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Dance showcase

The Northville High School Competitive Dance Team invites the public to its Reach for the Stars, an annual showcase at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15, in the Northville High School auditorium. The NHS Varsity and JV Dance Teams will perform their award-winning competition dances. Guest performers from the NHS music program and local dance studios will also perform. Tickets are \$7 and can be purchased at the door one hour prior to the show.

Dem Club

The Northville Democratic Club will hold its monthly membership meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 18, at the Cady Inn, 215 Griswold Ave, Northville, at Mill Race Village. Socialize beginning at 6:30 p.m. The club is developing committees to recruit and support candidates, plan town halls and events, develop technology and fund-raise. For more information, visit www.NorthvilleDems.com.

Take the survey: Help the N’ville library plan ahead

Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

In the old days before the Internet and electronic devices, librarians would plan five years ahead for what should be offered and purchased to meet customer needs. Today, Northville librarians are planning two years out — three at the most — to keep pace with the changing information landscape. To that end, Northville and Northville Township residents are asked to complete a survey to give librarians an idea of what they want in the way of information and its delivery, entertainment, activities, programs — you name it. “Things are moving so rapidly in the world of information,” said Julie Herrin, library

director. “Our board decided to plan more often for shorter times.” There was a time when books and magazines accounted for an incredibly large portion of a library’s annual budget. Today, while circulation in the classic sense of books dropped 1.44 percent in 2015 — a three-year downward trend — librarians recorded a 26-percent uptick in electronic materials. Still, more people are signing out materials and information from the library. In 2015, 503,000 items were signed out. “It’s higher than it was 10 years ago,” said Anne Mannisto, assistant director, acknowledging that the community is also larger than a decade ago.



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Northville District Library employee Doug Witt takes the library’s patron survey on an iPad at the facility. The library is trying to assess what patrons want in information, services and programs.

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Crews from C.A. Hill Co. work on the Eight Mile bridge over the CSX railway tracks.

Eight Mile bridge project completion expected in May

Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

For motorists and residents who have been watching construction on the Eight Mile bridge, just east of Novi Road, but aren’t sure what it’s about — it’s to prevent motorists from going over onto the CSX railroad tracks below. The Wayne County project is now on hiatus until warmer weather, with an expected completion in May, said Ronald Agacinski, Wayne County engineering division director. Unlike a previous Eight Mile bridge project, this one does not involve the city of Northville, said Pat Sullivan, city manager. And that means the city doesn’t have to contribute money to the effort. The project’s cost is estimated at \$304,000. Federal aid administered by Michigan Department of Transportation will pay about 82 percent and Wayne County will pay the remaining 18 percent of the bill, Agacinski said. The bridge project includes removal and replacement of the concrete barriers and adding fencing above the barriers on each side of the bridge, removal and replacement of the guard-rail attaching to the bridge,



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Construction on the Eight Mile bridge, east of Novi Road, in Northville is on hiatus until warmer weather. The railing and fencing is designed to prevent motorists from going over onto CSX tracks below.

placing an epoxy overlay on the bridge surface to seal it and resealing expansion joints crossing the bridge, Agacinski said. Though the bridge runs over the CSX railroad tracks, the railway company is not involved. But CSX officials are there to inspect the work to ensure there is no risk to its operation or interference with trains, Agacinski said.

When completed, the barriers will help prevent cars from falling off the bridge, but the epoxy overlay is also expected to provide better traction for motorists. Railroad improvements are not part of the project, Agacinski said

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Northville: A look back at 2015 triumphs

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The Northville City Council and department heads gathered Monday to review 2015 accomplishments, while also looking ahead with goals for 2016. “Really, the most important thing was surviving as a city,” City Manager Patrick Sullivan said. As are most municipalities, the city of Northville continues to dig out from the devastating financial losses that began with the 2008 recession. The good news is that property values are increasing, which means — after considering the Headlee Amendment — the city has the potential for more revenue in 2016.



Sullivan

City officials also closed 2015 with a 1.8-percent increase in revenue, allowing Northville to have a \$2.61 million general fund balance. Money was also transferred to the city’s improvement fund for future building improvements. But the recession wreaked havoc on city ranks, with a workforce reduction to 41 employees from the 58 in 2006. That’s a 29-percent reduction. Containing employee and retiree healthcare costs has been a key component in maintaining the city’s finances, Sullivan said. “The new, high-deductible health plan, with a Health Savings Plan will help control costs and create a new account which employees can use, or carry over, from year to year,” Sullivan indicated in his 2015 review. “This plan design will result in more flexibility and make employees better health care consumers.” Beginning Jan. 1 this year, employee contributions toward

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There’s more on the city of Northville’s 2016 goals in the Thursday, Jan. 21 issue.

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“But we still have a community that values books and education,” she added.

It’s the details that librarians are seeking. The survey is available at the library on paper or an iPad is available to complete the process. It is also available online at the library’s website at northvillelibrary.org. You can’t miss it. Look for the bright-green request, “Tell Us What You Think” on the website’s home page. The survey is available throughout January.

“We are finding out what the community likes, wants or needs,” Herrin said. “We can find out what’s important.”

Completed surveys have been rolling in, but Herrin encourages as



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A library isn’t just about books anymore.

many residents as possible to take the survey so they know what’s important to patrons. The survey also offers room for comments.

To further garner community needs and interests, the librarians will host a public forum at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2 in the library’s Carlo

Meeting Room. Residents are asked to attend to discuss their interests and what needs the library may plan for.

“It will be a group discussion. There will be a short presentation and we will ask what they think,” Mannisto said.

Also in February are plans to meet with school

district officials, library board members, citizen representatives and the Friends of the Library to also talk needs. For example, librarians need to know what the school district offers in the way of data and information that can help students.

“We fill in on the things they don’t have,” Herrin said.

Remember the World Book encyclopedias? Well, it is the last print digest of just about everything you can think of. But today, the Northville library has the Gale Virtual Reference Library, an online encyclopedia. “We have classes to show patrons how to use this,” Mannisto said.

“So much is changing. That is why we are planning,” she added.

But survey results will allow librarians and the library board to also plan budgets. “We have to decide how to proportion

spending,” Herrin said.

There’s more to planning, however, than information and how it is provided. The Northville library is 20 years old and with a growing collection of books, DVDs, games and audiobooks, the facility is running out of space. Consider that Netflix is a competitor for the library in TV shows and movies.

The survey asks not only how often you might visit the library, but what’s important: programs for kids, teens, tweens and adults, newspapers, magazines, home-bound services, the ability to borrow items, as well as how important is the help librarians provide. Residents are also asked their opinions on the library website.

The library also asks the importance of Wi-Fi access, as well as access to computers and printers, technology classes

and downloadable materials such as eBooks, eMagazines, eMusic and eAudiobooks. Yet just as eBooks became the rage, now patrons are reading on their iPhones and iPads.

Programs are also important for the library and its patrons. Already the popularity of adult coloring has helped create a program at the library. Other programming includes speakers and some programs as seemingly simple as how to organize your thoughts and how de-clutter your home and your life.

“People need more of this stuff to calm their brains down,” Mannisto said. “It’s wonderful to cater to lifelong programming.”

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2015

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health care costs increased to 20 percent, which provides a savings to city coffers. The move allows the city to comply with state regulations and ensures continued full funding through the state revenue sharing program, Sullivan said.

City officials also maintained their commitment to fund the pension liability with a \$100,000 contribution.

Other 2015 highlights included:

- » Water and sewer system improvements: While water loss was less than 17.8 percent last year — considered low for an aged system — work continues with an annual survey to identify possible leaks and repair them. According to Sullivan, water main replacements will become significant.
- » Downtown strategic plan: Following improvements recommended in a 2006 plan, construction

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CITY MANAGER PATRICK SULLIVAN

projects that have been complete include: Development of Town Square; construction of \$2 million of streetscape projects; construction of the Comerica Community Connection; creation of a pedestrian plaza north of the Comerica Community Connection, which links Main Street with the Marquis parking lot; installation of a sound system in Town Square; installation of Wi-Fi throughout public downtown area; repair and resurfacing of major downtown roads; and repair and resurfacing of most public parking lots in downtown.

Also completed downtown was the first phase of wayfinding signs to

direct visitors to destinations.

- » Street, sidewalk and bike path improvements: No street work was completed in 2015 because of higher than expected bids. The projects will be rebid this year. But the city and Michigan Department of Natural Resources together place a pedestrian path to Maybury Park. The city also place shared lane symbols on roadways, creating a bike route through the city and connecting Maybury Park to Edward N. Hines Park.
- » Joint effort: The city and Northville Public School also completed a feasibility study to determine whether to locate combined city and school district offices in the Old Village School. A decision on whether to move forward has not yet been made.
- » Northville Post Office: The post office’s has a lease through 2016 and work in underway to renew the document.
- » Development/rede-

velopment:

The Cady Street Overlay ordinance was completed that allows for mixed uses and residential land uses along the corridor. City officials are monitoring potential redevelopment opportunities in the district and also at the Northville Downs property. Other major development projects in 2015 included the renovation of the new Kroger store and approval of the Corner House residential project on the southwest corner of Griswold and Cady. Seven new homes were built in 2015.

- » Cemetery: Because burial lots will likely be sold out within two years, an expansion is planned for 2017. The city also will continue working to develop a remaining portion of Rural Hill Cemetery.
- » Mill Pond Although the Mill Pond Dam repair project was completed in 2015, significant progress was no made on addressing the pond itself, including dredging.

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Northville students celebrate MLK with activities, initiatives

Northville Public Schools students will honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s life and legacy in a variety of meaningful ways throughout January. The theme for this year's student activities and initiatives is the Dr. King quote, "Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'"

Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Jan. 18, is a day off from school for students and a teacher work/furlough day for district teachers and staff.

In classrooms in the 10 school buildings students will take time to reflect on Dr. King's message of peace, equality and service to others through teacher-led activities that include a range of experiences aligned with curriculum standards that include book talks; reading and listening to selected Dr. King speeches; writing reflections; art projects; sharing poetry and music; researching and reporting on everyday kids who have made a difference in the world; playing friendship games; and making kindness cards to share with others.

Along with classroom lessons, several buildings also have school-wide and grade-level themes planned that reinforce connections with Dr. King's messages of peaceful problem-solving and strengthening communities through service.

"The meaningful ways in which students, teachers, staff and our community are giving thought to and putting into action the principles taught by Dr. King are important," Northville Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher said. "It is our hope that these experiences will resonate for our students beyond this one day and beyond their classrooms, and serve as a reminder to all of us in the Northville community that the journey toward greater understanding and respect for one another is both ongoing and worthwhile."

At Thornton Creek Elementary School, kindergarten through fifth-grade students will write about how they can



King

make a difference in their community and create an artistic representation of their ideas. In addition, Thornton Creek kindergarteners will brainstorm and vote on a community service project for February to help those in the community who are less fortunate. The entire Thornton Creek school community will honor Dr. King and Rosa Parks at its school-wide The Leader in Me assembly in January.

Meads Mill Middle School sixth-graders will view the video *Mighty Times: The Children's March*, which chronicles the impact the young people of Birmingham, Ala., had on the civil rights movement and segregation in 1963. Students will then create a "footprint" in words and/or a drawing showing how they can promote social change today. The footprints will be shared with parents and guardians and displayed in the school's main hallway through mid-February.

Students at the district's special-education center program at Cooke School will view videos, listen to books and participate in web-based activities related to Dr. King's work, and then brainstorm ways they can help others, as well as make connections with those individuals throughout history who have devoted their lives to serving others.

At Northville High School, Principal Tony Koski will reflect on Dr. King's life and legacy via morning announcements and teachers in all social studies classes will incorporate student activities focused on Dr. King's message of service to others. In addition, teachers and students in all NHS classes will take time to reflect

on Dr. King's contributions to our world.

On Wednesday, students gathered to learn about and recognize civil rights leader Fred Korematsu. He was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1998 for his fight for equal rights for Japanese Americans during World War II and throughout his life. Speakers included Ron Aramaki, University of Michigan Department of American Culture; Roland Hwang, commissioner for the Michigan Asian Pacific American Affairs Commission (MAPAAC) and Adjunct Instructor for the University of Michigan Department of American Culture; and Mary Kamidoi, former Rohwer Camp internee. The event was sponsored by NHS, MAPAAC and the Michigan Department of Civil Rights.

"The activities that our students and staff are taking part in, focused on Dr. King's legacy and the civil rights movement, go hand-in-hand with Northville Public Schools' mission and vision for all Northville students to become compassionate, quality contributors in our 21st century world," said Deanna Barash, Northville Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services.

While it is appropriate to reflect on the importance of service to others by honoring Dr. King's powerful messages, Northville students from across the district take part in a robust network of service learning and community service experiences throughout the school year, including the Kids Against Hunger and Kids Helping Kids initiatives that take place March through May each year.

These food packaging events bring together elementary school students from Northville and inner-city Detroit to work side-by-side to learn more about world hunger and, most importantly, do something about it.

American Legion post donates \$15K to veterans, charity

Lloyd H. Green American Legion Post 147, 100 W. Dunlap, Northville, has donated \$15,015 to veterans and community charities in 2015.

The American Legion Family consists of the American Legion, Sons of the American Legion, American Legion Riders and the American Legion Auxiliary.

Donations were raised by the American Legion Family with dinner events, raffles and Michigan charity poker

events.

The American Legion is the largest wartime veterans service organization with 2.4 million members in nearly 14,000 posts in nearly every community in America. The Legion, established by an act of Congress in 1919, was instrumental in getting the original GI Bill through Congress and the creation of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Today, the organization is active throughout

the United States, supporting current military personnel and veterans, sponsoring American Legion Baseball, Boys State, Oratorical Contests and other activities for youth, and pushing for the adoption of a constitutional amendment to prohibit desecration of the U.S. flag.

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Plight of Detroit's children impacts us all

The Michigan Legislature must put an end to the educational travesty taking place in the city of Detroit.

Don't turn away from this column or issue, believing because you don't live in Detroit and your children don't attend its schools that this educational travesty does not impact you — it does!

The state has a moral and constitutional responsibility to fix what it is partially responsible for breaking. The state of Michigan took control of Detroit Public Schools, placing an emergency manager in charge, which has proved to be an utter failure. The district's financial woes have not been fixed, thus it can't provide even a minimal education to the majority of Detroit students.

Be clear, this is not solely a Gov. Rick Snyder issue. Going back as far as Govs. Engler and Granholm, state intervention has not provided the return on investment anyone wants.

The public schools in Detroit have been hollowed out over the years. Today, there are not enough fingers on two hands to point to the various culprits responsible for the mess that exists. This is not to say there are not exceptional teachers, principals, class-



Tom Watkins
GUEST COLUMNIST

rooms and schools. There are many. Yet, for far too many of our children, public education (both traditional, charter and EAA schools) exists as small islands of excellence surrounded by a sea of despair.

Know this: A child without a decent education today becomes an adult without much of a future tomorrow. Our failure to educate the children of Detroit to even minimal standards, let alone world-class standards, dooms them to a mediocre life at best and a collective disaster for us all at worse.

The problems with public education in Detroit are immense and will require real change to produce the results our children need and deserve. Detroit's schools — public, charter and EAA — have been found to be among those with the worst test scores and graduation rates in the nation.

DPS enrollment has dropped by nearly 100,000 students in the past decade, which greatly contributes to the accumulation of more than \$500 million in operating debt.

That figure, combined with borrowing for buildings, puts the district at risk of fiscal collapse — and soon!

Such a collapse would greatly affect students, schools and local units of government, as the state is constitutionally responsible to cover many debts and liabilities, a figure that could be in billions of dollars.

If you don't care about what this means to these children, you'd better — if only for selfish self-interest. Without the ability to read, write, calculate or navigate life, these children will be coming to your place of business someday — as potential customers, employees or, perhaps, with nefarious ideas in mind. Let me assure you, the uneducated children of Detroit don't simply disappear.

Tipping point

DPS has reached a tipping point which the governor and Legislature must address early this year. Every day of inaction delays the day when learning can begin. Proposed legislation, backed by Snyder, builds upon recommendations from a community coalition of Detroiters.

The proposed goal is to address the financial crisis while offering Detroit parents access to quality schools, re-

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gardless of the type of public school they want their children to attend.

A legislative package, supported by Snyder, to address the financial crisis is apparently ready to be introduced.

Clearly, there is not a consensus on the governor's plan in the streets of Detroit, inside the state Capitol, among teachers union leadership or in the mayor's office. One needs to be forged. It is past time for the focus to switch from power, control, ideology, politics and adults to TLC: teaching, learning and children.

Detroit is rising from the ashes of bankruptcy and the excitement, energy and investment is as noticeable as it is palpable. Old buildings refurbished, decay removed, new clubs, bars and eating establishments popping up. Where are the deep-pocketed investors investing in what will truly help to sustain Detroit

and Michigan's comeback — quality education?

The United Negro College Fund's motto, "A Mind Is a Terrible Thing to Waste," still resonates today, even as the debate about Detroit's public school education rages on. Meanwhile, far too many young minds are being wasted.

The children of Detroit need and deserve for the governor, Legislature and community leaders to come together and put an end to the educational genocide taking place.

As FDR pleaded during the Great Depression: "Do something!"

Tom Watkins served as Michigan's superintendent of schools, 2001-05. Read his 2004 report foreshadowing much of which is playing out in schools today: "Structural Funding Issues Facing Michigan Schools in the 21st Century," at michigan.gov/documents/michiganschoolfunding_110803_7.pdf.

NORTHVILLE SCHOOL NEWS

Canned Food Drive

Silver Springs students will host a canned food drive for Northville Civic Concern, while voting for their favorite Detroit sports team. Starting Friday, Jan. 15, kids can vote for their favorite team by sending in non-expired canned and boxed goods to help stock Civic Concern's shelves. To vote, the canned goods will be placed in their team's box. Each day the goods will be counted and the most popular team will be announced at the end of the drive.

The true fan favorite will be shared the following Friday, Jan. 22. As a bo-

nus this year, Silver Springs will combine the food drive with a fun holiday called "Hat Day," which is the first day of the drive, Jan. 15. To have fun with this holiday, students are welcome to wear a hat to school that day if they bring in food. The hope is to have at least 100 cans of food on the first day of the drive. The school's community action team has a goal of 1,000 food items.

Daddy-daughter dance

The Ridge Wood Dad's Club will host its Third Annual Daddy-Daughter Dance — Hollywood Style — 5:30-8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23. The cost is \$10 per

person or \$25 for a family in advance. At the door, tickets are \$12 per person and \$30 per family. Sign up.

Meads Mill tryout

Tryouts for the seventh and eighth-grade girls basketball team are this month in the Meads Mill gym. Physicals must be on file.

Seventh-grade tryouts are 3:15-5 p.m. Jan. 21, 22 and 25. Contact coach Angie Phillips at phillian@northvilleschools.org with questions.

Eighth-grade tryouts are 3:15-4:45 p.m. Jan. 21, 22 and 25. Contact the coach at clarkda@northvilleschools.org.

Technical Center open house

The Livonia Career Technical Center will hosts its open house from 7-8:30 p.m. Feb. 9, at the facility, 8985 Newburgh, Livonia.

Students will have a chance to learn about the following careers: law, public safety, corrections; information technology; hospitality and tourism; health sciences; engineering, manufacturing and industrial technology; business management, marketing and technology; arts and communications. For more information, call the center at 734-744-2816.



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Oakland FlexTech Academy opens maker space

Oakland FlexTech Academy announced the launch of its state-of-the-art maker space. Community members of all ages are invited to tour the space, experiment with the new tools and technology, participate in hands-on activities and enjoy light refreshments 4-6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14.

Oakland FlexTech Academy aims to instill in its students a love of learning by making school a place to explore real problems in an environment that emphasizes creativity and craftsmanship. In line with its belief that students learn best by doing, the academy is launching a state-of-the-art maker space.

Maker spaces are community studio spaces where people gather



Oakland FlexTech Academy 11th-grader Shannon Queen and 10th-grader Gabby Wilber display a handcrafted wood design they made using the laser engraver.

together to build, share resources, experiment with new tools and technologies, tinker and create.

Students at the academy will tackle challenging tasks, work together in teams and prototype new ideas using cutting-edge technology like laser engravers, 3D printers, vinyl cutters and design software.

“The addition of the maker space has activated in our students a sense of agency and ownership over their school work and projects,” Sarah Pazur, the school’s principal, said in a press release. “They are inspired by the tech-

nology to create things to make our school a better place, all while learning important 21st century skills like creativity and collaborative problem solving.”

Oakland FlexTech students have developed physical prototypes of their ideal high school, used CAD to create a custom aquarium stand, engraved original pieces of artwork to accompany a piece of short fiction and 3D printed a model organism for a biology project.

“As a project-based learning school, we are always looking for new and innovative ways for our students to add variety to our projects. The creation of the maker space has given us the opportunity to explore more projects that in-

volve skills used in designing, building and engineering,” said Chris Quiambo, Oakland FlexTech’s science teacher.

Officials at the academy said these unique learning experiences help students synthesize content across disciplines into visible artifacts that demonstrate what they’ve learned. Through these projects, students have refined their research and critical thinking skills and learned how to present their ideas to public audiences.

Oakland FlexTech Academy is a tuition-free public charter school. Learn more online at www.oaklandflextech.org. The school is at 24245 Karim Boulevard in Novi.

Walled Lake school district names Teachers of the Year

The Walled Lake Consolidated School District announced the Teachers of the Year for 2015-16.

The elementary Teacher of the Year is Lisa Ellis from Loon Lake Elementary. The middle school Teacher of the Year is Amy Rzeppa from Geisler Middle School. The high school Teacher of the Year is Kristen Woodard from Walled Lake Northern High School.

“Walled Lake Schools’ professional educators care about the children they serve as if they were their own. Their first priority is developing strong relationships that promote learning with each child,” Superintendent Kenneth Gutman said in a release. “They differentiate instruction, maximize the use of technology to engage students in learning, and communicate

with parents so full collaboration is taking place. Our 2015-16 Teachers of the Year know and care about their students and deliver instruction to help every child, every day.”

In their nomination essays:

Ellis said: “I love the process of helping children learn the skills they need to make positive change. It is especially exciting when my youngest students are finally able to name a feeling and use a coping skill to resolve a problem. Students teach us what they need and how they best learn it. I am so inspired by their courage and perseverance. It is a great joy to see them begin to react differently, to problem solve in a new way, and to build friendships.”

Rzeppa said: “I teach because of students past

and present. Because of the shy, sweet, seven-year-old, who would partner with the student no one else would and who now is a speech pathologist. Because of a former second-grader who had to work harder than the others to learn her math facts and who was recently admitted into the business school at MSU. Because of a selective mute, a visually impaired student, and an autistic eighth-grader who each faced their own challenges and encourage me to work harder every day.”

Woodard said: “I enjoy learning. I hope to be a positive influence for my students by sharing my passion for learning, love of technology, work ethic, and I want to provide them with real-world opportunities. In web design, I have assisted advanced web students



Walled Lake Consolidated Schools announced its district Teachers of the Year. Pictured are (from left) Kenneth Gutman, superintendent; Lisa Ellis, Loon Lake Elementary School; Amy Rzeppa, Geisler Middle School; Kristen Woodard, Walled Lake Northern High School; and Marc Siegler, Board of Education president.

in learning technologies that help them run a business or be successful at an internship. I also sponsor the GET IT GIRL Club to encourage young girls to explore information technology

and I teach financial literacy, an essential life-skill topic that all students need.”

The 2015-16 Teacher of the Year recipients are: Lori Sparks, Commerce Elementary; Ma-

rie Loveland, Dublin Elementary; Carla Colwell, Glengary Elementary; Kathy Murray, Guest Elementary; Jane Eyre, Hickory Woods Elementary; Nashella Zarek, Keith Elementary; Lisa Ellis, Loon Lake Elementary; Lori Wetzel, Meadowbrook Elementary; Kathy Yutzy, Oakley Park Elementary; Molly Mensch, Pleasant Lake Elementary; Ben Malonis, Walled Lake Elementary; Sharrie Chapman, Wixom Elementary; Jennifer Barrett, Sarah Banks Middle School; Carol Ernst, Walnut Creek Middle School; Amy Rzeppa, Geisler Middle School; Kim Quinn-Haver, Clifford Smart Middle School; Jenn Caulford, Central High School; Kristen Woodard, Northern High School; and Patrick Dudzinski, Western High School.

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Walled Lake district gives to families, community

Students and staff from throughout the Walled Lake Consolidated School District are supporting hundreds of families, schools and community groups with a variety of outreach efforts. Giving is in high gear in all of the WLCSD buildings as it strives to ensure all of our students and families have a warm holiday season.

Commerce Elementary: Organized a food drive for the Hospitality House; food and supplies drive for local animal shelters; and the Commerce Cares Giving Tree project assisted more than 50 families with gifts, gift cards and requested items.

Dublin Elementary: Collected some 270 pairs of pajamas for the Open Door Outreach Center; hundreds of books for the Caleb White Project; and provided holiday gifts for 17 families from various organizations.

Glengary Elementary: Donated 442 pounds of food to Hospitality House; conducted a winter clothing drive for Hospitality House during December; several grade levels have adopted a family for the holidays; purchased supplies for snack packs, including hand-warmers, for Cass Community Services; and Destination Imagination teams visited local nursing homes to sing.

Guest Elementary:



Wixom Elementary students helped a Toy and Gift Drive for Hospitality House in Walled Lake collecting more than 250 items. Pictured (from left) are Adrianna Inch, Kendra Henriksen, Mallory Czarnik, Jillian Bancroft, Elizabeth Whiting and Kristianna Mikha.

Collected 1,420 pounds of food with Boy and Girl Scout projects; purchased holiday gifts for more than 50 families in the community; and provided holiday meals with a gift card drive.

Hickory Woods Elementary: Collected \$311 from their Hats Helping Others program which benefits the Detroit Rescue Mission's Thanksgiving Dinner program. They also organized the Wacky Hair Day and Pajama Day to benefit the Holiday Care Fund to support families in need with gift cards.

Keith Elementary: Packaged more than 12,000 meals for Kids Against Hunger and collected an additional \$500 with the Keith Student Council Hat Day also for Kids Against Hunger.

Loon Lake Elementary: Collected hundreds of socks, mittens, hats and undershirts for St. Vincent DePaul with a

Warming the Mitten Sock Drive.

Meadowbrook Elementary: Delivered all of the canned food items to the Hospitality House and received a donation recognition slip for 1,112 pounds of food to be distributed locally amongst the families in our area. MBE third-graders made and donated blankets to donate to Fleece and Thank You, the organization that works with Children's Hospital to provide blankets for children.

Oakley Park Elementary: Participated in Adopt-a Family with the WLCSD Head Start Program. The OPE staff and families provided basics such as clothing, coats, pots and pans, as well as toys, books and even gift cards to the movies. We have a "sleigh full of gifts" to help lighten the load of a family in need.

Pleasant Lake Elementary: Raised \$1,000 for the Scarlet Smile

Foundation; raised \$600 for Kid's Kicking Cancer Foundation in Matthew Shounia's name and donated four bins of shoes to the Jewish Council of Women.

Walled Lake Elementary: Helping over 28 families with the WLE "Giving Tree" project! This project includes students, staff and community members from WLE, the ESC and other groups.

Wixom Elementary: Conducted a Toy and Gift Drive for the Hospitality House in Walled Lake in November and early December; collecting over 250 toys, gifts, hats, gloves, books, and stockings filled with toys for local families; conducted a canned food drive for the Cass Community Social Services to help the homeless families in Detroit, and coordinated "Sponsor A Family" program for holiday gifts in conjunction with local businesses and private donors for more than 12 families.

Clifford H. Smart Middle School: Supported the Caleb White Project by sponsoring one of 10 libraries that are being built within Detroit homeless shelters. The students at Smart are responsible for the design, furnishings and books for the library; Smart students also collected money via various fundraisers and con-

tinued the long-standing tradition of shopping and providing Thanksgiving dinners for 22 local families.

James R. Geisler Middle School: Conducted a school-wide can drive before Thanksgiving raising \$500 and collecting 1,532 items of food that were donated to Hospitality House.

Sarah Banks Middle School: Collected more than \$1,700 in proceeds to help Banks families in need. Banks staff organized two events to raise funds: One, a silent auction at the staff annual holiday pot luck lunch. Second, a coordinated effort between art teachers, for the first ever, "Painting with Purpose."

Walnut Creek Middle School: Submitted Letters to Santa with the Macy's Make A Wish-Believe Campaign 2015 as a writing assignment in Tracy Jackson's English classes. For each letter written, Macy's will donate \$1; hosted a canned food drive and collected 400 items that were donated to Hospitality House.

W.L. Central High School: Made more than 230 blankets for the Fleece and Thank You to benefit Children's Hospital Blanket drive. The goal for the Giving Tree volunteer group at W.L. Central is simply to give and to help make people's day brighter. Many student groups and other organizations joined in to make blankets that were donated to terminally ill children at Children's Hospital. A personalized,

encouraging video of the person who made the blanket and/or a letter is given with each blanket.

W.L. Northern High School: Conducted a Red Cross Blood Drive collecting 44 pints of blood and donated more than 100 pairs of shoes to benefit the Salvation Army; National Honor Society students organized these projects.

W.L. Western High School: Raised more than \$70,000, with an estimated \$340,000 raised over the past five years via the fifth Warriors for Warriors event. Checks will be presented to Susan G. Komen Detroit Race for the Cure, St. Baldrick's Foundation for Pediatric Cancer and the American Cancer Society, at the W.L. Central vs. W.L. Western girls and boys basketball games at W.L. Western on Feb. 5.

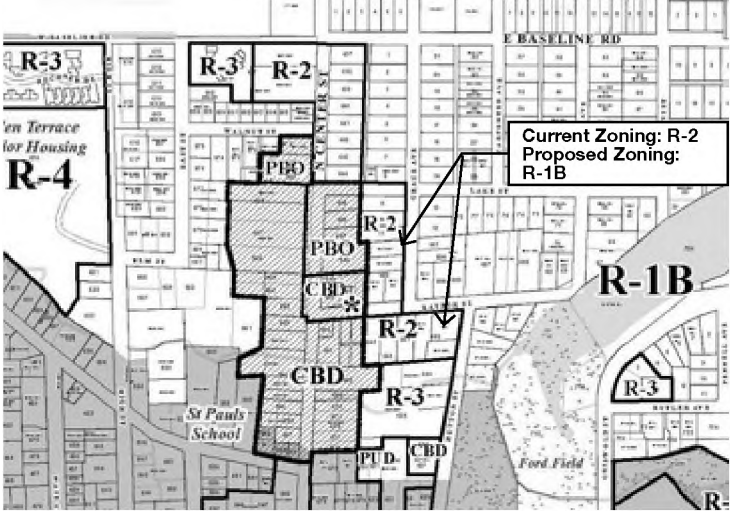
Educational Services Center: Each department adopted District families and purchased gifts, gift cards, food and other family needs to ensure a good holiday and collected food, toiletries and monetary donations for the Hospitality House.

Lakes Area Youth Assistance: The children of some 45 families with 114 children were adopted and gifts were purchased, wrapped and delivered to them. They also helped 45 children with the Shop with a Hero program.

Walled Lake Food Service: The Food Service Staff donated toys and monetary donations to the Hospitality House.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF NORTHVILLE

The City of Northville is proposing to amend the Zoning Map by re-zoning thirteen (13) properties along Grace and Rayson Streets from R-2, Second Density Residential District, to R-1B, First Density Residential District. A number of older buildings on these parcels have been replaced with new single-family residences, which is more consistent with the proposed zoning district. The properties proposed for rezoning are shown on the map below (437, 443, 453, 465 and 483 Grave Ave; 265 Hutton St; 119, 120, 131, 134, 200 and 250 Rayson St; and 128 Rayson St. Tax Id #48-001-04-0660-000). A draft map showing the parcels proposed for rezoning is also available through the Building Department during normal business hours of Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and is available on the City's website (www.ci.northville.us - go to Services, Building Department, Planning Commission).



The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the amendments to the Zoning Map on February 2, 2016 at 7:30 pm in the City of Northville Municipal Building - Council Chambers, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-449-9902. The purpose of the hearing will be to receive public input on the proposed map amendments. Written comments will also be received at the above address.

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Year ends with nearly 270 bills signed into books

Kathleen Gray
Michigan.com

The Michigan Legislature passed nearly 270 laws last year, but they repealed a bunch, too. Among the bills signed by Gov. Rick Snyder in recent weeks were the repeals of more than 80 antiquated laws, including the crimes of swearing in public or singing a nontraditional version of “The Star Spangled Banner.”

“Modernizing state government is an ongoing effort,” Snyder said in a statement. “I appreciate the work of the legislature in analyzing the criminal code and eliminating statutes that no longer make sense in the 21st century.”

The pair of bills giving big tax breaks to computer data storage facilities — exemptions from both the state’s sales and use taxes — also was signed by Snyder in the final days of the year.

Bills recently signed into law:

- PA 197 (HB 4904):** Allow local issues to be held on presidential primary election ballots. Sponsor: Rep. Ed McBroom, R-Vulcan.
- PA 198 (HB 4836):** Modify longer term care insurance to comply with federal requirements to establish partnership programs. Sponsor: Rep. Lisa Lyons, R-Alto.
- PA 199 (SB 213):** Revise reporting requirements for workplace health and safety injuries. Sponsor: Sen. Tonya Schuitmaker, R-Lawton.
- PA 200-201 (SB 225-226):** Modify the pistol transfer process for heirs who inherit firearms. Sponsor: Sen. Mike Shirley, R-Clarklake.
- PA 202 (SB 349):** Revise notice provisions for delinquent property tax notices. Sponsor: Sen. Jim Stamas, R-Midland.
- PA 203 (SB 372):** Pro-

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- vide for reciprocity for firefighter certification. Sponsor: Sen. Dale Zorn, R-Ida.
- PA 204-205 (SB 369-370):** Expand tangible personal property eligible for industrial processing exemption. Sponsors: Sens. Wayne Schmidt, R-Traverse City; Jack Brandenburg, R-Harrison Township.
- PA 206-207 (HB 4159, SB 516):** Expand waiver for certain individuals to carry weapons in gun-free zones to corrections, probation and parole officers. Sponsors: Rep. Joel Johnson, R-Clare; Sen. Rick Jones, R-Grand Ledge.
- PA 208 (SB 274):** Modify maximum length for saddle mount vehicle combinations. Sponsor: Sen. Rick Jones, R-Grand Ledge.
- PA 209 (SB 427):** Expand Good Samaritan Law to include licensed emergency medical service providers. Sponsor: Sen. Goeff Hansen, R-Hart.
- PA 210-216 (HB 4248-4250, 4501, 4709-4711):** Repeal antiquated laws, including swearing in front of women and children, singing non-traditional versions of *The Star Spangled Banner*, trespassing in various fruit marshes and fields, banning endurance contests like walk-a-thons, making it a crime to refer to people as human monstrosity, or violate certain camping rules. Sponsors: Reps. Chris Afendoulis, R-Grand Rapids; Michael Webber, R-Rochester

- Hills; Robert VerHeulen, R-Walker; Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth; John Bizon, R-Battle Creek; Andrea LaFontaine, R-Columbia.
- PA 217 (HB 4713):** Modify refunds and exemptions on real estate transfer tax. Sponsor: Rep. David Maturen, R-Vicksburg.
- PA 218 (SB 556):** Repeal sunset on Commercial Rehabilitation Act. Sponsor: Ken Horn, R-Frankenmuth.
- PA 219 (HB 4059):** Allow a school district retiree to be employed under certain circumstances, such as a substitute teacher, without forfeiting retirement allowance or health care coverage. Sponsor: Rep. Holly Hughes, R-White River Township.
- PA 220 (HB 4843):** Exempt minors from criminal penalties if they’re seeking emergency medical help for themselves or others in the case of a prescription drug overdose. Sponsor: Rep. Al Pscholka, R-Stevensville.
- PA 221 (HB 4438):** Allow and limit liability to prescribers who prescribe and pharmacists who dispense auto-injectable epinephrine devices. Sponsor: Rep. Lisa Lyons, R-Alto.
- PA 222-223 (HB 4594, 4790):** Expand shared time participation and reimbursement to include kindergarten. Sponsor: Rep. Ed McBroom, R-Vulcan.
- PA 224-226 (SB 400-402):** Modify liquid industrial hazardous waste program. Sponsors: Sens. Wayne Schmidt, R-Traverse City; Jim Stamas, R-Midland; Tonya Schuitmaker, R-Lawton.
- PA 227-228: (SB 529-530):** Modify Relative Guardianship Assistance Act to include a successor guardian provision and add definition of “relative” to include sibling in Foster Care Act. Sponsor: Sen. Judy Emmons, R-Sheridan.

- PA 229 (SB 151):** Remove sunset for the filing deadline for a petition seeking review of DNA evidence. Sponsor: Sen. Steve Bieda, D-Warren.
- PA 230-233 (HB 5028-5030, SB 531):** Allow electronic access to courts. Sponsors: Reps. Clint Kesto, R-Commerce Township; Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth; Amanda Price, R-Park Township; Sen. Rick Jones, R-Grand Ledge.
- PA 234-235 (SB 532-533):** Establish judicial electronic filing fund and allow courts to set fees for electronic filing. Sponsors: Sens. John Proos, R-St. Joseph; Tonya Schuitmaker, R-Lawton.
- PA 236-237 (HB 4212, 4215):** Eliminate sunset on the transfer of functions of a county road commission to the county board of commissioners. Sponsor: Rep. Roger Victory, R-Georgetown

- Township.
- PA 238-239 (4596-4597):** Provide campaign finance filing waiver for incumbent judges under certain circumstances. Sponsor: Rep. Lisa Lyons, R-Alto.
- PA 240 (SB 500):** Modify employment security benefits provision related to taxable wage base reductions. Sponsor: Sen. Ken Horn, R-Frankenmuth.
- PA 241 (HB 4095):** Provide for supplemental appropriations, authorizing projects at Ferris State University, Lake Michigan College, West Shore Community College and the Michigan State Police forensic laboratory in Rockford. Sponsor: Rep. Al Pscholka, R-Stevensville.
- PA 242 (SB 538):** Streamline audit process for uniform unclaimed escheated property act. Sponsor: Sen. Jack Brandenburg, R-Harrison

- Township.
- PA 243 (HB 4930):** Allows transfer of a life estate or lease to immediate family members without subjecting the property to pop-up property taxes. Sponsor: Rep. Aric Nesbitt, R-Lawton.
- PA 244-245 (SB 177-178):** Require notice of divesting or acquiring a controlling interest in an insurance company. Sponsor: Sen. Joe Hune, R-Whitmore Lake.
- PA 246 (HB 4581):** Allows for a 75-cent increase in the offset fee that the Liquor Control commission pays when it purchases a case of liquor from a vendor. Sponsor: Rep. Kathy Crawford, R-Nov.
- PA 247 (SB 552):** Reduces groundwater discharge permit fees for smaller volume facilities like campgrounds, laundromats and car washes. Sponsor: Sen. Mike Green, R-Mayville.



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OUR VIEWS

Local government is closest to the people — get involved and be aware

Kudos to Northville resident George Fomin and city of Northville officials for stepping up almost immediately to recognize and — with any luck — resolve a pedestrian hazard on Cady, Wing to Center. The same acknowledgment must be given in Northville Township where public services director Tom Casari and finance director Marina Neumaier stepped up immediately to work with frustrated homeowners who were upset with their water bills. Both examples are a clear indication of how local government is supposed to work — in tandem with constituents. At a time when frustration oozes in and with American levels of government, local government remains the closest to the people and the level at which citizens are not only heard, but listened to. In the city of Northville example, George Fomin,

who picks up his grandchildren from dance classes in the Northville Square building on Cady, noticed that kids were at risk of being run over as they ran to into the street to catch their rides. Fomin asked the city to put up a yield sign literally right at the crosswalk. And city officials responded promptly. A large yield sign now clearly warns drivers of pedestrians in the crosswalk. In the township, Casari didn't hesitate to call residents who were angry about their water bills and set up personal meetings. In the end, Casari explained the costs and offered to have water meters checked for accuracy. These might be small examples, but they are examples of how effective local government is and can

be. Let's face it, local government works when elected officials, administrators and members of the public join forces to resolve issues. At no other level of government can resolution come as fast. That's why it is so important for community citizens to pay attention to their local governments and school boards. Try getting into the state Legislature or the U.S. Congress to explain your beef or ask for help. Good luck with that. But at the local level, people know each other and elected officials — residents of your communities — are in a better position to react quickly or to just talk. Take advantage of your opportunities to get to know your elected officials. It's important because they are there for you, the residents. Plus, you will have a direct hand in making democracy work.

LETTERS

Energy decisions affect planet

Kudos to the gentleman from South Lyon who wrote bluntly about climate change. Like actor Will Smith accurately observes, speaking in the Dec. 14, 2015, issue of Sports Illustrated about Concussion, the movie in which he stars that focuses on football injury-induced Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy, such unwelcome findings are, in this case to the juggernaut of the football goliath in this

country, a "very inconvenient truth." Uncannily similar words were used by Al Gore in his 2006 book, An Inconvenient Truth: The Planetary Emergency of Global Warming and What We Can Do About It. In what Gore referred to as "the politicization of global warming," he maintained that the reason so many vacillate on this grave issue, in spite of the unified and informed opinions of a slew of qualified scientists, is that the truth about the problem is

inconvenient and means we are going to have to change the way we live our lives. But there is built-in impedance both to facing truth and enacting change. I frequently walk through our house turning off lights, primarily because I am acutely aware of the fact that every time I turn one on, I am pumping carbon into the atmosphere. The science behind this is simple: electrical output must match electrical usage. The less we use, the less we pollute. And how often do we, without thinking, allow vehicles to be our legs, spewing yet more carbon into the gaseous envelope on which we are wholly dependent? Personal motorized vehicles are such a luxury that we rather smugly take for granted, indifferently dirtying our air while expectantly exploiting the privilege of convey-

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ance at our whim — often for mere trips around the block. Such extravagance was unknown to our ancestors, and is still unattainable by a huge swath of humankind. It is said that if the atmosphere could be condensed into a liquid, it would be only 30 feet deep. Only 30 delicate feet of a habitable zone for the entirety of all life

as we know it. Yet we are intent on sullying that thin layer to the point that it no longer sustains us. Look around — the evidence for global warming is piling up: glacial melt, polar ice cap shrinkage, crazy storms, "hottest year on record" increasingly emblazoned in our headlines. It would be beyond tragic if our collective epitaph read: They failed because they refused to heed wise counsel, pursuing with zeal their desire to satisfy their own narrow-minded purposes while casting a blind eye to the truth.

Ken Kilpatrick
Northville

Global warming is a cycle

After reading Steve Hoin's letter, I felt a need to inform him of the science behind global warming. About 15,000 years ago (Before the Present), an abrupt

warming of the Earth began. No one knows for sure why. And only about 10,000 years ago, the state of Michigan was sitting beneath a one mile-thick sheet of ice. Due to the warming up of the Earth, the ice sheets melted and many ice age animals became extinct. So, yes, we do have global warming and it started a very long time ago. I have no doubt that humans have exacerbated this warming over the past 100 or so years with the CO2 emissions from cars and factories. But, humans didn't start this global warming, and it has been going on for thousands of years since the ice ages ended. The Earth has gone through many ice ages and many warming periods over the past four billion years.

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American Red Cross seeks blood, platelet donations

The American Red Cross has an urgent need for blood and platelet donations to prevent a shortage this winter.

Busy holiday schedules in November and December contributed to about 1,700 fewer blood drives held across the country compared to the two previous months, which has resulted in about 50,000 fewer donations and reduced the blood supply. Donation appointments can be scheduled by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, going to redcross-blood.org or calling 800-RED CROSS.

“A decline in the blood supply after the winter holidays is not uncommon, but it can be replenished when generous volunteers roll up their sleeves to help save lives,” said Todd Kulman, external communications manager for the Red Cross Southeastern Michigan Blood Services Region. “We encourage our generous donors who are eligible, as well as new donors, to make an appointment to give blood or platelets and help ensure blood products continue to be available for patients. Every



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Many blood drives are scheduled in the coming weeks around the community.

two seconds a patient in the U.S. needs blood.”

January is National Blood Donor Month, which has been observed since 1970 with the goal

of increasing blood donations during the winter — one of the most difficult times of year to collect enough blood and platelet donations to meet patient

needs. In addition to winter bringing busy holiday schedules for many regular donors, severe winter weather can cancel blood drives,

and seasonal illnesses, like the flu, may cause donors to be temporarily unable to give.

Upcoming donation opportunities

- » Jan. 16, 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m., Bill Brown New Cars, 32222 Plymouth Road, Livonia
- » Jan. 18, 2-7:45 p.m., Woodside Bible Church, 9000 Highland Road, White Lake
- » Jan. 21, 2-7:45 p.m., Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile Road, Livonia
- » Jan. 23, 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m., Farmington Hills Blood Donation Center, 31150 Haggerty Road, Farmington Hills
- » Jan. 23, 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m., St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 48380 Pontiac Trail, Wixom
- » Jan. 24, 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m., St. Mary Our Lady of the Snows, 1851 E Commerce Road, Milford
- » Jan. 24, 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m., Our Lady of Victory Social Hall, 133 Orchard Drive, Northville
- » Jan. 27, 2-7:45 p.m., Sports Club of Novi, 42500 Arena Drive, Novi
- » Jan. 27, 2:30-8:15 p.m., Orchard Hills Elementary, 41900 Quince

Drive, Novi

» Jan. 31, 7:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile Road, Northville

How to donate blood

A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental consent in some states), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Blood donors can now save time at their next donation by using RapidPass to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, from a home or work computer prior to arriving at the blood drive. To get started and learn more, go to redcrossblood.org/RapidPass and follow the instructions on the site.

For more information, go to redcross.org.

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Obituaries, Memories & Remembrances

How to reach us:
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Deadlines: Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. for Thursday papers
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www.hometownlife.com

BALDWIN, MSGR. EDWARD
January 29, 1930 - January 8, 2016
www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com



BREWER, COLLEEN K.

Age 58, died on January 3, 2016 with her wife and a few of their closest friends by her side. Her passing came after a courageous battle with breast cancer that was initially diagnosed 17 years ago as Stage 4. She was an inspiration and guiding light to many survivors, friends and family. BrewerStrong was the phrase used to describe her determination and optimism in the face of great odds. Colleen was born in Milan, Michigan on December 7, 1957 to Richard Brewer and Gloria (Brewer) Zimmer. She is survived by her partner of 17 years (wife of 49 days), Kim Memeger; brothers, David Brewer (Debbie), Dan Brewer, and Darren Brewer (Lori); sisters, Laurel Sanders (Larry) and Kelley Arndt (Lauren); and 11 nieces and nephews. Colleen moved from Northville, Michigan to Vienna, Virginia in 1982 and began working for CACI International shortly thereafter. At her death she had been working for CACI for 33 years and was the manager of the Accounts Receivable department. She managed her team with great pride, accomplishment and love. She never stopped working as she battled through years of treatment. Colleen loved her family, friends, pets, and a cold beer. She was generous with her love and made a lasting impression on anyone she met. Her shock red hair and bright smile will be greatly missed. Her family wishes to extend their gratitude to all of the people who treated, cared for, cheered on, and supported Colleen, especially Dr. Catherine Broome and the nurses at MedStar Georgetown University Hospital, and the team at Johns Hopkins University Hospital. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Hackerman-Patz Patient and Family Pavilion associated with Johns Hopkins University Hospital where Colleen spent several months in 2014 while undergoing a Bone Marrow Transplant to treat Myeloid-Dysplastic Syndrome (MDS). The goal is to establish an endowment fund to lift the economic burden for those that cannot afford to stay at the facility. If we raise \$15K, a plaque with Colleen's name will be prominently displayed at the entry of Room 407 (the apartment where she and Kim resided). You can use this link: [Johns Hopkins Medicine](http://JohnsHopkinsMedicine.com) to access the website and make a donation. Please indicate that it is "In Memory of Colleen Brewer" to ensure that the funds are properly allocated. Contact family for details about the celebration service.

DRAGON, BETTY JEAN
January 4, 1933- January 4, 2016
L. J. Griffin Funeral Home-Northrop Sassaman Chapel

HARTMAN, MARY JO
January 19, 1959-January 6, 2016
www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

LEWIS, PATRICIA
Age 72, passed away December 23, 2015, after a long battle with MS and cancer. A memorial luncheon is planned for friends and family Saturday, January 16, at 1:30 p.m. at 24388 Kings Pointe, Novi, Michigan, 48375. Arrangements by O'Brien & Sullivan Funeral Home. www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

LIDDELL, NANCY A.
Age 83, Longtime resident of Northville, passed away January 7, 2016. Share condolences at casterlinefuneralhome.com



LIZZET, BARBARA B.
Longtime resident of Milford area and Detroit, died peacefully on January 4, 2016 at the age of 87. She was preceded in death by, Charles J. Lizzet, her husband of 66 years and daughter, Lynn. She is survived by her children, Larry (Gayle), Linda (Lee) Marble, LuAnn (John) McKay, Chip (Sheri); grandchildren, Jenny, Andy, Susie, Eric, Brian, Audra, Kevin, Katie, Gary, Michael, Alison and Amanda; great-grandchildren, Charlie, Luke, Jake, Alex, Elle, Madeline, Griffin, Logan, Joey, Mia, Gracelyn, and Emma; sister, Gladys Strom; sister-in-law, Marjorie (Jack) Still; son-in-law, Dan (Pat) Sorvari and many extended family and dear friends. A Funeral Service was held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty, Milford on Friday, January 8, 2016. Memorials may be made to Alzheimer's Association or American Cancer Society. For further information phone 248-684-6645 or visit LynchFuneralDirectors.com



MUELLER, JOYCE ANN

A longtime resident of Milford, Michigan passed away peacefully on January 6, 2016. She was 74 years old. Joyce is survived by her beloved husband, Robert; sons, Scott (Andrea) and David (Shana); daughter, Heather Duffey; grandchildren, Kathryn, Meghan, Sarah, Joshua, Sydney and Theodore. Also survived by many loving extended family members and dear friends. A Memorial Service will be held at Milford Presbyterian Church, 238 Main Street, Milford on Friday, January 15 at 11 AM. Pastor Bryant Anderson will officiate. Family and Friends may gather one hour prior to service. Memorial contributions may be made to Autism Speaks, 1060 State Road 2nd Fl, Princeton, NJ 08540. For further information please call Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors-Milford at 248-684-6645 or visit LynchFuneralDirectors.com.

MULLIGAN, JOANNE
August 21, 1931 - January 1, 2016
www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com



ROGER, NORMAN EDWARD
Age 92, of Caseville, died January 11, 2016. WWII US Army veteran and retired from Burroughs/Unisys. Husband of Mary; father of Cindy (Michael) Yantus, Lynda (Greg) Bednarczyk, Holly (Curt) Pavia and Michael; grandfather of seven. Funeral mass 11:00 am Friday at St. Roch-OLPH Catholic Church, Caseville. Interment 1:00pm Friday, January 22nd at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. Visitation 2-8 pm Thursday at Champagne Funeral Chapel of Caseville, 989-856-3662, www.cfcCaseville.com

SINGER, MARY ANN
December 19, 1945 - January 6, 2016
www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

WALTER, CLAUDIA LILLIAN
October 26, 1960-January 9, 2016. L.J. Griffin Funeral Home-Northrop Sassaman Chapel

WELLS, KENNETH
Of Brighton, July 31, 1930 - January 3, 2016. Arrangements by Phillips Funeral Home, www.phillipsfuneral.com

WHITE, MARK ALLEN
September 17, 1957-January 5, 2016 L. J. Griffin Funeral Home-Northrop Sassaman Chapel

WHITSON, BEVERLY
March 15, 1927 - January 2, 2016. www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

WILLIAMS, MARVIN
November 28, 1920 - January 5, 2016. Arrangements by Phillips Funeral Home, www.phillipsfuneral.com

WOLLENWEBER, ERIC
June 24, 1960- January 6, 2016. www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

YOUNG, JACK E.
June 22, 1924 - January 5, 2016 L. J. Griffin Funeral Home-Northrop Sassaman Chapel

YOUNGSON, MADONNA
July 6, 1919 - January 4, 2016. www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com



RELIGION CALENDAR

Send calendar information to pallmen@hometownlife.com by 5 p.m. Friday to be included in Thursday's publication. The calendar is also available online at www.hometownlife.com.

Brightmoor Christian

Location: M-5 and 13 Mile, Novi
Contact: 248-668-7014; celebraterecovery@brightmoorcc.org
Web: www.brightmoorchurch.org
Celebrate Recovery Time/Dates: 7 p.m.

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

Church of the Holy Family

Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road, Novi
Contact: 248-349-8847
Web: www.holyfamilynovi.org
Mass Schedule: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday through Friday; 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday; 4:30 p.m. Saturday; 6:30 p.m. Saturday (Spanish)
Holy days: 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment
Priests: the Rev. Bob LaCroix, pastor, and the Rev. Beto Espinoza, associate pastor
AA: 8 p.m. Wednesdays

Crosspointe Meadows

Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile, Novi
Contact: 248-669-9400, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday
Web: www.crosspointemeadows.org
Sunday worship: 11 a.m.

Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all ages
Details: Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship experience.

Destiny Worship Center

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

Emmanuel Lutheran

Location: 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia
Web: www.emmanuel-livonia.org
Contact: 248-442-8822
Sunday worship: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.
Youth group: 7 p.m. Wednesday
Special Needs Ministry: Judy Cook, 248-442-8822
Women's Coffee Break Bible Study: 10-11:30 a.m. Mondays

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.dfcnazarene.org
Sunday Schedule: 9:30 a.m. Classic Worship; 11 a.m. Revive (contemporary) Worship; 11 a.m. Kids Worship and Teen Worship; 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday School
Monday: 7 p.m. - Bible Study Fellowship Men's Bible Study
Tuesday: 9:25 a.m. - Women of the Word Women's Bible Study
Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. - Caravan Scouting program for kids ages 4 through fifth grade; Club 45 for fourth- and fifth-graders; Merge Middle School Worship night; Bible Study with Troy Ogle; Little Critters preschool program; Alpha class from 6:30-8 p.m. - an opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environ-

ment. 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.
Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. (for all ages)

First Presbyterian Church

Location: 205 E. Lake St., South Lyon
Contact: 248-437-2875, office@fpcsouthlyon.org
office@fpcsouthlyon.org

First United Methodist Church of Northville

Location: 777 W. Eight Mile, Northville
Contact: 248-349-1144
Web: www.fumcnorthville.org

Frank Turner Ministries

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

Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS)

Location: 41415 Nine Mile, Novi
Contact: 248-349-0565, www.goodshepherdnovi.org
Pastor: Rev Thomas E. Schroeder
Service: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible study; 10 a.m. worship

Grace Immanuel Bible Church

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

Holy Cross Episcopal

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

Beacon Square community celebrates grand opening

Beacon Square Assisted Living and Memory Care Community, the newest facility for Pomeroy Retirement Services, kicked off its new life in the community with a grand opening ribbon-cutting ceremony in mid-December.

Beacon Square is a 71-bed assisted living and memory care community at 40033 Eight Mile Road,

Northville.

The community has three resident neighborhoods, two for assisted living residents and one for those needing secure memory care. All staff receive specialized Beacon of Light Memory Care training. The Beacon of Light goal is to fill residents' lives by engaging them physically, spiritually, socially and

through continuing education.

The community has 24-hour on-site nursing for all three neighborhoods. Residents have meals prepared by a chef, use of a dedicated chapel for bible study, prayerful meditation and services. Residents can also enjoy a movie in the community theater or work out in the fitness

center.

Beacon Square is designed to be an intimate environment, focusing on residents and delivering life and activity right to their door. Services are delivered not as a one-size-fits-all, but with compassion, dignity and respect by engaging them throughout the day in group or individual activities.



Kelley Fulkerson (from left), Beacon Square community relations director, Stefan Stration, president of Pomeroy Living, Keith Pomeroy, chairman of Pomeroy Living, Bob Nix, Northville Township supervisor, Jason Pomeroy and Kristie Nagle, executive director of Beacon Square Northville, celebrate the opening of the new senior residence.

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10774 Nine Mile Road
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Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Worship, 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening, 7:00 p.m.

Highland

HIGHLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
680 W. Livingston Rd. • Highland, MI 48357
248.887.1311 • www.myhumc.com
Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Kids Church: 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
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Novi

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24505 Meadowbrook Rd., Novi, MI 48375
Saturday: 4:30 p.m. (English) & 6:30 p.m. (Spanish)
Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.
Fr. Bob LaCroix, Pastor
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Parish Office: 349-8847 • www.holyfamilynovi.org

Milford

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620 General Motors Rd., Milford
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Worship Services: Sunday 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.
Bible Study: Sunday 10:45 a.m.
Rev. Martin Dressler

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44400 W. 10 Mile, Novi, 248-349-2345
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WORSHIP AND SUNDAY SCHOOL - 10 AM
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238 N. Main Street, Milford MI (248) 684-2805
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First Church of Christ, Scientist
All are welcome at all services
905 E. Commerce St. Milford, MI 48381
Sunday Service: 10:30 am
Sunday School ages 3-20; 10:30 am
Children's room: Wed & Sun services
Wednesday service: 7:30 pm 248-685-7266

Milford United Methodist Church
1200 Atlantic St., Milford, MI 48381
Sunday Worship: 8:30 am and 10:30 am, 6 pm
Children's Church: 10:30 am
Groups for Children, Youth and Adults
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milfordumc.net

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Sunday 8, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m.
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Parish Office: 347-7778

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Mid-Week Study Wednesday 7:00 p.m.
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www.fpcsouthlyon.org

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52909 10 Mile Rd • South Lyon, MI 48178
Sunday 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.
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Northville

First Presbyterian Church of Northville
www.fpcnorthville.org
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Worship, 9:30 am.
Sunday School for all ages, 10:30 am.
248-349-0911

United Methodist Church Northville
(248) 349-1144
777 West 8 Mile Road
(8 Mile and Taft Road)
Northville, Michigan
Worship Times: September - May 9:15 & 11:00 a.m.
Memorial Day - Labor Day 10:00 a.m.
Rev. Marsha M. Woolley, Lead Pastor
www.umnorthville.org

The Church of Christ
21860 Pontiac Trail • South Lyon, MI 48178
248-437-3585 • www.southlyoncoc.org
9:30 a.m. Sunday School,
10:30 a.m. Praise and Worship
Wednesday Midweek Ministries 7 p.m.
Troy Singleton, Minister

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10:30 am Fellowship/Coffee
11:00 am Worship Service
Wednesday Bible Study at 7 pm
Pastor Andy Whitten
oursaviouralc.com

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22200 Pontiac Trail (S of 9 Mile)
Sunday Worship @ 9:30 am
Sunday School @ 11 am
Wednesday mid-week programs
Rev. David Brown, Pastor
248-437-2222 • www.fellowshipepc.org

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SOUTH LYON
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Phone: 248-437-2983
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. • Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.
Senior Pastor: Rob Freshour / Assoc. Pastor: Randy Weeks
Website: www.fbcsouthlyon.com
Email: fbcsouthlyon@sbglobal.net

first united methodist church south lyon, mi
640 S. Lafayette
(248) 437-0760
Worship: 8:15am, 10:45am,
11am & 6:30pm
Sunday School: 9:30am
Rev. Sandra Willobee, Lead Pastor
southlyonfirstumc.org

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South Lyon MI 48178
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Christmas Eve 7:00 PM
Rev. Thomas Scherger
248-573-7320
www.shepherdswaysouthlyon.org

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28900 Pontiac Trail • South Lyon
248-486-0400
www.ecrossroads.net
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8:45am, 10:00am & 11:30am
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248-560-7507
rhoecc.net

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22183 Pontiac Trail • 248-486-4400
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or email: jkbrando@michigan.com

Some serious fun for homeless families

Teen's philanthropic efforts include a few games of Monopoly

By Lori Higgins
Michigan.com

Some people look at homeless people and question their life choices. When Caleb White sees them, he only wants to help.

And that's what this 13-year-old Commerce Township teen has done since he was 6 years old and was first hit with the reality that some people live on the streets.

Caleb's philanthropic efforts — which rely on the help of friends, family, classmates and others — have evolved since then. He went from handing out a few Christmas packages full of toiletries, food and winter weather accessories to handing out hundreds. He has been involved in big efforts to raise money and provide backpacks and coats to needy children and adults. He just launched a fundraising effort to provide welcome baskets to homeless women transitioning to permanent housing. And earlier this year, he created his own foundation to coordinate his activities.

But a monthly game night he hosts at Genesis House II, a Detroit residence for homeless women and children, has added a different twist to his mission. It's not about volunteering, raising money or providing es-



Antonio Whitley, 8, of Detroit (from left); Melissa Kennedy, 33, of Commerce Township; Sai Diaz, 10, of Detroit; Caleb White, 13, of Commerce Township, and Colin Stewart, 14, of Novi play Monopoly during game night at Detroit Rescue Mission Genesis House II. Caleb hosts the event at the shelter once a month. Last year, he created his own foundation to coordinate his activities to help homeless people.

sential items. It's about pizza and pop, Monopoly and Operation — and having fun.

"It's just a great night for us and for them," said Caleb, an eighth-grader at Clifford Smart Middle School in Commerce Township. He was honored last year as one of the top 10 youth volunteers in the nation through the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program.

"I love it," said Kisha Woods-Mathis, director of the Detroit Rescue Mission Ministry's Genesis House II, which provides transitional housing and employment and educational services to women and children. "The kids love him."

They also love game night. Jade Diaz's favorite part? "The pizza," the 13-year-old said.

For her sister Sapphire Diaz, 11, the best

part is the funny people who come to eat and play games with them. Every time, there are new faces, she said.

"We have good memories, good times," Sapphire said.

The two were chowing down on pizza, talking about their favorite games. Apples to Apples 2 is a big draw, they said. So is Monopoly.

"It's like Life, but fast," Sapphire said of Monopoly.

For the kids, game night is important, Woods-Mathis said: "They've been through so much. They've been through hurt. Some have been evicted. Some have dealt with domestic violence."

And Caleb? She said she's awed to see someone so young have such drive to help others.

"Caleb doesn't come in here like he's somebody

different," Woods-Mathis said. "He does everything with the kids. And they love it."

Caleb's mother, Melissa Kennedy, describes her son as one of those kids who gets an idea and has the fire to get it done.

"He sees a need and he just follows up," Kennedy said.

His mission began on a frigid day when he was 6. He and his family were in Detroit for a circus and, while driving around, he spotted a man in the street. After learning the man was homeless, Caleb was inspired to help.

"Everybody just assumes, 'Oh, they're homeless because they

made bad choices,'" he said. "It's not that way for everyone. A lot of people have stories that are really, really sad."

And as he has heard these stories over the years, Caleb has learned that "they're just like us."

He counts the kids at Genesis House II among his friends. But he's also become someone the kids look up to, Woods-Mathis said.

"They say, 'When we get out of here, we're going to give back,'" Woods-Mathis said.

That's exactly what Caleb hopes to inspire.

"I just think that I can set an example for other people, so when I'm doing this, they can see it

and they can go out in their community and it can spread," he said.

His younger brother Noah Kennedy, 8, is already picking up the torch. Game night actually evolved because Noah had decided he wanted to get involved. Playing games is his favorite activity.

Caleb has also inspired adults like Pete Hayek of Northville, a regular game night participant. He said that so often, people wait until they're older and established to do the kind of work Caleb is doing.

"He's challenging a lot of us who may have been sitting on the sidelines," Hayek said.

Eimers Foundation fundraiser aims to help feed the homeless

Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Four years ago, Robby Eimers accompanied his grandmother and a friend on a trip to provide blankets to the homeless in downtown Detroit.

As a 9-year-old boy, Robby had no idea of the scope of a problem as vast as "homelessness." He knew there were such people, but at 9 had no clue how widespread it was.

He does now. And he's doing something about it.

Robby has founded The Eimers Foundation, a charitable organization dedicated to easing the problem for the homeless. It started small, by doing what he calls "Sharing" and going down to feed homeless people and give them anything he can — hats, coats, gloves, socks and the like — to make their lives a little easier.

For more than four years now, he and his sister, Emma (now 10) have gone down to the shelter in downtown Detroit to feed the people. And later this month, he's hoping a fundraiser will help him achieve his goal — getting an actual food truck so he can expand his reach — attainable.

"When I went down there (the first time) there were, like, 30 homeless people," Robby recalled. "Going down and seeing so many made a big impact on me. I just felt like I had to do something."

The folks at Andiamo's restaurant took Robby under their collective wing, helping with a food truck and teaching him how to run one. Now Robby wants to buy his own food truck (his uncle would drive it) so he can help even more people (the homeless group he feeds now reaches between 100 and 300 people, depending on the weekend).

Why the truck?

"Not all of the homeless people are in front of the shelter," Robby said simply. "I want to get to more places."

Toward that end, The Eimers Foundation is sponsoring a food and



Robby Eimers, with his sister Emma at the Joe Louis fist in downtown Detroit, started The Eimers Foundation to help the homeless.

wine tasting event, "Fighting Hunger in the D," from 6-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, at the Great Lakes Culinary Center, 24101 W. Nine Mile in Southfield.

The event will feature food-wine tasting tables from some 20 organizations — among them Schoolcraft College's

culinary arts program, Ironwood Grill, Treat Dreams, Scotty O'Hotty and others — along with a silent auction, raffle and entertainment from the band, Power Play Detroit.

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Soccer dome coming to Schoolcraft College

David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Schoolcraft College doesn't seem to sleep on new improvements to its campus. College President Conway Jeffress hopes the surrounding community will get a kick out of the next development planned.

The Livonia-based college, along with Southfield-based Universal Properties and Management Inc., announced a 110,500-square-foot soccer dome will be constructed on the southeast corner of the campus, near I-275 and near the new Masco Corp. world headquarters, which remains under construction and is expected to open later this year.

"We're rather excited about it," Jeffress said. "There's no facility like this close by. We can make good use of it."

Other indoor soccer facilities in the area are located in Farmington, Novi and Canton, which had a dome open off Michigan Avenue last year.

The dome is expected to have construction begin shortly. Jeffress said the plan is to open the year-round facility by August.

"I'd like to get started moving dirt now," he said. "I like to get things rolling as soon as we can. The dirt that Masco wanted out of here, we'll leave it here and use it to create a base for the soccer environment."

The dome also has a client for usage in the



A rendering of the proposed soccer dome and adjacent outdoor turf soccer field planned for Schoolcraft College. The dome is expected to begin construction soon and wrap up by August.

next few decades: The Michigan Wolves and Hawks Soccer Club, an organization that has several teams for boys and girls ages 4-19, agreed to a 25-year deal to make the facility its official home for games and practices.

The club, which has more than 800 participants, has agreed to lease space in the dome, the nearby outdoor competition turf soccer field and some office space, according to the college.

"We are really excited about this partnership,"

said Ed McCarthy, president of the soccer club and a Birmingham resident. "It really is an enormous project. The modern design of that facility is something we're excited about."

The college's athletic teams are also expected to utilize the dome and it could also be used for other college and community events.

"In addition, we're landscaping the area, so that the outdoor soccer field that we already have will be adjacent to that, along with parking

and green space," Jeffress said. "I think it's going to look pretty good."

No taxpayer money being used

Jeffress said the possibility of adding the dome came after it became clear private money would be available for construction costs. The expected price tag for construction of the dome is about \$6 million.

"With this partnership, it's all funded by all non-taxpayer money," he said. "That's kind of a

crucial thing."

That's how Universal Properties and Management Inc., got involved in the project. The company also recently acquired the Seven Mile Crossing complex in Livonia.

"I am confident this project will be successful and we are so pleased to continue our investment in the college, city of Livonia and western Wayne County," Gordon R.A. Fishman, chairman of Universal Properties and Management Inc., said in a prepared statement.

Jeffress said he saw the dome as a way to continue adding resources for the community to use. Finding uses for buildings that will benefit the most people, including students and community members, is a goal of this project and others at the college, he said.

"That's kind of what's been in our head, certainly among all of my time here," he said.

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LIBRARY LINES

The Northville District Library will be closed Monday, Jan. 18, for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Winter Storytimes
Time/Date: January through March
Details: For details about Winter Storytimes, go to www.northville-library.org or call the library at 248-349-3020.

Winter Reading Program for Ages 12 and Up
Time/Date: Jan. 2-30
Details: Pick up your bingo card, read five books or complete simple tasks to earn a spin on the Wheel of Prizes! For ages 12 and up.

Battle of the Books 2016 Registration
Time/Date: Now through Jan. 29
Details: Register now for this fun reading competition for middle school students who live or go to school in Northville. Teams start your reading! Check the website for complete details.

Drop-In Little Me Storytime
Time/Date: 10:30-11:15 a.m. Friday, Jan. 15
Details: Little ones, babies to 2-year-olds, along with parents or caregivers, enjoy simple stories, music and playtime. Infants and preschoolers also welcome to attend. Just drop in.

Twen Event: Vision Rocks Craft
Time/Date: 4:15-5 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 20
Details: For ages 9-12. Rocks, paper, scissors – YOU win! What's your vision for the new year? Design your own fun, inspiring vision rocks and hold your dreams in the palm of your hand. Limit 30 attendees. Register. 248.349.3020.

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Time/Date: 4:30-5:15 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21
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Democrats to meet

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 19
Details: Democrats of West Oakland County will hold its monthly meeting at the Novi United Methodist Church, 41671 W. 10 Mile. For more information, go to www.dwoc.info.

Digging up Your Roots

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 20
Details: Learn about the family history resources that are available online and at the library. This program is aimed at beginners, but anyone is welcome. Pre-register for this free genealogy class at Wixom Public Library by calling 248-624-2512, online at wixomlibrary.org or stop by the library at 49015 Pontiac Trail, Wixom.

Blood drive

Time/Date: 2:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 27
Details: Orchard Hills Elementary and the American Red Cross are hosting a blood drive at the school cafeteria, 41900 Quince Drive, Novi. There are 30 openings. Call Susan Ackerson at 248-449-1400 to make an appointment or go to www.redcrossblood.org.

Older Adult Services programs

Time/Date: 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28
Details: Novi Group Travel Presentations. Ellen Creager, travel columnist for the *Detroit Free Press*, has traveled to 45 countries, 31 states and through most of Michigan. She will discuss some of the funniest and most interesting

questions posed to her by the newspaper's readers. Experts from several travel companies will be on hand to present itineraries, answer travel related questions and provide fliers on upcoming trips. Your only concern is to get ready for the fun. Raffle prizes and refreshments will be provided at this free event.

For more information, contact city of Novi Older Adult Services at 248-347-0414.

Time/Date: Noon to 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11
Details: Honey Won't You BEE My Valentine? Luncheon. Gather for a "honey" of an afternoon filled with musical entertainment and sweet treats. Hum along with the musical entertainment by Joel Palmer and reminisce about previous valentines received. This program is presented in partnership with Maple Manor Rehabilitation. Tickets are \$7 per resident and \$8.50 per non-resident.

Time/Date: Noon to 2 p.m. Thursday, March 17
Details: Leaping Leprechauns Luncheon. An afternoon of toe tapping music is just what the doctor ordered. A traditional Irish meal will be on the menu along with entertainment by musician Tom Slatton. Don't forget to wear green to prevent getting pinched by a sneaky leprechaun. This program is proudly presented in partnership with Enriched Life Home Care Service. Tickets are \$7 per resident and \$8.50 per non-resident.

Tickets for special events must be purchased in advance and are available at the Older Adult Services office, 45175 10 Mile Road and the Meadowbrook Activity Center, 25075 Meadowbrook Road. For more information, contact city of Novi Older Adult Services at 248-347-0414.

Art on display

Time/Date: Exhibit through Jan. 30.
Details: The Northville Art House presents an exhibition of textiles and mixed media by Barbara Bushey and Susan Moran, two established fiber artists whose work develops from close observation of the Michigan landscape. Art House hours, 215 W. Cady Street, Northville, run noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday. Reach Northville Art House at 248-344-0497 or www.northvillearthhouse.org.

Home, school collaboration

Time/Date: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 3
Details: Novi Woods Elementary, 25195 Taft Road in Novi, will host a Novi Schools special education parent advisory committee forum focusing on creating successful strategies for home and school collaboration. Topics include: What are common misunderstandings and assumptions that create barriers to successful partnerships? What are the unspoken words of parents that school personnel need to understand? What are the unspoken words of school personnel that parents need to understand? What are common defense mechanisms that cause barriers to effective communication? How can data help to make collaboration easier and more successful?

Masquerade ball

Time/Date: 7 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Feb. 6.
Details: Kyyba Kidz Foundation, dedicated to improving the lives and education of orphans and underprivileged individuals, will host its 2016 Charity Fundraiser Gala Dinner at the Suburban Collection Showplace in

Novi (46100 Grand River). Evening features a silent auction and raffle, dinner and dancing. All are welcome to bring their own masks or purchase them on-site by making a donation. Open to those 18 years and older, individual tickets are \$150 each and a table of 10 is \$1,000. The deadline for pre-registration, which is mandatory in order to attend, is Friday, Jan. 22, and can be completed at www.kyyba-kidzfoundation.org. "From gowns and gararas to suits and sherwanis, we encourage all to put on their most festive formal wear for a night of fun, mystery and giving back," said Tel Ganesan, president of the Kyyba Kidz Foundation's board. Farmington Hills-based Kyyba Inc. is a technology and staffing services company.

Get the wiggles out



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Reecy Yu, 2, is watched by her mom Jinghua Huang as she climbs over some soft obstacles Dec. 30 while they take advantage of an activity at the Novi Public Library. Kids got to enjoy a morning of learning basic tumbling and balance skills in a fun, safe environment in an activity hoping to "get their wiggles out."

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PREP SPORTS

Can new makeover keep KLAA intact?

Proposal B addresses plans to realign divisions

Brad Emons
 Staff Writer

After only eight years in existence, realignment appears to be a distinct possibility for the 2015-16 school year for the Kensington Lakes Activities Association. And in order to keep the KLAA intact, athletic directors believe Proposal B appears to



be the best route to maintain a competitive balance and solve a disparity of enrollments among the 24 schools, which range from largest in Grand Blanc (2,727 students) to the

smallest in South Lyon East (923). The KLAA athletic directors met recently and mulled over four different proposals for realignment, but the most positive feedback was for Proposal B, a plan that could be approved within the next month by a three-fourths majority vote by the member schools' principals. The KLAA is currently divided in two conferences, the Kensington and the Lakes. It features four different divisions of six schools each – the South, Central, West and North. "We're looking to see if we

can build something that's a little better probably than we have right now, not to say what we have isn't good ... we like it, but we're just trying to improve upon it a little bit," Churchill A.D. Marc Hage said. Current alignment The current alignment for the Kensington Conference's South Division, according to MHSAA fall enrollment figures, includes Canton (2,076), Plymouth (2,057), Westland John Glenn (1,817), Wayne Memorial (1,643), Livonia Churchill (1,620) and Livonia Franklin (1,615). The Kensington's Central

Division member schools are Northville (2,281), Salem (2,068), Novi (2,017), Livonia Stevenson (1,831), South Lyon (1,224) and South Lyon East (923). Meanwhile, the Lakes Conference's current West Division set-up includes Grand Blanc (2,727), the second largest enrollment in the state; Howell (2,567), which is ranked eighth; Brighton (2,221), Hartland (2,017), Milford (1,484) and Pinckney (1,326). The North Division of the Lakes Conference has White

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GIRLS BASKETBALL



Novi's Ellie Mackay (15) gets the shot off between Mahrianna Petree (21) and Jala Petree (23).

Novi rebounds to sink Salem Rocks, 39-31

Brad Emons
 Staff Writer

It couldn't have started out any worse for the Novi girls basketball team during Friday's Central Division opener against host Salem. The Wildcats found themselves down 2-0 before the opening tip-off when they were assessed a technical

Wildcats' third-quarter surge nets triumph

foul by one of the game officials for a failure to designate their five starters in the official score book within 10 minutes of game time. And to make matters worse, Novi shot only 4-of-33 from the field during the first half, yet trailed by only

four, 12-8, at intermission. But despite things going a little haywire, the Wildcats regrouped to outscore defending KLAA Association champion Salem 31-19 in the second half en route to a 39-31 triumph. "I think we were a little

nervous from the beginning of the game and at halftime we just talked about getting ourselves together and really playing as a team," said Novi sophomore guard Ellie Mackay, who finished with a team-high 13 points. "And I feel in the second half, we really got things going and started

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PREP SOCCER

Novi coach steps down from both varsity jobs

O'Leary led Wildcats to five girls state titles, along with one boys

Brad Emons
 Staff Writer

Brian O'Leary was one who never sought the limelight during his highly successful run as the varsity girls and boys soccer coach at Novi High. But it's undeniable that he walks away as the school's most decorated coach. After guiding the Wildcats to five MHSAA Division 1 girls state championships in 14 years and one state crown during his 20 seasons with the boys, the 46-year-old O'Leary decided to step down from both positions last month. "It's basically my kids' activities," O'Leary said. "The fall was easy, because this fall I was coaching (boys soccer), but (son) Connor was a senior on the team. But soccer is every Tuesday and Thursday and so is volleyball, so I missed every single one of my daughter's (Erin) volleyball games as a sophomore." Erin O'Leary, a sophomore all-state setter who helped Novi capture its first Division 1 state crown last November, travels the country during spring playing for the high-level Legacy Volleyball Club. She has already committed to play at the University of Michigan. Meanwhile, son Connor was an All-Area midfielder who helped the Wildcats to an 11-6-2 record during his senior year and will be moving on in the fall to attend Grand Valley State University. "It's high school volleyball in the fall for me and club volleyball in the spring for me," O'Leary said. "This spring it's also Connor's last season of club soccer and I'll try and go to as many of those games as I can." O'Leary guided the Wildcats to five state girls soccer titles: 2005, 2006, 2007, 2010 and 2011.



O'Leary

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BOYS HOCKEY

Saunders Rock-solid in 5-1 win over Northville

Mustangs whistled for 16 penalties in crossover loss

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Salem got the most out of its thin lineup Jan. 7, skating to a 5-1 Kensington Conference crossover victory over penalty-plagued Northville at Novi Ice Arena.

The Rocks, who won their fifth straight while improving to 7-4-1 overall and 4-1-1 in the KLAA's South Division, had only eight forwards and five defensemen available for the game.

"We're a little short-handed and have some fairly significant injuries," Salem coach Ryan Ossenmacher said. "Last night (6-2 win vs. South Lyon Unified), we had nine and five. One of our guys went down in the first two minutes, so he was out tonight. No excuses, you play who is here and sometimes it's actually easier, because guys got to know you got to go and find their legs. We've won five in a row, so we're moving pretty good."

One player who was moving really well all three periods was junior forward Jake Saunders, who figured in four of Salem's five scores with two goals and two assists.

"I think he's just kind of figuring it all out," Ossenmacher said. "He's a big body and skates well for a big body. He's probably the strongest physically on our team. He's just adjusting to this level and I think the sky is the limit for him. He's bigger and stronger than most of the guys he's playing against."

Northville (5-3-2, 2-1 KLAA Central) struck first on Kyle Dann's fourth goal of the season off an assist from Jimmy Dales at 4:24 of the first period.

But Salem's Zach Goleniak answered on a power-play goal from Saunders at 11:18 of the same period to knot the game at 1-1.

Northville, which took five penalties in the first period, was whistled for eight more in the second and Salem respon-



DAVE DONOHER

Northville's Jack Sargent speeds up the ice against Salem.

ded with two more goals as Saunders scored the first of his two at 1:53 on a power play off assists from Marty Mills and Matt Schaumburger.

"We started out well," Northville coach Jon Gates said. "Had them 1-0 and had the momentum. We just kept going to the box and (Salem) got a goal. Then they got another one and I think we spent six minutes in that second period down five-on-three. And that just can't happen."

Saunders' second of the night came from Joey Driscoll and Nick Callegari with 44.4 seconds remaining in the second to make it 3-1.

With 5:30 left in the second period and Northville killing

off a pair of five-on-threes, Salem goaltender Tristan Rehling (21 saves) robbed Riley Brass from point-blank range on a breakaway effort to maintain its one-goal lead.

"After the game in the locker room, I said that was the key save right there because at that point they've killed off and they're making a push," Ossenmacher said. "If they score on that opportunity, that's momentum. That's a big save because we come down and score after that. That was the turning point in the game for us."

Salem added two more goals in the final period to put the game out of reach, with Driscoll scoring from Sean

McCormack and Saunders at 1:05 followed by Mills' unassisted goal off a shot from just inside the blue line only 1:21 later.

"We didn't score on a five-on-three and, typically, when you don't score on a five-on-three, you're in trouble," Ossenmacher said. "Not only we didn't score on one, but we didn't score on two. So from that standpoint, I thought we got a little bit lucky."

At one point during the second period, Northville had a total of five players sitting in the penalty box together, putting immense pressure on junior goaltender Brett Miller, who finished with 21 saves.

"The proof is in the score

sheet ... 16 penalties," Gates said. "That's unacceptable. They (Salem) are a good team. They had a short bench, but sometimes it's addition by subtraction. They played well last night and we knew it was going to be a good game. We came out strong and got a goal right away, controlled the play and then kept going to the box. One thing led to another. It's the players' choice ... they can be as good as they want to be. We can get them to the water, but we can't make them drink it. And it's up to them if they want to be a good team. They have the potential."

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PREP BOWLING

Northville squeaks past Novi in Battle for the Pin matches

Brad Emons
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Every shot counted, down to the 10th frame, Jan. 5 as Northville swept rival Novi in a KLAA Central Division girls and boys bowling encounter at Novi Bowl.

Northville also won the coveted Battle for the Pin prize.

Total pins determined the girls winner as Northville and Novi were deadlocked at 15-15. The victorious Mustangs had a total pin count of 1,423, while the Wildcats had 1,401.

Northville (1-2, 1-4) won the first Baker set (alternating shots), 143-136, while Novi took the second, 119-103.

The two teams also split a pair of very competitive regular games, with Northville taking the first, 726-702, while the Wildcats won by two pins in the second match, 699-697.

Beatrice Nayh proved to be the difference for Northville with a two-game set of 184-225—409, while teammate Katie Craig chipped in with a first game of 192.

Marissa Huth scored two points for Novi (1-5, 0-3) with games of 138-106—244, while Megan Harmus added another

point with a 176-166—342 two-game set.

Meanwhile, the Northville boys (2-3, 1-2) pulled out a 19-11 victory in another competitive duel against the Wildcats (2-4, 0-3).

In the Baker sets, Northville captured the first, 20-155, while Novi rebounded to take the second, 225-161.

Northville pulled out both regular games, which came down to the final frames, 928-906 and 884-848, as Collin Fowler led the way with a 222-185—407 two-game set.

Josef Mansi's 190-172—362 and Simon Long's 190-170—360 also paced the Mustangs.

Scott Pryson, who struck out in the 10th frame along with Fowler, scored two points for the Wildcats with 249-186—435.

"All the matches were good," Novi coach John Osborne said. "They won it and we didn't lose it. We squeezed them and they answered."

Novi swept

The Novi boys and girls squads both fell Monday to Plymouth in a KLAA Central Division match at Super Bowl in Canton.

The Novi boys were defeated, 29-1, losing both Baker

sets, 159-148 and 177-132, along with boys regular games, 760-666 and 878-795.

Peter Koolmen scored the lone point with 145 for Novi (2-3, 0-2).

Plymouth improved to 3-1 overall and 2-0 in the division.

On the girls side, Plymouth (1-4, 0-2) rolled to a 23-7 victory, taking both regular games, 751-713 and 630-575. Novi took the second Baker set, 121-111, after losing the first, 140-121.

Madison Murphy (181), Nicole Kilikevicius (126) and Khadeeja Zahoor (98) each scored a single point for Novi (1-4, 0-2).

P-C-S Tourney

In Saturday's Plymouth-Canton-Salem Tournament at Super Bowl, which featured Allen pattern oil lanes similar to the MHSAA regional set-up (Feb. 26-27), the Novi girls finished 16th overall with a total of 1,696 as Madison Murphy posted the girls high game with 151.

The Novi boys placed 22nd overall with a score of 1,996 for the 14 games, including a 191 Baker. Scott Pryson's 155 was the single game high.

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BOYS HOCKEY ROUNDUP

Shamrocks win battle of state champs, 3-2

No. 1-ranked CC bounces back with MIHL victory

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It was a meeting of state championship-pedigree teams Saturday as host Novi Detroit Catholic Central earned a 3-2 boys hockey victory over Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook.

The defending MHSAA Division 1 state champion and top-ranked Shamrocks improved to 9-3 overall and 6-1 in the North Division of the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League.

The Shamrocks jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first period on goals by Cody Borke at 1:44 (from Jared Lee and Glynn Robitaille) and Kam Ottenbreit at 2:54 (from Michael Considine).

Cranbrook (6-5, 2-2), last year's Division 3 state champion and ranked No. 4, cut the deficit to 2-1 on a Joey Dumas power-play goal at 13:39 of the same period from Cole Adaskaueg.

CC's Anthony Esser made it a two-goal cushion at 6:54 of the second period, from Brian Kearns and JoJo Mancinelli.

But the score remained that way until just 0.03 seconds were left in the game, when Cranbrook's Blake Johnson scored with the extra attacker off an assist from Alec Regula.

CC goaltender Alec Calvaruso stopped 21 shots, while Cranbrook's Stephen Friedland had 26 saves.

NORTHVILLE 11, CANTON 3: Zac Osaer, Luke Skillman and Nick Bonofiglio each notched their first varsity goal of the year Monday as the Mustangs (7-4-1, 3-2, KLAA Central) downed the host Chiefs (1-8, 0-6 KLAA South) in a Kensington Conference crossover at Arctic Edge.

Kyle Dann scored two goals and added four assists for Northville, which led 5-1 after two periods before breaking it open with six goals in the final period.

Anthony Solack and Bonofiglio both scored two goals, while Daniel McKee, Riley Brass and Ian

Welsh also all added a goal. Skillman contributed two assists.

Brian Oldani had a goal and two assists, while Marcus Cook and Michael Gaffka each added a goal and assist for Canton.

Darsh Dholakia went all the way in goal for Northville, while Donald Jardine and Isaac Salinas split time in net for Canton.

STEVENSON 4, NORTHVILLE 2: Nate Sudek scored a pair of goals Saturday as state-ranked Livonia Stevenson (8-3-1, 7-1) stopped the Mustangs (6-4-1, 2-2) in a KLAA Central Division game at Novi Ice Arena.

Sudek scored at 11:06 of the first period off assists from Alex Siroky and Nick Beers, but Northville's Anthony Solack tied it at 14:34 of the same period from Nick Williams.

Northville went up 2-1 at 1:50 of the second period on Ian Welsh's unassisted power-play goal, but Stevenson notched the next three to take a 4-2 advantage going into the third.

The Spartans, ranked No. 4 in Division 2, got goals from Alex Walkuski at 4:58 (from Beers and Adam Olson), John Beaune at 12:55 (from Ben Kowalske), and Sudek at 14:52 (from Beers and Shane Leonard).

Northville goalie Brett Miller made 28 saves, while Cullen Barber had 20 saves for the Spartans.

HANCOCK 5, NOVI 2: The Wildcats (4-7-1) completed their two-game trip to the Upper Peninsula with a non-league setback Saturday to the Bulldogs (8-4) at the Houghton County Arena.

Novi jumped out to a 2-0 first-period advantage on power-play goals by Andy Mizerowski at 10:45 (from Brennan Martin) and Ryan Fonda at 12:06 (from Jake Cyr).

But Hancock took the lead for keeps with three unanswered second-period goals by Jack Fenton at 0:47 (from Teddy Randell and Alex Nordstrom), Tim Martin at 10:25 (from Tanner Givens and Devyn Lacourt), and Cory Tourtellott at 11:37 (from Fenton and Nordstrom).

Randell scored twice in the final period to put it away, with an unassisted short-handed goal at 12:47 followed by an empty-netter at 15:42 from Fenton.

Dawson Kero made 18 saves for Hancock, while Josh Richardson had 23 stops for Novi.

U-D JESUIT 2, DETROIT CC 1: University of Detroit-Jesuit (6-2-1, 4-1 MIHL South) made pair of first-period goals hold up Friday as the fourth-ranked Cubs upended top-ranked Novi Detroit Catholic Central (8-3, 5-1 MIHL North) in a Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League crossover game at Hazel Park Arena.

U-D Jesuit jumped out to a 2-0 first-period lead on goals by Brendan Gumbel at 7:16 (from Teddy Apap and Josh Piepazowski) and Apap at 15:38 (from Tim Johnson and Gumbel).

Nick Macari scored a goal for the defending Division 1 state champion Shamrocks from Sheldon Wasik and Kyle Mulka at 0:19 of the second period to trim the deficit to 2-1.

But the Shamrocks were unable to score the equalizer against Cubs goaltender Jake Robinson, who made 23 saves.

Senior Alec Calvaruso had 19 saves for the Shamrocks.

CALUMET 3, NOVI 1: The Wildcats (4-6-1) took 28 minutes in penalties in a non-conference setback Friday against the host Copper Kings (9-3) at the Calumet Colosseum.

Calumet, ranked No. 3 in Division 3, led 2-0 after one period on goals by Ed Beiring at 7:57 (from Jake Anderson and Josh Larson) and Ryan Nelson at 16:29 (from Rory Anderson and Jack Sturos).

The Copper Kings increased their lead to 3-0 at 3:19 of the second period on Trevor Johnson's goal from Rory Anderson and David Lehto.

Novi got a power-play goal by Brennan Martin at 4:07 of the same period, from Zach Perpich and Cam Czapski.

Novi goaltender Josh Richardson made 23 saves, while Calumet's Ian Carroll had 14 saves.

The Wildcats were 1-for-8 on the power play, while Calumet was 0-for-7.

BOYS SWIMMING

Novi repeats as Laker Invite champion

Diver Ciolli posts high point total in victory

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

The Novi boys swim team finished off the week scoring a team-high 304.5 points to earn the Laker Invitational title Saturday at West Bloomfield.

Diver Jimmy Ciolli got things rolling by scoring enough points to be considered for All-American status.

“This was a special win for our seniors who have never lost this meet during their high school career,” Novi coach Brent Pohlonski said.

Novi three different individual winners in Heat 4, which featured the fastest groupings.

Among those included: Siddhardha Kareddy, 200-yard individual medley (2:05.43) and 100 butterfly (53.97); Ryan Katulski, 50 freestyle (22.0) and 100 freestyle (48.74); and Joey Berman, 500 freestyle (5:04.21) and 100 backstroke

(57.24).

Each individual event featured four heats, while each relay had three heats with Novi winning all nine races.

Novi wins dual

Ryan Katulski earned his third individual state qualifying time of the season leading Novi to a 134-49 dual meet boys swim victory Jan. over host Hartland.

The Wildcats, who improved to 5-1 overall, swept the first three places in three individual events and won all three relay races.

Katulski, who figured in four firsts, captured the 200-yard freestyle with a state cut clocking of 1:47.15, while also adding an individual victory in the 500 freestyle (4:57.51).

Katulski then teamed up with Phillip Billiu, Joey Berman and Alexander Yuan for a win in the 200 freestyle relay (1:32.21). He also joined forces with Berman, Brian Son and Siddhardha Kareddy for a first in the 400 freestyle relay (3:28.11).

Billiu figured in four firsts as well with individual wins in



BRENT POHLONSKI

Novi's senior class of Justin Lee, Narayan Mannivanan, Andrew Kilponen, Bradley Huang, Alan Yu, Anthony Rose and Ryan Katulski has won four straight Laker Invitational titles.

the 50 freestyle (23.0) and 100 butterfly (56.06). He also teamed up with Narayan Manivannan, Kareddy and Yuan for a triumph in the 200 medley relay (1:43.79).

Meanwhile, Yuan captured

the 200 individual medley (2:11.85) and 100 breaststroke (1:06.8).

Other individual firsts for the Wildcats came from James Ciolli in the 1-meter diving (231.75 points) and Kareddy in

the 100 freestyle (51.28).

Hartland (1-2) got its lone victory from Jonathan Loshinski in the 100 backstroke (59.68).

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GIRLS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Northville turns it up a notch in 49-20 victory over Lions

Liggett's Ahart nets 34 in MIAC win against Warriors

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Following the same script for much of the season, the Northville girls basketball team flipped the switch once again at halftime in Friday's KLAAC Central Division opener.

Junior forward Jessica Moorman led the way with 12 points, while 11 of their 13 players scored as the Mustangs improved to 6-1 overall with a 49-20 triumph over South Lyon.

Northville led 9-0 after one quarter and 16-8 at intermission before outscoring the

Lions 19-5 in the third quarter to break the game wide open.

“That’s been the story of our season,” Northville coach Todd Gudith said. “Their zone slowed us down, but our kids kept with it and wore them down as the game wore on, but they’re young and inexperienced.”

Sam Swain led South Lyon (1-6, 0-1) with seven points.

Northville was 9-of-19 from the foul line (47.3 percent), while South Lyon was 11-of-18 (61.1 percent).

LIGGETT 49, FRANKLIN ROAD 38: Nia Ahart scorched the nets for a game-high 34 points Friday to power Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett (7-3, 2-0) to a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division win over host Novi Franklin Road Christian (2-6, 1-4).

Hannah Rayburn and Rachel Bause scored 14 and 10 points, respectively, for the Warriors, who trailed 28-20 at halftime and 40-31 after three quarters. Liggett was 14-of-19 from the foul line, while

Franklin Road made 2-of-6. **NOVI 61, ROCHESTER 27:** Sophomore guard Ellie Mackay's 19 points and three assists Jan. 5 propelled the Wildcats (5-0) past the visiting Falcons (1-5) in a non-conference game.

Novi led 31-9 at halftime and put it away with an 18-2 third-quarter run.

Senior center Allie Lipson chipped in 10 points, nine rebounds, a steal and a block, while junior guard Cara Ninkovich also scored 10 points to go along with five rebounds and four steals.

The Wildcats shot 41.1 percent from the floor (23-of-56) and 64.3 percent from the foul line (9-of-14).

Jenna Norgrove scored 11 points for the Falcons, who shot 10-of-32 from the field (31.2 percent) and only 2-of-10 (20 percent) from the free-throw line.

FRANKLIN ROAD 41, OAKLAND CHRISTIAN 29: Junior forward Hannah Rayburn tossed in 15 points Jan. 5 to lead host Novi Franklin Road Christian (2-5) to an MIAC crossover victory over Auburn Hills Oakland Christian.

Senior guard Danielle Fusco contributed 11 points for the Warriors, who led 27-23 after three quarters before pulling away in the final quarter with a 14-6 spurt.

Franklin Road made 9-of-13 free throws (69.2 percent).

Lexi Powers and Melanie VanSloten scored seven and six points, respectively, for the Lancers, who connected on 8-of-14 from the foul line (57.1 percent).

WILDCATS

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playing as a team.”

Novi, which improved to 6-0 overall, outscored Salem 15-5 in the third quarter to take command, getting six free throws from junior guard Cara Ninkovich, who finished with 10 points.

“I think we maybe went through three different offenses and didn’t get anything going,” Novi coach Bill Kelp said. “We were just out of sync and maybe that technical played a little part into it, but I don’t know.”

Kelp also made a slight adjustment to start the third quarter at the guard position.

“I think putting Cara at the point and playing Ellie over on the wing ... and, of course, them getting in a little bit of foul trouble helped out,” Kelp said. “I think one of the things I thought is that we got into the paint a little bit more in the second half than the first half.”

Allie Lipson, a senior forward, added five of her seven points to start the fourth quarter as Novi built a 10-point lead that eventually grew to 12 with 4:45 left on a basket by Mackay. Lipson also had a team-high nine rebounds.

Salem (5-2, 0-1) was unable to get any closer than seven the rest of the way as a full-court drive by Mackay with 1:57 remaining put Novi up nine and sealed the victory.

“It was the tale of two halves,” Salem coach Lindsay Klemmer said. “Not being able to score in the first half was OK because we played some defense. But we couldn’t score in the second half and we couldn’t stop anybody. Thirty-one points in the second half is not OK. We’re trying to keep people under 30 for an entire game.”

The Rocks shot only 8-of-32 from the field (25 percent).

“(Novi) locked down one

our best players, but our execution and our discipline was not good and they know that,” Klemmer said. “I told them, ‘We got a target on our back’ and they need to understand that every single team in the division is coming after us. Our intensity needs to go up. I thought we matched their intensity in the first half and then we lost it in the second half.”

Lasha Petree, a sophomore forward, paced Salem’s scoring attack with 14 points, including the two technical free throws to start the game.

Novi shot 14-of-59 from the field (23.7 percent) and 10-of-17 from the foul line, while committing 16 turnovers.

Meanwhile, the 2-0 hole appeared to get Novi’s bench fired up.

“I was a little confused,” Mackay said. “I really didn’t know what happened there.

We always talk about intensity on the bench. The bench is another player on the team and once they get going, it gets us going.”

Kelp thought his entire team was engaged in the game for all 32 minutes, despite the early struggles.

“That’s what I love about these kids,” he said. “They root for each other.”

Kelp thought the technical foul was unwarranted, particularly after only 15 minutes were put on the clock during the warm-up period. Normally there’s 20 minutes allowed between the JV and varsity games.

Salem, which also got eight points from sophomore Jala Petree, connected on 13-of-22 free throws (59 percent). The Rocks committed a total of 22 turnovers.

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Novi's Cara Ninkovich (right) dribbles down the sideline against Salem defender Darby Scott.

BOYS SWIM RESULTS

BOYS SWIM RESULTS LAKER INVITATIONAL

Jan. 9 at West Bloomfield

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Novi, 304.5 points.

FINAL RESULTS

200-yard medley relay (Heat A): 1. Novi (Joey Berman, Narayan Manivannan, Siddhardha Kareddy, Ryan Katulski), 1:39.47;

(Heat B): 1. Novi (Maxwell Williams, Andrew Kilponen, Brian Son, Bradley Huang), 1:48.11;

(Heat D): 1. Novi (Minjae Kim, Daniel Chung, Alan Yu, Ben Robbins), 1:55.17.

200 freestyle (Heat 4): 1. Philip Billiu (Novi), 1:50.34.

200 individual medley (Heat 4): 1. Kareddy (Novi), 2:05.45; **(Heat 3):** 1. Joel Kotyk (Novi), 2:10.21; **(Heat 2):** 1. Son (Novi), 2:10.84; **(Heat 1):** 1. Preston Harrell (Novi), 2:13.54.

50 freestyle (Heat 4): 1. Katulski (Novi), 22.0; **(Heat 3):** 1. Huang (Novi), 23.87.

100 butterfly (Heat 4): 1. Kareddy (Novi), 53.97; **(Heat 3):** 1. Son (Novi), 56.94; **(Heat 2):** 1. Harrell (Novi), 57.1; **(Heat 4):** 1. Erik Halboth (Novi), 1:00.63.

100 freestyle (Heat 4): 1. Katulski (Novi), 48.74; **(Heat 2):** 1. Williams (Novi), 52.2.

500 freestyle (Heat 4): 1. Berman (Novi), 5:04.21; **(Heat 1):** 1. Justin Lee (Novi), 5:35.22.

200 freestyle relay (Heat A): 1. Novi (Billiu, Manivannan, Kareddy, Huang), 1:32.41;

(Heat C): 1. Novi (Robbins, Tomoki Moriya, Calvin Liu, Kim), 1:40.53; **(Heat D):** 1. Novi (Lucas Quinn, Nitin, Kinra, Lee, Albert Tan), 1:41.5.

100 backstroke (Heat 4): 1. Berman (Novi), 57.24; **(Heat 3):** 1. Billiu (Novi), 56.45; **(Heat 2):** 1. Halboth (Novi), 59.33; **(Heat 1):**

1. Williams (Novi), 58.95.

100 breaststroke (Heat 4): 1. Manivannan (Novi), 1:06.09; **(Heat 2):** 1. Kotyk (Novi), 1:07.85; **(Heat 1):** 1. Kiloponen (Novi), 1:08.37.

400 freestyle relay (Heat A): 1. Novi (Billiu, Son, Berman, Katulski), 3:24.73; **(Heat B):** 1. Novi (Robbins, Kinra, Kotyk, Williams), 3:38.07; **(Heat C):** 1. Novi (Chung, Kim, Lee, Tan), 3:46.35.

DUAL MEET RESULTS NOVI 134, HARTLAND 49

Jan. 5 at Hartland

200-yard medley relay: 1. Novi (Phillip Billiu, Narayan Manivannan, Siddhardha Kareddy, Alexander Yuan), 1:43.79; 3. Novi (Minjae Kim, Bradley Huang, Maxwell Williams, Joel Kotyk), 1:59.94.

200 freestyle: 1. Ryan Katulski (Novi), 1:47.15; 2. Joey Berman (Novi), 1:53.06; 3. Brian Son (Novi), 1:57.49.

200 individual medley: 1. Yuan (Novi), 2:11.85; 2. Williams (Novi), 2:14.1; 3. Erik Halboth (Novi), 2:16.73.

50 freestyle: 1. Billiu (Novi), 23.0; 3. Kareddy (Novi), 23.63.

1-meter diving: 1. James Ciolli (Novi), 231.75 points; 2. Nathan Pellerito (Novi), 218.70; 3. Mitchell Russell (Novi), 160.40.

100 butterfly: 1. Billiu (Novi), 56.09; 2. Williams (Novi), 58.52.

100 freestyle: 1. Kareddy (Novi), 51.28; 2. Berman (Novi), 51.5.

500 freestyle: 1. Katulski (Novi), 4:57.51; 3. Son (Novi), 5:08.96.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Novi (Katulski, Billiu, Berman, Yuan), 1:32.21; 2. Novi (Williams, Stephen Siitari, Ben Robbins, Son), 1:39.6.

100 backstroke: 1. Jonathan Loshinski (Hartland), 59.68; 3. Kotyk (Novi), 1:01.04.

100 breaststroke: 1. Yuan (Novi), 1:06.8; 3. Daniel Chung (Novi), 1:08.27.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Novi (Katulski, Berman, Son, Kareddy), 3:28.11; 3. Novi (Huang, Siitari, Manivannan, Kotyk), 3:41.19.

Dual meet records: Novi, 5-1 overall; Hartland, 1-2 overall.

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL

Friday, Jan. 15

Northville at Stevenson, 7 p.m.

South Lyon at Novi, 7 p.m.

Detroit CC at Country Day, 7 p.m.

Oak. Christ. at Franklin Rd., 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 19

S.L. East at Northville, 7 p.m.

Novi at Stevenson, 7 p.m.

Franklin Rd. at Ply. Christian, 7 p.m.

U-D Jesuit at Detroit CC, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 22

Northville at Novi, 7 p.m.

St. Mary at Detroit CC, 7:30 p.m.

Franklin Rd. at Inter-City, 8:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Friday, Jan. 15

Luth. N'west at Franklin Rd., 5:30 p.m.

Stevenson at Northville, 7 p.m.

Novi at South Lyon, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 19

Northville at S.L. East, 7 p.m.

Stevenson at Novi, 7 p.m.

Franklin Rd. at Ply. Christian, 7 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 22

Northville at Novi, 5:30 p.m.

Franklin Rd. at Inter-City, 7 p.m.

BOYS HOCKEY

Friday, Jan. 15

Northville vs. Churchill

at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 16

Northville vs. Novi

at Detroit's Clark Park, 4 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 19

Northville vs. South Lyon

at Novi Ice Arena, 7:45 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 20

Detroit CC vs. Brother Rice

at Oak Park Arena, 7:40 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 21

Novi vs. Howell

at Grand Oaks, 7 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 22

Detroit CC at Culver (Ind.), 7:30 p.m.

Northville vs. South Lyon

at Kensington Valley I.H., 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 23

Franklin at Novi (Ice Arena), 3 p.m.

Detroit CC at Culver (Ind.), 6 p.m.

PREP WRESTLING

Friday, Jan. 15

Detroit CC at Brighton, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 16

N'ville, Novi at Chelsea Inv., 9 a.m.

Sunday, Jan. 17

CC vs. Hartland, Grandville

at CMU's McGuirk Arena, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 20

S. Lyon, S.L. East at N'ville, 5:30 p.m.

Goodrich at Detroit CC, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 23

Novi at Utica Invitational, 8 a.m.

BOYS SWIMMING

Thursday, Jan. 14

Northville at Stevenson, 6:30 p.m.

South Lyon at Novi, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 16

CC at E. Grand Rapids Inv., noon.

Tuesday, Jan. 19

Detroit CC at Stevenson, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 21

South Lyon at Northville, 6:30 p.m.

Detroit CC vs. U-D, DeLaSalle

at Livonia Comm. Rec., 6:45 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 23

Detroit CC at Groves Inv., 10 a.m.

PREP GYMNASTICS

Saturday, Jan. 16

Caruss Inv. at Lakeland, TBA.

Tuesday, Jan. 21

Northville vs. Livonia Blue

at Churchill H.S., 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 21

Northville at Birm. Groves, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 23

Northville vs. Wayne, 3:30 p.m.

PREP BOWLING

Friday, Jan. 15

Detroit CC vs. DeLaSalle

at Oak Lanes, 3:30 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 17

Oakland County Tourney

at Astro Lanes, 8 a.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 19

Detroit CC vs. Brother Rice

at Hazel Park Lanes, 3:30 p.m.

(at Novi Bowl)

Novi vs. John Glenn, 3:30 p.m.

Northville vs. Wayne, 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 21

Detroit CC vs. Notre Dame

at Drakeshire Lanes, 3:30 p.m.

PREP WRESTLING

Despite going 0-4, CC Super Duals is beneficial

National, Midwest power
St. Edward wins all four

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Although going an uncharacteristic 0-4 Saturday in its own Super Duals tournament, Novi Detroit Catholic Central's wrestling team hopes to reap the benefits down the road.

Last year's national champion and ninth-ranked Oak Park (Ill.) River Forest defeated the Shamrocks in the opener, 40-24, while Portage (Ind.), ranked sixth in its state rankings, downed CC, 41-22.

Two highly-regarded Ohio schools, Lakewood St. Edward, ranked No. 7 nationally by *USA Today*, and Brecksville defeated the Shamrocks by scores of 58-11 and 40-29, respectively.

St. Edward captured all four matches on the day to improve to 16-1 overall. The Eagles' lone loss this season is to No. 3-ranked Buchanan (Calif.).

"Our guys made a choice to attend Catholic Central to be challenged academically, athletically and spiritually," said CC coach Mitch Hancock, whose



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Catholic Central freshman Kevon Davenport (top) won all four of his matches at 120 pounds in the CC Super Duals, including a win against Lakewood (Ohio) St. Edward.

team took on four of the Midwest's prep powers while slipping to 6-5 overall. "We have an intense schedule this year and

it's to prepare our guys for the postseason. Records shift to 0-0 in the postseason."

Leading the way with four

wins apiece on the day for the Shamrocks were junior Ty Morland (182 pounds) and freshman Kevon Davenport (120). Heavyweight Nick Jenkins finished 3-1, while Connor Curnutte (195) went 2-2.

"We could've wrestled at a local tournament up the road, possibly gone 5-0 on the day and walked out like super heroes," Hancock said. "We wrestled three of the toughest teams in the country and saw many bright signs from our guys. I'm proud of the way they competed and wrestled."

The Shamrocks return to action at 6 p.m. Friday when they travel to take on defending MHSAA Division 1 state champion Brighton in a battle of top-10 ranked teams.

Dual setback

Two of the state's Division 1 wrestling titans collided Jan. 6, with visiting Davison escaping with a 29-23 dual meet triumph over host CC.

Davenport (125 pounds) and Cam Amine (135) started the meet with victories for CC before the Cardinals won five straight weight classes to take a 23-8 advantage.

Morland stopped the bleeding for the Shamrocks when he bumped up to 189 to decision top-ranked Brendan McKill, 3-1. Jackson Ross (215) followed with a win over No. 5-ranked Tanner Thomas, while Jenkins (285) pulled CC within striking distance with a pin.

At 103, Rhett Newton battled, but lost on what was to be a tying take-down at the end of regulation. Junior David Rastique then earned a 7-2 victory over Raymond Cole at 112 to pull the Shamrocks to within three, 26-23.

Davison, which knocked CC out of last year's quarterfinal in Battle Creek, sewed up the victory at 119 pounds when state champ A.J. Facundo decisioned Stone Moscovic, 8-2.

"Our guys always compete hard," Hancock said. "That was an 8-6 dual, with us losing several close matches that could have gone either way. We have to get tougher, improve our leg 'D' and learn how to limit bonus points. That starts with our seniors. We have a great group of seniors and they are the backbone of this team."

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BOYS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Shamrocks stun DeLaSalle, 77-75

Laurentius' free throws
clinch divisional victory

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Gio Genrich connected on six 3-pointers Friday to lead Novi Detroit Catholic Central to a 77-75 Catholic League Central Division boys basketball win over host Warren DeLaSalle.

The 5-foot-10 junior guard, who finished with a team-high 22 points, scored eight in the final quarter as the Shamrocks (3-1, 1-0) rallied from a 52-45 third-quarter deficit with a 32-23 fourth-quarter run.

Junior forward C.J. Baird added 17 points, including eight in the fourth.

But the big play came with only 0.03 seconds remaining, when senior guard Tyler Laurentius, who scored nine of his 10 in the final quarter, nailed a pair of free throws after being fouled in the lane while grab-

bng a rebounding following Kevin McKay's running 3-point attempt that missed.

McKay, a 6-4 senior swingman, finished with a game-high 35 points. The Central Michigan University signee had four triples and went 9-of-11 from the line.

Quinton Glaspie added 17 for the Pilots (4-2, 0-1), who made 15-of-24 free throws (62.5 percent).

"I'm just really happy with how we responded after Tuesday's loss (59-54 to Detroit Loyola) and just really excited to win a close game on the road at tough place in front of a packed house," said CC coach Bill Dyer, whose team made 14-of-17 foul shots (82.3 percent).

LIGGETT 46, FRANKLIN ROAD 44: Novi Franklin Road Christian (5-3, 2-2) shot only 30 percent from the floor Friday in a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division setback against visiting Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett (3-4, 3-1).

The Warriors, who trailed from start to finish, made only 15-of-50 shots from the floor and only 8-of-16 free throws.

Liggett led 20-11 at halftime and 34-29 after three quarters before Franklin Road rallied with a 15-12

run, but came up short after a late 3-pointer from senior guard Gavin Harris (15 points).

Senior guard Austin Hearn added 12 for the Warriors. Spencer Ewing scored a game-high 19 points for the Knights, who made 10-of-14 foul shots. Anthony George added 11.

LOYOLA 59, DETROIT CC 54: Detroit Loyola (4-3) erased a seven-point halftime deficit before charging back for a non-league victory Jan. 5 over host Novi Detroit Catholic Central.

The Bulldogs, who improved to 4-3 overall, got a team-high 22 points from De'quan Powell, while Keith John and Romari Ennis chipped in 12 and 11, respectively.

Catholic Central (2-1), playing its first game in 23 days, got a game-high 25 points from C.J. Baird. The junior forward scored 15 of his points in the opening half to stake the Shamrocks to a 27-20 halftime advantage.

Baird added seven in the third quarter, but had only a triple in the final quarter — one of his five on the night — as CC was outscored 21-14.

Gio Genrich, a junior guard, added 11 points for the Shamrocks, who went 3-of-5 from the foul line. Loyola made only 8-of-17 from the foul stripe (47 percent).

"We got beat to a lot of loose balls," CC coach Bill Dyer said. "Losing those 50/50 balls was our real demise. (Loyola) wanted it more and they executed late and we did not."

FRANKLIN ROAD 63, ROEPER 20: Senior center Joshua Bause poured in a game-high 24 points to lift Novi Franklin Road Christian (5-2, 2-1) to a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division triumph Jan. 5 over Birmingham Roeper (1-6, 0-2).

The 6-foot-7 Bause also had 12 rebounds and six blocks as the Warriors led 35-10 at halftime and 59-17 after three quarters.

Senior guard Austin Hearn also added 17 points, 10 assists and six steals. The Warriors made all eight free-throw attempts.

Randy Pierce scored six points for the Roughriders

BOYS SWIMMING

CC second, Northville fourth at Rock-Kilgore

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Some of the state's top-ranked Division 1 boys swim teams collided Saturday in the Rock-Kilgore Invitational at Salem with Saline emerging the winner with a team-high 333 points.

Novi Detroit Catholic Central was runner-up with 231 followed by Zeeland (229), Northville (173), Livonia Stevenson (108) and the host Rocks (81).

Saline's Daniel Keith figured in three firsts as he swept the 200- and 500-yard freestyle events in 1:42.11 and 4:42.55, respectively. He also anchored the Hornets to a first in the 400 freestyle relay (3:13.85).

Catholic Central's Jonathan Lee won the 100 breaststroke in 1:01.17 and added a third in the 200 individual medley (2:01.97). He also teamed up with Matt Loniewski, Kyle Tschannen and Tommy Wiaduck for a second in the 200 medley relay (1:40.67), which was won by Saline.

Northville's top individual placer was Kirk Maibach, who took thirds in the 50- and 100 freestyles with times of 21.97 and 48.73. James Xue contributed a third in the 100 butterfly (55.49), while Trevor DeGroot was also third in the 500 freestyle (4:59.59).

"On Saturday we did a neat thing by splitting our squad, kind of like spring training baseball," Northville coach Rich Bennetts said. "We sent half of the team over to Salem for the invitational and kept the other half home here to swim in a double dual that we hosted.

"Saline, Catholic Central and Zeeland are three of the best teams that we will see all year. Obviously we would have done better on the scoreboard

if the whole team was there, but it was still a rather humbling experience. We had some nice swims with the younger kids on the team and we are starting to figure out who will be in the mix to make the league meet team."

The Mustangs captured the double-dual defeating Canton, 109-74, and Hartland, 102-78, to improve to 5-2 overall.

"I was really impressed with how the boys did at the double dual meet," Bennetts said. "However, we had some top notch competition with the Salem Invite and we did not fair as well. We still have a tough time going up against the best the state has to offer."

Other individual winners for the Mustangs included Larry Zhao, 100 freestyle (50.91) and 100 backstroke (58.02); Travis Nitkiewicz, 200 IM (2:03.25); Jason Nitkiewicz, 100 butterfly (57.31); and Nikolai Arton, 100 breaststroke (1:05.4).

Zhao also teamed up with Chris Geng, Jason and Travis Nitkiewicz for a first in the 200 medley relay with a time of 1:44.79.

ROCK-KILGORE INVITATIONAL Jan. 9 at Salem
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Saline, 333 points; 2. Novi Detroit Catholic Central, 231; 3. Zeeland, 229; 4. Northville, 173; 5. Livonia Stevenson, 108; 6. Salem, 81.

FINAL EVENT RESULTS
200-yard medley relay: 1. Saline (Jared Ehrman, Matt Lau, Max Duong, Alex Calder), 1:39.84; 2. Detroit CC (Matt Loniewski, Jonathan Lee, Kyle Tschannen, Tommy Wiaduck), 1:40.67; 4. Northville (Kirk Maibach, Roman Grossi, James Xue, John Duan), 1:44.23.

200 freestyle: 1. Daniel Keith (Saline), 1:42.11; 3. Kyle Tschannen (CC), 1:50.65; 4. Trevor DeGroot (N'ville), 1:51.39.

200 individual medley: 1. Jacob Ehrman (Saline), 1:57.6; 3. Jonathan Lee (CC), 2:01.97; 4. James Xue (N'ville), 2:04.52.

500 freestyle: 1. Gabriel Trevino (Zeeland), 21:47; 3. Maibach (N'ville), 21:97; 5. Tommy Wiaduck (N'ville), 23.38.

100 butterfly: 1. Trevino (Zeeland), 51.86; 2. Tschannen (CC), 53.85; 3. Xue (N'ville), 55.49.

100 freestyle: 1. Jackson O'Dowd (Stevenson), 47.76; 3. Maibach (N'ville), 48.73; 5. Wiaduck (CC), 51.17.

500 freestyle: 1. Keith (Saline), 4:42.55; 3. DeGroot (N'ville), 4:59.59; 5. Dan Vela (CC), 5:04.02.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Zeeland (Trevino, Philip DeJonge, Mac Robertson, Micah DeJonge), 1:28.75; 4. Detroit CC (Logan Mills, Jimmy Connor, Andrew

Campbell, Ethan Bezzina), 1:37.02; 6. Northville (Duan, Connor Lepish, Troy Stacer, DeGroot), 1:37.92.

100 backstroke: 1. Austin Mills (Zeeland), 53.75; 4. Chris Barron (CC), 59.56; 5. Ali Pazooki (N'ville), 1:01.4.

100 breaststroke: 1. Lee (CC), 1:01.17; 5. Haotian Jiang (N'ville), 1:06.5.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Saline (Jacob Ehrman, Klempt, Jared Ehrman, Keith), 3:13.85; 3. Catholic Central (Tschannen, Wiaduck, Loniewski, Lee), 3:21.7; 4. Northville (Xue, DeGroot, Alameddine, Maibach), 3:24.16.

DOUBLE-DUAL RESULTS Jan. 9 at Northville
TEAM SCORES: Northville 111, Hartland 65; Northville 109, Canton, 74; Canton 102, Hartland 78.

FINAL EVENT RESULTS
200-yard medley relay: 1. Northville (Larry Zhao, Chris Geng, Jason Nitkiewicz, Travis Nitkiewicz), 1:44.79; 2. Northville (Arthur Greenlee, Nikolai Arton, Acheng Da, David Handy), 1:47.52.

200 freestyle: 1. Dan Mullen (Canton), 1:48.18; 2. Taiyo Ichikawa (N'ville), 1:55.44; 3. Jack Breuch (N'ville), 1:57.65.

200 individual medley: 1. T. Nitkiewicz (N'ville), 2:03.25.

50 freestyle: 1. Alec Green (Hartland), 23.08.

1-meter diving: 1. Charles Carey (Canton), 139.0 points; 2. Nicholas Remington (N'ville), 115.0.

100 butterfly: 1. Zhao (N'ville), 50.91.

500 freestyle: 1. Mullen (Canton), 5:05.45; 3. Ichikawa (N'ville), 5:11.28.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Canton (Gerard Niernmann, Jemal Vaunado, Derek Goderis, Mullen), 1:35.21; 3. Northville (Cameron Heaven, Geng, Arton, Ryan Smelt), 1:38.09.

100 backstroke: 1. Zhao (N'ville), 58.02; 2. Greenlee (N'ville), 59.09.

100 breaststroke: 1. Arton (N'ville), 1:05.4; 2. Geng (N'ville), 1:06.67; 3. Heaven (N'ville), 1:09.53.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Hartland (Corey Nelligan, Michael Harris, Greene, Jonathan Loshinske), 3:27.91; 2. Northville (T. Nitkiewicz, Ichikawa, Smelt, Zhao), 3:30.04.

Northville's dual meet record: 5-2 overall.

DUAL MEET RESULT NORTHVILLE 112, BRIGHTON 72

Jan. 7 at Northville

200-yard medley relay: 1. Northville (Larry Zhao, Chris Geng, Kirk Maibach, Travis Nitkiewicz), 1:42.42; 3. Northville (Ali Pazooki, Haotian Jiang, Jason Nitkiewicz, Nikolai Arton), 1:49.91.

200 freestyle: 1. James Xue (N'ville), 1:50.32; 2. John Duan (N'ville), 1:58.2; 3. Connor Lepish (N'ville), 1:58.72.

50 freestyle: 1. Dominic Fiorini (Brighton), 23.87; 2. T. Nitkiewicz (N'ville), 24.11; 3. Cameron Heaven (N'ville), 24.52.

1-meter diving: 1. Christain Field (N'ville), 193.75 points.

100 butterfly: 1. Maibach (N'ville), 54.41; 2. DeGroot (N'ville), 58.11.

100 freestyle: 1. Zhao (N'ville), 51.34; 3. David Alameddine (N'ville), 53.63.

500 freestyle: 1. Xue (N'ville), 5:14.87; 2. Jason Nitkiewicz (N'ville), 5:16.69; 3. Duan (N'ville), 5:24.61.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Northville (Zhao, DeGroot, T. Nitkiewicz, Xue), 1:35.31; 2. Northville (Connor Lepish, Alameddine, Shane Boran, Heaven), 1:38.35.

100 backstroke: 1. C.J. Aeschbacher (Brighton), 1:02.94.

100 breaststroke: 1. Brennan Panzi (Brighton), 1:07.3; 2. Heaven (N'ville), 1:08.93; 3. Jimmy Huang (N'ville), 1:11.28.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Brighton (J.T. Lenga, Spencer Gottschalk, Panzi, Aeschbacher), 3:45.73; 2. Northville (J. Nitkiewicz, Pazooka, Jacob Tebbe, Kenta Kikumori), 3:45.83.

Dual meet records: Northville, 3-2 overall; Brighton, 2-2 overall.

High-wire act



DIANA SHANAHAN

Northville freshman Maddy Lewis (pictured) posted a career-high score of 8.85 on the uneven parallel bars as the Mustangs finished third in a quad meet Jan. 7 at Bounce Gymnastics at the Hartland Sports Center. Host Howell and Brighton finished first and second with scores of 141.40 and 140.325, respectively, while Northville was third with 135.275. Waterford was fourth with 128.70. Northville freshman Mackenzie Willson also posted a career-best 8.975 on the balance beam, while sophomores Lauren Shanahan and Maddie Dragon both turned in a score of 8.65 on vault. Sophomore Erin McCallum posted the top floor routine with 8.7. The Mustangs (2-3) return to action at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12, at Plymouth.

KLAA BOYS BASKETBALL

Northville tames Lions as Gibbons scores 21

Novi misses late shot
in loss against Salem

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Make it seven straight victories for the Northville boys basketball team.

Senior forward Justin Gibbons tallied 10 of his game-high 21 points in the final period as the Mustangs held off visiting South Lyon, 54-45, in the KLAA Central Division opener for both teams.

Gibbons' three-pointer with 2:28 left gave the unbeaten Mustangs (7-0, 1-0) a nine-point cushion and help clinch the victory.

"We really battled tonight," Northville coach Todd Sander said. "South Lyon plays tremendous defense and they made us work for every score. We didn't shoot it well, but still found a way to get it done."

Senior forward Nick Wilds chipped in with a double-double finishing with 12 points

and 12 rebounds. He made 4-of-5 fouls shots.

Jake Justice added eight points, including 4-of-4 from the line, while senior guard Justin Zimbo went 5-of-6 at the foul stripe and scored all seven of his points in the final period.

Senior forward Josh Remstad scored a team-high 16 points for the Lions.

Northville connected on 18-of-23 free throws (78.2 percent), while South Lyon was 7-of-11 (63.6 percent).

SALEM 55, NOVI 52: Sophomore Camren Barden scored 15 points and senior center Kenny Topolovec added 13 Friday to propel the Rocks (5-2, 1-0) to a KLAA Central Division triumph over the host Wildcats (3-4, 0-1).

Topolovec iced the game with a pair of late free throws after Novi senior guard Kam Hankerson (13 points) had pulled the Wildcats to within one, 53-52 after splitting a pair foul shots.

Novi's last-ditch three-point try to tie missed as Salem held on for the win.

Junior Alec Bageris added 10 points for the Wildcats, who made 10-of-16 free throws 962.5 percent).

"We had opportunities to tie and got some good looks," said Novi coach Brandon Sinawi, whose team was outscored 10-7 in the final quarter after it was tied 45-all. "They (Salem) killed us on the offensive glass. We did not play to our size at all. It was a disappointing effort on the glass."

Salem, meanwhile, was only 12-of-23 from the foul line (52.1 percent).

RUNNING

Samuelson still in it for the long run

Olympic marathon gold medalist visits Gazelle Sports

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Joan Benoit Samuelson's accomplishments and stories still resonate with runners, even after 31 years. The inaugural women's marathon winner of the 1984 Los Angeles Summer Olympic Games, the 58-year-old Samuelson made an appearance Jan. 7 at Gazelle Sports in Northville and continues to serve as an inspiration and ambassador of the sport. "Balance in life is crucial to success for the mind, body and spirit," she said. "If you don't have passion, you don't have fire. It has to come from within."

Samuelson still follows her same creed – her four P's – that began when she was a high school runner in Cape Elizabeth, Maine. "It takes patience, passion, perseverance and persistence," said Samuelson, who eventually moved on to Bowdoin (Maine) College, where her career soared as she earned All-America honors in cross country and track.

In 1979, while returning as a student to Bowdoin after competing at N.C. State, Samuelson won the first of her two Boston Marathons, setting both an American and course mark. Boston was uncharted territory at the time for Samuelson, who never scouted the 26.2-mile course while convincing herself, "What I don't know can't hurt me."

Never one to look back over



Joan Benoit Samuelson (center), the inaugural women's marathon winner at the 1984 L.A. Summer Olympic Games, appeared Jan. 7 for a talk at Gazelle Sports in Northville, where she greeted store employees Michelle Dryer (left) of Royal Oak and Stefanie Perri of Farmington.

her shoulder, Samuelson captured the Boston race again in 1983 with a world record time (2:22.43). Just a year later, at age 27, she won the gold medal at the '84 Summer Games (2:24.52) while capturing the hearts of a national TV audience. The victory came just two weeks she had arthroscopic knee surgery. In 1985, Samuelson broke new ground by winning the Chicago Marathon with an American record time of 2:21:21, a mark that stood for 18

years. But at the peak of her running career, Samuelson took a sabbatical as she got married and started a family. She and her husband Scott have two grown children, including a daughter (Abby), who ran step-for-step with her in a 2012 marathon. Samuelson called that transition period "B.C. and A.C." – before children and after children. Samuelson picked up her running torch once again when

she celebrated personal anniversaries by running races in New York, Chicago and Athens, Greece. In the 2008 U.S. Olympic Women's Marathon Trials in Boston, at age 51, she ran a sub-2:50. In 2010, Samuelson ran 2:47:50 to place 43rd at the Chicago Marathon – the site of her American record 25 years earlier – while just missing her goal of qualifying for an eighth U.S. Olympic Trials race by 1:50. She did, however, record the fastest-ever perfor-

mance by a woman over 52. In 2013, Samuelson celebrated the 30th anniversary of winning Boston by running 2:50:20, beating her personal goal of 2:52:43. But the finish was marred by the horrific bombings, which left six dead and another 280 injured. Samuelson was at Boston again in 2014, but this time as a spectator, cheering on runners at the finish line, calling it "one of the happiest moments of my life" and a "special moment" as she was there to greet one of the bombing victims who ran the race.

Samuelson, who turns 59 in May, helps maintain her current fitness with cross training. She is an avid Nordic skier and said she hasn't stepped on a track in two decades. She says she rarely runs more than once a day "because we can't carry the same loads that we did when we were younger." Samuelson's mission is to continue to promote running as an "affordable sport in the midst of a health care crisis" while protecting the environment. She serves as a consultant for Nike, has authored two books and continues to make motivational appearances for countless running, health and fitness groups through talks and clinics. Samuelson also told the Gazelle audience that, "You don't have to run a marathon to be a runner." She tells parents that their children should "enjoy and play the sport of the season until age 14," while recalling her days of getting the chance to play baseball with her brothers. "You have to live in the moment," Samuelson said. "There's no finish line in life."

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O'LEARY

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Novi also reached the state semi-finals in 2013. During his 14-year run, O'Leary won nine district and six regional titles, while also leading the Wildcats to KLAA Association, Kensington Conference and Central Division titles in 2013. Novi also captured the Central Division crown outright twice, while sharing the title two other times. "He's been a role model for the athletic department and how to conduct yourself in a very professional way," Novi athletic director Brian Gordon said. "There is no other coach that I've seen, especially in the sport of soccer, who prepares the way Brian prepares. He prepares his team, he prepares himself."

Due to health reasons, O'Leary did not coach the Novi girls in 2015 as JV coach Todd Pfeiffer filled the void, leading the Wildcats to a 9-4-4 overall mark and a KLAA Central co-title with Northville.

On the boys side, O'Leary's 1998 team captured the Division 1 state championship with a 4-0 win over Brighton. The Wildcats boys won a total of five district and two regional titles, along with two Central divisions since the KLAA was formed in 2008.

"He never says much during games, but with him the hay is in the barn when it comes to coaching at practice," Gordon said. "Watch him practice; he coaches hard. It's the way he pays attention to detail that other coaches don't see. We will certainly miss that."

Gordon said both varsity positions have been posted and interviews will begin within the week. During the boys season last fall, Rachel Kain served as a co-coach with O'Leary.

"Soccer has been one of those programs that has been an absolute strength for Novi for years and much of that is the kids and the talent that comes in every day, but it certainly takes a special person to be able manage the number of kids that do come in with the different personalities," Gordon said. "Those kids walk away with a life lesson every single day from Brian."

Despite entering another phase in his sporting life as supportive parent and fan, O'Leary, a high school math teacher, said he'll miss the interaction and relationships built with his players.

"You see them at school, but you also get to help them off the field," O'Leary said. "I think the two things tie together – being successful at life through their participation in sports tied into with how they do in school. I enjoy that."

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Lake Lakeland (1,770), Walled Lake Central (1,766), Waterford Mott (1,651), Walled Lake Western (1,611), Waterford Kettering (1,512) and Walled Lake Western (1,662). "What we're basically trying to do as far as one of the main objectives is to shrink that disparity in enrollment, which exists in several of the divisions," Hage said. "We're trying to decrease that a little bit, while keeping in mind we also make sure we maintain the core philosophy of proximity. We don't want to travel too far. We want to keep close proximity within the divisions while addressing the enrollment disparity."

New proposal

Under Proposal B, the new format will keep the two conferences intact with 12 schools apiece, but both will be realigned into three divisions instead of the current two. "The premise going into this for some of the smaller schools was to look at competitive equity based on enrollment," said Huron Valley Schools athletic administrator Greg Michaels, who oversees Milford and Lakeland. "We looked at a lot of data, because we had eight years of data in the KLAA to look at wins and losses, and enrollment differential."

The Kensington South would maintain John Glenn, Wayne, Churchill and Franklin, while the Central would feature Canton, Plymouth, Salem and Stevenson. The new Midwest Division would see both Milford and Pinckney switching conferences to join South Lyon and South Lyon East.

Meanwhile, Northville would be switching conferences to join the Lakes North, which would include all three Walled Lake schools (Central, Northern and Western). Novi would also be changing conferences as well, to the Lakes' East Division, with Lakeland, Mott and Kettering. The West Division would keep four of its six schools intact with Grand Blanc, Howell, Brighton and Hartland.

Grand Blanc would travel a KLAA-high of 34.07 miles (from 28.98) each way within the confines of its conference, while other teams would be on buses longer going to events.

Extra travel

Northville's average trip each way would jump from 6.05 to 15.3 miles; Novi, 6.5 to 19.73; Milford, 16.7 to 22.24; and Pinckney, 21.86 to 23.9. The travel distances would also increase for South Lyon (11.01 to 13.83) and sister school East (7.05 to 14.83). "We drive right past Walled Lake to go to Waterford," Novi A.D. Brian Gordon said. "In some cases it could be as much as an hour one way on bus. Transportation is a challenge for all school districts right now and you can see money is getting tighter. They can't find school bus drivers and that's true across the board. Some school districts have one-way transportation and some have no transportation, de-

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BRIAN GORDON
Novi athletic director

pending on the sport. It's a new challenge. It isn't all done yet. We'll see how it ends up."

But Gordon remains committed to the KLAA and Proposal B seems to have found a consensus amongst the league's athletic directors for now. "We're not completely happy with it, but the number one thing from our prospective was to keep the league together," Gordon said. "I think the KLAA is one of the finest leagues in the state of Michigan and there's a lot of things that went on before I came to Novi by a lot of people who built the league. It isn't about who you play, it's about schools having rivalries and the people who work at those schools, the coaches and the athletic directors, the administrators that just build a culture with it for high school athletics. "The league has come too far to disband, in my eyes. And whenever this stuff happens, some people have to give a little and some get a little."

Under scrutiny

Northville, probably the KLAA's most successful athletic program in terms of championships and wins, is mulling Proposal B. "I would say in this proposal that we would be making sacrifices," Northville A.D. Bryan Masi said. "Honestly, I don't know which way we're going to vote yet. If Proposal B is not approved by three-fourths vote, then we revert back to the current schedule. We may very well vote no, because we're in a better current situation with our schedule. I'm in more favor of keeping our current schedule."

Masi said he has kept in constant communication with both Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher and Principal Tony Koski. "We're still going to be a 12-team conference (but) with three divisions (if Proposal B is approved)," Masi said. "That's what we (athletic directors) approved on. I didn't approve it to say I like it better than the other."

Scheduling, such as football, would have to be tweaked significantly. Currently there are as many as two non-conference games set aside to go along with five required division games and one KLAA crossover. In the other sports under Proposal B, there would be six different division champs crowned, while allowing for conference and Association-wide champions to be crowned as well.

Staying put?

"I don't see it as a challenge," Michaels said. "I see it as a unique opportunity to build some pretty creative schedules. I think we got the green light to start from the ground up. We got a good foundation in place with schedules. We've got by-laws, we've got philosophies. We got a pattern to fall back on, but I think now we can still meet the needs of our kids and do the best things when we're scheduling. I embrace the change; I like it. It impacts the smaller schools and Milford happens to be one, enrollment-wise."

If Proposal B does not get approval by the principals, the rumors might start again that as many as 10 KLAA schools would form their own league or look elsewhere, whether it's the Southeastern Conference or Oakland Activities Association. "Those subjects are always out there and there's always somebody kicking around stuff," South Lyon A.D. Mike Teagan said. "You always have other schools that are trying to do things for their programs, as well, and other leagues looking to bring other schools or see if they can move."

"The KLAA has been good for everybody. It's just not athletic relationships. It's activity relationships, as well. The fundraisers, the student councils, the student leadership activities that the KLAA puts on across all 24 schools is phenomenal. There's more than just athletics involved in those decisions. Those are things you want to see maintained."

The downturn of the economy prior to the KLAA being formed in 2008 caused some disparity in the enrollments within the Association. Howell Parker, a new high school that never opened, was eventually replaced by Grand Blanc as the 24th member. "I don't care who's in the room, the best and the brightest, I'm not sure anyone could anticipate how taxing that economic decline would be on schools," Michaels said. "One of the good things about this league is that we have good minds in there and we're not afraid to change. And we're going to try and put the best product out there. We pride ourselves on being one of the stronger conferences in the state of Michigan and we're just trying to put together a better product with the people in the room."

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Nurses say St. John Providence Health System fired them in labor dispute

Health system hires new contractor for anesthesia services

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The St. John Providence Health System has fired 68 certified registered nurse anesthetists at its Southfield and Novi hospitals who refused to take jobs with a new outside contractor despite comparable pay, according to the nurses' attorney.

The health system said it will continue its outsourcing move and the new contractor defended the quality of the job offers it extended to the nurses.

The hospitals — Providence Park Hospital of Novi and Providence Park Hospital of Southfield — remain open, but with anesthesiologists supplied by the new contractor. The contractor is a newly-formed company called PSJ Anesthesia, affiliated with Dr. Dominick Lago, an anesthesia specialist at both hospitals.

The 68 non-union nurses were offered jobs with the contractor, but repeatedly rejected the terms of the offered employment contracts for reasons unrelated to pay, said attorney David

Shea of Southfield-based Shea Aiello PC, who is representing the nurses.

The contracts offered the nurses similar base pay, but different work rules and scheduling and a lack of disclosure on other policies and procedures, Shea said.

"Although their base pay was the same, there were problems with the rest of the compensation package," he said.

The nurses' main sticking point was having to work under Dr. Lago and his new company, Shea said.

"They would rather lose their jobs than work for PSJ," Shea said. "And now the question for Providence is, 'What is more important for them, PSJ or their nurses?'"

St. John Providence officials would not give an interview, but did release a statement saying that the health system will continue its planned transition of nurse anesthesia services at both hospitals with PSJ.

"PSJ Anesthesia was formed by anesthesiologists who have provided care to patients at Providence for more than 40 years as part of Northland Anesthesia, a nationally respected anesthesia provider," the health system said in the statement. "It is a common practice for health



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Scores of certified registered nurse anesthetists were fired from the St. John health system after the hospitals contracted with a private anesthetist company. The nurses refused to sign contracts with the newly-formed company, reportedly because they weren't given specifics of the contract terms.

systems to contract with business partners to provide certain services."

Shea said the nurses received notice in mid-October that their jobs would be outsourced to PSJ effective Jan. 1. The nurses received termination letters last month that took effect at 11 p.m. Dec. 31. However, the health system contends it

did not actually fire or lay off the nurses because they were offered comparable jobs with PSJ, according to Shea.

"And the impact of that is that they can't even apply for unemployment," Shea said. "I am going to fight that, but that is what they're telling their people, some of whom have worked there for decades."

Shea said that only a handful of the affected nurses accepted the job offers with PSJ.

An attorney for Lago declined to answer questions. In a released statement, PSJ said it "has been committed to recruiting the (nurse anesthetists) currently employed by Providence and, toward that end, offered a compensation

package comprising the identical base salary as the CRNAs currently earn, as well as a competitive benefits package."

St. John Providence's hospitals are part of the nonprofit St. Louis-based Catholic health system Ascension Health, which operates in the state as Ascension Health Michigan.

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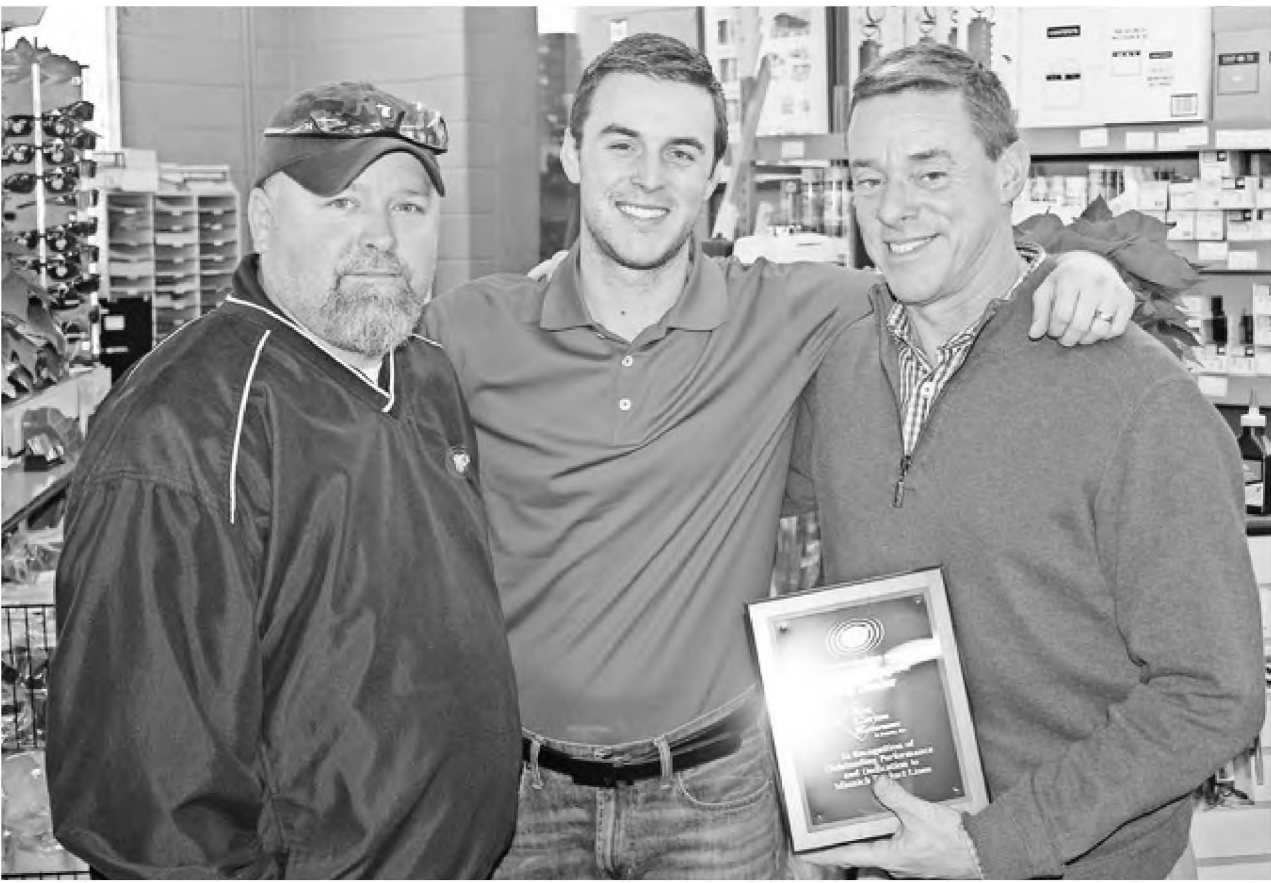
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Stay the course during turbulent times

Brutal — that is the only way you can describe how the markets began the new year. Across the board, markets were down on average 6 percent during the first week of 2016. This makes it the worse opening week on Wall Street in history.

The news is full of doom and gloom and, as a result, investors are nervous. That's why I think it's important to take a step back and understand what's happening before you decide to make a move. Remember, one of the keys of investing is don't let short-term comfort cause long-term pain.

If you take a step back and analyze what's happening, it's clear that China has been the main reason for the downturn. China, which has been the fuel that's driven the world's growth over the last number of years and whose economy has been growing at an incredible pace, has started to slow down. As a result, the markets have had an adverse reaction. It's not that we didn't know that China was slowing, but every time there's a new report that confirms it, markets are adversely



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affected. It is important to understand China is the second largest economy in the world. When the Chinese economy slows down, it has a domino effect throughout the world.

The other major reason for the market sell-off has been oil prices, which continue to fall. In fact, oil prices are now around \$33 a barrel, where they were in 2004. A drop in energy prices is a double-edged sword. As consumers, we love the fact that we can fill up our tanks at less than \$2 a gallon. The other side is that many economies throughout the world are dependent upon energy prices, including ours. Numerous oil wells throughout the United States have been shut down because of low energy prices. As a result, jobs are lost and local economies are hurt.

The question we're faced with as investors is, What do we do? Do we sell off and wait it out or do we stay the course?

My problem with selling out is that, now what? Do you leave your money in cash that is paying virtually nothing? You are losing purchasing power because we know the cost of living is going up much faster than the return you're getting in the bank.

I know it hurts when the market goes down. I am an investor and, when markets retreat, my accounts retreat as well. What I constantly focus on are my goals and objectives, not where the market is at any given point in time. Markets are volatile and fickle, but my goals and objectives are not. If you maintain focus during these turbulent and volatile times, you will prosper over the long run. But if you try to constantly time the market, it's no different than the hamster and the wheel — you run and run, but you've gone nowhere.

Good luck!

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CITY OF NOVI VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO SERVE ON CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Notice is given that the Novi City Council will be interviewing applicants for appointment to the following Boards & Commissions:

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The deadline for filing an application (available online at cityofnovi.org or at the City Clerk's office) is Friday, January 29, 2016. Applicants will be contacted by the City Clerk's Office regarding the date and time of interviews.

Maryanne Cornelius, MMC, City Clerk

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CITY OF NORTHVILLE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL MARY ALEXANDER COURT DUMPSTER ENCLOSURE ADDITION

The City of Northville, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, requests sealed requests for proposals for the construction of an addition to the Mary Alexander Court dumpster enclosure. All interested bidders should see the application to submit a proposal. Proposal details may be received by contacting the Architect, David Mielock, Mielock Associates, Inc., 114 Rayson Street, Suite 2C, Northville, MI 48167 (248) 349-2708.

A Pre-Bid meeting will be held at the project site on Mary Alexander Court, which is located between Main Street and Cady Street, east of Center Street, Northville, Michigan at 11:00 A.M., Thursday, November 14, 2016. Pre-Bid attendance is not required but is highly recommended. An original proposal and two (2) copies must be submitted by Thursday, January 21, 2016, at 2:00 p.m. at which time they will be opened and read to: Dianne Massa, City Clerk, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan 48167. Proposals must be sealed in an envelope marked **"PROPOSAL - Mary Alexander Court Dumpster Enclosure Addition"**. Faxed and emailed proposals will not be considered. The City of Northville reserves the right to accept and/or reject any or all proposals and to waive any irregularities in the proposals that are in the best interest of the City of Northville.

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Take the next step after job rejection

BY DEANNA HARTLEY
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Nobody is immune from rejection — especially in the unfortunate circumstance of getting passed over for a job opportunity. What will set you apart, however, is how you handle the rejection and, more importantly, how you move forward with your job search.

Here are some tips for getting back on your feet after a rejection.

Don't take it personally.

The job market is tough — not everybody lands the ideal job on the first try. If you've been rejected by an employer, do yourself a favor and try not to take it personally.

"The reality is there are a lot of people applying for jobs, and there are a lot of reasons organizations reject people for jobs. It might have nothing to do with you personally," says Joanie B. Connell, an author and founder of consulting firm Flexible Work Solutions. "One of my colleagues recently went through 16 interviews for a particular job, and at the last second, the organization decided to cancel the position. Resilience is key for the job seeker. It's important to remember it's a process that requires time and patience."



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Maintain a positive attitude.

Andrew Fennell, director of résumé-writing company StandOut CV, urges job seekers not to get disheartened. "You need to remain positive and upbeat when speaking to recruiters and employers," he says.

It may be easier said than done, but try to keep your chin up even in the face of rejection.

"Don't let one — or 10 — rejections cause you to give up," advises Kelly Poulson, vice president of talent and operations at advertising agency Allen & Gerritsen. "Take a break for a day or two? Sure. But don't let it lead you to wallow

in self-pity. That's not helping anyone. Each rejection leads you to the role that you're actually supposed to be in. Try to think of it that way."

Turn your weakness into a strength. Fennell recommends following up and asking the employer for feedback to help you improve your employability.

"It pays off to find out the core reasons the employer decided not to hire you," he says. "Maybe it was a skills gap on your (résumé) that you could fill with training, or maybe it was a few poor answers at the interview stage that you

could learn how to handle better next time. Always look to understand your weaknesses and turn them into strengths."

Think, reflect and talk it out. Ashley Gary-Roper, a senior HR business partner at Mercedes-Benz Research & Development North America and a certified career coach, suggests setting aside some time for self-reflection. "Gathering constructive criticism about what went wrong from a mentor or trusted adviser is key to preventing the same mistake from happening again," she says.

Thinking about it and talking

it out could even lead you to experience an "aha" moment.

"Maybe you need to consider whether you are applying to jobs you want to do versus jobs you are qualified to do," says Jill Tipograph, co-founder of Early Stage Careers. "Either reconsider your current job goals or find new and stronger ways to reach out to those who are seeking someone like you."

Don't give up on the employer that rejected you. "Remain on good terms with the rejecting firm and stay on their radar, (because) you may be in a better position the next time they are hiring," Fennell says.

You may not have been a good fit for the position you applied for, but other, more relevant opportunities could open up at the same company.

"Never burn bridges; hiring managers remember finalists," Poulson says. "You might not have been right for that immediate role, but leaving a solid last impression leaves you top of mind when the next opportunity arises."

Deanna Hartley is a writer for the Advice & Resources section on CareerBuilder.com. She researches and writes about job-search strategy, career management, hiring trends and workplace issues.

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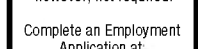
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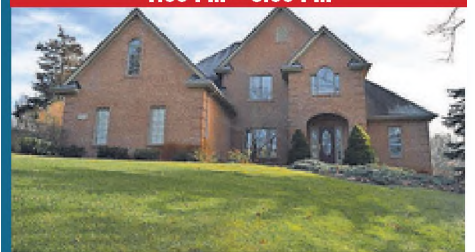


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