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**Kids to go
on holiday
vacation**

You can only imagine that kids in the Northville Schools are getting itchy to start their holiday break, which begins at the end of the day Friday, Dec. 18. Break continues through Christmas week and through New Year's Day. Classes resume Monday, Jan. 4. Students will have the day off Monday, Jan. 18, as it is a Teacher Work Day.

**Annual
campaign**

Don't forget the Northville Educational Foundation's annual campaign is underway, with the goal of raising \$100,000 by Jan. 31, to support Northville Public Schools. Through Dec. 31, each gift will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$30,000 by a group of generous donors. For information about the Northville Educational Foundation and how families can support the campaign, go to www.NorthvilleEd-Foundation.org.

Resident offers ideas to prevent pedestrian tragedy on Cady

Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

George Fomin can show exactly why he is concerned about the safety of kids — including his grandchildren — who cross a stretch of Cady, Wing to Center, generally as they come out of nearby dance classes. Armed with a map Monday night, he

offered the Northville City Council a couple of potential improvements to prevent a tragedy. Mayor Ken Roth, who said there has already been talk about traffic flow, asked Jim Gallogly, city public services director, and City Manager Patrick Sullivan to determine whether Fomin's suggestions

could be implemented. "That is a pedestrian intersection that depending on times of the day can see a large flow of traffic," Roth said. At about the time Fomin was speaking at the city council meeting that began at 7:30 p.m., Fomin indicated that kids would be leaving dance classes. "Probably right now there's 50 kids in

there now." It seems that even with a crosswalk at the exit/entrance of Northville Square, sometimes kids run out between cars parked on portions of Cady and risk getting hit by oncoming vehicles. "You put lines down and think

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Meads Mill students Jake Holstead, Karin Yassine, center, and others check out some virtual reality exploration of the world using Google Expeditions. A Google crew visited Meads on Dec. 8 to help students and teachers navigate the new program that will be available sometime in the fall of 2016.

SEE THE WORLD

Meads Mill students test Google app for virtual travel

Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

Imagine being in the heart of Jerusalem, Rome, Moscow or how about into the Atlantic Ocean depths — without deep sea diving gear. Talk to middle school students at Meads Mill. They've been there and done that. And they didn't suffer jet lag, pay for flights or hotels or get wet jumping into the ocean. That's because last week they were among the first to try the new Google Expedition, which has not yet been released to the public. "It's really cool — if you don't want to pay to go somewhere," sixth-grader Chloe Brothers said. "Cool" and "awesome" were the words of the day as 24 classes of Meads Mill students took turns in the media center trying out the new app. "They (Google) graciously let us use them for today," said Tonya Nugent, technology and computers teacher. Google, Nugent said, is testing the Expedition app and introducing it to students in 60 area schools within three weeks. The app is expected to be released sometime in the fall of 2016. Google representatives were unavailable for comment. Meads Mill was chosen after Nugent applied by Twitter to Google. "I got so excited." And so did the students when they placed the viewers to their faces for 360-degree



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Meads Mill Middle School teacher Jennifer Miers, using a tablet computer, guides her students around the Google Expeditions virtual reality application.

"We're able to go there in one class. They can go to the ocean, the space center, monuments. We get to go where buses can't go. We can't do that in a real classroom."

TONYA NUGENT,
technology and computers teacher

views of designated spots in the world. Some are even three-dimensional images. As Nugent describes, the viewers are high-tech versions of the View Masters — from "back in the day." At some point, there will be an opportunity — once released — to download the app on a cell phone and other devices. Google Expedition offers 140 virtual trips around the world and under the oceans, Nugent said. The app will be a bonus for teachers who literally can use it in a blended lesson — tech-

nology plus social studies, geography, science — you name it. With the app, a teacher can guide students to certain locations, for example, in Moscow. "She can tap somewhere and you go where she wants," sixth-grader Sophie Ball said. While some students had view masters, others used Google Cardboard viewers — available at Google or Amazon and a host of other places. When you have the Cardboard viewer, you can now choose from a number of apps, in-

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Running event to aid cancer victim

Jill Halpin
Correspondent

Runner's, take your mark — and in addition, help support a Canton man battling a rare and aggressive form of bone cancer for the second time. The Canton Road Runners store is teaming up with Northville-based Kona Running Co. to sponsor a 5K run/walk event from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19, in Canton in an effort to raise funds for resident Alex Berlin, 24. Berlin, a 2009 graduate of Canton High School, was diagnosed with a Ewing sarcoma, a rare form of bone cancer, less than one week after graduating from Michigan State University with a master's degree in accounting. A former player with Canton High's hockey team, Berlin was playing hockey in a charity fundraiser at MSU in 2014 when he first noticed a pain in his leg. An MRI revealed a cancerous tumor, said Canton resident Wendy Juback, a longtime friend of Berlin and head of marketing for the Canton Road Runners store. "Alex underwent surgery at the University of Michigan Hos-

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Parents: Send us your children's letters to Santa!

It's that time of year kids! Santa is waiting to hear from all of you. He wants the *Northville Record* to print your hopes for Christmas this year. So please email us your letters to Santa as soon as possible. If you have a photo of yourself, please send it to us. You can send your letter to the editor at jmaliszews@hometownlife.com. You can send your letter to us anytime. But be sure it gets to us before Dec. 18. Santa needs time to read your letters and prepare for his journey around the world.

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TRAFFIC

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it's safe. It's not," said the Northville Township resident, referring to the crosswalk.

Gallogly said the crosswalk was put in at the request of nearby business owners and following an engineering study conducted by Spalding DeDecker of Rochester Hills.

Although some "yield to pedestrian" signs are posted on Cady, they are off to the side of the street. One of Fomin's suggestions is to put yield signs closer to the center of the road to make drivers aware of pedestrian traffic. "It's really like a school situation," Fomin said, comparing the potential danger to that at a school where parents are waiting for kids to come out of school.

That led to Fomin's alternative suggestion to prohibit cars from stopping, standing, parking or unloading in the center of Cady where kids tend to walk to meet their rides. "Some drivers zoom right through Cady Street as though it's a major thoroughfare," he said.

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pital to remove remnants of the tumor in his leg and also started chemotherapy and radiation right away," Juback said.

Berlin was declared cancer-free this past March.

Unfortunately, a recent biopsy on his lungs revealed that the cancer had returned and he began a second round of chemotherapy in November, Juback said.

"Alex really is an amazing young man. He has remained positive and is committed to fighting this cancer," she said.

According to the American Cancer Society, Ewing sarcoma affects approximately 225 children and young adults in North America annually. Most Ewing tumors occur in teens, but they can also affect younger children, as well as adults (mainly in their 20s and 30s). The most common places for Ewing tumors are the pelvis, the chest wall (such as the ribs or shoulder blades) and the legs; the most common symptom is pain. The tumor may also show up as a lump or swelling on an arm, leg or the trunk. Ewing tumors can also cause general symptoms like fever or not feeling well.

Ewing sarcoma also presents another difficulty, Juback said.



Alex Berlin of Canton is on his second bout with a rare form of cancer.

"This is a type of cancer that is very expensive to combat. The medical bills are overwhelming," she said.

Alan and Jill Whitehead, owners of the Canton Road Runners store, and Kona Running Co. teamed up in this effort to help offset medical bills, as well as give back to the community, Juback said.

Although registration for the event is free, raffle tickets are on sale for a 14-person suite at Joe Louis Arena for the Detroit Red Wings game Dec. 20 against the Calgary Flames. The suite is donated by the Lear Corp.

In addition, 10 percent of proceeds from sales at the Canton Road Runners store Dec. 19 will be donated to the fundraiser.

"Alex is just an all-American, hard-working young man – so genuine – who has the world at his feet," Juback said. "Now he is battling this tough disease and is still working and trying to live life to fullest. He is doing all he can. We are really hopeful that the community will come out and help support him in his battle."

The Lift for Berlin: Round 2 Cancer Battle 5K is scheduled to be held at noon Dec. 19 at the Canton Road Runners store, 42743 Ford Road, in Canton.

For more information on the event or to make a donation, call 734-355-3962 or go to <https://www.crowdrise.com/liftforberlinround2/fundraiser/chandlerberlin>.

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Estelle and her brother, Samuel, visit Santa Claus.

A special letter to Santa Claus

Santa is still waiting for letters from Northville area kids. He has asked the *Northville Record* to publish letters as they come in. Below is a very special letter from a very special young resident:

Dear Santa,
My name is Estelle. I'm seven years old and I have cerebral palsy, so I'm in a wheelchair and cannot speak. I went to see you with my little brother, Samuel, last week. Samuel was very upset that he forgot to tell you what I want-

ed. My mom suggested that we write this letter instead. My favorite all time singer is Adele. She sings to me in the operating room when I have surgeries at Mott. I would love to have her new CD "25." Other than that, maybe a new lighted musical toy. I can't tell anyone what I want, but I know you're magical and probably already know in your heart.

Merry Christmas! See you soon!

Estelle Wade
Northville



Art Beer and Mary Bremer Beer in "Kalamazoo."

HOWARD AND CHARLOTTE MEYER

Still time to see 'Kalamazoo' at Northville's Tipping Point Theatre

Tipping Point Theatre continues its 2015-16 season with *Kalamazoo* by Michelle Kholos Brooks and Kelly Younger.

In this love story, two mismatched seniors are forced into Internet dating by their children. But after their crazy, margarita-filled first date, they discover love isn't any easier the second time around. Peg and Irving still have a little aging to do if they want to forget their past and move forward into a future together.

The romantic comedy aims to prove you're never too old to be young. "A whirlwind of laughter, love and romance is what audience members can expect to see," director Christopher Bremer said "It is one of the sweetest, funniest plays to come up in recent years. The pedigree is amazing considering one of the authors is Mel Brooks' daughter."

Kalamazoo runs through Dec. 20, with a special New Year's Eve performance. The curtain rises at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, with matinees at 3 p.m. Saturday



HOWARD AND CHARLOTTE MEYER

Mary Bremer Beer and Art Beer on stage at the Tipping Point.

and 2 p.m. Sunday.

Leap into the new year with Tipping Point Theatre with the final show for 2015! Enjoy a performance of *Kalamazoo*, an afterglow provided by Rocky's of Northville and a toast to the new year with beer, wine and champagne. Tickets: \$85 (\$40 tax-deduct-

ible) and \$45 for SeasonPASS ticket holders (\$40 tax-deductible).

The theater is at 361. E. Cady St. in Northville. Tickets are \$30 to \$33 for adults, \$28 to \$31 for students and senior citizens. For tickets or more information, call the box office at 248-347-0003.

Woman's Club hosts Michigan Opera on Friday

Members of the acclaimed Michigan Opera Theatre will perform selections from two of this season's upcoming operas at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18, at the Northville Woman's Club's meeting at First United Methodist Church of Northville, 777 W. Eight Mile.

The performance is part of MOT's Opera Club program that showcases the operas seen on stage, providing audiences with a history of the operas

and productions. The presentation to Northville Woman's Club will include Austin Stewart singing an aria from Mozart's *The Magic Flute* and soprano Lauren Skuce Gross performing a selection from Verdi's *Macbeth*.

Friday's meeting — the Northville Woman's Club's Annual Christmas Tea — will also include introduction of new members.

Those interested in more information about the Northville Woman's Club or attending its programs should contact president Maryann Cotte-riell at 248-344-8235.



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Public hearing dates set for girls' health DVD

The Northville Public Schools Board of Education will host two public hearings for school parents and community members to comment on a proposed revision to the instructional DVD used in the district's fourth-grade reproductive health lesson for female students. The proposed DVD is titled, "Just Around the Corner for Girls" by Marsh Media, 2011.

In fourth grade, girls have the opportunity, with written parent permission, to partici-

pate in a health lesson, which includes an instructional DVD focused on menstruation, the onset of puberty, maturation of the female reproductive system and the importance of good hygiene, healthy habits and sleep.

The proposed updated DVD has been reviewed and approved by the district's 17-member Health Advisory Board, composed of parents of children attending Northville Public Schools, as well as district educators, a high school

student, local clergy and community health professionals, as required by law.

The next step in the curriculum review process is to offer parents and community members the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed DVD, prior to Board of Education consideration, during the preview opportunities and public hearings noted below. If approved by the board, the new DVD would be used as part of the fourth-grade health lesson for girls beginning this

school year.

» Tuesday, Jan. 19: 6 p.m., with a preview opportunity 5:30-6 p.m., at the Northville Public Schools Board of Education Office (Room 302), 501 W. Main Street, Northville

» Tuesday, Feb. 9: During regular Board of Education meeting at 7 p.m., with a preview opportunity 6:30-7 p.m., at the Hillside Middle School Forum, 775 N. Center Street, Northville

In addition to the above times, school parents and com-

munity members may preview the proposed DVD prior to the two public hearings, on the following dates, times and locations:

» Tuesday, Jan. 12: 4 p.m., at Ridge Wood Elementary School, 49775 Six Mile Road, Northville

» Wednesday, Jan. 13: 9 a.m., at Moraine Elementary School, 46811 W. Eight Mile Road, Northville

To register, contact Lisa Lesz at 248-344-3526 or Leszli@northvilleschools.org.

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cluding Star Wars, Google Santa Tracker — and eventually Explorer.

Nugent's daughter used a Google Cardboard and app recently to learn about the solar system. "She went on an urban hike on Mars," Nugent said.

The world of virtual reality has been used more extensively in the business world and less so in education. But with Google Expedition, Nu-

gent said, that is changing.

As the tour guide, a teacher on his or her own device may tap let's say the Kremlin and all participating students — virtually gather — for a lesson or information about the attraction. "It's meant so the teacher can guide the experience," Nugent added.

A teacher can locate the students or where they are looking by a smiling face icon on the screen. "It is pretty cool," seventh-grader Anja Olsen said.

Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher joined the virtual expedition, oohing and aahing

with the students as she took a tour through various sites. "It's amazing," she said.

The lessons available through Google Expedition provide students with an "immersive experience," Nugent said. "We're able to go there in one class. They can go to the ocean, the space center, monuments. We get to go where buses can't go. We can't do that in a real classroom."

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Northville High School varsity and junior varsity teams placed at the top in a recent dance competition.

SCHOOL BRIEFS

Moraine Science Olympiad

The 2016 Moraine Science Olympiad teams are now forming. Kids who have curious minds, adventurous spirits and those who want to have fun with science and engineering should sign up. So what exactly is Science Olympiad? It's an event where kids compete against kids from other local schools in 16 fun scientific and engineering events. The cost is \$30 per student. The tournament is May 14 at Schoolcraft College. For more information, contact the Moraine PTA.

Dance clinic

Want to learn some cool dance moves? Join the Northville High School competitive varsity and JV dance teams for a fun clinic 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, for dancers ages 8-13 at Piazza

Dance Co. in Northville. The dancers will learn a dance routine that they are invited to perform in the Northville High School Auditorium. Send your registration and payment to the address on the attached registration form by Jan. 2. The fee includes dance instruction, snacks and a gift. For questions, email nhsdanceteam1@yahoo.com.

Girls on the run

Girls of Ridge Wood Elementary: Girls on the Run inspires girls to be happy, healthy and confident using a fun, experience-based curriculum which creatively integrates running. A limited number of spots are available. More spots can be opened as more parents volunteer as coaches. Contact Lisa Carson at lisabcarson@gmail.com with questions or if a parent would like to volunteer as a coach.

N'ville High dance teams score in competition

The Northville High School varsity and junior varsity competitive dance teams represented the school in their first competition of the 2015-16 season. In November, the teams competed in the 2015 Great Lakes Dance Championship in Clarkston. The varsity team earned first place in medium varsity jazz and second place in varsity hip hop, while the junior varsity dancers secured first place in JV hip hop and eighth place in JV

jazz. The varsity coach is Sarah Benish and the JV coach is Katy Pop.

The teams also announced their annual dance clinic for dancers age 8-13, which is set for 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, at Piazza Dance Co. in Northville. It is a fun way to learn some new dance moves, including a dance number that will be performed Jan. 15 in the dance team's upcoming Showcase in the Northville High School Auditorium, the team said.

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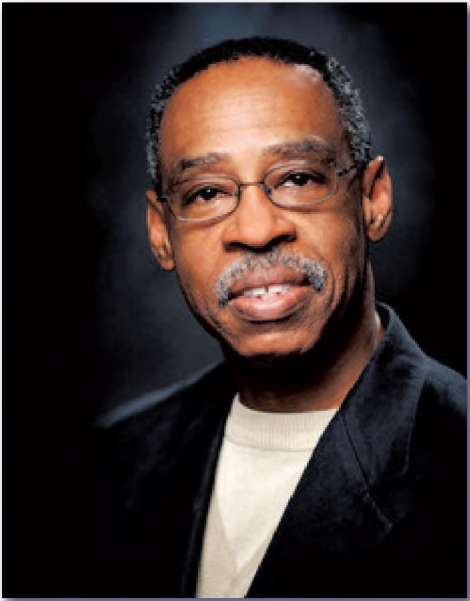
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LIGHT FROM DARKNESS

Annual worldwide candlelight vigil honors children lost too soon

Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

For a long time after losing her son in a tragic car accident, Claire Cross didn't feel like talking to anyone, much less brave the big crowds that always turn out for the Compassionate Friends Candlelight Vigil every year.

This year, almost exactly two years since losing Ryan in the accident, there she was in Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth, with others who've lost sons or daughters, brothers or sisters, friends or family too soon. It was the 19th annual vigil and Cross, a Canton resident, was among hundreds of folks who know exactly what she's going through.

"For a long time, I didn't want to have that commonality with people," Cross said. "Now, I'm ready to reach out more and get some hugs from people."

That commonality is something most people who attend the vigil, and join Compassionate Friends, are looking for — support from other folks who know what they're going through. The candlelight vigil is designed to honor children who've died too soon.

The vigils are held in every time zone worldwide, the idea being to form a ring of light around the globe and try to "bring light out of darkness." At the Plymouth vigil, poems were heard, music was played and more than 600 names were ready as locals honored their loved ones.

Catherine Walker of Walled Lake lost her brother, Kevin Kalahar, in November 2010, then

lost her son, Brandon, eight months later.

"We have a special bond," said Walker, one of the chapter leaders of the Livonia Compassionate Friends, who sponsored Sunday's vigil. "People find someone who knows what you're going through ... they're not afraid to talk about their children."

Westland resident Amy George lost her infant granddaughter, Morgan Adele, nine years ago. She lost another granddaughter, Alice Annebelle, just nine weeks ago. On Sunday, George read a poem in their honor.

She said the sheer size of the group attending the vigil used to be intimidating; now, it's comforting.

"When I first came here, it took my breath away to see that large of a group," George said. "Each time I come ... your heart just breaks for everyone in that crowd."

Leona McKinnon of Belleville lost her son, Sean, nine years ago. There she was Sunday, helping people light their candles in advance of the vigil.

She said she finds solace in the spirituality of the evening.

"This is probably the most spiritual place you could be," McKinnon said. "There's more compassion, more unity, more love and more joining of spirits than anywhere you could ever be."

To find out more about the Compassionate Friends Livonia Chapter, go to tcfilivonia.org or call 734-778-0800.

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Tara and Keith Kohler, with 5-year-old daughter Kendall, remember Tracey Rondy, Tara's sister. The Kohlers are from Northville.



Kellogg Park is the setting for the Worldwide Candle Lighting, sponsored by the Livonia Chapter of Compassionate Friends.



Anthony Nelson is known for his wheelchair hockey skills.



Seven-year-old Jacy Walker of Saline sits on Mary Ann Grant's lap. Grant is from Taylor.



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All veterans with proper ID can receive tickets in advance or on game day and an additional ticket for a friend or family member. Others in the group can purchase tickets for half-price.

The Titans have joined forces with the Michigan Veterans Foundation. Executive director Tyrone Chatman said: "It is an honor to participate in this great event and we will be busing in at least 100 of our finest veterans to enjoy a good ballgame. We are also happy to be providing a colorful honor guard and one of our vets will also be singing the national anthem."

In addition to the ticket promotion, the first 2,000 attendees will receive Camouflage Rally Flags sponsored by WADL-TV (Channel 38), the team's official TV home.

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Visit Varsity Lincoln for the three-day event during the following dates and times:

- » 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17
- » 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18
- » 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19

Right now, Varsity Lincoln is also offering a Complimentary Maintenance Plan for Certified Pre-Owned Lincoln vehicles. This includes an oil change, tire rotation and multi-point inspection every 7,500 miles for 1 year/15,000 miles.*

In addition to service specials, more than 100 Certified Pre-Owned vehicles are on-site and ready to go. Certified Pre-Owned Lincoln vehicles are available for as little as \$16,995.**

Varsity Lincoln is number one in pre-owned sales globally. Come find out why. An astounding 540 Certified Pre-Owned vehicles were delivered in 2014 at Varsity Lincoln.

The dealership has held the honor of highest volume sales dealer globally since 1997.** Varsity offers a newly remodeled showroom, indoor delivery area and service reception aisle. Varsity Lincoln works to make their customers feel number one.

Varsity Lincoln recently celebrated their 20th anniversary and won six prestigious automotive awards. They encompass the Triple Crown Award, Lincoln Leaders of Excellence, President's Award, Ford One Hundred Club, CPO



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- » Complimentary 24/7 roadside assistance

"To get a Certified Pre-Owned that comes with warranty, definitely get quality checked,

that's important, especially with two girls in college," said five-time customer Julie Wilk.

"There are numerous benefits of purchasing a Certified Pre-Owned, including the outstanding warranty that comes with the vehicles," said Jere Law, Varsity Lincoln's General Sales Manager and Pre-Owned Director. "The 100,000-mile free bumper to bumper warranty that comes alongside all Certified Pre-Owned purchases is better than a new car warranty! Additionally, any time the vehicle is in for a service visit, you can receive a loaner for no cost exclu-

sively at Varsity Lincoln!"

"The warranty is key. With Certified Pre-Owned, you get the best from Varsity Lincoln," Law said. Certified Pre-Owned financing is available for as low as 0.9% APR.***

"Leasing or buying from the number one dealer in the country gives you the best selection, price and service," Law said. "Our dealership is ready to assist customers with anything, whether it is special financing or a specific request. We can handle every unique situation."

"Loaded with features, a Lincoln will satisfy any

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This dealership provides The Varsity Lincoln Advantage. Varsity Lincoln team members are selected based upon their unwavering focus on customer care and

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"Our customers speak for themselves and how their experience is. When you read the reviews our customers write online, you can see how happy they are, before, during and after the sale," Law concluded.

* Subject to availability. See Varsity Lincoln for details.
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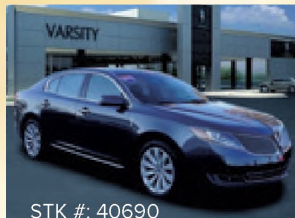
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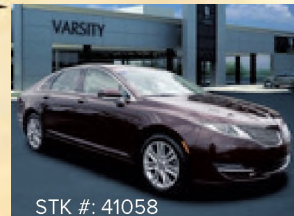
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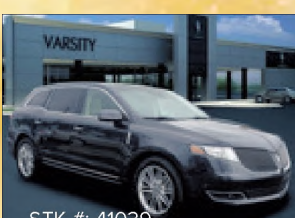
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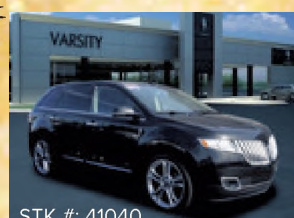
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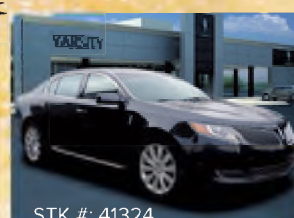
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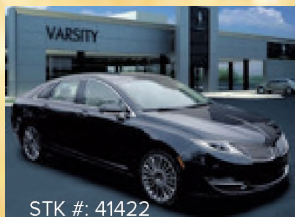
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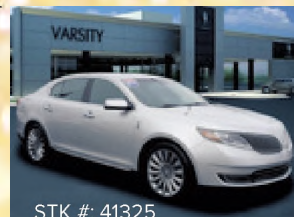
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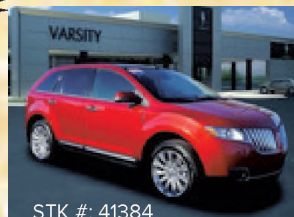
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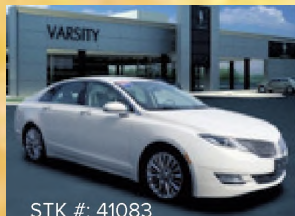
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Don't forget: Christmas is all about love

As we approach the holiday season, whether one is Christian or not, it's hard not to notice the seeming precarious situation(s) we find ourselves in these days. Political banter is as loud and toxic as ever. We can't communicate and discuss anything anymore. Instead, it seems we must demonize and belittle the "other" side rather than discuss and speak in truth and love.

We appear to be divided as never before. Add to this the scourge of terrorism in its myriad iterations, not only abroad, but now very much present here at home, as well as so many other local and global concerns and it's understandable that perhaps the hope and joy of this time of year abides under shadow to some extent.

There's a sense we're waiting for some answer ... some reason to feel



Andy Whitten
GUEST COLUMNIST

more confident and secure. Some trust in money and/or possessions. Some cling to their favorite sports team for a lift (lifetime Lions fan here, so "long suffering" comes much, much more easily than does hope or joy there). Still others give way to pessimism, but most people I speak with, even if it's superficial, still display some sense of optimism in the midst of the noise of the world's offerings. Perhaps the answer is there and perhaps the question it addresses isn't even the one we're asking.

When Christ was born, the incarnation fulfilling the utterances of so many prophets, over so many centuries, and Jesus grew up into his divine ministerial posture,

He came as *the* answer that the world needed more than it could comprehend. He certainly didn't come as the answer they thought was necessary. Some thought He would rise to rule geopolitically, bringing might and pride back the his people.

But Jesus wasn't interested in politics. He wasn't interested in Earthly power. He was interested solely in the people living daily under those systems of politic and power. He spoke, by and large, to the masses ... those living in the fringes of society. The "99 percent," as we've heard the phrase used recently. And Jesus' message, ultimately, was founded and driven on a singular premise — love!

We've diluted what that word means, of course, but God, in Christ, proclaimed love to this fallen world. He demonstrated his very heart and nature by the

love He lived out in Emanuel, "God with us." And before Jesus loved us up to and beyond the cross, He commanded his apostles, the first seeds that would grow into the Christian church, to love one another, even as Jesus had loved them (these words spoken shortly after he'd washed the filthy feet of his own disciples, showing them what true humility born of love for the other may look like!).

He spoke of the difficult times that would certainly come, but exhorted them not to be wary or fearful. He warned them to beware of the inevitable false prophets that would come, assuring them that when it was Himself returning, they would know. It's recorded how He instructed his beloved follower to "feed my sheep," clearly speaking of the loving nature that was and is to embody not only pasto-

ral, but Christian life, service and ministry.

Love — love for one another ... this was to be the founding principle of the faithful. Love would turn one's own selfish heart in concern toward the other. Love would allow the hard-hearted to be born anew, eyes now opened to the beauty and value of life lived for a season in this robe of flesh. Love would manifest grace and mercy to the ungracious and ruthless, changing some forever, but leaving none untouched.

As we sing each year around this time, "Long lay the world in sin and error, pining, 'til He appeared, and the soul felt it's worth!" Love! This is what Christmas is about. First, God's immeasurable love toward us, the jewel of his creation. Then, the love gifted us by his Son, given to all freely, long before we could ever think to choose to possess any-

thing so precious ... we "find ourselves" when we come to find that our own significance is revealed by the birth of the Savior. Because, you see, God so loved the world, that He came to us in Christ so we would live a life knowing love, knowing Him who loved us into being.

God's peace, mercy and love unto you all, no matter who and where you are! And please know that you, dear friends, are invited and welcomed to join us at Our Saviour Lutheran Church (on the corner of Eight Mile and Currie) for a candlelight Christmas Eve service at 7 p.m. to hear more about the Christ in "Christmas!" Or any Sunday at 11 a.m., our normal service time. God bless you, one and all!

Rev. Andy Whitten is pastor at Our Saviour Apostolic Lutheran Church in Northville. Go to oursavioural.com.

RELIGION CALENDAR

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Brightmoor Christian

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

Web: www.brightmoorchurch.org

Celebrate Recovery

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

Church of the Holy Family

Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road, Novi
Contact: 248-349-8847

Web: www.holyfamilynovi.org

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

Holy days: 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment

Priests: the Rev. Bob LaCroix, pastor, and the Rev. Beto Espinoza, associate pastor
AA: 8 p.m. Wednesdays

Crosspointe Meadows

Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile, Novi

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

Web: www.crosspointemeadows.org

Sunday worship: 11 a.m.
Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all ages

Details: Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship experience.

Destiny Worship Center

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

Contact: destinyw3@gmail.com
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. Moseley

Faith Community Presbyterian Church

Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile

Contact: 248-349-2345

Web: www.faithcommunity-novi.org

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, Northville

Contact: 248-348-1020

Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m.

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesday

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

First Church of the Nazarene

Location: 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile

Contact: 248-348-7600

Web: www.dfnazarene.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 informal environment. Alpha is for high school to adult.

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

First Free Will Baptist Church

Location: 51395 10 Mile Road, Novi

Contact: 248-348-2380

First Presbyterian Church of Northville

Location: 200 E. Main, Northville

Contact: 248-349-0911

Web: www.fpcnorthville.org

Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m.

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First United Methodist Church of Northville

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Pastor: Charles Sexton

Contact: 248-344-4465

Holy Cross Episcopal

Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile, Novi

Contact: 248-427-1175; holycrossnovi@gmail.com

Web: www.holycrossnovi.org

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Contact: pastor Jon Hix, 248-

349-5665

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Location: 21355 Meadowbrook Road, Novi

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Age 93, formerly of Milford, passed away November 27, 2015 in Wilmington, North Carolina. Beloved wife of the late Robert Keith Anderson; dear mother of Stephen Robert (Linda) Anderson, Kathleen (Jack) McElroy, the late Scott Keith (Joanie) Anderson, and the late Robert Alan (Kathy) Anderson; proud grandmother of six grandchildren and three great grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by two granddaughters. A memorial service was held Saturday, December 5, at 12 noon at St. James the Fisherman Episcopal Church in Shallotte, NC. Memorials to St. George's Episcopal Church, 801 E. Commerce St., Milford, MI 48381 or the Women's Health Initiative, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, PO Box 19024, Seattle, WA 98109-1024.

BEERS, DAVID P.

Age 59 of South Lyon, went to be with the Lord December 13th 2015. He leaves behind his wife Debby (Arnold) Beers, daughter Audrey Rich and brother Steve (JoAnn) Beers of Westland. Also several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents James and Anna (Jarvis) Beers. Dave grew up in Northville, served in the Air Force and later became a computer programmer. He loved his family, many friends and animals. Will be sadly missed and always remembered for his sense of humor and shenanigans! Of his wishes a Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

BOKSHAN, ANNA

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BREWER (ZIMMER) GLORIA JEAN

Age 76, of Oxnard California, passed away on November 25, 2015, due to complications following surgery. She was born on March 29, 1939. Gloria was a Northville resident from 1969 until 1979 when she and her family moved to Thousand Oaks, California. She was an avid lover of animals, particularly her cats. Gloria is survived by her husband Tom Zimmer, six children; Colleen Brewer (Kim Memeger), David Brewer (Debbie), Daniel Brewer, Laurel Sanders (Larry), Kelley Arndt (Lauren), Darren Brewer (Lori) and 11 grandchildren. Gloria loved a good quote or saying and would write them down and tape them to her cupboards, this is one of them....."Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass. It's about learning to dance in the rain." She wanted her family to celebrate her life with a memorial party and to play one of her favorite songs "MacArthur's Park" by Richard Harris.



CARLTON, SHIRLEY JEAN

Age 87, passed away peacefully on December 14, 2015. She is the beloved wife of the late William E. Carlton and loving mother of daughters Linda Chain (husband Jim), Vicki Azzopardi, and Lori Petrill (husband Marty). She is also survived by six wonderful grandchildren, seven great grandchildren, and her dog Matty. Shirley will be remembered for her tenacious and giving personality. Visitation will take place on Thursday, December 17th from 11:00 a.m. until the time of service at 6:00 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St. South Lyon. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Angela's Hospice. www.phillipsfuneral.com



COONEY GREGORY JOSEPH

of Milford Michigan, died unexpectedly December 3rd in Ormond Beach Florida at the age of 75. Beloved husband of Marie (Thompson) for 27 cherished years. Loving father to Catherine (Heather), Michael, Gregory II (Elizabeth), and loving adult-father to Suzanne (Joseph), Stephanie (Benjamin), and James. Proud grandfather to Cameron, Trytin, Mackenzie, Alexander, Madilyn, Elizabeth, Benjamin, Abbigayle, and Hannah. Survived by his sisters Maureen (Joel), and Patricia; brothers Tom (Myra), Maurice (Kay), and the mother of his children Gail. Predeceased by his parents, Maurice and Miriam (Meegan), and sisters JoAnn (Jim), and Virginia (Doug). He was a wonderful uncle to many nieces and nephews. He was a veteran of the U.S.Navy, and a retiree after 30 years from the Ford Motor Company. Among his many contributions was teaching in the Adopt-A-Reader and catechism programs in South Lyon for 10 years. He enjoyed traveling, spending time with family and friends, playing cards and golf, and being a knight of The Knights of Columbus. Gregory will also be missed by many other family members and friends. Memorial visitation will be Friday December 18th at Phillips Funeral Home, 122 W Lake St, South Lyon, MI 48178 from 3 pm to 8 pm. Funeral mass will be Saturday December 19th at 10:30am at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 830 Lafayette, South Lyon. Memorial gathering prior to mass beginning at 10am. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to any Veterans organization or the Adopt-A-Reader program. www.phillipsfuneral.com

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HERRINGTON, JACK

born May 22, 1928 in Hastings, MI. Lived in Detroit until 1965. Resident of Farmington Hills from 1966-1999 resided in Highland 1999 until the present. Jack is survived by his sister Elaine Major, wife Rosemary, sons Steve (Helen), Tim (Stella), Tom (Julie), 7 grandchildren: Ryan, Sean, Tait, Nicole, Brittany, Natalie, Jake, and his beloved dog Shane. Jack met Rosemary while working for GM. He then drove trucks for Midwest Casket until a near fatal traffic accident. In 1964, he became partners with his brother-in-law Bud Keenan. Jack eventually bought out Bud and ran Keford Collision for 33 years with his three sons. He moved the business to Novi at it's current location. Jack enjoyed his family, going up north to East Jordan, MI, trapshooting, boating, and building and flying 1/4 scale RC planes. His laugh was infectious and he was always smiling. Funeral Service was held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, of Milford on December 12, 2015. Memorial contributions encouraged to: Wounded Warriors Project. For further information, phone 248.684.6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

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AAA: Holiday travelers hitting the road

AAA projects more than three million Michiganders will journey 50 miles or more from home during the year-end holiday season, an increase of 1.9 percent from the 3.12 million people who traveled last year. This upward trend marks the highest travel volume for the holiday period in 14 years. (AAA data dates back to 2001.)

On a national level, the number of year-end holiday travelers is expected to top 100 million for the first time on record. Nearly one in three Americans will take a trip this holiday season, with 100.5 million expected to journey 50 miles or more from home. This represents a 1.4-percent increase over last year and the seventh consecutive

year of year-end holiday travel growth. The year-end holiday travel period is defined as Wednesday, Dec. 23, 2015, to Sunday, Jan. 3, 2016. "The increase in holiday travel this year is driven by continued improvement in the labor market, rising incomes and low gas prices which remain well below last year's levels," said Brent

Stahlheber, senior vice president – Brand Marketing and Travel, AAA – The Auto Club Group. "This helps boost Americans' disposable income, generating more money to spend on lodging, dining out and buying gifts." » More than 90 percent of travelers (91.3 million people) will drive to their holiday destinations, an increase of 1.4 percent over last year. Air travel is expected to increase by 0.7 percent, with 5.8 million

Americans flying to their holiday destinations. Travel by other modes of transportation, including cruises, trains and buses, will increase 2.4 percent, to 3.4 million travelers. » According to AAA's Leisure Travel Index, airfares for the top 40 domestic flight routes are 6 percent lower this holiday season, falling to an average of \$174 round trip. Rates for AAA Three Diamond Rated lodgings will be 4 percent higher

this year, with travelers spending an average of \$150 per night. The average rate for a AAA Two Diamond Rated hotel has risen 11 percent with an average nightly cost of \$119. Daily car rental rates will average \$68, 3 percent higher than last year's holiday travel season. » Michigan's statewide weekly average price for a gallon of gasoline has been below the \$2 per gallon benchmark for the past four weeks.

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GUEST COLUMN

Due process missing from legislation

When our Founding Fathers considered government's role as it pertains to personal property, they took great pains to ensure that property would be protected from unwarranted seizure by the government. The Fifth Amendment, contained in the Bill of Rights, states: "Nor shall (anyone) be deprived of life, liberty, or property without due process of law; Nor shall private property be taken for public use without just



Jim Runestad
GUEST COLUMNIST

compensation." Until the state Legislature recently passed a package of bills designed to protect property from arbitrary seizure by government entities, law enforcement agencies were regularly seizing civil assets that were suspected to have been connected to illegal activ-

ities. Even if no criminal charges were filed and no convictions were obtained, that property remained in government hands and often was sold to bolster a police department's or county sheriff's budget. The legislative package that passed in the House and Senate and was signed into law by the governor - including a measure I introduced, House Bill 4500 - is a good first step in protecting the rights of citizens. However, I believe we

need to go even further to ensure the property seizure process is not being abused. Property seized because it is suspected of being used in criminal activity should be placed in a sort of limbo until it is unequivocally determined that the item was used in the commission of a crime and a conviction has been secured. That is the due process our Founding Fathers considered so important when they made the first amendments to the U.S.

Constitution. How can, for example, a house be seized, cleaned out and sold by a local government on the mere suspicion of guilt? What form of redress does a citizen have once the seized property is no longer in the hands of a local government? What "just compensation" can be offered to a family that lost its home or car or any other personal property under questionable circumstances? Those are questions I believe must be ad-

dressed in additional legislation to safeguard personal property from undue seizure. As a member of the House Committee on Judiciary, one of my priorities is to see that we explore and eventually introduce legislation so the basic property rights of Michigan residents are protected from seizure without due process.

Jim Runestad, R-White Lake, is state representative for the 44th District.

GUEST COLUMN

Purpose: A life-changing graduation

In my time on the bench, I have found the Sobriety/Drug Court program to be a very useful tool in addressing substance abuse. I am honored to serve with fellow judges Robert Bondy and Travis Reeds on the 52-1 District Court bench, which serves the communities of Commerce, Highland, Lyon, Milford, Novi, South Lyon, Walled Lake, Wolverine Lake and Wixom. Many defendants come before us with drug or alcohol problems and we strongly believe in crafting sentences with an eye toward addressing addiction issues. Sobriety/Drug Court



David Law
GUEST COLUMNIST

is an intensive program designed to identify and assist those defendants with substance abuse problems, using testing, treatment, incentives and penalties. The program is a team approach involving the judge, participant, probation officer, therapist, treatment court coordinator and defense advocate, all working to help the participant and reduce recidivism. Sobriety/Drug Court is not easy, but it is

effective and the end reward for participants is reclaiming their lives from the grips of alcohol or drugs. The 52-1 District Court recently held a "graduation" ceremony Oct. 17 for those who completed the program. One such graduate, Gerald, spoke to the assembly about how the program changed his life. Gerald has regained the trust of his wife and family, has a job and, most importantly, is proud of himself and his sobriety. The goal of a judge is to help people, so it is a privilege to take part in such a program and witness life-changing results. Thank you, treatment court team, probation staff, and congratulations to our graduates! I look forward to the next class of graduates and continuing to assist people beat drug and alcohol addiction through Sobriety/Drug Court.

David Law is a judge with the 52-1 District Court in Novi.

LETTERS

Dangerous legislation

At the beginning of the summer, Gov. Rick Snyder announced the formation of a Prescription Drug and Opioid Abuse Task Force. It was an important move and perhaps an even more important acknowledgment - Michigan is facing a prescription drug abuse crisis. According to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, a record 1,533 people lost their lives to a drug overdose in Michigan in 2013, with prescription pain killers resulting in more deaths than any other drug. Now, United States Attorney Barbara McQuade and law enforcement have weighed in, publicly calling out Michigan as a "drug pipeline" with pushers illegally pumping highly addictive prescription pain killers across the Midwest. And it seems like every day we read another news story about pre-

scription drug abuse claiming lives and tearing apart communities. Unfortunately, lawmakers in Lansing are poised to pass a new bill that could make this crisis much worse. Senate Bill 320, which could receive a vote from the Senate Health Policy Committee very soon, would for the first time ever give full prescribing authority to 3,000 certified registered nurse anesthetists, without requiring any additional training. What's more, it would remove all physician oversight of opioid prescription by nurse anesthetists, tossing away the common sense safety measures and oversight required of every other Michigan nurse with prescribing authority. The numbers tell a frightening story. The Department of Health and Human Services recently reported that between 2009 and 2012, 36 percent of fatal drug overdose victims had obtained prescriptions from five or more pre-

scribers in the year before their deaths. The more prescribers and the less oversight, the worse the problem. Adding 3,000 new prescribers overnight, while stripping away basic oversight requirements, will only drive those numbers higher and exacerbate Michigan's opioid abuse crisis. All with lives in the balance. Gov. Snyder, Lt. Gov. Calley and Attorney General Bill Schuette are taking important steps to combat Michigan's prescription drug abuse crisis. And law enforcement is fighting back. But just when policymakers, physicians, and drug treatment experts are picking up steam in their battle to address opioid abuse, Senate Bill 320 would make it worse. We strongly urge lawmakers to reject this dangerous legislation. Dr. Fred Campbell, president, Michigan Society of Anesthesiologists

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Bills zero in on vaccines, auto insurance rates

Kathleen Gray
Michigan.com

The state Department of Health and Human Services would be prohibited from imposing more stringent rules on vaccinations than is already allowed under state law under a bill that was introduced last week.

The bill also would prohibit the state from excluding students from schools based on vaccinations as a disease-control measure.

The debate over vaccinations flared late last year after an outbreak of measles hit Disneyland in California. The state health department issued rules that would require parents to attend a meeting with local health officials if they wanted to seek a vaccination waiver.

And the Detroit delegation in the House introduced a package of bills that would, in part, require auto insurance companies to reduce rates by 12% in cities with populations of more than 500,000.

House bills

HB 5121: Require notification to firefighters if a building is made of lightweight materials. Sponsor: Rep. Laura Cox, R-Livonia.

HB 5122 and SB 655: Create the Water Shutoff

Protection Act. Sponsors: Rep. Stephanie Chang, D-Detroit and Jim Ananich, D-Flint.

HB 5123: Require installation of arc-fault circuit interrupters in new residential home construction. Sponsor: Rep. Erika Geiss, D-Taylor.

HB 5124: Allow for inclusion of roads with a primary residence in determining distribution of snow-removal funds. Sponsor: Rep. Joel Johnson, R-Clare.

HB 5125: Require policies and procedures regarding the closure of a school building. Sponsor: Rep. Stephanie Chang, D-Detroit.

HB 5126-5127: Prohibit exclusion from schools for students without vaccinations and rules that are more stringent than in current law. Sponsor: Rep. Thomas Hooker, R-Byron Center.

HB 5128: Allow retired state employees to contract with the Department of Natural Resources for wildlife suppression without losing retirement allowances. Sponsor: Rep. Bruce Rendon, R-Lake City.

HB 5129: In driver training classes, require instruction on how to move over for cars pulled over with their flashers on. Sponsor: Rep. Peter Pettalia, R-Presque Isle.

HB 5130: Provide for

the definition of a hoop house in the construction code. Sponsor: Rep. Adam Zemke, D-Ann Arbor.

HB 5131: Eliminate flow-through entities from income tax withholding requirements. Sponsor: Rep. Jeff Farrington, R-Utica.

HB 5132-5133: Require direct-mail companies to comply with streamlined sales and use tax. Sponsors: Reps. Jeff Farrington, R-Utica, Wendell Byrd, D-Detroit.

HB 5134-5135: Require auto insurance companies to reduce rates in certain municipalities, change personal protection benefits, create fraud authority and provide tax credit for certain auto insurance policies. Sponsor: Rep. Brian Banks, D-Detroit.

HB 5136: Allow use of school sinking funds for safety and security improvements. Sponsor: Rep. Kristy Pagan, D-Canton.

HB 5137: Designate a portion of U.S.-12 as the Officer Gordon Lewis Stevens Memorial Highway. Sponsor: Rep. Kristy Pagan, D-Canton.

HB 5138: Revise requirements to restructure municipal health facilities into nonprofit corporations. Sponsor: Rep. Peter Pettalia, R-Presque Isle.

HB 5139-5141 and SB

648-650: Clarify the ability to create unequal joint interests in property conveyances and modify the procedures to determine whether there has been a transfer of property ownership. Sponsors: Rep. Peter Pettalia, R-Presque Isle, and Sen. Tom Casperson, R-Escanaba.

HB 5142-5144: Establish a 30-day license plate and require monthly proof of auto insurance policy; require certain nonrefundable charges in 30-day policies. Sponsors: Reps. Tom Cochran, D-Mason, Mike McCready, R-Birmingham.

HB 5145: Require that local units of government be given first shot at state sale of transportation equipment. Sponsor: Rep. John Kivela, D-Marquette.

HB 5146: Increase penalties for possession of a carcass of a deer or elk that has chronic wasting disease. Sponsor: Rep. John Kivela, D-Marquette.

HB 5147: Exclude credit union loan promotions and raffles from gambling and lottery crimes. Sponsor: Rep. Anthony Forlini, R-Harrison Township.

HB 5148: Prohibit operation of drones over the state Capitol without permission from the state Capitol Commission. Sponsor: Rep.

George Darany, D-Dea-born.

HB 5149: Create a legislative committee on state agencies. Sponsor: Rep. Jim Townsend, D-Royal Oak.

Senate bills

SB 642: Allow property owners to participate in clean energy programs and authorize issuance of general obligation bonds for alternative source clean energy programs. Sponsor: Sen. Rebekah Warren, D-Ann Arbor.

SB 643: Create Human Right to Water Act. Sponsor: Sen. Coleman Young, D-Detroit.

SB 644: Revise requirements for the authorization to restructure municipal health facilities as nonprofit corporations. Sponsor: Sen. Jim Stamas, R-Midland.

SB 645: Establish uniform criteria for employee misclassification in the Fair Employment Practices Act. Sponsor: Sen. Mike Kowall, R-White Lake Township.

SB 646: Provide for second parent adoption. Sponsor: Sen. Rebekah Warren, D-Ann Arbor.

SB 647: Require instruction of CPR and use of automated external defibrillation as a requirement for graduation from high school. Sponsor: Sen. Tonya Schuitmaker, R-Lawton.

SB 651-653: For tax

purposes, transfer commercial forest programs into qualified forest programs. Sponsors: Sens. Darwin Booher, R-Evart, Tom Casperson, R-Escanaba.

SB 654: Revise requirements for financial school aid support for attendance at post-secondary institutions. Sponsor: Sen. Mike Shirkey, R-Clarklake.

SB 656-657: Modify applicability of collection practices in the occupational code. Sponsor: Sen. Rick Jones, R-Grand Ledge.

SB 658: Allow five zoos — Binder Park Zoo in Battle Creek, Children's Zoo at Celebration Square in Saginaw, John Ball Zoo in Grand Rapids, Potter Park Zoo in Lansing and the Detroit Zoo in Royal Oak — to breed large animals to protect the species. Sponsor: Sen. Rick Jones, R-Grand Ledge.

SB 659: Expand investment options for fostering futures scholarships. Sponsor: Sen. Peter MacGregor, R-Rockford.

SB 660-661: Create a state historic preservation office and require commission approval for changes to the exterior of historical sites. Sponsors: Sens. Wayne Schmidt, R-Traverse City, and Hoon-Yung Hopgood, D-Taylor.

Area youth to perform in ‘Laura Ingalls Wilder Christmas’ play

Throughout the holiday season, The Phoenix Players Theatre Co. will be bringing one of America's best loved stories to the stage as it presents *A Laura Ingalls Wilder Christmas*.

The show will be presented at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19; Monday, Dec. 21; Monday, Dec. 28; Tuesday, Dec. 29; and Wednesday, Dec. 30; and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 20, at

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This original play presents the poignant story of the “missing” two years in the life of the Ingalls family — the only substantial period that Laura chose not to write about in her Little House books.

Set in the Ingalls’

poorest winter when the family must deal with the death of baby Freddie, Pa Ingalls backtracks his family to Burr Oak, Iowa, to take over the running of a hotel. When wealthy Mrs. Starr asks for Laura as a companion to read to her in the afternoons, Laura is overjoyed to be invited into such a fine house. Later she is thrown in conflict though when she

overhears Mrs. Starr offer to adopt Laura as her own daughter to give her a better future and ease the burden of so many children. Despite Laura's fears that this is what is best “in the long run,” all ends well when Laura finds out that the Ingalls family bonds are too strong to be broken.

Filled with Christmas songs, this play will leave audiences filled

with the joy of the season and with a new sense of the real meaning of Christmas. It is the perfect family entertainment for the holidays.

The production showcases the talents of Griffin Colbert of South Lyon; Ryan-Iver Klann of Green Oak, Julie Landry of Novi, Sophia Oyster of South Lyon, Jennifer Sulkowski of Plymouth, Mallory Townsley of

South Lyon and Emily Woodyard of South Lyon. It is directed by Anne Levy of Brighton.

Tickets are \$14 for all ages, but discounted if purchased in advance: \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors and students and \$8 for ages 13 and younger. To order tickets or for further information, email phoenixplayerstickets@gmail.com or call 810-588-3662.

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EDUCATION

Canton foundation continues scholarship tradition

By Brad Smith

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The foundation has awarded more than \$1 million in scholarships since its inception in 1980. This year, it awarded \$150,000 in scholarships to 150 students.

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The foundation's scholarship program is a testament to the power of community. It shows that when we work together, we can make a difference in the lives of others.

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Volunteer Kelly Vondrasek assists Hiyori Morita in making some selections during the Novi Woods PTO Holiday Shop.



Novi Woods volunteer Dave Howland helps first-grader Brandon Burns in looking for some gifts Dec. 8 during the school's PTO Holiday Shop. The afternoon activity allowed students the opportunity to Christmas shop for their family, friends and teachers with some anonymity.

LIBRARY LINES

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Time/Date: 10:30 -11:15 a.m. Friday, Dec. 18

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Star Wars Original Movie

Time/Date: 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19

Details: "A long time ago in a galaxy far, far away" the Star Wars story began. Join us in seeing the original 1977 film on the big screen in the library's meeting

room. All ages welcome. Rated PG, 125 minutes. Registration required.

Drop-In Winter Break Movies & Munchies for Kids: Paddington

Time/Date: 12-1:45 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 22

Details: Bring your lunch to the Library and enjoy the movie, *Paddington*. Snacks and beverages provided. Children of all ages welcome, those 4 and younger must attend with a caregiver. No registration required. Due to space limitations, we cannot accommodate special groups.

Drop-In Winter Break Craftapalooza

Time/Date: 4-5 p.m. Monday, Dec. 28

Details: Kids of all ages use your imagination and get creative with a variety of fun craft supplies. No registration re-

quired. Due to space limitations, we cannot accommodate special groups.

Foreign Film @ the Library

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 28

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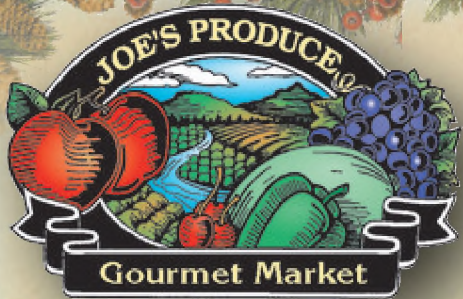
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HIGH SCHOOL PREVIEW

Area boys swim squads seeking to be a cut above

Novi, Northville, Catholic all formidable as season gets underway

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

If the early-season returns are any indication, the Novi boys swim team could become even a bigger factor come March, when the MHSAA Division 1 state finals roll around in Holland.

The Wildcats are already off to a quick start with a 3-0 dual meet record while featuring several key performers off last year's squad, which placed runner-up to rival Northville in the KLAAs Kensington Conference meet and 21st at the state finals.

Among the holdovers who scored points at the state meet is senior Ryan Katulski, eighth

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in the 50-yard freestyle (21.65) and 10th in the 100 freestyle (46.74). He was also a member of the Wildcats' 13th-place 400 freestyle relay (3:13.64) and finals heat qualifying 200 medley relay (1:37.35).

"Last year, we didn't any state cuts until the end of January," Novi coach Brent Pohlonski said. "We're already off to a flying start, feeling pretty confident about we can do this year. Last year, we were on the verge of being top 10 team, but unfortunately our 200 medley relay team got disqualified in the finals."

State placer Joey Berman, a junior, also returns for Novi after taking 16th in the 100 backstroke (53.77).

Others back for the Wildcats include state qualifiers Nayan Manivannan (100 breaststroke), a senior; Siddhardha Kareddy (200 IM and 100 butterfly), a junior; Maxwell Williams (100 backstroke), a sophomore; James Ciolli (diving), a senior; and Nathan Pellerito (diving), a senior.

"Novi is extremely talented again this year and we will have to be at our very best come February if we want to be in the mix," Northville coach Rich Bennetts said. "We have a very tough schedule this season, so we will get to see



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Northville senior Chris Geng returns this season after placing eighth in the Division 1 state finals in the 100-yard breaststroke.

where we are at very early with a quad meet in December (19) that has (Birmingham) Brother Rice, Saline and Bir-

mingham Groves." The Mustangs, who finished

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BOYS BASKETBALL



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Novi senior guard Kam Hankerson (right) goes for the two-hand jam over Detroit Edison's Octavious Green.

EDISON'S DEJULIUS SHOOT'S DOWN NOVI

Sophomore guard pours in 36 points in 72-58 triumph

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

When the game was hanging in the balance in Friday night's game against host Novi, Detroit Edison's David DeJulius decided it was time to become "Mr. DTE Energy."

The 5-foot-11 sophomore guard, talented beyond his years, nailed a triple at the buzzer to end the third quarter as the Pioneers regained the lead, 47-46.

DeJulius then scored 11 of his game-high 36 in the final quarter to spark a 25-11 surge to power Edison (2-0) to a 72-58 victory over the Wildcats, who slipped to 1-1 overall.

Using a series of hesitation moves and dribbles to get to the basket, DeJulius made 14-of-26 shots from the floor while leaving Novi defenders grasping for air.

"(DeJulius) did a great job," Novi coach Brandon Sinawi said. "Anybody who goes off for 36 will have some

plays go his way. We tried different guys, but it seemed he had a knack for getting to the basket and finishing. When he wasn't finishing, he was setting guys up. I'd say he was 90 percent of their offense tonight; hats off to him. He did a great job."

Despite DeJulius' sterling all-around play, Novi held a 53-49 advantage with only 6:51 remaining on a basket by senior guard Kam Han-

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COLLEGE SPORTS

Weber caps Penn State career with NCAA crown

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

When Penn State University women's soccer coach Erica Walsh caught her first glimpse of a prospective recruit named Mallory Weber, it didn't take long for her to offer a scholarship.

"The very first thing that you notice when you see is her is her work rate, which is absolutely unparalleled," Walsh said of the 2012 Northville High grad. "She drives her team, she's a winner, she's a competitor. It only took about 10 minutes (of) the game to see that we wanted her."

And Weber did not disappoint, culminating her stellar four-year career Dec. 6 in Cary, N.C. She assisted on the game-winning goal as the Nittany Lions captured their first NCAA women's soccer title with a 1-0 victory over Duke.

Penn State finished the year as Big Ten champion with a final record of 22-3-2, capped by six straight

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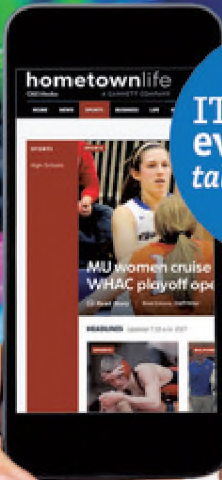
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Northville High grad and Novi native Mallory Weber played a key role in Penn State's NCAA women's soccer championship run.

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BOYS BASKETBALL

MVP Bause shines as Franklin Road romps, 74-50

Southfield Christian clips Warriors in MIAC contest

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Novi Franklin Road Christian played like a Class A program Saturday as the Warriors rolled to a 74-50 boys basketball win over Waterford Mott in the Oakland Invitational hosted by North Farmington.

The Class D Warriors, led by game MVP Joshua Bause's 16 points, 18 rebounds and four blocks, improved to 2-1 overall.

Mott (0-2), a Class A school with an enrollment of 1,651, couldn't match up with the 6-foot-7 Bause, who also got help inside from 6-6 junior Joshua Betcher (13 points).

Senior guards Austin Hearn and Gavin Harris also turned in solid performances with 15 and 14 points, respectively.

Franklin Road, boasting an enrollment of 88, took command in the first half, hitting 18-of-34 shots from the floor (52.9 percent).

"The idea was to get the ball down low with our size advantage and I think our guards did a great job doing that," Franklin Road first-year coach Matt Mikel said. "When you shoot the ball close, it's obviously easier to get a higher shooting percentage. Bause played great, offensively rebounding and finishing around the basket."

The Warriors, leading 40-30 at halftime, broke the game open with a 19-4



Franklin Road Christian's Joshua Bause (left) gets the game MVP award from North Farmington coach Todd Negoshian at Saturday's Oakland Invitational.

BRAD EMONS

third-quarter run as junior guard Maxwell Holleman came off the bench to hit back-to-back 3-pointers.

"The stat book is really balanced,"

Mikel said. "We got scoring from pretty much all our starters. The bench came off and obviously contributed as well. Austin, Bause, Harris and Betcher all

contributed a lot of points."

Tariq Hardy and Noah Fuerst both scored 10 points for the Captains, who connected on only 22-of-73 shots from the field (30.1 percent).

But the only downside to the 24-point victory was that the Warriors committed a total of 26 turnovers.

"That's a rarity," Mikel said. "That's something we're definitely going to have to work on. That's a first."

"We're front-loading the schedule to obviously to get off to a good, competitive start this year," he added. "We're playing bigger schools just to get ready for our league and state playoffs. I think playing bigger competition makes our boys better for the long haul."

S'FIELD CHRISTIAN 89, FRANKLIN ROAD 66: Bryce Washington led the way with 21 points as Southfield Christian (3-1, 1-0) connected on 11 3-pointers en route to the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division win Monday at Novi Franklin Road Christian (2-2, 1-0).

Rick Feagan added 19 points, while Brock Washington and Marlo Brown chipped in 13 and 10, respectively, for the Eagles, who led 42-32 at halftime and 66-48 after three quarters.

Senior guard Austin Hearn and Gavin Harris paced the Warriors with 19 points apiece, while Joshua Bause chipped in 12 points and 12 rebounds. Joshua Betcher added 11 points.

FRANKLIN ROAD 66, GABRIEL RICHARD 53: Senior guard Austin Hearn scored a game-high 20 points and dished out five assists Friday as Novi Franklin Road Christian (1-1) downed host Riverview Gabriel Richard (1-1) in a non-league encounter.

Joshua Betcher added 19 points, while Joshua Bause added 10 points and 18 rebounds for the Warriors, who led 35-25 at halftime and 51-40 after three quarters.

Anthony Brown paced the Pioneers with 22 points. **BRADFORD 66, FRANKLIN ROAD 54:** Charles Anderson scored 21 points Dec. 8 as Southfield Bradford Academy (1-0) rallied from a five-point halftime deficit to beat Novi Franklin Road Christian (0-1) in the season opener for both teams.

Austin Hearn scored 22 points for the Warriors, who were outscored 39-20 in the second half after leading 34-29 at halftime.

Joshua Betcher added 13 for the Warriors, who made only 13-of-25 free throws (52 percent).

Bradford Academy, which also got 15 points from George Sadler, hit 17-of-28 free throws (60.7 percent).

"Joshua Bause got into foul trouble early and we kind of ran out of gas against their pressure," Mikel said. "And we couldn't make foul shots in the second half."

BOYS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Northville's defense stalls Tractors, 46-23

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Senior forward Justin Gibbons scored 12 points and grabbed nine rebounds, sparking Northville to a 46-23 boys basketball victory Friday over visiting Dearborn Fordson.

Senior guard Justin Zimbo and junior guard Jake Justice chipped in 11 and eight points, respectively, for the Mustangs, who led 28-14 at halftime and 38-20 after three

quarters.

Northville (2-0) made 9-of-12 free throws, while Fordson hit 5-of-11.

"We did a terrific job on the defensive end of the floor, holding them to nine points in the second half," Northville coach Todd Sander said. "We did a nice job of rotating on defense and wiping the glass."

Aban Alsulami scored seven points for the Tractors.

DETROIT CC 73, WINDSOR CC 56: Junior forward C.J. Baird poured in a game-high 21 points,

including five triples, to spark Novi Detroit Catholic Central (2-0) to a non-league victory Saturday at Windsor Catholic Central (8-2).

The Shamrocks led 35-26 at halftime before breaking the game wide open with a 24-12 third-quarter run.

Senior guard Tyler Laurentius added 13 points, while Gio Genrich and Connor Nally chipped in 10 and nine, respectively. CC made 8-of-9 foul shots.

Najee Brown-Henderson led the Comets with 18 points, while Dominic Henderson and Donald Mensah added 11 and 10, respectively.

NORTHVILLE 56, HARTLAND 34: Four different players scored in double figures Dec. 8 as the Wildcats (1-0) opened their season with a victory over the host Eagles (0-1).

The Mustangs, who led 28-20 at halftime, put the game away with a 14-0 run in the third quarter.

Justin Zimbo, a senior guard, paced Northville with 13 points. Also notching double figures were Nick Wilds (12), Justin Gibbons (11) and Kevin Morrissey (10).

Northville made 9-of-14 free throws, while Hartland was 4-of-7.

"It was a good start for us and we really liked the pace of which we played," Northville coach Todd Sander said. "We had tremendous balance and different guys stepped up, which will be a key for us this season."

DETROIT CC 57, FARMINGTON 40: Senior guard Tyler Laurentius paced a balanced scoring attack with 14 points as Novi Detroit Catholic Central (1-0) pulled away in the final quarter Dec. 8 to beat the host Falcons (0-1).

C.J. Baird and Gio Genrich added 12 and 11, respectively, for the Shamrocks, who led 31-25 at halftime and 44-36 after three quarters before outscoring Farmington 13-4 over the final eight minutes.

Jordan Graham led the Falcons and all scorers with 20 points.

Catholic Central made 12-of-13 free throws (92.3 percent), while Farmington was 10-of-14 (71.4 percent).

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Northville wins despite dismal foul shooting

Mustangs sink only 18-of-43 free throws

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

There was a constant ringing of the whistle inside the Ann Arbor Skyline gym Tuesday night.

More than 50 fouls were called as Northville overcame 41.8-percent shooting from the free-throw line to beat the host Eagles in a non-league girls basketball game, 52-41.

The Mustangs, who improved to 2-0 overall, went 18-of-43 at the stripe, while Skyline (0-3) connected on 18-of-28 (64.2 percent).

Junior forward Jessica Moorman paced Northville's scoring attack with 15 points, while Kendall Dillon, Roan Haines and Brook Adams each chipped in eight.

Skyline, which trailed 27-20 at halftime and 36-29 after three quarters, got a team-high 12 points from Eden Johnson.

OUR LADY 68, FRANKLIN ROAD 48: Senior Alex Troy scored 23 points and sophomore Tiffany Senerius added 22 points Saturday as Class D state semifinalist Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes (2-0) defeated Novi Franklin Road Christian (0-3).

Hannah Rayburn tallied a team-high 17 points for the Warriors, who trailed 33-18 at halftime and 60-26 after three quarters. Danielle Fusco also added 10 for Franklin Road, which made only 5-of-16 free throws (31.5 percent).

Lakes, which also got 10 points from Megan Ross, connected on all eight foul shots.

NOVI at W.L. CENTRAL (PPD.): A fire alarm system could not be deactivated causing postponement of the game between host Walled Lake Central (1-1) and Wildcats (2-0) in a match-up of Kensington Lakes Activities Association members.

The game has been rescheduled for Tuesday, Jan 26.

BOYS HOOP ROUNDUP

Dexter rally sinks Lions; East falters vs. Captains

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Grant Katcher scored 19 points and Tony Speidl added 15 to propel Dexter to a 56-52 non-conference boys basketball win Dec. 10 over host South Lyon.

Both teams are 1-1 on the season.

The Lions, who got a team-high 19 points from Josh Remstad, jumped out to a 15-1 first-quarter advantage before the Dreadnaughts rallied to within four at halftime, 22-18, with a 17-7 second-quarter run.

South Lyon carried a four-point lead into the final quarter, 40-36, before Dexter rallied by outscoring the Lions 20-12 in the decisive fourth quarter.

The Lions connected on 21-of-32 free throws (65.6 percent), while Dexter made 15-of-24 (62.5 percent).

KETTERING 48, SOUTH LYON EAST 39: Justin Bonner scored 12 points Dec. 8 as host Waterford Kettering (1-0) downed South Lyon East (0-1) in the season opener for both teams.

Sophomore forward Austin Holland scored 11 points in his first varsity game for the Cougars, who trailed 33-32 after three quarters before being outscored 15-7 in the fourth.

Senior Alden Wichman added nine points, including a couple of key triples.

East played without two injured starters, including Josh Smith, a captain who is out with a broken wrist suffered in football. He is expected to return next week.

Meanwhile, DeMani Martin tore his MCL in a preseason scrimmage and is out until January. Senior captain Luke Trent also left the game in the third quarter with a sprained ankle and did not return.

Sarkis Dagley was the Cougars' top rebounder and defensive stopper, holding Kettering's top scorer Noah Holly (nine points) in check.

"I like the competitive fire I saw from seniors Sarkis Dagley, Luke Trent and Alden Wichman," East coach Ron Levin said. "Even Josh Smith, who was injured and did not play, was actively involved in the game from the bench. We just need to do a better job of executing our game plan on both defense and offense. Josh Smith getting back in the mix next week dramatically changes the look of our team."

SOUTH LYON 73, BEDFORD 49: The Lions (1-0) used the three-ball to their advantage, shooting a blistering 64 percent for the victory in their season opener Dec. 8 at Temperance Bedford (0-1).

South Lyon nailed 9-of-14 shots from beyond the arc, as senior guard Ethan Townsley led the assault with a game-high 19 points, including 5-of-6 from 3-point range.

Senior forward Josh Remstad added 18 points, while sophomore guard Ben Call chipped in nine as the Lions led 35-24 at halftime and 54-37 after three quarters.

Jacob Binder paced Bedford with 15 points.

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But that's when the lights went out for the Wildcats, who were outscored 23-9 down the stretch.

Novi got a team-high 23 points from Naji Ozeir, but the 6-7 senior center went scoreless over the final 9:48 after shooting the Wildcats back into the game.

"The big kid, (Ozeir), hit a lot of threes," Edison coach Brandon Neely said. "We thought he'd shoot his wad, but he stayed consistent. (Sinawi) did a great job of making adjustments in the second half. Guys stayed the course, which we kind of expected them to do that because their an older, senior team. I think they have six seniors. We knew they'd make a run."

DeJulius got hot early, scoring 13 points as the Pioneers capitalized on Novi turnovers to take a 25-12 first-quarter advantage.

"Slow start for us, no question," Sinawi said. "We tried maybe (to) gimmick a little bit and try a little zone (defense), thinking that we could catch them off a little bit and start a little slow, but it didn't work."

Novi, however, got untracked in the second quarter, outscoring the Pioneers 15-10 to pull within eight at halftime, 35-28.

And the Wildcats kept coming in the third quarter as Ozeir drained four straight shots, including three triples. Novi then took the lead for the first time with 1:03 left in the quarter on a basket by Johnny Davis.

"The combination worked in the third quarter, but we at times we had some lapses mentally in the fourth quarter," Sinawi said. "(Edison) went on a stretch and I should have probably called timeout maybe about two plays sooner, but we just ran out of gas. (After) that third-quarter push and four-point lead we just ran out of gas and it just wasn't our night tonight."

Kam Hankerson's breakaway dunk with 10.8 seconds left in the third gave Novi a 46-44 lead, but DeJulius answered with a triple of his



DAVE DONOHER

Novi sophomore guard Nick Williams launches a shot from 3-point range against Detroit Edison.

own as time expired to put the Pioneers back up by one.

And although the Wildcats went up by four in the final quarter, they couldn't sustain their momentum as DeJulius (seven assists) controlled the tempo.

"He was a little upset, he saw the top 50 (of the state's ranked players) come out and he really felt slighted, so with these showcases and these games, he wants everyone to know and everybody to understand that he's a player," Neely said of DeJulius. "I know the kid works extremely hard. He's a great student (3.7 grade-point average) and very serious about basketball. He's very serious about life and he's committed to the right things. I just encourage him to stay patient and let him know his day is coming."

Nick Williams, a sophomore guard, came off the bench to contribute nine points, while Hankerson, a

6-4 guard who has signed with Wisconsin-Green Bay, added eight.

Edward Carter contributed 12 points for the Pioneers, who lost in the Class C regional finals to Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central.

"We're a young team," Neely said. "We put this game on the schedule because we thought it would help us prepare our journey to Breslin (Center). We're trying to get to the Breslin Center."

Edison shot a combined 20-of-28 in the first and fourth quarters, respectively.

"On our end, we didn't defend well," Sinawi said. "Our help side was late, out of position. Our on-the-ball defending was not great. The effort was there. It's a great learning tool for us and we're going to come back better and stronger."

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THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL

Thursday, Dec. 17

Wayne at Northville, 7 p.m.

Churchill at Novi, 7 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 18

Franklin Rd. at Liggett, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 21

Franklin Rd. at O.L. Lakes, 7 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Thursday, Dec. 17

Northville at Wayne, 7 p.m.

Novi at Churchill, 7 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 18

Franklin Road at Liggett, 6 p.m.

BOYS HOCKEY

Friday, Dec. 18

Northville vs. Reeths-Puffer

at L.C. Walker Arena, 5:30 p.m.

Novi vs. Mona Shores

at Lakeshore Arena, 8 p.m.

Detroit CC vs. Roch. United

at Onyx (Rochester), 8 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 19

Northville vs. Mona Shores

at Lakeshore Arena, 3 p.m.

Novi vs. Reeths-Puffer

at L.C. Walker Arena, 3 p.m.

Detroit CC vs. P.H. Northern

at USA Hockey Arena, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 23

Berkley at Novi (Ice Arena), 6 p.m.

WRESTLING

Friday, Dec. 18

Oakland Co. at Southfield, 4 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 19

Northville at Airport Inv., 9 a.m.

Oakland Co. at Lake Orion, 9 a.m.

BOYS SWIMMING

Saturday, Dec. 19

N'ville at Kettering Quad, noon.

TBA - time to be announced.

PREP WRESTLING

Shamrocks blitz Bedford in assembly match, 44-21

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Novi Detroit Catholic Central's wrestling team sent its student body home happy Wednesday by defeating visiting Temperance Bedford, 44-21, in a packed all-school assembly dual match.

Under a large spotlight, the Shamrocks got off to a rousing start by winning their first four matches to build a 20-0 lead and never looked back.

"Our guys competed hard and did a nice job of handling their nerves for the most part," CC coach Mitch Hancock said. "Our conditioning looked great and I'm proud of the way our guys prepared for this big event."

CC's Stone Moscovic (119 pounds) and Kevon Davenport (125) both earned pins, while freshman Cam Amine won by technical fall, 16-0.

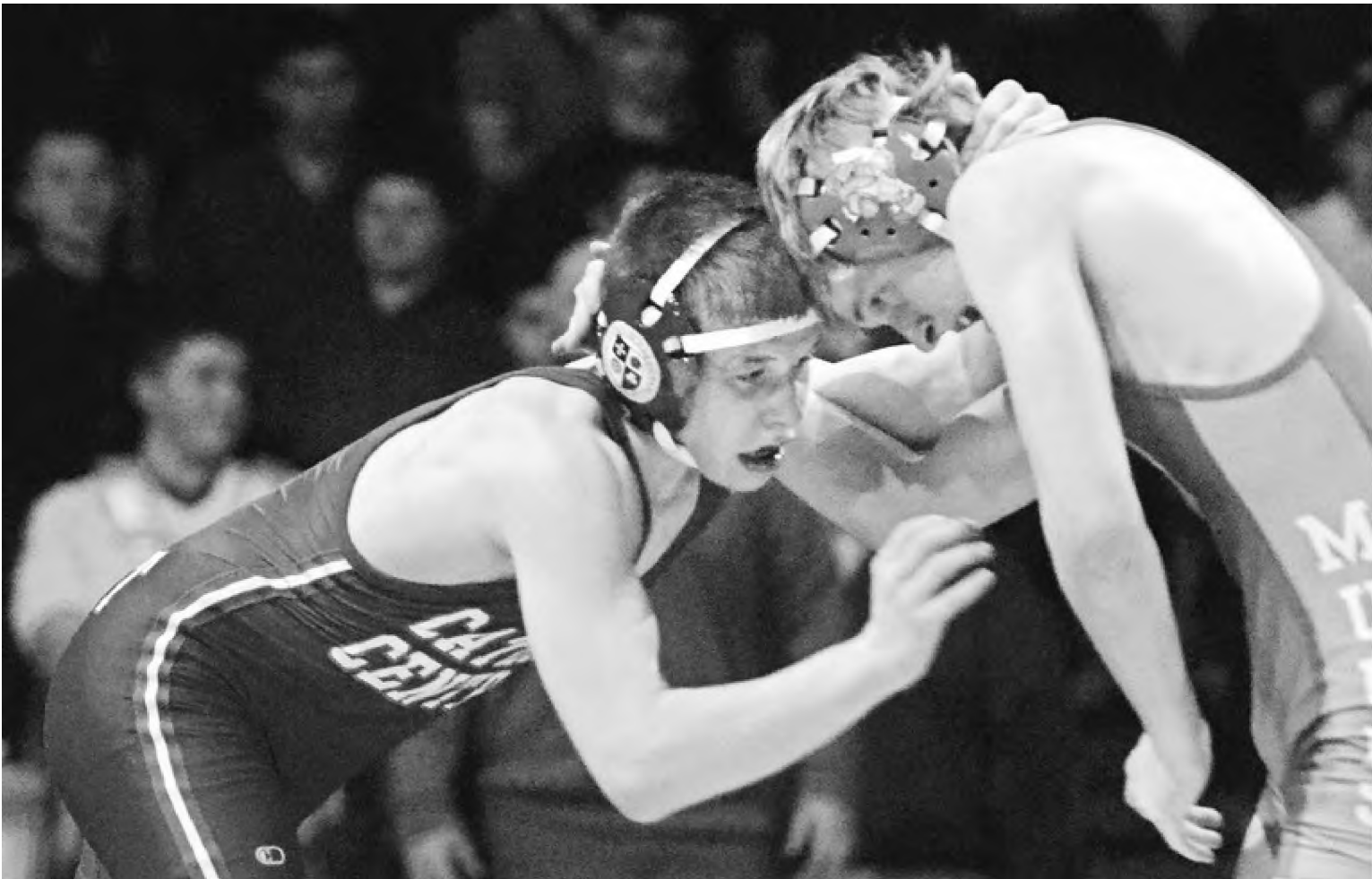
Aaron Rehfeldt capped off the 20-point run by earning a 7-5 overtime decision against Bedford's Austin Teague.

Bedford, however, won four straight matches to cut the deficit to 20-15, as Kurtis Ortman (140) edged Joe McGrath; Ian Tyburski (145) decisioned Aiden Waugh, 7-5; Brad Stewart (152) downed Tyler Johnson, 11-5; and Blake Montrie (160) pinned Brody Burke in 34 seconds.

CC's Tyler Morland (171) stopped the bleeding with a pin in 1:34 over Kyle Kahut, but Bedford's Gabriel Elarton cut the deficit to 26-21 with a pin against Phil Calhoun in 1:33.

The Shamrocks closed the match with four straight victories, getting pins from Jackson Ross (215) and David Rastigue (112).

CC heavyweight Nick Jen-



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Catholic Central's Aaron Rehfeldt (left) won his 135-pound match against Bedford's Austin Teague, 7-5.

kins pulled out a 3-2 overtime decision against the Kicking Mules' Tim Stevens, while Rhett Newton (103) decisioned Connor Frantz, 9-5.

"Our young guys provided a spark and our veterans closed the door against a very veteran and well-coached Temperance Bedford team," Hancock said. "Hats off to Bedford, as it's not easy competing in an environment like we had today. Bed-

ford showed a ton of courage."

Glenn Dual champs

On Saturday, the second-ranked Shamrocks scored five straight wins to capture the Westland John Glenn Rocket Super Duals, capped by a 45-19 win over Clarkston in the final.

Starting with the 130-pound weight class, CC (6-0) spotted the Wolves a 19-9 lead before roaring back with 36 unan-

swered points.

"Those guys are tough and they wrestle hard," Hancock said of Clarkston. "We got out-hustled and out-toughed in a couple of those matches. We have to learn how to keep our composure and battle through matches that are close."

CC also scored wins over Roseville (63-9), Wyandotte (66-4), Utica Eisenhower (49-15) and host Glenn (38-18) en

route to the crown.

Going 5-0 on the day were Morland, Davenport, Moscovic and Jenkins, while Amine finished 4-0 with a void and big decision over Glenn's Anthony Gibson.

Rhett Newton and Devon Johnsen went undefeated as both recorded two wins apiece sharing time at 103. McGrath, Rastigue and Ross each finished 4-1.

PREP GYMNASTICS

Northville falls just short in upset bid

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

The 2015-16 edition of Northville gymnastics served notice Tuesday night that it has a team to contend with after nearly upsetting Canton, last year's state runner-up, in a tri-meet at Plymouth High School.

The host Chiefs had to rally in the final event, the floor exercise, to earn a narrow 138.925-137.55 triumph. Water-



McCallum

ford United rounded out the three-team field with a score of 129.125.

Sophomore Erin McCallum turned in a stellar performance for the Mustangs, capturing both the vault (9.4) and balance beam (9.125). She also took runner-up in the floor exercise (9.25) as Canton held a 1.725-point team edge in that

event to pull out the victory.

Sophomore Lauren Shanahan and freshman Mackenzie Willson earned matching 8.75 scores on vault, while freshman Maddy Lewis put up the Mustangs' highest uneven parallel bars score of 8.625.

The up-and-coming Mustangs return to action at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17, against Salem at Plymouth.

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NCAA tournament victories – all by shutout – while outscoring its foes by a 20-0 margin.

Weber, a co-captain and all-Big Ten selection, finished third on the team in points (27) with eight goals, including four game-winners, to go along with 11 assists.

But the biggest assist of her career came during the championship match against Duke, when she set up teammate Raquel Rodriguez in the 72nd minute for the game's lone goal.

"I think it came from Char (Williams), a good build-up out of the middle and I started going one-v-one on the defender," Weber said after the game. "I heard 'Rocky' screaming, played her and Rocky, with a bit of brilliance, turned and placed it in ... and we won."

As a freshman, Weber found herself at the opposite end of the ledger as Penn State fell to North Carolina in the 2012 final, 4-1.

But history didn't repeat itself four years later.

"It means a lot," said Weber, who broke the career 100-point barrier this year, ranking her among the top 10 all-time at PSU. "My freshman year, we lost in the national championship game. It's kind of almost ending the same way we started, but on that high note is indescribable. It's the first time in program history, to be the first women's soccer national championship team."

There were many ingredients that went into this year's championship run, according to Weber.

"I would definitely say our coaching staff and then our leadership, just from our upperclassmen, was a big part of it because of how many underclassmen we had, as well as our strength trainer," she said. "It was a collective team effort and there was so much that went into it."

During her junior year, Penn State reached the quarterfinals before being ousted, as Weber finished the season with a team-high 22 points while earning all-Big Ten honors. As a sophomore in 2013, Weber tallied seven goals and eight assists en route to third team NSCAA all-Great Lakes and all-Big Ten accolades.

A two-time all-state selection selection at Northville who also played club soccer for the Michigan Hawks, Weber enrolled at Penn State and made an immediate impact, scoring 13 goals while earning Big Ten all-freshman

recognition.

But following her freshman season, in summer 2013, Weber experienced a personal family tragedy when her mother Lisa Anne Christenson was shot and killed by her estranged husband Gunar Donald Christenson in a murder-suicide at their Novi home.

With the support of her grandmother and relatives, Weber returned to State College in the fall for her sophomore year and displayed great courage, according to Walsh.

"I would sum it up by saying she is far and away the most the inspirational player who has come through this program during this time," Walsh said. "A phenomenal leader since the day she stepped into the program. Phenomenal player and all-around, exactly what you'd want out of a student-athlete. She absolutely amazed us day in and day out with her strength and leadership."

During her final three seasons, Weber also became one of the Nittany Lions' top voices.

"It's definitely been building. I've always been kind of a leader and a vocal-type person on the field and it's kind of just gotten stronger," Weber said. "And it's the work ethic that's allowed me to gain more respect from my teammates."

Not only did Weber excel on the field, but also in the classroom, where she is majoring in recreation and tourism management. In 2014, she was named academic all-Big Ten.

And while Weber was finishing up final exams this week, her graduation plans could be put on hold as she'll await word in the middle of January on whether she'll be drafted by the National Women's Soccer League, which currently fields nine professional teams.

Weber, who played for the U-20 Women's National Team in the 2014 CONCACAF Championship, would like to prolong her soccer career with a pro tryout before she enters the field of either hospitality or restaurant management.

"It's kind of a waiting game until then," Weber said. "If I do get drafted, I'll have to wait to do my internship in the fall (2016) and graduate next December. If I don't get drafted, then I will graduate in the summer."

Walsh believes Weber has the right stuff to become one of the 40 players drafted by the NWSL.

"Without a doubt, if she wants to keep playing, she'll keep playing," Walsh said. "Without a doubt, one of the top players in the country."

PREP BOWLING

Novi boys team rallies past South Lyon

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Despite losing all 10 Baker points, the Novi boys bowling team rallied to post an 18-12 KLAA crossover win Dec. 9 over South Lyon at Novi Bowl.

Scoring two points for the Wildcats (1-1), who won both regular games, 825-719 and 796-772, were Ryan Rush (218-182—400), Chris Fisher (147-172—319) and Brendan Tally (167-146—313).

On Dec. 8, South Lyon's

Scott Pryson scored two points with a series of 178-203—381 in a 27-3 setback to Howell at Howell Bowl.

The loss dropped South Lyon to 0-3.

Novi girls edged

South Lyon (2-1) came away Dec. 9 with a 17-13 victory over the Novi girls, who dropped both Baker sets, 156-131 and 146-123, as well as a close first game, 675-609, at Novi Bowl.

Novi (0-2) captured the

second game, 675-609 and totals, 1,414-1,351, but still came away with the loss.

Tallying two points apiece for the Wildcats were Heather Gregory, 199-119—318; Megan Hartmus, 149-142—291; and Sarah Erno, 123-113—236.

On Dec. 1, host Howell (1-0) rolled to a 29-1 victory over Novi (0-1) as Nicole Kilikevicius tallied the lone point with a 170-150—320 series at Howell Bowl.

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Northville XC at Nike



KIM HARRIS

On Dec. 5, the Northville XC Running Club placed 17th out of 22 teams at the Nike Cross Country Nationals in Portland, Ore. Members of Northville XC, coached by Craig Harris, included Lexa and Ana Barrott, Emma Herrmann, Hailey Harris, Olivia Harp, Cayla Eckenroth and Rachel Zimmer. The race featured 12 state championship teams and 59 individual state champions. Indiana University-bound Lexa Barrott was Northville XC's top individual performer, finishing 50th with a five-kilometer time of 18 minutes, 12 seconds. She was followed by Harp, 99th (18:50.3); Ana Barrott, 105th (18:55.3); Eckenroth, 157th (19:26.0); Herrmann, 159th (19:28.9); Harris, 183rd (20:00.4); and Zimmer, 189th (20:18.1).

ALL-AREA FOOTBALL

Novi’s Jackson repeats as area’s top performer

Wildcats’ senior slot-back repeats honor with superlative statistics

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Emanuel Jackson rewrote the offensive record books during his football career at Novi.

The 6-foot, 180-pound seniors slot-back, named All-Area Player of the Year for the second consecutive season, capped a stellar career with an all-state senior season.

The speedy Jackson racked up 2,207 all-purpose yards and a total of 27 touchdowns for the 6-5 Wildcats, who reached the second round of the MHSAA Division 1 state playoffs.

As a receiver, Jackson caught 92 passes for 1,065 yards (11.6 per catch) with nine touchdowns, including a long of 97 yards. As a running back, Jackson rushed for 959 yards (6.5 per carry) and 18 TDs, with a long of 65.

The Western Michigan University commit surpassed his juniors numbers for touchdowns (23), yards receiving (629) and all-purpose yards (2,002).

Jackson also saw limited duty on defense in the secondary, with a total of 41 tackles along with one interception and five pass break-ups.

“He was our all-everything player,” Novi coach Jeff Burnside said of the third-year varsity player. “He could run the ball and catch the ball. Emanuel is a great teammate and is one of the most unselfish superstars I have ever been around. He is the best player I have coached or even coached against.”

First team offense

Justin Zimbo, QB, Northville: The 5-11, 191-pound senior, an all-KLAA pick, accounted for 2,286 yards total offense in 10 games.

Zimbo, a second-year starter, completed 98-of-165 passes for 1,488 yards and 15 TDs. He also rushed for a team-high 798 yards (5.39 per carry) with 11 TDs.

“We have been blessed with great quarterback play over the years,” Northville coach Matt Ladach said. “Dan Mills, Mike Wegzyn, Jeff Gertley and Joey Hewlett have all gone on to play collegiate sports and Justin Zimbo stacks up really well with each of those guys. Justin is a remarkable competitor and he is the kind of guy that you want running your offense when the game is on the line.”

Alec Bageris, QB, Novi: The 6-3, 180-pound senior completed 188-of-305 passes (61.6 percent) for 2,344 yards and 22 TDs, with a 146.7 passing efficiency rating.

“He really blossomed into a great leader for us this year,” Burnside said of the all-KLAA selection. “Alec took hold of the offense and was great distributor of the ball to all of our athletes on offense. His passing and leadership abilities led us to some very big wins down the stretch this year. He really made some big-time throws in tight ball games.”

Jason Wooster, RB, Lakeland: The 6-1, 215-pound senior made honorable mention all-state and all-Lakes Conference after finishing the season with 1,141 yards rushing in eight games.

Wooster averaged 8.6 yards per game and 143 yards rushing per game.

“He scored a touchdown every seventh time he touched the ball,” Lakeland coach Joe Woodruff said. “He was a great lead blocker in our offense. His tough, hard-nosed running style set the tone for our offense. His unselfish attitude was also exemplified in his play. We will miss his tough, aggressive running.”

Anthony D’Annibale, WR, Novi: The 6-1, 185-pound junior finished with 55 receptions for 882 yards (16 per catch) with 11 TDs (including one of 82 yards).

The all-KLAA pick had limited time on defense with 18 tackles, including two for loss, plus a blocked kick.

“Anthony is a phenomenal athlete that is just starting to scratch the surface on his abilities,” Burnside said. “He was our deep threat this year with a number of over 50-yard catches. He has great pull-away speed, which really put defenders in a bind. He could catch the ball in front of them and make tacklers miss or he could run right by them.”

Tom Kowalkoski, OL, Detroit CC: The 6-5, 285-pound senior, bound for Boston College, excelled on both sides of the ball for the 9-3 Shamrocks.

Defensively, the all-state and all-Catholic pick had eight solo, including 4.5 sacks, to go along with 22 assists and one blocked punt.

“He’s one of the most impressive young men that you’ll ever meet,” CC coach Tom Mach said. “Very coachable, hard worker and character young man. He’s got great technique, great movement and great strength.”

Alex Angeles, OL, Northville: The 6-2, 315-pound senior, an all-KLAA selection, excelled as the anchor of the Mustangs’ potent offensive line.

“We have had a run of great linemen over the past few years and Alex definitely ranks near the top,” Ladach said. “You can look at Alex and tell that he is a big and strong young man. What you can’t see is his athleticism and football intelligence. He moves really well and he understands the game, too. Most importantly, he has a tremendous work ethic. There is a reason that we ran behind him so much.”

Adam Guirey, OL, Novi: The 6-3,



BRAD EMONS

Novi senior slot-back Emanuel Jackson repeats as the All-Area Player of the Year.

275-pound junior grew into a dominating lineman this year for the Wildcats and earned all-KLAA honors.

“He was a great run blocker and really surprised us at how good a pass blocker he can be,” Burnside said. “We threw the ball 305 times this year and Adam didn’t give up one sack. We ran the ball 303 times for an average over five yards per carry. If needed a key run, we knew we were running behind Adam.”

Jackson Hale, OL, Milford: The 6-4, 245-pound senior was a two-way starter at both offensive and defensive tackle.

“We ran almost 75 percent of our plays behind Jackson,” Milford coach Tim Gough said. “We averaged just under 100 yards rushing per game. With Jackson’s pass protection leading our offensive line, he gave up zero sacks on an offensive line that allowed just five sacks all season.”

Hale also finished with 38 solo tackles, including nine for loss (two quarterback sacks) to go along with 10 assists. He also had a fumble recovery and a blocked kick.

Blake Beuter, OL, Detroit CC: The 6-4, 245-pound junior performed consistently as both and offensive guard and defensive tackle, where he finished with 43.5 tackles, including 14 solo (with 2.5 sacks) en route to all-Catholic League honors.

“Very good movement for a big man and strong and a great post-up blocker on offense,” Mach said. “He had the ability to move, trap and pull and so forth.”

Jake Moody, K, Northville: Nobody had a stronger leg in the area than the 5-10, 152-pound sophomore, who converted 9-of-12 field-goal attempts, including a school-record 51-yarder, as well as converting 34-of-38 extra points. Thirty-four of his kickoffs went for touchbacks.

“There aren’t too many 150-pound sophomores that make an impact on their varsity football team, but Jake has been making an impact on our varsity team for two years already,” Ladach said. “He’s a weapon. He buries teams deep in their own zone and, unless there is a really heavy wind, he’s good from 50-plus.”

First team defense

Matt Komorous, DL, Northville: The 6-2, 295-pound senior made all-KLAA after finishing with 12 solo tackles, including three sacks, to go along with 34 assists.

“Matt is the strongest football player I have ever coached,” Ladach said. “He broke numerous records in the weight room during the off-season. He may not have broken any records as a defensive lineman, but he broke the pride of many opposing offensive linemen. We didn’t face an offensive line-

man that was able to move him on a consistent basis. He’s probably the most dominant interior defensive lineman that we’ve had in my years at Northville.”

Jeff Gill, DL, South Lyon: The 6-3, 240-pound senior was a two-year starter who anchored the defensive line for the Lions, finishing with 38 tackles, including 11 for loss (with five sacks).

Gill also added two forced fumbles and an interception.

“His ability to stop the run and rush the passer is a big reason for the success we had on the defensive side of the ball,” South Lyon interim coach Jeff Henson said of the all-KLAA pick.

Ethan Carter, DL, Novi: The 6-0, 200-pound junior earned all-KLAA recognition after recording 46 tackles, including seven tackles for loss, to go along with five sacks.

“This was Ethan’s first year ever playing football and he turned in to being an invaluable addition,” Burnside said. “He was our sixth leading tackler from the defensive line. Ethan is one of the hardest-working kids we have ever had. He is tireless in the weight room, field and in the classroom.”

Jackson Ross, DE, Detroit CC: The 6-3, 230-pound junior, who made all-Catholic League, proved his toughness finishing with 48 tackles, including six solo with 3.5 sacks.

He also alternated as a tight end. “Jackson has a great temperament for the game of football,” Mach said. “He’s very tough, very aggressive and he plays with great intensity. His attitude is contagious on defense, being a tough competitor.”

Trevor Tank, LB, South Lyon: The 6-2, 240-pound senior had his season cut short three games by injuries as he finished with 42 tackles, including 15 for loss, en route to all-KLAA honors.

Tank had a total of 212 career tackles and 1,900 yards rushing, including 523 this season. He also started one game at quarterback.

“Trevor was a great leader and model of what South Lyon football is all about,” Henson said. “His was a big reason for our success during his four years as a starter. A tremendous player who could take over a game on both sides of the ball. A team captain who led on and off the field.”

Shane Patterson, LB, S. Lyon East: A two-year starter, the 6-0, 190-pound junior led the Cougars with 85 tackles, including five for loss, three sacks and a fumble recovery.

“Shane is very quick to the ball and rarely were ball carriers able to break free from him,” East coach Joe Pesci said of the all-KLAA selection. “Shane is one of the toughest football players I have ever coached.”

Max McComb, LB, South Lyon: The 6-foot, 180-pound senior, who made

PLAYER OF YEAR

Emanuel Jackson, Sr. Slot-back, Novi

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE

Justin Zimbo, Sr. QB, Northville
Alec Bageris, Jr. QB, Novi
Jason Wooster, Sr. RB, Lakeland
Anthony D’Annibale, Jr. WR, Novi
Tom Kowalkoski, Sr. OL, Detroit CC
Alex Angeles, Sr. OL, Northville
Adam Guirey, Jr. OL, Novi
Jackson Hale, Sr. OL, Milford
Blake Beuter, Jr. OL, Detroit CC
Jake Moody, Soph. K, Northville

FIRST TEAM DEFENSE

Matt Komorous, Sr. DL, Northville
Jeff Gill, Sr. DL, South Lyon
Ethan Carter, Jr. DL, Novi
Jackson Ross, Jr. DE, Detroit CC
Trevor Tank, Sr. LB, South Lyon
Shane Patterson, Jr. LB, S. Lyon East
Max McComb, Sr. LB, South Lyon
Alex Bock, Sr. DB, Detroit CC
Tyler Laurentius, Sr. DB, Detroit CC
Jack Burke, Jr. DB, Northville
Adam Kleckner, Sr. DB, Lakeland

SPECIAL MENTION

Detroit CC: Phil Schmitz, Jr. LB-RB; Nicholas Capatina, Jr. RB; **Northville:** Zach Prystash, Sr. RB-DB; Ryan Nelson, Jr. LB; **Novi:** Nick Sabo, Sr. DB; Spencer VanKirk, Sr. DB; **South Lyon:** Vince Candela, Sr. RB; **South Lyon East:** Joel Trent, Jr. OL; **Milford:** Zachary Jones, Sr. QB; **Lakeland:** Matt Lowe, Jr. DB.

HONORABLE MENTION

Detroit CC: Mike Edwards, Sr. DE-TE; Tarek Dalou, Sr. DB; Nick Lang, Sr. C; **Northville:** A.J. Abbott, Soph. WR; Michael Minick, Sr. LB; T.J. Cunningham, Jr. WR; Trent Guthrie, Jr. OLB; George Metrusias, Sr. DL; **Novi:** Traveon Maddox, Soph. WR; Cooper Smith, Sr. OL-DL; Johnny Davis, Sr. OL-DL **South Lyon:** Nick Pagano, Sr. WR; Spencer Magee, Sr. C; Conner McGree, Sr. RB; Austin McGuire, Jr. OT; Travis Marcus, Jr. DT; Ryan Pederson, Jr. LB; Carlo Zoratti. Jr. QB; **South Lyon East:** Anthony Salter, Jr. DB; Garrett Read, Sr. WR; **Lakeland:** Hunter Roberts, Jr. RB; Reuben Ayer, Sr. LB-TE; Alec Ramirez, Jr. QB; **Milford:** Blake Peterson, Sr. DL; Joe Bravo, Jr. RB.

all-KLAA, finished with 40 tackles, including five for loss (two sacks).

An even more impressive was McComb’s eight pass break-ups.

“Max really elevated his play this year and was our best all-around defensive player,” Henson said. “His ability to play multiple positions, along with his speed and fierce tackling, made him a force to be reckoned with at outside linebacker.”

Alex Bock, DB, Detroit CC: The 5-11, 180-pound senior, an all-Catholic League pick, was a force on both sides of the ball as a receiver, runner and defensive back, as well as special teams.

On defense, Bock finished with 43 tackles, including 28 solo, along with three interceptions.

Offensively, Bock caught 12 passes for 232 yards and three TDs. He also rushed for 219 yards and two TDs, while returning two kickoffs and two punts each for scores for a total of nine TDs (tied for the team lead).

“He’s one of the best defensive backs we’ve had at Catholic Central,” Mach said. “He’s a multi-talented young man who helped us in all three phases of the game. He was a three-way player actually.”

Tyler Laurentius, DB, Detroit CC: The 5-10, 175-pound senior, an all-Catholic League honoree, finished with 36 solo tackles and 29 assists for a total of 65 (tied for the team lead).

He also picked off four passes and had countless break-ups.

“Tyler was a very good overall athlete that played with great courage and was a great example as a captain,” Mach said. “Very tough and he was one of the leaders on defense.”

Jack Burke, DB, Northville: The 6-0, 184-pound junior finished with 30 solo tackles and five interceptions, including one for a TD. He also was the team’s back-up quarterback, starting one game.

“Jack is a very intelligent young man and he has a tremendous understanding of the game,” Ladach said. “He has a thorough understanding of what we are doing conceptually on both sides of the ball and he has great athleticism and a remarkable work ethic that complements his intelligence. Just watch him play – he’s always in the right spot and he’s always there to make plays. He’s like a coach on the field.”

Adam Kleckner, DB, Lakeland: The 6-3, 180-pound senior made first team all-Lakes Conference as a defensive back, while also playing offense and coming up with a key TD catch against South Lyon East.

“Adam rarely made the stat line, because teams usually didn’t throw towards his side,” Woodruff said. “When they did, Adam usually had that side well-covered. He started every game and was a mainstay on special teams as long snapper and cover man. Adam is a very intelligent player who is very coachable. His intelligence and work ethic are seen in the classroom, where he is an honor roll student. We will miss his play and leadership.”

BOYS SWIMMING

Wildcats off to fast 3-0 boys swim start

Billiu, Berman stalwarts as
Novi cruises through foes

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

The Novi boys swim team swept took the first three places in four different events Dec. 8 en route to a 119-66 dual meet victory over visiting Canton in the season opener for both teams.

Phillip Billiu was Novi's top individual performer as he figured in four first-place finishes, leading a one-two-three sweep in the 50-yard freestyle (22.57) and the 100 butterfly (55.86).

He also teamed with Alexander Yuan, Ryan Katulski and Maxwell Williams for a win in the 200 medley relay (1:44.36). The foursome of Billiu, Williams, Brian Son and Joel Kotyk also tied Canton for first in the 400 freestyle relay with identical times of 3:19.18 (state cut).

Yuan led a sweep in the 100 freestyle with a time of 51.67 and also teamed with Joey Berman, Son and Katulski for first in the 200 freestyle relay (1:32.61).

Meanwhile, Jame Ciolli posted a meet-best 236.45 points to lead a sweep in the 1-meter diving event.

"This meet gave us the opportunity to experiment with some different events and relay combinations," Novi coach Brent Pohlonski said. "We have an exciting team, which is very versatile and will allow us to win meets with a variety of lineups. Our new swimmers showed they are ready to contribute this sea-



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Novi's Siddhardha Kareddy was a member of two first-place freestyle relays in Friday's tri-meet win over Brighton and Okemos.

son."

Canton boasted a pair of double-winners as Daniel Mullen swept the 200 and 500 freestyles in 1:49.05 and 5:14.13, respectively, while Tristen Shao captured the 200 individual medley (2:10.1) and 100 backstroke (59.24). Gerard Niermann was first for the Chiefs in the 100 breaststroke (1:06.89).

Tri-meet victory

On Friday, Berman took first and achieved a state qualifying time of 55.54 in the 100 backstroke as the host Wildcats defeated Brighton, 133-53, and Okemos, 132-54, in a double-dual meet.

Berman also captured the 200 IM (2:07.20) and took part in a pair of first-place relay

team efforts.

He teamed up with Manivannan, Williams and Yuan for a victory in the 200 medley relay (1:37.35), while also joining forces with Siddhardha Kareddy, Son and Billiu for a win in the 400 freestyle relay (3:27.83).

Billiu, meanwhile, was a double-winner in the 100- and 200 freestyles with times of 49.91 and 1:50.13, respectively. He also was a member of Novi's first-place 200 freestyle relay team with Yuan, Manivannan and Kareddy (1:32.65).

Other individual first-place finishes included Yuan, 50 freestyle (23.65); Ciolli, 1-meter diving (240.20 points); and Son, 500 freestyle (5:09.75).

Okemos' Thomas Rachman

captured the 100 butterfly (57.86), while Brighton's Drew Panzl added a first in the 100 breaststroke (1:04.03).

TRI-MEET RESULTS

Dec. 11 at Novi

TEAM SCORES: Novi 133, Brighton 53; Novi 132, Okemos 54.

200-yard medley relay: 1. Novi (Joey Berman, Narayan Manivannan, Maxwell Williams, Alexander Yuan), 1:37.35.

200 freestyle: 1. Phillip Billiu (Novi), 1:50.13; 2. Siddhardha Kareddy (Novi), 1:50.82.

200 individual medley: 1. Berman (Novi), 2:07.2.

50 freestyle: 1. Yuan (Novi), 23.65.

1-meter diving: 1. James Ciolli (Novi), 240.20 points; 2. Nathan Pellerito (Novi), 213.45.

100 butterfly: 1. Thomas Rachman (Okemos), 57.86.

100 freestyle: 1. Billiu (Novi), 49.91; 2. Kareddy (Novi), 50.48.

500 freestyle: 1. Brian Son (Novi), 5:09.75; 3. Williams (Novi), 5:11.7.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Novi (Billiu, Yuan, Manivannan, Kareddy), 1:32.65; 3. Novi (Joel Kotyk, Preston Harrell, Minjae Kim, Bradley Huang), 1:37.48.

100 backstroke: 1. Berman (Novi), 55.54; 2. Erik Halboth (Novi), 59.92.

100 breaststroke: 1. Drew Panzl (Brighton), 1:04.03; 3. Yuan (Novi), 1:07.1.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Novi (Berman, Kareddy, Son, Billiu), 3:27.83.

Novi's dual meet record: 3-0 overall.

DUAL MEET RESULTS

NOVI 119, CANTON 66

Dec. 10 at Novi

200-yard medley relay: 1. Novi (Phillip Billiu, Alexander Yuan, Ryan Katulski, Maxwell Williams), 1:44.36; 3. Novi (Erik Halboth, Joel Kotyk, Joey Berman, Bradley Huang), 1:47.47.

200 freestyle: 1. Daniel Mullen (Canton), 1:49.05; 2. Katulski (Novi), 1:49.7; 3. Berman (Novi), 1:54.45.

200 individual medley: 1. Tristen Shao (Canton), 2:10.1; 3. Halboth (Novi), 2:13.91.

50 freestyle: 1. Billiu (Novi), 22.57; 2. Narayan Manivannan (Novi), 23.96; 3. Williams (Novi), 24.24.

1-meter diving: 1. James Ciolli (Novi), 236.45 points; 2. Nathan Pellerito (Novi), 201.40; 3. Mitchell Russell (Novi), 155.85.

100 butterfly: 1. Billiu (Novi), 55.86; 2. Berman (Novi), 57.61; 3. Katulski (Novi), 57.95.

100 freestyle: 1. Yuan (Novi), 51.67; 2. Brian Son (Novi), 52.31; 3. Williams (Novi), 52.59.

500 freestyle: 1. Mullen (Canton), 5:14.13; 2. Kotyk (Novi), 5:21.06; 3. Preston Harrell (Novi), 5:21.75.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Novi (Berman, Yuan, Son, Katulski), 1:32.61; 3. Novi (Manivannan, Justin Lee, Edward Cheng, Arjun Raman), 1:42.22.

100 backstroke: 1. Shao (Canton), 59.24; 2. Minjae Kim (Novi), 1:02.25; 3. Kotyk (Novi), 1:03.17.

100 breaststroke: 1. Gerard Niermann (Canton), 1:06.89; 3. Harrell (Novi), 1:11.45.

400 freestyle relay: 1. (tie) Novi (Billiu, Williams, Son, Kotyk) and Canton (Mullen, Shao, Derek Goders, Niermann), 3:29.18 each; 3. Novi (Huang, Stephen Sitar, Harrell, Albert Tan), 3:43.97.

Dual meet records: Novi, 1-0 overall; Canton, 0-1 overall.

BOYS SWIMMING

Northville drowns Churchill in season opener

Mustangs roll to 144-42
dual meet victory

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Northville opened its boys swim season Dec. 10 in convincing fashion with a 144-42 dual meet victory at Livonia Churchill.

The Mustangs, defending KLAA Central Division and Kensington Conference champs, captured 11 of the 12 events and all three relay races.

"We had some good performances with a lot of the younger kids," Northville coach Rich Bennetts said. "We have some freshmen who are definitely going to help us this year if they keep working hard, so I'm

very encouraged with those guys."

Among the individual winners for the Mustangs were James Xue, 200-yard freestyle (1:52.35); Trevor DeGroot, 200 individual medley (2:07.39); John Duan, 50 freestyle (24.36); Kirk Maibach, 100 butterfly (55.48); Larry Zhao, 100 freestyle (51.03); David Alameddine, 500 freestyle (5:03.89); Travis Nitkiewicz, 100 backstroke (59.03); and Haotian Jiang, 100 breaststroke (1:05.28).

Northville also swept the 200 medley (1:47.09), 200 freestyle (1:39.8) and 400 freestyle (3:26.49) relays.

Churchill's Ethan Burke turned in an impressive showing in 1-meter diving, with a total of 296.95 points.

Despite the 102-point vic-

tory, Bennetts knows there's room for improvement.

"Overall, we just have too many of our upperclassmen who are just not in very good shape," he said. "Of course, it's disappointing, but you can't do anything about it now except work hard and get back in shape so that you can start to help your team.

"We hope to be a lot better two and a half months from now, when it counts. I really like the attitude of this group and, once everyone is able to do the things we need them to do, we will start to find out what kind of team we will have. We are obviously not there now."

DUAL MEET RESULTS
NORTHVILLE 144
LIVONIA CHURCHILL 42
Dec. 10 at Churchill

200-yard medley relay: 1. Northville (Travis Nitkiewicz, Nikolai Arton, John Duan, Maxwell), 1:47.09; 2. Northville (Ali Pazooki, Haotian Jiang, Jason Nitkiewicz, Ancheng Da), 1:49.74.

200 freestyle: 1. James Xue (N'ville), 1:52.35; Nicholas Moualikel (N'ville), 2:00.32; 3. Connor Lepish (N'ville), 2:00.95.

200 individual medley: 1. Trevor DeGroot (N'ville), 2:07.39; 3. Da (N'ville), 2:16.2.

50 freestyle: 1. Duan (N'ville), 24.36; 2. Shane Boran (N'ville), 24.74; 3. Cameron Heaven (N'ville), 24.88.

1-meter diving: 1. Ethan Burke (LC), 296.95 points; 2. Christain Field (N'ville), 192.65; 3. Thomas Rys (N'ville), 162.00.

100 butterfly: 1. Kirk Maibach (N'ville), 55.48; 2. J. Nitkiewicz (N'ville), 58.16; 3. Pazooki (N'ville), 59.84.

100 freestyle: 1. Larry Zhao (N'ville), 51.03; 2. Taiyo Ichikawa (N'ville), 55.36; 3. Ryan Smelt (N'ville), 55.41.

500 freestyle: 1. David Alameddine (N'ville), 5:03.89; 3. Jack Breuch (N'ville), 5:30.51.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Northville (Maxwell Schulz, Smelt, Arton, Ichikawa), 1:39.8; 2. Northville (Troy Stacer, Duan, Boran, Maibach), 1:42.48.

100 backstroke: 1. T. Nitkiewicz (N'ville), 59.03; 2. Arthur Greenlee (N'ville), 1:00.6; 3. Jacob Grimmer (N'ville), 1:07.57.

100 breaststroke: 1. Jiang (N'ville), 1:05.28; 3. Arton (N'ville), 1:06.57.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Northville (DeGroot, Zhao, Alameddine, Xue), 3:26.49; 2. Northville (Heaven, Lepish, Breuch, Grimmer), 3:44.43.

Northville's dual record 1-0 overall.

BOYS SWIM PREVIEW

Area squads have reason for optimism as season opens

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

South Lyon Unified hopes to make a little more noise this season in boys swimming after coming off fourth-place finishes in the KLAA Central Division and Kensington Conference meets.

After scoring 25.5 points and finishing 24th in last year's MHSAA Division 1 state finals, South Lyon could more than double that total going into the 2015-16 season.

"In order for us to be competitive at the division and conference meets, we will need to develop some of our younger swimmers," South Lyon coach John Burch said. "Last year, we took three freshmen to the state meet. These swimmers are much improved this year and should really help our team out."

The team's top returnee is sophomore Max Kempisty, who qualified individually in the 200 freestyle (24th, 1:46.40), while also swimming legs on South Lyon's 13th-place 200-yard medley (1:38.73) and 15th-place 400 freestyle (3:15.93) relay teams.



STAFF PHOTO

Sophomore Max Kempisty is one of South Lyon Unified's top returnees.

Other members of those state placing relay squads include sophomores Logan Boals and Brandon Bell, along with junior Oliver Joy, who was an individual state qualifier in the 200 freestyle (1:48.01)

South Lyon also returns senior Matt Meadows in diving (13th, 379.20 points).

Eagles' outlook

Janette Heaton takes over as White Lake Lakeland's coach, replacing Chris Follick.

Heaton coached the Lakeland girls for eight seasons, including the last three as the head coach.

And although 100 freestyle and 200 IM individual Division 2 state qualifier Jack Winslow, a sophomore, transferred to Novi Detroit Catholic Central, the Eagles hope to retain their KLAA North Division title and improve upon their sixth-place finish in the Lakes Conference.

The top returnee is diver Shinya Kondo, who placed third in the Division 2 state finals with 403.45 points. The Lakes Conference champ should challenge for a state title.

Kondo is joined by junior Thomas Antishin, who finished 23rd in the 500 freestyle (4:55.84) and 24th in the 200 freestyle (1:48.94).

Max Carey, a junior, also returns as a member of the Eagles' state qualifying 200

and 400 freestyle relay teams that recorded times of 1:32.9 and 3:28.15, respectively.

Mavericks ready

Milford opened its season Dec. 5 at the Fenton Relays and third-year coach Chris Smith is optimistic about the Mavericks' chances of improving upon their fifth-place finish in the KLAA West and ninth-place showing in the Lakes Conference.

Although Smith lost diver Brian Simonich (12th place, 349.45 points) to graduation, the Mavericks return another top-notch diver in junior Jack Aman, who reached the Division 2 state finals for the second straight year and just missed reaching the top 20 while earning a spot in the semifinals (21st overall).

Aman, who placed sixth at the KLAA Conference meet, will be joined sophomore Justin May, who qualified for the state meet in the 200 freestyle (34th, 1:51.9). He is joined by fellow 400 freestyle relay team member Josh Marianos, a senior.

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BOYS SWIMMING TEAM CAPSULES

NOVI

Head coach: Brent Pohlonski, third year.

League: KLAA Kensington Conference (Central Division).

Last year's dual record: 8-2.

Last year's finish: Second, KLAA Central and Kensington Conference (tied for 21st, Division 1).

Notable losses to graduation: James Poppyk, Arthur Shi, Toraki Maehata, Gordy Williams.

Leading returnees: Joey Berman, Jr., backstroke-distance freestyle (first team All-Area); Ryan Katulski, Sr., freestyle (first team All-Area); Narayan Manivannan, Sr., breaststroke (second team All-Area); Siddhardha Kareddy, Jr., IM-butterfly (second team All-Area); Maxwell Williams, Soph., backstroke (second team All-Area); James Ciolli, Sr., diving (second team All-Area); Nathan Pellerito, Sr., diving (second team All-Area); Phillip Billiu, Jr., freestyle-backstroke-butterfly; Andrew Kilponen, Sr. captain, breaststroke; Joel Kotyk, Jr., IM; Bradley Huang, Sr., sprint freestyle-breaststroke; Brian Son, Soph., IM-butterfly.

Promising newcomers: Preston Harrell, Fr., butterfly-IM; Daniel Chung, Jr., breaststroke; Shishir Kareddy, Fr., IM-backstroke; Nitin Kinra, Fr., breaststroke-freestyle; Andrew Hou, Fr., breaststroke.

Pohlonski's 2015-16 outlook:

"We're really excited. With the amount of state meet swimmers we have returning and the incoming freshmen, we feel like we're even a stronger team that last year. I think our depth will be a little bit better than it was a year ago. We're already off to a great start. We got five state cuts in our first meet."

NORTHVILLE

Head coach: Rich Bennetts, 17th year.

League: KLAA Kensington Conference (Central Division).

Last year's dual meet record: 9-1.

Titles won last year: KLAA Central Division and Kensington Conference (12th, Division 1).

Notable losses to graduation: Matthew Schafter (first team All-Area); Yash Bajaj (second team All-Area); Mark Kaminski, Nirek Sharma, Fred Schlutz.

Leading returnees: Kirk Maibach, Soph., sprint freestyle-backstroke (first team All-Area); Chris Geng, Sr., breaststroke (first team All-Area); James Xue, Sr., IM-butterfly (first team All-Area); Trevor Degroot, Soph., distance freestyle (second team All-Area); Nikolai Arton, Jr., breaststroke (second team All-Area); Larry Zhao, Jr., backstroke.

Promising newcomers: Ali Pazooki, Fr., butterfly-backstroke-freestyle; Travis Nitkiewicz, Fr., IM-backstroke-freestyle-butterfly; Jason Nitkiewicz, Fr., butterfly-backstroke.

Bennetts' 2015-16 outlook: "We have a chance to be a good team if we can get everyone on the same page and working together as a team quickly. The off-season was not what I was hoping for with a few of the guys and how quickly they get back into swimming shape will be one of the keys to how good we can be. As long as we stay hungry, work hard and maintain our focus, we should be fine."

CATHOLIC CENTRAL

Head coach: Shannon Dunworth, 11th year.

League: Catholic League.

Last year's finish: second, league; eighth, Division 1 state finals.

Notable losses to graduation: Jack Walsh (All-Area Swimmer of Year), Daniel Long (first team All-Area); Grayson Arnold (first team All-Area), Christopher Vela.

Leading returnees: Matt Loniewski, Sr., breaststroke-IM (first team All-Area); Jonathan Lee, Soph., breaststroke-IM (first team All-Area); Ethan Bezzina, Sr., distance freestyle (second team All-Area); Chris Barron, Jr., backstroke (second team All-Area); Robert Vance, Sr., diving (second team All-Area); Charlie Walsh, Soph., IM-butterfly.

Promising newcomers: Jack Winslow, Soph., sprint freestyle-butterfly (second team All-Area; eligible in January; transfer from White Lake Lakeland); Kyle Tschannen, Fr., freestyle-butterfly.

Dunworth's 2015-16 outlook:

"First meet out of the gate (Dec. 10 win over Grosse Pointe North), the comment would be we have to figure out where we're at. Some of the kids are ahead of the game and some kids got work to do. We did win the medley relay. The 200 freestyle was won by a freshman (Tschannen), which we're excited about. We have some really nice freshmen and he happens to be one of them. He also won the 100 butterfly, which was a nice start. Jonathan Lee won the 200 IM and the 100 breaststroke. Those are both state qualifying times and those were real good. Robert Vance also won the diving."

SWIM

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12th at last year's state meet, welcome back a solid returning cast, paced by sophomore Kirk Maibach, who took eighth in the 100 freestyle (46.42) and tied for 13th in the 50 freestyle (21.41).

Maibach also helped North-

ville to 10th in the 400 freestyle relay and 11th in the 200 medley relay (1:37.99).

Senior all-stater Chris Geng (eighth, 100 breaststroke, 59.59) returns, along with state placer James Xue (16th, 200 IM, 1:58.15). They are joined by fellow state qualifiers Trevor Degroot (500 freestyle), a sophomore, and Arton Nikolai (100 breaststroke), a junior.

Novi Detroit Catholic Cen-

tral, which placed eighth in Division 1, lost the area's top swimmer in state champion Jack Walsh (Stanford University), who captured the 200 IM and 100 backstroke.

But the Shamrocks return senior Matt Loniewski, who finished fifth in the 100 breaststroke (58.22) and was a state qualifier in the 100 freestyle. Loniewski was also a member of CC's third-place 200 medley

relay (1:33.47) and a fifth-place 400 freestyle relay (3:09.94) teams.

Junior Jonathan Lee also scored in the 100 breaststroke (13th, 1:00.0) and was a state qualifier in the 200 IM (1:59.89).

Other state qualifiers returning for CC include senior Ethan Bezzina, 200 and 500 freestyles; senior Robert Vance, diving; sophomore Charlie Walsh, 200 IM; and

junior Chris Barron, 100 back-

stroke. "We have many new kids, as well as returning varsity swimmers ready to fill the roles of those lost to graduation," said CC coach Shannon Dunworth, whose team beat Grosse Pointe North in the season opener. "I'm excited for our kids as early on. It's easy to see the boys are committed to doing the work."

BOYS HOCKEY

Northville netminder holds off late Plymouth bid

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

The pressure kept mounting for Northville goalie Brett Miller as Plymouth forwards jammed the goal crease late in Saturday's KLAA boys hockey game. But Miller kept his pad flush to the Arctic Arena ice and denied the host Wildcats — with the help of the referee, who lost sight of the puck and waved off an apparent game-tying goal with one minute remaining. Plymouth poured it on again in the final seconds, but could not get the puck past the junior goaltender as the Mustangs earned a hard-fought 3-2 victory. "It came around the goal line, I made a save on the side of the post," Miller said. "I had it, but they

kept jabbing at it. I think the ref lost sight of it. Ref made a good call." Miller's clutch goal-keeping ensured that the goal scored by senior forward Riley Brass at 6:26 of the third period would hold up as the winner. The puck bounced in front to Brass, who spun and rifled a blast that Plymouth senior goalie Trevor McManus (21 saves) had no chance on. "That was a tough break (on the Brass goal)," Plymouth coach Gerry Vento said. "You get a bad bounce and the puck's in your net. It came off the wall, I don't know if it hit something on the wall and popped out in the slot, but those things happen." Northville coach Jon Gates said the game was

yet another example of how competitive the KLAA is. "It's funny, you get a little bounce like that," Gates said. "A game like today, we got a bounce, they didn't. They had a scrum there at the end that the referee lost sight of the puck. It's so close. Every game's close." Gates said it didn't hurt the Mustangs that it was Brass who found himself with the Grade A scoring chance in a tie game. "Riley's got a great shot; he gets it on net," Gates said. "He's got a heavy shot." Taking care of the other end for Gates was Miller, who was a key reason why Plymouth's power play went 1-for-6 despite strong pressure at times.

"They really move that puck around nice; they really work to the back door," Gates said. "We stressed it hard to watch that back door pass and they did get one on us. They snuck it in there, we lost coverage. "But they did have six power plays and we only had one. That's one of our goals this year, as a team, to always be more on the power play than the kill. Luckily, our best penalty killer was (No.) 29 in the net. Miller played great." Vento tipped his cap to Miller, who stopped 27 shots, including all nine in the final period. "(Miller) was outstanding. Honestly, I thought he was the difference in that third period," Vento said. "We held them to three shots (in the third) and you do that,

you think you're going to win a hockey game, but it doesn't always work that way." Northville (4-2) broke out to a 2-0 lead on goals by junior Daniel McKee and senior Ian Welsch — the second on a nifty deflection of a point shot taken by junior defenseman Shane Bryans. The Wildcats started playing better after the Welsch goal. Jake Silvester wheeled on a centering pass by linemate Ricky Covault, only to be denied by Miller. Moments later, the puck bounced to Silvester all alone in the slot, but he fired the puck over the crossbar. Finally, the Wildcats got on the board thanks to a fine play started by senior defenseman Kyle Kozler and finished by

junior forward Jack Chumley. The tally, Chumley's first varsity goal, came with 2:13 left in the second period to slice Northville's lead to 2-1. Kozler threaded an outlet pass to Chumley in the neutral zone. Chumley churned into Northville's zone and went forehand-backhand before slipping the puck behind Miller. Just 33 seconds later, the Wildcats tied the game on a power-play goal by Covault. That goal set up the final period, with the teams deadlocked 2-2. "You come into the third, it's a 17-minute game and, fortunately, we came out ahead," Gates said.

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BOYS HOCKEY

Catholic Central drops two-game set in Ontario

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Staff Writer

Top-ranked and defending MHSAA Division 1 state champion Novi Detroit Catholic Central met its match over the weekend in Toronto. The Shamrocks' six-game unbeaten streak came to a crashing halt as host St. Andrew's College swept the two-game series Saturday and Sunday against visiting CC, 6-3 and 7-5, at LaBrier Family Arena in Aurora, Ontario. "We played a heck of a hockey team in St. Andrew's," CC first-year coach Brandon Kaleniecki said. "They have an impressive team, so it was a great experience for our guys. We played two games and I thought we played very well at times. Other times, we made mistakes and you just can't do that against

a team like St. Andrew's." Boasting eight Ontario Hockey League draftees, the Saints (13-6-1) jumped on CC goaltender Mitchell Kieffer for four first-period goals in Saturday's opener. Kieffer was replaced in the second period by Alec Calvaruso. CC (6-2) rallied for three second-period goals to cut the deficit to 5-3, but St. Andrew's put it away with a third-period goal. Corey Andonovski and Lucas Thorne each tallied two goals for St. Andrew's, while Morgan Barron and Kody Clark added one each. Finland native Otto Saarimaa and Ryan O'Connell also chipped in two assists apiece. Kyle Mulka tallied a goal and assist to lead CC, while Glynn Robitaille and J.P. Lafferty also added a goal each.

St. Andrew's goalie Cole Chapman made 36 saves. On Sunday, seven different players scored a goal for the victorious Saints, who were tied 1-1 after one period before going up 4-2 after two. Reid Yochim and Barron each had a goal and two assists and William Sirman, Connor Ali, Jacob Ledson, Andonovski and Saarimaa all added a goal. Brian Kearns paced CC with two goals and one assist. Lafferty added a goal and two assists, while Austin Roell finished with a goal and an assist. Jared Lee notched the other goal. St. Andrew's goalie Kristian Hufsky made 27 saves, while Calvaruso had 29 stops for CC. "Looking at the entire weekend, we played four really good periods and they played six really good periods, which led

to the difference," Kaleniecki said. "It was a great learning experience for our team and I think it will make us better moving forward, as long as we apply what we learned to a few areas of our game."

NOVI 6, SOUTH LYON 2: Brennan Martin scored a pair of goals Saturday as the Wildcats (2-5, 1-4) snapped a five-game losing streak with a KLAA Central Division victory over South Lyon Unified (3-5, 1-3) at Novi Ice Arena. Ryan Fonda (power play) and Ryan Wexler each added a goal and assist, while David DeNova and Andy Mizerowski also scored for Novi, which led 3-1 after one period and 5-2 after two. Zach Perich contributed two assists, while Jake Cyr and Anthony Luongo added one apiece. Novi goalie Josh Richardson had to make just nine saves. South Lyon got a first-period goal from Charles Nelson, off an assist from Garrett Weyh. In the second, Joseph Watson scored, from Zachary Vanboven. South Lyon goalie Jared Paugh made 25 saves. **HARTLAND 4, NORTHVILLE 2:** Hartland's top line did the most damage Dec. 9 as the host Eagles (6-1) earned a victory over the Mustangs (3-2) at the Hartland Sports Center. Northville struck first on Nick Williams' goal from Jack Sargent at 5:09, but Hartland tied it on Josh Albring's short-handed goal, from Luke Cowan and Kyle Mazur, at 7:32 of the same period.

Hartland took the lead for keeps in the second period on Cowan's goal from Albring and Gabe Anderson at 13:18. The Eagles then scored twice to open the third period, getting a goal from Blake Heier off an assist by Alex Krause at 1:48, followed by Cowan's second goal from Albring and Krause at 5:42. Northville's Shane Bryans got a power-play goal off an assist from Williams with 5:48 to play. Hartland goalie Christian Spangler played just 2 minutes, 40 seconds before being ejected. Andrew Heuwegan came on to make 29 saves and secure the victory. Northville goaltender Brett Miller made 30 saves in a game where the Mustangs took nine penalties and the Eagles 12. "Five-on-five, we were pretty even," Northville coach Jon Gates said. "But we weren't moving our feet on the power play, Hartland is a good skating team, quick, aggressive on the power play." **BRIGHTON 5, NOVI 2:** Jake Crespi notched a hat trick Dec. 9 as the Bulldogs (5-3, 2-0) defeated host Novi (1-5, 0-3) in a KLAA Central Division game at Novi Ice Arena. Novi's Tyler Camposano opened the scoring at 7:15 of the opening period off an assist from Ryan Rabinowitz. Brighton then answered three times in the second period — Crespi short-handed at 3:05 (from Jay Keranen and Nick Foran); Crespi again at 6:26 (from Matthew Kahra); and Joey Clifford on an unassisted short-handed goal at 8:05. The Bulldogs increased their lead to 4-1 at 4:21 of the final period on Crespi's third goal of the night from Kahra. Novi's Logan Londo then scored at short-handed goal at 8:32 from Rabinowitz, but Brighton's Lee Pietila ended it with an empty-netter with 32 seconds left. Brighton goaltender Logan Neaton made 25 saves, while Novi's Manny Legace had 11.

PREP HOCKEY

Northville girls icers can't find goal light

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

There's no snow on the ground, but it's been tough sledding so far for the Northville girls hockey team. On Sunday, the Mustangs slipped to 0-5 overall and 0-4 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League with an 8-0 setback to Walled Lake at Livonia's Edgar Arena. Nika Orman had two goals and an assist for Walled Lake (3-3, 3-1), which scored six times in the opening period. Three different Mustangs split time in goal including Anna Bartley, Madeline Chen and Nicole Valle. Isabell Stricker (six saves) posted the shutout for the Wild. **G.P. SOUTH 8, NORTHVILLE 1:** On Saturday, Carson Dennis notched a hat trick and Lauren Kramer added two goals to power host Grosse Pointe South (3-1, 2-1) to a Michigan Metro win over the Mustangs (0-4, 0-3) at the Grosse Pointe Community Rink. Clare Ramsden tallied a second-period goal for Northville, which couldn't overcome a 4-0 first-period deficit. **WALLED LAKE 7, NORTHVILLE 0:** On Dec. 9, Hannah Saieg tallied two goals and two assists for Wild (1-3, 1-1), which led 3-0 after one period and 6-0 after two against the Mustangs (0-3, 0-2) at Livonia's Edgar Arena. Alex Ragon and Nika Orman also added a pair of goals, while Becca Williams scored the other. Walled Lake outshot Northville, 44-8, as Anna Bartley made 24 saves before being relieved by Nicole Valle, who stopped 13 shots. Sheridan Clifford posted the shutout for Walled Lake. **LIGGETT 5, NORTHVILLE 0:** Allison Stapleton notched two goals and one assist Dec. 7, leading host Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett (3-1, 3-0) to the Michigan Metro victory over the Mustangs (0-2, 0-1) at McCann Arena. Haley Malewicz and Kate Zinn chipped in a goal and assist each, while Olivia Yates added the other goal for Liggett, which outshot Northville by an astounding 75-8. Northville goalie Madeline Chen was heroic in defeat, stopping 67 Liggett shots before Nicole Valle came on late in the game. Liggett goalie Olivia Portillo posted the shutout.

USA HOCKEY ALUM'S A SMASH HIT

Red, White & Blue: Larkin getting everybody's attention

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Dylan Larkin never stopped working during his two years with USA Hockey's National Team Development Program. He showed no fear going up against bigger, stronger, older players during his time with the NTDP Under-17 and 18 teams — then continuing with that winning attitude in 2014-15 during his lone collegiate season with the Michigan Wolverines.

Now he is a Detroit Red Wings rookie sensation at age 19, a favorite to win the team's first Calder Trophy as National Hockey League Rookie of the Year since goalie Roger Crozier did it in 1965. It wasn't too many years ago when Larkin was a kid watching Red Wings games at the Joe. He hasn't forgotten about that, which is why he can't believe what's happened to him. Firmly ensconced in the NHL after a few

months, the Waterford native doesn't plan on slowing down anytime soon. "Right now, it's everything (being a Red Wings player)," Larkin said following a recent practice at Joe Louis Arena. "It's coming to the rink every day, putting on the Red Wings sweater and taking pride in that." Larkin proudly beamed as he talked about his rapid rise from the Ice Cube in Ann Arbor (home of the NTDP before it relocated this

year to USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth Township) to the NHL. Of course, it took him a while to get off the practice ice to do the interview. While his older teammates made their way back into the dressing room, he remained out on the ice by himself — skating in circles and ripping slap shots at an empty net. The sounds of his hard work reverberated all over the arena. That kind of work ethic doesn't surprise one NTDP coach now trying to groom future Dylan Larkins some 25 miles away at USA Hockey Arena. "Very speedy ascension, you know, and I think it has to do ...

there's a lot of reasons why," said USA Hockey NTDP coach Don Granato, whose brother Tony is a Red Wings assistant coach. "Dylan's a spectacular kid and person. He's a role model for anybody that's out there in hockey or out of hockey." Fans who watch Larkin slice through opposing defenses and bring back memories of a young Steve Yzerman love watching No. 71 work his magic — through 28 games he led Detroit with 11 goals. "Just, 'I want to play and I want to get better.' There's very few kids that come to mind. But the ones that do come to mind make it to the NHL pretty fast with a mind-set."

INVITATION TO BID 2016 PAVING & DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS AT SILVER SPRINGS, WINCHESTER ELEMENTARY & MEADS MILL MIDDLE SCHOOL NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Plans and specifications may be downloaded via PlanWell and are available for review at the office of the George W. Auch Company, 735 S. Paddock Street, Pontiac, MI 48341 248.334.2000, on or after **December 14, 2015**. Bid Package consists of Instruction to Bidders, Proposal Forms, General and Supplementary Conditions, drawings and pertinent trade specifications. Contact Scott Oswald or Shawn Debo for download instructions.

Your proposal will be accepted **NO LATER THAN 2:00PM, JANUARY 7, 2016 TO: NORTHVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION-ROOM 307, 501 WEST MAIN STREET, NORTHVILLE, MI 48167**. Oral, telephone, fax or electronic mail bids are invalid and will not receive consideration.

All bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 2:00 P.M., January 7, 2016 at the Northville Board of Education-Room 104, 501 West Main Street, Northville, MI 48167.

A pre-bid walk through is scheduled for Thursday December 17, 2015 @ 10:00 am beginning at Silver Springs Elementary School main entrance lobby, 19801 Silver Springs Drive, Northville, MI. 48167. This meeting is not mandatory but highly recommended.

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

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

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

Proposals must include a Treasury listed bid bond or certified check made payable to Northville Public Schools for not less than five percent (5%) of the contract for each proposal over \$23,230 and must be submitted on the bid proposal form furnished with the specifications. All proposals shall remain firm for a period of sixty (60) days.

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

James Mazurek, Secretary
Northville Public Schools, Board of Education

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSINGS

The Charter Township of Northville Administrative Offices will be closed on the following days:

Thursday, December 24, 2015 Christmas Eve
Friday, December 25, 2015 Christmas
Friday, January 01, 2016 New Year's Day

Residents who wish to pay property taxes, before the year-end, can do so up until closing at 4:30 p.m., Thursday, December 31, 2015.

POLICE & FIRE EMERGENCY SERVICES WILL REMAIN AVAILABLE.

Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF NORTHVILLE

The City of Northville Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing to receive public input on a variance requested by the property owner at 520 Butler Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167. The applicant is seeking a variance to construct a new garage on an existing foundation in the side-yard setback on premises zoned R-1B, First Density Residential District, parcel number 48 001 03 0736 000. The City's Building Official has determined that a maximum side-yard variance of 1.5 feet is needed from Section 18.04 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow construction of the new garage in the side yard.

The public hearing will be held on Wednesday January 6, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. at the City of Northville Municipal Building, Council Chambers, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-449-9902. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comment on the variance request. The variance application is available for review at the City of Northville Building Department during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, local prevailing time. Written comments pertaining to the proposed variance request will also be received at the above address.

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It's easy to search unclaimed data base and worth the effort

Not too long ago, I was talking to a client who had recently lost her father. Her mother had died years ago, but her dad just recently died. During our conversation, she mentioned that her father was somewhat of a nomad; since the death of her mother, nearly 20 years ago, her father has lived in 10 different locations in six different states. As soon as I heard that, I automatically asked her if she has ever done a lost property search. Not surprisingly, she had no idea what I was talking about.

Every year, banks, financial institutions and other entities turn property and accounts over to the state if there has been no activity in the account for generally a five-year period. The state treats this property as unclaimed assets and hold onto them until the rightful owner comes forward. Of course, the great majority of people have no idea that they lost that property, so it just sits with the state as an unclaimed asset.

You may question how people can forget about their assets, but it is quite normal — particularly in our society today, where many people live in various locations throughout their lifetime. You see this happens a lot at banks. People think they have closed out their accounts, but there was



Rick Bloom

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some interest left in it. Another example is a person leaves their employer; they were entitled to some type of compensation and now the employer can't locate the employee. In those situations, the bank or the employer are supposed to turn that property over to the state. The state then acts as a custodian for that money until it is claimed.

You may think in dealing with the state it is very difficult to locate and to claim unclaimed assets, but it's not. Just about every state has a data base online where you can search. To search the state of Michigan's unclaimed property data base, all you need to do is go to the Michigan Department of Treasury at www.michigan.gov/treasury and click on unclaimed property, where you can then do a search. Another good website is www.missingmoney.com, which allows you to search its data base of about 39 states at once.

I think it's not a bad idea for everyone to go to the websites of the various states where they have lived. You may be surprised to find that there is something that you are entitled to

that you had no idea about. My philosophy has always been that the money looks better in your pocket than it does in anyone else's. If you are entitled to the money, why not?

You might ask if it's easy to get the money from the state. Generally, the answer is yes. However, in the situation at hand, where the property may not be yours but a loved one's, there is a little more complexity. For someone who is deceased, a probate may have to be opened. The bottom line, however, is it's your money and it may be worth a little bit of aggravation and frustration to get it.

As I look outside and I see the green grass, it's hard to believe that it's mid-December. There's just something nice about seeing green grass in December. That being said, I want to take this opportunity to wish you and yours a very happy, healthy holiday season. In addition, let's not forget what the holidays are about. It's not about gift-giving, but rather it's about enjoying and appreciating your loved ones.

Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is www.bloomassetmanagement.com. If you would like him to respond to your questions, email rick@bloomassetmanagement.com.

Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro serves up holiday beverage options

If you're looking to change up your beverages this holiday season, which may include wanting a new option to the ever popular, generations-old sherbet punch made with 7-Up, Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro, located at the Clock Tower Building of the Novi Town Center, has some creative and delicious ideas.

Lori Horton of Westland, a bartender and server marking 20 years at Diamond Jim's Brady's Bistro, shared some of her recommendations. Punch has been making a comeback and bartenders are creatively combining herbs, spices, juices and blends of alcohol (optional). The sharable nature of punch makes it the perfect addition to spice up your holiday party.

Horton gave insight on a twist to the classic holiday offering that includes a recipe that is a lightly sweet, effervescent gin-based punch made with chamomile tea and sparkling wine.

"You can also mix it up a bit, depending on your individual tastes," she said. "Maybe garnish with apples, pears and cinnamon sticks or citrus slices and pomegranate."

She also has a new drink at the restaurant called the Blushing Lady.

"It's made with a refreshing grapefruit juice, pomegranate liquor and Gypsy Vodka in a sugar-rimmed martini glass," Horton said.

This drink is a nice alternative to the more common martini cocktails, such as the cosmopolitan. She added that the Hazelnut Heater coffee drink has a devoted following. Made with



Bartender and server Lori Horton (left) prepares a martini, while bartender Maddy Freeman pours wine.

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3 oz. St. Germain

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3 oz. triple sec

10 oz. cold chamomile tea

8 oz. sparkling wine

Lemon and orange wheels,

for garnish
Pomegranate seeds, for garnish

Instructions

Make the citrus sugar: Combine zests and sugar in a food processor; pulse until combined. Makes ½ cup. Dissolve the sugar in the lemon juice in a punch bowl. Add gin, St. Germain, and triple sec. Add the tea, ice block, and top with sparkling wine. Garnish with lemon and orange wheels and the pomegranate seeds.

Cappuccino or coffee, Frangelico Hazelnut Liqueur, Bailey's and Kahlua, it's a great drink for cold winter days, "If we ever get one," Horton said, laughing.

Giving nod to Michigan, Bell's Brewery in Kalamazoo has some delicious seasonal brews. "Right now, Bell's Winter White Ale and there Christmas Ale, a Scottish

Ale style beer, have both been big hits with our guests," Horton said.

In time for the holidays, Horton mentioned a drink that is now fermenting at the bistro that includes spiced rum, apple, orange, lemon and cinnamon sticks. When it's ready to be served, hot cider will be added. "One sip and you'll be hooked," Horton said.

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Needed: Apprentices to replace baby boomers in building trades

Carol Cain

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As baby boomers continue to exit the job market and more construction projects pop up in Detroit and other places, the end result is a shortage of trained workers for those jobs.

And that includes apprentices for the building trades.

To address the situation, a coalition of skilled labor unions and organized construction contractor associations have teamed to launch a campaign to encourage young people to consider becoming an apprentice.

MUST, which stands for Management and Unions Serving Together, includes the Michigan Building Trades Unions and their contractor associations who employ that labor.

They launched the MUST Careers campaign in September with stories of people who have become apprentices. It is dotting area billboards, along with TV commercials.

"As both labor and management looked ahead at the growth in the market, we expanded the MUST brand to include MUST Careers to assist folks interested in joining the trades to more easily connect with our opportunities," said Donna Pardonnet, MUST Careers Management co-chair and executive director of ACT Michigan (Architectural and Construction Trades Michigan).

MUST began 15 years ago to help the construction industry with drug testing. Now it is addressing the talent gap, an



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A coalition of skilled labor unions and organized construction contractor associations have teamed to launch a campaign to encourage young people to consider becoming an apprentice.

issue resonating with Gov. Rick Snyder, CEOs and small-business owners all talking about the need to find qualified talent.

"The goal is to connect those interested in a career in the building trades with the Apprenticeship Training Centers around the region to apply and begin their career," Pardonnet said.

The campaign comes at a fortuitous time.

"We're looking at roughly \$5 billion in construction work pending in southeast Michigan in the next three to five years," said Patrick Devlin, secretary/treasurer of the Michigan Building and Construction Trades

Council and also MUST Careers labor co-chair.

They hope to add 1,100 apprentices this year.

The advantage of an apprenticeship is that the person is paid while they learn and is usually debt-free when they graduate. Plus, they are guaranteed a job. They spend 90 percent of their time in the field on the job site, learning their craft working alongside a journeyman.

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Take your networking skills up a notch

BY DEANNA HARTLEY
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Professional networking can be intimidating, even for seasoned professionals. However, it's important for newcomers to grow their networks and make a good impression on the people who matter.

Here are some do's and don'ts to keep in your back pocket.

Do build relationships before you need them.

Don't wait until you're looking for a job to kick-start the networking process. "If you begin building relationships ahead of time, they will feel more organic. You are simply going out and meeting people to learn from them and create your own community within the industry," says Lidia Arshavsky, a communications strategist at JC Strategic. "Later, these acquaintances will be much more likely to help you if you already have a relationship."

Do identify your purpose and go prepared.

"Before any networking event, (you) have to have a purpose," says Parker Geiger, CEO at image-development company CHUVA Group. "Is it to meet as many people as possible to build a contact list? Or is it to meet a particular person?"

Also, go prepared with a targeted list of questions so you're not wasting anyone's time.

"You can demonstrate that you are a top performer by asking good, specific questions that demonstrate you have already done your research about the



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industry, the company you're interested in applying to, etc.," Arshavsky says.

"When you ask someone questions that show you are speaking their language — that you already know the basics — others are interested in talking to you and feel flattered, rather than feeling like they're providing information you could have easily found through a Google search."

Do be strategic at networking events.

Arrive at the networking event on time so you can work a smaller crowd and find a high-traffic area where you can position yourself, advises Brad Karsh, a business book author and the founder and CEO of JB Training Solutions.

"Hand out your business card to those you shared a conversation with, and request a business card from those you would like to follow up with," he says. "Jot down notes on the back of business cards to keep track of everyone you meet."

Don't make it all about you.

Think of networking as a way to establish a genuine connection with people instead of talking about yourself and what you are looking for the entire time.

"Most people make the mistake of trying to make something happen. My best networking experiences have been those that allowed me to get to know a person instead of forcing a sales pitch to get my needs met," says Froswa' Booker-Drew, owner of

Soulstice Consultancy. "If I was only interested in how it could benefit me, I would have lost out on some amazing personal and professional relationships."

Instead, work on adopting a more selfless approach to networking.

"When you're out networking, never focus on what you're after — the people you meet don't care you're struggling to find work," says Travis Bennett, managing director at website solutions company Studio Digma. "Instead, aim to be friendly and just get to know the people you're meeting. You've got to treat it like a mixer where your only goal is to make friends. Ask questions about their backgrounds (and) their companies, and find ways to connect on a personal level. When you hit it off with the right person, you'll find there's no end to the opportunities that come your way."

Don't let your network die.

"Stay on people's radar with the occasional email, text message or quick phone call, even if it's something simple like wishing them a happy birthday or sharing an anecdote you know they'll find interesting," says Ian Cluroe, director of global brand and marketing at Alexander Mann Solutions, a talent acquisition solutions company. "Once you've made a connection with someone, you've got to feed it."

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Car Report

Lexus RC 350 Shows Power of F Sport Package to Give Brand a Sexier Edge



By Dale Buss

Toyota Chairman Akio Toyoda just made it clear at the biennial Tokyo Motor Show in Japan that he wants the Lexus brand in future vehicles to stand for sexiness rather than utility. It seems that he's already got a pretty good start on that goal with a new Lexus that already exists: the 2015 RC 350 coupe, especially when it's equipped with the brand's highly successful F

its vehicles. And the grandson of the company's founder wants to rely significantly on the Lexus luxury-car brand to carry out this significant change in the DNA of the entire enterprise.

For, yes, Lexus long has been known for producing some of the best overall vehicles in the global luxury market – but, no, not for producing heart-pounding speed, performance or even racy exterior design in those cars.

Yet nowadays, when American dealers press Toyota to come up with another large Lexus SUV to take advantage of the still-growing demand in the U.S. market for such behemoths, Toyoda's “answer

this year to give an immediate sexiness upgrade to existing and new vehicles that are in its lineup right now.

F Sport trim packages are available on nearly every model Lexus sells, and customers are appreciating that. Through September, 71 percent of all RC coupe buyers this year opted for the F Sport package that graced the vehicle I drove and cost about \$4,000 extra. About half of GS buyers and IS buyers also opted for F Sport.

The hot-selling NX also offers F Sport, and about 30 percent of those compact SUVs have been sold with the performance upgrade since the nameplate was launched this year, as well as 34 percent of the Lexus CT 200h hybrid hatchbacks. Based on all of that success, Automotive News said, Lexus added F Sport availability on the hybrid model of its 2016 RX midsize crossover for the first time.

On the RC 350, F Sport includes a special front bumper and spindle grille (a curvaceous, blacked-out form that resembles either the shape of a lab beaker or that of a nuclear-power-plant cooling tower, depending on your experience), 19-inch F Sport wheels, a blind-spot monitor with rear cross-traffic alert, a TFT instrument cluster, heated and ventilated front F Sport seats, perforated leather steering wheel and shift knob, black headliner, aluminum pedals, power steering column, and performance adaptive variable



The interior is certainly worthy of the brand.

suspension.

Even the non-F Sport version of the RC churns out 308 horsepower and 277 lb.-ft. of torque from its 3.5-liter, 24-valve V6 engine, paired with an eight-speed automatic transmission. So it provided suitable quick power to match its athletic overall stance, prominent front end – and, in the case of the car I drove, a vibrant orange color that is curiously known as “Molten Pearl.”

A note about the color: It absolutely draws people, gazing and often with mouth agape, to the car. Getting in and out of the vehicle everywhere from the Fox Theatre parking ramp in downtown Detroit to suburban Oakland County, I got comments and questions about the car – and especially the color – from no fewer than a couple dozen onlookers.

That's quite a few, even more than asked me about the lime-

green-with-black-trim Dodge Challenger that I drove a few months ago. In the case of the Lexus RC 350 coupe with the F-Sport package, I think the curiosity was driven at least as much by the overall appearance and appeal of the car as by the seasonally orange color.

And if they'd had time, I would have been happy to tell these folks about the fantastic interior of the vehicle as well. It includes genuine wood trim, a heated and 10-way power driver's seat with two-way lumbar controls – even an eight-way power passenger seat, which isn't necessarily a given even in luxury cars.

There also was ample room in the car's back seat even though the RC is a sleek coupe, and still more than generous space in the trunk.

If this is the kind of sexiness that Toyoda has in mind for future Lexus models, I'm all in.



The Lexus RC 350 F Sport

Sport package.

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