges while seeing things get a bit better over the last two years. However, Northville will need another four years of decent growth to see the revenue numbers of the mid-2000s.

Another challenge Johnson noted, and this is for the entire community, is roads and repairs. He said the upcoming statewide road funding proposal will be a big moment, but added there are other ways the situation can be helped, like decreasing the amount of truck weight allowed on roads.

"We can't keep kicking the road problem down the road," he said.

The highlights of his presentation were plentiful, from upcoming summer events and happenings to positive developments around the community.

The city has taken steps to improve its wayfinding signage, master plan for future development, and downtown pedestrian walkway. Johnson also pointed to the future pathway coming to Maybury State Park, new businesses like the Village Workshop and North Center Brewery, and upcoming Friday night music concert series as evidence to the growing positive vibe and energy.

He ended his talk with his traditional nod to the Hazardous Waste Day and its importance for the community.

Northville Township

"The vision is looking forward," Nix said in describing the township's present outlook and its goals.

Nix went right into the highlights, starting with the development at Seven Mile and Haggerty roads, which is moving full steam ahead with the new restaurants opening and others planned. He said a big help in leading development at this corner is the University of Michigan medical facility.

Nix said all of this development will help generate tax revenue that will eventually help the township tear down and clear its property next door, the former state psychiatric hospital land. The big question for this land is the main sevenstory building and when it will come down.

"Three to five years," according to Nix.

The overall demolition and clearing of the land is



Northville Public School District Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher poses with fifth-grader MacKellar (Mac) Graham and first-grader Addison Thakady, who acted out a news broadcast.

estimated at over \$13 million with the big building probably costing around \$5 million. Nix said this will be done in small bites, but they are calling the big building a priority.

Next he pointed to the present and future growth of technology companies calling the township home, specifically in the Five Mile Corridor, better known as the Michigan International Technology Center. Aisin Technical Center of America and ZF Group now call Northville Township home with others expected.

Things will continue to develop on the old Scott Correctional prison with mixed-use of residential, commercial and technology firms expected to come in the near future to the corner of Beck and Five Mile roads. He said REDICO, Real Estate Development and Investment Company, has put a good proposal forward for the 50 plus acres.

Nix ended the luncheon by saying the township is one part of the whole Northville community and what they do is for, "the enhancement of our entire community."

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cade and Ahtannum hops, balanced with a good malt profile.

Another one great for the season is True North Summer Wheat, which is the brewery's ode to summers in Michigan that has a hint of orange peel for a citrus finish and nice bodied head.

And, in tribute to Northville, they've created the Stinson Amber. The Stinson Aircraft Company was a mainstay in Northville for many years. This amber has a sweet and balanced malt profile offset with Cascade hops for a balanced beer.

These are just three in what will be a revolving list of creations.

The interior of the brewery features walls highlighted with wood, a comfortable bar, flat screen televisions and a cool shuffleboard table. Although still doing some hiring, DeGrood said they've assembled a great team of servers, who he said have been phenomenal in getting the brewery ready for opening.

It's been a journey to get here. There were city council meetings, debates about parking and impact on the residential neighborhood, and construction.

DeGrood said they have received a lot of support from many in the community and want everyone to know they are here to be part of this great community, which is why they chose Northville.

"Now it's time to pay back that support," he said. North Center Brewering is located at 410 N. Center Street. It's open from 5-11 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, 5 p.m. to midnight Friday; noon to midnight Saturday; and noon to 8 p.m. Sunday.

To learn more, visit http://www.northcenter brewing.com or https://www.facebook.c om/northcenterbrewing company.

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concern. The NSA season was set to start in two weeks at that time, so a signed contract was needed

Northville Supervisor and Park/Recreation Chairman Robert Nix said the main things they want to happen with the contract are to establish a sense of fairness and cover liability issues. The commission emphasized that they are not against soccer, but rather they want to have a fair approach to all users of the community fields.

Information requested

The liability is in the fact that Northville Parks and Recreation, a shared city and township service, owns the fields NSA plays on. Therefore, the commission wants all of the necessary player information in case of an emergency, even though NSA is not officially part of the parks and recreation department.

NSA President Steve McGuirk has repeatedly expressed concerns in the past and this year over releasing player information to entities outside of the NSA. He and his team eventually consented, after getting parental permission, and gave the necessary details (names, addresses and phone numbers) to the Parks and Recreation Department so the season could go forward as planned.

Much of the information the commission asked for has been given, but it was after the deadline to have the contract signed. NSA said the timing of the season start and spring break make it difficult to get the parental permission needed to release the personal details. They need to know who is playing and touch base with them before they can release any info. However, NSA officials do feel there are



A soccer team practices on the fields of Northville Community Park at Five Mile and Beck on April 14.

privacy issues around this that need to be addressed

The NSA is a parent and volunteer-driven group established in 1973. It exists to support 4,200 soccer players in the Northville community, both city and township. Another part of the program is Michigan Rush. NSA has grown immensely over the years and been a very successful youth activity.

Cost implications

One issue for the commission is that there are some players outside of the Northville community participating in the program, specifically with the Rush program, who are using fields paid for by community tax dollars. With the amount of money devoted to field maintenance over the years in order for soccer to happen, the commission feels it has subsidized a program that isn't totally communitybased because of outside players.

The commission said it was dishing out more money than it was taking in for soccer. Over the last decade or so the commission said it has subsidized soccer to the tune of \$700,000.

Soccer has two seasons, spring and fall, which is longer than many of the other sports that use the community fields, so field maintenance for soccer costs more.

There has been a slight overall rate increase this year of just over \$5,000, but Nix said it's only being done so there is a more reasonable allocation for both parties. For 2015, the Parks and Rec. Commission estimates it will pay out around \$154,000 for soccer and bring in around \$138,000. In 2010, costs were \$100,000 more than revenue.

McGuirk said some parents in the NSA feel as if they are being double taxed. He cited the recreation millage in 2007 that earmarked monies to develop soccer fields at Community Park, which had been labeled by some as the soccer millage.

However, Northville Township Manager Chip Snider said the true field cost is determined by labor and resources used to cut the grass, stripe the fields, fertilize the fields, and provide damage repair and top dressing due to wear and tear.

The cost for NSA to rent a field is \$8 less an hour than Novi, yet the fields require similar care, Snider said.

As it stands, there is still some friction between both sides, but the season is moving forward. One possible outcome of this latest dispute is the commission will look into the possibility of organizing and establishing its own soccer association, one that is under the Parks and Rec. Department purview.

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Books & Beyond raises funds for Northville Library

The Northville community once again showed their support of their library as over 100 people attended the third annual Books & Beyond fundraiser April 20 at Cantoro's Italian Market & Trattoria.

Library supporters were treated to a wine tasting featuring seven Italian wines and a variety of Cantoro's homemade pizzas, bidding on raffle baskets and the popular mystery book gift card promotion.

We are very pleased with the turnout for this event, and thank all those who attended. We particularly want to express our appreciation to the many local business who purchased a sponsorship, or donated cash or gift cards,' said Julie Herrin, library director. "And a big thank you goes to Cantoro's, who for the second year in a row donated the space and provided the wines and food at cost."

It's estimated the event raised about \$7.000, which will be used to purchase

The Northville Dis-

trict Library is located

at 212 W. Cady Street.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 9



Jim Petrie, Michele Fecht and Steve Fecht enjoy sampling wines at the library's fundraiser.

eBooks, eMagazines and downloadable music for the digital collection, one of the fastest growing areas of the library.

"Our Development Committee, chaired by Scott Frush, searches for ways to raise funds for the library in addition to revenue from tax dollars," Herrin said. "This event is one of the ways they do this and we are grateful for the committee's dedication and hard work on behalf of the library." Sponsors for the

clude Hunter Orthodontics at the \$500 level, and these businesses at the \$250 level: Comerica Bank; Garage Grill & Fuel Bar; It's Time To Travel; Jack Doheny Companies; Kelly and Kelly PC; Laurie Jayne Toomajanian, DDS & Associates; Mike Miller Building Company; Northville Lumber; One Stop Carpet Care and Repair; Patti Mullen and Associates; Scott Lowrey, CPA, PC; and Town and Country Eyecare.

Library fundraiser in-

NORTHVILLE LIBRARY LINES

Little Me Storytime for Little Ones

Time/Date: 10:30-11:15 a.m. Friday, April 24 Details: Littles ones,

babies to 2 years old, along with their parents or caregivers, enjoy music, simple stories and playtime. No registration needed.

Creating A Not-Too-Big **Inspired Home**

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 5 **Details:** Discover how to achieve beauty, efficiency and conservation of energy and resources in a well-designed home, regardless of size.

Games Unplugged

Time/Date: 1-3:30 p.m. Saturday, May 9 Details: If you are

looking for some fun during Screen Free Week, come to the library and challenge friends and family to board and card games. All ages are welcome. We'll have a variety of old standards and new ones to teach you.



p.m. Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday; and 1-5 p.m. Sunday. Phone 248-349-3020 for more information.

Drop-In Morning Storytime

Time/Date: 10:15-10:45 a.m. Thursday, April 23 and May 7 **Details:** Storytime

fun for toddlers and preschoolers. All ages welcome. Caregivers must accompany children age 3 and younger.

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Josh Karpenko (left), a sophomore at Brightmont Academy, recently entered the Michigan Chapter of National History Day Research Project. Through the mentoring of his history instructor, Errin Stegich (right), he prepared research on his project, "Omar Bradley: The Soldier's General," from September until March when he competed at the regional level. He won his division and will be competing at the state level on April 25. His project focuses on the accomplishments and leadership of the five-star general during the World War II and his involvement in the D-Day Invasion of Normandy, the Battle of the Bulge and the liberation of the Nazi concentration camps in central Germany, specifically the concentration campus at Buchenwald (Ohrdruf, Germany in April 1945).

Interested in robotics?



Northville High School's robotics team, the Robostangs, will hold an informational meeting on FIRST Robotics programs for the 2015-16 season at 7 p.m. April 3 in the school cafeteria. All students entering K-11 interested in Jr.FLL, FLL, FTC, and FRC are encouraged to attend. Registration will start at this event.



Amerman students firmly rooted in reading

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

Reading Month at Amerman Elementary was a celebration rooted in a belief that reading leads to a life full of possibilities.

The month culminated in the school-wide event called Future Career Day in which students dressed up in the costume of a career they might want to do in the future.

According to Amerman teacher and reading month co-planner Elizabeth LaManna, each week during March they had a special day to celebrate reading. One week there was "Hats Off to Reading Day" that coincided with an all-school read-in to kick off the month; another week was "Dress like your favorite character day" and they even had a "Read my

shirt day." All of this culminated with the final day of reading month as they celebrated the knowledge that being rooted in reading leads to a life full of possibilities.

"So students dressed up as their future selves," said LaManna. "We had doctors, athletes, teachers, firefighters, scientists and engineers. There was even one girl who dressed as an equestrian."

First-grader Max Samhat dressed as a firefighter because he said he wants to help people when he's older. "What I like best about

reading is that I learn about stuff like history," Max said.

Fellow first-grader David Selik said he dressed like a doctor



JOHN HEIDER I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Amerman Elementary School students raise up some of their favorite books at the end of a March 31 assembly to celebrate their accomplishments during March is Reading Month.

because he likes taking care of others.

He summed up what he likes best about reading when he said, "Reading is fun!"

Some of the highlights from Reading Month included the weekly book trivia questions and book recommendations. La-Manna said each week students had the opportunity to enter into a drawing to win a book by answering questions about well-known books and authors.

Also, she said students turned in hundreds of book recommendations that have been posted throughout the building and several were shared each day during morning announcements

Another highlight was the tree that was built by students from the roots up by different gradelevels meeting weekly reading goals. The end of the month Celebration Assembly with a special appearance by Smokey Bear was a great way to end the month.

There was a range of

lessons and projects through the month. Some of the ones that stick out to LaManna were the read-a-thons that some

grade levels held in which students committed to reading all day long.

There was a schoolwide PTA sponsored Book Drive to support the Reach Out and Read Program from the University of Michigan. Amerman also had a wonderful visit from a local author, Maria Dismondy, who spoke to all students throughout the day about how she gets ideas as a writer and the importance of being unique, respecting others, and finding your own voice.

"I like learning about stuff and how books are all different," said Emmi Blackman, a fourth-grader who dressed as a teacher for Future Career Day. "I like mysteries and adventures.'

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W.L. district marks Earth Day with poster contest

Each year, students from the Walled Lake Consolidated School District are encouraged to participate in a poster contest in celebration of Earth Day (April 22 this year). Entries were divided into elementary, middle and high school categories. In total, 227 posters were submitted as part of this year's contest. The winners of the 2015 WLCSD Earth Day poster contest are: Paige Danner, third

grade at Loon Lake Elementary School

Soshi Abe, seventh grade at Geisler Middle School

Leandra Gill, 12h grade at Walled Lake Northern High School

All eligible entries were displayed in the main hall of the Walled Lake Schools Operations building. Starting the afternoon of March 19 and running through the morning of March 23, voting was opened to everyone in the district. The top two finalists from each division were sent on to district administrators who made the final selections.

The three contest winners and their art-



Leandra Gill

work will be recognized at the Board of Education meeting May 7. The posters are currently on display in buildings in celebration of Earth Day 2015.

"It's really exciting to see our students growing," said Melinda Miller, Walled Lake schools energy manager. "They are not only developing artistically, but also in their awareness of the need for conservation of our resources, ensuring us a healthier more sustainable future." Soshi Abe



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Paige Danner

Northville's Thank-A-Staff program kicks off

Northville school families can honor a special teacher, principal, counselor, coach or other individual and at the same time support the many incredible academic, athletic and artist programs offered across Northville Public Schools through the 2015 Thank-A-Staff program. Now in its fourth year, Thank-A-Staff is a partnership between two of Northville's most devoted fundraising groups, the Northville Educational Foundation and Mothers' Club of Northville

The 2015 Thank-A-Staff program kicked off April 15. Fliers, order forms and more information are available on both organizations' websites (NorthvilleEd-Foundation.org and MothersClubofNorthville.org) and also will be distributed via the school district's LISTS-ERV email service. Donations also can be made online using Pay-Pal. During the last week of school, all Thank-A-Staff recipients receive a personalized certificate, suitable for framing, with the name of the family or student who donated in their honor.

Thank-A-Staff offers a unique way for Northville school families to express their appreciation to those outstanding staff members who have touched their students' lives in meaningful ways during the school year and at the same time provide additional funding to support teaching and learning across Northville Public Schools," Northville **Educational Foundation** President Eric Barritt said. The Northville Educational Foundation and Mothers' Club of Northville are independent 501(c)3 charitable organizations that dedicate their funding to support Northville Public

Schools.

The Northville Educational Foundation has raised and granted more than \$2 million to Northville Public Schools since it was founded in 2000. Recent funding initiatives include the International Baccalaureate for middle and high school students; The Leader in Me for elementary students; student financial aid; innovative teacher grants; science, technology, engineering and math initiatives; and coaches programs and athletic assistance grants.

In its 80th year, Mothers' Club of Northville is dedicated to providing Northville students with

State press association honors Novi teacher, student

The Michigan Interscholastic Press Association honored Novi High School teacher Lydia C. Cadena with its 2015 Golden Pen Award.

Cadena was honored at MIPA's Spring Awards and On-Site Con-

tests in Cadena Lansing, along with nearly 2,500 contest win-

ners in the organization's statewide scholastic journalism contest.

The Golden Pen is the highest award MIPA bestows on a student media adviser and has been bestowed continuously since 1952. Teachers must be nominated by their students, who assemble an extensive portfolio showcasing the teacher's involvement in scholastic journalism activities and the impact he or she has had on current and past students.

The recipient is chosen by a committee of previous Golden Pen honorees.

Lydia Cadena clearly is among the best journalism advisers in Michigan," said Jeremy Steele, executive director of MIPA and a faculty member in the Michigan State University School of Journalism. "Student media advisers not only help their students become critical thinkers, excellent writers and outstanding visual communicators, they guide students to develop their own voice so that they can be active, engaged members of the community."

Cadena has advised Novi High School's yearbook, *Reflections*, since 1997 and the school's student newspaper, *The Wildcat Roar*, since 2001. *The Wildcat Roar* has received a Spartan Award, MIPA's highest rating for a student media outlet, in nine of the past 10 years.

The newspaper was inducted into MIPA's Hall of Fame this year in recpresenter at MIPA conferences. She was name Novi Community Schools teacher of the year in 2011.

"The best teachers truly love what they do and teaching comes almost effortlessly to Ms. Cadena," Novi students Jennifer Hepp and Brittani Kiel, editors-in-chief of The Wildcat Roar, wrote in their nomination of Cadena. "Because of this, she has tremendously influenced the lives of countless students, regardless of whether or not they continued with journalism beyond high school. Ms. Cadena's professionalism, leadership and character are an extraordinary asset to Novi High School and she deserves more than anything to be recognized for her exemplary teaching.'

Yarberry honored

The Michigan Interscholastic Press Association also honored 16 outstanding high school seniors – including Novi High School photojournalist Megan Yarberry – as members of its 2015 Student Journalist Staff.

The students represent the state's top journalists among scholastic media outlets. Graduating seniors chosen for the Student Journalist Staff submit a portfolio of their work that is judged by a committee of student media advisers.

Yarberry was also among six members of the Student Journalist Staff chosen as all-MIPA Award recipients, the organization's highest honor for student journalists.

These journalists represent the top students in their field for news design, news writing and reporting, photojournalism, video, yearbook and multi-platform journalism.

Community In Action



At the March Northville school board meeting, Brian Lucido, a sophomore at Northville High School, earned his Community In Action – Hometown Hero Award . He was among a group of Northville High School students recognized for demonstrating a deep commitment to community service and making a positive difference. CIA was designed in 2011 by a handful of Northville Girl Scouts in response to the Common (College) Application, which allows students to list their 10 most significant accomplishments in high school. It is a free service run by volunteers and has grown each year. There are four themed awards a student can pursue, each requiring a minimum of 30 hours of verifiable service for a qualifying organization. CIA for Students is free of charge to all high school students who reside within the Northville Public Schools district.

programs proven to enrich their education. Through annual teacher grants awarded each spring, Mothers' Club has given more than \$600,000 to Northville Public Schools over the years. ognition of this longstanding tradition of excellence.

In addition, Cadena has been an instructor at the MIPA Summer Journalism Workshop at Michigan State University and is a frequent



SCHOOL BRIEFS

Learn more about May 5 millage renewal

Northville Public Schools families and community members can learn more about the Sinking Fund Millage Renewal request that will go before voters in the May 5 election at a Community Coffee being hosted by district leaders 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday, April 27, at the Northville Community Senior Center (303 W. Main Street). The coffee will begin with a brief presentation by Northville Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher, followed by an opportunity for those in attendance to ask any questions or talk one-onone with Board of Education members and district administrators.

The Building Site and Sinking Fund millage was originally approved by voters in 2011 and used to make much-needed repairs across the district's 10 school buildings and other facilities. The 0.9978-mill request on the May 5 ballot is a renewal of that millage and would not result in a tax increase for school district homeowners.

Priority projects for the next five-year period fall into the categories of Safety and Security, Improving Classroom Learning, Improving Energy Efficiency and Reducing Costs and Keeping Buildings Operational.

For more information about the Sinking Fund renewal, including answers to frequently asked questions, as well as voting information, go to the district website at www.northville schools.org and click on 'Millage Election (5/5/ 15)." Questions regarding the Sinking Fund can be emailed to nps@northville schools.org.

Novi Co-Op **Preschool hosting** open house

Novi Co-Op Preschool, a play-based kindergarten readiness program for children ages 3-5 years, is hosting an open house 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesday. April 28: it is open

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. Copies are also available for purchase at Barnes & Noble, Northville.

Right to Play benefit run/walk

The Northville High School National Honor Society is hosting a charity 5K Run/Walk Saturday, May 2, at at the school.

All proceeds will be donated to Right to Play, an organization created by Olympic gold medalist Johann Olav Koss to teach children essential life skills that will help them overcome the effects of poverty, conflict and disease so that they can create better futures and drive lasting social change in their communities and beyond.

The race will take place in the morning at 9 a.m. and will go through surrounding neighborhoods. Prizes will be awarded to the first-, second- and third-place finishers (both male and female) for ages 15 and older and for first place and runner-up (both male and female) for those 14 and younger.

Entry fee is \$20 and participants will receive a T-shirt and food. Email nhsrighttorun@ gmail.com for more information.

Registration for Novi summer school classes opens

Students may register for Novi high school summer school classes online at www.novi communityed.org.

High School students and parents may view the courses online, download the forms for verification and fax or email them to the Community Education Office after they process their online selection and payment. The verification/registration form must be signed by the student's school counselor. All verification/ registration forms need to be sent to the Community Education office for the registration process to be complete. Summer School refresher courses pre-K to eighth grade will continue to register at the Novi Community Education office.

HOSA state qualifiers



Last weekend, 184 Novi High School students competed in the state competition of HOSA, a club in which students who wish to have careers in medicine can learn more about specific careers in the field and compete in a variety of events. Novi had qualified more students than any other school in the state. These students were extremely successful, with 88 becoming state finalists, ranked in the top 10 in their events; of those, 45 have qualified to compete at the national competition in Anaheim, Calif., this summer. Novi students competed in a broad range of events, from Biomedical Laboratory Science to HOSA Bowl and Medical Math to Researched Persuasive Speaking. HOSA was formed at Novi High School last year and it has almost doubled in size since then - its members now making up almost one-eighth of the student body. Its success is due to the incredible determination and hard work of the students, the phenomenal teacher volunteers across the various subject areas and the exceptional guidance and planning of the club's adviser, Mrs. Pohlonski

Building. This will give parents an opportunity to talk to staff, register and complete the necessary paperwork.

Summer C.A.R.E. will run weekdays from 6:45 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, June 22, to Friday, Aug. 21. Registration fees are \$130 for the first child, \$110 for the second child and free for the third child. Daily fees are \$40 per child. Lunch is included except for field trip days. All fees are non-refundable.

Students are assigned to the grade level they will be attending in the fall. The staff is well experienced and activities are age appropriate for the development of the students. Activities include field trips, crafts, science experiments, sports, games and more.

This program if for children age 3 who have attended one year of preschool and up to children going into the eighth grade, and it will be located at Novi Woods Elementary School, 25195 Taft Road

tant 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.

Lake's Central, Northern and Western high schools have found a way to raise money for several charities in the local community and have a great time doing it. All three high schools recently hosted volleyball marathons at their buildings, where students were locked in for the entire night playing games, hanging out with friends and of course competing volleyball tournaments.

Central High School raised more than \$21,015 with its volleyball marathon for Steps for Stella (www.youcaring.com/ medical-fundraiser/ steps-for-stella/292799), an organization charged with helping Stella De-Mare and her family pay for the medical expenses associated with Stella's Nievergelt mesomelic dysplasia. This money will go toward the purchase of Stella's new "magic feet" once hers are amputated.

Northern High School raised \$7,551 with its volleyball marathon for the Emily Ann Griffin Foundation (www.eagf.org), which touches the lives of families that are not able to afford the costly medical equipment and expense for their children. Activities included volleyball, a hypnotist, dodgeball and a DJ. Western High School donated \$30,000 from its volleyball marathon to the Motor City Blight **Buster** (www.mcbbdetroit.com), an organization in Detroit that is helping to fight blight and rebuild the city. More than 300 students participated by raising a minimum of \$100 to attend the 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. event that included volleyball, inflatables, airbrush tattoos, a comedian, lip sync battle, Zumba, yoga, life size Jenga, euchre, Wii games, board games, March Madness viewing, swimming and a DJ.

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.

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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.northville schools.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.

the public and children are welcome.

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

Summer classes begin Monday, June 22, and end Thursday, July 23.

A list of classes, times and fees are online at www.novi.k12.mi.us under Community Education – Summer School.

Novi's Summer C.A.R.E. program

Novi Community Education will kick off its Summer C.A.R.E. program registration 4:30-8 p.m. Monday, May 4, in the Community Education office at 25425 Taft Road in the Meadows

Registration is also ongoing online from May 1-15. Packets, calendar of events and lunch menus are located on the website at www.novischools.net

under Community Ed-Child Care. For more information,

call 248-449-1713.

Children's exhibit

Northville Public Schools Early Childhood Education & Extended Day Programs presents A Children's Exhibit – The Joy of Discovery April 23 through May 7 in Northville Square (133 W. Main Street) with opening night activities 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 23.

This annual exhibit represents a small sampling of the learning that takes place throughout the programs. Come celebrate children, honor their unique qualities and capture the power of project work.

Northville roundup, parent orientation

Northville Public Schools hosts two impor-

Students raise money through volleyball marathons

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Northville accepting early kindergarten registration

Northville Public Schools is now accepting kindergarten enrollment for fall 2015. If you have a

Developmentally delayed students

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 overall developmental delays, please call Nadine Harris, director of Northville Public Schools Office of Special Services, at 248-344-3530.

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CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 13, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT** 18.275 FOR A RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF **NOVI ZONING ORDINANCE AT ARTICLE 3, ZONING** DISTRICTS, SECTION 3.14, I-1, LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT REQUIRED CONDITIONS; IN ORDER TO ALLOW OUTSIDE STORAGE ASSOCIATED WITH OTHERWISE PERMITTED LIGHT INDUSTRIAL USES.

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing. The proposed text amendment is available for examination and review at the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi MI 48375 during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Any written comments must be received by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, May 13, 2015.

Novi Planning Commission Michael Lynch, Secretary Published, April 23, 2015

If you have a child that have speech and language difficulties or

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Margaret Baetz and her granddaughter Claire Matthews, who is in the Northville High production of "Annie."



Decoder badge reveals treasured secrets of 'Annie'

By Katy Baetz-Matthews Correspondent

"3. 24. 5. 9. 7. Got it, kids? That's the last part of Annie's secret message. Use your decoder badge to uncover what she shared today."

From 1930 until 1942. children eagerly spent 15 minutes every weekday afternoon by their family radios with Little Orphan Annie. With upbeat story lines and peppy characters, children eagerly followed the on-air adventures of Annie, her dog Sandy, Oliver (Daddy) Warbucks and Punjab.

Part of Annie's broadcast included a secret message to members of the Radio Orphan Annie Secret Society. The way to decode the message was with the current year's embossed decoder badge, available only to **ROA Secret Society** members. Additional benefits of membership included the annual handbook and updated wig-wag signs (hand gestures exchanged between members). New passwords were also provided annually. Members would quietly provide current passwords to each other before sharing confidential club news.

The cost of membership was Ovaltine labels. In a unique twist, this action-packed show with its chipper, red-headed heroine was developed by the brain trust behind Ovaltine, a chocolate

flavoring for milk. Executives gambled that parents would keep buying the inexpensive treat if their children kept asking for it. They knew that radio would deliver their consistent message, but existing youth-focused radio shows had low ratings. Execs searched newspaper comic strips for the answer. They settled on, and hit the jackpot with, a radio version of Harold Gray's Little Orphan Annie. Margaret Baetz (for-

merly Cole) was one of those youngsters. Baetz grew up in picturesque Swartz Creek, a Flint suburb

"In 1939, my mother got my membership for me," Baetz said. "I was so happy when everything arrived. I was an official member of Annie's Secret Society for the whole year. After hurrying home from school, I'd grab my decoder badge and race to the living room radio. I absolutely couldn't miss the story or secret message. It was all very important.'

While many of the messages did promote the importance of drinking Ovaltine, Baetz insisted that some of the secret messages offered sneak peeks at upcoming story lines. When the broadcast ended, she decoded her message in strict privacy and then hid her treasured badge safely away until next time.

Even when Baetz's decoder badge became obsolete with the start of the new year, she kept it in a special spot. High school, nursing school, a career as an R.N., marriage, five children and seven grandchildren later, it's still in a safe spot. When she learned her granddaughter Claire Matthews was cast in Annie at Northville High School, she eagerly showed the decoder badge, still in perfect condition, to her youngest grandchild. "From now on, my

grandmother and I have our own very special connection to Annie," Matthews said.

Annie, the high-stepping Broadway classic, will be presented by the NHS Drama Club (in conjunction with Northville's Tipping Point Theatre) in the high school auditorium. This Tony-winning musical tells the story of "that little chatterbox, the one with curly auburn locks" and her young orphan friends as they navigate the Great Depression of the 1930s with songs, smiles and optimism.

The curtain goes up at 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday as well as a 1 p.m. Saturday matinee. Tickets (\$15) will be available one hour prior to each show and can also be purchased in advance by calling 248-924-2324.

"I'll bring my decoder badge to opening night," Baetz said, laughing. "You never know when there might be a secret message to decipher."



The leads of "Guys and Dolls" (from left): Seth Grube, Abby Claybaugh, Julia Fertel and Tim Paul.

Walled Lake Central students presenting 'Guys and Dolls'

Walled Lake Central High School Performing Arts Department presents Guys and Dolls April 24-26 and May 1-3 at the school (1600 Oakley Park Road), with performances at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased online through the secure Walled Lake **Consolidated Schools** ticket website (www.wlcstickets.com) or by calling 248-956-4980. Premium seating is available for \$17 for adults, \$14 for students and senior citizens. Reserved seating is available for \$15 for adults, \$13 for students and senior citizens. This year's show

includes more than 56 actors on stage, 20 musicians in the pit orchestra, 10 students working back stage and a large number of dedicated parent volunteers working around the clock to bring this production to life

Set in Damon Runyon's mythical New York City, Guys and Dolls is an oddball romantic comedy. Gambler Nathan Detroit tries to find the cash to set up the biggest craps game in town while the authorities breathe down his neck; meanwhile, his girlfriend, nightclub performer Adelaide, laments that they've been engaged for 14 years. Nathan

turns to fellow gambler Sky Masterson for the dough, but Nathan pulls one over on him by betting he can't take the straight-laced missionary Sarah Brown to Havana, Cuba for dinner

"This show is not to be missed! It will have you laughing and smiling from beginning to end," said Amanda Koba, Walled Lake Central choir director and teacher. "The students have worked so hard to really develop their characters and bring to life the NYC scene of 1950. Will Nathan and Adelaide ever marry? Will Sky convince Sarah that there can be fun in life? Come see to find out!"

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

The Township's Beautification Commission is sponsoring an ON-SITE DOCUMENT SHREDDING event:

SATURDAY, May 16, 2015 Date:

- Time: 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- Place: Township Hall (44405 Six Mile Road) ENTER FROM SHELDON ROAD ONLY
- Cost: \$3.00 per car (minimum) for up to six (6) PAPER GROCERY BAGS ONLY -NO PLASTIC

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City of Northville

Proposed Amendments to Chapter 54 Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions City of Northville Code of Ordinances

At its regular meeting on May 4, 2015, the Northville City Council will consider introducing for first reading an ordinance to amend Chapter 54 Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions in the Code of Ordinances.

The proposed ordinance amendment would amend Chapter 54 to delete Section 54-183 Fireworks and add Division 3 Fireworks to Article IV Offenses Against Public Safety. The proposed amendments would include definitions, restrictions and prohibitions on use of consumer fireworks, address display and articles pyrotechnic fireworks, and provide for penalties for violations.

Public comments will be received at the City Council meeting scheduled for May 4, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. at the City of Northville Municipal Building, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-349-1300. Written comments may also be submitted to the above address. Complete text of the proposed ordinance amendment is available for review at the City Clerk's Office during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, local prevailing time and on the City's website at <u>www.ci.northville.mi.us</u>.

MICHAEL CARLSON, POLICE CHIEF

DIANNE MASSA, CITY CLERK

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SYNOPSIS **APRIL 16, 2015 – REGULAR MEETING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

DATE: Thursday, April 16, 2015

TIME: 7:30 p.m.

PLACE: 44405 Six Mile Road

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Nix called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. PRESENT: Robert R. Nix II, Supervisor Marv Gans, Trustee

Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk Marjorie F. Banner, Treasurer

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

1. Agendas: Approved

- A. Approve the Regular Agenda and the Consent Agenda items:
- 1. Minutes Board of Trustees March 19, 2015
- Minutes Historic District Commission March 26, 2015
- 3. Finance First Quarter Financial and Investment Reports
- Northville Youth Assistance Program Report
- 2. Appointments, Presentations, Resolutions & Announcements:
- A. Plante Moran Audit Presentation
- B. The Senior Alliance (TSA) update by Lydia Gold
- C. Appoint Shana Maitland to the Historic District Commission Approved
- 3. Public Hearing: None
- 4. Brief Public Comments:
 - A. State Representative Heise updated the Board on the new legislative term. B. Carol Fausone addressed the Board on behalf of Congressman Trott.
- 5. New Business:
 - A. Public Services Building 72 Consulting Engineering Svcs Approved B. Planning Final Site Plan Forest Edge Approved

 - C. Finance Budget Amendment #2015-1 Approved
 - D. Public Services Parking Lot Improvements Township Hall Approved
 - E. Public Services Thayer's Corner Roof Replacement Approved F. Temporary Sign Request - Aisin World Corp. of America - Approved
- 6. Unfinished Business: None
- 7. Ordinances: None

8. Check Registry:

- A. In the amount of \$4,230,337.20. Approved
- 9. Board Communication & Reports:
- A. Robert R. Nix, II, Sue Hillebrand, Marjorie Banner, Marv Gans, Symantha Heath, Mindy Herrmann, Fred Shadko, Chip Snider
- I. Board Events: None
- 10. Any other business for the Board of Trustees: None
- 11. ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.
- A draft of the complete minutes will be available April 27, 2015.
- **Respectfully submitted:** Sue A. Hillebrand, M.M.C.
- Publish: April 23, 2015



MAY 2, 2015 **KENSINGTON METROPARK • MILFORD, MICHIGAN**

Every day,

500 people in the U.S. are diagnosed with a brain tumor, beginning their unique and challenging journey with family and friends. The BT5K Run & Walk is a fun way to raise funds to help the American Brain Tumor Association provide resources to those impacted by a brain tumor diagnosis and pursue critical research. **Register** or donate today!





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Used book sale

The Wixom Public Library (49015 Pontiac Trail) is holding its spring used book sale, sponsored by the Friends of the Wixom Library through April 25. Thousands of books and multimedia items for all ages, priced between 25 cents and one dollar, plus specially priced items.

Sale hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. April 23; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 24; and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 25 with fill-a-bag for \$5. An advance sale for Friends members only will be from 5-7:30 p.m. April 22. Memberships will be available for \$5 at the door

Phone 248-624-2512 for more information.

Clean-up day at **Thayer's Corner**

Friends of Thayer's Corner Nature Area will hold its bi-annual cleanup day from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, April 25. All volunteers are welcomed to join in. Please bring work gloves; garden tools (rakes, clippers). Lunch will be provided. For more information and to RSVP, call Marv Gans at 734-751-1567.

Minecraft building event

The Northville Barnes & Noble (17111 Haggerty Road) at 6 p.m. Friday, April 24, will host a funfilled evening of crafting and playing in the handmade Minecraft wonderland. Children will enjoy a photo-op wearing handcrafted Creeper heads,

play Minecraft Bingo, participate in a race to build blocks, use Legos, make Endermen and Creepers and experience the Minecraft app on the Samsung Galaxy Tab 4NOOK.

Reservations are recommended at 248-348-0696.

Veterans benefit counseling

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

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

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

vi.org.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Fox Run residents are Ford Tough

Novi's Fox Run retirement community is home to dozens of people who spent their careers at Ford. Howard Freers is one of those people. After graduating from

a small engineering school in Indiana in 1948, Freers went on to build a career in the auto industry. He worked for Ford as a chief engineer for 22 years and retired in 1988. When he moved to Fox Run, Freers was interested in connecting with the other Ford retirees who lived there. He decided to start a Ford group.

"I said, 'I need something to keep me occupied' and, last August, I found out there are 60plus people living here who have some Ford background," Freers said.

In October 2013, he held the first meeting of the Ford group at Fox Run. Freers says about 20 to 30 people usually attend the monthly meetings and the club is open to people who worked at Ford, as well as to others who are simply interested in the auto industry.

Special events offered by Novi's **Older Adult Services**

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

MAY 5, 2015 **CITY OF NOVI** and NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND SOUTH LYON **COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

To the Qualified Electors of the City of Novi, Northville Public Schools and South Lyon Community School District - Oakland County, Michigan: Notice is Hereby Given that a Special Election will be held in the City of Novi, County of Oakland, State of Michigan on TUESDAY May 5, 2015. The Polls will be open 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. for the purpose of voting on the following proposal:

PROPOSAL 15-1

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

The proposed constitutional amendment would:

- Eliminate sales / use taxes on gasoline / diesel fuel for vehicles on public roads.
- Increase portion of use tax dedicated to School Aid Fund (SAF).

Spring break



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Sitting near a tub of recently hatched chicks, Kaitlyn Reif, 10, works on crafts project April 9 in a barn at Novi's Tollgate Farm. Kaitlyn and a group of youngsters were at the MSU educational farm for a week-long spring break farm camp experience. Most days were spent exploring the farm's fields, woods and animals, but on that rainy day, campers spent most of their time inside working on projects.

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.

Harmonie Detroit concert

Paul F. DeRubeis will conduct Harmonie Detroit in concert at 7 p.m. Wednesday, **April 29**, in the Novi Public Library (45255 W. 10 Mile Road), featuring music of Mozart, Beethoven, Gershwin and Krommer.

The event is free, but reservations are requested at www.novilibrary.org or 248-349-0720.

Michigan International Women's Show returns

The Michigan Internaonal Women's Show

Collection Showplace (46100 Grand River Avenue) in Novi.

"We are celebrating our 20th annual show with sweets, surprises and shopping for moms, sisters, daughters and girlfriends," said Beth Anderson, executive show manager of Southern Shows. "It's just part of the food, fashion and fun that women can experience at the show."

For more information, go to www.International WomenShow.com or call 800-849-0248.

Cassell & Associates clients exhibit

The Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department has partnered with Cassell & Associates to help bring awareness to survivors of traumatic brain injuries by showcasing their artwork in the Novi Civic Center Atrium through April 30. A portion of the proceeds

- Expand use of SAF to community colleges and career / technical education, and prohibit use for 4-year colleges / universities.
- Give effect to laws, including those that:
- o Increase sales / use tax to 7%, as authorized by constitutional amendment. o Increase gasoline / diesel fuel tax and adjust annually for inflation, increase vehicle registration fees, and dedicate revenue for roads and other transportation purposes. o Expand competitive bidding and warranties for road projects.
- o Increase earned income tax credit. Should this proposal be adopted?

<u>PRECINCTS 17, 18 AND 19 will also vote on</u> - NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL BUILDING AND SITE SINKING FUND TAX LEVY 09978 MILL FOR 5 YEARS

Full text of the ballot proposal may be obtained at the administrative offices of Northville Public Schools, 501 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan 48167-1582, telephone: (248) 344-3500.

PART OF PRECINCT 21 will also vote on - SOUTH LYON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS BONDING PROPOSAL GENERAL OBLIGATION UNLIMITED TAX BOND PROPOSAL FOR BUILDING AND SITE PURPOSES IN THE AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$64,400,000

Full text of the ballot proposal may be obtained at the administrative offices of South Lyon Community Schools, 345 South Warren, South Lyon, Michigan 48178, telephone: (248) 437-8120

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT THE BONDS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, IF APPROVED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE ELECTORS AT THIS ELECTION. WILL BE GENERAL OBLIGATION UNLIMITED TAX BONDS PAYABLE FROM GENERAL AD VALOREM TAXES.

All Polling Places are handicap accessible and Braille and audio versions of voting instructions are available for the Polling $\bar{\text{Places}}$ listed below:

PRECINCT	LOCATION	ADDRESS
1	Meadowbrook Congregational Church	21355 Meadowbrook Road
2	Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	41415 W. Nine Mile Road
3	Village Oaks Elementary School	23333 Willowbrook Road
4	Novi United Methodist Church	41671 Ten Mile Road
5	Orchard Hills Elementary School	41900 Quince
6	Holy Family Catholic Church	24505 Meadowbrook Road
7	Holy Family Catholic Church	24505 Meadowbrook Road
8	Meadowbrook Elementary School	29200 Meadowbrook Road
9	Crosspointe Meadows Church * Temporary location for May 5, 2015 only	29000 Meadowbrook Road
10	Fox Run	41000 Thirteen Mile Road
11	Crosspointe Meadows Church * Temporary location for May 5, 2015 only	29000 Meadowbrook Road
12	Hickory Woods Elementary School	30655 Novi Road
13	Novi Meadows 6th Grade House	25299 Taft Road
14	Faith Community Church	44400 Ten Mile Road
15	St. James Catholic Church	46325 Ten Mile Road
16	Novi Public Library	45255 Ten Mile Road
17	Novi Civic Center	45175 Ten Mile Road
18	Novi Civic Center	45175 Ten Mile Road
19	Thornton Creek Elementary School	46180 West Nine Mile Road
20	Oakpointe Church * PERMANENT LOCATION CHANGE	50200 W. Ten Mile Road
21	Oakpointe Church * PERMANENT LOCATION CHANGE	50200 W. Ten Mile Road

Absentee ballots are available to qualified electors of the City of Novi at the Office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road. The City Clerk's Office will be open on Saturday, May 2, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for the purpose of obtaining an absentee ballot. The deadline for the City Clerk's Office to receive applications for ballots to be mailed is 2:00 p.m. Saturday, May 2, 2015. Persons qualified to vote by absentee ballot may obtain a ballot in person at the City Clerk's Office until 4:00 p.m. Monday, May 4, 2015 and must vote that ballot in the City Clerk's Office. You may verify your voter registration and polling location at www.michigan.gov/vote

> Maryanne Cornelius, MMC/CMMC Novi City Clerk

dren ages 6-12: \$15 children survivor; free for children under age 6.

Pre-event prices are

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adult survivor; \$20 chil-

returns **April 30** through May 3 to the Suburban

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ELECTION NOTICE CITY OF NORTHVILLE RESIDENTS

To the qualified electors, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a Special Election will be held in the City of Northville, Counties of Oakland and Wayne, on Tuesday, May 5, 2015. The election will be conducted in all polling places in the City of Northville for the purpose of voting on the following proposal(s):

STATE: Proposal 15-1 A proposal to amend the State Constitution to increase the sales/ use tax from 6% to 7% to replace and supplement reduced revenue to the School Aid Fund and local units of government caused by the elimination of the sales/use tax on gasoline and diesel fuel for vehicles operating on public roads, and to give effect to laws that provide additional money for roads and other transportation purposes by increasing the gas tax and vehicle registration fees.

Full text of the proposal may be obtained by contacting the City Clerk, City of Northville, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-349-1300, or on the Sample Ballot posted on the City's website at <u>www.ci.northville.mi.us</u> (go to Services / City Clerk / Elections / Ballots).

LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT: Northville Public Schools Millage Renewal Proposal, Building and Site Sinking Fund Tax Levy .9978 Mill for 5 Years.

Full text of the proposal may be obtained at the administrative offices of Northville Public Schools, 501 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167-1582, 248-344-3500.

OAKLAND COUNTY TREASURER'S STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY ACT NO. 62 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1933 AS AMENDED

I, Andrew E. Meisner, County Treasurer of the County of Oakland, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that according to the records in my office, as of March 13, 2015, the total of all voted increases in the tax rate limitation above the 18 mills established by Section 6 of Article IX of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 affecting taxable property in the City of Northville, in as follows

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Local Unit	<u>Voted increase</u>	Years Increase Effective
City of Northville	1.00	Unlimited
	1.00	Unlimited
	1.92	Unlimited
	0.1	2008-2017
	.2415	2012 - 2021
Northville Public Schools	.2	2011 - 2015 Incl.
	1.0	2011 - 2015 Incl.
	20.91	2012 - 2021 Incl.
County of Oakland	.2415	2012 to 2021 Incl.
	1.0	2014 to 2017
Schoolcraft Community College	.50	Unlimited
Wayne County Regional		
Educational Service Agency	1.8782	Unlimited
Wayne County Treasurers State	ement as required by	Act 278 of Public Acts of 1964

Amending the Property Tax Limitation Act I, Raymond, J. Wojtowicz, Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan, do hereby certify that, as of March 6, 2015, the total of all voted increases in excess of the tax rate limitation established by Section 6, Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, as amended, and the

years such increases are effective on property in the County of Wayne are as follows:											
Taxing	Date of	<u>Voted</u>	Years Increase								
Authorities	<u>Election</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Effective</u>								
County of Wayne	November 3, 2009	1 mill	2019								
Wayne County Jail	August 7, 2012	1 mill	2021								
Wayne County Parks	November 2, 2010	0.25 mills	2015								
Northville Public Schools	November 2011	18.00 mills	2021 (non-homestead only)								
	May 2011	$1 \mathrm{mill}$	2015								

CITY OF NORTHVILLE POLLING LOCATIONS

Precinct 1 Wayne County Precinct 2

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Northville Community Center, 303 W. Main St.

Oakland County Amerman Elementary School, 847 N. Center St. The polls will open at 7:00 Å.M. and remain open until 8:00 P.M. Polling places are

handicapped accessible and each precinct is equipped with Braille and audio voting

instructions and ADA compliant voting equipment. The City Clerk's Office, located in the City of Northville Municipal Building, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 2, 2015 for the purpose of obtaining absentee ballots and receiving absentee ballot applications for ballots to be mailed. On Monday, May 4, 2015, until 4:00 p.m., qualified electors requesting an absentee ballot must appear in person and vote the ballot at the City Clerk's office. Absentee ballot applications are available at the City Clerk's office, on the City's website at <u>www.ci.northville.mi.us</u>, or by calling 248-449-9914.

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from artwork sales will be donated to the Brain Injury Association of Michigan.

At Cassell & Associates, a post-acute therapeutic work program, an integral portion of the continuum of care is participation in groups that offer creative outlets while providing physical, cognitive, social and emotional rehabilitation. Painting groups at Cassell & Associates focus on creating valuable pieces of artwork while teaching survivors new skills and improving upon existing ones.

More than 20 clients of Cassell & Associates explored Michigan's many iconic landscapes, architectural landmarks, industry leaders and natural resources to find inspiration for Made in Michigan themed works of art.

For more information about the upcoming show, contact the Novi Parks office at 248-347-0400.

Estate planning seminars

Walsh College presents Daniel S. Hoops, associate professor, Accounting and Taxation, and a frequent lecturer and expert on estate planning issues, in two free seminars on estate planning at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., Friday, **April 24**, at the Novi Campus (41500 Gardenbrook).

The sessions will be held in conjunction with the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago's Money Smart Week, a public awareness campaign aimed at helping consumers better manage their finances.

The events are open to the public, but registration is required at www.walshcollege.edu/ moneysmart.

Hoops has been engaged in the practice of law and business consulting since 1995. His professional expertise includes tax law, estate planning and business consulting.

Household Hazardous Waste

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Crafting with Claudia



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Claudia Abrash (right) assists student Colleen Ari during her April 9 Crafting with Claudia class at the Northville Community Center. Abrash has led a series of crafts sessions at the center and this day's effort was built around designing and building a personally made special event card.

ty: Protect Yourself from Internet Predators," at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, **April 28**, in the Northville Community Center (303 W. Main Street) and again at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, April 30, in the Novi Public Library (45255 W. 10 Mile Road).

Experts from the attorney general and elder lawyers will be at the seminar to offer tips and ideas for seniors to protect themselves and prevent online identity theft and scams, what to do if you should fall victim, online safety tips

and basic computer security measures.

Seating is limited so reservations are suggested by calling 810-229-0220 or going to www.nawrockilaw.com.

Northville library Friends' sale

Come to the Northville Library (212 W. Cady Street) to stock up on books, used DVDs and CDs, children's books and puzzles at the Friends of the Library's used book and media sale. All hardbacks are \$1; all paperbacks are 50 cents; DVDs, CDs, games and puzzles are \$1; \$7 for a grocery bag chock full of your personal book choices.

Join the Friends 6-9 p.m. Thursday, **April 30**, for the Preview Sale and get a free bag of books with your new membership. Other times are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 1-2 and 1-3 p.m. May 3. The Book Cellar is

The Book Cellar is open during the Used Book Sale for even more browsing and buying. Member Shopping Days are also in effect during the Used Book Sale. This means a 25-percent discount for Friends members in the Gift Store. (Clearance items and those from the Historical Society are excluded.)

All purchases during this major Friends fundraiser benefit the library. Since its inception, the Friends have donated more than \$575,000 to the library. For more information, go to www.northville library.org.

What's on your bucket list?

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

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

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

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

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

Jane Austen Tea

Novelist Annick Hivert-Carthew will present the life and works of Jane Austen 1-3:30 p.m. Saturday, **May 9**, at Cady Inn at Northville's Mill Race Village. The Jane Austen Tea is a fundraiser for the Northville Historical Society and will be catered by Victoria's Tea Salon.

Born and educated in France, Hivert-Carthew currently lives in Michigan. She first became known for her work on Antoine de Lamothe Cadillac, founder of Detroit. She wrote *Cadillac and the Dawn of Detroit* in 1994, then went on to write five more books.

Tickets (\$35) are limited and non-refundable, but can be applied to a future Tea. Call 248-348-1845 for more information or go to www.millrace northville.org.

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Life in retirement can be truly fulfilling, but not without proper planning. The BLS Group is hosting an exciting retirement symposium featuring a panel of retirement and financial planning specialists who will share their latest research and recommendations to help you confidently plan for the next chapter of your life.

drop-off event

The city of Livonia will be conducting a Household Hazardous Waste and Electronic Waste Drop-off event from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, **April 25**, at Ford Field.

This event is an opportunity for Livonia, Northville and Northville Township residents to rid their garage, basement, shed, etc., of items such as paints, stains, fertilizer, lawn and garden chemicals, antifreeze, gasoline, etc. In addition, electronic waste will be accepted including computers, monitors, printers, scanners, cellphones, fax machines, televisions, etc

Enter Ford Field using northbound Stark Road, north of Schoolcraft Road. Additional information is available at http://is.gd/kkVyp0.

Transportation forum

Meet with state Sen. Patrick Colbeck and road construction industry leaders to get an inside view on the current state of Michigan's roads, options for funding road repairs including the May 5 ballot proposal and ways to improve the longevity of our roads 7-9 p.m. Monday, April **27**, in the Northville Township Hall Auditorium (44405 Six Mile Road)

Time will be provided for questions and answers. The forum is free and open to the public.

Online safety seminar

The Office of the Michigan Attorney General and the Nawrocki Center for Elder Law, Special Needs & Disability Planning, PLLC will jointly present a free seminar for senior citizens, titled "Online SafeLearn more about the critical issues retirees are focused on today, including:

Estate planning for seniors – What an effective estate plan looks like and why it's important for you and your family.

Fraud and older adults – Exploitation of seniors is on the rise. Learn about steps you can take to help keep you and your family safe based off findings from Wayne State University's Institute of Gerontology.

Wealth Management – Liquidity, longevity and legacy.

Quality of life during retirement – Findings from the MIT AgeLab.

These events are free of charge and are offered as a two-part series. We suggest choosing one event on May 6 and one event on May 13 to cover the full range of important topics we will be addressing.

Part I Wednesday, May 6 1:30 – 4:00 p.m. or 5:00 – 7:30 p.m. **Part II Wednesday, May 13** 1:30 – 4:00 p.m. or 5:00 – 7:30 p.m.

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For more information contact **Tricia Fitzsimons** Client Service Associate 877-951-1200 tricia.fitzsimons@ubs.com

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LOCAL NEWS

Novi producer's film premiering at Colorado festival

Eighteen-year-old Michigan native director Luke Jaden is set to premiere his first film foray into the horror genre early next month with The Listing, starring Erin Cummings (The Iceman, Cold Comes the Night) and Rob Zabrecky (Lost River). Written by upand-coming Detroit author and screenwriter Josh Malerman (Birdbox), The Listing tells the tale of what happens in a haunted house before the unsuspecting family arrives.

Jaden's youthful, ener-

getic approach to filmmaking is clearly palpable even in his description of the film. According to Jaden, "it's got a more psychological vibe to it that's atmospheric and moody. It feels like you're the magician's audience at a magic show set in an urban, gothic and decrepit theater."

The Listing will be playing Sunday, May 3, at the Stanley Film Festival in Estes Park, Colo. Novi resident Michael

Angelo Zervos (*Papou*) is the producer of Ja-

'The Outgoing Tide'

den's last two films. "There are very few better film festivals I

can think of to premiere our film," Zervos said. "The intimacy, success and solid lineup of past Stanley festivals gives us encouragement that the audiences will appreciate our twist on the horror genre."

Despite the recent success, Jaden isn't resting on his laurels. With one film just starting to make it into film festival lineups, he's currently completing post-production on another short film and starting preproduction on another. In his mind, his hard won lessons from *The Listing* have made an impact on his development as as a busy filmmaker.

"T've learned that if you don't have a team that really believes in you or a cast that just really connects with their performances, you're better off not even making the film," he said.

For more information, go to http://Motherandmidwife.com or http:// www.kinotroika.com.



WALLACE MICHAEL CROUCH

Pictured (from left) are "The Listing" cinematographer Joel D. Warren, producer Michael Angelo Zervos and director Luke Jaden.



HOWARD AND CHARLOTTE MEYER

The Tipping Point Theater presents the Michigan premiere of Bruce Graham's "The Outgoing Tide" through May 3. Gunner has retired from his trucking business and now lives in a 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 cast includes Actors' Equity Association members (from left) Trudy Mason, Hugh Maguire and Alex Leydenfrost. The curtain rises at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, with matinees at 3 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. A special matinee performance has been added at 3 p.m. Wednesday, April 22. 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.



Ethnic Festival aims for diversity

By Diane Gale Andreassi Staff Writer

A first-time festival in New Hudson this August is designed to celebrate ethnic pride, traditions, food, culture and entertainment.

So far eight groups – East Indi-

an, Finnish, Hungarian, Irish, Italian, Mexican, Scottish, Polish and Ratkowski

pressed interest in partic-

committed to host booths

"Our objective is to

educate the community

tures and for future gen-

Ratkowski is looking

for more groups to take

part Aug. 14-16 at the

festival, which will be

on Lyon Center Drive

West (just west of Mil-

ford Road) in New Hud-

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Ratkowski said.

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among Japanese and Mediterranean countries, as well as regions below the equator.

The cost is \$450 for a 10-foot by 20-foot booth, which will include access to water, electricity and garbage removal. Each group will be invited to sell food and souvenirs that represent their culture.

"This is for people to understand we are a diverse country," Ratkowski said. "It helps to keep family communities together. We need to keep cultures growing. I want people to remember the mom and pop stuff."

Many cultural groups are losing their memberships as older participants die and along with that, many old world traditions are fading away in the United States, Ratkowski continued, adding that the melting pot is erasing some of the flavor from countries where ancestors of many Americans originated.

Family time

Picnic areas will be provided and would be ideal, he said, for families hosting reunions. The only cost to participants will be \$5 for every carload of people. Ratkowski said he was also trying to garner interest from a community group, like the VFW or Kiwanis, to run a beer and wine tent that would feature libations from countries around the world.

The program is sponsored by Lyon Events Organization, a nonprofit partnering with Lyon Township. Plans started to hold the ethnic festival last year, but failed because the event wasn't affiliated with a nonprofit group.

Ratkowski comes to the job of event chairman and festival creator with experience. He also directed a similar ethnic festival at Livonia's Wilson Barn, where he served as president of the Save the Barn historical group. He also gleaned ideas from the organizers of the Detroit Ethnic Festival.

"We would like to diversify from year to year and as we grow (the festival) will grow," Ratkowski said..

Contact Ratkowski at 734-546-7279 for more information or to include your group in the event.

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July 21: Should I Stay or Should I Go?

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Group and personal tours will also be available.



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요소

Rusty Bucket shuts down for remodel

The Rusty Bucket Restaurant and Tavern in Northville (15400 Sheldon Road) closed Monday for a remodel and will reopen at 4 p.m. Friday, April 24, for dinner. Among the highlights will be new concept design enhancements and updated furniture and technology improvements.

"We know our raving fans will be thrilled with the improvements we have made and we appreciate their patience during the renovation," said Steve Slack, general manager. "The renewed energy and enhanced ambiance will help ensure our restaurant remains the local gathering spot for guests in the Northville community."

Slack said that the restaurant is perfect for professionals on their lunch break or as an after-work destination with their friends and families. This is the first major remodel of the restaurant since it opened in 2008.

A facelift for the restaurant's décor will include new wood tables and chairs, leather booths and upgraded lighting in the dining room. Guests will be greeted with an upgraded host stand. A BuzzTable mobile texting system will be available to notify guests when their table is ready. Addi tionally, a new bar top will now seat more than 58 guests, including the bar area, which will also have new seating.



The Rusty Bucket Restaurant and Tavern in Northville is located at 15400 Sheldon Road.

Rusty Bucket sprawls across 4,500 square feet, including total seating for 214 guests. The patio, which is also receiving

new furniture, seats 30 guests. In addition to Rustv

Bucket's remodel, the restaurant group is add-

ing two more locations in Michigan this year: a location will open in Northville Park Place in June and another will

open in Bingham Farms in August. The restaurant company is hiring more than 200 associates at the new locations.



Michigan retail sales bounce back

Michigan retailers' sales rose sharply in March, rebounding from their steep drop in February, according to the Michigan Retail Index, a joint project of Michigan Retailers Association (MRA) and the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

The monthly sales index climbed more than 25 points to 66.8 in March. It had fallen more than 18 points from January to February as Michigan suffered through one of its coldest Februarys on record.

"Better weather teamed up with continued 'low' gasoline prices and lower unemployment to help boost retail sales," said James P. Hallan, MRA president and CEO. "Retailers are looking forward to a strong spring."

The March monthly

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survey of MRA members showed 55 percent of retailers increased sales over the same month last year, while 25 percent recorded declines and 20 percent reported no change. The results create a seasonally adjusted performance index of 66.8, up from 41.7 in February and the highest level since last July. A year ago March the performance index stood at 44.8.

The 100-point index gauges the performance of the state's overall retail industry, based on monthly surveys conducted by MRA and the Federal Reserve. Index values above 50 generally indicate positive activity; the higher the number, the stronger the activity.

Looking forward, 68 percent of retailers expect sales during April-June to increase over the same period last year, while 9 percent project a decrease and 23 percent no change. That puts the seasonally adjusted outlook index at 76.9, down from 78.5 in February and up from 76.2 in January. A year ago March the outlook index stood at 63.3.

SCORE business mentoring

The Service Corp of Retired Executives onehour 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.

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More land at Ford Wixom plant site is on the market

By J.C. Reindl Michigan.com

Property where the Ford Wixom Assembly Plant once stood is poised for redevelopment as the owners have re-listed more than 140 acres of the site in what has been one of metro Detroit's fastest-growing regions.

The Boston-based firm Barrow Development that bought 240 acres of the industrial site at I-96 and Wixom Road — including the massive and idled auto plant — for about \$7 million in early 2013 has since sold several parcels and is looking to sell the remainder of what it owns.

It is now marketing 140 undeveloped acres for resale at \$75,000 an acre, or \$10.5 million, according to Barrow Development's website. Plus, it has listed an additional 40-some acres of property covered in con-



This Menards at the old Ford Wixom Assembly Plant site is to open in the fall. It will feature a lumber yard, garden center and a line of groceries.

crete slabs for no cost. Wixom officials said there has been some interest in the land, although no signed deals yet.

"We get inquires on a daily basis for a variety of different venues, from water parks to industrialtype commercial buildings," Wixom Mayor

Kevin Hinkley said. "We had a plastics company come and look at the property back in the fall. They made a decision to go elsewhere, which was kind of disappointing.'

Already on the site is the newly built headquarters and retail store of General RV, as well as a nearly completed Menards store that is to open in the fall.

A 23-acre parcel was bought in the fall by Wixom-based Schonsheck, which said it is working with an unnamed developer to construct multiple buildings there for light industrial use.

"We'll build as soon as someone comes along and wants to build." Schonsheck President Craig Zokas said.

Gone is the 4.7-million-square-foot Ford plant, which last produced Lincoln Town Cars before closing in 2007.

After buying the property from Ford's real estate arm, Ford Land, Barrow Development demolished the gigantic structure two years ago, sold the scrap metal and rebranded the area "Assembly Park.'

Last year, the firm's president, Brian Wilson, tried to convince Ford Land to buy back the site. He also accused Ford

Land of reneging on contractual obligations to clean up pollution on the site, claiming Ford was behind schedule and couldn't make a mid-2016 deadline. Ford Land disputed the allegations, saying it was actually ahead of schedule.

Today, Ford Land has essentially completed its job of trucking out 200,000 tons of contaminated soil to landfills, officials with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality told the Free Press last week.

Yet there are still some unsettled environmental issues.

Tracy Kecskemeti, a DEQ district supervisor, said Wilson's company is responsible for improperly disposing of some demolition materials that should have been trucked out of the site, but were instead buried in pits there.

"We asked him to clean it up," Kecskemeti said. "Mr. Wilson maintains that he's not in violation of the law; that he didn't dispose of anything improperly.'

Neither Wilson nor his attorney returned multiple messages for comment.

From the city's standpoint, the next step for the developer is to further groom the land for resale by removing all of the concrete and repurposing it into an access road, Hinkley said.

A Menards spokesman said the new store will feature a full-service lumber yard, garden center and a line of groceries.

The Ford plant opened in 1957 and employed nearly 5,500 workers at its 1970s peak, but only 1,100 when it closed in 2007.

J.C. Reindl is a Detroit Free Press reporter. 313-222-6631 icreindl@freepress.com

ABWA honors two

The Novi Oaks Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association recently honored two of its members for their contributions to Michigan business and the ABWA organization.

Novi Oaks recognized Lina Gerchak as the chapter's Woman of the

Year, an annual local chapter honor in recognition of a member's contribu-

tions to ABWA.



Gerchak

She has been a member of ABWA since August 2012 and is currently serving as the chapter's treasurer, her first position as a part of the Executive Board.

Gerchak served as the chair for the Hand of Friendship Tea event in May 2013 and as the campaign manager for the

Campaign to Elect Sandy Schrah for the District V Vice President in 2014. Gerchak is employed at Oakland Community College as accounting specialist and in 2012 she started her real estate business affiliating with the Keller Williams Realty office in Novi.

She holds a bachelor's degree in elementary school teaching from Vilnius University of **Educational Sciences in** Lithuania, a master's degree in accountancy from Walsh College and a post-master certificate in taxation from Walsh College.

Holly Hengstebeck, a



Hengstebeck honor. She

has held

ter's Program Committee and the Publicity Committee. She works as a field finance manager at Ryder Integrated Logistics in Novi and holds a B.S. in finance and an

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MBA from Wayne State University. ABWA members are nominated for the Top Ten based on their career achievements, education, ABWA involvement and contributions to their local communities. In July, a panel of impartial judges from business in the Kansas City area, where ABWA National is located, will choose 10 recipients from the nominees from ABWA chapters all across the United States. The Top Ten winners will be featured in ABWA's Women in Business magazine and recognized at the ABWA National Women's Conference held Oct. 15-17 in Albuquerque, N.M.

Mehta joins TIE

The Indus Entrepreneurs of Detroit, a global, nonprofit community for entrepreneurs, named Novi resident Raman Mehta as a new charter member for the organization

Mehta is chief information officer at EWIE Co, Inc. EWIE is a global leader in commodity management services. Previously, Mehta was a director at Oracle, USA, Inc.

He has earned numerous leadership awards including: CIO Magazine's 2013 CIO100 Award, Computerworld's 2012 Premier 100 IT Leaders Award, Crain's Detroit CIO Award and Global Corporate Leader Award 2014.

Mehta earned his MBA in international finance at the University of Michigan Ross School of Business and his bachelor's of engineering with honors at the Birla Institute of Technology and Science.

ITC promotes Mason Soneral

Novi-based ITC Holdings Corp. announced that Christine Mason Soneral has been promoted to senior vice president and general counsel. She previously served as vice president and general counsel.

She is responsible for ITC's Legal Department, which includes the legal, corporate secretary, real estate, contract administration and corporate compliance functions. She joined ITC in 2007. She previously served as a partner in a private law practice in Lansing, with a primary focus on energy issues in representing clients before state and federal trial courts, appellate courts and regulatory agencies.

Christine has distinguished herself in this industry while playing a critical role in our

growth strategy as a leading energy company," said Joseph L. Welch, chairman, president and CEO.

We look forward to her continued contributions as we help define the future of this evolving industry to the maximum benefit of electricity customers.'

Mason Soneral earned her juris doctor degree from Indiana University Maurer School of Law-Bloomington and her bachelor's degree from Michigan State University, where she remains actively involved as a guest lecturer, member of the Department of Political Science's External Advisory Board and was a past officer of the Alumni Association Board.

She was also recently recognized as one of Metro Detroit's distinguished Women Who Lead.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - PUBLIC HEARING

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) has scheduled a public hearing for Wednesday, May 20, 2015 at the Northville Township Municipal Office Building, located at 44405 Six Mile Road,



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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST **MAY 5, 2015 SPECIAL ELECTION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Public Accuracy Test for the May 5, 2015 Special Election is scheduled for Tuesday, April 28, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. in the lobby of Township Hall, located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to determine that the program and the computer being used to tabulate the results of the Election count the votes in the manner prescribed by law.

The public is welcome and invited to attend.

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

City of Novi **Public Hearing Notice**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Zoning Board of Appeals for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Council Chambers Novi Civic Center 45175 Ten Mile Road to consider:

PZ15-0001 JIMMY ASMAR OB BEHALF OF HOMEWOOD SUITES

The applicant is requesting variances from the CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES. Sections 3.1.23D to allow construction of a five story extended stay hotel: 1) a variance of 10.0 feet in the required side (north) parking setback (20.0 feet required, 10.0 feet proposed); 2) a variance of 14.0 feet in the required rear (east) parking setback (20.0 feet required, 6.0 feet proposed); 3) a variance from Section 5.4.1, a variance from the required loading/unloading zone; and 4) a variance from Section 4.19.2 F to allow dumpster located within the parking setback.

PZ15-0006 JAMES M. BARNWELL

The applicant is requesting variances from the CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES; Section 5.5 a variance from the required 6 ft. high obscuring wall requirement when abutting or adjacent to a B-3 District and Section 5.4.1 for a variance from the required loading zone, (720 sq. ft. required, 0.0 sq. ft. proposed) to allow the construction of a 2,171 square foot drive-through Taco Bell restaurant.

PZ15-0008 KAL MANSOUR WITH SIGN EMPORIUM ON BEHALF OF AQUA TOTS

The applicant is requesting a variance from CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 28-5(3) to allow a second (single wall sign allowed in a RC, Regional Center District) wall sign (awning/canopy sign with logo).

PZ15-0009 RICHARD CURTIS

The applicant is requesting variances from the CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES; Section 3.1.5(d) to allow construction of new one-story addition on an existing nonconforming parcel: 1) a variance of 10.5 feet in the required front yard setback (30 feet required, 19.5 feet proposed); and 2) a variance of 31.9 feet in the required rear yard setback (35 feet required, 3.1 proposed).

PZ15-0010 PETER STANAJ, PARCEL 50-22-31-100-001

The applicant is requesting variances from the CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES; Section 3.1.1(d) to allow construction of new single family residence on an existing vacant parcel: 1) a variance of 26.0 feet in the required front yard setback (45 feet required, 19.0 feet proposed); and 2) a variance of 26.0 feet in the required rear yard setback (50.0 feet required, 24.0 proposed).

PZ15-0011 RICK VALADE, PARCEL 50-22-21-126-026

The applicant is requesting variance from the CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES; Section 4.16 and 4.19 to allow construction of new patio enclosure addition on an existing parcel; a variance of 6.0 feet in the required separation distance from the pool to the main building (10 feet required, 4.0 feet proposed).

PZ15-0012 GORDIE AND AUDREY WILSON, PARCEL 50-22-02-177-013

The applicant is requesting variance from the CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES; Section 3.1.5(d) to allow construction of new ramp addition on an existing parcel; a variance of 11.0 feet in the required aggregate side yard setback (25 feet required, 14.0 proposed) and a variance of 6.0 feet in the minimum side yard setback (10.0 feet required, 4.0 feet proposed).

PZ15-0013 PATRICK STIEBER WITH ALLIED SIGNS ON BEHALF OF GANDER MOUNTAIN

The applicant is requesting a variance from CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 28-5(2)(b) to allow a third (single wall sign allowed by right in a RC, Regional Center District) wall sign.

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Northville, MI. The ZBA will consider the following variance requests:

- 19076 Northville Road – Chapter 145, Sign Ordinance, Ground Sign (Right of Way and Height)

- 42661 Waterford Road – Chapter 170, Article 22, Nonconforming Structures (Setbacks); Article 18, Schedule of Regulations (Distance between Structures)

18745 Ridge Road – Chapter 170, Article 3, General Use and Operating Procedures (Setbacks)

42180 Brampton Court - Chapter 170, Article 22, Nonconforming Structures (Side Yard Setback)

Written comments regarding these requests will be received by the ZBA at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168. The meeting will begin at 7:30 P.M.

Paul Slatin, Chair Zoning Board of Appeals

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Novi Community School District (NCSD) will receive bids for: NCSD - Site **Improvements Project**

Program is presented as two (2) bid packages (see below) consisting of general site earthwork, drainage improvements; building roof downspout connections; and other general localized site grading and drainage improvement projects. Work is located at various buildings/sites throughout the district.

Bid Package A - (Village Oaks Elementary, Novi Middle School, and Orchard Hills Elementary School). Bids will be received until 1:00 PM, local time, May 13, 2015.

Bid Packages B - (Novi Woods Elementary, Novi Meadows ITC, Novi Meadows 5th Grade, and Educational Services Building). Bids will be received until 1:00 PM, local time, May 13, 2015.

All bid packages are to be delivered to the NCSD Educational Services Building (ESB) attention $\underline{\mathbf{Mr. Steve Barr}}$. At the time the bid packages are due all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud in the Board room. Bids received after the above stipulated date and time will not be opened, considered or accepted.

Bid documents can be pre-ordered and purchased at the offices of ARC/Dunn Blue, 1009 W. Maple Road, Clawson, MI 48107 beginning April 27, 2015 at 5:00 PM. Contact ARC/Dunn Blue for non-refundable purchase price for each bid package.

Bid documents will be available to view from the PlanWell Enterprise System on-line by accessing the website at www.e-arc.com/mi/clawson, clicking on "Order from Planwell" then clicking on "Public Planroom".

There will be a pre-bid meeting on Wednesday May 6, 2015 at 1:00 PM, in the NCSD ESB Board Room located at 25345 Taft Road, Novi, Michigan 48374.

All bidders should be available on Monday May 18, 2015 starting at 8:00 AM for post bid interviews. Interviews will be on an invitation basis only.

Prospective bidders must meet the following minimum standards in order to submit a proposal:

- Must be an established Contractor in Michigan for a minimum of five (5) years
- Has successfully completed a minimum of three (3) educational, institutional or municipal site earthwork / site improvement / paving replacement projects each with construction values in excess of \$250,000.00
- Must be able to provide business and liability insurance, performance and payment bond for work required by the Bid Documents

All bids must be submitted on forms furnished by SME for the "NCSD - Site **Improvements Project**" and be accompanied by a bidder's bond or a certified or cashier's check payable to Novi Community School District for the sum of not less than five (5%) of the bid amount for each Bid Package. All bids must be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the Owner (bidder) or any employee of the bidder and any member of the NCSD School Board, Administration or Staff. Bidders shall also provide a Sworn Statement of Economic Relationship with the Country of Iran. Bids received without a bidder's bond, certified or cashier's check, sworn and notarized statement of familial disclosure, and Iran Economic Statement MAY BE REJECTED. NCSD reserves the right to reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, to waive any irregularities therein and accept that bid, which best serves the NCSD's interest

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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.brightmoorchur-

ch.ora **Celebrate Recovery**

Time/Dates: 7 p.m. Monday Details: Worship, teaching or testimony and open-share recovery groups. Organizers offer the principles and tools to bring healing for the hurts, deliverance from life-controlling habits and freedom from the hang-ups that keep us from developing strong and healthy relations with God and others. Enter at Door D on the south side of the building. No cost; free child care is available for children birth through fifth grade. 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 act: De

Detroit Japanese Christian Fellowship

45301 Eleven Mile Road, Novi Reverand: Kanii 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. Wednes-

day 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.faithcommunitynovi.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 Saturdav

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

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Wednesday: 5:30 p.m. family dinner; 6:30 p.m. Caravan Scouting program for ages 4 through fourth grade; Club 56 for fifthand sixth-graders; Surge Youth Group, Bible Study with Pastor Troy Ogle; and Little Critters for preschool age

First Free Will Baptist Church

Location: 51395 10 Mile Road, Novi

Contact: 248-348-2380

First Presbyterian Church of Northville

Location: 200 E. Main, Northville Contact: 248-349-0911

Web: www.fpcnorthville.org Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. (for all ages

First Presbyterian Church

Location: 205 E. Lake Street, South Lyon Contact: 248-437-2875

First Presbyterian Church

Location: 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington

First United Methodist Church of Northville

Location: 777 W. Eight Mile, Northville Contact: 248-349-1144

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

Frank Turner Ministries

Location: Novi Civic Center 45175 W. Ten Mile Road Contact: 810-599-7392 Web: www.FrankTurner.org Sunday Gathering: 10 a.m. The Believers Congregation in Novi receives all desiring God's love, grace, healing and acceptance, regardless of faith background, gender identification or sexual orientation. The atmosphere is warm and loving. The attire is casual. Experience a new way of sharing and receiving the love of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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

Location: 21900 Meadowbrook Road, Novi Pastor: Charles Sexton Contact: 248-344-4465

Holy Cross Episcopal

Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile, Novi Contact: 248-427-1175; holycrossnovi@gmail.com Web: www.holyCROSSnovi.org

Sunday Worship: 7:45 and 10 Sunday School and Nursery Care: 10 a.m. worship service Alzheimer's Support Group:10 a.m. second Saturday

Hope Lutheran Church

Location: 39200 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills

Lakes Baptist Church

Location: 309 Decker Road, Walled Lake

Legacy Church

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

Livonia Church of Christ

day 7 p.m

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

Wednesday 7 p.m. Meadowbrook Congregational

Church Location: 21355 Meadowbrook Road, Novi Contact: the Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, senior minister; 248-348-7757; office@mbccc.org Web: www.mbccc.org Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. **Church School and Nursery** Care: provided during worship Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m.

Memorial Church of Christ

Location: 35475 Five Mile Road, Livonia Minister: Mark McGilvrey Web: www.5milechurch.org **Contact:** 734-464-6722; churchoffice@5milechur

NorthRidge Church

Location: 49555 N. Territorial

pheaton@northridgechurch.com

Northville Christian

Contact: 734-233-3621;

Location: 41355 Six Mile

Contact: 248-348-9030

Web: www.ncalife.org

second level (208/210).

Sundays: 9-10 a.m. Sunday

School for adults/youth/children;

9 a.m. Contemporary service in

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

children's super church on the

Wednesday Family Night: 7

junior and senior high ministries;

children's programs, Nursery and

p.m.; Adult elective classes;

porary service in worship center;

Road, Plymouth

Assembly

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

Novi-Northville **Center for Jewish** Life

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

Novi United Methodist

Location: 41671 W. 10 Mile, Novi

Contact: 248-349-2652 Web: www.umcnovi.com Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/pages/Novi-United-Methodist-Church/59782031433 Sunday Worship: 9:45 a.m. **Healing Service and Holy** Communion: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday

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

OakPointe Church

Location: 50200 W. 10 Mile, Novi

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

Worship Services: 5:15 p.m. Saturday; 9:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m. Sunday

ReNew Life Group Ministries: 7-9 p.m. Monday (groups meet weekly)

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

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

Oakland Baptist Church

Location: 23893 Beck Road, Novi

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

Orchard Grove Community Church

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

Our Lady of Good

Counsel Catholic

Our Shepherd Presbyterian Church

Location: 1200 S. Sheldon, Plymouth Contact: pastor Bill Burke; 734-927-0891

Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.

Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. with fellowship and food after service

Pentecostals of Novi

Location: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Contact: 248-697-8158 Web: www.thepentecostalsofnovi.org

Plymouth St. John's

Episcopal Church

Location: 574 S. Sheldon in

Contact: 734-453-0190, ext. 16

Web: www.stjohnsplymouth-

Location: 45000 N. Territorial

Location: 28000 New Market

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groups: "Hope for Tomorrow"

for those grieving and "Through

Praise Baptist

Contact: 734-748-3898

Prince of Peace

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p.m. Thursdays in the fellowship

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strength, courage and hope to

individuals as they go through

divorce. Space is limited. Please

the process of grief and/or

call the church office to pre-

Free movie night: 7 p.m.

Friday, April 24 - God's NOT

a philosophy professor who

St. James Catholic

Location: 46325 10 Mile, Novi

Pastor: Monsignor John Kasza.

Mass schedule: 8 a.m., 9:30

a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Sunday; 9

a.m. Monday-Tuesday; 7 p.m.

Wednesday; 5 p.m. Saturday.

St. John Lutheran

Location: 23225 Gill, Farming-

Church

ton Hills

Contact: 248-347-7778

Web: www.sjnovi.net

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nyW3C@Gmail.com Web: www.DW3C.org

Tuesday: 9:25 a.m. Women of the Word Bible Study - the Books of Ruth and Esther

Grace Immanuel **Bible Church**



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

BRINZA, DAWNA July 2, 1961 - April 8, 2015 obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

DALEY, BLAIR JON Nov. 17, 1950-April 16, 2015 Arrangements by: PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME

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DUNCAN, ETHEL JEAN

A long time resident of Milford, died on April 13, 2015 at the age of 78. She is survived by her beloved husband of over fiftyfive years, Percy Duncan; sisters, Patricia (Donald) Sullivan, Sharon (Larry) Chapel; brothers, Ray (Judy) Hardy, Donald (Shar-on) Hardy, Ronald (Joan) Hardy; sister-in-law, Ilene Heffelbower; her aunts, and many nieces, nephews and dear friends. She was preceded in death by her pa-rents, Lloyd and Myrtle Hardy, a sister, Shirley Krajinke, and a brother, Larry (Jean) Hardy. Funeral Services were held at West Highland Baptist Church, Highland Twp., on Thursday, April 16, 2015. Memorials may be made in her name to the Alzheimer's Assoc., Gentiva Hospice, or to the church. For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit www.Lyn chFuneralDirectors.com

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KLINGLER, DOLORES October 21, 1926-April 16, 2015 PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME. www.phillipsfuneral.com

May you find comfort in family and friends

Community Farewell KREEGER, DONALD HERMAN

His Legacy.... Kreeger, Donald Herman, age 91 of Brooklyn formerly of Brighton passed away at home on April 13, 2015. He was born on April 9, 1924 in Northville, MI to Herman Charles and Martha (Brassow) Kreeger. Don married Betty Agamey in Northville and she preceded him in death in 1971. He was employed in agriculture and the railroad, where he wore many hats including, managing and bookkeeping. His family and many, many friends will remember Don as a hard working, kind hearted man that knew what it truly meant to be a 'good neighbor and friend". Don had a servants heart and was always there for family and friends in need. His memory will live on in the family he left behind and his memory will forever be cherished in their hearts as a wonderful Dad with a great sense of humor.

His Family....Donald is survived by his daughters: Martha Jo Blackadar, Suzanne Kreeger, Nancy Ann Atkins and Judy McHardy; three grandsons: McHardy; three grandsons: Adam, Ben and Phillip Atkins. His Farewell... A Community Farewell will be scheduled at a later date to be held at the Borek Jennings Funeral Home, Hamburg Chapel. Please sign Donald's guestbook at www.bore kjennings.com or leave a message of comfort for his family by calling 877-231-7900.

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MARINO, VINCENT February 14, 1950- April 3, 2015 obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

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NELSON,

A longtime resident of Highland and former Biology teacher and track coach at West Bloomfield High School, passed away peacefully on April 20, 2015 surborn in Pontiac on December 7, dren to Harry and Helen Nelson. Ted was a published nature photographer whose spirit was most at home in the outdoors. He is survived by his daughters, Rebecca (David) Lacey and Shelly Nelson; granddaughters, Eliana and Samantha Lacey; brothers, Richard (Rosemary), Harry "Tom" (Bonnie); sisters, Smith and nieces, nephews, extended family and dear friends. For service details phone Lynch & Sons, Milford at 248.684.6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirec tors.com

Northrop Sassaman Chapel.

February 7, 1921-April 14, 2015 Arrangements by: PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME www.phillipsfuneral.com

TRABUE, JACK W. May 11, 1956-April 18, 2015 Arrangements by: PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME.

www.phillipsfuneral.com VALLIDO, ANTHONY J. JR.,

April 15, 2015, age 25. Son of Kimberly and Anthony Sr. Brother of Nicole and Brandon. www.lynchFuneralDirectors.com

WALSH, THOMAS June 17, 1957 - March 30, 2015 obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

Church

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

Our Lady of Victory

Location: 132 Orchard Drive, Northville

Contact: 248-349-2621 Web: www.olvnorthville.org Saturday Worship: 5 p.m. Sunday Worship: 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

Our Savior Apostolic Lutheran Church

Location: 54899 Eight Mile, Northville

Contact: 248-374-2268 Children (5-10) & Adult Sun-

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day School: 10 a.m. Bible Study: Wednesdays at 7

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Chantal Copeland and Jeremy Kelley.

Copeland & Kelley

Chantal Deanne Copeland of Novi and Jeremy Warren Kelley of Clarkston are engaged to be married Aug. 15 at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Glen and Elizabeth Copeland of

Novi. She attended Novi High School and graduated from Gabriel Richard High School, Ann Arbor, in 2011. She is currently attending Madonna University as a nursing student and will graduate in December.

The groom-elect is the son of Anna and Doug Kelley of Clarkston. He

graduated from Clarkston High School in 2011 and is currently attending Kettering University to study mechanical engineering. He will graduate in June and will be employed at Magna International, Inc., in Novi in July as a product engineer.

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Northville resident Jenereaux to become next Detroit Free Press publisher

Gannett has named Joyce Jenereaux president and publisher of the Detroit Free Press, effective May 16. She will also retain her responsibilities as president of Michigan.com, which represents all of Gannett's community publishing properties in Michigan, and serves as business agent for The Detroit News.

Jenereaux, a resident of Northville, has been Free Press president since 2013 and president of Michigan.com since 2011. Prior to that, she served as executive vice president of Michigan.com



Jenereaux

tions Joyce has made — both to the Free Press and to the metro Detroit community it serves," said Robert Dickey, Gannett's U.S. Community Publishing president. "Her leadership has helped build the voice of the Free Press and position it for a strong future."

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Jenereaux will take on the publisher title

currently held by Editor and Publisher Paul Anger, who last month announced his retirement. effective May 15. Jenereaux said a search is under way for a Free Press executive editor.

"There is a grand tradition at the Free Press. For more than 180 years, it has been a trusted watchdog and a powerful voice for progress and justice in our community. And today, it reaches the state's largest audience for news and information," Jenereaux said. "I'm looking forward to working with the Free Press staff to build upon that legacy

and to continue to aggressively move us into new platforms and products that will serve our readers, expand our audiences and help our advertisers grow their businesses.²

A Detroit native, Jenereaux started her media career in 1990 as a financial analyst at what is now called Michigan.com. Earlier, she earned her CPA designation at the public accounting firm of Deloitte

She holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from Eastern Michigan University and serves as chairman

of the board of Forgotten Harvest, the nation's largest food rescue organization, and is involved with multiple other charitable organizations in the area.

Jenereaux also serves on the boards of the Detroit Economic Club, the Inforum Center for Leadership, Detroit Public Television and CATCH. In 2013, she was presented with the Neal Shine Award for Media Commitment to Philanthropy by the Detroit chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals.

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

OUR VIEW

Say yes May 5 to Proposal 1

Michigan roads and bridges need fixing – now. Proposal 1, although not perfect, offers a path for that to happen. On Tuesday, May 5, voters can raise taxes to ensure that roads and bridges will be repaired or say no and deal with the deteriorating, often unsafe, road conditions for several years to come.

For too many years, state leaders have settled for shortterm fixes for roads instead of long-term solutions. Michigan roads are worse than other Great Lakes states. It's not surprising that Michigan roads and bridges are crumbing.

» Michigan spends 70 percent less per mile or \$2 billion less than the Great Lakes average.

» One in three roads are in poor condition and one in nine bridges is considered "structurally deficient" by the Federal Highway Administration.



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Voters' approval of Proposal 1 on May 5 will help generate funding to fix potholes on Michigan's roadways.

No one likes a tax increase, but current road and bridge conditions are dangerous. Proposal 1 guarantees that state taxes collected at the pump will go to transportation. Proposal 1, if approved, will raise the state sales and use taxes from 6 to 7 percent (a 17percent increase) and institute a new tax on gasoline and diesel. It will also remove fuel from sales tax collection.

The new fuel tax will pay for roads and replace the revenue – and more – that will be lost by removing fuel from the sales tax base.

Proposal 1 also extends pavement warranties to projects more than \$1 million and most local road projects. If the roads are not built right, the road builders — not taxpayers — will pay for the repairs.

Some opponents of Proposal 1 claim to have a Plan B. Really? Plans C, D and E are also out there, according to some opponents. The problem is none has seen the light of day and none has the legislative or public support needed to solve the road problem. And the state can't wait another two or three years to fix roads and bridges.

Potholes that are more like sinkholes, crumbing bridges and buckling pavement are dangerous. Proposal 1 is the best available solution to a problem that has been ignored for years.

The time is past to argue. Without more money – an increase in taxes – our state roads and bridges will continue to crumble.

Voters should be aware that they are being asked to approve a proposal that raises money beyond what's needed for roads. Money will go to restore education revenue levels and another portion of funds will improve revenue sharing to local communities. It isn't ideal to lump all of these complicated issues into a single vote but, in doing so, legislators gave voters an opportunity to shore up three areas of need at the same time.

Safe roads and a sound transportation infrastructure are important to moving Michigan forward.

Vote **yes** May 5 on Proposal 1.

LETTERS

Vote yes for Northville's future

On May 5, Northville Public Schools will ask local voters to approve a renewal of the sinking fund levy. In my mind, this is a win-win proposal for the schools and residents. As a resident, you will see no tax increase and the local schools will continue to see much needed updates to their buildings and infrastructure.

The .9978 mil levy renewal equates to approximately \$250 of tax on a \$500,000 home and, unlike the regular school tax, all of the money is allocated to Northville Public Schools. We have all seen and are able to enjoy the improvements from the initial sinking fund levy: parking lot and drainage upgrades at Amerman, a safer and more aesthetic entrance to our football stadium, energyefficient heating and cooling enhancements, and advances in technology throughout the district

Our property values remain high in Northville and Novi due in large part to our strong public school system, and it is important for us to support these local schools by maintaining our buildings, equipment and property. I urge you to vote yes on the sinking fund proposal on May 5, not just for our future leaders but for our community as a whole. by voters November 2012, I am so grateful for the support of the community. This initiative ensured that each dollar collected stayed in Northville and provided the much needed resource to replace aging technology for our kids.

The school district's Sinking Bond Renewal request is a very similar initiative in that each dollar brought in will be used on many projects identified through a Facility Condition Assessment. Resources will be allocated to updating building safety and security. improving classroom learning environments for our kids and keeping buildings operational. The Sinking Bond Renewal will help preserve the General Fund dollars for instruction and student learning.

A yes vote Tuesday, May 5 will not only help protect our investment in our schools but, more importantly, in our community and our kids.

Debbie Grant-Kelterborn Northville

Vote no on Prop 1

Spending the winter in Flor-I have not been following Michigan politics, but I see we are having a special election to deal with road funding. It is a disgrace that, despite the fact that Republicans control our whole damn state, they still could not do what their own governor asks and find the funding to fix our horrible roads. They are wasting how many millions for a special election that will be decided by just a few voters so they can avoid blame for a tax increase.

gan voters keep voting in Republicans that raise their taxes.

I will be back in town to vote against higher taxes. Chuck Tindall

Novi

Approve road repair proposal

This letter will be only one of many published in newspapers across the state concerning the May 5 ballot proposal to fund road repair in Michigan. Many of these letters will run along the line of, "Our legislators booted the ball on fixing roads, so let's send 'em a message and vote against their bill."

There can be no question that our legislators booted the ball, repeatedly, on fixing roads, but the job needs to be done. By voting no on the proposal, the only message that Lansing will hear is: "We were right to do nothing. The people have spoken, and they don't want the roads fixed. Good job, guys."

The decaying of Michigan's highway infrastructure does more than threaten the tires. wheels and suspensions of our beloved automobiles; it threatens the continuance of the state's economic recovery. When making decisions on where to locate new manufacturing facilities, transportation considerations weigh very heavily in the process. A continuing downhill spiral of our roads will drive new opportunities out of the state. There are those, such as State Senator Patrick Colbeck, who claim that the roads can he fixed without new taxes. He filled almost a half page in this paper last week, explaining

how he had "assembled no less than four viable options" (his words) for fixing our roads with no cost to the tax payer. Mr. Colbeck has spent no less than four years (my words) in Lansing doing nothing at all to address this problem, in spite of being, as he proudly proclaims, the vice chairman of the Senate Transportation Subcommittee on Appropriations. It does seem like he was ideally positioned to make a difference, and yet he did nothing. But he does expect us to put our faith in what he will do in the future.

For the sake of our state, we need to approve the ballot proposal to fix our roads. The ballot proposal may be less than perfect, but it is the only choice given to us by the gang in Lansing, and saying "no" now will mean that nothing happens for two more years, and we cannot afford to wait.

The time for sending messages to our state lawmakers will come next November, during the general election, and messages should be sent: We have suffered far too long with this do-nothing Legislasaid a portion of it will be used to fix the roads with major parts of it going to fund other issues.

No one disputes the fact that our roads are a dangerous mess and need to be fixed.

It is a disappointment that our legislators can only come up with this proposal to solve a problem they have been discussing for years. Apparently, the only way to move a proposal forward and satisfy every legislator is to put a solution to their issues in the proposal. Considering all the horse trading to get to this point, what assurance do we have the portion recommended for roads will stay in that category? Since all the funds go into the general fund, there is no assurance a future administration or legislature may develop a different set of priorities for these funds.

Most agree that additional revenue is needed to address the road issues, but why should we automatically have to agree to additional funding for schools and cities, low-income subsidies, and transportation support? The proposal is being sold as all or nothing - do this or nothing will get done. Many legislators are now not supporting the proposal, and discussing alternative "Fix Roads Only" proposals. A different way to fix the roads can be done! Understandably, some won't agree with Mr. Wolkan and myself in our rejection of Proposal 1, but voters need to be informed what this proposal really is before they vote. Hopefully, most will not support Proposal 1.

Amy Storm Northville

Vote yes, protect investment

As the chair of the Citizens Committee that supported the Northville Public Schools technology bond that was approved So we will continue to trail the nation as we pay higher taxes and still have the worst roads. I don't know why Michi-

John D. Webster Northville

Road tax – not really

ture.

It was a welcome relief to read Brad Wolkan's article in the March 26 *Observer*. Taxpayers should become informed about Proposal 1 before they exercise their right to vote on it May 5.

As Mr. Wolkan says, it is not a road tax, as being advertised. It is an increase in the sales tax where the revenue goes into the general fund. The present governor and legislature have

Mike Sullivan Livonia

GUEST COLUMN

Northville schools need your yes vote May 5

n behalf of the Northville Public Schools Board of Education, I am asking school district voters to vote yes Tuesday, May 5, to renew the 0.9978-mill Building and Site Sinking Fund levy; the current levy expires Dec. 31.

A mill represents \$1 for every \$1,000 of the taxable value of your property and over the next five years will raise approximately \$2.5 million per year for repairs and maintenance of the district's buildings – all but three of which are 40 years old or older. Because this is a renewal of the district's current Sinking Fund millage, it will not result in a tax increase for Northville Public Schools' taxpayers.

In preparation for the Sinking Fund renewal request, the Board of Education recently



hired TMP Architecture, Inc., to perform a facility assessment, based on criteria set forth by the board to evaluate and prioritize the most pressing projects where these funds would do the most good. The board's criteria include:

» Enhance safety and security.

» Improve classroom learning.

» Improve energy-efficiency and reduce costs.
 » Keep buildings operational.

A detailed list of anticipated projects presented under the categories above and designated for each building can be found at www.northvilleschools.org.

Passage of this renewal levy is critical to the district and the community for several reasons.

First, it keeps taxpayer dollars in Northville. This levy is assessed on taxpayer property within the district and is not shared with any other district from the county or state.

Second, the \$12.5 million raised over the next five years will allow projects to be completed without expending General Fund monies, which would hamper the district's ability to accomplish its core mission of instruction and student learning. Targeted projects will provide enhanced learning opportunities, enabling students to learn and grow in a safe, secure and healthy environment.

And lastly, protecting the community's investment in our buildings will ultimately attract new residents to Northville, as well as retain our current community members. Newcomers not only desire strong academic opportunities, but buildings that are inviting and welcoming for their children.

Over the past 10 years,

dwindling foundation allowance allocations from the state have necessitated funding alternatives such as this Šinking Fund renewal. Since 2005, the district's foundation allowance has decreased from \$8,224 per pupil to \$8,099 Without even a consideration for inflation on the part of the state, the district continues to do more with less. And without a clear-cut picture of any future increases from the governor, House or Senate perspective, this Sinking Fund renewal is our best opportunity to keep the current level of academic, athletic and art programs now enjoyed by more than 7,000 district students.

The Board of Education is grateful for your continued support of our student learners and is committed to providing transparent oversight of your tax dollars as we plan and implement these much-needed Sinking Fund projects based on the criteria outlined above.

Board of Education members are happy to discuss the renewal levy with you via the phone numbers listed on the Northville Public Schools website, noted previously. For more information about the Sinking Fund renewal, including a detailed list of antici-

pated projects and answers to frequently asked questions, go to the district website at www.northvilleschools.org. Community members may also review the projects completed with the initial Sinking Fund levy, consistent with what was communicated prior to the election in May 2011. You also can share your questions and comments with district officials via email at nps@northvilleschools.org. Those seeking to lend their support to the renewal effort are encouraged to contact the Citizens Committee for Northville Schools through its Facebook page at www.facebook.com/VoteYes-ForNPS or at www.voteyesnps.org

I and my fellow Board of Education members (Scott Craig, vice president; Jim Mazurek, secretary; Matt Wilk, treasurer; and trustees Roland Hwang, Ann Kalass and Adam Phelps) will be voting yes May 5 for the millage renewal proposal, Building and Sinking Fund tax levy for Northville Public Schools. May we count on your yes vote, too?

Cyndy Jankowski is president of the Northville Board of Education. She can be reached at 248-348-1539.



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Arbor Day: Planting trees, rebuilding communities, restoring hope

s the nation celebrates Arbor Day (April 24), let's reflect on the value of trees and highlight the important ability of trees to restore hope, bring healing and lift spirits following natural disasters. Trees are vital to successful, long-term recovery efforts - from a critical conservation recovery perspective and also when considering the emotional healing and recovery of people and the fabric of a community.

Trees bring hope and healing, raising the spirits of residents who suffered the loss of their cherished trees. Many shared a similar sentiment as that of the good people of Mississippi.



When asked why he came for the trees, one resident responded. "So I can bring life back."

Trees serve many purposes. They are very much a part of the fabric of life and of the community. Trees provide both physical and emotional landmarks marking childhood adventures, romantic walks and lazy Saturday afternoon picnics, among others. Trees evoke memories and help to establish a sense of place, meaning and belonging. Putting trees into people's hands following loss serves to lift spirits, restore hope and help to begin the healing process. This Arbor Day, it is important that we recognize that trees are vital infrastructure just like our roads and our bridges.

Disasters, such as wildfires, tornadoes, windstorms and floods, wreak havoc upon both our physical and emotional landscapes. The comfort and security the sense of place provided by our trees – is dramatically altered and sometimes even erased. New trees bring hope and are part of the holistic recovery of a community following a natural disaster. After Superstorm

Sandy, residents of New Jersey experienced first-hand the hope and healing brought forth by new trees. One said, "More and more communities are engaged. We are on the road to recovering our precious tree canopy, one tree at a time.'

The need for an orchestrated disaster response that includes providing new trees to communities in need is today more important than ever due to increased threats of severe storms and wildfires. When natural disasters strike, our partners on the ground, including state foresters across the nation, are poised to respond and ready to provide new trees through the generous support of our caring members and partners. The 2015 Community Tree Recovery campaigns are visible across the country in Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, Oklahoma, Texas and Washington. Trees are part of the recovery process. Together, we can continue to bring life back through trees.

In Texas, a local official helped plant new trees to replace trees lost in the devastating 2011 wildfires. He said. "As we plant these trees, we're helping people to know that life goes on and things can be restored.'

Arbor Day reminds us all to plant, nurture and celebrate trees. Let's continue to plant

trees whose benefits will be enjoyed not only by us, but also by our nation's children and grandchildren.

This Arbor Day, let's appreciate the trees for their important role in

helping to establish a sense of place, meaning and belonging; for serving as both physical and emotional landmarks that define important milestones along life's journey; and for being so seamlessly, intricately woven deeply into the rich fabric of our life and our community.

Please join me and thousands of others as we continue to work directly with our state forestry leaders on the ground to put trees into people's hands following the loss caused by natural disasters, so that we may lift spirits, restore hope and help to begin the healing process.

Dan Lambe is the president of the Arbor Day Foundation, a nonprofit conservation organization founded in 1972, the centennial of the first Arbor Dav observance. For more information, go to www.arborday.org.

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lthough the calendar says spring has arrived, cold weather continues to plague Michigan residents. We know many people may be worried about having enough money to pay their energy bills and want you to know help is available.

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Customers are urged to call before they fall

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Getting help early is the best way to stay safe and in control of your energy costs.

More information about other programs and services can be found on the Consumers Energy website, www.consumersenergy.com/assistance.

Again, we want to encourage those who need assistance with energy bills or other needs to reach out and contact 2-1-1, Consumers Energy or your local utility. Help is available and we're here to help.

Tom Page is the executive director of Michigan 2-1-1. Whitney Skeans is Consumers Energy's customer assistance manager.



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Group looks to combat phragmites problem

By Laura Colvin Staff Writer

In addition to choking out native plants, phragmites can also reduce property values, increase the risk of fire and damage infrastructure

That was the message from a member of the Oakland Phragmites and Invasive Species Task Force, who spoke at a recent meeting of the Highland Township Board of Trustees.

According to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, phragmites (pronounced frag-MY-teez) is a perennial, invasive type of grass that crowds native plants and animals out of wetlands and coastal areas with its tall, dense mass of reedy stalks. Phragmites is quite difficult to eradicate if treatment is not rendered properly; while the stalks can grow to 15 feet, 70-80 percent of the plant exists below ground in a mass of roots and rhizomes that grow 6-10 feet into the ground.

Although a native variety of phragmites does grow in Michigan, environmentalists warn the rapid spread of the invasive, non-native type threatens ecological health of inland lakes and wetlands, as well as the Great Lakes shoreline. Phragmites also blocks shoreline views and reduces access for swimming, fishing and hunting.

Local perspective **OPIS** representative

Emily Cord Duthinh



HAL GOULD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHEF A car drives past an area consumed by the invasive phragmites across the street from Colasanti's on Milford Road.

spoke about the invasive plant and the group's ongoing efforts in other parts of the county to control the spread of phragmites.

She pointed to an example in Highland Township, highly visible across from Colasanti's Market where, on the opposite side of Milford Road, phragmites has crowded out much of the native plant life.

"Phragmites in a place like that harms the wildlife and changes the hydrology," Duthinh said. "You'll notice the flooding that's very frequent across the road; it dams up natural drainage and causes flooding and can also dry out wetlands as it builds up many feet of muck."

The OPIS Task Force, she said, was founded about three years ago in Independence Township by a group of citizens aimed at preserving the quality of Oakland County's lakes, streams and wetlands by protecting those waterways from invasive species.

The group aims to accomplish its mission in large part by empowering concerned citizens and government in Oakland County and beyond through education, advocacy and action.

"Phragmites and other invasive plants reduce property values and increase the risk of fires and other liabilities," Duthinh said, noting a fire at Great Lakes Crossing in 2012 that burned 160 acres, causing shutdown of the mall and I-75 as well as evacuation of nearby homes and businesses. "Phragmites burns very fast and very hot."

Timing important

Those who set out to treat phragmites should do the research first, but Duthinh said January through June is the best time to pre-cut or burn large infestations to get rid of dead biomass above ground.

"You cannot control phragmites by pulling it up or mowing it," Duthinh said. "Burning and cutting alone will not get

rid of it (either)."

But good results can be obtained through a multi-faceted approach that includes cutting and burning in winter when the ground is frozen, making it easier to treat phragmites with a herbicide during the recommended period in August or September. An MDEQ permit is required for treating plants growing in water.

Keep it simple

Duthinh encourages local officials to consider an approach akin to that adopted in Orion Township, which recently became the first municipality in Oakland County to develop an ordinance aimed at controlling phragmites. Orion, Duthinh ex-

plained, keeps the process simple for residents by obtaining a townshipwide DEQ permit, hiring contractors to treat public properties and providing residents with information.

"If you tell a homeowner they need to identify invasive plants, find licensed qualified contractor, apply for a MDEQ permit ... it just sounds intimidating. It really is not that difficult, but it sounds intimidating," she said. "If you tell them, 'It's

all done for you, all you have to do is pay your portion, with a group discount,' that's easy. People are on board with that, especially since they're working with their neighbors.'

Information about OPIS is available at oaklandphragmitestaskforce.com



The Wayne County Sheriff Department's Marine Patrol covers Belleville Lake.

Boating safety tips a timely spring message

By Julie Brown Staff Writer

As temperatures warm and boaters head to local waters, Sgt. Mike Wasil, who heads the Marine Patrol for the Wayne County Sheriff's Department, offers some safety tips.

The law has changed when it comes to alcohol use and operating a boat, Wasil said: "It's kind of changed to mirror the alcohol driving laws."

For boaters, 0.08 percent is now the level used in law enforcement ar-rests. "There's not really an impaired anymore," Wasil said. "At 0.08, you are legally intoxicated.

"It's always best if you have a designated driver. The law doesn't say they can't" drink on a boat, he noted, so long as the 0.08

threshold isn't crossed. The wave impact and beating sun affects boaters who are drinking. "It does add to the effects," he said. Wayne County sees its share of intoxicated boaters each sea-

The other key area in boating safety is personal flotation devices, which older boaters may recall as life jackets. The law says for boats less than 16 feet, you must have a PFD for everybody on board, either wearable or throwable (such as a seat cushion or life ring).

"On that one, we would recommend a wearable for everybody. Kids under 6 have to wear them when they're on the open part of the boat," Wasil said.

For boats 16 feet and up, you must have a wearable PFD for all on board, as well as one throwable for all. "The PFDs have to be sized for the people on the boat,' Wasil said, noting adult sizes will slide off children in an emergency and be dangerous.

Some boaters add a whistle to their PFDs, so those who fall overboard can alert the boat operator. "It's a good idea," Wasil said. "It's not required by law."

There are even small strobes that can be put on a PFD for safety "That's usually your big factors for accidents and drownings," Wasil said of alcohol use and lack of PFDs on boats. Last year, Wayne County saw two drownings on Belleville Lake, as well as one on the Rouge River near the Henry Ford mansion. In the Grosse Pointes, a fisherman drowned in 2014 after apparently falling overboard. Another drowning death occurred from a jet-ski accident later in the season by Gibraltar. PFD use is mandated on jet skis, Wasil said: "They're made to go in pretty shallow water. Ir's just knowing where to g0.' Some jet-ski users have trouble when they jump boat wakes, "which can lead to accidents," he said. The PFDs should always be approved by the U.S. Coast Guard and Wasil cautions parents against using the children's arm "floaties," especially on boats. He and his unit patrol the full Detroit River, part of Lake St. Clair and a couple of miles south into Lake Erie to the border with Canada. Belleville Lake is its only inland lake. We do go up and down the Huron River," which has fishermen and other recreational users, he said. The Rouge is less used by such people. The unit has about five staffers, plus six reserves, for its work. The sheriff's department works with U.S. Border Patrol and U.S. Customs and Border Protection, as well as partnering with Brownstown Township police. "It makes it easier to cover stuff by being able to partner with the other agencies," Wasil said.

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GIRLS SOCCER

Wildcats get 2nd place in Kensington pre-tourney

BOYS GOLF

Northville earns fourth on tough weather day

By Brad Emons Staff Writer

Conditions were less than ideal during Monday's KLAA Kensington Conference boys golf preseason tournament held at the par-72 Walnut Creek Country Club in South Lyon.

And it was Plymouth which was able to manage the whipping winds and occasional rain to earn 11 conference points with a four-player total of 322, nipping host Novi (324) by just two strokes.

Canton placed third with 336, while Northville captured fourth with 341, followed by South Lyon (347), Livonia Stevenson (353), Salem (357), Livonia Churchill (361), South Lyon East (369), Livonia Franklin (394), Westland John Glenn (493) and Wayne Memorial (523).

Churchill's Sam Spayd took medalist honors with 71.

Leading Plymouth was junior Kyle Kozler, who registered 77, good for third overall. Other scorers for the Wildcats included Andrew Lloyd, fifth (79); Justin Kapke, seventh (81); and Connor Zydeck (85). Novi got a runner-up finish

Novi got a runner-up finish from Bryan Fegert, who fired 76, followed by Ryan Welch, fourth (78); Mikey Ulle, tied ninth (82); and Erik Czekaj (88).

Billy Ulle (tied for 30th) and Connor Howell (tied for 43rd) rounded out Novi's contingent with 91 and 96, respectively.

"The boys played extremely well in very inclement weather," Novi coach Brad Huss said. "The team is in good position for the conference standings because they earned 10 points with their performance."

Northville's top scorers were Akhil Alluri, tied for seventh (81); Abhi Alluri, tied for 14th (85); Jacob Pierce, tied for 17th (86); and Daniel McKee, tied for 26th (89). Jon Stott (31st) added 92 and Kyle Abraham (tied for 34th) shot 95.

Mustangs foil upset bid with second-half score

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Northville's Kelly McHugh (right) gets to the ball slightly ahead of Stevenson's Kennedy Thurlow in a KLAA Central Division clash.

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HAL GOULD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Novi's Bryan Fegert, who was runner-up with 76, attempts a putt during Monday's Kensington Conference pre-tourney at Walnut Creek C.C.

By Brad Emons Staff Writer

It was almost elementary, but Northville did a better job of connecting the dots during the second half in its 2-1 KLAA Central Division soccer victory April 16 over Livonia Stevenson.

The defending MHSAA Division 1 state champion broke a 1-1 deadlock with just 10:28 left in the match when senior Kelly McHugh, taking a feed

McHugh's late goal secures 2-1 victory over Stevenson

from sophomore Sydney Schembri, was able to deposit a shot past Stevenson junior goalkeeper Hannah Reamer for the game-winner.

"The second goal is the kind of stuff we talked about at halftime ... learning to get out of the long ball stuff and play a little bit more with 10-, 12-yard passes," said Northville coach Eric Brucker, whose team improved to 6-1 overall and 3-0 in the KLAA Central. "They strung good passes together and she finished. I don't really know why their goalie came out so far, so fast, but we took advantage of it. That's a 'W,' a division win."

Upset-minded Stevenson (2-3-1, 0-2-1)

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GIRLS TENNIS

Mustangs girls capture important quad

Top-ranked Northville takes six of eight flights at Grosse Pointe South

> By Brad Emons Staff Writer

Talk about holding serve. That was the story Saturday as Northville maintained its No. 1 girls tennis ranking in Division 1 by capturing the Grosse Pointe South Quad while upending the No. 2 and defending state

champion Blue Devils, 22-18. Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central and Pontiac Notre Dame Prep rounded out the field in third and fourth place, respectively.

"This is an exciting start to the sea-

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The No. 1-ranked Northville girls tennis team captured Saturday's Grosse Pointe South Quad with a team-high 22 points.



GIRLS LACROSSE ROUNDUP



DWIGHT HANSELL

Northville goalie Gabby Goree (middle) makes a save late in the match surrounded by fellow defenders Paige Chapman (5) Shayla Crouteau (37) Anastasia Heath-Sheppard (9) in Friday's 13-6 win over Harrison.

Northville extends winning streak to 10

The win streak continued Monday night for the Northville girls lacrosse squad.

The Mustangs made it 10 straight and 4-0 in the KLAA's Kensington Conference with a 10-9 victory over host South Lyon Unified in a match at South Lvon East.

Grace Guibord and Liz Hansell each scored three goals, while Sarah Chase, Audrey Tatge, Ally Blough and Emma Dietrich chipped in with one apiece as Mustangs held off a late South Lyon rally in the final quarter after leading 9-5.

"The team played with a lot of heart," said Northville first-year coach Amanda Asher, whose team was tied 5-all at halftime. "Our best offense was our defense. They communicated well and that was definitely the game.

We were super-pumped up after the half and we got four goals," Asher said. "They got it to within one goal late, but we hung tough and played defense. We won the draw and our defense intercepted. I couldn't be happier right now."

Goalie Gabby Goree made 10 saves. The loss dropped South Lyon to 5-3

overall and 3-1 in the conference. NOVI 15, SALEM 10: Gina Salemi and Morgan Statetzm each scored a pair of goals Monday as the Wildcats (7-1, 2-1) pulled away in the second half for a KLAA Kensington Conference win at home against the Rocks. Katie McMaster, Alanna Clark and Willow Guenther each added

two goals, while Rachel Bayer had one as Novi outscored Salem 10-7 in the second half after leading 5-3 at halftime.

Mariah Smythe and Sydney Davis split time in goal for Novi. NORTHVILLE 13, HARRISON 6: Senior Grace Guibord scored six goals and added one assist as Mustangs (9-0) continued their winning ways with a non-conference win over Farmington Hills Harrison at Tom Holzer Field. "I'm proud of them, they hit the ground running and it worked out well for us," Northville coach Amanda Asher said.

Other offensive contributions for the Mustangs came from Emma Dietrich (three goals); Audrey Tatge (one goal, three assists); Liz Hansell (two goals, one assist); and Charlotte

Beaudoin (one goal). Goalie Gabby Goree made 10 saves.

The chippy game ended on a sour note as one player from each team was ejected for fighting, according to Asher. NOVI 17, SKYLINE 6: Whitney Guenther scored six goals April 16, while Alanna Clark and Gina Salemi added four each as April 10, While Additional Clark and Gina Safethi added four each as the Wildcats (6-1) bounced back from their first setback of the season with a lopsided non-conference win at Ann Arbor Skyline. Morgan Statezny and Katie McMaster each chipped in two goals, while Mina Cunmulaj and Jenna Mikkelsen added one apiece.

Mariah Smythe and Sydney Davis split time in goal for Novi. NORTHVILLE 16, WALLED LAKE 7: Grace Guibord collected three goals and three assists as the Mustangs (8-0, 3-0) rolled to a KLAA Kensington Conference victory over host Walled

Tolled to a RLAA kensington Conterence victory over nost wai Lake United at Western High School. The Mustangs also got a hat trick from Liz Hansell and two goals apiece from Ally Brough and Emma Dietrich. Other goal scorers included Maren Simonte, Audrey Tatge, Shannon Leary, Sarah Chase and Charlotte Beaudoin.

The Mustangs, who got seven saves from goalie Gabby Goree, utscored Walled Lake United 8-3 in the second half after leading 8-4 at intermission. "We woke up in the second half and played to win, so overall it

was a good performance" said Northville coach Amada Asher, whose team has outscored its opponents 113-56 this season after

finishing with a 1-13 record a year ago. **SOUTH LYON UNITED 11, NOVI 10 (2 OTs):** Host South Lyon Unitied (5-1, 3-0) tallied the lone goal during the second overtime April 15 to hand the Wildcats (5-1, 1-1) their first setback

overtime April 15 to hand the Wildcats (5-1, 1-1) their first setback in a KLAA Kensington Conference encounter. Morgan Statetzny scored five goals, while Alanna Clark added two for the Wildcats. Other Novi goal scorers included Willow Guenther, Gina Salemi and Katie McMaster. Goalie Mariah Smythe made seven saves for Novi, which went a player down during the final 24 minutes after accumulating four cards. (South Lyon picked up two cards.) "The game was heavily carded, even though it was not at all rough," Novi coach Amy Kilgore said. "I was incredibly proud of the effort and integrity of my team. It was an emotionally charged game and they were a class act."



BOYS LACROSSE ROUNDUP

Northville stymies South Lyon Unified

Novi keeps pace in conference race

> **By Brad Emons** Staff Writer

The Northville boys lacrosse squad is back on a roll again.

The Mustangs made it five straight wins Monday with a 14-4 KLAA **Kensington Conference** victory at South Lyon Unified.

Senior Alec Melucci continued his torrid scoring paced with six goals and three assists as Northville improved to 7-3 overall and 4-0 in the conference.

Connor Sweeney added three goals and an assist, while Brennan Sweeney, Harry Dyson, A.J. Batshon, Brendan Hicks and Daniel Baldwin also tallied a goal apiece.

Josh Bentley also finished with three assists, while Brennan Sweeney added two as Northville pulled away from a 5-3 halftime lead. **Goalie Alex Justice**

finished with 10 saves. Dave DiRado had

three goals, while Kameron Rakowski had a goal and assist for South Lyon (5-3, 1-2).

"I was shocked at how well we played," Northville coach Greg Durham said. "It was closer than we wanted. But we were able to get separated and we really played well the second half. Won won face-offs and ground balls. Defensively, Connor Wright was all over the field and picked up six ground balls. It was a

good win for us." NOVI 10, SALEM 5: Anthony Zugaro scored three goals and Michael Werth added a pair Monday as the Wildcats (7-2, 4-0) stayed atop the KLAA's Kensington Conference with a victory over the host Rocks (4-5, 0-4) at Centennial Educational Park

J.T. Lyon, lan Patterson, Ryan Moore, Griffin Sparling and Nathan Tu also added goals for Novi, which led 6-1 at intermission

Novi goalies Dan Savela (first half) and





STEPHANIE JANCZAK

Northville's Alec Melucci (left) and Connor Sweeney (right) are able to cause a turnover against a Clarkston attacker in Saturday's 10-9 overtime win.

Peter Minor (second half) combined for 11 saves.

"It was a good team effort tonight," Novi coach Eric Hoffman said. "Everyone played and had an impact on the game. The defense again played strong, shutting down their top players Noal Willer and Joey Krause to a goal apiece

NORTHVILLE 10, CLARKSTON 9 (OT): Paul Lindow tallied the gamewinning goal in overtime Saturday as the host Mustangs (6-3) edged the Wolves (2-4) in a non-league match played at Tom Holzer Field.

Senior Alec Melucci finished with a team-high six goals, while Lindow and Harry Dyson added two apiece for the Mustangs, who captured their fourth trainbt straight

Brennan Sweeney, who assisted on the game-winner, contributed a goal and two assists. Josh Bentley, Connor Sweeney and Melucci also drew assists.

Metucca also drev assists. Cole Philips and Austin Egler tallied three goals apiece for the Wolves. DETROIT CC 14, ST. ANDREW'S 9: Rocco Mularoni notched four goals, while Zach Crawford contributed a hat trick Saturday as Novi Detroit Catholic Central (7-3) downed host St. Andrew College (5-4) in a non-league match in Aurora,

Ontario. The Shamrocks used three different goalies – Hunter Braun, Mickey Williams and Jonathon Phillips – in the victory. NOVI 10, HOWELL 9: The Wildcats

(6-2) got the game-winning goal from Luke Gulau with only 33 seconds left Friday off an assist from teammate Ryan Moore to beat the visiting Highlanders (4-4).

"We ran a normal set play and we ran it to perfection," Novi coach Eric Hoffman said.

Senior Michael Werth paced the Wildcats with four goals, while Griffin Sparling and Gulau added two each. Tyler Graver and Moore added one each as Novi overcame a

Noore added one each as look overcame a 9-6 fourth-quarter deficit. "Our defense as a whole played really well," said Hoffman, who also singled out the efforts of Tommy McMaster, Jimmy Hole and Nick Meadors. "If we can before the sector of the sector of the sector. continue to keep teams under 10 goals like we've been doing, we're going to have a great chance to win just about every time." ST. MICHAEL'S 11, DETROIT CC 8: Zach Crawford scored three goals Friday, but it wasn't enough as Novi Detroit Catholic Central (6-3) had its six-match winning streak snapped by host St. Michael's (12-1) in a match played in Toronto

Nick Capatina also added two goals for the Shamrocks, who were tied 6-6 at intermission

Senior Mickey Williams went all the way in goal for CC

NORTHVILLE 13, W.L. WESTERN 7: It wasn't a thing of beauty as far as Greg Durham was concerned, but the Northville coach came away satisfied with the outcome April 15 as the Mustangs (5-3, 3-0) beat Walled Lake Western (4-2, 0-1) at

Holzer Field, their third straight victory. The Mustangs got two goals and two assists from Josh Bentley, while other assists from Josh Bentley, while other offensive standouts included Brennan Sweeney (two goals, one assist); Alec Melucci (two goals), Connor Sweeney (two goals), AJ. Batshon (two goals), Harry Dyson and Anthony Salamone (one goal each)

"We did not play our best and came out a little flat," said Durham, whose team led 5-2 at halftime. "We were not too good on ground balls, but we prevailed and it's win.

win. David Morrissey, who went 9-for-9 on face-offs, teamed up with Nate Holloway and Spencer Gonda to dominate the draws they combined for 21-3 advantage. Goalie Alex Justice made eight saves in

the victory. C.J. McGorisk tallied three goals and two assists, while Murphy Nye added a hat trick and one assist for the Warriors. **NOVI 8, SOUTH LYON 6:** Anthony

Zugaro and Ryan Moore each scored twice leading the Wildcats (5-2, 3-0) to a KLAA

leading the Wildcats (5-2, 3-0) to a KLAA Kensington Conference win April 15 at home over South Lyon Unified (5-2, 2-1). Other goal scorers for Novi, who tallied all eight of their goals in the second half, included J.T. Lyon, Michael Werth, Griffin Sparling and Patrick Wojtylo. "We were down 3-0 at halftime, but we were still in it because of our defense," Novi coach Eric Hoffman said. "Our goalie Dan Savela plavd well and our defense as

Dan Savela playd well and our defense as Dan Savela playd well and our detense as a whole played well guys like Tommy McMaster, Jimmy Hole and Nick Meadors, along with our long sticks Quinn Hanley and Niko Camalletti, When we play good lacrosse, we're tough to beat." David DiRado tallied three goals for South lorg

DETROIT CC 7, U-D JESUIT 4: Cole Gingell tallied a pair of goals April 15 as Novi Detroit Catholic Central (6-2, 3-0) captured its sixth straight with a Catholic League Division 1 victory at University of Detroit-Jesuit (4-5, 2-2). Other CC goal scorers included Justin

Baker, Collin Burgin and Joe Sullivan. Hunter Braun went the distance in goal, while Alex Jarzembowski went 13-of-15 on face-offs.

"There were 19 combined penalties, so it was difficult for either team to get some flow," CC coach Dave Wilson said.

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Riley's hat trick lifts Wildcats to 8-0 victory

By Brad Emons Staff Writer

Junior Megan Riley notched a hat trick April 16 to tame South Lyon, 8-0, in a KLAA Central Division girls soccer match

The Wildcats, who improved to 4-0-1 overall and 3-0 in the division, jumped out to a 5-0 halftime advantage on goals by junior Chloe Allen (from junior Jessie Halmaghi); Halmaghi (from senior Amanda Minissale); Riley twice; and senior Christina MacMillian.

In the second half, Halmaghi notched her second of the night, followed by Riley's third and one from senior Devon Powers.

Sophomore Rileigh Nielson, getting her first varsity start, made one save to pick up the shutout.

The loss dropped the Lions to 0-5-1 overall and 0-3 in the KLAA Central.

NOVI 2, STEVENSON 1: Junior Chloe Allen tallied a pair of goals, including the game-winner with just eight minutes remaining to give host Wildcats (3-0-1, 2-0) a KLAA Central Division victory April 14 against Livonia Stevenson (2-2-2, 0-1-1) at Meadows Stadium. "Overall, I thought we played hard and it was a great team win tonight," Novi interim coach Todd Pheiffer said. "It definitely was not use the foremerce but we have verification compared in the again is in charac

our best performance, but we knew coming into the game it is always

tough when you play that first game after spring break and there has been so much time off." Novi opened the scoring in the first five minutes of the game when

junior Megan Riley redirected the ball behind the Spartans' defense to Allen, who collected the ball, dribbled in and slipped it past the oncoming Stevenson goalkeeper.

But just 20 minutes later. Stevenson tied the game off a corner kick from junior Alia Basierbe to Jessie Wagner. The score remained 1-1 until the 72-minute mark, when Novi senior

initial de Devon Powers played a beautiful one-time pass between two Stevenson defenders to a cutting Allen, who perfectly placed shot into the right side of the net. "Technically we were a little off today, which led to quite a few unforced turnovers," Pheiffer said. "Stevenson is a very good team that plays very well together, so going forward we need to do a better ight of protection the ball and keening more nosession. It was nice to

job of protecting the ball and keeping more possession. It was nice to get the win tonight even, when we did not play our best, but we definitely have quite a few things to work on as we move forward in our season.

Junior goalkeeper Aastha Dharia picked up her fourth win of the season, making three saves for the Wildcats, who outshot the Spartans 11-8, including 5-4 with shots on goal. "I thought senior midfielder Devon Powers did a nice job for us tonight, as well as freshmen defender Mikayla Lynch, who made her

first start tonight and did a nice job against the quick and talented Stevenson forwards." Pheiffer said.

NORTHVILLE 1, S.L. EAST 0: It took a while, but the Mustangs

(5-1, 2-0) got into the swing of things during its April 14 KLAA Central Division encounter with South Lyon East (2-1-1, 0-1-1). "We were a little rusty after 10 days off," said Northville coach Eric Brucker, whose team last played a match April 1. "The first half was some pretty ugly soccer. East generated some guality chances late in the half and was really in control of the game." In the second half, the Mustangs increased the pressure on the

In the second nait, the Mustangs increased the pressure on the Cougars' back line and it finally paid off with 28 minutes left as senior Kelly McHugh tracked down a pass deep in the left-hand corner, beat a defender and played a cross in front of the East goal for freshman Kendall Dillon, who was waiting on the back post and placed a one-touch shot into the back of the net for the game-winner. Senior goalkeeper Emily Maresh, who recorded four saves, notched her fitth buttout of the vare her fifth shutout of the year.

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KLAA BASEBALL ROUNDUP

Novi bats go silent against Canton, 5-2

By Brad Emons Staff Writer

Offensive production was lacking Friday for the Novi baseball team, which fell to visiting Canton in a KLAA Kensington Conference crossover game, 5-2.

The Chiefs, who improved to 6-2 overall and 3-1 in the KLAA's South Division, got a strong pitching performance from Noah Spencer, who went the first six innings to pick up the victory. Spencer allowed two earned runs on five hits and three walks while striking out two. Mitchell Zelenak pitched a scoreless seventh to pick up the save.

Mike Flaishans knocked in two runs, while Spencer added two hits and scored another run as Canton put it the game way with two in the top of the fifth inning after leading 3-2.

"It was not a good day for us hitting-wise," said Novi coach Rick Green, whose team slipped to 5-5 overall and 2-2 in the KLAA Central Division. "We're not getting quality at-bats. We're around 40 percent and that's not going to cut it. We also hit into two double plays after getting the lead-off guy on."

Losing pitcher Adam Tobias allowed five runs (three

PREP BASEBALL ROUNDUP



Novi starter Adam Tobias throws toward the plate in a loss to Canton in a Kensington Conference crossover game.

earned) on seven hits and three walks over 41/3 innings. Reliever Jack Reilly closed the door over the final 2³, allowing just two walks while fanning two. The Wildcats committed three errors

Scott Beaton and Alec Bageris each had an RBI for the Wildcats, while Michael Mitchell went 1-for-3 and scored a

run NOVI 9, PLYMOUTH 9 (SUSPENDED): In a KLAA Kensington crossover Monday, play was suspended with two outs and no runners on in the bottom of the seventh inning because of darkness and will be completed at a later date. Novi (5-4, 2-1 KLAA Central) led 4-3 after six innings and scored five times in the top of the seventh to take a 9-3 lead only to have Plymouth

(7-4, 3-1 KLAA South) answer with six runs in the bottom of the seventh after a costly Novi throwing error led to the final two runs scoreless third Top hitters for Novi included Jack Reilly (3-for-4,

two RBIs); Jason Pastoor (2-for-4, three RBIs); and Michael Mitchell (solo homer in the first inning). Plymouth was led by Pete Carravallah (3-for-4, run); Cameron Stella (2-for-4, two runs, two RBIs); and Andrew Jossey (2-for-4, two RBIs, run). Kyle Wolter started for Plymouth, going the first six

innings, allowing four earned runs on five hits and four walks. Regan Fleisher came on in the seven and allowed five runs on four hits and a walk. Novi starter Jack Colliau went the first 5²/₃ innings allowing two earned runs on six hits and pair of walks. Reliever Alec Bageris was charged with five

earned runs on four hits and two walks Novi committed a total of six errors, while Plymouth NORTHVILLE 20, WAYNE 0 (3 innings): The

Mustangs (7-0, 4-0 KLAA Central) took advantage of 11 walks Friday en route to a Kensington Conference crossover victory against visiting Wayne Memorial (2-5, 0-4)

Kevin Morrissey, Willie Yanagi, Nick Zalewski and Steve Grosz each had two RBIs as Northville scored eight times in the first inning, followed by 12 in the second to invoke the 15-run mercy rule after three innings

Zach Prystash, the winning pitcher, allowed one hit over two innings, while Chris Dunn pitched a

NORTHVILLE 12-6, SALEM 0-0: The Mustangs

(6-0, 3-0) proved to be the king of the hill April 15, posting back-to-back shutouts to down the host Rocks (5-4, 2-2) in a KLAA Central Division double-

Northville senior left-hander Evan Flohr, who was locked in a pitching duel with Salem's Tyler Brooks through seven innings, had seven strikeouts while allowing just two hits and two walks

The Mustangs then exploded for 12 runs in the top of the eighth after a Salem error opened the floodgates

Jack Ernst delievered a two-run single during the surge, while Dugan Darnell, Chris Dunn, Kevin Morrissey, Tyler Lowe and Flohr also came through

with RBI singles. David Dillon then pitched a scoreless eight to close

"After struggling most of the game offensively, we really put together some quality at-bats in the eight to break it open," Northville coach John Kostrzewa

said. In Game 2, Ian Borthwick tossed a four-hitter Borthwick struck out three and walked only one over

seven innings. Top hitters for the Mustangs included Darnel (2-for-4, two RBIs); Steve Grosz (2-for-3, two RBIs); Zach Prystash (two RBIs) and Kevin O'Connell

S.L. EAST 3-1, NOVI 1-8: Scott Beaton went 3-for-3 with two RBIs April 15 as the host Wildcats (5-4, 2-1) gained a split of their KLAA Central Division doubleheader by winning the nightcap against South

Lyon East (1-2, 1-2). Also chipping in for Novi was Jack Colliau (2-for-3, two RBIs), Michael Mitchell (2-for-3, run) and winning pitcher Alec Bageris (RBI). Bageris, a sophomore right-hander, went the first

six innings, allowing one earned run on three hits and two walks. He struck out six before Jack Reilly came out to close the game in the seventh with pair of strikeouts

East captured the opener as winning pitcher Evan Eischer helped his own cause going 3-for-3 with an RBI. Eischer worked the first six innings, allowing two

hits and a pair of walks. Brendan Wexler, who went 2-for-2 with a walk, scored on a wild pitch to cut the deficit to 3-1. but the Wildcats were unable to score any more runs despite loading the bases with no outs.

East reliever Zachary Powers gave up a hit, but struck out two to close out the win and earn the

Colliau, the losing pitcher, went the first six innings. He allowed one earned run on five hits and four walks and four strikeouts. Beaton gave up two earned runs in relief on two hits and walk

Shamrocks earn sweep against Divine Child

Novi Detroit Catholic Central earned its first doubleheader baseball sweep of the season Saturday at Dearborn Divine Child to improve its overall record 5-8 overall and 4-6 in the Catholic League's Central Division

Jack Hintze paced CC's 10-0 win in Game 1 as he allowed just three hits and a walk, while striking out five in the mercy rule victory.

Hintze also led the offense with three hits and an RBI, while Justin Green added two hits and two RBI. Anthony Esser also knocked in three runs

In Game 2, Jaret Robson's delivered a key two-run single as the Shamrocks prevailed in 12 innings, 5-2.

Luke Hargis pitched the first seven innings, allowing just two runs on five hits and three walks while fanning three.



SCOTT CONFER Catholic Central's Mike Toth makes contact at the plate in a victory over Livonia Stevenson.

Grant Hartwig came on to pitch the final five innings and earn the victory, allowing no runs on one hit and striking out four. He also collected four hits, while Jarod Luomala had

three stolen bases.

Josh Hejka went the first 10 innings for Divine Child and pitched a gem. He allowed no earned runs on just seven hits and three walks, while fanning nine

Danny Blade and Scott Combs each had two hits for the Falcons (4-5 Central Division).

PARKWAY 5, FRANKLIN ROAD 4: Senior Kyle Harris belted a grand slam in the fifth inning April 16, but visiting Sterling Heights Parkway Christian (4-0, 2-0) battled back for a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division baseball win over Novi

Franklin Road Christian (1-2, 0-2) Harris gave Franklin Road a 4-2 lead in the bottom of the fifth with his bases-loaded homer. Matt Lorey

and Evan Lorey also collected hits for the Warrios. Losing pitcher Shaun Moore went six innings, allowing three runs, but only one was earned. ST. MARY'S 5-3, DETROIT CC 0-0: Host Novi Detroit Catholic Central (3-8, 2-6) came up empty in both ends of a Catholic League Central Division doubleheader April 18 service Orrhand Lake K. Mark doubleheader April 15 against Orchard Lake St. Mary's (10-5, 5-3).

Scott Grant shut down the Shamrocks on just two hits over seven innings in the opener. Grant walked three and struck out six to outduel CC's Sean Garcia, who also went the distance, giving up three earned runs on four hits while fanning six

In the nightcap, Grant Hartwig was the hard-luck losing pitcher for CC. He went all seven innings allowing no earned runs on three hits. He struck out five and did not allow a walk. He held the Eaglets to one hit over the final six innings. Greg Loukinen, the winning pitcher, went the first

five innings striking out seven, while allowing just one hit and two walks PARKWAY 3, FRANKLIN ROAD 1: It came down to a classic pitching duel April 14 as defending Division 4 regional champion Sterling Heights Parkway Christian (2-0, 1-0) edged visiting Novi Franklin Road Christian (1-1, 0-1) in a MIAC Blue Division game.

Andrew Manier, a transfer from Southfield Christian, allowed only one hit over seven innings to earn the

victory. Senior Parker Bowman collected the only hit for Franklin Road.

Franklin Road. Losing pitcher Gavin Harris also went the distance for Franklin Road as he allowed just three hits without a walk to go along with six strikeouts. He shut out the Eagles until the bottom of the sixth, when they struck br three unearned runs. Harris scored the Warriors' lone run in the top half of

the same inning, when he drew a walk, advanced to second on a stolen base and scored all the way from second on a fielder's choice to make it 1-0. **DETROIT CC 8, STEVENSON 7:** Novi Detroit

Catholic Central (3-6) roared out to a 6-0 lead April 14 against visiting Livonia Stevenson (2-3) before holding

Iordan Jenkins was the hero for the Shamrocks as he laced a game-winning, walk-off double in the bottom of the seventh inning to bring home Dante Toppi. Sam Hollenbeck earned the victory for CC after retiring the only batter he faced in the top of the seventh. Sean Garcia also threw two scoreless innings in relief.

Luke Hargis collected two hits as the Shamrocks scored six times in the third inning before Stevenson chipped away and tied it in the top of the seventh with a four-run rally

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL Thursday, April 23 Detroit CC at Saline (2), 4 p.m. S'field Christian at Franklin Rd., 4:30 p.m. eld Christian at Franklin Rd., 4:30 Friday, April 24 Franklin Rd. at Summit, 4:30 p.m. Saturday, April 25 Brighton at Northville (2), 11 a.m. DeLaSalle at Detroit CC, 11 a.m. Monday, April 27 Plymouth at Northville, 4 p.m. Franklin at Novi, 4 p.m. Franklin at Novi, 4 p.m. Tuesday, April 28 Luth. N'west at Franklin Rd., 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 29 S.L. East at Northville (2), 4 p.m. Novi at Stevenson (2), 4 p.m. Detroit CC at Brother Rice (2), 4 p.m. Thursday, April 30 Detroit CC at Lakeland, 4 p.m. Franklin Rd. at Luth. N'west, 4:30 p.m. Franklin Rd. at Luth. IN West, 4:30 p.m. Friday, May 1 Franklin Road at Cranbrook, 4:30 p.m. Saturday, May 2 Lake Orion at Northville (2), 11 a.m. Detroit CC at 0.L. St. Mary (2), 11 a.m. GIRLS SOFTBALL Thursday, Maril 22 Thursday, April 23 Birm. Seaholm at Novi, 4 p.m. Franklin Rd. at Macomb Christ., 4:30 p.m. Friday, April 24 Strong Tower at Franklin Rd., 4:30 p.m. Saturday, April 25 Novi at Anchor Bay Inv., TBA. Monday, April 27 Plymouth at Northville, 4 p.m. Franklin at Novi, 4:30 p.m. Bishop Foley at Franklin Rd, 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 28 Frankin Rd. at Ply. Christian, 4:30 p.m Wednesday, April 29 S.L East at Northville (2), 4 p.m. S.L East at Northville (2), 4 p.m. Novi at Stevenson (2), 4 p.m. Saturday, May 2 Northville at Mich. Stars, TBA. Novi at Anchor Bay Inv., TBA. Sunday, May 3 Northville at Mich. Stars, TBA. Novi at Anchor Bay Inv., TBA. GIRLS SOCCER Thursday. April 23 Thursday, April 23 Novi at Northville, 7 p.m. Friday, April 24 Novi at Stoney Creek, 7 p.m. Saturday, April 25 Saturday, April 25 N'ville at Saginaw Heritage Inv., TBA. Monday, April 27 Northville at South Lyon, 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 28 Salem at Novi (Meadows), 7 p.m. Thursday, April 30 S.L. East at Northville, 7 p.m. Novi at Stevenson 7 p.m. Novi at Stevenson, 7 p.m. Friday, May 1 Northville at Saline, 7 p.m. BOYS & GIRLS TRACK Friday, April 24 Detroit CC at Jackson Inv., 3 p.m Saturday, April 25 Northville at Lakeland Inv., 9:30 a.m. Northville at Waterford Mott Inv., TBA. Northville at Waterford Mott Inv., TBA Monday, April 27 O.L. St. Mary at Detroit CC, 4:15 p.m. Tuesday, April 28 Northville at SL. East, 4 p.m. Novi at Salem (CEP), 4 p.m. Franklin Rd. at Greenhills, 4:30 p.m. Friday, May 1 Northville at Saline Inv., TBA. Saturday, May 2 Detroit CC at Observerland Relays at Churchill H.S., 3:30 & 6 p.m. BOYS LACROSSE Friday, April 24 Friday, April 24 Forest Hills Northern at CC, 7 p.m. Saturday, April 25 Royal Oak at Novi, 1:30 p.m. Northville at Notre Dame Prep, 2 p.m. Monday, April 27 Northville at Canton, 7 p.m. Northville at Canton, 7 p.m. Novi at W.L. Western, 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 28 Detroit CC at Brother Rice, 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 29 Northville at Novi, 5:30 p.m. Thursday, April 30 Thursday, April 30 Troy at Detroit CC, 7 p.m. Saturday, May 2 e Dame Prep at Novi 1 Note Dame Prep a twovi, 1 p.m. GIRLS LACROSSE Friday, April 24 Northville at Wat. Kettering, 7 p.m. Monday, April 27 Canton at Northville (Holzer), 7 p.m. WI Western at Novi 7 p.m. W.L. Western at Novi, 7 p.n Wednesday, April 29 Northville at Novi, 7 p.m. **Friday, May 1** West Bloomfield at Novi, 7 p.m. **GIRLS TENNIS** Thursday, April 23 Grosse Pte. South at Novi, 4 p.m. Saturday, April 25 Northville at A.A. Pioneer Quad, 8 a.m. Novi at Brighton Quad, 8 a Monday, April 27 Novi at Rochester, 4 p.m. Tuesday, April 28 Northville at KLAA Central, 4 p.m. Novi at KLAA Central, 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 29 W. Bloomfield at Novi (M.S.), 4 p.m Thursday, April 30 KLAA West at Northville, 4 p.m. KLAA West at Novi, 4 p.m. Saturday, May 2 Northville at Holly Inv., 8 a.m. BOYS GOLF Thursday, April 23 Northville vs. Salem at Northville Hills G.C., 3 p.m. Novi vs. South Lyon East at Tanglewood G.C., 3 p.m. Detroit CC vs. Cranbrook, TBA. Friday, April 24 Novi, CC at Southern Swing at Locust Hills C.C., 8 a.m. Saturday, April 25 Novi, CC at Southern Swing at Locust Hills C.C., 8 a.m. N'ville at Bay City West. Inv., 10 a.m. Monday, April 27 Northville at Seaholm Inv., noon. Detroit CC at Next Tee Tourney at Oakland Hills (North), noon Tuesday, April 28 Northville vs. Novi at Walnut Creek C.C., 3 p.m. CC vs. DeLaSalle, N.D. Prep at Cattails G.C., 3:30 p.m. Thursday, April 30 Northville vs. S.L. East at Tanglewood G.C., 3 p.m at langiewood G.C., 3 p.m. Novi vs. Stevenson at Walnut Creek C.C., 3 p.m. **Saturday, May 2** Detroit CC at Grosse Ile Tourney at Grosse Ile G.C., 12:30 p.m. TBA – time to be announced.

Novi suffers two big defeats following sweep

Freshman Whitney Holden went 2-for-4 with a game-ending double and a two-run homer to propel Plymouth to an 11-1 KLAA Kensington Conference softball win Monday over visting Novi.

Brittney Miller also went 3-for-3 with a double and three RBIs as Plymouth improved to 8-1 overall and 5-0 in the KLAA's South Division.

Jenny Bressler was the winning pitcher, going all six innings. She allowed just five hits

Sophomore pitcher Ally Cummings, who suffered the loss, gave up eight hits over six innings. She also collected two hits as Novi slipped to 6-2 overall and 3-2 in the KLAA's Central Division.

Meanwhile, Plymouth improved to 5-0 overall and 5-0 in the KLAA South.

In Saturday's Farmington Hills Mercy Invitational, Novi defeated Riverview, 11-5, as Madison Budde and Jamie Gutitus each collected three RBIS

In the other game, host Mercy downed Novi, 8-2, as Ally Čummings and Casey Lawler each had an RBI, but a bases-loaded triple in the fifth inning snapped a 2-2 deadlock and led to a six-run uprising by the Marlins.

CANTON 9, NOVI 0: The Chiefs (4-0, 4-0) proved to be opportunistic Friday, getting some timely hitting while taking advantage of some miscues, to earn a KLAA Kensington Conference crossover triumph over the host Wildcats (5-1, 3-1).

The Chiefs led 1-0 after four innings before scoring three times in the fifth and five more in the sixth to hand Novi (5-1, 3-1 KLAA Central) its first setback of the season

Hannah Zajdel and Elizabeth Yager each had two RBIs, while Halee Warren and Izzy Dawson added two hits apiece for the Chiefs.

Madison Budde collected two hits for Novi. Canton starter Mackenna Payne threw a complete game four-hitter to earn the victory, while Novi

tarter Ally Cummings suffered the loss. NOVI 8-11, SOUTH LYON EAST 7-5: The Wildcats (5-0, 3-0) picked up two victories April 15 by collecting a total of 25 hits to down visiting South Lyon East (0-3 KLAA Central) in a doubleheader. Nicole Ireland went 2-for-4 with three RBIs.

including a walk-off single with the bases loaded in

DUAL MATCH RESULTS

NOVI 5, SOUTH LYON 4 April 15 at South Lyon

Central Division; South Lyon, 1-3 overall, 1-3 KLAA

NORTHVILLE 9 SOUTH LYON EAST 0 April 14 at South Lyon East

No. 1 singles: Emmy Worley (N) defeated Megan Renehan, 6-0, 6-0; No. 2: Shanoli Kumar

(N) def. Megan Shaffer, 6-0, 6-0; No. 3: Joanne Gao (N) def. Monika Sedik, 6-0, 6-0; No. 4: Neha Chava (N) def. Camille Cave, 6-0, 6-0. No. 1 doubles: Anika Mukherji-Reeshma

Kumar (N) def. Breanna Keeney-Lea Fields, 6-0, 6-1;

6-3, 7-6 (7-5), against the Mus-

tangs' Shanoli Kumar. Worley

Central.

the bottom of the seventh to win the opener. Other top hitters for the Wildcats included Megan Hrit (3-for-4, RBI); Hope Kapelanski (2-for-4, two RBIs); Maddy Brandenstein (2-for-4, RBI); and Ally Cummings (2-for-4, RBI).

Winning pitcher Madison Budde scattered 10 hits over seven innings to up her record to 2-0. In the nightcap, Cummings went all seven innings, allowing isk hits, to earn the victory. She also went 2-for 4 at the plate, while freshman Allison Purtell was 2-for-4 with three RBIs. Hrit also chipped in with two hits and an RBI

SALEM 5-15, NORTHVILLE 3-14: In a KLAA Central Division doubleheader April 15, the host Rocks (3-0, 3-0) completed the sweep against the Mustangs (3-2, 1-2) by winning a wild second game that lasted 21/2 hours.

Northville, which fell in the opener, 5-3, trailed 12-5 heading into the top of the seventh in the nightcap before exploding for nine runs to take a 14-12

But Salem rallied back for three in the bottom half of the inning. Back-to-back singles by Kara Hutchin-son and Emily Stewart sparked the comeback. Abbie Riedel's RBI single then tied it. Two walks and a wild pitch later, the Rocks tallied the game-winning run. Jamie Squires led Salem's 14-hit attack with three hits, including a pair of homers. Ashley Schiffer went 3-for-4, highlighted by a

added two hits for Northville In Game 1, Megan Swart went 3-for-4, while Hige

added two hits, but it wasn't enough as Northville starter Allison Zwarka took the loss.

Makenzie Kamm and Sara Moos also scored a run each for Northville.

Makayleigh Silverman went 3-for-4 to pace Salem. FRANKLIN ROAD 12, GREENHILLS 5: Junior Hannah Rayburn went 3-for-4 with three RBIs and



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Novi sophomore pitcher Ally Cummings goes into her windup against Dexter.

senior Katie Larabell went 2-for-4 with two RBIs April 14 as Novi Franklin Road Christian (1-0, 1-0) defeated host Ann Arbor Greenhills in a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Red Division game

Freshman Kayla Nanoshi went all seven innings, allowing just one earned run on four hits, as the Warriors defeated Greenhills for the first time in school history.

TENNIS

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son," said Northville coach Linda Jones, whose team finished tied for third in last year's state finals. "Nine of the 12 players on the (South) roster were back for their final season. To post such an important victory will hopefully set the tone for the rest of the season."

Northville captured two of four singles flights and swept all four doubles titles.

In singles, both Joanne Gao (No. 3) and Neha Chavas (No. 4) finished 3-0 on the day with Gao taking South's Madie Flournoy in three sets, 1-6, 6-3, 6-3, while Chavas defeated South's Audrey Doherty also in three, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Grosse Pointe's Raven Neely captured No. 1 singles over Northville's Emma Worley, 6-3, 6-1, while Maddie Paolucci gave the Blue Devils their second crown at No. 2 singles,

GIRLS TENNIS RESULTS

No. 2: Claudia Ma-Paige Baal (N) def. Michelle No. 2: Claudia Ma-Yarge Baal (N) der. Michelli Lucia Rinkel-Bridget Dolan, 6-0, 6-0; No. 3: Amelia Albanelli-Jordan Hermiz (N) def. Emily Plave-Grace Richvalsky, 6-0, 6-0; No. 4: Molly Bis-Serna Wang (N) def. Alyssa Petz-Chelsey Jenkins, 6-0, 6-0; No. 5: Brittany Maccadino-Lauren Fane (N) def. Bridget Dexter-Shelby Peterson, 6-0, 6-0 No. 1 singles: Erin Day (Novi) defeated Hannah Dean, 6-0, 6-0; No. 2: Jessica Lypka (Novi) def. Sarah Plohetski, 6-0, 6-0; No. 3: Youna Lee (Novi) def. Sabrin Thrall, 6-1, 6-2; No. 4: No. 1 doubles: Collen Barba-Amanda Peterson, 6-0, 6-0 Dual match records: Northville, 3-0 overall, No. 1 doubles: Collen Barba-Amanda Wandrie (SL) def. Morgan Krupic-Katie Valade, 7-6 (7-4), 4-6 6-2; No. 2: Sam Martin-Katie Telder (Novi) def. Evyn Schafter-Meagan DeLuca, 6-1, 6-0; No. 3: Sarah Uratchko-Delaney McRell (SL) def. Meghan Kwederis-Zoianna Zhou, 5-7, 6-4, 6-3; No. 4: Jade Wells-Bria Spalding (SL) def. Brittany O'Connell-Neha Raju, 6-0, 6-4; No. 5: Rachel Millis-Sarah Miller (SL) def. Riya Chhabra-Michiru Kanamori, 6-4, 5-7, 6-4. Dual match records: Novi, 3-0 overall, 3-0 KLAA

2-0 KLAA Central Division; S.L. East, 0-2 overall 0-2 KLAA Central.

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NOVI 8, LIVONIA STEVENSON 1 April 14 at Novi M.S. No. 1 singles: Erin Day (N) defeated Sam Cyrus, 6-1, 6-1; No. 2: Allison Lollo (N) def. Jill Weiand, 7-6 (7-3), 6-3; No. 3: Jessica Lypka (N) def. Danielle Marzec, 6-1, 6-0; No. 4: Sasha Terbrekova (N) def. Mulk Corruit 7: 26, 6-2, 6-1 Tretyakova (N) def. Molly Cormier, 2-6, 6-2, 6-1. No. 1 doubles: Dhivya Sridar-Youna (N) def Sarah Morse-Arryn Dochenetz, 6-0, 6-1; **No. 2:** Shaila Khan-Sam Martin (N) def. Maddie Chi-mento-Natalie Hay, 6-1, 6-4; **No. 3:** Teja Mogasa-la-Carolyn Zhang (N) def. Clairessa Smith-Caitlyn McCamant, 6-2, 6-2; **No. 4:** Alyssa Ayyash-Allison Malkowski (LS) def. Katie Telder-Katie Xia/Gh. No. **5:** Morgan Kruniz-Katie Xia/Gh. (N) def. Noel No. 5: Morgan Krupic-Katie Valade (N) def. Noel Hilert-Julia Seychel, 6-3, 6-2. Dual match records: Novi, 2-0 overall, 2-0

KLAA Central Division; Stevenson, 1-1 overall, 1-1 KLAA Central

and Kumar both finished 2-1 on the day.

Meanwhile, it was a clean sweep in doubles for Northville as all four of its teams went 3-0 led, by the No. 1 duo of Anika Mukherji and Reeshma Kumar, who rallied to defeat South's Morgan Flournoy and Maggie Sweeney in three sets, 5-7, 6-0, 6-1

At No. 2, Northville's Paige Baal and Claudia Ma emerged victorious against South's Kelly Beardslee and Ginny Hayden in straight sets, 6-1, 7-5.

Northville's Jordan Hermiz and Amelia Albanelli took home honors at No. 3 with a 6-1, 7-5 victory over South's Angelica Kalogeridis and Jennifer Moy, 6-2, 6-4.

The Mustangs' Molly Bis and Serena Wang capped the doubles sweep with a 6-2, 6-1 triumph at No. 4 over South's Grace Mallires and Hanna Wilhelm.

Northville also took the No. 5 doubles exhibition flight as Brittany Maccadino and Lauren Fane went 3-0 on the day and prevailed in a three-set

tiebreaker against the Blue Devils, 4-6, 6-3, 7-6 (7-2).

"Even though we won, the match scores against South were very close," Jones said. "The Mustangs have decided that 'quit' is not in their vocabulary and used that to motivate themselves onto victory today.'

Novi girls fourth

Host Ann Arbor Pioneer captured its own invitational title Saturday with a team-high 17 points, followed by Bloomfield Hills (14), Clarkston (12) and Novi (5).

Novi's best showing came at No. 3 doubles as Teja Mogasala and Carolyn Zhang finished 2-1, with their only loss to Pioneer, 6-1, 6-1.

Also getting wins for the Wildcats were Katie Xie (No. 4 singles); Dhivya Srida and Youna Lee (No. 1 doubles); and Morgan Krupic and Katie Valade (No. 4 doubles).

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Mustangs' Abbott eclipses school record in 400 meters

By Brad Emons Staff Writer

There's been no sophomore jinx when it comes to Northville's Chloe Abbott performance on the track so far this season.

Abbott appears to be in mid-season form after breaking the 400-meter dash school record Saturday at the Rockford Invitational with a firstplace time of 57.43, eclipsing the mark of 58.30 held since 1984 by Cindy Panowicz.

Abbott how holds or is part of five school records (including relays) at Northville.

"Chloe has been a gamechanger for us from the day she stepped on the track her freshman year," Northville coach Tim Dalton said. "Chloe understands the history there and how great of a competitor Cindy was. To break a school record that stood for 31 years is very impressive.'

Abbott also took second in the 200 (25.46) and teamed with Gracie Goble, Lindsay Walters and Mary Catherine McLaughlin for first in the 1,600 relay (4:00.66).

Host Rockford captured the team title with 170.33 points, followed by runner-up Zeeland East with 127.33 and Northville in third with 121. Traverse City Central (99.5), Zeeland West (71.83) and Port Huron Northern (49) rounded out the sixteam field.

"It was a great experience and opportunity for our team," Dalton said. "The MHSAA finals are in Rockford on May 30 and we really wanted to get our kids a dry run of traveling to the west side of the state, staying overnight, getting up early and heading to the track to compete. We were able to accomplish that goal this weekend. A bonus was the beautiful facilities that Rockford has.

The Mustangs also got a sterling performance from junior Lexa Barrott, who swept the 1,600 and 3,200 runs in 5:09.51 and 11:04.49, respectively. She also teamed with sister Ana, Mary Catherine McLaughlin and Emma Herrmann for first in the 3,200 relay (9:44.87).

Other top finishers for Northville included: Goble, second, long jump (16 feet); Ana Barrott, second, 1,600 (5:19.13); Emma Smith, third, 800 (2:29.07); Goble, fourth, 400 (1:01.86); Herrmann, fifth, 3,200 (11:38.18); Emily Anderson, fifth, long jump (14-7); and Rachel Zimmer, 3,200 (personal best 11:46.89).

The Mustangs' foursome of Anderson, Lauren Lambert, Aimee Montambeau and Megan Krings also added third in the 400 relay (54.32).

"We had some standout performances across the board," Dalton said.

Mustangs boys fourth

Zeeland East scored a teamhigh 153 points to win the **Rockford Invitational boys**

title, followed by the host Rams (143.5), Zeeland West (132), Northville (114.5) and Port Huron Northern (71).

Among the first-place finishers for Northville were Adam Ghabra, 100 dash (11.1); Jacob Kamm, 800 (51.65); and Jason Ferrante, 1,600 (4:22.62).

Second-place finishers included Ghabra, 200 (22.82); Conor Naughton, 3,200 (9:47.26); and A.J. Abbott, long jump (19-6).

The 800 relay team of Abbott, Alec Przybocki, Matt Jankowski and Ghabra took second (1:35.41). Northville's 1,600 team of Pryzbocki, Frieburger, Kamm and Ferrante also placed second (3:29.87).

Other Northville finishers included; Sean McCullough, third, 3,200 (10:11.4); Josh Hamilton, third, long jump (18-3); sixth, high jump (5-8); Sean Flanagan, fourth, 400 (53.52); Kenny Goolsby, fifth, 800 (2:10.21); Jankowski, sixth, 200 (24.24); Christian Frieburger, sixth, 400 (53.74); Max DeDona, shot put (43-5).

"We didn't bring a full compliment of runners," Northville boys coach Brandon Langston said. "But the kids who competed shined very bright. Our goal for the track meet was to see some different competition from the west side of the state as well as give the kids a dry run at what the itinerary for the state track meet will be.

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Northville sophomore Chloe Abbott set a school record in the 400-meter dash (57.43) in Saturday's Rockford Invitational.

BRANDON LANGSTON

PREP TRACK AND FIELD Novi girls first at Trojan Relays

The Novi girls track and field squad took six first-place finishes Friday to capture Trojan Relays hosted by Whitmore Lake.

The Wildcats scored a team-best 117.95 points, followed by South Lyon (92.95), Waterford Kettering (80.95), Michigan Center (59.97) and the host Trojans (49.96).

Individual winners for Novi included Emma Hammelef in the discus (103 feet, 4 inches) and Hannah Hood-Blaxill in the high jump (5-0) Novi added relay victories in the 400-meter (Kristen Bailey, Chelsea Collier, Ciarra Davis, Kayla Savage), 52.9; 3,200 (Cecile Baeza, Lauren Wheat, Lauren Miesowicz, Sydney Hinojosa), 11:56.1; distance medley (Heather Blair, Jacalyn Schubring, Jessica Lypka, Kacy Shaheen); and shuttle hurdle (Ellie Bullock, Brittany Moeller, Katie Wheeler, Hinojosa), 1:12.3. The Wildcats' also took a second in the 6,400 relay as Baeza, Shaheen, Phoebe Smith and J.J. Wright were clocked in 26:43.2, while the 3,200 relay team of Baeza, Wheat, Miesowicz and Hinojosa posted a 4:52.9. Other field event placers included: Marissa Dunn, second, shot put (31-2) and discus (96-9); Kate Prisby, second, high jump (4-8) and long jump (14-7); Hammelef, third, shot put (27-10.5); Eryka Ely, third, high jump (4-8); Alex Felice, fourth, shot put (25-7.5); and Bullock, long jump (13-11.5).



PREP TRACK RESULTS

BOYS DUAL RESULTS DETROIT CATHOLIC CENTRAL 84 UNIV. OF DETROIT JESUIT 44

UNIV. OF DETROIT JESUIT 44 April 20 at Novi Detroit CC CC 1st-place finishers: Mike Misiak, shot put, 47 feet, 0.25 inches; discus, 124-11; Lance Yassay, high jump, 6-0; Donovan D'Amore, 300 hurdles, 42.9; Connor Canavan, 400, 54.4; Avery Fely, 1,600, 4:36.3; 3,200, 10:06.9; 3,200 relay (Brandon Canavan, Bailey Hobson, Scott Smith, Mark Borek), 8:40.3; **2nds**: Ike Marchie, Iong jump, 20-6; Chris Bradhury, shot nut, 45.3; Shane Iovce Mark Borek, 8:40.3; **ZhOS**: Ike Marchie, long Jump, 20-6; Chris Bradbury, shot put, **4**5.3; Shane Joyce, discus, 119-3; Smith, 1,600, 4:41.7; Tre Vaughn Jenerette, 400, 55.3; B. Canavan, 800, 2:08.3; Alex McLauren, 3; 200, 10:11.9. **Dual meet records:** Catholic Central, 2-0 overall, 2-0 Catholic League (Central Division); U-D Jesuit, 0-2 overall, 0-2 Catholic League.

NOVI 74, LIVONIA STEVENSON 63 April 14 at Stevenson Shot put: 1. Nick Hitchcock (LS), 45-3.5. Discus: 1. Hitchcock (LS), 136-4; 3. Dorian Haney

High jump: 1. Noah Campbell (LS), 5-10; Scott awyer (Novi), 5-10.

Ferrante, McCullough, Naughton, Jeff Baxter), 8:35.33.

Dual meet records: Salem, 2-0 overall, 2-0 KLAA Central Division; Northville, 1-1 overall, 1-1 KLAA Central.

GIRLS DUAL RESULTS NOVI 75.5, LIVONIA STEVENSON 61.5 April 14 at Stevenson Shot put: 1. Sofia Tzilos (Salem), 30 feet, 0.5 inches; 2. Marissa Dunn (Novi), 28-0; 3. Emma Hammelef (Novi), 27-3.5. Discus: 1. Hammelef (Novi), 96-11. High jump: 1. Hannah Hood-Blaxill (Novi), 4-11; 3. Kate Prisby (Novi), 4-4. Long jump: 1. Nicole Sokolosky (LS), 15-3.5; 2. Prisby (Novi), 15-0.5. Pole vault: 1. Sommer Pappas (LS), 9-0. 100-meter hurdles: 1. Deanna Martynenko (Novi), 17.28; 2. Sydney Hinojosa (Novi), 18.54; 3. Alexandra Pringle (Novi), 18.66. 300 hurdles: 1. Karenna Roest (Novi), 18.54; 3. Alexandra Pringle (Novi), 13.66. 300 hurdles: 1. Kristen Bailey (Novi), 13.54; 3. Chelsea Collier (Novi), 13.86. 200: 1. Joagan Elym (Novi), 28.2

Chelsea Collier (Novi), 13.86. 200: 1. Logan Flynn (Novi), 28.2.

Novi girls victorious

Seniors Hannah Lonergan and Logan Flynn each figured in three-place finishes April 14 as Novi improved to 2-0 overall with a 75.5-61.5 KLAA Central Division victory at Livonia Stevenson.

Lonergan captured the 800and 1,600-meter runs in 2:27.3 and 5:14.13, respectively, while Flynn swept the 200 and 400 dashes in 28.2 and 1:04.59,

Novi's Hunter Joy was a winner in the 300 hurdles (44.4) in a dual meet at Livonia Stevenson.

respectively. The two also teamed with Hood-Blaxill and Karenna Roest for a victory in the 1,600 relay (4:25.78).

The Wildcats also got a victory in the 400 relay as Deanna Martynenko, Moeller, Kirsten Betts and Victoria Vianueva were clocked in 57.39.

Other firsts for Novi included: Hammelef, discus (96 feet, 11 inches); Hood-Blaxill, high jump (4-11); Martynenko, 100 hurdles (17.28); Roest, 300 hurdles (49.31); and Bailey, 100 (13.54).

Novi boys prevail

It's early in the season, but Nathan Hall is already in mid-season form after figuring in four first-place finishes April 14 in Novi's 74-63 KLAA Central Division triumph at Livonia Stevenson.

Hall posted a first-place clocking of 4:25.89 in the 1,600 run, while Joost Plaetinck ran a strong second in 4:30.11. Hall was also a member of the Wildcats' first-place 1,600 and 3,200 relay times that finished

in 3:40.1 and 8:30.0, respectively.

Other first-place finishers for Novi included Aaron Pringle, long jump (19-3); Scott Sawyer, pole vault (10-6); John Stefan, 110 hurdles (17.6); Hunter Joy, 300 hurdles (44.4); Anthony D'Annibale, 100 dash (11.73); Josh Holcomb, 400 (53.65); and Aric Landy, 3,200 (10:08.22). The Wildcats (2-0, 2-0) also added a first in the 800 relay (1:35.99)

On Friday, South Lyon took first with 114.95 points, while Novi was fourth (81.99) at the **Trojan Relays**

The Wildcats' lone first came from the 6,400 relay team of Gabriel Mudel, Landy, Casey Croad and Declan Winship (20:21.4). Second places went to the sprint medley team of Aahmaud Jenkins, Efe Edevoie, Gabriel Vergara-Rodriguez and Brendan Bloom (2:48.7) and the 800 relay quartet of Matthew Bednarski, Mirad Hadzialijagic, Joseph Hwang and DeAngelo Robinson (1:35.9).

Long jump: 1. Aaron Pringle (Novi), 19-3. Pole vault: 1. Sawyer (Novi), 10-6. 110-meter hurdles: 1. John Stefan (Novi),

17.6: 3. (Novi), 18.74. **300 hurdles:** 1. Hunter Joy (Novi), 44.4; 2. Brendan Bloom (Novi), 45.61; 3. Stefan (Novi),

100 dash: 1. Anthony D'Annibale (Novi), 11.73 200: 1. Mike Muffler (LS), 23.93; 3. Naoto

200: 1. Mike Mitther (LS), 23,93; 3. Naoto Hikawa (Novi), 24,31. 400: 1. Josh Holcomb (Novi), 53,65. 800: 1. Andrew Bambach (LS), 2:09,43; 3. Nathaniel Wood (Novi), 2:10,05. 1,600: 1. Nathan Hall (Novi), 4:25,89; 2. Joost Plaetinck (Novi), 4:30.11; 3. Adam Ditri (Novi), 4:25,94 4:45.94.

3,200: 1. Aric Landy (Novi), 10:08.22; 2. Sahisnu Malapati (Novi), 10:20.82; 3. Cameron Misko (Novi), 10:25.92

400 relay: 1. Stevenson, 45.06; 2. Novi, 45.57; 800 relay: 1. Novi, 1:35.99; 2. Stevenson, 1:38.55; 1,600 relay: 1. Novi (Hall, Collin Thomas, Holcomb, Devin Johnson), 3:40.1; 2. Stevenson, 3:54.17; 3,200 relay: 1. Novi (Hall, Steve MacPherson, Thomas, Scott Beaton), 8:300; 2. Stevenson, 8:54.34. Dual meet records: Novi, 2-0 overall, 2-0 KLAA Central Division; Stevenson, 0-2 overall, 0-2

KLAA Central.

SALEM 71, NORTHVILLE 66

April 14 at Canton (CEP) Shot put: 1. Jannik Schmitt (Salem), 45 feet, 11 Iches; 2. Max DeDona (N'ville), 42-8.

Discus: 1. Schmitt (Salem), 129-4; 3. Jeremiah Dunne (N'ville), 108-1.

Dunne (N'ville), 108-1. **High jump:** 1. Allante Wheeler (Salem), 6-0; 2. John Hamilton (N'ville), 5-10. **Long jump:** 1. Jacob Miller (Salem), 19-6; 2. A.J. Abbott (N'ville), 19-3. **Pole vault:** 1. Hunter Burin (Salem), 10-0; 2. Clay Alexander (N'ville), 10-0. **110-meter hurdles:** 1. Paul Vander (Salem), 17-29

300 hurdles: 1. Vander (Salem), 43.87; 2. Justin

Days (N'ville), 45.02. **100 dash:** 1. Adam Ghabra (N'ville), 11.47. **200:** 1. VerShawn Patrick (Salem), 23.32. **400:** 1. Jacob Kamm (N'ville), 51.45; 2. Sean Flanagan (N'ville), 53.62; 3. Christian Frieburger (N'ville), 54.21. **800:** 1. Jacob Ferrante (N'ville), 2:05.16; 2. Ka

800: 1. Jason Ferrante (N'ville), 2:05.16; 2. Kamm

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(N'ville), 10:17.2.
400 relay: 1. Salem (Ty Traylor, Freddie McGee, Jacob Miller, Patrick), 48.74; 2. Northville, 49.88;
800 relay: 1. Salem (Traylor, Ryan Young, Jason Warras, Andrew Davis), 1:34.38; 2. Salem (B), 1:39.01; **7.600 relay:** 1. Northville (Flanagan, Kamm, Alec Przybocki, Frieburger), 3:45.24; 2. Salem, 3:46.17; **3,200 relay:** 1. Northville (J.

400: 1. Flynn (Novi), 1:04.59; 3. Lauren Miesow-icz (Novi), 1:08.66. **800:** 1. Hannah Lonergan (Novi), 2:27.3; 3. Yash

Patil (Novi), 2:45.41.

Patri (Novi), 2:43.41. **1,600**: 1. Longeran (Novi), 5:14.13. **3,200**: 1. Bayne Froney (LS), 12:57.92; 2. Hadley Peterson (Novi), 13:14.66. **400 relay:** 1. Novi (Martynenko, Brittany Moeller, Kirsten Betts, Victoria Vianueva), 57.39; 2. Moeller, Kirsten Betts, Victoria Vianueva), 57.39; 2. Novi (Juhi Merchant, Mikaela Semeleer, Olivia Howard, Reika Fujiwara), 58.61; **800 relay:** 1. Stevenson (Amanda Schultz, Emily Ehrheart, Sammi Dickson, Diane Senkowski), 1:53.34; 2. Novi (Flynn, Miesowicz, Pringle, Kayla Savage 1:53.73; **1,600 relay:** 1. Novi (Lonergan, Flynn, Hood-Blaxill, Roest), 4:25.78; 2. Stevenson, 4:47.28; **3,200 relay:** 1. Stevenson (Julia Cercone, Haley Jurczys-zyn, Lindsey Gallagher, Isabella Robles), 10:53.56; 2. Novi (Lonergan, Patil, Peterson, Shaily Fozdar, 11:00.81.

Dual meet records: Novi, 2-0 overall, 2-0 KLAA Central Division; Stevenson, 0-2 overall, 0-2 KLAA Central.

NORTHVILLE 73, SALEM 64

April 14 at Canton (P-CEP) Shot put: 1. Rebecca Falzon (Salem), 32 feet, 0.25 inches; 3. Barbara Davis (N'ville), 27-2.5. Discus: 1. Falzon (Salem), 108-0; 3. Jenna Manske (N'ville), 67-8.

Manske (N'ville), 67-8. **High jump:** 1. Lauren Lambert (N'ville), 4-6; 2. Jessica Hogan (N'ville), 4-6. **Long jump:** 1. Gracie Goble (N'ville), 16-11. **Pole vault:** 1. Clara Kim (N'ville), 7-0. **100-meter hurdles:** 1. Haven Essien (Salem), 17.56; 3. Abby Gardiner (N'ville), 20.35. **300 hurdles:** 1. Essien (Salem), 52.37; 3. Gardiner (N'ville), 54.29. **100 dash:** 1. Chloe Abbott (N'ville), 12.6; 3. Goble (N'ville), 30.9. **200**: 1. Abbott (N'ville), 27.77; 3. Goble (N'ville),

- 200: 1. Abbott (N'ville), 27.77; 3. Goble (N'ville),

29.13. 400: 1. Shekinah Johnson (Salem), 1:00.5; 2.

AUG: I. SNEKINAH Johnson (Salem), 1:00.5; 2.
Lindsay Walters (N'ville), 1:00.31; 3. Mary Catherine McLaughlin (N'ville), 1:04.04.
800: 1. Kaya Knake (Salem), 2:24.24; 2. Ana Barrott (N'ville), 2:31.74; 3. Emma Smith (N'ville), 2:32.88.

1,600: 1. Lexa Barrott (N'ville), 5:11.48; 2. Cayla

Ckenroth (N'ville), 5:18.72. **3,200:** 1. L. Barrott (N'ville), 10:52.07; 2. Eckenroth (N'ville), 11:17.81.

400 relay: 1. Salem (Megan Krings, Aimee Montambeau, Emily Anderson, Lambert), 52.45; 2. Northville, 54.0; 800 relay: 1. Northville (Goble, Abbott, Walters, Erin McCallum), 1:46.07; 2. Salem, 1:51.09; 1,600 relay: 1. Northville (Abbott, McLauching Walters, Vergina official, 4:09 24; 2 McLaughlin, Walters, Yasmine Affes), 4:08.84; 2. Salem, 4:21.52; **3,200 relay:** 1. Northville (Emma Herrmann, L. Barrott, Smith, A. Barrott), 10:11.63; 2. Salem, 10:28.29.

Dual meet records: Northville, 2-0 overall, 2-0 KLAA Central Division; Salem, 1-1 overall, 1-1 KLAA Central.

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got off to a quick start, scoring just 3:27 into the match when senior forward Sari Rachowicz popped a rebound past Northville senior keeper Emily Maresh after Megan Verant took a corner kick. Stevenson took three shot attempts during the sequence and it was the first goal the Mustangs had allowed since their season-opening 2-1 loss to Walled Lake Northern.

Schembri got credit for the assist

"The first four minutes, we came out flat and they took advantage and it cost us the first goal against us since the first goal of the season, so we'll get that cleaned up," Brucker said

And by halftime the Mustangs had evened the score, 1-1, as freshman Kendall Dillon took a shot from the left flank from 25 yards out, which deflected off a Spartans defender and was re-directed past Reamer with 8:01 left.

McHugh, meanwhile, had a golden opportunity to put the Mustangs ahead with 18:16 left in the match, but Reamer came up with a big save.

Northville, however, continued to apply the pressure and got the go-ahead goal from McHugh.

'The second half, it's kind of what we've been doing all season," Brucker said. "We regroup at halftime and get a little bit better ball-handling and that improves our overall team play. In the second half, we didn't try to play long ball so much and played much better as a team.

'Once again, we had solid defense play from (Erica) Gumkowski, (Tara) Pawloski, (Nikki) Skinner and (Morgan) Gozdor. (Emily) Maresh helps allow them our back line to be more aggressive."

Despite the one-goal setback, Stevenson coach Chris Grodzicki was encouraged by his team's play.

"I thought we played all right," he said. "The game went in waves. We were great in the first 10 minutes and the score reflected that. (Northville) started to take it to us right before halftime. We hit a real lull there and we just couldn't deal with their attack out wide.

"I thought it was good, it was good enough. It's a young team trying to figure things and they're getting there. They're competitive and hopefully the scores will start landing in our favor."

Despite a pair of 2-1 losses during the week to division leaders Novi and Northville, the Spartans could become spoilers in the KLAA Central during the second round of division play.

"They're a good bunch and I think (Grodzicki) has a great core," Brucker said, "and they're going to be somebody to reckon with in our division."

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CC's Walsh re-writes the state record books

By Brad Emons and Jeff Theisen Staff Writers

Novi Detroit Catholic Central's Jack Walsh went out in style during the 2015 MHSAA Division 1 boys swim state championships.

The senior established a pair of new state records while also leading the Shamrocks to an eighth-place team finish with 134.5 points at Eastern Michigan University's Jones Natatorium.

Walsh, who plans to continue his swimming career at Stanford University, repeated his 100-yard backstroke crown with a Division 1 record time of 48.48. And in the 200 individual medley, Walsh broke an MHSAA all-class record with a clocking of 1:47.26.

He also helped the Shamrocks to a third-place finish in the 200 medley relay (1:31.68) and fifth place in the 400 freestyle relay (3:10.29).

For his efforts this season, Walsh was named All-Area Boys Swimmer of the Year. "Jack holds himself to the

"Jack holds himself to the highest standards, academically, athletically and personally," CC coach Shannon Dunworth said. "He has an infectious personal pride that has permeated throughout the team more so than the legacy and success that he achieved in the pool.

"Although the scoreboard reflects numerous all-American recognitions, multiple state championships and a pair of stare records, his daily commitment and resolve are the accomplishments I find most admirable."

Dunworth believes the best is yet to come for Walsh, who displayed a tireless work ethic and great resolve.

"Jack's success this year did not come without challenges," Dunworth said. "His ability to navigate obstacles and remain focused on the goal was a lesson for teammates and coaches alike. Jack will be swimming for the Stanford Cardinal next season, an honor befitting the man."

First team Shinya Kondo Lakeland

Kondo attends the International Academy, but dives for Lakeland. He finished the year with an all-state performance and a third-place finish at the Division 2 state finals. He also collected a KLAA Lakes Con-



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER All-Area Boys Swimmer of the Year Jack Walsh of Novi Detroit Catholic Central broke a pair of state records this season.

Second team

Siddhardha Kareddy, Novi

Ethan Bezzina, Detroit CC

Nikolai Arton, Northville

Nathan Pellerito, Novi

Yash Bajaj, Northville

James Ciolli, Novi

Unified

Narayan Manivannan, Novi

Max Kempisty, South Lyon

Chris Barron, Detroit CC

Maxwell Williams, Novi

Jack Aman, Milford

Robert Vance, Detroit CC

Trevor DeGroot, Northville

Thomas Antishin, Lakeland

Oliver Joy, South Lyon Unified

Jack Winslow, Lakeland

ALL-AREA BOYS SWIMMING

SWIMMER OF THE YEAR Jack Walsh, Detroit CC

FIRST TEAM

Shinya O Kondo, Lakeland Matt Loniewski, Detroit CC Ryan Katulski, Novi Kirk Maibach, Northville Chris Geng, Northville Daniel Long, Detroit CC Matthew Schafer, Northville Ethan Schmidt, South Lyon Unified Ben Simonich, Milford Grayson Arnold, Detroit CC Jonathan Lee, Detroit CC Nick VanDyke, South Lyon Unified Matt Meadows, South Lyon Unified Joey Berman, Novi

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HONORABLE MENTION

Northville – Mark Kaminski (sr.), Nirek Sharma (sr.), Larry Zhao (soph.), Fred Schulz (sr.)

Novi – James Popyk (sr.), Phillip Billiu (soph.), Arthur Shi (sr.), Alexander Yuan (fr.)

Catholic Central – Christopher Vela (sr.), Charlie Walsh (fr.), Andrew Connor (jr.)

Milford – Justin May (fr.)

South Lyon – Connor Pogue (jr.), Logan Boals (fr.), Brandon Bell (fr.), Zach Denny (jr.), Brett Bender (fr.) Lakeland – Dylan Henderson (sr.)

team set this season."

lim time) and was a state qual-

naw Valley State, placed in two events at the Division 1 state finals tying for 13th in the 50 freestyle (21.50 prelim time) and 13th in the 100 freestyle (47.38 prelim time). Arnold was also a member of CC's all-state 200 medley (third) and 400 freestyle (fifth) relay teams, along with being Catholic League champ in the 100 freestyle.

"Grayson is a swimmer with a football attitude," Dunworth said. "His strength is his aggression and has served him well throughout his career. His repeated all-American relay performances are the result of his great pride in anchoring most of CC relays swims. Next fall at SVSU, he brings with him all the dedication and commitment needed to succeed at the next level." Jonathan Lee

Detroit CC

The freshman placed 13th in the 100 breaststroke at the Division 1 state finals (1:00.0) and was a state qualifier in the 200 IM (1:59.89). Lee was also a member of CC's fifth-place 400 freestyle relay quartet. He also took fourth in the breaststroke at the Catholic League meet.

"Jonathan came to CC with great accreditation as an accomplished, well-trained and dedicated swimmer," Dunworth said. "His background surfaced early on as Jonathan was able to succeed in the longer races and double back with minimal recovery time. Although scoring points at state meet is always an accomplishment for a freshman, it was Jonathan's success and relay swims that truly impressed me. Once given the chance, it was clear that Jonathan was not going to let his teammates down." Nick VanDyke

South Lyon Unified

The senior scored in three events at his final trip to the Division 1 state finals. Van-Dyke was 13th in the 100 backstroke, 13th with the 200 medley relay and 15th with the 400 free relay. He holds the school record in the 100 backstroke and was all-conference in the 100 backstroke, 100 free and 400 free relay.

"Nick was our key swimmer all season long," coach John Burch said. "I could count on him to be able to swim nearly every event and perform at an elite level. He also led our training all season

Second team

Siddhardha Kareddy Novi

The sophomore was a state qualifier in the 100 butterfly (18th, 52.72) and 200 IM (22nd, 2:00.27), along with the Wildcats' 13th-place 400 freestyle relay team. (3:14.38). Kareddy was also second in the IM and third in the butterfly in the conference meet. Jack Winslow

Lakeland

The freshman had quite a busy Division 2 state finals. He was 18th in the 100 free, 30th in the 200 IM and was part of the 200 free relay to place 19th and the 400 free relay in 25th.

Ethan Bezzina

Detroit CC

The junior was a Division 1 state qualifier in the 500 freestyle (19th, 4:49.96) and 200 freestyle (26th, 1:47.36). He was also third in the 200 freeestyle in the Catholic League.

Narayan Manivannan Novi

The junior placed 20th in the Division 1 breaststroke (1:00.82) and was a member of the Wildcats' eighth-place 200 medley relay team. Manivannn was on the Wildcats' conference champion 200 medley relay and took fourth individually in the breaststroke.

Nikolai Arton Northville

The sophomore was a Division 1 state qualifier in the 100 breaststroke (1:01.33) and took third in the Kensington Con-

ference meet. James Ciolli

Novi

The junior diver was a Division 1 state qualifier (23rd, 161.80 points) after taking ninth at the regional. He also placed fourth in the Kensington Conference meet (341.95). **Nathan Pellerito**

Novi

The junior placed 24th at the Division 1 finals (159.30) after taking 10th at the regional. He also place fifth in the Kensington Conference meet (312.85).

Yash Bajaj

Northville

The senior was a Division 1 state qualifier in the 100 breaststroke (23rd, 1:01.37) who also placed eighth in the 200 IM (2:04.28) at the Kensington Conference meet.

ference title.

'Shinya Kondo is an athlete who truly embraces the whole package," coach Chris Follick said. "He is a dutiful and humble student first, regularly studying and working on assignments for the International Academy between swim and dive competitions, and a diligent athlete second. He also puts in the time to be a great athlete by paying his dues at the gym, improving his core strength and flexibility. If he continues this regimen and listens to dive coach Marc Miller, I don't see why he should not be a state champion contender again next year.'

Matt Loniewski Detroit CC

The junior earned all-state honors with a fifth in the 100 breaststroke (58.22) at the Division 1 state finals, while also qualifying in the in the 100 freestyle (48.89). He was also a member of CC's all-state 400 freestyle relay team and runner-up in the Catholic League in the breaststroke.

"Matt had a breakout year," Dunworth said. "His versatility as swimmer was taken advantage by us coaches early on, placing him where we were weakest. This season, Matt finally got to focus on his strengths and it showed with an individual state top eight finish and all-American relay performances." **Ryan Katulski**

Novi

The senior placed eighth in the 50 freestyle at the Division 1 state finals, which included a prelim time of 21.28. He also added a 10th in the 100 freestyle (46.74 prelims) and was KLAA Kensington Conference champion in the same event, along with runner-up in the 50 freestyle.

"Ryan had a breakout season due to the training he did during the off season," coach Brent Pohlonski said. "When I spoke to him last fall, he told me his times from the summer and we knew he was ready to have a great season. Ryan was the driving force behind the four school records that our

Kirk Maibach Northville

The ninth-grader excelled in his first season, taking eighth in the 100 freestyle (46.42 prelim time) and tying for 13th in the 50 freestyle (21.41 prelim time) at Division 1 state finals. He also was a member of Northville's 10thplace 400 freestyle and 11thplace 200 medley team relay teams. Maibach added a third in the 50 freestyle in the Kensington Conference finals and was on Northville's first-place conference 400 freestyle relay team.

"He's probably the fastest freshman we've had at Northville and we've had some decent success through the years, so to be able to say that is a pretty big compliment for that kid," coach Rich Bennetts said. "He works real hard, does what his coaches ask him to do, so the sky is the limit for him. He just missed the 50 and 100 freestyle school records as a freshman and our varsity records are pretty good. And to be that close to it ... he's going to be a good one."

Chris Geng Northville

The junior placed eighth in the Division 1 state finals in the 100 breaststroke (59.59 prelim time) in a swim-off and was a member of the Mustangs' 11th-place 200 medley relay. Geng was also the Kensington Conference champ in the 100 breaststroke.

"In the medley relay, you always need a breast stroker and we bring our entire (200 medley) from last year and Chris will be a big part of it," Bennetts said. "He won that swim-off at state meet, which was kind of an interesting little deal there. He was able to persevere through that and win that, which was a big performance. He struggles sometimes during the season, but when the lights come, on he's pretty darn good."

Daniel Long Detroit CC

The senior, bound for Northern Michigan University, placed ninth in the Division 1 breaststroke (59.64 preifier in the 200 IM (1:59.91). He was also third in the Catholic League in the breaststroke.

"Dan has made consistent annual improvement through year-round dedication," Dunworth said. "Qualifying for states as a junior opened the door for his consolation final victory at this year's state meet. It's always so rewarding to see one's hard work pay off most in the biggest meets." Matthew Schafer

Northville

The senior placed 11th in the 500 freestyle at the Division 1 state finals (4:45.22 prelim time) and was a state qualifier in the 200 freestyle (1:48.06). Schafer was also runner-up in the Kensington Conference 500 freestyle and sixth in the 200 freestyle.

"He did a great job just coming from where he was his freshman year, when he was having a hard time breaking seven minutes when he started out with us," Bennetts said. "He's just one of those guys who is just a hard worker. Never really a ton of talent, but goes to show if you work hard for four years, you can score at the state meet. Just a great captain for us. I'm proud of what he did."

Ethan Schmidt South Lyon Unified

The senior diver capped his final season by placing 13th at the Division 1 state finals while also finishing runner-up at the KLAA Kensington Conference meet.

"Ethan had an outstanding year," coach Kevin Ferguson said. "His story of perseverance will be one I tell future divers about. Ethan battled through a back injury to have the best season of his career. Our team will miss him greatly."

Ben Simonich Milford

The senior diver capped his career by placing 12th at the Division 2 state finals. Simonich earned a West Division title and went to states all four years.

Grayson Arnold

Detroit CC The senior, headed to Sagilong. I was very happy for him when he set the varsity record at the state meet. This was his goal all season long."

Matt Meadows South Lyon Unified

The junior diver finished 11th at the Division 1 state finals. Meadows was also third at the KLAA Kensington Conference meet and was a steady force all season.

"Matt has shown yet again what a truly talented diver he is," Ferguson said. "I am expecting an even bigger season out him next year as he leads our very young diving squad." Joey Berman

Novi

The sophomore placed 16th in the Division 1 100 backstroke (53.77) and was a member of the 200 medley relay team that reached the finals (1:37.99). Berman was also Kensington Confernence champ in the backstroke and fourth in the 500 freestyle.

"I'm so proud of Joey for how he responded to a disappointing season his freshman year," Pohlonski said. "Instead of getting down on himself, Joey went back to his club team and put in a great year of training. Joey has always been one of our workout leaders in practice. It was great to see him get the rewards he deserved in our championship meets at the end of the season."

James Xue

Northville

The junior placed 16th in the 200 IM (1:58.15 prelim time) at the Division 1 state finals and was a state qualifier in the 100 butterfly (54.11). He also helped the Mustangs to a 10th in the 400 freestyle relay and an 11th in the 200 medley relay. Xue was also Kensington champ in the 200 IM and runner-up in the butterfly, as well as a member of the firstplace 400 freestyle relay team.

"He's a talented kid and I'm looking forward to bringing him back next year when he'll be a senior for us," Bennetts said, "so hopefully he'll be able to score in a couple of events for us next year."

Max Kempisty South Lyon Unified

The freshman competed in three events at the Division 1 state finals. He was 24th in the 200 free, as well as competing on the 200 free relay to place 15th and the 400 free relay in 23rd.

Chris Barron Detroit CC

The sophomore was a state qualifier in the 100 backstroke (55.30) and also took fifth in the same event at the Catholic League meet.

Maxwell Williams

Novi

The freshman earned a state cut in the 100 backstroke where he placed 26th overall in the Division 1 state finals (55.36). He also added a fifth in the conference meet.

Robert Vance

Detroit CC

The junior diver placed 26th in the Division 1 state finals (153.50) after taking runner-up honors in the Catholic League meet (337.20).

Trevor DeGroot

Northville

The freshman was a state qualifier in the 500 freestyle (27th, 4:54.99) and placed third in the Kensington Conference (4:54.50).

Thomas Antishin Lakeland

The sophomore swam in four events at the Division 2 state finals. He was 23rd in the 500 free and 24th in the 200 free. He was also part of the 200 free relay to place 19th and the 400 free relay to place 25th.

Oliver Joy South Lyon Unified

The junior swam in three events at the Division 1 state finals. He was 27th in the 200 free and also part of the 15thplace 400 free relay and the 200 free relay in 23rd.

Jack Aman

Milford

The sophomore diver reached the Division 2 state finals for the second straight year and just missed reaching the top 20 to make the semifinals in 21st place. He was sixth at the KLAA Conference meet.

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Schoolcraft College always retooling to help train for today's manufacturing jobs

By David Veselenak Staff Writer

When it comes to manufacturing jobs, the image of a dirty factory and a repetitive task comes to mind for many people.

But that's not the case anymore and officials at Schoolcraft College are looking to help train those who will become the next generation of advanced manufacturers and skilled trade workers across the state.

"I think many people have a view of manufacturing that was repetitive and tedious and long term - I'm going to make the right-end fender for a Taurus for 45 years," said Conway Jeffress, president of Schoolcraft College. "You don't really have that anymore and I think that's a good thing for the industry, because it keeps a good sense of vitality in the job and therefore in the people."

The push for skilled trades is one many Michigan residents have heard in recent years, especially from Gov. Rick Snyder, who mentions the topic during many of his public addresses, including this year's State of the State and his proposed budget plan in February. It's one Schoolcraft officials embrace and are willing to work on to make the college a leader in the field.

The governor announced \$50 million in grant money to 18 community colleges last month to purchase equipment through the Community College Skilled Trades Equipment Program, although School-

craft was not one of the schools selected.

Schoolcraft's main campus in Livonia has offered several programs designed for skilled trades, including advanced manufacturing and, most recently, plastics technology, a program that launched just a few years ago.

With an increased demand in those skilled trades, manufacturing instructor Gene Keyes said those who enroll in his courses can expect to find work well before graduation - sometimes after just one semester.

Usually after two or three classes, depending on who they are, I can get them a job," Keyes said. "It all depends on their ability to think on their feet.

Keyes became a parttime instructor at the college during the last decade. College officials began realizing skilled trade positions would increase in the future. Keyes was made a fulltime instructor, dedicated to teaching and creating relationships with local companies and schools.

"That's when he really began to develop the relationship between Schoolcraft and the major companies," Jeffress said. "He not only had the academic experience, but he had owned a manufacturing company and so he knew the business. He could talk to potential clientele; he knew what to look for.'

Training the future

Keeping ahead of the game over other colleges competing for students,



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Dr. Conway Jeffress, president of Schoolcraft College.

such as Wayne County Community College District, Oakland Community College and Macomb Community College, is a priority for Jeffress.

That includes keeping tabs on the industry, talking to employers and getting the right equipment.

"It's making sure you stay in touch with the employers, so that you're not providing instruction that doesn't fit with what

they need and what they want," he said. "And also to have opportunities for students to have handson experiences before they leave here.'

It's become such an important field that the Livonia Industrial Council was formed four years ago through the Livonia Chamber of Commerce. Its mission is to focus on workforce development initiatives in and around Livonia.

Members meet quarterly to discuss ideas on how to inspire young people to explore skilled careers and provide training, apprenticeships and co-op programs for local manufacturers.

That's important, Livonia chamber president Dan West said, because having those new workers is crucial to companies' survival moving forward.

"A number of experts have told me that tax credits will not attract as many manufacturers to an area as a healthy availability of skilled workers," West said. "To me, this is the leading economic development issue for Livonia and all of southeastern Michigan: To provide the skilled workforce that boosts manufacturing, boosts our region's economic health and keeps more young professionals in Michigan."

That training has done well for some employees hired by Farmington Hills-based Star Cutter Tools. With locations across Michigan, including several in the northern Lower Peninsula, the company is seeking more talent at its facilities.

Lindsey Bielby, human resources manager for the company, said Schoolcraft has provided several employees who are succeeding with the company

"I think the community college has done a very good job of listening to our needs from a manufacturing standpoint," said Bielby, who lives in Tawas City. "I think they've done a very good

job of meeting our needs and identifying our needs."

Adapting

Those rapidly evolving needs are driving changes in the school's curriculum. Jeffress said additive manufacturing, otherwise known as 3-D printing, has been a field students have flocked to.

"We thought that would be fascinating to younger folks. A new way of going from design to product," he said. "Once you design it, you actually have the product there. They were ideal for us in attracting new students."

Moving forward, another field Jeffress wants to expand and educate students on is metallurgy, a branch of science examining metals and their properties. Having that knowledge, Jeffress said, will help students understand the materials they are working with.

The return on investment, including in student success, is one Jeffress acknowledges is a point of pride for the college, which plans to adapt as needed.

'But the investment is good from a couple of standpoints, it's not just the dollars. It's the student enrollment and it's in the satisfaction. The employers are satisfied with us, the students are satisfied with us; they start making money," he said. "After all, that's why we're here."

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Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to noon and 1:30-4:30 p.m.: Entrepreneurs who want to start a business but do not know where to begin can receive confidential, one-on-one advice from an experienced business counselor with no appointment necessary. Counselors will provide direct answers to start-up questions, suggest next steps and provide guidance on business planning tools. Sessions will be limited to 15 minutes and available on a first come, first served basis. One Stop Shop Business Center, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road, Waterford. No fee. **Capital Raise**

Tuesday, April 28, 9:30-11 a.m.: If you are a start-up or early-stage growth-based business looking for funding, we invite you to attend a 90-minute presentation by our capital strategist, Mike Brennan. He will detail the various capital sources in Michigan and talk about how to properly position your company to qualify for various funding sources, including; private/angel, SBA, short-term private lending, private equity, venture capital and angel network. Register for Capital Raise. No fee. **Create Your Marketing** Plan

April 30, 9 a.m. to noon. When marketing a small business, your budget and human resources may be limited but your ideas and goals are still as big as they come. This three-hour class is tailor-made for small businesses. We'll

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help you whip your marketing program into shape so you can reach your goals regardless of your budget or team size. We'll introduce you to a realistic plan with actionable items customized to reach your target audience. You will come away with a marketing budget, calendar and tools designed to help grow your business. Fee is \$40 per person. The Business Research: Feasibility to Expansion workshop is a pre-requisite for this class.

Business Research: Feasibility to Expansion

May 5, 9-11:30 a.m. Thinking of starting a business and want to research your business idea? Do you want to identify market trends and opportunities to grow your sales? Are you looking for new customers or to diversify your market base? Business Research shows you ways to find your ideal customers, your competitors, perform competitive analysis and more. This workshop is free but pre-registration is required. **Five Steps to LinkedIn** Mastery

May 6, 9-11:30 a.m. While Facebook looks

You've done the "Google myself" thing, right? Most people are surprised (and excited) to find their LinkedIn profile is the first result. Since Google uses LinkedIn, shouldn't you? When you use LinkedIn correctly, it's much easier to be found by prospective clients and/or employers, locate and learn about the decision makers you need to meet, stay current in your industry, stay top of mind with your network, check out future employees and partners and use all of the bells and whistles you didn't know existed. Fee is \$40 per person. **QuickBooks for Business**

Owners

May 12, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Join ATD Solutions as we explore the possibilities within QuickBooks. **OuickBooks** for Business Owners is recommended for owners and financial decision makers who want to explore the options available within **OuickBooks**. ATD Solutions will review Best Practices to limit your exposure to embezzlement or fraud within your company, the best version to use, and which industry specific reports to use to make great business decisions. Fee is \$60 per person CEED® Small Business **Loan Orientation**

May 13, 9-11 a.m. Many small business owners face obstacles when trying to obtain a business loan. If your business is in Oakland County and you need alternative financing, consider the Center for Empowerment and Economic Development Small Business Loan Program. Discover the requirements and process necessary to apply and obtain a CEED small business loan. This workshop is free but pre-registration is required.

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REAL ESTATE

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Bake Real Estate in prime Plymouth office spot

By Julie Brown Staff Writer

Bake Real Estate is now at the corner of Penniman and Harvey, 908 Penniman in downtown Plymouth.

"Carrie Bake is opening her own brokerage. Carrier's been growing her business," said Patrick Wong, Carrie Bake's husband and Realtor colleague at Bake Real Estate. "It's taken off."

Realtor Bob Bake began working in the area in 1967, with his daughter, Carrie Bake, and her husband, Patrick Wong, carrying on the tradition. Carrie Bake is broker/owner of Bake Real Estate, which concentrates on Plymouth and Northville and areas nearby.

"This opened Dec. 1st last year," said Wong, who lives in Northville. Bob Bake lives in Plymouth. They have five Realtors on staff, including the three family members.

"Great," Wong said of the location. "We've just had a lot of positive feedback about the sign," which was made in Petoskey, Mich.

Bake Real Estate is online at bakerealestate.com, and



Bake Real Estate is at the corner of Penniman and Harvey in downtown Plymouth.

Carrie Bake is at 734-788-2398. The Bake Real Estate phone is 734-453-8080.

"We're just seeing a good seasonal uptick," Wong said of spring real estate sales. He sees no sign of the market slowing down. Bake Real Estate is on Facebook, and Carrie Bake

and her husband have a local blog on both real estate and community living.

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RichRealty in 'better location' in city of Plymouth

By Julie Brown

Staff Writer

RichRealty is now at 281 N. Main St. in Charlestowne Square and can be reached at 734-459-5100 or www.RichEteam.com. A Customer Appreciation Day was held Monday, April 6.

Richard Eisiminger, broker/owner of RichRealty, was eager to show his new location. "I just moved across the street for better location," explained Canton resident Eisiminger.

They held their fourth annual Customer Apprecia-tion Day April 6. "It's done on Tigers' opening day," Eisiminger said. "It's getting a little bigger every year."

He has 22 agents ("Every gent does their own territo-

ry.) who concentrate on a fiveto 10-mile radius of properties. "The brand name," he said of being an independent firm. "It's honesty, it's being truthful." He began in real estate in 1991, and has been in Plymouth six years.

This was all self-done," Eisiminger said in looking around the RichRealty office. "I started Jan. 15." The land-lord handled some duties like HVAC and the ceiling, but Eisiminger really rolled up his sleeves.

He's a carpenter by trade who upon graduation from Westland John Glenn High's program went into the Detroit Carpentry Apprenticeship School

RichRealty is on Facebook.

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Richard Eisiminger, broker/owner of RichRealty, is proud of his new office and his staff. The office on Main on Plymouth features a modern Main Street scene as well as an historical scene

Appeals court upholds tree height standard

Q: Our Declaration in our subdivision says that all trees in a residential community may not exceed six feet. Is that a reasonable restriction?

A: Yes. In a similar case out of Wisconsin, where some of the community's lots have sweeping views of the surrounding terrain and community amenities, including its golf course, marina, and lakes. The first owner purchased his lot in

1987. At that time, the view from his lot was largely unobstructed. The adjacent lot owner, located downhill from the first owner, always either



Robert Meisner

trimmed his trees or gave the uphill owner permission to do so to protect the views. In 1999, a new owner purchased the downhill lot. He stopped trimming the existing trees, and also planted new trees, all of which grew to over six feet and blocked the view of the uphill landowner.

The community's governing declaration stated no trees in excess of a height of six feet could be planted, and that no tree could be allowed to exceed six feet without written permission of the association's architectural control and maintenance committee. The declaration also stated that no trees or shrubbery could be removed unless approved in writing by the committee.

The downhill lot owner refused to either trim his trees or remove them. The association took no follow-up action, so the uphill lot owner sued the downhill lot owner. The trial court ruled that only human-planted trees must be trimmed back to six feet, because it found the declaration's restriction showed clear intent to preserve the naturally-occurring trees.

The uphill lot owner appealed. The Court of Appeals found the height restriction to be absolute and applicable to all of the trees because the language in the declaration contained no exception for natural growth. The Court of Appeals sent the case back to the trial court to consider appropriate treatment for the naturally occurring trees, however, because of the restriction that they not be removed unless approved in writing by the architectural control and maintenance committee. Q. If the delay of a homeowner's association in providing corporate records to a member is found to be reasonable and in good faith, can that finding prevent an award of costs and attorney fees? A: Yes, according to a Wyoming court, and the same result might apply in Michigan. In this case, homeowners sued the association, claiming it had denied repeated requests for inspection and copying of corporate records. The association argued, prior to hearing, that it had already provided the records. The homeowners continued to press for an order from the court, stating they had not received all of the records and further arguing for an award of attorney's fees and costs. After the hearing, the court ordered production of records but denied the request for attorney's fees and costs, because it found the association had made reasonable efforts to meet the demands of the homeowners, and it further found the association had a reasonable basis for doubting the homeowner's rights to inspect documents which dealt with the privacy interests of individual members. The appellate court agreed with the result reached by the trial court, but Michigan's new changes to the Nonprofit Corporation should be reviewed and explained to you by competent counsel. But seek advice from your attorney regarding recent changes to the Michigan Nonprofit Act.

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

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 Lvon.

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

Investors

6028 Belton St

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 Wayde 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.

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

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\$243,000	8829 San Jose	\$60,000
	14404 San Jose	\$64,000
\$283,000	11344 Sioux	\$59,000
\$465,000	26829 W Chicago	\$89,000
\$375,000	9368 Winston	\$74,000
\$630,000	WAYNE	
	34808 Elm St	\$118, 000
\$681, 000	38165 Laurenwood St	\$145,000
\$145,000	WESTLAND	
\$167,000	8544 Blackburn Dr	\$129,000
\$367,000	39281 Cambridge St	\$120,000
\$367,000	33076 Chief Ln	\$138,000
\$218, 000	37659 Colonial Dr	\$68, 000
\$545,000	33266 Lynx St	\$135,000
\$169,000	6260 N Farmington Rd	\$90,000
	6055 N Globe St	\$31,000
\$53,000	241 N Hanlon St	\$121,000
\$157,000	5937 N Parent St	\$65,000
\$40,000	34436 Nancy St	\$96, 000
\$8 5,000	2271 Wilshire St	\$127,000
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Five tricky questions your boss will ask (and how to answer them)

HERE ARE WAYS YOU CAN RESPOND TO TOUGH QUESTIONS PROFESSIONALLY SO YOU DON'T DAMAGE THE RELATIONSHIP WITH YOUR BOSS.

Landing a job doesn't mean your days of navigating difficult questions are over. You should be prepared to handle sticky queries if and when your boss lobs them your way.

You may face one or more of these awkward questions at some point in your career. Here are ways you can respond to them professionally so you don't damage the relationship with your boss.

1. "Are you looking for a new job?" If you're putting yourself back on the job market, tell the truth. Chances are that your boss has a good reason for asking, so a denial will only make you look bad. But don't overshare. This question isn't an invitation to air all your complaints about the position or the company. When responding, keep the focus on you and your career. And keep the answer short and to the point: "I'm interested in exploring positions in a different industry."

"I'm thinking about relocating to another city."

"A former colleague contacted me about an exciting opportunity, and I feel I should look into it."

"I'm looking for a position with more flexibility."

"I don't feel I'm making much progress here."

If your boss presses for details, be polite and reiterate the reason you just gave. Then, emphasize that you're committed to doing your job to the best of your ability.

> 2. "Have you heard latest about the Jamie?" Co-workers who spread rumors are difficult enough to deal with, but having a boss who engages in office gossip is a potential nightmare. The trick is declining to participate without sounding like a scold or Goody Twoshoes. Your best option is to give a non

committal response such as, "I really haven't heard," and then either change the topic or leave the conversation. Maintain an attitude of polite disinterest. Once your boss realizes you're not a gossiper, he will drop the subject.

3. "How would you rate my performance as a manager?" This question is particularly tricky because you might not know your boss's motivation. Has upper management requested that she seek feedback from employees, or is she genuinely interested in constructive criticism? Maybe she's just fishing for compliments. If the latter, an honest critique could hurt the relationship with your boss.

To stay on safe ground, lead with positive feedback. If she presses for ways on how she could improve, there's no need to make a laundry list. Choose one aspect of her managerial style that could use some work, and make it actionable. For example, you could tell her, "The next time there's a new project, I'd like a little more guidance so I don't go in the wrong direction."

4. "How would you rate your performance during Q3?" Balance is the key when it comes to this sticky question. Start by outlining what you did well, and reference tangible results such as exceeding goals or meeting tight deadlines. Then discuss a few ways you might do better next time. To show you're serious about self-improvement, ask your boss for his assessment — and any tips for Q4.

5. "Can you take on this project (that no one else will do)?" You may feel that you have to say yes to every request in order to maintain a good relationship with your boss. While it's occasionally necessary to "take one for the team," you need to be honest about how Project X will affect your present workload and whether it's within the scope of your job description.

If you're genuinely reluctant to lead this project, tell your manager that you simply don't have the bandwidth to do it justice and get all of your regular assignments done on time. But also think about what may happen if you agree: If leading Project X will win you points with the boss and prove your leadership skills, it might be worth the extra work to say yes — this time.

Sticky questions can catch you off guard. And depending on how you answer them, you could risk jeopardizing an otherwise healthy relationship with your boss. Tact, honesty and careful wording are strategies that will serve you well in smoothing over potentially awkward situations.

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Fiat Chrysler Celebrates Millennials for Renegade, Entrepreneurs for Chrysler 300



with Fiat Chrysler marketing, the first advertising campaign for the new Jeep Renegade depends heavily on the music. But for the first time under CMO Olivier Francois, the company is building its marketing launch

By Dale Buss

around an original song that was submitted just for the occasion -- and for the vehicle.

As often before "Renegades," performed by X Ambassadors and written by Sam Harris and Alex da Kid.

> Invoking "pioneers, rebels and mutineers," the song speaks mainly to the generation of American Millennials that are the prime and initial target for the new compact crossover. "All hail the new kids," it says. "It's our time to make a move, it's our time to make amends, our time to break the rules."

> The ad footage mainly shows Millennials doing a bunch of the



Jeep Renegade is relying on music for its launch

At the same time, Francois has overseen another new advertising effort for Fiat Chrysler: the fresh campaign for the Chrysler 300 sedan, which depicts the entrepreneurial class as "The Kings and Queens of America" and features a commercial voice-over by a reallife star of the Game of Thrones Euro-fantasy drama, Peter Dinklage.

Jeep just kicked off its North American marketing effort for the all-new 2015 Renegade with a 60-second commercial that features

things they do, many of them socially -- and some involving Renegade -- and borrows heavily from the visual language of the brand's 2015 Super Bowl ad, which relied on the song "This Land Is Your Land." Or, as Chrysler put it in a release, these "modern renegades" are

in, the company they're with, and the

Originally, Francois told me, he planned to be launching the new Renegade right now with a commercial featuring footage that was largely shot along with the "This Land Is Your Land" ad "but would have had a totally different soundtrack than what we ended up with."

But then, last fall, Interscope Records won over Francois with the idea of a partnership by presenting him with a pen drive of an X Ambassadors performance of the original song, and did so within a couple of weeks of hatching the idea with him.

"I didn't even listen to [the song] for a few days," Francois told me. "I couldn't imagine that these guys would crack it in such a short period of time. But when I finally listened to it, I knew that it was the piece of music we wanted to use."

A former music producer, Francois said that he thought "the song was a total smash. The hook is so catchy. And when you listen to it, it's the kind of song you keep humming all day." He also liked that the song title established a link between the vehicle and the mindset of the target customer. "Who is the modern renegade if not Millennials?" he said.

And X Ambassadors is "an upand-coming band," Francois said. "They are not huge yet -- which is perfect for our campaign. We didn't want a huge name. Our whole



Chrysler 300 is the star of the new "Kings and Queens of America" advertisements

philosophy is that Jeep already has awareness; the last thing I need to do is buy or borrow awareness from someone else."

fact, after fathering In campaigns for Fiat Chrysler that borrowed equity from songs and singers ranging from Eminem, in the iconic 2011 Chrysler Super Bowl commercial, to Arlo Guthrie, who wrote "This Land Is Your Land," Francois was happy to take a different approach for a vehicle that represents the company's most important product launch of this vear.

"I love the idea that Jeep could inspire music, that Jeep's values could inspire music," he told me. Now, to see if Jeep's vehicle will inspire sales in a generation that has been very tough for today's automakers to figure out.

As far as the new campaign for the 300 is concerned, it's the entrepreneur who has become the king and queen of the modern age in America. Or as Dinklage puts it in the voiceover, "There is no royal blood in this country ... It's all just out there, waiting, for someone to reach out and take it. And the ones who do ... these are the kings and queens of America."

The ad shifts among images of these various actual "kings and queens" of entrepreneurism, including Alexia Ohanian, cofounder of Reddit; Lvnn Le, founder of sportswear company Society Nine; and hotelier Andrew Sasson

Three additional 30-second TV spots for the campaign, which Chrysler has dubbed "Drive Proud," will roll out later in the month and highlight key attributes of the vehicle. Digital and print extensions also are supporting the campaign, which was created by Wieden + Kennedy Portland.



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OPEN 2-4pm | 1192 Edmundton, Grosse Pointe Woods | Spectacular Dutch colonial on 1/3 acre cul-de-sac lot. \$379,000 Dori Daskas (313) 649-4167





OPEN 1-4pm | 797 Huntclub, Auburn Hills 3 Bedroom 3 Bath open floor plan home in Huntclub Subdivision. \$200,000 Victoria Compton (248) 558-2072



OPEN 1-4pm | 1234 Lake Crescent Dr, Bloomfield Twp | The St. Charles Kitchen with hardwood floors. \$425,000 Jeanne Bechler (248) 686-3656



OPEN 1-4pm | 5870 Chickadee Ln, Clarkston Large, very clean home in the highly sought after Chestnut Hill Farms sub. \$245,000 John Yorke (248) 558-2072



OPEN 2-4pm | 44 Regal, Grosse Pointe Shrs Great curb appeal in this custom built brick colonial. Open staircase. \$465,000 Laila Abud (313) 649-4167



OPEN 2-4pm | 1208 Hollywood, Grosse Pointe Woods | Tastefully decorated, spacious 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial. \$349,000 Kathleen Turonek (313) 649-4167







OPEN 1-4pm | 455 Timber Hill, Brandon Twp This stunning ranch home is nestled in 2.5 acres of rolling, wooded beauty. \$241,900 Nanette Denis (248) 558-2072



OPEN 1-3pm | 19563 Cass, Clinton Twp Great location, freshly updated. Newer kitchen w/tall cabinets & island. \$169,900 Carol Paton (586) 789-9848



OPEN 2-4pm | 35 Crestwood, Grosse Pointe Shores I Custom built home with 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths with master. \$295,000 Dori Daskas (313) 649-4167



OPEN 1-3pm | 38426 Mallast, Harrison Twp Great location, quiet street near canal. Lrg rooms, extra large lot 100x120. \$215,000 Carol Paton (586) 789-9848





OPEN 2-4pm | 21610 E Valley Wds, Beverly Hills Very special split wing colonial. 2,700 sqft, 4 beds, 2.5 baths, hardwood floors. \$485,000 Anne Hammond (248) 686-3656



OPEN 2-4pm | 8323 Central, Centerline Beautiful bungalow on a quiet street in heart of Centerline. Recently updated. \$89,100 Kasia Pirog (313) 649-4167



OPEN 2-4pm | 21705 Lujon, Farmington Hills Meticulously maintained 4 bedroom, 4.5 bath luxurious estate \$589.000 Marsha King (313) 649-4167



OPEN 2-4pm | 718 Canterbury, Grosse Pointe Woods | Custom and beautifully built Cox & Baker 3200 sqft home! \$449,000 Kay Rinke (313) 649-4167



OPEN 1-4pm | 32451 S. River Rd, Harrison Twp | A true boater & water lovers paradise! Gorgeous custom home. \$549,000 Kevin Paton (586) 789-9848





OPEN 2-5pm | 914 Shirley, Birmingham Charming 1930's Connecticut colonial on a beautiful landscaped .5 acre lot. \$899,000 Robert Dundon (248) 686-3656



OPEN 1-4pm | 46329 Community Center, Chesterfield Twp | Incredible, spacious colonial on a very quiet street. \$264,000 Kevin Paton (586) 789-9848



OPEN 1-4pm | 29550 S. Meadowridge, Farmington Hills | End unit condo. Stunning 3/3 with master suite, 2 fireplaces. \$249,900 Carol Adams (248) 686-3656



OPEN 2-4pm | 20728 Green Ct, Grosse Pointe Woods | Well cared for home built with contemporary flair. \$389,000 Dori Daskas (313) 649-4167



OPEN 1-4pm | 39282 Nautical Lane, Harrison Twp | Pristine 4 bedroom split level home with nearly 5000soft. \$369.900 Hosted by: Misty Weisenberger (586) 789-9848



OPEN 2-4pm | 2400 Matthew Court, Hartland Twp | Beautifully decorated, 4 bedroom home on a cul-de-sac. \$274,900 Kori Adams (248) 365-7885



OPEN 2-5pm | 4528 Ascot Ct, Oakland Twp Sought after Woods of Country Creek Sub Priced to sell!! \$498.000 Trica Wilson (248) 686-3656



OPEN 12-3pm | 511 N Holbrook, Plymouth Charismatic two family home easy to convert into single family home! \$449,000 Chris Patrick (734) 404-7143



OPEN 1-4pm | 3113 Emmons, Rochester Hills Great house in a great location! Rochester schools! Hardwood floors \$159,900 Jacquelyn Hasenfratz (248) 558-2072



OPEN 1-3pm | 35436 Wellston, Sterling Hts Stunning! Updated home on quiet street. Newer windows, flooring & roof. \$249,900 Carol Paton (586) 789-9848



OPEN 1-4pm | 6663 Langtoft Ave, West Bloomfield | Lots of room to entertain, access to Upper Straits Lake. \$795,000 Lynn Roderick (248) 365-7885



Built in 2003, 1825 sqft, 4 bed, 2.5 bath,

OPEN 1-4pm | 1071 Nakomis Trail, Orion Twp Fabulous lakefront private retreat less than 30 minutes from Birmingham. \$1,150,000 Steve Cole (248) 686-3656



OPEN 12-5pm | 5045 Belmonte Dr, Rochester Fabulous newer condo w/1st floor master & upgraded features throughout. \$465,000 Rosalee Hill (248) 686-3656



OPEN 1-3pm | 310 N Wilson Ave, Royal Oak One of the best values in Royal Oak so don't miss your opportunity! \$249,000 Donna Bousson (248) 686-3656



OPEN 1-4pm | 1880 Connolly Dr, Troy One of Troys most incredible properties! Total renovation over \$170 K. \$899,000 Steve Cole (248) 686-3656



SALE PENDING | West Bloomfield ROYAL POINTE...one of West Bloomfield's crown jewels! Magnificent home. \$499,000 Karen Thomas (248) 365-7885

Independence Twp | Beautiful, secluded yard extends into wooded area. \$398,000 Ann Spencer (248) 558-2072



OPEN 2-4:30pm | 4829 Catalina Dr, Orion Twp Pristine home is light and bright. \$419,900 Mary Jo Flett (248) 923-4072



OPEN 1-4pm | 6644 Cornerstone Lane, Rochester Hills | Gated w/10 exclusive homes! 1.5 stories of elegance. \$850,000 Hosted by: Joseph Stivers (248) 826-2349



OPEN 11-1pm | 1022 Catalpa, Royal Oak Beautiful brick bungalow w/an over-sized yard. Move in ready. \$204,500 Jessica Tremonti (248) 686-3656



OPEN 1-3pm | 1879 Enterprise, Troy Newer, East facing 2,000+ sqft West Troy Colonial w/many improvements. \$299,000 Jack Bertoia (248) 686-3656



OPEN 12-3pm | 6990 Inkster Road, West Bloomfield | Expansive ranch style home with private hill-top setting. \$269,900 Jeff Smith (248) 686-3656

Northville | Impeccable Curtis built Cape Cod in Northville Hills Golf Community! \$600,000 John Goodman (248) 826-2349

Over 5,000 sqft of living space, on 4 acres, with a 45X20 Gunite pool. \$499,900 Dianne Gouin (248) 923-4072



OPEN 1-4pm | 46450 Shamrock Ln, Plymouth Charisma of old and amenities of new! Serene location w/acre+ lot! \$474,000 Chris Patrick (734) 404-7143



OPEN 11:30-3:00 | 1923 Chalmers Dr. W, Rochester Hills | Beautiful unique, updated all brick home in Grosse Pines. \$366,000 Kathy Frantz (248) 923-4072



OPEN 2-4pm | 22679 Bayview, St Clair Shrs Five houses from the lake. Beautiful treelined street. Come look inside! \$350,000 Marsha King (313) 649-4167



OPEN 2-5pm | 4231 Stanley Ct, Waterford Great value in this very inviting, well-cared-for home. Locyely kitchen \$169,900 Carol O'Neil (248) 558-2072



OPEN 1-3pm | 6511 Blue Spruce Ct, West Bloomfield | Condo living w/ privacy of your own home in Locklin Pines! \$185,000 Stefanie Sanders (248) 365-7885

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OPEN 1-4pm | 916 Ridgeview Circle, Orion Twp

Brick paver walkway, new roof, hardwood floors, 2-story foyer, fireplace. \$309,900

OPEN 1-4pm | 1475 Gracedale Dr, Rochester Hills | On 2+ acres this truly unique home is private and peaceful! \$374,900 Leslie Doran (248) 923-4072



OPEN 12-2pm | 1715 River Rd, #83, Saint Clair Twp | St. Clair River View! One level living - one story up. End unit \$135,000 Barbara Mueller (586) 789-9848



OPEN 12-3pm | 11570 Rickman Dr, Van Buren Twp | Absolutely stunning 4 bed, 2.5 bath home in Lake Crest Estates \$219,900 Jim Ford (734) 404-7143



OPEN 12-3pm | 3915 Will-O-Way, West Bloomfield | Remarkable and pristine brick and cedar mid-century ranch. \$234,900 Perry Gatliff (313) 649-4167