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Library jazz

The Northville District Library will host the R.J. Spangler Jazz Trio, featuring guest veteran musician John "T Bone" Paxton, 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3. For more information, contact the library at northvillelibrary.org.

Band-O-Rama

Band-O-Rama, Northville High School's annual instrumental music explosion, will fill the high school auditorium at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4. Symphonic Band 10, Symphonic Band 11/12 and Jazz Ensemble will perform. The rousing grand finale will feature the 262member Mustang Marching Band.

At 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, NHS choir students and the NHS Drum Line be a part of the "Christmas in the D" concerts to benefit the nonprofit Central Detroit Christian Community Development Corp. Events will be at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Road, in North-

Agreement designed to remove township liability

Joanne Maliszewski Staff Writer

They may or may not realize

it, but some homeowners are encroaching on publicly owned land along Seven Mile - the former Michigan Psychiatric Hospital - causing liability concerns for Northville Township

The reported intrusion has allowed homeowners to expand their properties with landscaping, lawn equipment, fire pits and storage, such as for firewood. The problem is that the use of the public property is, indeed, a trespass.

Trespassing, however, is just

part of the problem for the township. The intrusion also creates potential liability for each homeowner who is encroaching, not to mention for the township as well.

To take care of the problem, township officials have approved allowing homeowners who are using the additional

property to obtain a license. By now, homeowners should have received a letter explaining the situation and a license applica-

'We thought this was a reasonable way to handle this,' Supervisor Bob Nix said.

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Northville residents Turner Prew, Paige Cameron and Hailey Prew patiently wait for the lights as the Holiday Lighted Parade comes down Main Street.



TOM BEAUDOIN

Northville kids Juliana Bohlen and Danni and Sammi Gale pose with Santa and Mrs. Clause at the Town Square.

Kicking off the season

Seniors enjoy early Thanksgiving; Santa arrives with Holiday Lighted Parade

Joanne Maliszewski Staff Writer

Food, camaraderie, lights, family and friends kicked off the 2015 holiday season in Northville last week. A Thanksgiving dinner for seniors and a parade was so decorated with lights a satellite passing over Michigan must have wondered what it was.

The holiday season got its start with the annual Thanksgiving luncheon for seniors Thursday, Nov. 19, at the Community Center.

"They have a full-fledged Thanksgiving meal," said Suzie Johnson, senior and adult en-

richment coordinator. So full-fledged that the number of seniors who attended, 134, set a record for the senior program. "It's a wonderful problem to have," said township Trustee Mindy Hermann, who represents the township on the parks and recreation commission, a joint service with the city.

Meanwhile, Friday night drew thousands to downtown Northville ready for the annual Holiday Lighted Parade, sporting a theme of "Dreaming of a White Christmas." Roads were

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'Christmas for the D'

Concert at Ward Church to raise money for Detroit's residents, neighborhoods

Joanne Maliszewski

an Church wants to embrace

role in returning the city to its

former glory. With the help of

local musicians - Northville and

Staff Writer Ward Evangelical Presbyteri-

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Clarenceville high school choirs and Farmington Hills' own Jena Irene Ascuiutto of American *Idol* fame – the congregation is taking another big step with the Detroit's comeback and to play a "Christmas for the D" concert.

"This is the first we have

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The Selected of God Choir was featured on "America's Got Talent."





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NORTHVILLE LIBRARY LINES

The Northville District library will be closed, Thursday, Nov. 26, for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Twelfth Night Concert

Time/Date: 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 1 **Details:** Enjoy traditional seasonal music performed by this acclaimed a capella group in Renaissance costumes. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library and will be held at the Northville Community Center. Registration required. Call 248-349-

Unravel & Craftapalooza

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 1 Details: For all ages. Casual knit and crochet sessions for all skill levels. Materials and basic instruction pro-

vided. Make unique crafts with a variety of fun craft supplies. Just

Coloring for

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 2

Grownups

Details: Studies show coloring can calm the mind and promote relaxation. We supply the coloring pages designed for adults, colored pencils, markers and crayons. Just drop

R.J. Spangler Trio

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3

Details: John "T-Bone" Paxton, veteran Detroit singer and instrumentalist, performs jazz and blues favorites with this allstar band. R.J. shares a bit of the history of Detroit's jazz and blues roots. Registration required.

Library Friends sponsor Twelfth Night Singers

The Friends of the Northville District Library will present the Twelfth Night Singers for an evening of holiday music at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1, at the Northville Community Center, 303 W. Main Street.

Dressed in colorful Renaissance attire, the group sings a wide range of a cappella traditional Christmas music, from carol to wassail song, from Bach to Burt to P.D.Q. Bach.

The Twelfth Nights

Singers is a child-friendly group. During the holiday season, members often sprinkle children's favorites into their reper-

This group has been a perennial favorite with library audiences. Call

248-349-3020 to reserve a seat or go on the library's website at www,northvillelibrary.org and go to the events calendar. Admission is free and sponsored by the Friends of the Northville District Library

MILL RACE MATTERS

Mill Race Historical Village is at 215 Griswold Avenue, north of Main Street, near Ford Field. Buildings will re-open each Sunday in June 2016. Grounds are open daily dawn until dusk. Mill Race relies on rentals and memberships to maintain the village. Consider becoming a member or making a donation today; visit www.millracenorthville.org for details.

Upcoming events

Children's Christmas Workshop: 10 a.m. to noon and 1-3 p.m. Dec. 5. This event is sold out, but to be on the wait list, call the Stockhausens at 248-349-2833.

Tablescaping Tea: 1-3:30 p.m. Dec. 12. This event is sold out.

Members Only Annual Dinner: 6:30 p.m. Jan. 21. The event will be at the New School Church at Mill Race Village. Renew your membership today and join us in Janu-

General info

Website: www.millracenorth-

Volunteers: The Northville Historical Society at Mill Race Village accepts volunteers in many

different areas. Contact the office for more details.

Rentals: Call or email the office to rent the Cady Inn or Church for a wedding or party. Many dates are available. More information on

Donations: Accepted only 9

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LIABILITY

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Other choices available to the township were to do nothing and risk liability or prohibit the use and enforce the trespass laws.

Under the license agreement, homeowners may continue to use the public property on a limited basis - without charge. But the agreement prohibits building permanent structures on the land. Homeowners also would assume all liability for the portion of land they use.

Homeowners have until Jan. 1, 2016, to sign and return the agreement. Homeowners who choose not to sign the agreement will be forced to stop their use and remove their belongings from the property.

Treasurer Marjorie Banner told her colleagues that homeowners appear aware of the problem. But she added



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Homeowners whose property abuts and may be encroaching on the Northville Township-owned property where the psychiatric hospital once stood have been asked to sign an agreement accepting liability.

that when the township makes use of the former Michigan Psychiatric Hospital and builds paths on the property, they may just complain that their yards are too close.

"It's that's a problem, back off and don't use the property," Hix said.

Kings Mill subdivision resident Peter D'Angelo asked township trustees if homeowners along the township property are

increasing their property by say, 10 percent, will they pay 10 percent more in taxes?

"In most instances, it's a small amount. It's nickels and dimes," Hix said. Banner added: "This is not 200 people."

Trustee Fred Shadko offered there should be a prohibition against homeowners from cutting down trees on the township-owned proper-

Meanwhile, Trustee Mary Gans said a similar problem exists along the Thayer Corners Park that abuts the Country Club Village subdivision near Six Mile and Napier. "We've had this kind of history in the township,"

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TOM BEAUDOIN Preservation Dental took the Best **Holiday Spirit** award Friday during the Northville Holiday Lighted Parade.



TOM BEAUDOIN

Northville High School marching band entertains the thousands of people at the annual Holiday Lighted Parade Friday.

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closed to make way for the hour-long parade.

While the majority of parade-goers gathered on sidewalks along the parade route, others stayed at home and gathered on front porches with family and friends.

Following the parade, some parade-goers stopped at the Town Square for a community sing-a-long, while Santa Claus made his annual entrance to a welcome and tree lighting ceremony, hosted by Tina Genitti and Northville Citizen of the Year Chris Johnson.

But let's not forget the parade award winners.

Durham School Services (which provides school bus service for Northville Public Schools) took the Mayor's Choice; Begonia Brothers won the Best Parade Theme; and Preservation Dental was honored with the Best Holiday Spirit.

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TOM BEAUDOIN Performers from Edge Dance Co. of Northville are in the holiday

spirit.



CONCERT

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ever done this concert or anything like this concert," said the Rev. Scott McKee, senior pastor at Ward Church in Northville. "We want to build awareness. There are wonderful things going on in the city of Detroit that people are not aware

of.' "Christmas For The D" will raise funds to help community development in a 24-block area near New Center area. The neighborhood is located in 48202, long considered one of the poorest ZIP codes in the United States. All ticket sales from the concert will be donated directly to Central Detroit Christian Community Development Corp., an agency that has been at work in the neighborhood for more than 20 years.

Recently, Ward pledged to donate more than \$1 million to CDC and its work in Detroit. Beyond financial contributions, Ward has sent more than 500 volunteers to serve in Detroit during the past 10 months. So far, Ward has helped CDC purchase two-thirds of the vacant homes in its 24-block neighborhood. Now, work is continuing with renovations so families can eventually move in and strengthen the

community. Concert-goers will be treated to an evening of music that will feature not only Irene and the Northville and Clarenceville choirs, but the Selected of God Choir featured on America's Got Talent – as well as Detroit TV personality Chuck Gaidica and Miss America 2008 Kirsten Haglund.

"We're going to show a video on Detroit's hous-ing and education work," McKee said. "We see these great places where there are making a comeback."



Jena Irene of Farmington Hills, runner-up on "American Idol" in 2014.

The concert is designed to build coalitions with the city and the suburbs.

"I love that Ward has been so committed to serving neighborhoods in Detroit that have severe challenges," said Gaidica, a Northville-area resident. "Ward's partnership with CDC is making an impact because it helps that organization touch lives.

Established in 1994, CDC's mission is to transform the neighborhood by rebuilding homes, helping families grow, offering entrepreneurship classes, opening new businesses to serve resi-



The Northville High School Choir will perform at Ward Church.

dents and more. "Our mission is really simple; it's to transform lives while we're transforming a community, "said Lisa Johanon, CDC's founder and executive director. "The biggest thing any suburban church can do is come and walk alongside us and get into people's lives."

McKee said that the partnership between Ward Church and the CDC is a natural fit. "Ward began over 60 years ago in the city of Detroit, so Detroit is our hometown – it's where we grew up," he said. "As a

church, we believe we have a role to play in the restoration of Detroit. So many things happening today tell us that God is at work and it's our job to join Him in it. Ward Church is committed to serving others and one way we can do that this season is raise funds through this concert and hopefully connect some new friends to CDC's mission as well.'

The concert is being held at Ward Church, but McKee is quick to point out that the event won't feel "churchy." He said, "Christmas for the D' is

a chance to celebrate what we have in common. Just like the members of Ward, so many people in our community are interested in Detroit and looking for ways to help move the city forward. This concert is a simple and fun way we can come together to do just that."

The concert venue at Ward seats 1,400. With two shows at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m., Ward can welcome about 2,800 concert-goers. Tickets are \$15 and \$20 and are available at www.ChristmasFor-TheD.com. Ward is at 40000 Six Mile in Northville, just west of Haggerty, on the north side of the road.

"We are not going to pass the plate," McKee said. "This is not a church thing. We will raise money from the ticket sales and it will go to work in the city.'

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Northville honors fall athletic teams

Joanne Maliszewski

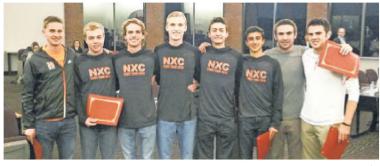
Academics aren't the only accomplishment for Northville High School, as student-athletes were honored for their hard work, tenacity and state rankings.

Following parents and Board of Education members' congratulations to the 2015 National Merit students Nov. 17, the celebratory atmosphere continued as the district's five high school fall athletics teams were honored.

Honored were the girls cross country team that placed fourth in the state in Division 1; boys cross country, second in the state; boys tennis, sixth in the state; and girls golf, 13th in the state. The high school football team completed a perfect 9-0 regular season this

"They work together unbelievably," boys cross country coach Chris Cronin said, adding that the team's brotherhood is undeniable. "This is the greatest team Northville has ever seen.'

The team includes: Ben Cracraft, Connor Naughton, Kenny Goolsby, Thomas



Northville Township trustees honored the Northville High School boys cross country team, which placed second at the Division 1 state finals.

Smither, Christian Freiburger, Nicholas Couyoumjian and Sean Coleman. In addition to coach Cronin, assistant coaches are Colin Riley, Tim Dalton and Jack Dalton.

A few days later, the Northville Township Board of Trustees honored the boys cross country team for its accomplishments. Team members were awarded a township resolution that read:

Led by the captains Connor Naughton and Kenny Gooslby, these young men worked tirelessly, in excess of two hours a day for the past 21 weeks focused on a lofty and noble goal. Despite being picked to

finish no higher than 10th in many preseason polls, the work ethic and incredible brotherhood shared by these runners allowed them to achieve the unimaginable by running into the runner-up position at the state championship, a mere two points behind the overall winner."

"It's awesome. An absolutely awesome accomplishment. That is just fantastic," township Supervisor Bob Nix told team members. "You guys really worked hard. You really

When Nix asked the team if it was worth it. Team members shouted, "Yeah!"

The girls cross country team includes: Ann Barrott, Lexa Barrott, Cayla Eckenroth, Hailey Harris, Olivia Harp, Emma Herrmann, Emma Smith, Paige Zimmer and Rachel Zimmer. Nancy Smith is the coach and Amy Baditoi is assistant coach.

The boys tennis team includes: Jonathan Bi, Yannis Bi, Nishan Chava, Alexander Childs, James Dales, Giuliano Daniel, Oliver Daniel, Stephen Freeman, Ryan Gallagher, Charles Gao, Robert Hong, Connor Johnston, Arvind Kalyana, Victor Lee, Janak Mukherji, Hoon Oh, Michael Pui, Andrew Quinn, Sami Rajani and Evan Simoff. Andy Koilpillai is the coach.

The girls golf team includes: Alvse Clevenger, Hannah Dygert, Gabby Jaszczur, Jen Kowalczyk, Paige Rosinki and Allison Zwakra. Coach is Jeff Balagna.

The varsity football team includes: Anthony Abbott II, Thomas Agnello, Jack Barnes, Max Barnhart, Zachary Bates, Tejas Bedi, Adithya Boddu, Vaughn Browder, Jack Burke, Joey Cawley, Alec Coppock, Benair Covington, JaQuan Crawford, Terrell Cunning-

ham, Harish Danasekaran, Peter Dulzo, Timothy Elliott, Stephen Ernst, Cameron Eskander, Christian Field, Adam Ghabra, Matthew Gutherie, Trenton Guthrie, Nathan Holloway, Joshua Hoover, Noah Higgins, Abe Khoury, Alex Kim and Matthew Komorous.

The team also includes: Brandon Makowski, Dylan Malpede, Jordan March, Zachary Marks, George Metrusias, Parker Meyers, Jonathan Michalak, Joey Minghine, Michael Minick, Jake Moody, Andrew Mulcrone, Anmol Multani, Jacob Murphy, Ryan Nelson, Ryan Paddock, Jack Peterson, Andrew Piszar, Mason Pitt, Matthew Provagna. Zachary Prystash, Ian Rachelson, Jacob Randall, Shane Rankin, Matthew Roth, Sean Rowan, Caleb Sheehan, Max Steilen, Tony Storm, Leo Sullivan, Dennis Swift, Artan Tagani, Antonio Washington, Kyle White, Nicholas Wilds, Timothy Nojciechowski, Trevor Wjiechowski, Gary Wu and Justin Zimbo. Head coach is Matt Ladach.

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Northville district boasts 32 National Merit students

It was one of those moments that had students, their parents and members of the Northville Public Schools Board of Education absolutely beaming.

They knock your socks off," Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher said. "To have this number of students achieve at this level is truly awesome.'

This year, Northville has 20 National Merit semifinalists and 12 commended. In February, the district will know how many of the students will go into the scholarship program's

Students named semifinalists are: Jonathan Bi, Yannis

Bi, Karl Finkbeiner, Neha Gandra, Robert Hong, Neha Kishore, Samantha Lu, Peter Martin, Ashwath Muruganand, Karthik Pittala, Katherine Robertson, Sidharth Sawhney, Parth Shah, Ryan Shanahan, Rhea Singh, Jean Tyan, James Xue, Connie You and Himanshu Zambare.

Students named commended are: Alexis Aulepp, Haley Clafton, Ramya Erasala, Aashima Gulati, Divya Gumudavelly, Reeshma Kumar, Karen Li, Daniel Liu, Erica Meister, Saurab Nooguri, Grace Yang and Vickie Zhang.

Educational foundation kicks off annual campaign

The Northville Educational Fund has kicked off the annual campaign to Give Students An EDGE, which asks school supporters to donate \$40 per student. The NEF supports curriculum and programs in the Northville Public Schools

A tax-deductible donation to NEF is an investment in the future of students and an investment in the foundation's capacity to the meet the needs of the school district, according to foundation offi-

Last year, NEF supported Innovative Teaching grants, STEM initiatives, The Leader In Me. facility improvements and other endeavors that

continue to keep NPS one of the strongest districts in Michigan and help to give students an edge.

The goal of NEF's annual campaign, which runs through Jan. 31, is to inspire 100 percent of district families to make a donation. Families should give what is meaningful and manageable for them. The foundation has a range of gift sizes – from \$10 to \$50,000 and each has an impact on students.

Now through the end of the year, a gift can doubly matter. Donations made by Dec. 31, will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$30,000 by a small group of generous donors. The annual campaign to

Give Students An EDGE suggests a donation of \$40 per student.

Last school year, thanks to the generosity of 2014-15 donors, NEF provided \$215,000 to the school district in order to fund enrichment programs in the classrooms at all 10 schools and facility improvements at Cooke School. It is anticipated that the district will continue to need this level of funding, if not more, next year to continue the programs the NEF supports in the areas of the arts, academics and athletics. The goal for this campaign is \$100,000.

For more information or to make a donation, contact the foundation at 248-344-8458.

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Cleaning protocols ramped up in schools following suspected meningitis case

Joanne Maliszewski Staff Writer

With one suspected case of viral meningitis at Winchester Elementary School, Northville district officials have ramped up cleaning protocols.

We communicate so we can be vigilant," Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher said, referring to a letter sent to Winchester parents a week

The county and state health departments do not require the school district to inform the community, but Galla-gher added, "We err on the side of informing families."

With one suspected case, however, there is no indica-tion that the illness has spread or will spread to other children, Gallagher

Gallagher

said. Viral meningitis is considered less serious than bacterial meningi-

"When we see an uptick in illness, we institute cleaning protocols," Gallagher said, adding that includes cleaning door knobs and other such items that children touch.

Because of the federal HIPPA privacy laws, district officials cannot say whether the suspected case is from a child or

a staff member. But Gallagher urges parents to monitor their children. "If they are sick, they should stay home,"

> The suspected case is not unusual. "We usually get a few cases every year," Gallagher said.

In the letter to parents, school officials listed information to inform them of what viral meningitis is:

» Viral meningitis can occur throughout the year, but is most common in the summer and fall. People of any age can get viral meningitis, but it is more frequent in children.

» About 90 percent of viral meningitis cases are due to common stomach viruses called enteroviruses. Enteroviruses are passed from person to person through stool or saliva, but most people who come in contact with enteroviruses do not develop an infection. This is because their immune system fights the virus success-

» Getting infected with one of the germs that can cause viral meningitis does not automatically mean a person will get meningitis. In most cases, the germ will simply cause a cold, upset stomach, or diar-

fully.

» There is no specific prevention for viral meningitis. However, good personal hygiene, such as frequent hand washing, can reduce the

chances of catching viral meningitis and other illnesses.

» Antibiotics are not effective against virus-

According to the Oakland County Department of Health and Human Services, prevention includes:

» Keep hands clean by washing thoroughly with soap and water or by using an alcoholbased hand sanitizer when soap and water are not available.

» Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you sneeze or cough.

» Wash hard surfaces and toys with soap and water or disinfectant.

» Avoid sharing with others items contaminated with saliva such as cups, eating utensils, pacifiers, gum and

candy. » Refrain from kiss-

» Immunize children against varicella (chicken pox), measles and mumps.

» Get a flu shot each year. Prevent mosquitoes from biting you and your children.

» Eliminate any rodent infestation that

might be in your home. For more information, contact the Oakland County Department of Health and Human Services at 248-858-1406 or toll free at 800-848-5533

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State approves tougher science standards for students

Lori Higgins Michigan.com

The state Board of Education approved new science standards Nov. 10 that will alter the way students are taught the subject, while the Michigan Department of Education put changes to social studies standards on hold.

The change in the science standards means there will be greater emphasis on thinking and acting like a scientist and less emphasis on memorizing basic facts. The idea is for students to have a deeper knowledge of the subject.

State education officials believe the change will improve Michigan students' dismal performance in the subject. Results of the state's new exam — the Michigan Student Test of Educa-

tional Performance found that only 12 percent of fourth-graders and 22 percent of fifthgraders passed the science portion of the exam.

Those numbers "reflect the fact that what we're doing today may not be working as well as we want," said Casandra Ulbrich, D-Rochester Hills, the board's vice president.

The new standards a slight adaptation of the nationally created Next Generation Science Standards — were approved by a vote of 7-1, with the only dissenting vote coming from Richard Zeile. R-Dearborn.

The board heard mixed views about the science standards from a stream of parents and educators.

Critics said the standards are unproven and cited a report that gave

them an average grade. Why are we moving in a lateral, slightly lower direction instead of up?" asked Michelle Frederick

of White Lake. But they were countered by people like Emily Pohlonski, president of the Network of Michigan Educators, who spoke about how the standards will affect her daughter, who will enter third grade next school year. Under the current standards, her daughter would simply have to identify the force that holds objects to the

Earth. But under the new standards, her daughter would have to plan and conduct an investigation to provide evidence of the effects of balance and unbalanced forces on the motion of an object.

"Let's pay attention to the verbs. Do we want our kids identifying ... or do we want our kids planning and investigating?"

Meanwhile, MDE said it was delaying updates to the standards for social studies to address concerns raised by Michigan residents.

"We're not going to rush it. We're going to get it right," state Superintendent Brian Whiston

said during the meeting. Both sets of standards outline expectations for what students will learn. It will be up to local schools to determine how to teach them.

The MDE has already addressed some big criticisms. For instance, the standards referred to the U.S. as a "constitutional democracy" rather than as a "constitutional republic." The MDE said the standards have already been revised to make that correction.

The state also made

some changes to address concerns it appeared to be dropping the study of World War II, the Holo-

The proposed social studies and science standards were both sent out for public feedback from late August to early Octo-

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About 74 percent of the 450 people who responded to a survey said they believed students would be better prepared under the proposed update to the social studies standards. But 26 percent didn't agree. While that's a relatively low number statistically, MDE said it was too high.

"That's something that needs to be looked at and considered," said Linda Forward, director of the office of education improvement and innovation at MDE.

The update — to standards last approved by the board in 2007 — was designed to reduce the number of social studies standards from 652 to 552, make them more concise and make them more rigorous, emphasizing students' ability to apply what they're learning to real-world situations and focusing more on completing projects.

The changes will align Michigan's standards with those developed by the National Council for the Social Studies.

The department will address all concerns, then put together an external committee to review the changes. A new public comment period will take place after the beginning of the year and the standards likely will go before the state board in February.



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Animal rights protesters picket Roperti's

Brad Kadrich Staff Writer

Courtney Jacobs acknowledges Roperti's Turkey Farm is a Livonia icon, having done business in the city since

But that didn't stop Jacobs, director of DetroitCowSave, from organizing a protest Saturday outside the gates of the long-established turkey farm in an effort to raise awareness of animal cruelty.

Jacobs and about a dozen protesters spent an hour standing on Five Mile, holding signs objecting to the operation less than a week before Thanksgiving.

We just want to raise awareness there are other ways to celebrate Thanksgiving," said Jacobs, who holds a bachelor's degree in health services from Oakland University. "Sentient beings don't have to be killed just for tradition."



BRAD KADRICH

About a dozen protesters picketed outside Roperti's Turkey Farm in Livonia for about an hour Saturday.

It was the second straight year Detroit-CowSave picketed Roperti's. A similar-sized group spent an hour in the same spot a year ago.

Roperti's owner Christine Roperti was unfazed by the protest, shrugging it off as a group on an ultimately unsuccessful effort to change people's thinking.

"They're not going to change the world," Roperti said. "If they want to be out there for an hour ... whatever. It doesn't matter to me."

Roperti questioned the tactics of the group, wondering if the group had protested Huron Turkey Farm (on Merriman Road in Romulus) - Jacobs acknowledged the group had not — or other similar businesses in the area.

"I think they're actually harassing me," Roperti said.

Laurice Bray founded DetroitCowSave, a grassroots organization dedicated to raising awareness about the suffering of factory farmed animals. She said the protest was not only about getting people to give up turkey for Thanksgiving, but it's also about the treatment of the turkeys.

"We're out here because we feel these turkeys are not unlike any other animal ... turkeys



Jim and Laurice Bray of Farmington Hills were among the picketers. Laurice is founder of DetroitCowSave.

are very intelligent," said Bray, who grew up in Livonia and now lives in Farmington Hills. "We know we're not going to change a lot of minds. Roperti's is a Livonia institution. (But) people are going to (eventually) embrace a kinder, gentler lifestyle that doesn't include killing animals."

While Roperti dislikes the group's methods she claims they've lied to

state inspectors about Roperti's, for instance she is unfazed by their presence and expects to sell some 4,500 turkeys this holiday.

"I like it when (protesters) come," Roperti saied. "(Customers) come running through the door when they're

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New shopping center being proposed off Haggerty in Livonia

David Veselenak Staff Writer

Do you do a lot of shopping along the Haggerty corridor? Holiday buyers could have a new shopping center to check out in Livonia before

Christmas 2016. Plans are being hammered out for presentation before the city that could bring a new shopping center at 19700 and 19750 Haggerty, between Seven Mile and Eight Mile. The center, site of several industrial buildings that were constructed in the mid-1980s, is seeing some demolition and rehabilitation work and is expected to house two restaurants, a large big-box retailer and a row of smaller shops in a

strip mall. Some future development could come on the east side of the property as well, which currently houses a structure not included in the original plans.

The rehabilitation of these properties will allow for the redevelopment of approximately 55,000 square feet of modern retail, restaurant and flex facilities in buildings that have been largely vacant for over (14) years," reads part of the tax exemption certificate application submitted by the developer, SREP Haggerty Road LLC, based in Bloomfield

The city council held a special meeting in late October and approved the application for a

commercial rehabilitation exemption certificate for the company.

'What we're looking at basically is freezing the taxable value of the real property, which is the buildings and the land improvements, for the maximum which is allowed under the statute .. for 10 years," said Mark Taormina, the city's planning director. "With the thought being that the reduced tax burden to the developer will help redevelop the property and to address some of the environmental issues that are there.

He said there are some environmental concerns at the site the developer is working to address before further

work could continue, including some issues with underground methane the company is working to correct.

"There's some kind of mitigation necessary for them to redevelop the property," he said. "I don't know all the details on that, but that was the chief among the arguments as to why it should be granted the abatement."

If the project is eventually approved, the company expects to invest about \$16.3 million in building rehabilitation and \$23.4 million overall on the shopping center development. It could create as many as 112 temporary construction jobs and 129 new retail and restaurant jobs.

Rezoning request made several years ago

Taormina said it's expected that the plans for the center, being referred to as Haggerty Marketplace, will begin their process of approval at the planning commission sometime in December. The potential tenants' identities have not been made public yet, though the tenants would need to be shown at a later date for final approval of the facilities.

The land was up for rezoning back in 2011, when the council gave first reading on the approval. It would require a second reading once the site plan reaches the city council, which could happen early next year.

"First reading was

literally granted four years ago," Taormina said. "When the site plan is ready for approval by the council, they'll have second reading on the rezoning.

"They've been planning it for a very long time.

Haggerty Road has also seen a major boom on both the Livonia and Northville Township side of the road in recent years, including the recent development of Northville Park Place across from Schoolcraft College

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Brightmoor Christian

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

Web: www.brightmoorchur-

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. Sat-

urday (Spanish) Holy days: 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. **Reconciliation:** beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appoint-

Priests: the Rev. Bob LaCroix, pastor, and the Rev. Beto Espinoza, associate pastor

AA: 8 p.m. Wednesdays

Crosspointe Meadows

Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile, Novi Contact: 248-669-9400, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday Web: www.crosspointemea-

dows.org Sunday worship: 11 a.m. Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for

Details: Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements result-

Destiny Worship Center

Location: Ridge Wood Elementary School, 41355 Six Mile, Northville

Contact: destinyw3@gmail.comc Web: www.dw3c.org

Detroit Japanese Christian Fellowship

Location: 45301 11 Mile, Novi Contact: Kanji Fuki Contact: 248-756-3336

Dominion Church

Location: P.O. Box 605, Novi Contact: 248-767-1366 Pastor: James H. Moseley Jr. Asst. Pastor: Ashaki M. Mose-

Emmanuel Lutheran

Location: 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia

Web: www.emmanuel-livo-

Contact: 248-442-8822

Sunday worship: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Youth group: 7 p.m. Wednes-

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

Women's Coffee Break Bible Study: 10-11:30 a.m. Mondays -Extraordinary Women by John MacArthur

Faith Community Presbyterian Church

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

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Women's Group: 12:30 p.m. third Thursday

Children's Faith Club: 5 p.m. Wednesday

First Baptist Church of Northville

Location: 217 N. Wing, North-

Contact: 248-348-1020 Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m.

and 5:45 p.m. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.

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

Early Thanksgiving meal



Contact: 248-349-0911

Web: www.fpcnorthville.org

Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m.

First Presbyterian

Contact: 248-437-2875, of-

fice@fpcsouthlyon.org

7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 21

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First Presbyterian

Location: 26165 Farmington

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Contact: 248-349-0565,

Location: 41415 Nine Mile, Novi

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Worship: Christmas Eve Candle-

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Gloria Baske (left) dishes out stuffing, while others help prepare the Nov. 19 Thanksgiving Luncheon at the Novi Senior Center at Meadowbrook Commons. More than 100 seniors gathered with their friends and neighbors for a turkey lunch, singing, conversation and door prizes.



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Leo Okonkowski brings a turkey lunch to Donna Steffens at the early Thanksgiving gathering at the Novi Senior Center.

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; 11 a.m. Revive (contemporary) Worship, 11 a.m. Kids Worship and Teen Worship; 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday School

Monday: 7 p.m. - Bible Study Fellowship Men's Bible Study Tuesday: 9:25 a.m. - Women of

the Word Women's Bible Study Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. - Caravan Scouting program for kids ages 4 through fifth grade; Club 45 for fourth-and fifth-graders; Merge Middle School Worship night; Bible Study with Troy Ogle, Little Critters preschool program; Alpha class from 6:30-8 p.m. - an opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open and

Thursday: 6 a.m. - Men of Purpose Prayer and Bible Study -Revelation.

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First Free Will Baptist Church

for high school to adult.

Location: 51395 10 Mile Road,

Contact: 248-348-2380

First Presbyterian **Church of Northville**

Location: 200 E. Main, North-

Lakes Baptist Church

Location: 309 Decker Road,

Legacy Church

and Orchard Hills Baptist Church)

Novi

Web: www.legacychurch.us

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

Livonia Church of

Location: 15431 Merriman,

Contact: 734-427-8743 Sunday Worship: 11 a.m. Wednesday 7 p.m.

Meadowbrook **Congregational** Church

Location: 21355 Meadowbrook Road, Novi

Ritter, senior minister; 248-348-7757; office@mbccc.org

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.; church school and nursery care

provided during worship Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m. **Ten Not So Simple Rules:** Sundays through Nov. 22 -Senior minister the Rev. Art

Ritter will offer a sermon series exploring how the commandments came to be, what purpose they serve, and consider wheth er some commandments no longer speak to our modern world. The series will explore one commandment each Sunday (save Consecration Sunday, Nov.

Memorial Church of

Web: www.5milechurch.org Contact: 734-464-6722: churchoffice@5milechurch.org

Metropolitan Seventh-day **Adventist Church**

Location: 15585 N Haggerty

Contact: 734-420-3131 Web: www.metrosdachurch.org Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. Saturday

Bible Study/Prayer: 7 p.m. Wednesday

Road, Plymouth Township Contact: 734-233-3621; pheaton@northridgechurch.com

Northville Christian Assembly

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

Sundays: 9-10 a.m. Sunday

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activities for all ages throughout the year — children's programs,

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Novi United Methodist

Location: 41671 W. 10 Mile.

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/ lifegroups

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

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

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

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

Oakland Baptist Church

Location: 23893 Beck Road,

Contact: 248-982-4041 Web: www.oaklandbaptist

Orchard Grove Community Church

Location: 850 Ladd Road,

Walled Lake Contact: 248-926-6584 Web: www.orchardgrove.org

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church

Location: 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth Township 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 Sunday School: 10 a.m. Bible Study: Wednesdays at 7

Our Shepherd Presbyterian Church Location: 1200 S. Sheldon,

Plymouth Contact: pastor Bill Burke;

734-927-0891

Wednesday Bible Study: 7 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.thepentecostalsof-

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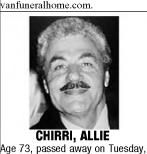
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November September 10, 1942 in Beirut, Lebanon to Imam Mohamad Chirri and Fawziah Hammoud. He was the owner of Chirri Building and Remodeling (Northville), and a longtime resident of Northville. He is survived by his wife Carol Miller. His children Majed Chirri, Nada (Glenn Stice) Chirri and Jamal (Kara) Chirri. His grandchildren Shawn Stice, Kailyn Stice, Hanna Stice, Anthony Chirri and Nicholas His mother Fawziah Hammoud and step-mother Ezzat Chirri. Also survived by his siblings Abdul-Ilah Chirri, Adnan Chirri, Fatima Abbas, Randa Mageda Nouriddine, Majeed Chirri. Funeral services were held.

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PHILLIPS FUNERAL HÓME. www.phillipsfuneral.com KEENER, BARRY E. Age 53, of Novi, formerly of Livonia. Passed away November 16, 2015. Share condolences at



OLEKSY, JOHN J.

Age 67, passed away November 18, 2015. He was born on August 6, 1948 in Detroit, son of the late James and Marie Oleksy. John retired from the Ford Rouge Plant after 30 years of service as a Mill Wright. He was an avid outdoorsman and loved to hunt and fish. He will always be remembered as a loving and devoted husband. He is survived by his beloved wife of 40 years, Kathy; his sisters, Dawn (Rick) Brabant and Sandra Trominski; his nieces, Ashley and Jamie; and his nephew, Alan. Private family services have been held.



SCHULTZ, MATILDA "TILLIE"

Age 92, of Sarasota, FL formerly of Plymouth died November 14, 2015. casterlinefuneralhome.com





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peace of our heavenly Father. A Memorial Mass will be held at a later date.



Bible Church

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

Holy Cross Episcopal

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

Farmington Hills Immanuel Lutheran Church Location: 330 E. Liberty, South

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Contact: 248-437-2289 Pastor: Pastor Scott Miller **Upcoming:** Christmas for the Family: The Christmas story, crafts, games and lunch for the family. 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Dec. 5.

(formerly First Baptist Church

Location: 23455 Novi Road, Contact: pastor Jon Hix, 248-

Sunday School/Small Groups for all ages: 9:45 a.m.

Christ

Web: www.livoniachurch.net Bible School: Sunday 10 a.m.;

Contact: the Rev. Arthur P.

Web: www.mbccc.org

Christ

Location: 35475 Five Mile Road, Livonia Minister: Mark McGilvrev

Road, Plymouth

Worship Service: 10:45 a.m. Saturday

NorthRidge Church Location: 49555 N. Territorial

Web: www.ncalife.org School for adults/youth/children; 9 a.m. Contemporary service in sanctuary; 10:15 a.m.: Contem-

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Bridge work continues

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Don't let cold and flu ruin the winter season

As the holidays approach, many are gearing up for Thanksgiving dinners, holiday shopping and celebrating with family and friends. But with the unpredictable cold and flu season, it's equally important to add staying healthy to your list.

To help answer your most pressing queries, Dr. Travis Stork, emergency room physician and host of the Emmy Award-winning talk show The Doctors, has partnered with Church & Dwight Co. Inc., the maker of Arm & Hammer Simply Saline nasal mists, on a new online tool called "Congestion Questions," inviting people to ask questions and get the answers they need, such as these: Do nasal mists cause

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the rebound effect?

sodium bicarbonate and water. They are nonaddictive and do not cause any rebound con-

I have been experiencing nasal congestion for days. It's so bad that now I'm unable to blow my nose. How can I find quick relief?

Saline irrigation is an excellent way to relieve this sort of nasal congestion. Using either a nasal spray like Arm & Hammer Simply Saline Nasal Relief or a neti-pot ought to help flush out your nasal passages and help loosen your congestion.

I use saline mists and other medications when I need to for my children, but how else can I ease the symptoms of stuffy noses and sore throats?

Helping little ones feel better when they are sick is always a priority for parents. How best to help is often dependent on the cause. Some traditional treatments that can help soothe and clear stuffy noses include chicken soup or warm drinks with a little lemon or honey, although you should not give honey to a child less than one year of age. You should also make sure the house is kept at a comfortable temperature and perhaps consider a humidifier if you are in a dry climate. Finally, always make sure your children are staying hydrated and eating well.

Why do I get congested mostly at night?

Many people find that their congestion gets worse at night. This may be because when you lie in bed, gravity is no longer playing its part in clearing your nasal passages naturally, so you should try propping your head up with an extra pillow or two to find some relief. You may



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To submit your own questions and learn more about easing your cold and flu symptoms, go to www.CongestionQuestions.com.

also want to reduce the allergen levels in your bedroom by keeping pets off your bed and buying hypoallergenic pillows. A saline spray like Arm & Hammer Simply Saline Extra Strength

Nighttime Relief with natural eucalyptus can help quickly clear congestion so you can breathe easier and comfortably fall asleep, with no day-after effect.

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questions and learn more about easing your cold and flu symptoms, go to www.Congestion Questions.com.

— Family Features

State Police: Prepare your home, car for winter's wrath

With winter weather rapidly approaching, the Michigan State Police, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division is encouraging Michiganders to make winter emergency preparedness a priority.

"Some Michigan citizens have already experienced their first snow of the season, reminding us that winter is coming," said Capt. Chris A. Kelenske, deputy state director of Emergency Management and Homeland Security and commander of the MSP/

Severe winter weather poses health and safety concerns with extremely cold temperatures, freezing pipes, potential propane shortages and power outages. Michiganders should consider the following actions to be prepared for the upcoming winter months.

To prepare your home for winter:

» Weatherproof your home by installing weather-stripping and caulking and insulating walls, doors and windows.

» Insulate any water lines that run along exterior walls so pipes are less likely to freeze.

» Lock in a propane
rate now and have a
backup heating plan,
such as a generator, wood

» Have gas or oil furnaces inspected by a qualified professional and change the air filter.

stove or fireplace.

» Have your fireplace and chimney cleaned and inspected. Contact your local fire department for a referral or look for a local inspector online.

» Install batteryoperated carbon monoxide (CO) detectors near
every sleeping area. CO
poisoning is most prevalent when furnaces are
turned on to fight cold
winter temperatures, but
commonly occurs after
winter storms and accompanying power outages, when people tend to
rely on portable generators for electricity.

» Clean gutters to prevent ice dams. Roof ice dams can cause water to build up, leading to interior damage.

» Clear storm drains along the curb to enable water to drain. If plugged, water has the potential to go into lowlying areas and flood basements.

» Have an emergency

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preparedness kit stored safely in your house that includes: water, nonperishable food, a first aid kit, extra batteries, a battery or hand-crank powered radio, emergency lighting or flashlights, extra blankets and warm clothing.

To prepare your vehicle for winter:

» Have your radiator system serviced before winter and make sure to replace windshield wipers and wiper fluid with a wintertime mixture that will not freeze.

» Have your brakes, brake fluid, oil, car battery, heater and exhaust checked to make sure everything is running efficiently.

» Keep an emergency preparedness kit in your vehicle stocked with batteries, battery powered or hand-crank radio, flashlight, windshield scraper, jumper cables, mobile phone charger, shovel, blankets, first aid kit, nonperishable food and bottled water in the event you get stranded or stuck.

For more tips, go to www.michigan.gov/ miready or follow the MSP/EMHSD on Twitter at @MichEMHS.

Marijuana legalization focus of Dec. 2 Town Hall meeting

Legalization of marijuana in Michigan will be the focus of a Town Hall meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 2, in the second floor conference room at the Village Workshop, 455 E. Cady Street, in Northville. Proponents of the measure will include Jeffrey Hank, executive director of MI Legalize, and

Nicholas Zettell, board member for MI Legalize.

The Town Hall will be sponsored by the Northville Democratic Club.

The state of Michigan authorized two groups, MI Legalize and the Cannabis Coalition, to collect petition signatures to have marijuana legalization on the ballot in November 2016. Who are these two groups and how are they different?

The club will also have opponents to legalization speaking and presenting their views. After the presentations, there will be a panel discussion to answer questions. The groups will bring their petitions for signatures.

County clerk launches records search notification system

Oakland County has launched its new Property Record Notification system to enhance its Super Index, simplifying property record searches and allowing activity notifications for residents, professionals

and law enforcement.
Brown launched the
Super Index, powered
by Google and Xerox, in
2014, allowing millions
of documents filed with
Oakland County to become easily searchable

by any piece of information contained within them.

Sign up for the program at ocmideeds.com/ Alerts, and users can be notified of any activity happening with their property.

Oakland County is the second county in the United States to launch a Super Index, and the first to incorporate a property record noti-

fication feature.
Brown initially cre-

ated the Super Index for Oakland County to help crack down on real estate fraud.

In some cases, perpetrators would find a home with delinquent taxes, pay a portion of the back taxes, place a lien on the property and file a fraudulent deed on the property.

At that point a vacant home could be turned into a rental property or sold out from under the rightful owner.

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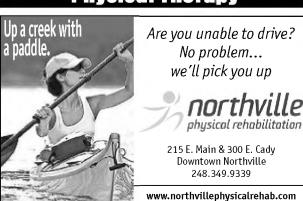
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One family's special 'thank you' list to all

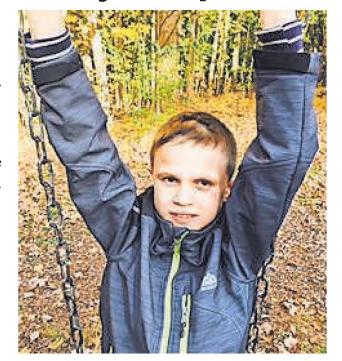
By Ewa Omahen Guest Columnist

nother Thanksgiving is upon us, with the hustle and bustle of a busy holiday season. For those of us parenting children with special needs, this can be an especially challenging time of the year. It can be hard to enjoy the festivities and relax when your child requires special accommodations due to a host of challenges, such as severe food allergies or sensory overload.

It is easy to get overwhelmed and caught up in the frenzy of it all at the expense of taking a few minutes to sit back, live in the moment and

be thankful for "what is. The following list is a reminder of all the good deeds, happenings and special people we have been blessed with as a family this year.

1. We are thankful for the gift of our special son and the daily lessons of unconditional love, patience and hope he teaches us. Life with autism is hard, but the unique perspective it provides



Patrick Omahen plays at Maybury State Park.

can be truly uplifting,

inspiring and hopeful. 2. Our family and friends continue to be a source of enormous support and strength. We are thankful for their help, words of encouragement and being there for us, no matter the circum-

3. We are thankful for the dedicated and highlyskilled educators providing quality services at the Hillside Middle School ASD program. It takes a strong team to educate a child like our son. From the minute

Patrick boards the bus, his school day begins with genuine smiles and warm welcome from the amazing bus personnel. It continues on his arrival at Hillside, where the caring, knowledgeable and highly committed staff teaches him academics, communication, social and life skills. Patrick loves school and cannot wait to get on the bus in the morning. His excitement and genuine smile are a testimony to the feelings of comfort, enjoyment and care he experiences daily in his neighborhood school.

4. We are thankful for the special young volunteers - peer pals at school, who spend their free time with Patrick and other differently abled students - teaching them wonderful skills and learning lifelong lessons of tolerance, acceptance and compassion. It is reassuring to be a part of such inclusive school community, where all learners are valued and appreciated for their unique gifts and contributions.

5. We are thankful for

the gift of community we live in. It is comforting to know that our kind neighbors always look out for our son, express interest in his well-being and teach their children to be empathetic and understanding.

6. We are thankful for the many professionals providing medical and therapeutic services to our child. Their knowledge, dedication and hard work enable Patrick to be stronger and healthier and help him learn important life skills that are key to his independence and better future outcomes.

7. We are thankful for the support of other special-needs parents and a sense of belonging they provide. It is reassuring to share with other families a common understanding of the challenges and amazing opportunities parenting our uniquely abled children provides.

8. Lastly, we are grateful to have so many advocates and their continued efforts to make this world a better place for people like our son.

The list is long and includes our family, educators, therapists and many organizations promoting better opportunities for individuals with special needs. A special thanks goes to the Autism Alliance of Michigan, for its relentless efforts to enhance the quality of life for those impacted by autism and their fam-

Its many initiatives, including autism insurance, safety training for first respondents, promoting community inclusion and better educational and employment opportunities, are truly commendable.

May we all continue to provide the sense of community, sharing the gifts of acceptance and appreciation with everyone living in our world at Thanksgiving and throughout the year.

Ewa Omahen is a Novi resident and a mom of a child with autism who attends Northville Public Schools. She may be reached at

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'Tis the season to give, which is better than to receive

alloween, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas, New Year's Day and other religious and secular holidays seem to be surrounding us at this time of year. One common denominator to these events seems to be the activity of giving. We might ask, in what way is this helpful to us?

Halloween was experienced as the time and opportunity when one could be whatever or whomever you want and go into the world at large and receive free sweets. The long tradition of giving candy to our trickor-treaters continues to be an enjoyable activity for the givers of the snacks to our joyful trick-or-treaters.

Thanksgiving is celebrated by giving. We give his can further our preparation for Christmas, New Year's Day and other timely holidays. The focus continues to be that of the activity of giving to others. Giving celebrations into the new year combines the giving of joy and the giving of thanks for the past year's bless-

Giving to others and the giving of thanks for what we have seems to be an important ingredient of resilience. Resilience is highly important, along with hope and empathy, which are conducive to mental health and the treatment of anxiety and depression associated with emotional distress.

Resilience is the ability to bounce back from adversity, losses, etc. Giving thanks joins up with its' neighbors of optimism, tolerance and

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benevolence toward ourselves and others. One of the major tools to build resilience comes from the ability and practice of giving to others and the giving of thanks for what one has.

There is the story of the person complaining because he had no shoes. His lamentations stopped when he met a man who had no feet. It seems that the only thing worse than having a tragedy is having a bad attitude about it. At this time of year, this idea is further exemplified in our timeless story of Scrooge. Not until and with the hel and the resilient attitude of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cratchett and their special-needs son Tiny Tim, was Scrooge able to give to others and to give thanks for his good fortunes. As the story goes,

this transformed him favorably, forever.

As we find ourselves amidst this holiday season in our community and throughout the world, it is hoped that we can wish the best for others and give thanks for our fortunes, however small or large they may be.

The acceptance of gifts has its own unique importance in that the giver is sharing a part of themselves which is best responded to with a bona fide thank you, rather than a "Oh, you shouldn't have." In doing so, we are contributing to the building of resilience for ourselves and, at the same time, sharing it with others.

Happy holidays from the staff of Our Mental

Len McCulloch is a diplomate of the American Psychotherapy Association, More than 200 columns on various been published. He can reached for a consultation at 248-474-2763, ext. 222.

Meadowbrook Congregational to host 'Amahl and the Night Visitors'

A professional opera company will help ring in the holidays when Meadowbrook Congregational Church in Novi presents Arbor Opera Theater's production of Amahl and the Night Visitors at 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6.

This short (45-minute long) story of the young boy, Amahl, and his surprise meeting with the Three Wise Men, is a holiday classic for both children and adults. Tickets at \$9 may be purchased online or by calling the church office at 248-348-7757

Arbor Opera Theater's production, with Meadowbrook soloist Stephanie Rose Kanak in the role of the Mother, will be presented in Meadowbrook's sanctuary with its excellent acoustics. The church is at 21355 Meadowbrook Road, north of Eight Mile and one mile west

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Golde in Fiddler on the Roof with Fuse Theater Co., as Emma Goldman in Ragtime with Ann Arbor in Concert and as Fiametta in The Gondoliers and Lady Jane in Patience with the University of Michigan Gilbert & Sullivan Society.

She also has performed the role of the Duchess in The Duchess of Chicago (East Cost premiere) with Concert Operetta Theater of Philadelphia, Phoebe in Yeoman of the Guard with

The Savoy Co. of Philadelphia and Rosalinde in Die Fledermaus with several companies.

Seating is general admission; doors will open at 4:30 p.m..

Arbor Opera Theater of Ann Arbor was founded in 1999 to help bridge the gap between academia and the professional world of opera.

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The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) has scheduled a public hearing for Wednesday, December 16, 2015 at the Northville Township Municipal Office Building, located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI. The ZBA will consider a variance requests to Chapter 170, Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Oasis Golf Practice Center, 39500 5 Mile (Property ID#77-052-99-0008-708); Article 14.2.A.(2) Commercial Recreation District (netting height)

Resident, 44490 Country Lane (Property ID#77-038-99-0004-000); Article 3.2C., General Use Provisions, Accessory Buildings, Structures and Uses (accessory structure in front yard)



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Plymouth Nursery's annual 'Ladies Night Out' event helps usher in yuletide season

Julie Brown Staff Writer

Bonnie Danic of Plymouth Township is a regular at Plymouth Nursery. "I've bought my roses here, my trees," said Danic, who works at St. Valentine Catholic Church in Redford.

The evening of Friday, Nov. 20, was special for Danic and other women shoppers at "Ladies Night Out" at Plymouth Nursery. Danic liked the live music and home holiday decorating ideas.

"The trees and the outside of the house with the lights" are what she decorates at yuletide. "We have Frosty outside."

Of the women's shopping event, Danic added, "I just like all the ladies' products. The food is good. It's nice."

That was music to the ears of Jeff Jones of South Lyon, owner of Plymouth Nursery. His parents started the business in 1963. "Last year, the night of this we had sleet and rain," an appreciative Jones said of this year's clear, dry weather.

Women shoppers visited vendor tables at the store on Plymouth-Ann Arbor Road and enjoyed the festive decorations indoors at Plymouth Nursery, as male staff members served hors d'oeuvres.

"I've got the greatest staff in the world," Jones said. "It's all them, it's not me. I interfere very, very, very little. I'm blessed with some really great people. They make everything look nice. You get good people and you let them run with their ideas."

He cited Patti Small, garden store manager, and Missy Tuccini, merchandise manager. Of the men staffers, Allen Park resident Tuccini said, "All dressed up like Skip is here," of a passing waiter for the evening. "We never get to see each other dressed up.".

Added sales staffer Kris Laramie of Northville Township: "This is the third year I've been involved. It brings people in the door."

Tuccini noted more than 18 themed decorated trees inside Plymouth Nursery, as well as some 50 life-like trees with lights indoors. She's been on the job there since 2012 and noted Santa Claus will visit each weekend beginning after Thanksgiving.

"It's busy," Laramie, who grew up in Livonia, said of "Ladies Night Out." "I'm trying to go around and help the customers." Added Tuccini: "We get to have fun, too."

Westland resident
Sheila Vallimont was
there with her daughter,
Stephanie DuChene of
Dearborn. "So far, really
nice," Vallimont said of
the evening as she
strolled through the decorated trees and more.
She was seeking yule
ideas.

"Oh, I love to decorate," she added.

Women customers key

Tuccini, making a bow for Plymouth Township's Danic, agreed women customers are essential. "Because they are the core garden center customer and Christmas shopper," Tuccini said.

"They're the majority of our customers," owner Jones said, at some 65-70 percent. His women staffers understand that market, Jones added.

Male customers will buy fertilizer and big trees, Jones said. "And



Vendors at "Ladies Night Out" included Michelle Jasewicz of Pampered Chef (foreground) and Delores Ten Broeck of Scentsy. Both women live in Canton and met as Boy Scout

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Of his location, Jones said, "It's a nice market to be in." He gets more than 25 percent of business from Ann Arbor, even though M-14 means less drive-by traffic.

"It has developed and continues to be a very good market for us," Jones said of Ann Arbor, as well as Plymouth-Canton.

He heard women say, "'I'm going to bring my girlfriends.' That's exactly what you want to hear. We just want to get people in here and create a buzz. I've been seeing a lot of product go out both from us and the vendors"

Vendors included Delores Ten Broeck of Canton, with Scentsy candles and related items, and Michelle Jasewicz of Canton, with Pampered Chef. The women met as Boy Scout moms.

"Our husbands are out to dinner right now," a busy Jasewicz said during a break.

Of the event, Ten Broeck, a retired fourthgrade teacher at Plymouth-Canton's Bentley Elementary, said, "I think that it brings a lot of people into the store. The vendors are there for them to Christmas shop."

Jasewicz has participated four years. "It opens up the doors to the community, lets them see what Plymouth Nursery has and the vendors," Jasewicz said. She had many cash and carry products that night, such as a pepper grinder and other small catalog items less than \$15.

Jasewicz made "box brownies" in a pan with individual spots: "You're



Sheila Vallimont of Westland and daughter Stephanie
DuChene of Dearborn enjoy "Ladies Night Out" at Plymouth

Nursery.

catering to every individual in your family," she said, noting brownies can be made that way with and without nuts. "There's like 40 different recipes you can do in a

brownie pan."
She's been with Pampered Chef six years and looks forward to the Plymouth Nursery event. "It's been great every year," said Jasewicz, who like other vendors provided a gift basket to raffle off that evening.

'Like deja vu'

Friends Maureen
Walters and MaryBeth
Strassel of Ypsilanti
were doing some shopping and looking, accompanied by Walters' sister.
"It's like deja vu for me
to be here," said Strassel,
who owned a store with a
big Christmas emphasis
with her husband in Yp-

silanti's Depot Town.

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"My husband and I are addicted to Christmas decorating," Strassel said. "Even before we had the store, we were into holiday decor." She, too, liked the live music that night.

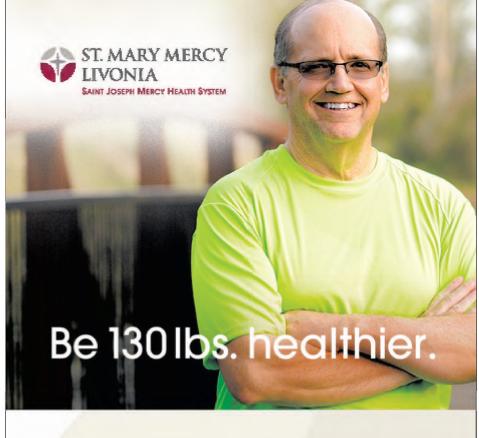
Added Walters of the evening: "Just getting together. And you get a lot of cool ideas."

Jones was pleased he could be at "Ladies Night Out," having missed it many years due to being in a portion of Plymouth-Canton's *Nutcracker* performance.

"I've always had to go to practice," said Jones, who's participated 12 years and is eager to get back to the stage.

"I love doing it. It's the most fun I've had in years and years," Jones said of *The Nutcracker*.

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'The Nutcracker' on stage

Time/Date: 7 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 28, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29

Details: Northville Ballet Theatre presents its annual production of The Nutcracker, along with contemporary Christmas dances. Performances to be held at Northville High School. Program to benefit Northville Civic Concern. For reserved seating and tickets, call Timberlane Dance at 248-924-8357. Adult tickets are \$15 and \$10 for seniors and children. The company is under the direction of artistic director Kathy Cooke. Go to www.timberlanedance.com

Arthritis and joint replacement

Time/Date: 10:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1 **Details:** Providence and Providence Park Hospital. Novi, 47601 Grand River, Outpatient Center, Conference Room A, will host this free presentation. Join for an opportunity to hear about bone and joint issues. For more information, call St. John Providence CareLink at 888-751-5465 to register.

Meet the authors

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 2. Details: Eighth annual "Girls' Night Out Book Signing" at Biggby Coffee of Novi and Bagger Dave's of Novi, just steps away from each other in Novi Town Center. Hosted by Novi author Dana Corbit Nussio, event features New York Times best-selling author Ruth Ryan Langan of Farmington Hills to headline the event, which will feature authors representing a wide variety of romance sub-genres as well as cozy mysteries and suspense. Langan writes contemporary romantic suspense; Nussio, inspirational and contemporary romance. Check out products from event vendors, Norwex and Silpada Jewelry; take advantage of beverage

specials from Biggby and Bagger Dave's; and enter giveaways for holiday gift baskets.

Cookie walk

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Dec. 5. **Details:** Northville First United Methodist Church is hosting Cookie Walk 2015 as a fundraiser for the Appalachian Service Project, a Christian home repair/home building ministry through which our volunteers and staff repair and build homes for low-income families in rural Appalachia. Youths, in grades 7-12, along with adult chaperones, travel and stay for a week in Appalachia each summer on this mission to make homes warmer, safer and drier for families in need.

Purchase fresh, homemade holiday cookies at the church 777 Eight Mile Road, Northville. Homemade nut-free and gluten-free cookies, as well additional holiday treats.

Special luncheons

Time: Noon to 2 p.m.

Details: Holiday special event luncheons coming to Meadowbrook Activity Center are a great way

to enjoy a delicious meal and entertainment with friends. Tickets (\$7 per Novi resident and \$8.50 per non-resident) must be purchased in advance at the city of Novi Older Adult Services office (45175 10 Mile Road) or the Meadowbrook Activity Center (25075 Meadowbrook Road).

Thursday, Dec. 10: Are you a believer? Does Santa exist? Travel on a magical adventure to the North Pole and rekindle the wonder of Christmas at the All Aboard the Polar Express Holiday Luncheon. Join your friends for a gleeful afternoon with sounds of the season presented by Eric Engblade. Wellbridge of Novi Rehab Center will spon-

For more information about the holiday luncheons, contact Judy Klein, recreation programmer, Older Adult Services, at 248-347-0414.

Langsford men in concert

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11, 8 p.m. (Our Lady of LaSalette Catholic Church, 2600 Harvard at Coolidge, Berkley) and 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13 (Trinity Lutheran Church, 45160 Van Dyke at Hall

Details: Langsford Men's Chorus will present its "Celebrate Christmas" concert with a variety of Christmas favorites, ranging from the classical to the traditional to contemporary. The chorus features men from throughout Oakland and Wayne counties. Directed by Steven SeGraves, the 55 member chorus is considered one of Michigan's premier male choruses. Named in honor of its namesake, the late Dr. Harry M. Langsford, founder and director of the Wayne State University Men's Glee Club for more than 45 years. Tickets \$15 at door, \$12 in advance, available online at www.langsfordmenschorus.org,

Novi Choralaires holiday concerts

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills

Time/Date: 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, at Church of the Holy Family, 24505 Meadowbrook

Details: The Novi Choralaires is a chorus of men and women from the city of Novi and surrounding communities, founded in 1975 anbd operating under the umbrella of Novi Parks Perfoming Arts. Directed by their artistic music director Liz Wolber. This Holiday season the Novi Choralaires present "A Very British Christmas." The program includes songs and carols from Great Britain highlighting music from the 15th century through modern day. Favorites include arrangements by John Rutter. Tickets \$12 adults or \$10 for seniors and children younger than 12. Group rates available.

Concert band performance

Time/Date: 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13.

Details: The Novi Concert Band, the community band for the City of Novi, will perform its holiday show Music for the Holidays. The group will perform music for all ages and tastes. The performance is free, but donations welcome. The concert will take place at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road

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OUR VIEW

Holiday gift giving: Think local, shop outside the box

You've got a special someone at the top of your gift list this Christmas, Kwanzaa or Hanukkah. Their gift has to be just right.

The decision of when to start shopping's entirely yours. Some super-organized people have their holiday shopping done long before Thanksgiving. Many wish to savor the special family-oriented delights of Thanksgiving – and decline to head out to malls or big box stores this Thursday, remaining behind with family, turkey and other leftovers, and the Detroit Lions before the rush toward the holidays starts.

How you choose to shop is also up to you. No doubt, online shopping has its conveniences. Brick and mortar stores have their advantages, too, so don't write them off too hastily.

Downtown Milford and South Lyon, for example, hosts several holiday shopping events for adults and children alike, giving shoppers a chance to check out holiday selections and kids of all ages the opportunity to visit with Santa Claus. It's not just Main Street or Lafayette where local merchants have plenty to offer. Check out M-59, Grand River Avenue, Milford Road or Pontiac Trail for some locally-sourced gifts.

Shopping locally brings dollars back into our communities, allowing local businesses to hire your friends and neighbors. Tax coffers get a boost too.

Customer service is key at many of these businesses, with owners and managers going that extra mile to make sure you're a satisfied customer - and that you

remain a satisfied customer. If a problem emerges with a purchase, it's far easier to return it down the street or in the next town than to navigate the vicissitudes of the crowded post office to return an online purchase.

Local merchants are keeping up with technology, too. Ask them and they'll tell you that as their storefront businesses survive and thrive they're also entering the digital age and offering wares and services online - often nationwide and overseas.

Not everyone finds shopping fun, of course, but it can be enjoyable to match the right gift with the right recipient. These merchants can help you do that.

Why not think outside the box on shops, too, while you're at it? In Milford, an Uptown Pop-up Shop has opened in a former gas station downtown with home and garden merchandise. Repurposed home gear and jewelry, Milford-themed products by local artists and

"These are unique items you won't find anywhere owner Jane Swayze said.

This Milford specialty shop parallels the trend of downtown Detroit where many millennials shop at pop-ups for specialized wares. Why should they have all the fun? It's great to see such retail ingenuity come

Novi's retail scene is dominated by 12 Oaks Mall and several other outdoor malls along Novi Road. There's a variety of national and local stores for all tastes and needs.

Local chambers of commerce and Downtown Development Authorities can help you craft your shopping list. Check out their member directories, and decide which shops to visit armed with the knowledge you'll find friendly, informed staffers eager to help

And take your patience along with you. There will be crowds, and sometimes long lines. We can all get a little testy under those circumstances, but keeping our cool and remembering our manners will make the season more joyful for all.

And finally don't forget that in this season of giving not all can give. Local Goodfellows volunteers work hard, especially now but all year, to guarantee needy children have a joyful Christmas.

The Salvation Army kicks off its fundraising Red Kettle drive each year, with money raised going not only for holiday food and toys but essentials like prescription medicine and paying utility bills. Please be as generous as you can, and remember these and other nonprofits as you write out your holiday shopping list.

Also, thank and patronize businesses that encourage charitable endeavors, such as allowing Salvation Army bell ringers to grace their doorsteps. These efforts to help the needy of our communities are vital not just at Christmas but all year. We applaud business representatives who go the extra mile to support char-

Maintain religious liberty in state, throughout the country

eligious liberty in our nation is at risk. This risk has been steadily escalating over the past century, but has reached alarming levels in recent years.

On, May 5, 2014, in a 5-4 decision, the U.S. Supreme Court reversed a decision by the Court of Appeals that held that the practice of praying before legislative assemblies violates the Estab-

lishment Clause of the First Amendment.

As a reminder, this clause reads "Congress shall make no laws respecting the establishment of religion ...'

Praying before a public assembly does not make a law. I am thankful that five members of the Supreme Court did not stop their reading of the First Amendment at the Establishment



Patrick Colbeck **GUEST** COLUMNIST

Clause, for the first amendment goes on to say "or prohibiting the free expression thereof or abridging the freedom of speech.

Four of the members of the Supreme Court sought to prohibit invocations before legislative assemblies. Thankfully, five of the members appear to have read the entire First Amendment.

The opinion of the five carried the day by the narrowest of margins -

I wish this case was an

isolated case, but it is not. In fact, the Family Research Council documents more than 1,200 court cases over the past decade dealing with the infringement of religious liberty in our nation – a nation founded on the principle that our rights were "endowed by our

Creator.' You can review this list at www.religioushostilities.org. Remember, these are only those incidents that have become court cases. These 1,200 cases are simply the tip of the iceberg. You can find additional information on religious persecution in America in Todd Starnes' book God less

Thankfully, many Americans are waking up and taking a stand. Nationally, you may recall the Houston mayor who subpoenaed the sermons of five pastors because they promoted the biblical view of marriage.

The subpoena was withdrawn after the mayor received pressure from the community and leaders such as Sen. Ted Cruz and Gov. Mike Huckabee.

On Dec. 2, people of faith will be holding a "Religious Liberty Rally" on the steps of the Capitol in Lansing. Throughout the state, people of faith are waking up and reaffirming the fundamental right upon which all other rights rest ... the freedom of religion.

It is time to fearlessly expose the myth of the "Separation of Church

and State." The Establishment Clause of the First Amendment protects us against a "theocracy," such as our founders left behind in Great Britain under the Anglican Church.

In the words of Thomas Jefferson, "Can the liberties of a nation be thought secure when we have removed their only firm basis, a conviction in the minds of the people that these liberties are the gift of God?" We would do well to heed his wise counsel.

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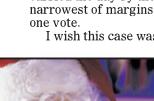
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PREP VOLLEYBALL

NOVI EXACTS REVENGE, CAPTURES STATE TITLE



Novi's Paulina Iacobelli (bottom) dives to the floor for the dig in front of teammates (from left) Emmy Robinson and Claire Pinkerton during

WILDCATS BEAT ROMEO TO EARN FIRST CLASS A CROWN

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Saturday's Class A state final.

The best player in the state lost to the best team in the Class A volleyball final Saturday at Kellogg Arena in snowy Battle Creek.

Novi had been ranked No. 1 for most of the season. Romeo, the defending state champion, featured the best player in Miss Volleyball Gia Milana.

The Bulldogs prevailed last year in a five-set thriller and Novi wanted revenge. it got it, winning in impressive fashion, 25-16, 20-25, 25-21 and 25-17, capping off a 55-2 season and its first volleyball state title in school history.

"They're a great team and we watched a lot of film and kind of had an idea of what they were going to bring at us," Novi coach Jennifer Cottrill said. "Gia's a phenomenal player and pretty much impossible to stop. We had to have a plan to defend everybody else.

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Novi players Victoria Iacobelli (left) and Ally Cummings embrace after winning the volleyball Class A state title in Battle Creek.

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Wildcats' final four 3-set win set stage

Wildcats romped past **Grand Rapids Christian**

> **Brad Emons** Staff Writer

The rematch is on for the MHSAA Class A volleyball final.

Novi held up its end of the bargain Nov. 19 with a convincing 25-18, 25-18, 25-18 semifinal triumph over Grand Rapids Christian at Battle Creek's Kellogg Arena.

The Wildcats, who improved to 54-2, will get another shot at Romeo (48-7-1), the defending state champions, who survived a tough five-setter in the other semifinal against underdog Livonia Churchill.

Romeo, which captured last year's state championship match against Novi in five sets, has had a bumpier road to the finals than the Wildcats, who have yet to lose a set in six postseason encounters.

"It doesn't matter how we win, we just want to play our game and execute our system," Novi coach Jen Cottrill said. "If that's in three (sets) ... awesome, but if it's in five we'll take that, too."

Novi's well-balanced offensive attack had only one player reach double figures as junior Ally Cummings finished with 12 kills. Miss Volleyball runner-up Victoria Iacobelli, a senior, added eight.

"I think that's the key to our success just spreading around our offense pin-topin," Cottrill said. "I think (Grand Rapids) made an adjustment on (Cummings) and then we made an adjustment and we stayed

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DAVID MAYLEN

Novi's Ally Cummings (left) and Kathryn Ellison team against **Grand Rapids Christian's** Samantha McLean (right).



JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Northville's Jack Sargent looks to fire a pass during Friday's Metro Invitational opener at Novi Ice

BOYS HOCKEY

Farmington clips Northville in Metro Invite, 2-1

Tom Morelli ${\sf Correspondent}$

The Farmington Falcons kicked off the 2015-16 hockey season in high gear Friday, edging Northville in the Metro High School Invitational at

Novi Ice Arena, 2-1 Both squads strung together a very active first period, with Northville outshooting its counterpart, 7-6. But it was the Falcons who gained the early

As the Mustangs (0-1) looked to carry the puck out of their defensive zone and near center ice, Farmington defenseman Brian Jonik broke up a passing lane and chipped the puck up ice to a streaking Joe Carbone.

Utilizing a two-on-one breakaway, Carbone fired a bullet beyond the reach of Northville goaltender Brett Miller to secure a 1-0 advan-

tage at the 8:46 mark. 'Brian Jonik is a senior defenseman and a very, very smart kid," Farmington coach Bill Newton said. "He plays the game so simply. A lot of people don't realize how effective he really is. Joe Carbone had a great season for us last year,

and he keeps getting better." Five minutes later, the Mus-

tangs were able to even matters thanks to a pin-point, trick shot by forward Brendan Hicks from a precarious posi-

After skating in from the off wing, Hicks stopped on a dime behind the net and went stickside from a narrow angle to beat Farmington's Hunter Firestone. Helping to set up the pass for Hicks was linemate Anthony Solack.

"That was a nice play where he came in on his wing," Northville coach Jon Gates said.

"He's a right-handed shot and came in on the left side, which is certainly an advantage for

the shooter and a better angle. "That's just one of those shots that you try to get to the net, and it found a hole and

went in." Although the Mustangs had a 15-1 advantage in shots on net in the second, followed by an 11-2 margin in the final period of play, it was the Falcons (1-0) who were able to light the lamp once more.

With heavy traffic in front

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Novi guarantees another trip back to Battle Creek

Wildcats reach final four with decisive win over G.P. North

Brad Emons

Five matches down, two to

The top-ranked Novi volleyball team followed a familiar script Nov. 17 – win in three quick sets and make it less than an hour.

Grosse Pointe North was the latest victim in the MHSAA Class A quarterfinal at West Bloomfield as Novi rolled to a convincing 25-11, 25-15, 25-19 triumph while earning its second straight trip to the state semifinals at Battle Creek's Kellogg Arena.

The Wildcats, who improved to 48-2, have yet to lose a set in five state tournament matches and were dominating once

'We didn't know much about Grosse Pointe North, so we really just wanted to kind of take care of our side – serve tough, pass well, so they're out of system and we're in system and defend," Novi coach Jen Cottrill said. "So I thought we did that well from the start each of the three sets.'

The first two sets were blowouts, to say the least, but the Norsemen tried to make a go of it in the third, pulling within one, 15-14, and forcing Cottrill to use a rare timeout.

'Ultimately, they're doing a pretty good job of controlling



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Novi libero Claire Pinkerton (far left) starts the celebration after sweeping Grosse Pointe North in straight sets in a Class A quarterfinal match at West Bloomfield.

their emotions and focusing on what we're trying to do on the court," she said of her team. "I think Ally (Cummings), getting hurt threw us a little bit. But I thought we rebounded well and came around."

With Novi leading 14-9 in the third set, Cummings, a 6-foot junior outside hitter, went down with an apparent ankle injury that forced her to the bench momentarily.

Someone was under the net and I landed on their ankle,' said Cummings, who finished with seven kills. "I wasn't in pain, but it was just kind of a shock. I just said, 'Oh, crap,' but I kind of shook it off. I was definitely scared.'

Novi trainer Chase Kreger checked out the injured Cummings on the bench and gave her the thumbs-up.

"He was just testing the ankle out to make it was fine and I could go back in," Cummings said.

During her absence, Novi went to the bench for a sub and lost a point when it was called for a rotation violation, which sparked a 6-1 mini-run for North.

'Concerned, obviously," Cottrill said of Cummings' injury. "She's as big a part of our team as any player. I think her teammates were very concerned. But she's a tough kid and she's got an ankle brace on, which is good and what probably saved a pretty serious injury there.

North remained close and trailed by only two, 20-18, before Novi closed out the match with a 7-2 run, the final point coming on an errant serve into

'Novi was on tonight," North coach Chelsea Brozo said. "We couldn't pick up their serves. Your road has to end at some point. Tonight was our ending, but for some reason, we

couldn't pick up our offense. They're a good team. I wish them luck wherever they're going to go ... semis, finals."

Victoria Iacobelli, who was voted Miss Volleyball runnerup to Romeo's Gia Milana, paced Novi's hitting attack with 11 kills and 10 digs. Twin sister Paulina added seven kills and four ace serves.

"They come to play," Cottrill said of the Wildcats' dynamic sibling duo. "They're gamers, they're competitors. They want to win. They don't care what it looks like or what it takes. They just want to get it done. I think the focus a lot of times is on Victoria, but Paulina is kind of the unsung hero in a lot of our matches, because she finds ways to score, she plays all the way around and does a lot of stuff for us. I thought she played very consistent to-night."

Novi sophomore middle blocker Kathryn Ellison also loomed large with five blocks, while sophomore setter Erin O'Leary contributed 22 assistto-kills, three ace serves and five digs. Another sophomore, libero Claire Pinkerton, chipped in nine digs.

Ābby Kanakry, a 5-11 sophomore middle hitter, and Katie Snow, a 5-9 junior outside hitter, each had five kills to pace North, which had only two aces and eight service errors.

"They had five attackers that are big and can hit the ball, so we were happy we were able to disrupt that a little bit," Cottrill said.

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PREP VOLLEYBALL



The Class B state champion Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard volleyball team celebrates after winning in Battle Creek.

Class B champ Irish feature local talent

A.A. Gabriel Richard finishes 42-0 season

> **Brad Emons** Staff Writer

Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard, featuring several area players, capped its season Saturday by capturing the MHSAA Class B volleyball state championship with a 25-21, 25-14, 25-19 win over North Branch in the finals held at Battle Creek's Kellogg

The Fighting Irish, who finished 42-0, became the first team to go undefeated since 1999, when Class B champion Marysville went 58-0. It was the school's first state title in volleyball.

Jurnee Tipton (Ypsilanti) and Emily Tanski (Plymouth) finished with 26 and 23 kills, respectively, to spark Gabriel Richard in the state final.

Tanski also collected 14

digs, while Tipton and Rachael Dunlavy (Brighton) each contributed 11.

Setter Emma Nowak (Plymouth) finished with 50 assist-to-kills.

Other members of the Fighting Irish include Sydney Burton and Jesse Fannon. South Lyon; Morgan Douglas, Northville; Lauren Rhodes and Lexi Rhodes, Saline; Sarah Brooks, Ann Arbor; and India Woods and Olivia Hervey, Ypsilanti.

Gabriel Richard, coached by Mayssa Bazzi and Sarah Williams (South Lyon), reached the championship match with a 25-17, 25-9, 25-14 state semifinal triumph Friday over Goodrich.

The Fighting Irish also captured the Central Division, Catholic League, district and regional titles en route to a No. 4 national ranking in MaxPreps' Excellent 25 and a No. 10 ranking in Prepvolleyball.com.

WILDCATS

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successful."

Grand Rapids Christian (50-5) actually had more total kills, 38-35, but the Eagles hit only .093 compared with Novi's

"We've got a game plan and our girls are doing a good job of going out and executing it, staying calm," Cottrill said.
"We've had a lot of pressure on us all year and we've learned how to deal with that and I think it's really benefiting us right now.'

Senior Paulina Iacobelli led Novi's defense with 16 digs, while junior libero Claire Pinkerton and sophomore setter Erin O'Leary added 14 and 10 respectively.

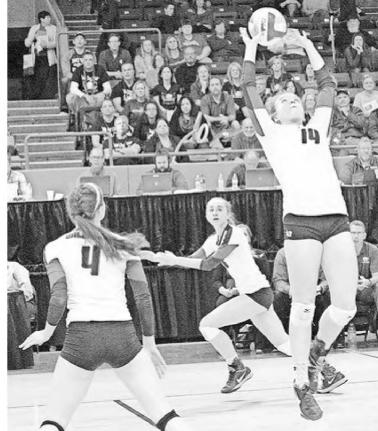
O'Leary, who is committed to Michigan, paced Novi with 26 assist-to-kills.

'She is the calm," Cottrill said. "For just a sophomore, it's pretty tremendous to watch her. It's nice to see her making adjustments and talking to her attackers. So if she sets a ball and they don't get a good swing, she wants to know what she can do better. She's just an

awesome teammate.' After going down without much of a battle in the first two sets, Grand Rapids Christian took an early three-point lead in the third set.

Obviously, at some point, you're going to have a little struggle," Cottrill said. "I think we've just done a good job of managing the runs that have been scored on us. Even like in that third set, they came at us 8-5. We took a timeout and boom ... it's 10-10. We just haven't let anybody get momentum.'

The Eagles got 12 kills from Southern Illinois signee and Miss Volleyball nominee Dylnn Otte, who was slowed by a chip fracture in her foot suffered in a quarterfinal victory over Mattawan.



Novi's Erin O'Leary (right) makes the back-set to Ally Cummings with Emmy Robinson (left) awaiting the attempt.

"She came out tonight, but was definitely not 100 percent, so we ended up having to move her to the right side to alleviate a little bit of the jumping and stuff," Grand Rapids Christian coach Tiffanie Gates said.

Ellen Long added 10 kills, while setter Maddy Gates had 32 assist-to-kills and 15 digs. Samantha McLean and Hanna Warners led the Eagles' de-

fense with 18 and 14 digs 'We wanted to defend their outsides," Cottrill said. "It was really unfortunate what happened to (Otte). She's an outstanding player and you could tell she wasn't herself tonight. Anytime you're slowing down a Miss Volleyball candidate, and (Samantha McLean) is an outstanding player as well, that kind of rattles you because

you're used to getting kills, scoring points for them."

But Grand Rapids Christian simply could not keep pace with the Wildcats, who seem to be on a mission.

'I think Novi was amazing," Gates said. "They were such a tough competitor. It's an advantage having been here last year and knowing the environment. It's definitely I think an advantage for them, but I thought our girls played pretty well. They played great defense and they played aggressively, and didn't give up the whole time.

They were a tough team to play, for sure. I wish them well. It was fun playing against them, for sure.

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"I was confident if we played our game, we could defeat them, but they're teenage girls. You are never quite sure what you are going to

The Wildcats got 20 kills and 12 digs from senior Paulina Iacobelli, along with 13 kills and 14 digs from Victoria, her twin sister, who was runner-up to Milana in the Miss Volleyball

"Our game plan has always been pass and defend," Victoria Iacobelli said. "If we're passing well and take them out of their system, there's no one that can really stop us. We knew what we had to do going in. By serving touch and passing and mak-

ing sure we defend. 'Obviously, there was a little



The newly crowned volleyball Class A state champions are from Novi.

more motivation coming in from last year. I knew as soon as we knew Romeo was our opponent there was a lot of

motivation." Novi continually took advantage of Romeo's back line, which struggled with the lasers coming from the Iacobellis or

junior Ally Cummings (17

The Wildcats, who hit .317 as a team, also got 47 assist-tokills, seven kills and nine digs from sophomore setter Erin O'Leary, while Claire Pinkerton paced the defense with 21 digs.

Only Milana's brilliance

kept the Bulldogs (48-8-1) from getting swept by winning the second set. The Marylandbound 6-foot-2 senior finished with 29 kills after racking up 43 in a five-set semifinal win Nov. 19 over Livonia Churchill.

"Defense and passing killed us," said Milana, who was blocked at the net on the championship point. "They were hungry coming in, but we just needed to say no to them. We didn't say no. We played with them instead of at them. We let them take the wheel and do whatever they wanted.

Novi came out firing, scoring seven of the match's first eight points. The Wildcats never let up, building a 15-7 lead with strong play at the net and

neutralizing Milana Unforced errors led to Romeo's undoing as the short serves had the Bulldogs' defense off-balance. Novi doubled the score, 20-10 and was

cruising. When Payton Klein served long, the defending champs found themselves down 1-0.

Romeo opened up an 11-6 lead to start the second set, but Novi took advantage of Bulldogs errors near the net to draw to an 11-11 tie.

But Milana dominated the rest of the set at the net, hurling her body through the air to nail cross-court winners at the Wildcats' defense, including the final kill to tie the match at one set apiece. It was the first time in seven postseason matches that Novi had lost a

The third set featured the Wildcats charging ahead 9-6 and 16-10 by attacking the Bulldogs' back line.

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Northville finishes in eighth place at D1 state meet

Brad Emons Staff Writer

The Northville girls swim team walked out of the Holland Aquatic Center with their heads held high Saturday.

The Mustangs earned a top 10 finish in the MHSAA Division 1state meet, scoring 129 points to earn an eighth-place

Ann Arbor Skyline, paced by senior Katie Portz, captured its first team title in school history with 290 points, followed by last year's champion Saline (238) and third-place finisher Farmington Hills Mer-

"Overall, we had a pretty good meet," Northville coach Brian McNeff said. "We came into the meet with some high expectations and didn't quite live up to all of them, but we still had one of our best days ever as a team."

The Mustangs were 27 points better than in 2014.

'We scored more points at the meet than we ever have since I've been coaching here," McNeff said. "We broke two more school records, in the 200 and 400 freestyle relay. We moved up a spot in the overall standings from last year and we had five all-state swims. Considering how fast the meet was this year, accomplishing all those things is something to be very proud of."

Northville's top individual performer was junior Laura Westphal, who finished second in both the 200 and 500 freestyles with times of 1:50.62 and 4:55.06, respectively.

Portz captured the 200 free-style in 1:46.84, while Skyline's Georgia Mosher took the 500



Northville junior Laura Westphal was runner-up in the Division 1 200- and 500-yard freestyle events last Saturday at the Holland Aquatic Center.

freestyle in 4:54.65.

'She came out on Friday and did exactly what she needed to do in all her events," McNeff said of Westphal. "She had some great splits in the relays and really set herself up for a great day in finals. In the 200, she had a great swim. We knew there was no way she would win that race with Katie Portz in it, so we were really hoping for second."

Westphal was the defending Division 1 state champ in the 500 freestyle after posting a

Not winning the 500 was a little disappointing, but she still had a great swim," McNeff said. "We have to give the Skyline girl (Portz) a lot of credit. She was able to do what no one else has to Laura and that is out-swim her in the middle of the race. She pulled ahead and Laura just couldn't catch her at the end. I think it was a little motivation for Laura going in to next year and, hopefully, we can regain her title there.

Meanwhile, junior Kelsey Macaddino earned all-state (top eight) honors with sixth in the 100 butterfly (56.80) after

going 56.88 in Friday's prelims.
"I was very proud of how
Kelsey swam," McNeff said.
"She swam four lifetime bests and had an outstanding day. Being all-state had been a goal of hers since last year, so to get that was huge. I think the 100 butterfly was probably the fastest event at the meet, so for her to be right in there was great. She also came up huge for us in all three relays. She has been a huge part of our success this year and I am extremely proud of everything she has accomplished.'

Junior Erin Szara was 11th in the 100 breaststroke (1:06.44)

"I had to remind her a couple times that last year she was just excited to be on the conference team and now she is scoring at the state meet," McNeff said. "She has improved so much and now she has some state meet experience to go

with it. I expect great things from her next year.'

Northville's 200 freestyle relay team of Macaddino, juniors Nicki Pumper and Gillian Zayan and Westphal placed fourth in 1:36.76. Skyline, with Portz anchoring, won the event

The Mustangs' same 400 freestyle relay foursome of Macaddino, Pumper, Zayan and Westphal was fifth in 3:32.19. Skyline, with Portz once again as the anchor, took first with a Division1 record time of

Northville's 200 medley relay team of senior Darby Mroz, Szara, Macaddino and freshman Katelyn McCullough also scored with a ninth-place finish (1:48.75).

Mercy captured the event in a Division 1 record time of

"Our relays did a great job competing with the top teams in the state, especially in the 200 and 400 freestyle relays, McNeff said. "The 200 free relay hadn't lost all year and I knew there was an outside chance that we could win it. We still swam our best time ever, just came up a little short of winning. Same thing with the 400; we had some great splits and swam our best time ever.

"Individually, we had an up-and-down day. We had some girls get their lifetime bests and some that did not."

Meanwhile, Novi's 200 freestyle relay team of senior Dana Kilponen, junior Emily Mayoras, senior Alexandra Cortez and senior Ava Bianchi took 16th in 1:40.0 after going 1:40.46 in the prelims.

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U.S. NTDP HOCKEY

Backup plan almost works in loss to Fargo

Tim Smith Staff Writer

For the fans who successfully navigated snowy, icy roads to make it Saturday night to USA Hockey Arena, the start of the game between Fargo and the NTDP Under-17 team wasn't much of a re-

By the time the United States Hockey League game was 52 seconds old, Fargo's Cole Gallant put a puck behind U-17 starting goalie Adam Scheel.

Three more Fargo shots eluded Scheel before the midway point of the opening period, putting Team USA in a 4-0

Realizing it wasn't Scheel's night, U-17 head coach Don Granato pulled him in favor of 5-foot-7 Northville native Dylan St. Cyr with 11:13 left in

the first period. St. Cyr was spectacular the rest of the game, stopping all 29 shots he faced. But Fargo had enough of a lead to skate to a comfortable 4-2 victory, with the home team's second goal coming with just 1.6 seconds left (by Joey Cassetti).

"That was certainly not the way you want to start a game," Granato said. "(The Force) obviously came ready to play, they elevated their game. We looked a little groggy to start and couldn't get in any rhythm through the course of the game at all

"Dylan came in and played very well for us and held things down. But we never did get going in this one."

Fargo (7-8-1-0) also defeated the U-17 team, 5-4, Friday

"Credit to them, obviously, and a learning experience for us," Granato saied. "This is a big jump in level of play for



RENA LAVERTY | USA HOCKEY

Dylan St. Cyr, a Northville native and goalie for the NTDP U17s, thwarts this chance by Fargo's Brody Stevens (left). St. Cyr entered Saturday's game midway through the first period and stopped all 29 shots he saw.

our players. The lessons that we learned tonight were obvious. One, not being ready to play and underestimating the competitive level of this league (USHL).

"If you're not ready to play, you can be down three or four in a hurry and we were."

In the zone

After St. Cyr shut down Fargo for the rest of the first period (he stopped 12 shots over the final 11-plus minutes) he continued displaying a combination of acrobatics and strong positioning in the middle period.

With eight minutes to go in the period, he sprawled to deny Denis Smirnov at the left post with a Gumby-like move.

Buoyed by the stop, Team USA (5-6-1-1 in the USHL, including games played by the Under-18 squad) came down the ice and finally scored against Fargo goaltender Robbie Beydoun.

Defenseman Quinn Hughes skated down the right wing into the Force zone and

threaded a cross-rink pass to forward Brady Tkachuk for a one-timer taken near the left face-off dot.

Then with about three seconds to go in the period, St. Cyr smothered a hard shot that Shane McMahan launched between the circles.

Eight minutes into the third period, St. Cyr stayed with Hugo Reinhardt on an up-the-gut breakaway and calmly flicked the shot to the

"(St. Cyr's) a very intelligent goalie. He's got great hockey sense, he reads things very well," Granato said. "You see that on breakaways, he reads shooters well.

"So he's pretty much in the zone right now and it's great to see. He puts the work ethic in, he's a very committed, dedicated player."

Not the same

According to St. Cyr who credited hard work this summer at the Bandits Pro Elite Goalie Camp for getting prepared physically and mentally to play in the NTDP -

there is a different kind of pressure coming in cold off the bench as he did Saturday.

You obviously want to go in there, make the first couple stops and try to do what you can to keep the team in there," the Northville High School junior said. "When you're on the bench, obviously you want to keep your mind sharp. You're not moving around as much as you would, muscles are going to be a little cold going in.

"That's probably ber one battle going in midgame. That's tough, but you want to do as much as you can to keep your mind sharp. Watch pucks while you're on the bench, so if you do get the call you're ready to play.

Getting the first couple of stops under his belt are crucial in any game he plays, he continued.

"Always the first save is the most important for me to get my groove, just trying to get my confidence built up," said St. Cyr, a future University of Michigan goalie. "The first and second saves are the big ones.'

As for the NTDP itself, the first couple of months with the program have gone "much better" than he expected.

"Honestly, coming to the rink every day and having the best kids around the country here to push you," St. Cyr said. "You're competing harder than you ever thought you would, you have people coming here every day that want to do this for (their lives).

"So they're here battling and it just makes you a better person, a better player. A lot of life lessons on and off the ice, so it's a great program.'

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of the net, freshman forward Eli Arnold backhanded the puck between the faceoff circles to notch the gamewinning goal a mere 54 seconds in the third. Garnering assists on the play were forwards Colin Finn and Tanner

Gates talked about the difficulty his team had in creating second- and thirdchance opportunities near the net despite the widening margin in shot production.

'As opposed to last year, when we had Jack Meachem and Alex Morgan who were 60-point and 30- to 40-goal



JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Northville's Kyle Dann (left) looks to move the puck against Farmington's

scorers, we don't have that type of player this year, and we're going to have to get

dirty goals," Gates said.
"We just didn't get to the net enough tonight. You'll hear

(Mike) Babcock preach it, and you'll hear (Jeff) Blashill preach it. You have to get pucks to the net, traffic to the net and bodies to the net. We just need to get better at getting ugly, dirty goals."

Firestone finished with 32 saves. Miller notched seven at the other end of the ice. Newton was pleased as to

how his goalie responded to such a potent amount of firepower coming from the Northville side.

"Hunter was fabulous," he said. "I know he'd really like to have that one back. To his credit, he got refocused and square to the puck.

'He worked his catch glove extremely well and showed it. It's amazing, when you show the glove, how many guys will just shoot into it.

"He made really timely saves for us when we needed him, and we're really excited to see him perform well this

BOYS HOCKEY

CC's stellar third-period surge beats Brighton, 3-0

Brad Emons Staff Writer

The Brandon Kaleniecki era is off to a 2-0 hockey start at Novi Detroit Catholic Central.

The Shamrocks scored three goals in the final period Saturday to beat Brighton, 3-0, at USA Hockey Arenas to give the first-year coach his second straight victory.

Brian Kearns scored what proved to be the game-winner with only 7:33 left, off assists from Alex Kreutzer and Anthony Esser.

Kreutzer then made it 2-0 just 24 seconds later off an assist from Kyle Mulka and JoJo Mancinelli capped the scoring with an empty-netter with only one second to go.

CC goaltender Alec Calvaruso made 10 saves to post his second straight shutout.

FARMINGTON 3, NOVI 1: The Falcons (2-0) made it two straight in the Metro Invitational with a victory Saturday over the Wildcats (1-1) at Novi Ice Arena as Tanner Neill scored the game-winner on a power play with 9:51 remaining.

Nick Calis assisted on Neil's goal that came during

a five-minute major penalty against Novi. Joe Carbone then added an empty-netter with 52 seconds remaining to seal the victory. Jason Petras tallied a power-play goal for Farming-ton in the first period before Novi tied it in the second period on Alex Scarozza's goal from Zach Perpich and

Hunter Firestone made 19 saves in goal for Farmington, while Josh Richardson had 22 for the

NORTHVILLE 4, LAKE ORION 1: Goaltender Brett Miller made 35 saves Saturday as the Mustangs (1-1) turned back the Dragons (1-1) in the Metro Invitational at Novi Ice Arena Northville jumped out to a 1-0 first-period lead on

Dylan Coombes' power-play goal from Anthony
Solack and Zac Osaer at 4:34.

The Mustangs increased their lead to 3-0 after two
periods on goals by Kyle Dann (from Sam Bradley and
Riley Brass) and Alex lafrate (from Nick Williams and
lan Welsch)

Brass made it 4-0 at 2:09 of the final period, from Bradley and Dann.
Lake Orion's Joe Briskey notched a power-play goal

from Conner Graham and Drew Casey with 6:35 remaining to spoil Miller's shutout bid. Jack Barker made 36 saves for the Dragons. NOVI 9, CLARKSTON 2: Alex Car finished with

a hat trick and two assists Friday, leading the Wildcats (1-0) to a Metro Invitational victory over the Wolves (0-1) at Novi Ice Arena. Novi, which jumped out to a 3-1 lead after one period and 7-2 after two, also got contributions from

Cam Czapski (one goal, three assists); Brandon Kour (one goal, two assists); Andy Mizerowski and Zach Perpich (one goal and one assist each); Brennan Martin (two assists); and Alex Scarozza (one goal). Other assists went to Ryan Fonda, Anthony Luongo, Nathan Graff and David DeNova as the Wildcats outshot Clarkston, 34-10.

Novi goaltender Josh Richardson made eight saves.

DETROIT CC 8, P.H. NORTHERN 0: Michael Considine notched a hat trick and Brendan West contributed four assists Nov. 19 as Novi Detroit Catholic Central (1-0, 1-0) rolled to Michigan In terscholastic Hockey League North Division victor over host Port Huron Northern (0-1, 0-1) at McMorran Place Pavillion.

It was Considine's goal with 1:39 remaining that

ended the game on an eight-goal mercy.
Other top point producers for the Shamrocks, who led 3-0 after one period and 7-0 after two, were JoJo Mancinelli (two goals); Glynn Robitallie (one goal, two assists); Sheldon Wasik (one goal, one assist); Kyle Mulka (two assists); and J.P. Lafferty (one goal). Other assists went to Jared Lee, Alex Kruetzer, Brendan Cleary, Nick Macari and Brian Kearns. Alec Calvaruso had to make just four saves for the Shamrocks, while Andrew Adolph made 26 for

ALL-AREA BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Novi's Plaetinck is leader of the pack

Brad Emons Staff Writer

Joost Plaetinck's individual accomplishments as a senior for the Novi boys cross country team this fall are impressive, to say the least.

Committed to Michigan, Plaetinck led the Wildcats to both Division 1 regional and KLAA Kensington Conference team titles.

Named the All-Area Runner of the Year, Plaetinck's season culminated with a sixth-place finish in the state finals in a personal best time of 15:28.3, while earning all-state honors for the second year in a row as the Wildcats placed third overall.

Among Plaetinck's other accomplishments were a regional title (15:33), runner-up finish in the Kensington Conference (15:41) and Ramblin' Rock (15:59) meets; fourth at Oakland County (16:09); and 16th in the MSU Spartan Invitational's Elite Division (16:18).

"Joost is one of the best runners ever to represent Novi High School," coach Robert Smith said. "When he puts on his uniform, he transforms from an easy-going guy into a fierce competitor. He has the whole package – talent, determination and dedication. As a two-year captain of the team, Joost has proven leadership qualities as well.

"His time of 15:23 at the state meet has proven that he is one of the best high school runners in the state this year."

First team

Jackson Grzymkowski, Lakeland: The senior placed 12th at the Division 1 state finals (15:39.6) after capturing the regional (15:49.7) and Oakland County (15:56) meets.

Gryzmkowski was also runner-up at the KLAA Lakes Conference (15:39.0) and Jackson Invitational (15:42.6).

"I have never had an athlete with higher aspirations than Jackson," Lakeland coach Joe Verellen said. "He set his goals at camp his sophomore year and has been working toward them ever since. Each season, he would get better and better as a runner and as a leader. Lakeland cross country would not be what it is without his time in the program."

Drew Wenger, Lakeland: The junior wound up 13th at the Division 1 state finals (15:41.9) after taking third at the regional (16:00.0) and sixth in the Lakes Conference (16:02.7).

Wenger was also 11th at Oakland County (16:31) and 15th at the Jackson Invitational (16:22.9).

"Drew is a pure racer,"
Verellen said. "The bigger the race, the more excited he gets. I'm really proud of how Drew has overcome the adversity of injury. He did so with a maturity beyond his years as he remained consistent, positive and focused. It really paid off at the end of the season."

Ben Cracraft, Northville: The junior, a three-time state qualifier, placed 14th at Division 1 state finals (personal best 15:42.1) after taking fifth at the regional (15:50) and Kensington Conference meets (15:48).

Cracraft, an academic allstate athlete, also took 10th at the Portage Invitational (15:48) and owns the school's second best all-time Cass Benton home course clocking (16:03.1).

"Right out of the gate this season, it was clear that Ben had emerged as one of the top cross country runners in the

Midwest runner-up



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Novi senior Joost Plaetinck was named All-Area Runner of the Year after

state," Northville coach Chris Cronin said. "He was rocksteady all season and his ability to come up big on the biggest stages is what separates

placing sixth at the Division 1 state finals.

gest stages is what separates him from other runners. Ben's toughness and will to win helped our program achieve new standards of excellence this season."

Conor Naughton, Northville: The senior, a four-time state qualifier, placed 15th in Division 1 (15:42.5), fourth at the regional (15:50) and 11th in the Kensington Conference (16:25).

The Central Michigan University recruit ranks fourth all time on the Cass Benton course with a time of 16:06.

"Conor ends his career as one of the most decorated runners in school history," Cronin said. "However, his greatest achievement came this year when he helped his team to a runner-up finish at the state finals. As a co-captain, Conor's leadership was always on display this season. From summer conditioning all the way to the state finals, this team was united in purpose and goal."

Gabriel Mudel, Novi: The sophomore earned all-state honors by taking 27th at the Division 1 state finals with a season-best time of 15:53.6.

Mudel took seventh at the regional (16:02); sixth in the Kensington Conference (16:08); eighth at the Ramblin' Rock (16:23); and ninth in Oakland County (16:29). He also was 22nd in the Elite Division at the Spartan Invitational (16:24).

"Gabe flew under the radar this year, but his performances were top-notch," Smith said. "Last year, Gabe was injured for most of the season, so no one saw him coming. Gabe is the fastest sophomore returning in the Kensington Conference, as well as the second fastest returning runner overall in the conference. We will be building the team around him next year. I know he will be up to the challenge. He is full of natural talent."

Kenny Goolsby, Northville: The senior co-captain, a two-time state qualifier, finished fourth in the Kensington Conference meet after taking 19th at the regional (16:34) and 54th at the state finals.

His best time was overall was 16:07.9 and his 16:13.6 ranks fifth all time on the Cass Benton course.

"Kenny was the heart and soul of our team this season," Cronin said. "Had it not been for a late-season injury, I believe Kenny would have made finished in the top 30 at MIS. Known for his furious kick, Kenny used it to track down opposing runner like they were standing still. Finishing fourth at the KLAA Conference meet was Kenny's breakout race of the season."

Thomas Smither, Northville: The senior placed 43rd at the Division 1 meet (personal best 16:07.5) after taking 15th at the regional (16:25) and 13th in the Kensington Conference (16:31).

"Going into the season,
Thomas had a career best time
of 17:22," Cronin said. "At the
Bath Invitational, his first race
of the season, he ran a 16:48
and never looked back. Thomas was our fourth runner for
much of the season and his
success paralleled the team's.
Thomas' easy-going, low-key
attitude was instrumental in
keeping the team focused and

RUNNER OF THE YEAR
Joost Plaetinck, Sr., Novi

FIRST TEAM

Jackson Grzymkowski, Sr., Lakeland Drew Wenger, Soph., Lakeland Ben Cracraft, Jr., Northville Conor Naughton, Sr., Northville Gabriel Mudel, Soph., Novi Kenny Goolsby, Sr. Northville Thomas Smither, Sr., Northville

SECOND TEAM

Christian Freiburger, Sr., Northville Dakota Giles, Jr., Milford Ty Buckley, Jr., Detroit CC Scott MacPherson, Jr., Novi John Landy, Jr., Novi Jack Aman, Jr., Milford Scott Smith, Sr., Detroit CC

HONORABLE MENTION

Northville: Sean Coleman, Sr.; Nicholas Couyoumjian, Fr.; Jeff Baxter, Sr.; Novi: Aric Landy, Jr.; Adam Ditri, Sr.; Chris Silva, Jr.; Glenn Sawyer, Jr.; Lakeland: George Drallos, Soph.; Kyle Garbovits, Sr.; Jacob Broman, Sr.; Milford: Nolan Bailey, Soph.; Jared Shupe, Jr.; Nick Martin, Soph.; Luke Caddell, Soph; Detroit CC: Avery Felty, Sr.; Ben Racine, Jr.; Mark Borek, Jr.; Matthew Fosdick, Sr.; Alex McLaren, Sr.; South Lyon East: Xander Cronin, Soph.; South Lyon: Brent Peruski, Sr.; Josh Chezick, Jr.; Jerod Allen, Sr.; Franklin Road Christian: Will Govan, Sr.

looking ahead when we failed to capture the conference or regional titles."

Second team Christian Freiburger,

Northville: After being an alternate on last year's state meet squad, Freiburger enjoyed a productive senior season by placing 42nd at the state finals with a personal best 16:06.9 (third overall for the Mustangs). He also garnered 17th at the regional (16:28) and 14th in the Kensington Conference (16:31).

Dakota Giles, Milford: The junior was 48th overall in the Division 1 state meet (16:09.2) after taking 10th at the regional (16:32) and 12th in the Lakes Conference meet (16:29). Giles was also 20th at Oakland County (16:41).

Ty Buckley, Detroit CC: The senior capped his season in 59th at the state finals (16:13.6) after taking eighth at the regional (16:13.0) and fourth in the Catholic League meet (16:22.0). Buckley also finished fifth in the Sturgis Invitational (16:21.84) and 31st in Oakland County (16:53).

Scott MacPherson, Novi:
The junior finished 62nd in
Division 1 (16:16.1) after taking
16th at the regional (16:26), 10th
in the Kensington Conference
(16:24) and 21st at Oakland
County (16:43). MacPherson
was ninth at the Ramblin' Rock
(16:29) and 36th in the Spartan
Invite.

John Landy, Novi: The junior placed 64th overall in Division 1 (16:16.3) after taking 13th at the regional (16:17) and seventh in the Kensington meet (16:14). He also was 17th at Oakland County (16:38), seventh at the Ramblin' Rock (16:22) and 38th in the Spartan Invitational (16:47).

Jack Aman, Milford: The junior earned a 72nd-place in Division 1 (16:20.7) following 13th at the regional (16:37) and 14th in the Lakes Conference (16:33). Aman also took 26th overall at Oakland County (16:48)

Scott Smith, Detroit CC: The senior placed 79th at the Division 1 state finals (16:23.2

Division 1 state finals (16:23.2) following 12th at the regional (16:21.0) and 28th at Oakland County (16:50). Smith was also fourth at the Sturgis Invitaitonal (16:17.74) and Detroit CC Invitational (16:57.85).

BOYS HOCKEY WRAP

SL Unified earns 6-0 Metro win vs. Flyers

Lakeland battles to 2-2 overtime draw in Soo

Brad Emons Staff Writer

South Lyon Unified excelled on special teams and goaltender Jared Waugh made 18 saves Saturday in a

6-0 Metro Invitational boys

hockey victory over Far-

mington-Harrison at Novi

Ice Arena.
South Lyon, which improved to 2-1, scored two power-play goals and a shorthanded goal while killing off 11 Farmington

Hills power plays.
Joe Watson led the way
with a hat trick, while Joe
Hughes and Garrett Waugh
each added a goal and as-

Jake Heffernan also added a goal, while Nick Allerton, Charlie Nelson, Austin Pakkula and Anthony Bagnasco chipped in assists.

LAKELAND 2, SAULT STE. MARIE 2 (OT): Host Sault Ste. Marie (1-0-1) and White Lake Lakeland (1-0-1) battled to a draw in overtime Saturday in the Soo Elks Showcase a Pullar Stadium.

Lake Lakeland (19-1) battled to a draw in overtime Saturday in the Soo Elks Showcase at Pullar Stadium.
Blake Kocis had a goal and assist, while Mikey DeCarlo added the other goal for the Eagles.
Lakeland goaltender Austin Gogoal made 51 saves.
Bobby Price and C.J. Schmittigal each scored a goal for the Blue Devils, while Abby Roque

goal not the Bule Zevils, with Pably Noque chipped in two assists.

W.L. CENTRAL 5, MILFORD 2: Nick Wood, Ryan Kalis and Trevor Beaufait each had a goal and assist Friday as Walled Lake Central (1-0) downed the Mavericks (1-1) in a game played at the Farmington Hills lee Arena. Ian Smith and Jackson Esterline also added

goals for the Vikings, who scored all five goals in the final period. Sean Rutledge also chipped in two assists. Goalie Evan Saltz made 24 saves. LAKE ORION 4, SOUTH LYON 3: Drew Casey scored a pair of goals, including the

Casey scored a pair of goals, including the game-winner with 14:52 left in the final period, to give the Dragons (1-0) the Metro Invitational victory Friday over South Lyon (1-1) at Novi Ice Arena.

Kurt Nylen and Joe Briskey also added a goal each for the Dragons, while Tony Paugh had a

each for the Dragons, while Tony Paugh had a pair of goals for South Lyon. Parker Roe also had a goal, while Shane Agnello chipped in two assists. Other South Lyon assists went to Joe Hughes, Evan Tasker and Sean Millane.

Lake Orion goalie Johnny Marshall made 23 saves, while Jared Paugh had 29 for South Lyon. LAKELAND 3, BIG RAPIDS 2: Nelson Turnage scored the game-winning goal in overtime Friday as White Lake Lakeland (1-0) topped the Cardinals (0-1) in the Soo Elks Showcase at Pullar Stadium in Sault Ste. Marie.

Matt Enoch and Blake Kocsis also added a goal apiece for Lakeland, which was tied 1-1 after two periods.

SOUTH LYON 7, W.L. NORTHERN 5:
Senior Nathan Smith got off to a roaring star with a hat trick as South Lyon Unified (1-0) opened its season Nov. 17 with a win over visiting Walled Lake Northern (0-1) at the

Visiting Walled Lake Northern (0-1) at the Kensington Valley Ice House. Senior Parker Roe also chipped in a pair of goals, while juniors Nick Allerton and Anthony Bagnasco each added one as South Lyon led 4 after two periods before holding on for the

goals, while juniors NICK Allerton and Anthony Bagnasco each added one as South Lyon led 4-1 after two periods before holding on for the victory. Senior Matt Wittbrodt and junior Mitch

Hinkson each collected two assists. Seniors Joe Watson, Austin Pakkala and Evan Tasker contributed one each, along with juniors Garret Weyh and Sean Millane.

South I von junior goaltender Jared Pauch

Contributed one each, along with Juniors Garret Weyh and Sean Millane.

South Lyon junior goaltender Jared Paugh stopped 35-of-40 shots by the Knights, who got two goals and two assists from Jacob Frelich.

Other Northern goal scorers were Ben Grudzien, Myles Jackman and Seth D'Angelo. Knights goalie Sam Atchison made 25 saves.

HOWELL 8, MILFORD 2: Hat tricks by Max

HOWELL 8, MILFORD 2: Hat tricks by Ma DiCicco aned Alex Gowan carried the host Highlanders (1-0) to a season-opening victory Nov. 17 over the Mavericks (0-1) at Grand Oaks Arena. Sheldon Sturos and Justin Zeiter also tallied a

goal apiece for Howell, which led 2-0 after one period and 4-0 after two.
Goalie Nate George made 22 saves for the Highlanders.

Seniors Dillon Tierney and Robert Philip scored one goal each for the Mavericks, while goaltender Vinnie Szerlag made 37 saves.

THE WEEK AHEAD

GIRLS BASKETBALL Tuesday, Dec. 1 Franklin Road at Greenhills, 6 p.m. W.L. Western at Novi, 7 p.m.

w.L. western at Nov, 7 p.m.
South Lyon at A.A. Pioneer, 7 p.m.
Milford at B.H. Lahser, 7 p.m.
Lakeland at N. Farmington, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 3

Truman at South Lyon, 7 p.m.
S.L. East at Arbor Prep, 7 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 4

Dearborn at Northville, 7 p.m.
Novi at Hazel Park, 7 p.m.
Franklin Rd. at St. Cathering, 7 p.m.

Franklin Rd. at St. Catherine, 7 p.m.
Milford at Farmington, 7 p.m.
Holly at Lakeland, 7 p.m.
BOYS HOCKEY
Wednesday, Dec. 2
Plymouth at Novi (Ice Arena), 6 p.m.
South Lyon vs. Brighton
at Kensington Valley I.H., TBA.
Detroit CC vs. Trenton

at USA Hockey Arena, 8 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 3

Lakeland vs. Hartland
at Hartland Sports Ctr., 7 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 4

Novi vs. Stevenson
at Livonia's Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.
Detroit CC at O.L. St. Mary, 7:30 p.m.
Milford vs. W.L. Northern

at Kensington Valley I.H., 7:30 p.m.
Northville at Trav. City West
at Howe Arena, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 5
Detroit CC vs. O.L. St. Mary
at USA Hockey Arena, 5:30 p.m.
Milford vs. Churchill
at Hartland Sports Center, 6:30 p.m.
South Lyon vs. Canton
at Arctic Edge, 8 p.m.
GIRLS HOCKEY
Thursday Dec. 3

Thursday, Dec. 3 Northville vs. Grosse Pte. North at Livonia's Edgar Arena, 4 p.m. BOYS SWIMMING Saturday, Dec. 5 Novi, Milford at Fenton Tiger Relays, 9 a.m. TBA – time to be announced.

The Northville Cross Country (NXC) Running Club, coached by Craig Harris, placed runner-up in the five-state Nike Cross Nationals Midwest Meet held Nov. 14 in Terre Haute, Ind. NXC was edged by Ohio Division 1 champion Centerville, 145-152, for the team title. Naperville (III.) North and Carmel (Ind.) took third and fourth with 153 and 159, respectively. Lexa Barrott was Northville's top finisher, in 20th place with a five-kilometer time of 18:12. The next four NXC members were tightly bunched, including Olivia Harp, 53rd (18:43.2); Hailey Harris, 55th (18:43.7); Ana Barrott, 56th (18:43.8); and Emma Herrmann, 70th (18:50). As a result, NXC Running Club earned an automatic bid to the NXN Nationals on Dec. 6 in Portland, Ore., but Michigan High School Athletic Association's rules prohibit the team from attending until an appeal is heard at the MHSAA's Dec. 3 Representative Council Meeting.







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Lawn Guru taps into on-demand economy

Company uses app to help customers with lawn needs

> John Gallagher Michigan.com

The on-demand economy that gave rise to transportation companies like Uber has found its way into metro Detroit's lawn-care indus-

Lawn Guru, a start-up based in Wixom, won the \$25,000 prize for best product or service in the Accelerate Michigan competition for entrepre-

Launched in May, Lawn Guru uses a smart phone app to match homeowners with available lawn-service crews nearby. Instead of signing a contract with a single firm for a weekly service, homeowners tap into the application only



The Lawn Guru team (from left) includes co-founder Brandon Bertrang, Shaina Bertrang, Justin Booth, Jacob Torrence and co-founder Skye Durrant.

when their lawns need a trim, with Lawn Guru handling all the details, including billing, through

By using a service only when needed or desired, homeowners save money over signing a contract with a more rigid schedule, say week-

"The truth is, most lawns don't need to be cut on a weekly basis,' said Skye Durrant, a South Lyon High School graduate and co-founder of Lawn Guru. "Our average customer requests every 10 days, so that's almost a 30-percent savings using the on-demand

method over the weekly-

service schedule."
The Accelerate Michigan Innovation Competition is an international contest designed to highlight Michigan as a robust locale for business startups. The contest is put on by a consortium of Detroit-area business accelerators and sponsors, including Ann Arbor SPARK, Automation Alley, Macomb-OU IN-Cubator, TechTown and the New Economy Initiative, among others.

With just seven employees, Lawn Guru remains young, but it plans to use its \$25,000 prize to expand both its geographic reach and the ranks of its service providers — the contractors who actually do the work.

Lawn Guru currently works with about a dozen lawn-service firms for grass cutting in suburban Detroit and it has about 40 providers lined up to do snow plowing this

winter for its customers. In the on-demand economy, technology firms like Lawn Guru team with independent providers to give consumers convenient delivery of goods or services. The most notable example is Uber, a taxi-like service that has soared in popularity. Online ordering of groceries is another growing area in the on-demand economy.

Like Uber and Lawn Guru, on-demand firms allow customers to order products and services through smart phone apps. The firms disrupts traditional "old economy" models like the highly regulated taxi industry found in many cities, leading to calls for more regulation of on-demand firms. But there is no doubting the popularity of these offerings.

Durrant and his cofounder Brandon Bertrang took to the business early.

"We actually started cutting lawns together in high school," Durrant said. "After we both graduated (from college), we saw an opportunity in this industry because it hadn't really changed in a long time."

Providing an easy and seamless experience for customers remains key. All billing is handled through the app

"We handle all customer service," Durrant said. "All of our service providers are background checked. We spend a lot of time making sure we're only bringing on the best pro-

Lawn Guru hopes to expand far behind the southeast Michigan area going into 2016. In doing so, it may help fulfill the the promise that on-demand tech start-ups hold for the Detroit region.

Retail expert: Pack snacks, sanitizer for Black Friday shopping



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Shoppers leave Kohl's in Canton during Black Friday last year.

Sharon Dargay Staff Writer

If you're looking for a weekend diversion that combines the fun of a social outing with handson entertainment and a fitness workout, set your alarm clock to "early" and shop Black Friday

The National Retail Federation estimates that 135.8 million shoppers are likely to spend the Thanksgiving weekend in stores. The action starts Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 26, and continues nonstop through Black Friday, with stores reopening for Small Business Saturday and Sunday sales.

If you've ever wanted to pull an all-nighter in a national retail chain store, now's the time. But pushing an overflowing cart, toting bags, and driving from store to store can take its toll, even on the most expe enced shopper.

How do you ensure the Black Friday experience will be more fun than frenzy?

Ed Nakfoor, retail consultant, offers these tips for shopping the Black Friday sales:

» Always get a receipt. And if the store gives you the option of paper or email receipt, get both. Are you really going to print a copy at home? Or worse, the email goes to your spam

» Always get a gift receipt. That's a gift in itself for the recipient.

» Map out your shopping day. Shop with a geography in mind. Don't visit stores as they open or during certain door buster hours. Better to shop adjacent stores, farthest from home, and then work your way back to where you began the day. You might miss that day's big sale, but do know there will countless big sales between now and Christmas as stores are loaded with merchandise and will be very eager to clear it out.

» Download store apps days in advance to learn the finer points of the technology; some are intuitive, others cumbersome.

» Bring small snacks, maybe a bottle of water. Waiting in line — and it will be long — at Star-bucks or the food court makes even the most relaxed person a grump.

» All those people ... cold and flu season ... hand sanitizer is a must.

» If you can, leave the kids at home. See above re: grump.

» Don't circle and circle and circle the lot for a "good" spot. There isn't one. Accept it, know you have to walk, bundle up and press on. The key is to keep nerves from fraying.

» Be kind to the employees. It's busy. Many are new hires. They are trying to please you and still follow the store's

» And finally, make a list, include sizes, and be certain to get something for yourself — you're doing all of the work

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Domino's delivers pizza, brand with new custom-made car

Beth Jachman Staff Writer

This car is really hot but not in the way you might think.

It has an oven installed in the back seat big enough to hold 80 pizzas and that's what it's designed to do – hold pizzas and bread sticks.

The new DXP, a Domino's Pizza delivery car, was unveiled recently at Matick Chevrolet in Redford.

"We're the delivery experts," said Remy Sarhan, marketing director for STA Management of Southfield and owner of 62 Domino's Pizza stores. STA Management ordered five of the cars, which cost \$20,000 to

\$25,000 to produce. "We're really just taking it to the next level," she said of the car, which is one of 100 to be designed for Ann Arborbased Domino's by Roush Enterprises,

based in Livonia.
The DXP, which is sort of shorthand for delivery expert, started as a Chevrolet Spark, Ryan Esler, sales and marketing director of Matick Chevrolet, said.

Quite a stir

Roush and former General Motors executive Kenneth Baker then designed the car to hold everything a delivery car might need - an oven for the pizzas and bread sticks and places for drinks and salads, Esler said. The only seat in the car is the driver's



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER The Domino's vehicle, on display at George Matick Chevrolet in Redford, is built from a Chevy Spark by Roush Industries in

seat. Design and production took about three years.

It's quite a difference from having pizza delivered in the usual "junky" car, he said.

It also caused quite a stir at Matick as everyone rushed out to see it, Esler said. "It's so unique," he said.

Matick employees prepped the cars before the event, have been trained to services the cars and also hosted the first kickoff party Wednesday.

"We are proud to partner with them," Esler said. "It's great for everyone."

More kickoff parties are scheduled across the country including in Boston, Dallas, Houston, Indianapolis, New Orleans, San Diego and Seattle, from now until the end of the year, according to Ed Stevens of Stevens Strategic Com-

munications. The cars are completely re-branded for Domino's and will probably equal about \$40,000 to \$50,000 a year in branding just by being on the road, Stevens

Will be seen

It also has touches of humor with messages such as: "Drivers do not carry more than \$20, nor do they make pizzas on the spot."

"We're using these as

a test to see how they do," Dani Nicholl, consumer public relations specialist for Domino's, said of the first 100 DXP

A map of where all the DXPs are located can be found online at dominosdxp.com, she said.

Local Domino's locations expected to use the cars are in Southfield, Novi, Northville, Plymouth, Canton, Royal Oak and West Bloomfield as the cars will be rotated from place to place, Sarhan said.



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SUBMITTED The Bingham Office Center in **Bingham Farms** was among properties garnering awards.



Commercial real estate awards highlight local properties, pros

The Building Owners and Managers Association of Metro Detroit (BOMA) held its annual awards program The Outstanding Building of the Year (TOBY) and Leadership Awards Presentation on Friday afternoon, Nov. 6, at the MotorCity Casino Sound Board, Detroit.

The program honors outstanding leaders and commercial properties in the local commercial real estate industry. "Each of this year's TOBY & Leadership Awards recipients has shown remarkable achievement in their respective categories" said Brian Salliotte, RPA, president of BOMA/Metro Detroit. "Excellence in our industry depends on the excellence of the professionals at its heart. It is a win/win for management and owners who appreciate the

value of a job well done."
The TOBY Awards, now in its 31st year, is the most prestigious and comprehensive program of its kind in the commercial real estate industry, recognizing excellence in office building ownership and management. Judging is based on community impact, tenant/employee relations programs, energy management systems, emergency

evacuation procedures, building personnel training programs and overall quality indicators. A team of expert industry professionals conducted comprehensive building inspections. Sixteen distinguished properties vied for first place in eight categories for The Outstanding Building of the Year. The 2016 Local Winners are:

- » Under 100,000 Square Feet - Wright Kay Building, managed by Bedrock Real Estate Services, Detroit
- » 100,000-249,999 Square Feet - Riverside Center, managed by Farbman Group, Southfield
- **»** 250,000-499,999 Square Feet - Maccabees Center, managed by Schostak Brothers & Co., Inc., Southfield
- » 500,000-1 Million Square Feet - New Center One, managed by Farbman Group, Detroit
- » Over 1 Million Square Feet - One Campus Martius, managed by Bedrock Real Estate Services, Detroit
- » Suburban Office Low-Rise - Bingham Office Cen**ter**, managed by Farbman Group, Bingham Farms
- » Medical Office Building - Oak Tech Professional Center, managed by Summit

Property Management, Auburn Hills

» Renovated Building -Federal Reserve, managed by Bedrock Real Estate Services,

Metro Detroit TOBY winners will be invited to participate in the North Central Regional TOBY competition, including Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan and Ohio, to qualify for the BOMA International TOBY Awards, one of the highest honors in the commercial real estate industry. Winners of the international competition will be announced at the BOMA International 2016 Every Building Conference and Expo in Washington, D.C., in June

Leadership Award recipients were recognized for their contributions to the organization, the community and the greater industry. Recipients

Michael Patterson, RPA, FMA of CBREIFord Land, Property Manager of the Year; Thomas Dubay of Farbman Group, Building Engineer of the Year; Brilar, LLC., Service Provider of the Year; **Bedrock Real Estate Services**, Corporate Member of the Year; Sandy Borg of ISC Ser-

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vices, Service Member of the Year.

Sarah Barjum of Dunbar Mechanical, Emerging Leader; Lynne Leipold of GDI Integrated Facility Services, Outstanding Service Award; and Cindy Wiegand of KIR-CO Management Services, the President's Award.

Founded in 1908, BOMA/ Metro Detroit is a professional, nonprofit trade association whose nearly 400 members either own or manage commercial real estate, or provide goods and services to the industry. BOMA Michigan members represent organizations managing more than 250 million square feet of office and industrial space, with employees and tenants totaling more than 1.25 million people in Michigan. Michigan members' annual expenditures contribute \$3.2 billion to the state's economy. BOMA/ Metro Detroit provides commercial real estate professionals the opportunity to work together for professional growth, advocacy rights, corporate profit, and the benefit of the nine Southeastern Michigan communities it serves. For more information on BOMA and membership, visit www.bomadet.org.

Aspen: Region has some more reasonable real estate

Q: I have debated on whether to buy a condo in Aspen or Park City, Utah, and I am wondering if you have any suggestions or comments.

A: Aspen is obviously more expensive as are most of the surrounding ski towns in Colorado such as Breckenridge, Vale, and Snowmass. My recent experience with Park City

is that it is more reasonable in terms of the cost of real estate although, a number of high end hotel condominiums are being constructed by major na-



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tional chains. Generally speaking, the cost of living in Park City is less than in the Colorado cities above mentioned, although, you still have your share of movie stars spending their time in Park City. Again, if you buy at the right time and off season, you can pay between anywhere from \$150 to \$250 a square foot for a residence or condominium. There are a number of high end brokers in Park City to assist you as well as capable legal counsel. But as in the purchase of any condominium, be sure you understand the condominium documents and retain a condominium knowledgeable attorney

Q: We are foreclosing on a mortgage on a house we have sold and obtained a Sheriff's sale, but we are concerned about the homeowner neglecting or intentionally damaging the home during the redemption period. What can we do?

A: Legislation was enacted in 2014 to allow a purchaser at a Sheriff sale which in this case would presumably be you to perform periodic interior and exterior inspections of the property to ensure that it is heing kent up and not strippe of its valuables. The purchaser may proceed with eviction if an inspection is unreasonably refused or damage to the property is imminent or has already occurred. You should check with an attorney to find out what your rights are before entering the premises as it was modified later in 2014 to clarify the previous legislation.

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HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of July 6-10, 2015, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office.

Listed below are cities, addresses,		
and sales prices.		
BEVERLY HILLS		
17824 Beechwood Ave	\$215,000	
17375 Birwood Ave	\$285,000	
31288 Downing Pl	\$424,000	
32470 Sheridan Dr	\$333,000	
30740 Stellamar St	\$225,000	
19710 W 13 Mile Rd # 206	\$203,000	
19501 Waltham Rd	\$349,000	
BIRMINGHAM		
1171 Arden Ln	\$310,000	
271 Berwyn St	\$589,000	
2042 Dorchester Rd	\$847,000	
1533 Mansfield Rd	\$250,000	
1045 N Old Woodward Ave	\$240,000	
662 Purdy St # 105	\$175,000	
1193 S Eton St	\$250,000	
535 Stanley Blvd	\$530,000	
380 Wimbleton Dr	\$459,000	
2361 Windemere Rd	\$321,000	
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	¢200.000	
2465 Hickory Glen Dr	\$380,000	
1598 Ledbury Dr	\$243,000	
496 Newburne Pointe	\$215,000	

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

7135 Bingham Rd 2744 Brady Dr

2757 Brady Dr 1364 Bramblebush Run

1490 Charrington Rd 2816 Courville Dr 170 Eileen Dr

5075 N Adams Rd
926 Rockaway Ct
6133 Rocky Spring Rd
4120 Sandy Ln
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP
2788 Augusta Dr
6110 Borowy Dr
4583 Haverhill Ct
3522 Loch Bend Dr
3350 Mandrake St 5691 Paradise St
3888 Sleeth Rd
4205 Stone Meadow Ct
6043 Venice Dr
FARMINGTON
31528 Marblehead Rd
FARMINGTON HILLS
29374 Birchcrest Way
30112 Briarton St
35999 Fair Oaks Ct
28231 Gettysburg St
21504 Hamilton Ave
22222 Harsdale Dr
22496 Heathersett Cres
33723 Hunters Pointe Rd
23349 Longacre Ct
29720 Minglewood Ln
35609 Old Homestead Dr 36642 Quakertown Ln
21650 Roosevelt Ave
23301 Scott Dr
30709 Shiawassee Rd # 65
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\$30,000	26272 Mandalay Cir	\$150,000
\$155,000	41833 Mitchell Rd	\$241,000
\$186,000	24797 Reeds Pointe Dr	\$559,000
\$207,000	30943 Savannah Ct	\$238,000
\$91,000	24362 Simmons Dr	\$275,000
\$155,000	1507 West Lake Dr	\$630,000
\$399,000	SOUTH LYON	\$050,000
\$333,000	54707 Brentwood Dr	\$425,000
\$173,000	60160 E 8 Mile Rd	\$165,000
\$188.000	1141 Fountain View Cir	\$134.000
\$100,000	26501 Martindale Rd	\$159,000
\$172,000	23504 Millwood	\$530,000
\$110,000	943 Norchester St	\$173,000
\$220,000	20935 Oak Tree Dr	\$314,000
\$334,000	23940 Prescott Ct	\$452,000
\$146.000	24836 Purlin Ct	\$460,000
\$195,000	22220 Quail Run Cir Unit 2	\$149,000
\$195,000	24871 Valleywood Dr	\$275,000
\$300,000	SOUTHFIELD	\$275,000
\$90,000	19811 Cherry Hill St	\$192,000
\$135,000	21599 Glenmorra St	\$185,000
\$460.000	29370 Leemoor Dr	\$136.000
\$121,000	24639 Maryland St	\$120,000
\$205.000	16951 Pennsylvania St	\$165,000
\$205,000	28287 Red Leaf Ln	\$72,000
\$640,000	20035 Rodeo Ct	\$130,000
\$152,000	22737 S Bellwood Dr	\$195,000
\$118.000	30248 Southfield Rd # A181	\$55.000
\$443,000	WHITE LAKE	\$55,000
\$557,000	8815 Charbane Ave	\$217,000
\$344,000	5534 Cuthbert Rd	\$200,000
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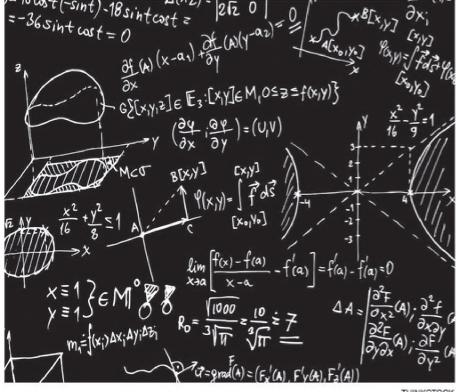
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ou may have scoffed when your teacher told you that what you learned in math or science class would be useful in real life, but there's no denying that those skills are helpful if you're hoping to land a lucrative job.

Still skeptical? Here are 10 growing occupations that pay an average of \$50 an hour, based on data from Economic Modeling Specialists Intl., a CareerBuilder company that specializes in employment data and labor market analysis. (All growth figures are projected through 2020.)

- 1. Political scientists study the origin, development and operation of political systems. They research political ideas and analyze governments, policies, political trends and related issues
- ► Projected job growth: 12 percent
- Average hourly earnings: \$50
- 2. Mathematicians use advanced math to develop and understand mathematical principles, analyze data and solve real-world problems.
- ► Projected job growth: 11 percent
- Average hourly earnings: \$50.17
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- Projected job growth: 11 percent
- Average hourly earnings: \$50.67



- Projected job growth: 10 percent Average hourly earnings: \$49.84

6. Systems software develop-

ers create the systems that keep computers functioning properly. These could be operating systems that are part of computers for the general public or systems built specifically for an organization. They create the operating systems that control most of the consumer electronics in use today, including phones and cars.

- ► Projected job growth: 10 percent
- Average hourly earnings: \$50.98
- 7. Economists study the production and distribution of resources, goods and services by collecting and analyzing data, researching trends and evaluating economic issues.

- Projected job growth: 8 percent Average hourly earnings: \$50.62
- 8. Sales engineers sell complex scientific and technological products or services to businesses. They must have extensive knowledge of the products' parts and functions and must understand the scientific processes that make those products work.
- ▶ Projected job growth: 5 percent
- ► Average hourly earnings: \$50.32

9. Securities, commodities and financial services sales agents connect buyers and sellers in financial markets. They sell securities to individuals, advise companies in search of investors and conduct trades.

- ► Projected job growth: 4 percent
- Average hourly earnings: \$49.64

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- ► Projected job growth: 4 percent
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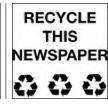
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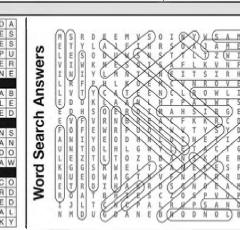
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Car Report

Cadillac Plans Escalade Marketing Campaign To Percolate Demand for Hot-Selling SUV



Despite Cadillac's recent slide in sales and equity, one iconic property has continued to shine for the brand: its hulking, chrome-

bedecked, celebrity-toting Escalade SUV.

Yet as Cadillac continues to resurrect its brand and readies for the introduction of the crucial new CT6 sedan and XT5 midsize SUV early next year, the

to the fire.

In fact, Escalade's position in the marketplace has softened just a bit lately as General Motors' Texas plant that makes the vehicle finally caught up with strong demand for all the SUVs made there. Sales of Escalade increased by 48 percent last year over 2013, and are up another 20 percent this year through October. Meanwhile, average transaction prices for Escalade have topped \$80,000, up from \$69,000 in the last year of sales of the previous version.

"We continue to see great demand—inventory levels are still low and discounts minimal," gasoline prices that pretty much unfolded exactly when the new version was launched has helped immeasurably, obviously. Escalade's success and quiet gas

and Cadillac dealers on each sale.

A period of restrained

prices also are helping lure more competitors to the segment with new offerings and with refreshed ones. Lincoln, for instance, is spiffing up its giant Navigator, and Audi may introduce a Q8 that is larger than its existing Q7.

Yet Escalade remains robust enough that Cadillac is leaving the vehicle's name out of its new alphanumeric naming scheme that will help consumers make sense of the rest of the brands growing product line.

Whien GM introduced Cadillac Escalade for the 1999 model year, it was the most important step in establishing the brand's angular new design language and became a sensation with athletes and other celebrities who appreciated the SUV's roominess, power and flash.

Ellinghaus talked with me about the upcoming campaign for Escalade and how it fits with the rest of the brand-building efforts at Cadillac:

What will be the primary focus of the new Escalade campaign?

Uwe Ellinghaus: The campaign will focus on the distinctiveness of the Escalade, portraying it as an iconic vehicle for individualists

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who don't want to follow the SUV mainstream and who appreciate the unique exterior design as much as the luxurious interior. The latter is still not universally known, whereas the iconic character of the Escalade is undisputed.

Is the campaign's timing related to the slackened demand?

Ellinghaus: Yes. The paradiselike situation, where previous Escalade owners stormed to Cadillac dealerships to get the new one, came to a predictable end. We now need conquests, and this requires marketing efforts. This is a proactive marketing strategy. We don't have a problem—we want to avoid getting into one.

What role does competition in the large-SUV segment play, such as talk of a new Audi Q8 coming?

Ellinghaus: So far, these moves remain nothing but announcements. Even if they turn into vehicles, we are optimistic. The Escalade is truck-derived and not a typical SUV. This is much appreciated by its customers and fans who don't want a typical

Correspondingly, crossshopping with luxury SUVs is minimal and we are very optimistic that further SUV entries will not change that. It is not about proportions. It's about the image the car conveys that explains Escalade's meteoric success. It is cool, whereas most

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competitive SUVs are not.

Will the Escalade campaign use the "Dare Greatly" positioning you've established for Cadillac over the past year?

Ellinghaus: Yes, of course. The entire artwork will be tagged with "Dare Greatly." It is our brand claim, after all. The Escalade campaign will be just another chapter of "Dare Greatly."

Yet Escalade is almost its own, robust sub-brand. What are the overall challenges of managing it even as you're re-establishing the overall Cadillac brand?

Ellinghaus: Escalade is not a brand on its own but is clearly differentiated from our SUV and car lineup. And we want to keep it that way. Hence the decision not to extend the new nomenclature (XT) to the Escalade. The existing nameplate has so much cachet, it would be a mistake to remove it.

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