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# Join the NDC's Raucous Caucus

Join the Northville Dems for a Democratic Caucus at the American Legion, 100 W. Dunlap St., in Northville at 7 p.m. Jan. 29.

Are you jealous of Iowa? Here's your chance to attend an Iowa-style Caucus here in Michigan. While the official State of Michigan Primary is Tuesday, March 8, our unofficial caucus will be interesting, educational and a lot of fun, organizers say.

fun, organizers say. The NDC Raucous Caucus will mark the kickoff for the club's 2016 Presidential Election season.

There will be appetizers and snacks and the American Legion will provide a cash bar. There will be lots of conversation with impromptu speeches by the candidate reps and attendance by some of our local elected officials. Then the group will vote with our feet.

# **'Gag order' legislation concerns local leaders**

#### Joanne Maliszewski Staff Writer

The Northville Public Schools Board of Education will be asked to approve a resolution opposing legislation that many officials in Michigan's local governments are calling a gag order.

The proposed resolution would call for the repeal of language in Senate Bill 571 that appears to bar local officials from using public resources to provide information about a local ballot question within 60 days of an election.

The measure was approved by the Michigan Legislature in the 11th hour in December as mem-

bers were close to ending the legislative session. The legislation was signed into law by Gov. Rick Snyder and is now Public Act 269 of 2015.

Gallagher

"It will hamper our communi-

cations with voters," Northville Public Schools Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher said. "If voters only have ballot language, it can be so confusing."

Northville District Library Director Julie Herrin would agree. "If we did ask for additional millage or a renewal, we won't be able to send out factual information 60 days prior (to an election)."

For example, in 2014 when the Northville library sought renewal of almost 0.2 mills for seven years, a ballot resolution committee was able to — separate from the public library not only raise money, but put forth information and advocate one way or another. As another example, the school district in May 2015 sought renewal of its sinking fund at less than one mill to provide critical funding to make necessary repairs to district facilities.

In both cases, officials had been able to communicate with voters, whether hosting infor-

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March primary: Voters must declare political party

> Joanne Maliszewski Staff Writer

Northville city and township clerks are gearing up for the March 8 presidential primary by sending out applications for absentee ballots. But there is a word of caution: On absentee ballot applications, you must state your political party.

"I can't send them a ballot unless they choose a party," Northville Township Clerk Sue Hillebrand said, adding that as of last week she returned some

### JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Northville High School students run through their upcoming production of the "25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" on Jan. 20. From left are: Alex Putnam, Mercy Hein, Nick Barba, Julia Raspbury-Greenspan, Michael Duquesnel.

# Musical spells fun, comedy, song for Drama Club

#### Joanne Maliszewski Staff Writer

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They joined the Northville High School Drama Club as freshmen and now they're ready to cap their high school career — and their ninth production — as directors of the annual musical.

Seniors Haley Clafton is the director and Annie Sullivan, the assistant director, for the latest drama club production, T he 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, a one-act musical that will run Jan. 29-Jan. 31 at the high school, 45700 Six Mile.

T he 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee centers on a fictional spelling bee set at Putnam Valley Middle School. Six quirky adolescents compete in the Bee. Along the way, the Bee — run by three equally quirky grown-ups — provides touching and catchy songs. as the young spellers reveal their hopes, struggles and passions.

But what's really neat about the show is that four audience members will join the fun. "If they come 15 minutes before the show we will look for audience volunteers," Clafton said.



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The "25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" Director Haley Clafton, left, and Co-Director Annie Sullivan talk about their involvement in the wholly student-run production.

Clafton and Sullivan are glad they have each other and the cadre of drama club members for this student-run production. "It's nice that there are two of us," Clafton said. "We can bounce ideas and combine ideas." Clafton was chosen for her directorial role on the night of Northville's Lighted Parade in November. She quickly chose Sullivan as assistant director. "I picked Annie off my past expe-

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was not chosen.

The March 8 election is a closed primary, which means voters are required to select a political party. The ballot given to voters only has candidates of the party that corresponds to the voter's choice.

The election is essentially a political party primary and is typically used so parties can determine who in any voting district is a Republican or Democrat. Although the Michigan legislature recently eliminated straight-ticketing voting, this option only applies to general elections. Unlike the March 8 election, the August election is an open primary.

"Voters can choose only one party and it must be done in writing (on the AV application or at the voting booth). It must be done in writing," Northville Clerk Dianne Massa said.

The township clerk's office had already mailed 3,000-4,000 absentee ballot applications by Jan. 29. Massa began sending applications in December.

The selection of a political party for the March 8 election does not tie voters to electing

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# **PRIMARY**

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candidates in either party in the August open primary election or the November general election, according to the state of Michigan. The March 8 ballots for each party have a spot where voters can mark "uncommitted." Checking this box means that a voter has chosen a particular party, but not specific candidates.

The closing date to register to vote in the March 8 closed primary is Feb. 8 — for those who are not yet registered. Residents may register to vote at their local clerk's office or the Michigan Secretary of State offices.

According to the state, the results - by party only - are available to the political

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#### parties under the Michigan Freedom of Information Act. But the only information that is public is the political party chosen, not specific candidates.

"We are answering a lot of questions," Hillebrand said. "We are reminding voters that they must make sure they pick a party."

For more information, go to the city of Northville clerk website at

ci.northville.mi.us/ or Northville Township at northvillemich.com. Sample ballots for the March 8 closed presidential primary are available on both websites.

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# N'ville student approached by unidentified man

A 10-year-old boy walking home from Amerman Elementary Friday afternoon told Northville police he was approached by a man in a vehicle near Eight Mile and Center.

The boy reported that at about 3:30 p.m., the man, who remained in his vehicle, said he would give him a ride home. The boy told him no thank you and hid behind a nearby house. The bov said he watched the vehicle leave the area and was then able to return home without further incident.

The man was described as of Indian descent, about 35-40 years of age. According to the

# **GAG ORDER**

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mational forums or mailing fact sheets delineating what the millage requests would cost property owners.

Public Act 269 applies only to local government, such as city councils and school board boards, but not state officials or state ballot questions.

The law also calls for criminal and civil penalties for local officials when information about elections is shared within 60 days of an election.

Supporters say the wording was intended to prevent taxpayer dollars from being used to advocate for proposals that would raise taxes, but detractors say such guidelines were already in place and that the new measure would prevent them from providing even the simplest factual information, such as sample ballots.

The Michigan Library

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the library had received 341 responses from residents, said Director Julie Herrin, adding she believes that's a healthy

response.

Attend forum to help N'ville

library plan ahead

Residents may respond to the survey at northvillelibrary.org or by iPad at the library, 212 W Cady St., Northville.

While libraries used to make five-year plans for their facilities, the Internet and all things electronic and digital have made it important to plan for shorter time periods. Library officials are currently planning ahead two-to-three years, Herrin said.

Residents are asked to bring ideas and their thoughts to the public forum so librarians can learn what patrons would like from the library.

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Judiciary, Elections and Ethics Committee, which has had a hearing on a "trailer bill" intended to clarify the new law.

Heise said he understands that local officials need to provide factual information, but that taxpayers might not want to have their money used to advocate for proposals that would raise their taxes.

"I think we have to get back to maybe a better way of preventing that abuse without punishing everybody else," Heise said. One change might involve shortening the 60-day time frame for communications about ballot questions, he said.

But as noted in a proposed resolution that will go before the Northville school board, "existing laws, including the former language in Section 57, and decades of guidance from the Michigan Secretary of State, already prohibit the use of public funds to advocate for or against ballot is-

Colbeck said the measure is "not really a gag order" and that he doesn't consider it a stifling of speech because in the course of getting a

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proposal placed on the ballot, there would've been public discussion about it and a public record of that discussion. "We are going to clarify that people can send out sample ballots, for example. That's not a violation," Colbeck said.

"The bottom line is we want to protect the voice of everyone. We just want to make sure we are not using taxpayer funds to advocate for an increase in taxes," he added

Meanwhile, the Michigan Municipal League, Michigan Townships Association, Michigan Association of Counties, Michigan Infrastructure & Transportation Association, Michigan Association of School Administrators and the Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administrators also call for repeal of the "gag order" portion of PA 269.

Reporter Matt Jachman contributed to this story.

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- City of Northville Municipal Building, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167, Monday – Friday, 8am-4:30pm. (Northville City residents only). Wayne County Clerk's Office, 2 Woodward Avenue, Suite 502, Detroit, Michigan
- 48226, Monday Friday 8 am- 4:30 pm. Call 313-224-5525 to confirm hours and furlough days.
- Oakland County Elections Division, 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Pontiac, MI 48341, Monday-Friday, 8am-4:30pm.
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# Varsity Dance Co. stages 'The Adjectives of Dance' Feb. 7

The Northville High School Varsity Dance Company presents "The Adjectives of Dance" at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7, in the high school auditorium. The show is the culmination of the group's ninth season and features routines from many genres, including hip-hop, jazz, contemporary, lyrical and tap. Students, under the guidance of the dance company's artistic director Carly Siracusa Carlin, have choreographed many of the acts themselves

"These girls have so much love for dance and for each other. If I were to pick an adjective for this season, it would be proud. These dancers have made some amazing accomplishments together this year and you will see that when their performance comes to life on stage," Siracusa Carlin said.

The Dance Company is comprised of 19 dancers, all with varied backgrounds in dance. Many compete at local dance studios such as Center Stage Dance Company, Performer's Edge Dance Company, Flex Point Performing Arts Center, and Metropolitan Dan-Centre.

In addition to its annual performance, the NHS Varsity Dance Company has performed at many events this year, including the Fall Pep Rally, Homecoming Parade, NHS Varsity girls' and boys' basketball games, and the Northville Holiday Lighted Parade.

New this year, the students had the honor of dancing on stage at Disney World earlier this month, a first for all of Northville High School. "Disney screens its onstage performers carefully and we were thrilled to be selected to represent Northville High School," Siracusa Carlin said. "We had a wonderful trip together in Orlando, but most importantly, the girls were true stars when they hit the Disney stage."

In addition to performing, the dance company conducts fundraising events where they develop leadership and organizational skills, and social events that help the team bond over the company's seven-month season. Team captain and high school senior Laura Trumbore agrees that this year was a special year on dance company, "This year, through our trials, injuries, sicknesses and setbacks, we have always remained loyal to one another and to the



The Northville High School Varsity Dance Company will close its season with "The Adjectives of Dance."

team. We are incredibly strong and ready to take on anything that comes our wav!"

Trumbore adds that being on dance company has made her senior year extraordinary. "To me, dance is everything. My senior year has been crazy and exciting, and the challenge of dancing

has pushed me to be the best I can be."

The dance company leadership team also includes co-captains Ani Misirliyan (senior), Alex-

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ys Click (junior) and Macy Afsari (junior), as well as senior leaders Samantha Sandler and Lauren Talby. Tickets for "The Adjectives of Dance" will be available for purchase the day of the show at the NHS Auditorium Box Office beginning at 2:15 p.m. Tickets are \$8 each.

Carlin says it's been an amazing season, with this year's group of dancers becoming closer than ever before. "These girls have so much love for dance and for each other. If I were to pick an adjective for this season, it would be proud. These dancers have made some amazing accomplishments together this year and you will see that when their performance comes to life on stage."

In addition to Trumbore, the dance company leadership team includes senior class representatives Ani Misirliyan and Lauren Talby, and juniors Alexys Click and Macy Afsari.

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# Marine Corps League has new officers

The local chapter of The Marine Corps League held its first annual fundraising dinner at the Northville VFW in December. Some 100 hundred friends, relatives and Marines attended to celebrate and hear guest speakers from the Michigan Department of the Marine Corps League and The Fallen and Wounded Soldiers' Fund.

The league also installed new officers, including Leonard Crosley, Bill King, Gene Kramer, Wally Dixon and Ron Thomas.



New Marine Corps League officers include from left, Leonard Crosley, Bill King, Gene Kramer, Wally Dixon and Ron Thomas.



# SCHOOL **NEWS**

# **Cabaret on campus**

Give three cheers for the unique talents of Northville High School students at "Cabaret on Campus-2016," a highspirited evening of music, entertainment, light food and refreshments. Showtime is 7 p.m. Sat-urday, Feb. 27. Students have crafted their own solo or small-group performances. Decorations from Michigan colleges and universities will enhance the high school cafeteria. Audience attire for the 90-minute annual event is campus casual. Attendees are encouraged to show school spirit by wearing their favorite college spirit wear. The \$15 tickets will benefit NHS choir programs. Contact: nhscabaret2016@gmail.com.

# **Parent survey**

Parents are asked to participate in the AdvancED Parent Surveys to help in the Northville Public Schools continuing effort for improvement. The surveys have been developed by AdvancED and are centered on the research-based AdvancED Standards for

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# MUSICAL

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rience working with her," Clafton said.

Immediately, they joined forces and decided how they would create and stage the musical. And they are an interesting combination of expertise. Sullivan's greatest experience has been in casts, while Clafton has worked on the crews of former productions.

"It has been hard," Sullivan said. "For the past eight years, I have been in the casts. It has been hard being on the other side. But it has been a learning experience."

Clafton echoed Sullivan's sentiments. It has been fun directing their fellow students, but it has also been a handful of work. "We do plan everything ahead of time," she said. In fact, the pair have the

In fact, the pair have the whole process down to a science with each club member knowing exactly what they are doing and when they are doing it. The show is literally run by students. For starters, club member Alana Reinert has choreographed the show, while Andrew Lewis serves as musical director. The stage manager is Jillian Stacer and assistant stage manager is Emily Hanlon. The set designer is Dylan Curtis.

Clafton and Sullivan have nothing but good words for the



The production features a student band with student conductor.

production's leaders, cast and crew. Of Reinert they say, "she created everything." They credit Lewis with taking charge of all the music. The stage manager are credit "with keeping everything in line. When we show up, everything is in place," Clafton said.

And of Curtis and his set design, Clafton said, "he just makes it happen." Clafton and Sullivan had to

figure out how they wanted to present the musical. They started with auditions, followed three days later with a cast. And they took it from there. They admit for inspiration they looked up the show on You Tube to ignite their imagination. "We are taking a creative risk with this," Clafton said.

For all students involved in the production, the fun part is that they answer to each other. There isn't a teacher or other adult organizing, teaching or leading the effort. Sullivan has noticed that the students seem incredibly comfortable and more relaxed. Yet, the show from Clafton's appointment in mid-November until this weekend for opening night has moved fast. Last week was tech week during which students brought the whole show together.

"This show is turning out as great as any other show," Sullivan said.

As the last musical in their high school careers, Clafton and Sullivan are looking ahead to college. And neither plan to major in theater — not that they may not get involved in it



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER A Northville High School student works at a dress rehearsal of the upcoming musical.

on the side. Sullivan plans to major in sign language and deaf studies, while Clafton, who has a passion for robotics, plans to study mechanical engineering.

ing. "I'll always stay in touch with the drama club here," Sullivan said. "It has changed my high school experience."

And so have their club mates. "They are good people and a great group to be around," Clafton said.

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# NEWS

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Quality School Systems.

In April 2015, Northville Public Schools hosted an external review by a Quality Assurance Review Team from the AdvancED Accreditation Commission. The district last went through the AdvancED accreditation process in December 2009 with district accreditation conferred in early 2010. The district was re-accredited by the AdvancED Team in 2015 after completing the rigorous process of collecting empirical data to support reports detailing excellent instructional programming.

The surveys will remain open through Feb. 5. Responses are anonymous. Parents who have children who attend more than one school should complete a separate survey for each school. Parents can find the survey at http://www.advanc-ed.org/ survey/public/section/ response/begin?survey ConfigId=510614.

**Young artists** 

Northville Art House instructor Jennifer Helner will work with Thornton Creek students, grade 3-5, to make Impressionistic marker painted bookmarks. The Young Artists program will run 4-5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16 in the school art room.

At 4-5:15 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24, Northville Art House instructor Maria Latour will be at Thornton Creek to work with first-third graders who want to create tropical toucans in pastels. Registration closes at 5 p.m. Feb. 19.

Contact the Art House at 248-344-0497 with any ques-

tions. To register, visit http://northvillearthouse.org. Registration closes at 5 p.m. Friday,Feb. 12.

The cost for each class per student is \$20 per student; \$18 with a parent volunteer (limit two).

## **Alpine Ski Racing**

Northville High is proud to welcome a new varsity team: Alpine Ski Racing. The skiers invite friends, family and the community to come to the first annual screening of a Warren Miller ski film, the new 2015 *Chasing Shadows*. The movie will be shown at Genitti's in downtown Northville at 7 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 31. Doors open at 6 p.m.. Tickets are \$20 and must be pre-purchased for entry.

In true ski style, attendees can win some great door prizes and participate in the raffle of three pair of ski passes to any Vail resort, (\$160 value per ticket) with no black out dates and good until May 2016. With each numbered movie ticket, skiers are able to buy one get one free voucher to Boyne Mountain. Other door prizes include: ski tune ups, LaVida massage, and intro to Scuba classes.





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# Pet owners find furr-ever friends at Michigan Humane Society

#### Julie Brown Staff Writer

Ryan McTigue's home has five dogs — and a 9-month-old baby. "We've got a busy household," said

McTigue, spokesman for the Michigan Humane Society. "Luckily, our dogs are older. We run the gamut of breeds."

The family has two labs, the other dogs mixes, plus a couple of cats who now stay with other family elsewhere. McTigue is among

many animal-loving staffers and volunteers at the Michigan Humane Society, which has shelters in Westland, Detroit and Rochester Hills. He talked just after Christmas about what it takes to be a good pet owner.

"Having compassion for animals. I think that sets you off on the right foot," he said. "You certainly want to be aware of your time commitment."

Puppies and kittens take more time and care. McTigue noted veterinary care costs such as yearly vaccinations.

"Things sneak up on you and that's going to be a financial consideration," said McTigue, a Royal Oak resident who's been with the MHS three years said.

MHS adoption counselors cover what you'll need to know and offer handouts on such topics as what to do while you're away at work in the day.



JULIE BROWN

Moo, 2, a female pit bull mix, greets Ryan McTigue of the Michigan Humane Society.

"We want to make sure people leave very comfortable with the pet they're bringing home,' he said. A couch potato pet owner, for example, would be best with a dog rated by the MHS as "easygoing green." That five-point system for dogs goes up to "highoctane purple."

"Sometimes once you get them home, it ends up being a perfect fit,' he said. The MHS has a 60-day adoption guarantee in which you can get your fee back or another, more suitable pet.

We want to make sure we're making perfect matches," he said. Some pet owners feel bad returning an animal within the 60 days; McTigue noted they shouldn't and that that gives the MHS more information for adopting out the pet elsewhere.

The color coding for energy levels in cats is being tried now in Rochester Hills only. He noted cats behave differ-

ently in a shelter: "If they're in a home environment, you get a better idea of what they're like."

He and others at the Michigan Humane Societv see the impact of the local economy on pet owners. "When times are tough, people make a tough decision," he said, and may need to give up a pet.

The MHS helps with a free pet food bank for low-income pet owners, as well as low-cost vaccinations and micro-chipping assistance. Free straw is available for doghouses. The MHS doesn't recommend pets be outdoors in winter, but aims to help those who are.

All MHS cats adopted out come micro-chipped, with a discount offered for dog micro-chipping. When animals are turned in to the MHS as missing or strays, a chip check is done immediately to try to find the owner.

"People seem to be more focused on adoptions these days. We're very thankful for that," McTigue said.

In the lobby of the adoption part of the Westland shelter is a large cutout of Detroit Lions player Golden Tate on an indoor window. Tate and his fiancee foster MHS dogs and are among area athletes who support the organization, McTigue said.

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# Novi Parks Foundation names Landry new president

The Novi Parks Foundation announced that David Landry has been named president. As president, Landry will lead the board of direc-



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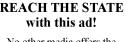
Landry served as Novi's mayor from 2005-11. Prior to being elected mayor, Landry was a city council member. He also served as a member of the planning commission. Landry is a graduate of the University of Detroit Law School and a partner in the Landry, Mazzeo & Dembinski, PC, law firm. In addition to his involveposed of business leaders and community members with a volunteer spirit. Current members

include Blair, Randy Balconi, Kim Capello and



Roxanne Atchison-Casterline, owner

Charley Stabb. Hideki "Harry" Torimoto and Gerald Jewel serve as liaisons to the Parks. **Recreation and Cultural** Services Commission.





The cast of Walled Lake Western's "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" has been rehearsing daily and look forward to sharing this production with the entire community. Tickets are available now at www.wlcstickets.com.

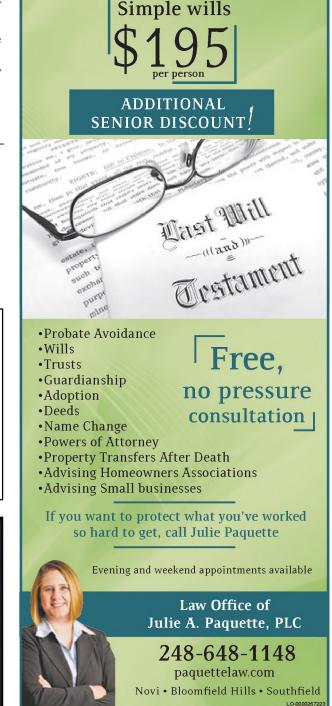
# Western students to perform 'Charlie Brown'

Walled Lake Western High School performing arts presents You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown, Feb. 4-6 at Walled Lake Western High School (600 Beck Road, Walled Lake).

The show starts at 7:30 p.m. each night and tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for students and senior citizens. Tickets are on sale at www.wlcstickets.com; tickets will also be sold at the door before each show.

You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown features an ensemble cast of 15 students. The students involved in the production include: Mitchell Kenrick, Lindsey Scheidler, Lucas Bouey, Nik Barishaj, Hayley Wagner, Derek Orr, Clare Fitzgerald, Jowan Rashid, Sophia Lada, Ella Kethledge, Michelle Hallogian, Garrett Freed, Brendan Kramer, Eli Sepulveda and Claire Murphy.

You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown, by Clark Gesner and John Gordon, is the story of the beloved Charlie Brown and the rest of the Peanuts gang. Though considered a "good man" by his friends, Charlie Brown can't seem to win the heart of the Little Red-Haired Girl or his friend Lucy, nor her crush, the piano-playing Schroeder



## Landry

enhance the recreational and cultural programs and facilities in the city of Novi.

Landry will replace Linda Blair as president. During Blair's tenure, the Novi Parks Foundation contributed to many projects, including ITC Corridor Pathway planning, the inclusive design playground installation at Power Park, the development of Pavilion Shore Park with the installation of the Fate of Empires sculpture, numerous soccer field improvements and the inaugural Pour on the Shore fund-

ment with the Novi Parks Foundation, he is a member of the Novi Police and Fire Benevolent Association.

"It is an honor to serve the people of Novi in this manner and to work with volunteers on the board and businesses in the Novi community to make Novi an even better place for all," Landry stated in a release. "We all owe a debt of gratitude to outgoing president Linda Blair for her tireless volunteer efforts and her leadership of the parks foundation.'

The Novi Parks Foundation is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization with a board of directors com-

# Gutman named region's top superintendent

The Walled Lake Schools Board of Education recently announced that Kenneth Gutman, superintendent of Walled Lake Con-

> solidated School District, has been named Region 9 of the Michi-

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Gutman

School Administrators Regional Superintendent of the Year. MASA Region 9 encompasses school districts in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.

Gutman was recognized for his 24 years of collective educational experience, from teacher to superintendent.

Gutman is president of the Oakland County Superintendents Association, MASA Region 9 legislative committee representative and executive board member of the Tri-County Alliance.



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

» 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28

» 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29

» 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30

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

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

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

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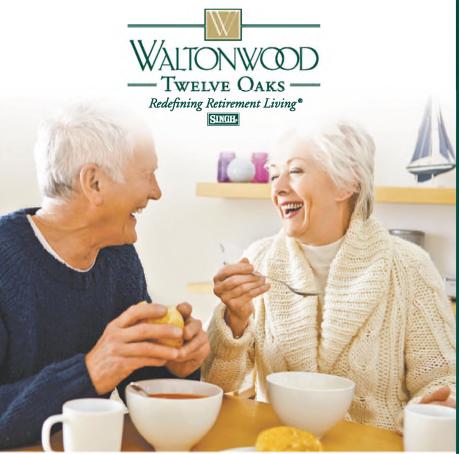
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# **ART HOUSE HAPPENINGS**

The Northville Art House is at 215 W. Cady Street in historic downtown Northville and is celebrating 10 years of providing art enrichment and education to the community through classes, art shows and public art. Online registration is now available for winter and spring classes. Check out winter classes and workshops for artists, children, teens and adults at www.northvillearthouse.org. Register early as classes fill quickly. Art House hours are noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, noon to 4 p.m. Saturday and 1-9 p.m. first Fridays only. Call 248-344-0497.

### **Upcoming events**

The current exhibit features textiles and mixed media by Barbara Bushey and Susan Moran, two established fiber artists whose work develops from close observation of the Michigan landscape. Both of these award-winning artists have had their

work in exhibitions and collections throughout the United States, including work in the White House permanent collection in Washington, D.C. The exhibit continues through Jan. 30 during Art House hours.

The 10th annual Member Exhibit will be held Feb. 5 through March 19. Go to www.northvillearthouse.org for more information. Entry deadline is Jan. 25.

The Art House will host a series of DIA "Behind the Scene" art talks this upcoming season. Each talk will be delivered by a DIA docent in the Upper Gallery. Check www.northvillearthouse.org for specific dates and times.

### Store

Featured Store artist through January is Carolyn Barritt, an Ann Arbor artist. Barritt uses acrylic ink on paper to explore the tension between forced

order and the unpredictable nature of the environment. She has exhibited her work throughout the nation. Visit her work, as well as the work of more than 40 local artists. Buy local, buy art and buy Michigan at the Northville **Ärt House Store.** 

## Art classes & workshops

The winter and spring classes and workshops for tots, preschoolers, older children, teens, adults and artists are available online and brochures are available at the Art House. Unique workshops open to teens and adults include creating a Terracotta tile with artisans from Detroit's Pewabic Tile for a fun night 7-9 p.m. Jan. 29. Express yourself Feb. 5-6 in beautiful lettering with the Artful Letters Workshop. Then make a Wire Wrapped Heart Pendant with master jeweler Mary Kernahan on Feb. 7.

### NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION For the PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION to be held on **TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2016 CITY OF NOVI**

To the Qualified Electors of the City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan. Notice is hereby given that Monday, February 8, 2016 is the LAST DAY TO REGISTER for the March 8, 2016 election. The Novi City Clerk's office, 45175 10 Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving applications of qualified electors in the City of Novi who are not already registered. If you are not currently registered to vote in the City of Novi at your present address, you may do so in any of the following ways:

#### In Person:

- At the Novi City Clerk's Office, 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi 48375 M-F, 8-5 p.m.
- At any Secretary of State Branch Office during normal business hours.

#### **Obtain Forms Online:**

- Mail-in voter registration applications may be obtained by visiting the city's website at <u>www.cityofnovi.org</u> under Reference, click on forms for the Voter Registration Form. Complete the form, sign and mail, or
- www.Michigan.gov/vote

#### **By Mail:**

By obtaining and completing a Mail-in Voter Registration Application and returning it to the Novi City Clerk's office by the close of registration deadline, FEBRUARY 8, 2016.

You may contact the Novi City Clerk's Office by calling 248-347-0456 or by email to: elections@cityofnovi.org

THE MARCH 8, 2016 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION WILL BE CONDUCTED IN ALL VOTING PRECINCTS OF THE CITY OF NOVI FOR THE PURPOSE OF VOTING FOR CANDIDATES SEEKING NOMINATION TO THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

**Republican** Candidates:

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# **Feeding a need**



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Volunteer Carol Hall begins to organize some of the boxes of food to be donated to low-income seniors at the Novi Civic Center. The center hosts a Focus Hope food distribution the second Tuesday of each month. To determine eligibility, call the Older Adult Services at 248-347-0414.

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

## Upcoming events Mad Hatter Tea: 1-3:30

p.m. Feb. 6. Pre-ticketed event. Lecture Series: Michi-

gan Native American Lecture: 7 p.m. Feb. 24. Michigan's Lumbering

#### Days and Camp Life. New School Church at Mill Race Village. No fee. Donations accepted. This lecture sponsored by the Northville Gallery and Spice Merchants.

MILL RACE MATTERS

**Dinner With Rose and** Joe Kennedy: 6:30 p.m. Feb. 12. Fundraiser for the Northville Historical Society. Event to take place at Genitti's Hole in the Wall. Contact Genitti's for tickets at 248-349-0522

### **General info**

Website: www.mill-

racenorthville.org Volunteers: The Northville Historical Society at Mill Race Village accepts volunteers

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**Donations:** Accepted only from 9 a.m. to noon each Tuesday.

Archives: The archives are open Monday and Tuesday.

**Office:** The office is open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Wednesday. All other times by appointment only. Čall 248-348-1845 or email office@millracenorthville.org.

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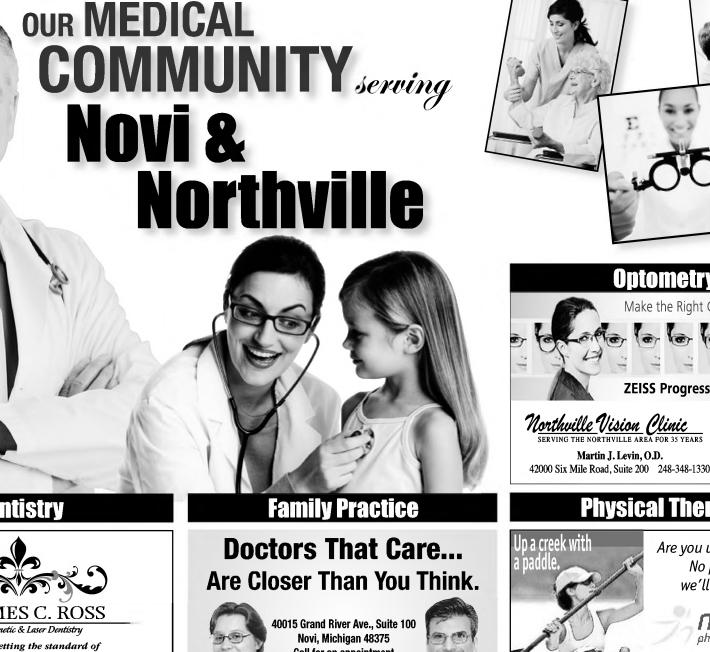
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# LOCAL NEWS

# Let Dr. Lori appraise your attic treasures at Novi show

#### **Sharon Dargay** Staff Writer

Oh, the treasures Lori Verderame has seen.

During her appearances at more than 150 home improvement shows every year, Verderame, the antiques appraiser known as "Dr. Lori" from Discovery channel's Auction Kings, has appraised thousands of items from the public, including:

» A \$250,000 Calder sculpture

» A \$500,000 Tiffany lamp

» A \$2.5 million good luck charm once owned by Napoleon

🖾 An Apollo 13 moon boot

🖾 Queen Elizabeth II's coronation shoes

"Fabulous, big numbers, interesting ob-jects," she said. "I could go on for years talking about this. So many objects ... Thomas Jefferson's writing desk ... Abraham Lincoln's campaign pin ... George Washington's wallet. The wallet was found at a show, just like the show I'm going to do in Novi.'

She'll bring her "Dr. Lori's Antiques Appraisal Comedy Show" to the Novi Home Improvement Show, Friday through Sunday, Jan. 29-31, at the Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River. During her appearances, which will run 3-5 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Friday, 1-3 p.m. and 4-6 p.m. Saturday and noon to 2 p.m. and 3-5 p.m. Sunday, visitors can get one free appraisal. Additional appraisals are \$25 each. A photograph can be substituted for items that are too big to bring to the show.

"I'm the appraiser who will tell you the truth about your object, so you can learn the value and sell it for your own gain," she said during a phone interview last week. "Bring in what vou want so I can teach you — here's where you can sell it, here's what it is worth, here's how you



Lori "Dr. Lori" Verderame talks about art, antiques and collectibles during one of her appraisal shows.

can identify it properly." Verderame said she'll entertain and appraise at the same time while looking at a collection of items from audience members at the Novi show. Everyone who brings an item will receive an appraisal. She'll also offer advice on preservation, sale negotiation, exhibiting items and more.

"It's nothing like you've ever seen in terms

of appraisals," she said. "It's fun and you're not waiting in line. Everyone hears everything: 'You have a \$250,000 piece. That's a piece of junk. This is a reproduction.' That's what I do throughout the show. People will sit at my events and enjoy them for learning about everybody else's objects. I want you to love history and love objects the way I do, because you know what?

It's a hell of a lot of fun."

## Academic background

Verderame, who was raised in Connecticut and now lives in Pennsylvania, regularly appears on Fox Business Network's Strange Inheritance, writes a syndicated column, blogs, has authored more than 30 books and maintains a website and social media presence, including a YouTube channel.

She graduated in 1987 with an undergraduate degree in history from the University of Michigan and earned a Ph.D. in art history from Pennsylvania State University. Verderame has taught at universities and colleges and worked at several galleries and museums, including Yale University Art Gallery

Through the years, she has collected bird houses, American art and, occasionally, crystal and stresses that she never buys items from her own shows

"Most pieces I find are from my 93-year-old mother and her sisters," she said, laughing.

Verderame advises against selling items at home yard sales and claims that Americans are "giving away the farm on the front lawn."

"They don't know what they have. They don't know what they're worth," she said. "The \$425,000 painting that was sold in California at a yard sale for \$18 now hangs in the Houston Art Museum. The person at the yard sale wouldn't have taken \$18 if they knew what they had.

"I'll tell you what it is. You've got the stuff. It's in your house. You want someone to tell the truth about it, I'm your girl.'

Go to Verderame's website at drloriv.com. See a complete list of Novi Home Improvement Show presentations, displays and vendors at novihomeshow-.com.

sdargay@hometownlife.com

# Yankee Air Museum will hold the line on prices for historic aircraft flying in 2016

The Yankee Air Museum will hold the line on Flyable Historic Aircraft Experiences pricing in 2016. The decision to keep prices stable on the meticulously restored World War II B-17 Flying Fortress, B-25 Mitchell, C-47 Skytrain and Waco Biplane comes in the midst of ambitious winter maintenance. YAM members will continue to be rewarded with generous discounts on flights.

Flying on vintage aircraft has become a seasonal favorite with many aviation enthusiasts in southeast Michigan. The museum hopes even more people will take their first "ride on the historic side" when the flying season opens

with the Waco and C-47 flights Saturday, April 9, at Willow Run Airport. The B-17 and B-25 flights will begin in May.

"Our operating expenses have risen, largely due to the cost of parts for these rare aircraft," said Ray Hunter, YAM chairman of the board of directors. "However, the price of fuel has been lower, which allows us to keep our rates stable."

Hunter said that a 30-minute living history flight experience on board the B-17 Yankee Lady will remain at \$450 and on the B-25 Yankee Warrior stays at \$400. The cost of a 15-minute air tour on the C-47 is \$195 and on the Waco biplane it stays at \$325



The B-25 Yankee Warrior.

for two passengers or \$225 for one passenger. Hunter calls the air-

craft "flying history books." He says scheduled maintenance is paramount and the museum is always taking extra steps to freshen the restorations on the aircraft. Keeping the airplanes in pristine condition is just one way the museum honors veterans and

### **SYNOPSIS** JANUARY 21, 2016 - REGULAR MEETING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

DATE: Thursday, January 21, 201 -7:00 p.m

"Visiting an aviation another thing," said KevMuseum. "We want the visitor experience to be as unique and rich as possible." "In 2015, we set vet

another ridership record on the B-17. These were people of all ages, male and female. People came from all over," Walsh said.

Walsh said that each of the four planes in the museum's stable provides a unique flying aracteristic and people vavs walk awav smi g. The heritage of Yane Air Museum is based principles allowing sitors to get up close to e airplanes and make it rsonal with a ride like ne other. The museum ists to stimulate the aginations of kids, nor veterans and pay bute to pioneers of iation. Walsh added that peocan reserve an April ide on the C-47 and the aco now by writing to: 47rides@yankeeairmuum.org or biplaneles@yankeeairmuum.org and communiting directly with the heduler. Guests are encoured to book the rides rly as Saturday, April promises to be very sy at the Yankee Air useum Hangar with th the 21st annual omber Buffing event d the inaugural Detroit viation and Airline llectibles Show beginng at 9 a.m. Hangar e is on the west side of illow Run Airport at Kirk Profit Drive, Ypsilanti.



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pioneers of aviation. museum is one thing; flying on one is totally in Walsh, executive director of the Yankee Air

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## **NOVI TOWNSHIP** NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE **MARCH 8 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION**

To the Qualified Electors of the TOWNSHIP OF NOVI, County of Oakland:

Notice is hereby given that the last day to register for the March 8, 2016, Presidential Primary Election will be Monday February 8, 2016.

If you are not currently registered to vote or need to register at a new address, you may do so at the following locations and times:

- <u>In Person:</u>
- 🗆 Novi Township Clerk's office, 44020 Cottisford Rd.
- County Elections Division, 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, MI 48341, Monday Friday, 8:00am – 4:30pm.
- $\Box$  Secretary of State Branch Offices.
- □ At specified agencies for clients receiving services through Family Independence Agency, the Department of Community Health, Michigan Jobs Commission and some offices of the Commission for the Blind.
- □ At military recruitment offices for persons who are enlisting.
- <u>By Mail:</u>  $\Box$  Voter Registration Application Mail to the election official as directed on the application by the close of registration deadline.

Note: Persons registering by mail are required to vote in person unless they have previously voted in person in the state or are at least 60 years of age or are handicapped.

The Presidential Primary election will be conducted at the Novi Twp. precinct at 44020 Cottisford.

Derwood Haines, 44020 Cottisford Rd., (248) 231-6210, Novi Twp. Clerk

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# 'Alice In Wonderland,' AAUW annual children's play, has anti-bullying theme

Profits benefit scholarships for women re-entering workforce

> Julie Brown Staff Writer

There's a proud history to children's plays and the American Association of University Women, dating back to 1959. This year, Alice in Wonderland will be staged by the Plymouth-Canton branch of the AAUW.

Show dates are Feb. 4-6 at Garden City High School's O'Leary Auditorium, on Middlebelt north of Ford Road. Codirector Kay Paupore of Canton noted AAUW uses the profits for scholarships for women reentering the workforce.

"They're ready to take the next step in college,' said Paupore, a retired Garden City Schools art teacher of 36 years. "We want to help them."

Thursday, Feb. 4, will be the traditional Scout Night for Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts who earn a participation badge. Garden City High students give a presentation on theater before the show, including lighting, sound, stage sets and costuming.

There's still a lot of work behind the scenes that's just as important as acting," Paupore said



TOM BEAUDOIN

(Bottom row) Michelle Churchill of Novi, Sue Bellows of Garden City, (top row) Helene Lusa of Livonia and Mickey Edell of Canton have more than 70 years combined experience performing AAUW plays. It is the biggest fundraiser for the AAUW group.

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tion, call 734-716-1833. of theatrical productions. The group also encourages kids to consider later joining AAUW, which advocates for equity for girls and women in education. the workforce and else-

where. Thursday, Feb. 4, is a 7 p.m. showtime, with the Scout presentation at 6:15 p.m. Other show times are 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5; 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 6 (a family show time with a 10:15 a.m. presentation before the show); and 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6.

Tickets can be purchased at www.PlymouthCantonmi.aauw.net. The price is \$6 online and \$7 at the door. For more informa-

term "upstander" now to not take a back seat to bullying. "You have to speak up and not let it go A new twist this year is an anti-bullying theme, as show presenters each year modify the script a on," Paupore said of the lesson shared in the AAUW production. "We this year," Paupore said. add current things that "It's an interesting com-

would promote different attitudes for kids, make it a little more relevant." There are about 25 women in the cast, many of them current and retired teachers. Lisa Noel, a Redford resident and



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(Back row) Laurie Kempisty of Novi, Monica Nick of Plymouth, Lori Demski of Garden City, (bottom) Marie Mack of Westland and Shirley Zaetta of Plymouth are looking forward to the upcoming production of "Alice in Wonderland."

Wayne-Westland Schools elementary teacher, is the show's director. A graphic artist mem-

ber, Amanda Lawrence of Westland, designed the poster. Melissa Uhl of Plymouth did the play program.

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ALVEY, MARY January 24, 1916 -January 19, 2016. Arrangements by Phillips Funeral Home, www.phillipsfuneral.com





BUELL LYDE GLORIA Age 81 of Howell, passed away peacefully Saturday evening, January 23, 2016. Born in Milford, Michigan on March 30, ROSS, PETER M., JR.

Age 78, of Northville passed away January 22, 2016. Beloved husband of Karen. Cherished father of Stephen (Rita), Michael (Danielle) and Thomas (Nichole). Adored grandfather of Allison, Sydney, and Kaley. Dear brother of the late Martha Joanisse and brother-in-law of Lee and Shirley Engwall. Also loved by his extended family Sam and Ann Horn and their children Mason and Ethan. A Funeral Mass was held Tuesday, January 26, 2016 at Our Lady of



### WHEELER, **GEORGE W.**

85, of South Lyon, died January 19, 2016. Beloved husband of the late Betty J. Wheeler. Loving father of Linda (the late Gary)



Sgt. Michael

maybe you're aware of, maybe you're not. Maybe this is the first time you're hearing about it. Maybe you have heard about it and thought this really doesn't affect me. Maybe you think this can't happen here or it's a big city problem, but not mine. Maybe after your read this, you'll call someone, do something and recognize the problem when you see it.

here is a growing

problem. A problem

January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month. Human trafficking is a form of modernday slavery. It occurs around the world and in the United States. It is a market-based economy that exists on principles of supply and demand. It thrives due to conditions that allow for high profits being generated at low risk. Human trafficking involves acts of recruiting, transporting, transferring, harboring or receiving a person through force, fraud or coercion. Anyone can become a victim of human trafficking and anyone can become a trafficker.

Every year, as many as 2.8 million children run away in the United States. These children are put at risk for commercial sexual exploitation. Approximately 100,000 to 200,000 children and adults are taken into human trafficking each year. These people are forced to perform labor and/or services in conditions of involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage or slavery. The desired age of the victims is 12-13, boys and girls. They become victims through different methods. Some are kidnapped, others are sold into trafficking. However, a majority of these children are tricked into trafficking by someone they trust, like a boyfriend or a "best friend."



Now that we know what human trafficking is, what are some of the warning signs? A victim may have unexplained absences from school or the inability to attend school on a regular basis. They may chronically run away from home or make a reference of frequent travels to other cities. They may demonstrate a sudden change in behavior or material possessions. A victim may make reference to sexual situations that are beyond age-specific norms. The victim may also begin to use or are using drugs. They can appear malnourished, seem disoriented. They may have no identification or documents, avoid eye contact, be fearful of authority figures and can't come and go independently. These are all indicators of possible human trafficking.

The next question, who can I call or what can I do? A place to start is just by picking up the phone; the number to the National Human Trafficking Hotline is 888-373-7888. You can also go online to several websites: Polaris Project at www.polarisproject.org, Traffick Free at www.traffickfree.com, The Free2BMe Project at www.thefree2bmeproject.org and Traffick 911 at www.Traffick911.com.

Remember, as I said above, anyone can be a victim, anyone can be a trafficker, but also, anyone can help and prevent this from happening.

If you have questions or comments, email them to askatrooper12@gmail.com or mail them to Ask A Trooper, Michigan State Police Brighton Post, 4337 Buno Road, Brighton, MI 48116.

## ARMSTRONG, MARY ELIZABETH (McKENZIE)

passed away on December 29, 2015 in Los Angeles, California at the age of 85. She was a longtime resident of Northville, Aichigan before moving to Los Angeles, CA. Born on February 17, 1930 to Constance Blanche oveday and Walter Ingles McKenzie, Mary was raised in Detroit and graduated from Redford High School. She is survived by daughter Robin Armstrong-Hugg (Larry) from Los Angeles, CA; son Randal Becky Wangeman) Armstrong from Northville; granddaughter Courtney Armstrong Gordon (Patrick) and great-grandchildren Jack and Lily from Novi; three sisters: Nancy Keller (Tucson, Arizona), Dorothy Urban Stratford, Ontario), and Peggy Midener (East Jordan, MI). She was preceded in death by another son, Walter Cyril Armstrong (1984) and her oldest sister, Barbara Holmquist (1976). Mary's ashes will be interred in he Memorial Garden at St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth, MI on her birthday.



**BREEN, MARY** 

Of Plymouth, 82, passed away December 27, 2015. Beloved wife of Maurice. Mother of Melinda Hale, Maurice II and Moira (Thomas) Haas. Nana of Patrick aka PJ (Lindsey) Sullivan, Matthew Sullivan. Samantha, Jeffrey and Sabrina Hale. Great-Nana of Keira, Shane. Fiona, and Brady Sullivan. Memorial service will be held at Schoolcraft College, VisTaTech Center, 18600 Haggerty, DiPonio Room VT500, Livonia, Saturday, February 6 at 11:30 a.m. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made with checks payable to Schoolcraft College The Foundation," memo "Mary Breen Award of Excellence to: The mailed Schoolcraft College Foundation, Attn: Mary Breen Award of Excellence, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia, MI 48152.

1934, she was the daughter of Joseph and Mamie (McLendon) Bailey. A Howell area resident since 1962, Lyde raised six children and worked with her husband James on the Dairy Farm. She was an excellent baker and cook. Lyde enjoyed gardening, reading, raising her own chickens and had her own egg delivery route. Both Lyde and her husband James enjoyed traveling. Beloved wife of the late James C. Buell who preceded her in death on July 19, 2011. Loving mother of James J. (Teresa) Buell of Lebanon, Tennessee, Kathie M. (John) Kenney of Durand, Nancy M. Mazurek of Perry, Judy A. Buell of Owosso, Becky L. (Brian) Bailey of Gregory and Denise R. (David) Fogo of Fowlerville. Proud grandmother of 14 grandchildren and 26 greatgrandchildren. Also survived by her sister, Evelyn Myers of Fenton and brother, Wallace J. Bailey of California; numerous nieces and nephews. Visitation Friday, January 29, 2016 from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. with funeral services Saturday, January 30, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. at MacDonald's Funeral Home, Howell (517-546-2800). Interment will follow at Lakeview Cemetery in Howell. Memorial contributions are suggested the Alzheimer's Association. Please sign the family's online guestbook at www.macdonaldsfu neralhome.com

#### GALLAGHER, RUTH A.

March 10, 1924 - January 22, 2016 L. J. Griffin Funeral Home-

Northrop Sassaman Chapel

LIPTAK, CHERYL A. March 22, 1946 - January 17, 2016. Arrangements by Phillips Funeral Home, www.phillipsfuneral.com

#### McLEAN, VIRGINIA

Age 91, of Hitchcock, TX formerly of Novi, MI, passed away January 20, 2016. Condolences at casterlinefuneralhome.com

### PERKINS, JANET C.

Age 94, January 21. 2016, of Milford (formerly of Commerce Twp.). Share a memory of Janet at www.cremationmichigan.com

### **RICHARDSON** MARGARET MÁE

May 13, 1923 - January 20, 2016 J. Griffin Funeral Home-Northrop Sassaman Chapel

Victory Catholic Church in Northville. Contributions appreciated to Capuchin Soup Kitchen or Wounded Warrior Project. Please share condolences at casterlinefuneralhome.com

#### SANDEFUR. **RICHARD JŔ.** June 7, 1942~January 18, 2016.

Phillips Funeral Home www.phillipsfuneral.com

#### SCHILLER, JAMES J.

Age 94, a 26 year resident of South Lyon, passed away January 22, 2016. He was born on January 3, 1922 in Detroit, son of the late Herman and Anna Schiller. He served with the Army in WWII and was a P.O.W. James was the loving husband of the late Mary beloved father of Schiller; Suzanne (Ray) Brown and Linda Tropea; grandfather of Mike (Maureen) Brown, Karen (Jeff) Hantz, Josh (Alicia) Tropea, Laura (Karl) Papenhagen and great-grandfather of seven. held Visitation was Sunday, January 24 from 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. with a funeral service held on Monday, January 25 at 11:00 a.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Great Lakes Caring Hospice. He will be laid to rest beside his wife in Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens.

www.phillipsfuneral.com

### WALKER, RICHARD D.

Age 79, passed away January 24, 2016. He was born on February 22, 1936 in Leslie, Michigan, son of the late Harold and Ella Walker. Richard was employed with Detroit Diesel for 30 years prior to his retirement and was a member of the Civil War Muzzle Loaders. He is survived by his beloved wife, Juanita of 56 his children: Sharon years; (Mark) Messer and Richard Walker Jr.; two grandchildren, Jessica Messer and Amy (Philip) Cushman and his great-grandson, Charlie Cushman. He is also survived by his sister, Phyllis Wilson; his brothers-in-law, Duane (Sharon) Vinton and Leslie (Laura) Vinton; his sisterin-law, Helen Hedquist and many special nieces, nephews and friends. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, January 27 from 2:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. with Rosary prayed at 6:00 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. A funeral Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, January 28 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 830 S. Lafayette, South Lyon. www.phillipsfuneral.com

Cockfield, Mike (Kendra) Wheeler, Lori (Damond) Mace, and Sheri (Brian) Sciatto Cherished grandfather of 11 and great-grandfather of three. He is survived by his two sisters, Shirley (Dolly) Sirovey and Sharon Stemp. Predeceased by his brother, Chet Wheeler. Korean war veteran, 2nd infantry division sergeant. Double Purple Heart recipient. Retired Health & Safety Representative at Ford Motor Company. Retired head of security at Diamond Castle Jewelers. He was also known as Michigan's Great Pretender, a charity performer for senior citizen centers and senior living facilities. A Military Honors service is being planned for Memorial Day weekend. The family would like you to share your favorite memory of George at www.caringbridge.org/visit/ge orgewheeler.



#### WILLINGHAM, **ROSEMARY (BOYA -**GIAN)

January 23, 2016. Age 89 of South Lyon, formally of Dearborn. Beloved wife of the late Francis. Dear daughter of the late George and Mary. Loving mother of Vicky (Willingham) Hoffman and Robert. Dear grandmother of William Smith and the late Nicholas Smith. Dear sister of Virginia (late James) Shuman, Armen (late Lillian), Kay (Sharron), and the late Annabelle (Jack) Tarry, and John (Catherine). Dearest aunt of many nieces and nephews. Funeral Thursday 11 a.m. at the Dearborn Chapel of Howe-Funeral Homes. Peterson Visitation Tuesday 2-8 p.m. and Wednesday 11-8 p.m. Burial Oakland Hills Cemetery.



## LOCAL NEWS

# AAA offers tips for driving safely in Michigan's winter conditions

As Michiganders deal with difficult winter weather conditions, AAA sent out a statewide alert reminding motorists that when it comes to driving in winter weather conditions, the most important is safety.

A forecast for snow, sleet and ice can produce conditions that will likely challenge even the most seasoned driver. AAA recommends:

» Restrict driving privileges for teen or new drivers who have never driven in snowy conditions.

» Provide new drivers with an adult-supervised opportunity to test their driving skills in an empty, snow packed/icy parking lot or low-traffic volume road.

» Help new drivers

understand how vehicles operate differently in snowy conditions along with building their driving confidence and skills.

» Take extra care with seniors who may face other driving challenges.

» Access AAA roadside assistance with the free AAA app for iPhone, iPad and Android at AAA.com/mobile.

» Submit road service

requests online at and free www.aaa.com. atures.

### AAA's top tips

1. Before starting out, remove snow from the *entire* car so it doesn't blow onto your windshield or the windshields of other drivers. Make sure your mirrors and lights are clean as well. 2. Don't use cruise

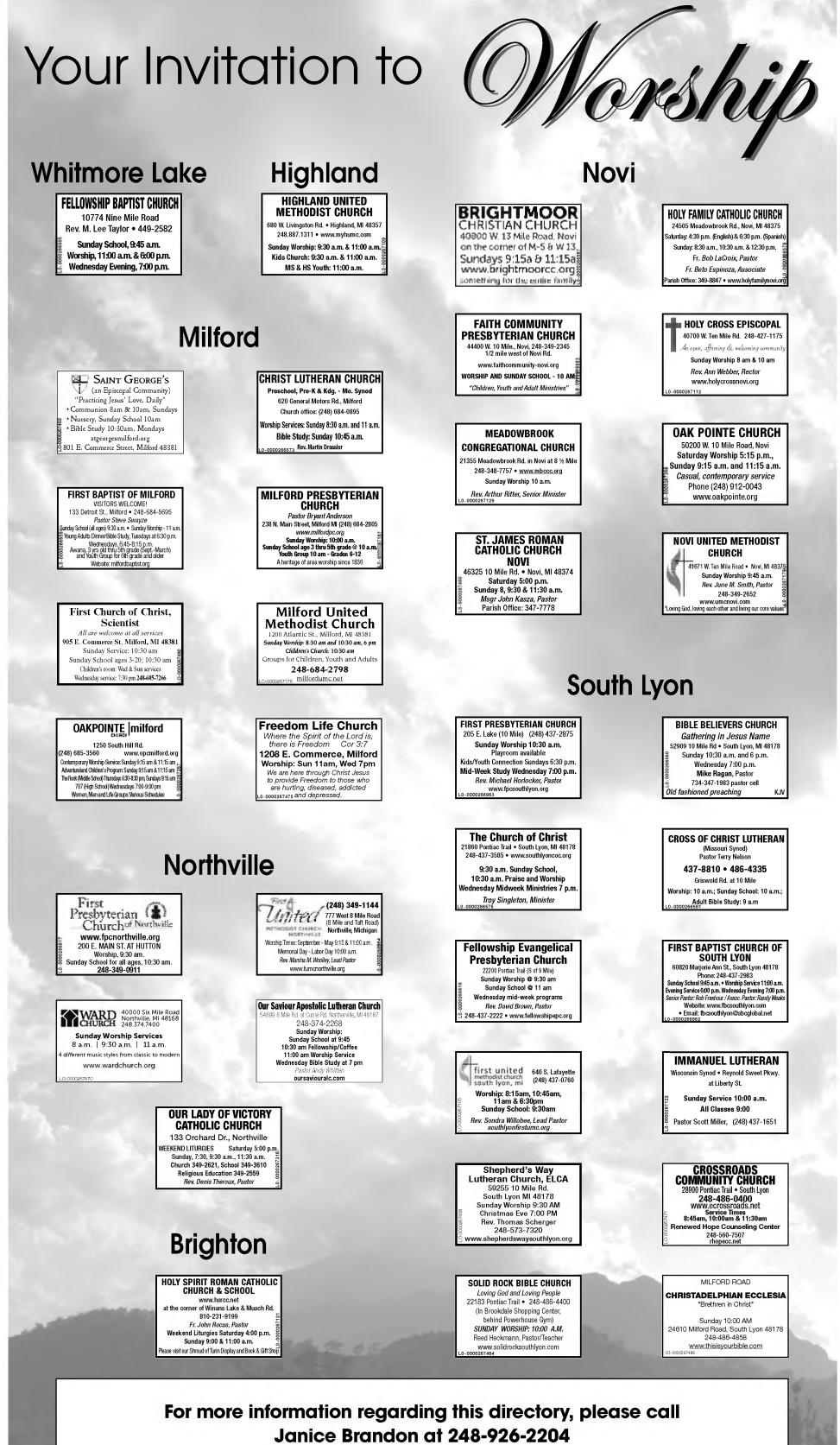
control in precipitation

and freezing temperatures.

3. Remember that four-wheel drive helps you to get going quicker, but it won't help you stop any faster.

4. Familiarize yourself with your vehicle's braking system. Drivers with anti-lock brakes should apply firm, constant pressure while those without may need to pump the pedal in order to avoid loss of traction while stopping.

Additional winter weather driving tips are available in AAA's How To Go on Ice and Snow booklet, which can be downloaded at: http://exchange.aaa.com/ wp-content/uploads/ 2012/09/How-To-Go-On -Ice-and-Snow.pdf.



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# More than \$60,000 cash reported stolen from home

#### **Susan Bromley** Staff Writer

The owners of a local restaurant in Novi reported to police that \$60,000 was stolen from their home, as well as 300,000 Japanese yen (about \$2,500), their passports, green cards, a pearl necklace valued at \$1,000 and some chocolates.

The alleged burglary of the home occurred some time between 9:30 a.m. and noon Jan. 16. The complainant reported when she returned home, she found her master bedroom had been ransacked. There were open storage boxes all over the floor and comforters on two beds in the room were partially pulled off. She checked the rest of the house and found the front door side window had been smashed in and the door was partially open. Rooms upstairs had also been rifled through.

All the storage boxes in the master bedroom had been stacked on a closet shelf. There was a jewelry box left on the bed and nothing appeared to be missing from it. Besides the master bedroom, everything else on the main floor appeared untouched, except a box of chocolates which now had some pieces missing

The woman reported that 300,000 yen was stolen, as well as the Gucci wallet in which it was stored. Also stolen was \$60,000 kept in an envelope. She knows of no disgruntled employees or anyone who knew they kept large amounts of cash in their home.

The complainant's husband reported that five or six days earlier, he had been followed home from the restaurant by a suspicious vehicle, a black Cadillac. The vehicle followed him into the subdivision and he noticed it drive by a second time as he went into his house. The case is open.

## Reckless

A motorist nearly hit a man at the Speedway station at Novi and 10 Mile roads, earning herself a flat tire and an arrest for operating while intoxicated.

The incident occurred shortly after 1 a.m. Jan. 16, a Novi police report stated. The man told police the suspect entered the driveway, drove over the curb, then drove the wrong way between gas pumps, nearly hitting

him. The station manager also witnessed the incident and it was captured on surveillance video.

The suspect smelled strongly of alcohol, police stated, and when asked how much she had to drink, said she had one beer. She failed field sobriety tests and a preliminary breathalyzer test indicated she had a blood-alcohol content of 0.16 percent. A later test showed she had a BAC of 0.21 percent. A BAC of 0.08 percent is considered legally drunk.

She was lodged at the jail and a warrant request was made to the prosecutor's office for operating while intoxicated, high BAC.

## **Missing Ramen**

A husband and wife were the victims of two thefts of packages delivered to their apartment on Wellington Drive within a two-week span.

The wife reported she ordered from Amazon a 24-count package of Ramen mushroom noodles Dec. 24 and was notified the package was delivered five days later, but she never received it. She was refunded the cost of the noodles. A few days

later, Jan. 1, her husband ordered various items from Amazon, including record sleeves, two art books and a video game. Amazon reported the packages were left on his doorstep 10 days later at 12:49 p.m. Jan. 11, but when he arrived home at about 5:30 p.m., they weren't there. They were advised by police to use the sign for delivery option to prevent theft of any future packages.

LOCAL NEWS

### **Derailed fitness**

A resident of Spring Lake Boulevard had her fitness plans derailed when an elliptical she ordered was stolen from in front of her apartment Jan. 5, along with another package that contained Hollister jeans. FedEx confirmed the elliptical, weighing 150 pounds, had been delivered at 11:43 a.m. that day. A neighbor reported seeing the package about 4:30 p.m. outside the door and then hearing two male voices and sounds like a package being opened between 5:30 and 6:30 p.m., but she did not investigate.

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# Law named presiding judge at 52-1 District Court

Judge David Law was recently named presiding judge of the 52-1 District Court, which serves the communities of Novi, Lyon Township, South Lyon, Commerce Township, Walled Lake, Wixom, Milford Township, village of Milford and Highland Township. Law was appointed to



Law

Gov. Rick Snyder. "Since being appointed by Gov. Snyder back in Febru-

ary 2015, I have worked

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hard to become a wellrounded and fair judge," Law said. "I am honored that my fellow judges on the 52-1 District Court bench saw fit to elevate me to presiding judge.'

The presiding judge performs leadership and management functions for the court. The duties

may include, but are not limited to: establishing policies and procedures for the court, organizing meetings of the judges, managing the court's calendar and other administrative duties.

Law's term as presiding judge will last for two years, expiring Dec. 31, 2017.

# Milford man remains chair of road commission

The three-member Road Commission for **Oakland County Board** re-elected Ron Fowkes of Milford to a second term as board chairman and Eric Wilson as vice chairman

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ly elects its officers at the first meeting of the new year in January.

'I am looking forward to the opportunities ahead of us in 2016,' Fowkes said. "We are committed to providing the safest roads in Michigan and Oakland County has consistently had the lowest traffic fatality rates of any county in the state. This didn't happen overnight. We have been a leader in using crash-data evaluation as a primary basis for selecting future road projects for more than 30 years."

Fowkes has served on the RCOC board since 2011. A resident of the village of Milford, he has frequently advocated for better roads and highways in Oakland County.

Fowkes served on the Milford Village Council from 1999 through 2006, including serving as its president in 2003. He owns and operates Sealtite Inspection Co.

Fowkes added that, in addition to crash data analysis, RCOC has introduced changes in road design and safety enhancements such as using center-line rumble strips and paved shoulders to reduce traffic fatalities. Other projects that have improved motorist safety in Oakland

County have included constructing modern roundabouts, which have been shown to reduce intersection fatalities by 90 percent (Oakland County has the highest concentration of roundabouts in the state), as well as RCOC's system of "smart" traffic signals (the second-largest system in the country).

Fowkes also was reappointed as the road commission representative to the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission for 2016.

Wilson is an attorney in private practice and former member of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners and the Orion Township Board of Trustees. He was first appointed to the RCOC board in 2007 and reappointed in 2013.



Wilson

Jamian has served on the RCOC board since 2009 and was re-appointed to a second

term in 2015. He is a resident of Bloomfield Township and former member of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners and the



than 30 years, Jamian has been president and CEO

Jamian of an in-

tegrated health-services corporation in Troy.

**Road Commission** board members are appointed by the Oakland County Board of Commissioners and serve for six-year terms.



# "Comprehensive Care of Back Pain at **Oakland Physical Therapy**" Thursday, February 4, 2016 at 7:00 pm

This class will identify some of the more common causes of back pain and describe the management and treatment of back pain patients at Oakland Physical Therapy. The class will include lecture, demonstration, and participation (though this is not required). Please dress comfortably.



In addition, Oakland Physical Therapy is offering 30-minute consultation appointments with a physical therapist to answer any questions or concerns and assess if you may benefit from physical therapy treatment. These consultations can be scheduled at the time of the class or by phone and will occur February 9, 2016.

There is no charge for the course or the consultation appointments, however, space is limited. Please call (248)380-3550 or e-mail mail@oaklandphysicaltherapy.com to register by February 3, 2016.



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# OPINION

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

## **OUR VIEW**

# State law limiting officials' right to speak a mistake

Free speech issues arise often in our country. They can be thorny for courts to resolve in many cases, in which competing and often valid interests and viewpoints must be balanced.

Newspapers, which have a particular interest in the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, often rally to the cause not merely for self-interest but for the larger principles involved.

Public officials, such as mayors, city council members, school superintendents and library directors also have their free speech rights under the U.S. Constitution. A new law signed by Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder has many of them concerned about their speaking as it relates to millage and bond votes.

Derek Fisher, superintendent of the Garden City Public Schools, said, "The sad irony is the spirit of the initial legislation started out solid" with election reform. "In my estimation, it makes it incredibly difficult" to inform voters on millage renewals and bond issues, Fisher said.

"We're about transparency, we're about educating the public," said Fisher, citing the Garden City Schools millage renewal about a year and a half ago when he was Garden City High School principal. Voters wanted to know how money was to be spent, and educators explained purposes such as the high school parking lot and elementary school boilers.

Other public officials have spoken out as well against the new law. On the millage and bond measure, state Rep. Julie Plawecki, D-Dearborn Heights, said, "We (legislators) were given 10 minutes. I never even saw the bill. School districts are very upset, which I do not blame them. I personally think there are going to be a lot of lawsuits."

The law limits discussions on the millage and bond measures 60 days out before an election. Certainly it's

inappropriate for officials to use their platform to strong-arm voters into voting a certain way.

Factual information on why money is needed, such as Fisher's explanation of the high school parking lot and elementary school boilers, is a different matter. In those cases, civic leaders have every right, we believe, to share their views and make their case before voters.

An informed electorate is the best electorate, and voters can make informed decisions only with facts. Professional organizations for school administrators, the Michigan Library Association and others are now mulling their options on this law.

Democracy is rarely easy, but we believe in this case the law should be repealed and basic First Amendment rights restored to those who serve in a public capacity.

#### **LETTERS**

## Appreciation from Northville Kiwanis Club

The Northville Kiwanis Club wants to thank all the people and organizations who supported us in our 2015 projects. We are a small club, but we still took on a lot of work for the community.

Among our accomplishments, we assisted Bridgepoint by picking up and sorting 350 new toys for distribution to children in disadvantaged schools, donated money to Northville's Cooke School for a special project, donated money to the Van Buren Township family that had a house fire and unfortunately lost a family member,

used sporting equipment and donated money for sports uniforms for Detroit's Academy of the Americas, worked to rake leafs at the New Hope Center for Grief Counseling, donated bike helmets to the July 4th Northville parade bike safety corral, held the first annual Northville High School pancake breakfast fundraiser and participated in the Salvation Army Bell Ringing in which we raised \$544.

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The Northville Kiwanis Club meets on the first and third Wednesdays of every month at noon at the Northville Sports Den. We welcome all who are interested in serving the greater Northville community. Northville Kiwanis Club Dan Ferrara, President Darren LaLonde, Vice President Erin Flynn, Secretary James Tesen, Treasurer

# How can Flint water problem be fixed?

I'll admit I take my clean Northville water for granted. I never think twice about quaffing a (filtered) glass of it straight from the tap, nor standing under a soulsatisfying hot stream of it at the end of a long, tiring day.

My appreciation for this underrated commodity gets nudged upward every time I hear about denizens of Third World countries having to lug buckets of water from communal wells, or becoming sickened by contaminated sources. But these are places far removed from the sphere of American water infrastructure norms. We might expect to see such trouble spots championed on the cover of a national news weekly like TIME, but certainly not Flint,

Michigan. Yet Flint's water woes are precisely what the feature article, "The Poisoning Of An American City" in the Feb. 1, 2016 issue of *TIME*, focuses on.

While I confidently sip hot tea brewed from Northville municipal water, kids in Flint are having their health perhaps irrevocably compromised by the lead-tainted water their families pay to have pumped into their homes. Why? Isn't America better than this? Better than prioritizing money over health? Better than proceeding halfcocked without all due caution and prudent riskassessment? Better than inadvertently positioning itself in the media glare as its own, incompetent and short-sighted worst enemy?

To call this debacle a travesty would be an understatement. The question is, how does such an egregious, largescale wrong ever get righted? The federal money promised by Obama will fix Flint's leadleaching pipes, but is that any consolation to parents whose children will retain the legacy of this regrettably avoidable disaster long after it has been rectified?

Ken Kilpatrick Northville

## Need more power

I'm always amused how people rail against snow and cheer on 'green Christmases' but what they don't realize is that December and winter aren't summer, so if you're not getting snow you're going to be getting wind, rain or worse yet, freezing rain.

If you have a flat roof, extreme heavy snow might bring your roof down but your electric power won't get knocked out, but goofy high winds and icy rains which are present due to an overly warm winter will blow up transformers and snap power lines. In the last several years, we've even witnessed a before unknown phenom called 'Thunder Snow' which is lightning bolts being hurled during a snowstorm (egads).

I realize that we already have gas lines, water mains and cable TV lines buried underground so it's getting kinda crowded under there but one has to wonder if electric power lines wouldn't be better off there. There are actually parts of the country were this is the practice. I dunno, it just seems to me that when the concept of aboveground power lines was conceived, not enough thought went into how fragile the system was and how vulnerable it is to going down whenever the weather turns ugly.

We talk about how much easier of a life modern man enjoys due to our modern conveniences but the other side of that coin is that those perks can be easily taken away from us. To some extent, people who lived in castles or in sod hut homes or on farms in historical times had some advantages over us. A man living in a cabin in the woods actually is better off in some ways than modern man. Leo Weber Livonia



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# Bills aimed at DPS sick-outs, Flint water introduced in legislature

### Kathleen Gray Michigan.com

Two of the most vex-

ing problems facing the state, the Flint water crisis and the financially struggling Detroit Public Schools, were the subjects of bills introduced by lawmakers in Lansing last week.

Three bills regarding what constitutes a teacher strike and penalties for teachers and school districts where strikes occur — teacher strikes are illegal in Michigan — were introduced by Senate Republicans. The bills are in response to teacher sick-outs in Detroit that have resulted in the closure of dozens of schools over the past three weeks.

One bill would simplify the procedure and shorten the time it takes to declare that a teacher strike is occurring. The other two bills would suspend the teaching certificates of teachers engaged in a strike, and another would deduct 5% of school aid payments to districts where school officials don't deduct the pay of striking teachers.

Another bill, introduced by Senate Democrats, would require that the Legislature and the governor's office be subject to the Freedom of Information Act, which requires public disclosure of documents. The issue has been hot this year in light of the Flint water



RYAN MCVAY

Various Detroit Public Schools buildings closed last week because of teacher sick-outs.

# FIND OUT MORE

To get information and track the progress of bills, go to

www.legislature.mi.gov. To contact the governor's office, go to

www.michigan.gov/snyder. To contact legislators, go to www.house.michi-

gan.gov/ MHRPublic and www.sen ate.michigan.gov/ senatorinfo.html.

crisis because both the Legislature and governor's office are exempt from FOIA laws. Michigan is one of only two states with such an exemption. The Free Press and other organizations have called for an end to the exemptions.

#### House bills

**HB 5221**: Repeal section of a new law that prohibits local officials from communicating about ballot proposals in the 60 days before an election. Sponsor: Rep. Andy Schor, D-Lansing.

**HB 5222**: Maintain 31 judges in 36th District Court in Detroit. Sponsor: Rep. Brian Banks, D-Detroit.

**HB 5223**: Return the schools in the Education Achievement Authority (all in Detroit) to the control of the original school district. Sponsor: Rep. Brian Banks, D-Detroit.

**HB 5224-5226**: Create fund-raising license plates for prostate cancer awareness and provide checkoff options for state income taxes for the prostate cancer foundation fund. Sponsor: Rep. Paul Muxlow, R-Brown City.

HB 5227-5229: Revise disclosure procedures for nonpublic credit unions, banks and savings bank's financial information to third parties. Sponsors: Reps. Jeremy Moss, D-Southfield; Peter Lucido, R-Shelby Township, and Jim Runestad, R-White Lake.

**HB 5230**: Prohibit indemnity agreements in snowplow and deicing services contracts. Sponsor: Rep. Ken Yonker, R-Gaines Township.

### Senate bills

**SB 712**: Eliminate distance exemptions for specially designated resort liquor license distributors. Sponsor: Sen. Jim Marleau, R-Lake Orion.

SB 713-715: Provide for changes in provisions concerning designating what is a strike by teachers, and require suspension of teaching certificate for teachers engaging in strikes and deduct 5% in school aid payments from schools who don't dock pay of striking teachers. Sponsors: Sens. Phil Pavlov, R-St. Clair; David Robertson, R-Grand Blanc, and Joe Hune, R-Whitmore Lake.

**SB 716:** Require the legislative branch and governor's office to be subject to the Freedom of Information Act. Sponsor: Sen. Coleman Young II, D-Detroit. **SB 717:** Provide for alternative means to protect against expo-

sure to environmental hazards from leaking underground storage tanks. Sponsor: Sen. Tom Casperson, R-Escanaba.

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Send Novi items to pallmen @hometownlife.com and Northville items to jmaliszews @hometownlife.com by 9 a.m. Monday for consideration for the Thursday edition.

## Older Adult Services programs

Have you been diagnosed with "cabin fever"? Friends and fun are the prescription for feeling better and events hosted by Novi's Older Adult Services are the perfect place to begin treatment. **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



## org. Storytellers Bob and Audrey Allison

Saturday.

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 30

**Details:** Celebrate Black History Month at the library. Bob and Audrey Allison tell stories, play musical instruments and share their instruments with the audience so you can try to play, too. This program is geared toward families with children ages 2-10.

Pre-register for this free program at Wixom Public Library by calling 248-624-2512, online at wixomlibrary.org or stop by the library at 49015 Pontiac Trail, Wixom



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# 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, is Friday, Jan. 22, and can be completed at www.kvybakidzfoundation.org.



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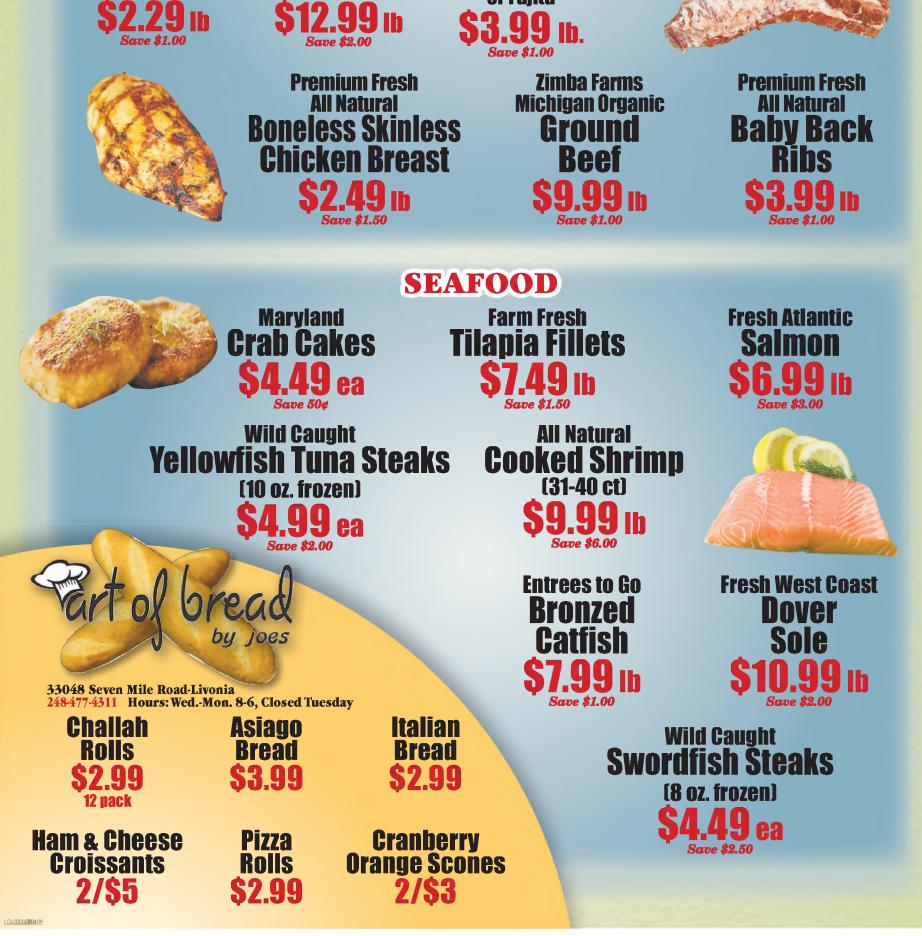
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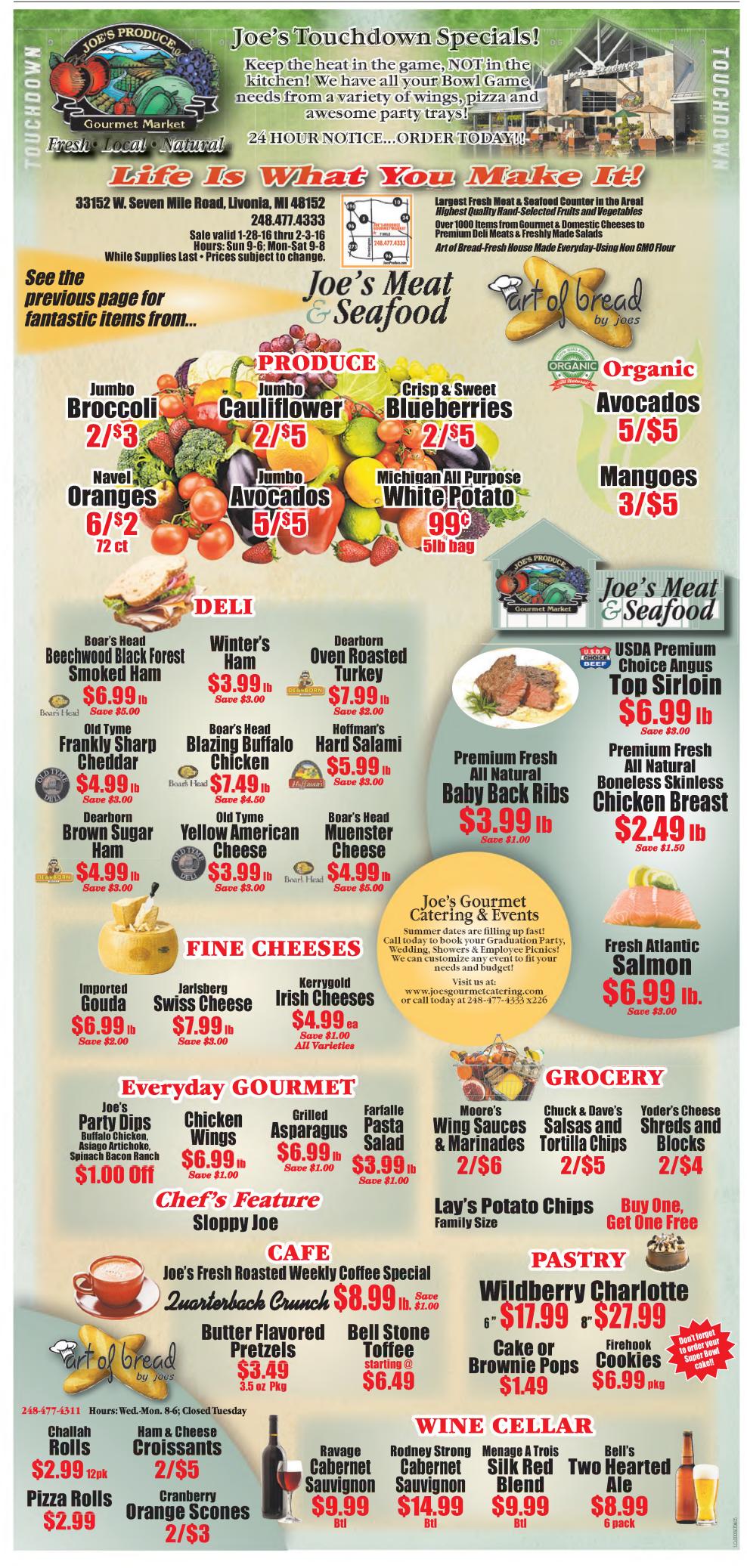
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Novi's Johnny Davis (left) tries to get a hand on the layup by Northville's Justin Zimbo, with teammate Kevin Morrissey (right) entering the fray.

# **BUZZER BEATER: MUSTANGS WIN**

11-0 Northville cagers stun Novi on Morrissey's triple

Northville's un-

**Brad Emons** Staff Writer

Kevin Morrissey's fifth and final shot of the game couldn't have come at a better time Friday night as far the Northville boys basket-



beaten season continues at 11-0, coupled with a 5-0 record in the KLAA's Central Division. Justin Zimbo, a senior guard who paced Northville's Morrissey scoring attack with a game-high 19 points, was trying to find a hole in the Novi defense on the final possession after the Wildcats missed a contested layup with 16 seconds left. Zimbo, however, had to go with his next best option while dribbling beyond the 3-point line. "I was going to try to shoot it, but I knew I couldn't get a good shot off and I threw it to Kevin, he chucked it up there and somehow it went in," Zimbo said. "I was hoping

we didn't (call timeout). I was hoping to play, get it over with and, hopefully, make a shot and it worked well.'

Senior forward Justin Gibbons added 16 points, while Jake Justice and Morrissey added nine and

## **BOYS BASKETBALL**

# U-D High, Winston stymie CC cage bid No. 1-ranked Cubs cruise to 77-56 victory vs. Shamrocks

**Brad Emons** Staff Writer

It's tough enough trying to get a handle on University of Detroit-Jesuit's star point guard Cassius Winston.

And then there's another whole set of problems dealing with the Cubs' 6-foot-9 twin towers in Ikechukwu Eke and Gregory Eboigbodin.

Novi Detroit Catholic Central had no answers for the talented trio, which combined for a total of 50 points Jan. 19 as the state's No. 1-ranked team in Class A rolled to a 77-56 victory over the host Shamrocks.

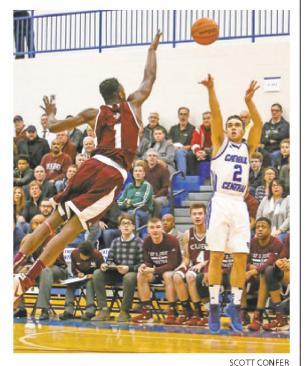
The 6-foot-1 Winston, a Michigan State signee and leading candidate for Mr. Basketball, fin-ished with a game-high 19 points despite sitting out much of the second quarter with two fouls.

Eboigbodin and Eke added 16 and 15, respectively, as they controlled the paint as the high-flying Cubs improved to 11-0 overall and 3-0 in the Catholic League's Central Division.

After Eke started the game with a steal and dunk, CC (5-2, 2-1) came out hot by hitting its first three triple tries for a 9-4 advantage.

"That was our concern coming into the game," U-D coach Pat Donnelly said. "They've got a number of guys that can knock down 3pointers. I thought we did a poor job on a couple of ball screens that allowed C.J. Baird to get

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CC's David Weber (right) shoots from the corner over U-D Jesuit's 6-foot-9 Ikechukwu Eke.

ball team was concerned.

With his team down two and the final seconds winding down against rival Novi, the 6-foot junior guard caught the ball at the top of the key and let it fly.

Count it. Game over.

"I don't think I've ever hit a shot like that before," said Morrissey, whose clutch 3-pointer gave the visiting Mustangs a dramatic 56-55 win. "Önce I let it go, I was just hoping for the best. I had confidence, but taking a shot like that, you're always a little bit surprised to see it go in."

eight, respectively

Morrissey, who hit 3-of-5 shots from the floor on the night, was mobbed by teammates and Northville fans afterward. The final play seemed like a blur, but the guard was cognizant of the scoreboard.

"Didn't have any time, maybe three seconds left on the clock when I caught the ball," he said. "As soon as I caught it, I looked up at the clock and knew how much time I had to work with.

Novi (5-6, 2-3) fought its way

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## **GIRLS BASKETBALL**

# Northville fends off late Wildcats rally

#### **Brad Emons** Staff Writer

Even with a 19-point advantage early in the fourth quarter, the Northville girls basketball team found out that no lead is safe - especially when it comes to playing rival Novi.

The visiting Mustangs were dominant over the first 25 minutes and 24 seconds of the game, but had to hold on for dear life to secure a 42-35 victory in a battle for first place in the KLAA's Central Division.

"I think we were going a little too fast in the fourth

(quarter)," said Northville coach Todd Gudith, whose team improved to 10-1 overall and 5-0 in the Central. "I just think we need to pace ourselves a little bit. Kids were pressing.

Six fourth-quarter turnovers did not help matters, either, as Novi (9-1, 4-1) got within a possession, 38-35, thanks to two free throws by Mikayla Lynch with 43 seconds left.

But just three seconds later, sophomore guard Kendall Dillon was fouled and the Mustangs went on to make 4-of-6 free throws to help seal the victory.

"Novi started to make a couple of baskets then, all of the sudden, your lead goes from double digits to single digits and the kids are watching the scoreboard more than they're playing," Gudith said. "And I think that was part of our issue. We just need to move the scoreboard a little bit and finally got into a foul situation where we got to the line. Then we knocked down foul shots and that helped us out a lot."

Northville, which led 22-9 at halftime and 32-18 after three quarters, took its biggest lead of the night at 37-18 with 6:36 remaining on a pair of free

throws by junior forward Jessica Moorman, who finished with a team-high 12 points.

"I thought our intensity was great," Gudith said. 'I thought we matched Novi's intensity. They're always a real strong defensive team. And we made a few shots. Brook (Adams) was really good early on, Jess (Moorman) made a couple things early on. I think that kind of helped us. You get a couple of baskets against Novi and that gives you a little bit of momentum. Novi really hasn't been down this year. They've pretty much led most nights

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JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Novi's Allie Lipson (left) gets a finger on Northville's Brook Adams' shot during Friday's KLAA Central contest.



## **PREP GYMNASTICS**



Northville freshman Maddy Lewis was the team's top individual finisher at the Holt Invitational, with third on balance beam.

# Northville girls wind up **5th at Holt Invitational**

McCallum, Lewis lead Mustangs' meet effort

#### **Brad Emons** Staff Writer

Sophomore Erin McCallum turned in a solid performance Saturday as the Northville gymnastics team placed fifth in the second annual Holt Invitational.

Livonia Blue took top team honors with a score of 141.700 points, while Northville scored 134.925

McCallum was 10th in the all-around with 34.125, including ninth on vault (8.675) and 10th on the uneven bars (8.45).

Freshman Maddy Lewis

earned the team's top individual finish, taking third on the balance beam with a career-best 9.025.

Sophomore Grace Jankowski also took sixth on the uneven bars (8.55), while freshman Mackenzie Willson was 11th on vault (8.65).

On Jan. 19, Northville posted its second highest score of the season, but it wasn't enough as host Livonia Red earned a 139.375-137.125 win at Churchill High School. Waterford United rounded out the tri-meet with 124.35.

The Mustangs, who slipped to 3-4 overall and 1-2 in the KLAA's Kensington Division, excelled on the balance beam, led by careerand meet-high bests from

Maddie Dragon and Willson with matching 9.425.

Other high beam scorers included Grace Jankowski (8.8), Neha Vallabhaneni (8.3) and Lauren Shanahan (8.0).

Other outstanding performers for the Mustangs included McCallum on floor exercise (8.9) and uneven parallel bars (8.55) and Ellie Cotter on vault (8.8).

Livonia Red improved to 4-2 overall and 2-0 in the Kensington Division.

The Mustangs return to action at 4 p.m. Saturday at Bounce Gymnastics in Hartland with a tri-meet against Huron Valley (Lakeland-Milford) and Waterford United.

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# THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL Thursday, Jan. 28 Northville at South Lyon, 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29 Novi at Salem, 7 p.m. DeLaSalle at Detroit CC, 7:30 p.m. Greenhills at Franklin Rd., 8 p.m Greenhing at Franklin Rd., a p.m. **Tuesday, Feb. 2** Salem at Northville, 7 p.m. S.L. East at Novi, 7 p.m. Divine Child at Detroit CC, 7 p.m. Franklin Rd. at Clarenceville, 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5 Stevenson at Northville, 7 p.m. Novi at South Lyon, 7 p.m. Detroit CC at U-D Jesuit, 7 p.m. GIRLS BASKETBALL Thursday, Jan. 28 South Lyon at Northville, 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29 Baptist Pk. at Franklin Rd., 6:30 p.m. Salem at Novi. 7 p.m Tuesday, Feb. 2 Northville at Salem, 7 p.m. Novi at S.L. East, 7 p.m. Clarenceville at Franklin Rd., 7 p.m Friday, Feb. 5 Northville at Stevenson, 7 p.m South Lyon at Novi, 7 p.m. Chandler Pk., at Franklin Rd., 7 p.m. BOYS HOCKEY Thursday, Jan. 28 Northville vs. Brighton at Kensington Valley I.H., 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29 Detroit CC at Cranbrook, 7:15 p.m. (MPHSH Showcase at Chelsea) Northville vs. E. Kentwood, 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30 (MPHSH Showcase at Chelsea) Northville vs. Chelsea, 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31 (MPHSH Showcase at Chelsea) ovi vs. Troy, 12:15 p.m Tuesday, Feb. 2 Novi vs. Brighton at Kensington Valley I.H., 7 p.m. **Friday, Feb. 5** Novi vs. Churchill at Livonia's Edgar Arena, 6 p.m (Trenton Showcase) Northville vs. Cranbrook, 4 p.m. troit CC vs. Grand Rapids CC, Saturday, Feb. 6 (Trenton Showcase) Petroit CC vs. Notre Dame, 10:20 a.m. Northville vs. U-D Jesuit, 4:50 p.m. GIRLS HOCKEY Friday, Jan. 29 Northville vs. West Bloomfield at Berkley Ice Arena, 7:30 p.m Saturday, Jan. 30 Northville vs. Port Huron at McMorran Place, 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4 Northville vs. Shrop Northville vs. Skyron at Livonia's Edgar Arena, 4 p.m Saturday, Feb. 6 Northville vs. A.A. Pionee

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# **GIRLS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP**

# Northville survives two OTs with East

#### **Brad Emons** Staff Writer

It was survival of the fittest Jan. 19 as Northville escaped host South Lyon East with a 51-47 girls basketball victory.

Junior forward Jessica Moorman scored a game-high 25 points for the Mustangs, who improved to 9-1 overall and 4-0 in the KLAA's Central Division.

Junior forward Brook Adams also chipped in 10 points.

South Lyon East got a teamhigh 16 points from senior Peyton Jones, while junior Abby Jones added 11 Danielle

there and had a couple of chances to win the game in regulation and at the end of the first OT," East coach Rob Leadley said.

INTER-CITY 51, FRANKLIN ROAD 44: Karalynn Goering scored a game-high 22 points Friday to lift host Allen Park Inter-City Baptist (5-5, 3-3) to the Michigan Independent Athletic Confer ence Blue Division win over Novi Franklin Road Christian (4-7, 2-6).

Hannah Rayburn, a senior guard, scored a team-high 20 points for the Warriors, who 28-20 at halftime and 42-34 after three quarters. Franklin Road made 13-of-17 free throws (76.4 percent), while the Chargers hit just 7-of-18 (38.8

NOVI 35, STEVENSON 23: Sophomore guard Ellie Mackay finished with 20 points, two assists and three steals Jan. 19 as the KLAA Central Divisionleading Wildcats (9-0, 4-0) downed Livonia Steven son (5-5, 1-3). Allie Lipson added six points, seven rebounds and

two steals as Novi jumped out to a 15-2 first-guarter lead. Cara Ninkovich added five rebounds and five steals. Junior forward Kelly Newman scored eight points FRANKLIN ROAD 43, PLYMOUTH CHRIS-TIAN 35: Senior guard Hannah Rayburn scored a game-high 27 points, leading Novi Franklin Road Christian (4-6, 2-5) to a MIAC Blue Division triumph Jan. 19 at Plymouth Christian Academy. Franklin Road, which outscored PCA 24-13 in the second half, connected on 15-of-22 free throws (68.1 percent).

# **MaxPreps honors Novi volleyball team**



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The 11th annual MaxPreps Tour of Champions, presented by the Army National Guard, honored the MHSAA Class A state champion Novi volleyball team Friday at halftime between the boys and girls basketball games against Northville. The Wildcats (54-2), who lost only one set in the postseason en route to a four-set win over Romeo in the finals, finished No. 17 in the MaxPreps national rankings, No. 1 in Michigan, No. 1 in Class A and No. 5 in the MaxPreps Xcellent 25. Novi also captured the KLAA Association, Kensington Conference and Central Division titles

Waranauckas and MacKenzie Mallory chipped in nine apiece.

The Cougars stayed close by making 25-of-36 free throws (69.4 percent), while the Mustangs were 7-of-12 (58.3 percent).

"Northville played much better than us, but we hung in

Kennedy Horne scored seven points for the Eagles.

# **BOYS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP**

# Franklin Road topples Inter-City

#### **Brad Emons** Staff Writer

The Novi Franklin Road Christian boys basketball team broke new ground Friday night.

Senior guard Austin Hearns finished with a gamehigh 24 points and grabbed 10 rebounds as the Warriors defeated host Allen Park Inter-City Baptist for the first time in school history, 54-40.

Senior center Joshua Bause chipped in nine points, 10 rebounds and eight blocks as the Warriors improved to 8-4 overall and 4-2 MIAC Blue.

Franklin Road led 28-22 at halftime and 43-29 after three quarters before holding off the Chargers (6-5, 2-3), who got a team-high 18 points from Bradley Fressell.

DETROIT CC 51, ST. MARY PREP 34: Freshman Austin Brown paced a balanced scoring attack with 12 points Friday as host Novi Detroit Catholic Central (6-2, 3-1) posted the Catholic League Central Division win over Orchard Lake St Mary's (4-5, 2-2). NORTHVILLE 71, S.L. EAST 31: Justin

Gibbons and Jake Justice each tallied 13 points for the Mustangs (10-0, 4-0) in a KLAA Central Division win Jan. 19 over visiting South Lyon East (0-9, 0-4). Justin Zimbo and Nick Wilds added 12 and 10.

STEVENSON 89, NOVI 80: Junior guard lan Knoph and senior forward Kyle Malkowski scored 28 and 25 points, respectively, leading Livonia Steven-son (64, 3-1) to the KLAA Central Division win on Jan. 19 over the visiting Wildcats (5-5, 2-2). Sophomore guard Traveon Maddox, Jr. paced Novi's scoring attack with 20 points, while junior guard Alec Bageris and senior center Naji Ozeir chipped in 19 and 18, respectively. FRANKLIN ROAD 79, PCA 66: Senior guard Gwin Hartis torced in a score biol 21 points and

Gavin Harris tossed in a game-high 31 points and dished out eight assists to spark Novi Franklin Road Christian (7-4, 3-2) to a MIAC Blue Division victory Jan. 19 over visiting Plymouth Christian Academy (2 - 6 0.4) (3-6, 0-4).

(3-6, 0-4). Senior guard Austin Hearns added 23 points and 10 assists, while senior center Joshua Bause finished with 11 points and 17 rebounds Kyle Malcolm and Luke Yakuber each scored 20 points for the Eagles.

# NORTHVILLE

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against everybody, whereas we've been the opposite. We know how to come back from behind because that really helped us out."

Although they appeared down and out, the Wildcats refused to fold, even with leading scorer Ellie Mackay (17 points) and Jessie Bandyk both fouling out in the final 2:13.

"I'm proud of how hard they played and continued to play," Novi coach Bill Kelp said. "Our best defender and our best offensive player fouled out and that hurt us even more."

Novi outscored the Mus-

tangs 17-9 in the final quarter, but it just wasn't enough.

'I'm proud of the comeback, of course," Kelp said. "But we've got to work on some things. I think we knew they were going to ball-fake and drive and they did. They got by us, cut in front of us and we let them do it. Offensively, we dribble the basketball too much right now. We got to work on some things."

Brook Adams, a junior forward, added nine points, while Dillon chipped in seven as the Mustangs shot 14-of-37 from the floor (37.8 percent) and 13-of-19 from the foul line (68.4 percent).

Northville used a 1-2-2 zone defense for much of the night to keep Novi off-balance.

"We were fouling too much

JOHN HEIDER STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Northville's Jessica Moorman (left) takes off down court with Novi's Allie Lipson on her heels.



man-to-man," Gudith said. "We didn't play a great zone, but we did enough to run some clock off, too. It took a little bit longer for them to get into their sets, too, by playing zone instead of attacking our players one-on-one."

Allie Lipson, a senior for-

ward, added 10 points for the Wildcats, who shot 8-of-37 from the field ((21.6 percent) and 17-of-26 from the foul line (65.3 percent).

But Kelp thought offense wasn't the issue, despite the spotty shooting.

"I thought we stood around

defensively in the first half," he said. "We stood around and (Northville) cut and moved and we stood and watched. And I think that was the difference in the game that first half. We also got to take the ball to the basket and we failed to do that."

The two teams will meet again Friday, Feb. 12, at Northville

'Playing them on the road is hard, too, but we know there is a lot of basketball left to be played," Gudith said. "We know we see them again in  $2\frac{1}{2}$ weeks and it's going to more of the same. Novi is certainly not out of it and they're going to be in the thick of things when we play them at the end."

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# SHAMROCKS

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open for some easy threes. He it a couple of that were in our face. too."

But U-D seemed unfazed as it led 25-15 after one quarter. And it seemed every time the Shamrocks committed a turnover, the Cubs were sprinting down on the other end on a fast break resulting in either a tip-in, a dunk or a layup

"I thought we did a much better job guarding the 3-point line after they hit those threes." Donnelly said. "I was just mentioning to our guys that there's a lot of emotion when you start the game. And they (CC) were playing with a lot more emotion. I'm glad our guys didn't panic and start throwing the ball around. I thought we maintained and got the lead back."

CC's Connor Nally made a put-back with 5:12 left in the second quarter to pull the Shamrocks to within five, 28-23, but U-D closed the half with a 13-2 run to lead 41-25 at intermission.

We do have some guys that can shoot it, but they're just a little better than us in a lot of aspects," CC coach Bill Dyer said. "We just didn't turn it over and they'd just set it up. We turned it over and they punished us tonight like every good team would.

In the third quarter, U-D outscored the Shamrocks 21-13 to lead 62-38 and put the game out of reach. For the game, the Cubs shot a blistering 53.5 percent from the field (30of-56)

"That's when we're at our best, when we can get out in transition and then score and put pressure on people," Donnelly said. "If we can get out in the running game and get some easy baskets ... scoring in the half-court against anybody is difficult, so the more easy baskets we can get, the better we are.<sup>2</sup>

Meanwhile, CC was 18-of-41 from the floor (43.9 percent) and 12-of-23 from the foul line (52.1 percent). The Shamrocks committed 17 of their 18 turnovers during the first three quarters.

"It's a little bit of a helpless feeling," Dyer said. "I think our kids are realistic about where they're at and where



Catholic Central's Gio Genrich (right) dribble drives on U-D Jesuit freshman defender Julian Dozier.

we're at. We just approached this game at trying to get better and give it our best effort. We gave effort, but their athleticism, their speed and their savvy really hurt us.'

Junior guard Gio Genrich was CC's top scorer with 18 points, while Baird, a 6-5 junior forward, added 12.

We just tried to come out and play," Dyer said. "We're just going to try and learn from this. This is only our seventh game and we've got a lot more to go. We just try to see what we look like in a game like this with this kind of stuff."

The Shamrocks will travel Friday, Feb. 5, to face Winston, along with the junior twin towers.

'Cassius has always been Cassius," Donnelly said. "He's solid fundamentally. He can distribute the basketball. He can score. He's shooting the ball a little bit better from the perimeter than he did last year.

"Greg and Ike have improved leaps and bounds. You saw some great post moves from Greg. You saw Ike getting out in transition and finishing strong. In transition, he hit a nice 16-, 17-foot jump shot. Their development in the last two years has been incredible. They're ceiling is really, really high, but they have a long way to go.

Against CC, Winston showed his versatility, making 6-of-10 shots from the floor, including a pair of triples, to go along with 3-of-4 free throws. He also dished out six assists.

"He's had that repertoire for three, four years," Dyer said. "He looks the same to me. He's always looked great to me. He doesn't look any less great this year. He shoots it better, I will say that. He's definitely improved his midrange game. He had a lot of twos tonight inside the arc. He shot well tonight.'

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# **BUZZER**

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back from a nine-point thirdquarter deficit and cut the lead to four, 45-41, entering the fourth on a basket by Traveon Maddox, who had a team-high 11 points.

Northville then went scoreless for the first 3:57 of the fourth and Novi eventually took the lead, 47-45, on a basket by Maddox with 6:20 to go.

And with just 2:11 left, it appeared the Wildcats were ready to nail down the victory after freshman Jiovanni Miles grabbed a rebound, put it back up and was fouled. The subsequent free throw for the three-point play made it 55-50.

But Morrissey's rebound basket, coupled with a Novi turnover and a free throw by Justice sliced the deficit to 55-53 with just over 40 seconds left.

Novi then played keepaway while trying to draw a foul, but a miss by Jay Duarte inside gave Northville new life and the ball with 16 seconds remaining.

"I don't think Kevin wanted to shoot it until he absolutely had no choice," Northville coach Todd Sander said. "But all year long, when we were playing Salem earlier in the year, when we played Stevenson, he makes big plays when we need it."

The loss seemed like a punch in the gut for the host Wildcats, who honored both their state championship volleyball and boys tennis teams in a pregame ceremony.

They weren't going for the tie, they were going for the win and it worked out,' Novi coach Brandon Sinawi said of the final play. "Defensively, late in that last possession, knowing they were going to shoot a three ... it was kind of a scramble and (Sander) didn't call a timeout, to his credit, and just let his kids play. Morrissey found a way to let it fly and to knock it down."

Novi trailed 18-13 after one quarter and 30-27 at halftime. The Wildcats, who shot

22-of-45 from the floor (48.8 percent), also got 10 points from senior point guard Kam



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Novi's Kam Hankerson (left) blocks the attempt by Northville's Jack Burke.

Hankerson, while Naji Ozeir and Trendon Hankerson added nine and eight, respective-Iy.

"It's absolutely a kick in the butt ... losing the way we lost (Tuesday) at (Livonia) Stevenson and now coming home here at the buzzer, it's not easy," Sinawi said. "We've got guys in the locker room that are hurting. But the thing is that we've got players picking them up. We got a great, strong group of kids that are going to continue to fight and continue to battle. As somber as it was in the locker room the first couple of minutes, it turned around. We got kids that want to get better and want to pick each other up.'

Northville shot 18-of-50 from the field (36 percent), but nine of those makes were 3-pointers. The Mustangs went 11-of-15 from the foul line, while Novi was 5-of-7.

"Division game on the road, Northville-Novi ... we were hot early and then went cold and they were able to break us down, but our guys kept fighting and battling,' Sander said. "They never stop believing. They hate to lose and, like we've had all year, a different guy seems to make a really big, key play."

The victory proved sweet in more ways than one for the Mustangs.

It's huge, 5-0 in the (Central) division so far, got to play at South Lyon on Thursday, but that was a huge win," Zimbo said. "The atmosphere was great in there.

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## LOCAL SPORTS

# **Tennis banner raised**



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Novi High School athletic director Brian Gordon (left) introduces the 2015 MHSAA Division 1 state co-champion boys tennis team, which raised another state championship banner Friday between the Novi-Northville boys and girls basketball games. The Wildcats, coached by Jim Hanson and Dan Lowes (far right), tied for the title last October with Bloomfield Hills.

## **PREP BOWLING**

# Novi girls reach Clarenceville Doubles Tourney round of 16

Shamrocks triumph against Detroit Loyola

#### **Brad Emons** Staff Writer

The Novi girls bowling team entered three squads, with two reaching the round of 16 before being eliminated, in Saturday's 28-team Clarenceville Doubles tournament held at Merri-Bowl in Livonia.

Megan Hartus and Nicole Kilikevicius rolled sets of 419 and 401, respectively, to finish 13th in qualifying. Teammates Madison Murphy (434) and Heather Gregory (391) were right behind in 14th place. But both teams were eliminated in the first round of the two-game Baker roll-off.

The Novi boys also entered three teams, with a best finish of 21st in qualifying, which featured three regular games by each bowler and two Baker games.

Chris Fisher rolled a threegame series of 542 to pace the Wildcats.

and Ari Washington contrib-uted a 181 game for the visiting Loyola squad.

Thomas (210) and Lack (198) added victories in the second game, along with Peter Ebaugh (168).

'I am very pleased with our improvement and confident that we will continue to bowl well," CC coach Greg Prais said

## Mustangs girls win

Katie Craig rolled 209 and Beatrice Nayh added 175 Monday as the Northville girls team (2-7, 2-4) defeated Can-ton, 26.5-3.5, in a KLAA Central Division match at Super Bowl in Canton.

Northville (2-7, 2-4) posted a total of 1,367 in the two regular games and had a 343 in the Baker matches to Canton's 235 and 1,084.

Meanwhile, the Northville boys (2-7, 1-5) lost to Canton (8-2, 6-1) in a Central Division encounter, 27-3.

The Chiefs outscored Northville in both Bakers, 375-302, and both regular games, 1,758-1,576. Top scorers for Northville included Collin Fowler (195), Liam Munro (182) and Simon Long (172).

keshire Lanes in Farmington Hills.

The Shamrocks captured the first Baker set, 223-170, before losing the second, 187-169, while taking a 6-4 lead.

CC and Notre Dame tied 893-893 in the first regular game as Brian Hohentanner (221), Andrew Lack (202), Nathan Geddes (180) and Sean Ebben (168) each earned a point, while Nate Audia (210) won for the Fighting Irish.

The Shamrocks won the second regular game, 936-891, along with totals thanks to points from Lack (225), Geddes (216) and Ebben (206). Nick Raggio (209) and Spen-

cer Urban (200) tallied a point for the Irish.

## **Glenn sweeps Novi**

Westland John Glenn displayed a hot hand in 29-1 KLAA Central Division boys bowling triumph Jan. 21 over host Novi at Novi Bowl.

The Rockets (4-4, 3-3) won both Baker games, 266-182 and 236-233, along with both regular games, 1,096-802 and 913-

# **BOYS HOCKEY ROUNDUP Culver completes** weekend series sweep versus CC

Brother Rice also topples Shamrocks in MIHL, 3-1

#### **Brad Emons** Staff Writer

Jack MacNab scored a pair of goals Saturday as host Culver Military Academy (Ind.) Prep completed its two-game weekend series sweep with a 3-1 boys hockey win over visiting Novi Detroit Catholic Central at Henderson Ice Arena.

"Obviously it is disappointing to lose, but we battled and competed with them," said CC first-year coach Brandon Kaleniecki, whose team fell to 9-6 overall. "They (Culver) have a very dangerous power play and that's when they did their a lot of their damage. Five-on-five, we hung with them for large stretches and had our moments. It is always a huge challenge to go down to play at Culver and, even though we didn't win, there was a lot of positives for the team to build on."

After a scoreless opening period, the Eagles (18-7-2) got on the board with a pair of even-strength goals from MacNab at 10:15 of the second, from Max Lerman, and at 15:24, from Nick Bissonettte.

CC cut the deficit to 2-1 at 0:37 of the third period on J.P. Lafferty's goal from Zachary Spys-Tellner and Anthony Esser

But Culver, which enjoyed a 58-17 shot advantage, put it away with 6:42 left on Lerman's goal from Collin Heinold.

"Down 2-1 halfway through the third period both nights, we just needed to get the next one and, unfortunately, they did, which is where the final score ended," Kaleniecki said.

Senior goaltender Alec Calvaruso was solid with 54 saves for the defending MHSAA Division 1 state champion and top-ranked Shamrocks.

"Our goaltending was fantastic both nights," Kaleniecki said. "Alec Calvaruso really kept us in at times when we needed to survive heavy pressure. Both nights, our goaltending really gave us a chance to win a hockey game. We couldn't have asked for any more out of our goaltending.'

CULVER (IND.) 4, DETROIT CC 1: Jamie Collins and Peyton Frantti each had a goal and assist Friday as host Culver Military Academy Prep (17-7-2) posted the victory over Novi Detroit Catholic Central (9-5). CC scored first at 4:37 of the opening period on

Jard Lee's nover-play goal from Austin Roell, but Culver tied it at 9:22 of the same period on Collin Heinold's short-handed goal from Nolan Walker. Collins made it 2-1 at 9:21 of the second period on Douted Foretti's o source flow resolutions of the second period

Collins made it 2-1 at 9:21 of the second period on Peyton Franti's a power-play goal. In the third period, Kirby Rune's power-play goal from Walker at 7:57 made it 3-1 and Frantti followed with an empty-netter with only 53 seconds left from Collins and Robert Anderson.

Alec Calvaruso went all the way in goal for CC. BROTHER RICE 3, DETROIT CC 0: Goalie Daniel Sendek made 36 saves to earn the shutout Jan. 20 as host Birmingham Brother Rice (12-2-1, 7-1) took over sole possession of first place in the North Division of the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey Learue with a win over tone-ranked Novi Hockey League with a win over top-ranked Novi Detroit Catholic Central (9-4, 6-2) at Oak Park

Nick Bowman scored what proved to be the game-winner at 7:01 of the first period, assisted by Jaret Koger, for the defending MHSAA Division 2

state champs and No. 2-ranked team. The Warriors increased their lead to 2-0 at 12:46 of the second period on Jack Dansbury's goal from Michael McInerney and Dominick DiPonio. Koger's unassisted goal with 5:26 remaining in the final period iced the victory for Rice, which lost an earlier meeting this ease to the Sharmock

an earlier meeting this season to the Shamrocks Alec Calvaruso was in goal for the Shamrocks.

## **BOYS HOCKEY ROUNDUP**

# **Upstart Franklin** skates past Novi

Northville wins twice vs. South Lyon Unified

cond time in four days Friday at the Kensington Valley Ice House. It was 2-2 after two periods before Northville scored five straight goals in the final period to earn the KLAA Central Division victory. Jack Sargent, who had a hat trick, started the onslaught with a power-play goal just 50 seconds into the third from Sam Bradley, followed by Ty Kilar's goal from Sargent and Dylan Coomes at 2:39 2.53. Three more power-play goals came in rapid fashion: Sargent at 5:45 (from Riley Brass); Ian Welsch at 7:27 (from Daniel McKee and Sargent); and Nick Williams at 8:04 (from Anthony Solack). Cauth Long Taren Developed at the particular the second s South Lyon's Tony Paugh ended the run with a short-handed goal just 45 seconds later. South Lyon led 2-1 after one period on a power-play goal by Garrett Weyh at 6:11 from Joe Watson, followed by Paugh's goal at 12:33 from Nathan Smith and Shane Agnello. Northville got on the board first on Daniel McKee's power-play goal, assisted by Jack Sargent at 5:12 In the second period, Sargent got his second from Bradley at the eight-minute mark to knot the game at 2-2. Goalie Jared Paugh made 47 saves for South Lyon, while Brett Miller made 19 saves for the HOWELL 3, NOVI 2 (OT): Sheldon Sturos scored just 56 seconds into overtime Jan. 21 to give the host Highlanders (11-3) a victory over the Wildcats (4-10-1) at Grand Oaks Arena. Goalie Nate George made 28 saves for Howell, ranked No. 7 in Division 1. Novi led 1-0 after one period on Brandon Kour's goal at 9:38 from Tyler Camposano, but Howell's Colton O'Doherty answered at 5:51 of the second period off assists from Nick Toth and Thomas

On Friday, the Salem girls (6-3, 4-2) posted a 25-5 win over Novi (1-8, 0-6) in a KLAA Central Division match at Town 'N Country Lanes in Westland.

Novi lost the first Baker, 170-146, but edged the Rocks in the second, 153-152, before losing both regular games, 888-688 and 879-792

Kilikevicius rolled a 201 game to score Novi's final point.

In the boys match, KLAA Central leader Salem (8-1, 6-0) defeated the Wildcats, 29-1, sweeping both Baker games, 204-148 and 232-195, along with both regular games, 1,044-812 and 1,049-839.

Brenden Tally tallied Novi's only point with 182-167-349 two-game set.

### **CC beats Loyola**

Novi Detroit Catholic Central (2-3, 2-3) earned its second straight win Monday with a 28-2 triumph over Detroit Loyola (0-5, 0-5) at Woodland Lanes in Livonia.

Despite struggling in two Baker games, the Shamrocks prevailed, 161-141 and 133-92, to carry a 10-0 lead going into two regular games, where CC swept both, 924-787 and 903-745

CC was led by sophomores Jaden Thomas (201) and Andrew Lack (201), who collected points for CC. Nick Grenn (180), Nathan Geddes (176) and Alex Roelant (166) won their matches to give CC a 19-0 lead going into the final game.

Leon Wilkerson bowled 191

### Wayne clips Novi

On Monday, the Novi girls (1-9, 0-7) and Wayne Memorial (9-2, 5-2) battled to a 15-15 draw at Canton's Super Bowl, but the Zebras took the KLAA Central Division match on total pins, 1,763-1,592.

Novi captured six of the 10 Baker points, winning the first, 169-104, before losing the second, 131-121. The Wildcats took the first regular game with a great 10th frame, 685-680, and three single points, but lost the second regular game, 809-692, winning only two single points.

Nicole Kilikevicius scored two points with games of 158-177—335, while Megan Hartmus (148) tallied one.

Meanwhile, the Wayne boys (7-4, 3-4) earned a 23-7 victory over the Wildcats by winning both regular games, 848-738 and 915-854, along with the first Baker, 162-148.

Novi (2-8, 0-7) captured the second Baker, 172-157, as Scott Pryson (194-177-371) and Peter Koomen (187-172-359) each tallied a point for the Wildcats

#### Shamrocks prevail

After three dual match losses to start the 2016 season, the Shamrocks (1-3, 1-3) rebounded Jan. 21 with a 21-9 Catholic League win over Pontiac Notre Dame Prep at Dra830.

Ryan Rush tallied Novi's lone point with a 207 game. He also added 211 for a seasonbest 418 two-game set for the Wildcats (2-6, 0-5).

In the girls match, perennial state power Glenn (10-0, 6-0) earned a 24-6 victory over the Wildcats (1-7, 0-5).

Novi captured the first Baker set, 156-139, before losing the second by two pins, 170-168, but the Wildcats prevailed on totals, 324-309.

Novi, however, was unable to score another point, losing both regular games, 890-734 and 915-795.

### Wayne clips N'ville

In another KLAA Central match Jan. 19 at Novi Bowl, the Wayne Memorial boys (6-3, 2-3) earned a 16-14 victory.

Northville (2-6, 1-4) won the Baker total, 353-287, but lost on overall pins, 1,945-1,841

Collin Fowler led the Mustangs with games of 235-205 for a 440 two-game set. Other high scorers included Liam Munro and Connor Eadeh, 213 each; and Simon Long, 210. Top JV scorers included Matthew Lee (207-232-439) T.J. Newman (233).

Wayne (7-2, 3-2) also won the girls varsity match, 29-1, winning on totals, 1,794-1,322 and in the two-game Baker set, 268-226.

Beatrice Nayh led the Mustangs (1-7, 1-4) with a 199 high game.

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Brendan Whitney and Corey Linser each scored a pair of goals Saturday, giving Livonia Franklin a 4-1 Kensington Conference boys hockey crossover victory over Novi at the Novi Ice Arena.

Franklin, making a bid to enter the top 10 in the Division 2 statewide rankings, improved to 11-4 overall and 6-2 in the KLAA's South Division.

After a scoreless opening period, Whitney scored at 0:28 of the second off assists from Chase Wallis and Trevor Lassaline, followed by Linser's power-play goal at 13:11 from Kolby Dewhirst.

Novi's Jake Cyr scored an unassisted short-handed goal at 14:07 of the second to cut the deficit to 2-1, but Whitney notched his second just 34 seconds later, from Wallis, on a power play.

The Patriots put it away at 6:15 of the third on Linser's second goal, from Max McCrory.

Franklin goaltender Jake Penny made 25 saves, while Novi's Josh Richardson had 12.

The loss dropped to the Wildcats to 4-11-1 overall and 1-7 in the KLAA Central.

NORTHVILLE 7, SOUTH LYON 3: The Mustangs (10-5-1, 6-3) erupted for five goals in the final period, including four power-play efforts, to beat the South Lyon Unified (5-12, 1-10) for the Wever to even the count at 1-1. With 9:31 left in the final period, Novi's Jake Cyr scored from Ryan Fonda to put the Wildcats ahead

But Howell's Max DiCicco sent the game into OT with 3:34 remaining, assisted by Toth and Scott Alfano.

Novi goaltender Josh Richardson made 31 saves. NORTHVILLE 3, SOUTH LYON 2: Anthony Solack's second goal of the night proved to be the difference Jan. 19 as the Mustangs (9-5-1, 5-3) skated to a KLAA Central Division victory over South Lyon Unified (5-11, 1-9) at Novi Ice Arena. Solack's goal came just 15 seconds into the

Solack's goal came just 15 seconds into the eight-minute overtime period as Riley Brass and Nick Bonofigilio assisted on the game-winner Garret Weyh's goal from Owen Zebly and Evan Tasker with 11:06 remaining in regulation tied the game at 2-2 for South Lyon. Solack scored the game's first goal at 4:16 of the opening period on a power play from Daniel McKee and Jack Sargent. But South Lyon's Sean Millane answered with an unassisted goal of his own just one second before

unassisted goal of his own just one second before the first period ended to make it 1-1. Bonofigilo's unassisted short-handed goal with

1:41 left in the second period put the Mustangs ahead 2-1 going into the third. Jared Paugh went the distance in goal for South Lyon, while Darsh Dholakia was in net for the

Mustangs.

# SPORTS ROUNDUP

## **MU softball clinic**

The Madonna University women's softball team will stage a clinic open to all ages and skills from 9 a.m. to noon Sunday, Jan. 31, at the MU Activities Center, 33600 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia

The cost is \$20 per participant. For more information, call MU coach Jerry Abraham at 734-432-5612.

## Lakeland girls rule snowboard meet

The White Lake Lakeland girls snowboarding team continued its winning

ways by capturing all three races last week.

In Race No. 6 Jan. 21, Lakeland took first with 3,285 points, followed by Walled Lake Northern (3,263), West Bloomfield (3,168), Milford (2,295) and Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day (1,536).

In Race No. 4 Jan. 19, the Eagles took first with 2,166, followed by Northern (2,135), Milford (1,569), West Bloomfield (1,451) and Livonia Ladywood (1,189)

The Eagles also won Race No. 3 with 2,182 points, followed by with Northern (2,104), Milford (1,534), West Bloomfield (1,510) and Ladywood (1,216).

In the boys No. 6 race Jan. 21, Milford took first with 9,519 points, followed by Lakeland (9,477), Northern (8,001), West Bloomfield (7,499) and Country Day (3,319).

Northern captured Race No. 5 Jan. 19 with 6,336, followed by Milford (6,293), Lakeland (6,045), Orchard Lake St. Mary's (5,707) and West Bloomfield (3, 369).

It was also the same order of finish in Race No. 3, with Northern (6,365), Milford (6,283), Lakeland (6,183), St. Mary's (5,939) and West Bloomfield (5,612).

## Huron Valley gymnasts third

The Huron Valley gymnastics team scored 131 points to placed third behind Howell (141) and Brighton (139) in a tri-meet Saturday at Bounce Gymnastics in Hartland.

Aly Mrofchak was the Milford-Lakeland squad's top all-around scorer with 33.575, including 8.85 on balance beam, 8.575 on floor exercise, 8.5 on vault and 7.65 on uneven parallel bars.

Madeline Speck recorded Huron Valley's top score on the night with 9.0 on vault.

## **PREP WRESTLING**



Catholic Central's Ben Kamali (top) takes control against Goodrich's Caleb Teague at 112 pounds.

# Shamrocks sitting in No. 1 chair

Catholic Central pins Goodrich on senior night **Brad Emons** 

Staff Writer

For the first time in 16 months, Novi Detroit Catholic Central's wrestling team has the target on its back after earning the top spot in the Division 1 state rankings by MichiganGrappler.com.

The Shamrocks earned the top billing after defeating three of the state's top 10ranked teams in Division 1, including host Brighton (Jan. 15) along with Hartland and Grandville (Jan. 16) at Central Michigan University's McGuirk Arena (site of this year's team state finals Feb. 26-27).

On Jan. 20, the Shamrocks continued to roll with a convincing 50-12 senior night triumph over Goodrich, the No. 3-ranked team in Division 2.

CC won 12 of 14 matches while scoring bonus points in seven

"That's a testament to our seniors and the work they've put into getting this team back to the top," CC coach Mitch Hancock said. "That's a really good team (Goodrich). Those guys beat Clarkston and Eaton Rapids and lost a tight dual to



Catholic Central's Stone Moscovic (top) decisioned Goodrich's Dominic Edwards, 4-2, at 119 pounds.

well and did a nice job in picking up bonus points.'

Aaron Rehfeldt (135 pounds) scored a pin, while Ben Kamali (112) making his varsity debut, and Tyler Morland (171) both won by a technical fall for the Shamrocks.

Earning a major decision for CC were Kevon Davenport (125), Cameron Amine (130), Aiden Waugh (145) and Nick Jenkins (285).

"I thought our guys were very aggressive tonight," said Hancock, whose team imsix. We have to continue building on this and continue to improve.'

Other wins came from Rhett Newton (103), Stone Moscovic (119), Conor Cox (160) and Conner Curnutte (189), while Jackson Ross (215) won by forfeit.

Meanwhile, Kamali, Amine and Morland all defeated top 10-ranked wrestlers.

"I was worried about their legs, seeing that haven't had a day off in over a week," Hancock said. "They looked great tonight as I think they were very motivated to send the

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seniors out the right way."

DUAL MATCH RESULT DETROIT CATHOLIC CENTRAL 50 GOODRICH 12 103 pounds: Rhett Newton (CC) decisioned 103 pounds: Rhett Newton (CC) decisioned Tristin Katulski, 7-2; 112: Ben Kamali (CC) won by technical fall over Caleb Teague, 21-6; 119: Stone Moscovic (CC) dec. Dominic Edwards, 4-2; 125: Kevon Davenport (CC) won by major dec. over Carson Turnbow, 19-8; 130: Cameron Amine (CC) won by major dec. over James Penfold, 17-6; 135: Aaron Rehfeldt (CC) pinned Cody Orcutt, 3:53; 140: Nathan Ellis (Goodrich) p. Joe McGrath, 2:39; 145: Aiden Waugh (CC) won by major dec. over Sebastian Foglio, 10-1; 152: Honour Kline (Goodrich) p. Tyler Johnson, 2:33; 160: Conor Cox (CC) dec. Nick Foglio, 3-2; 171: Tyler Morland (CC) won by tech. fall over John Penfold, 24-9; 189: Conner Curnutte (CC) dec. Alex Van Fleteren, 4-1; 215: Jackson Ross (CC) won by void; 285: Nick Jenkins (CC) won by major dec. over Blake Coffell, 11-3. ell 11-3

# **BOYS SWIMMING**

# Lifted by Maibach, **Northville** motors to dual win over SLU

Northville improves to 7-2 with 126-60 victory

> **Brad Emons** Staff Writer

Kirk Maibach was the catalyst Jan. 21, leading host Northville to a 126-60 KLAA Central Division boys swimming victory over visiting South Lyon Unified.

Maibach figured in four first-place finishes as the Mustangs captured 10 of the 12 events to improve to 7-2 overall and 2-0 in the Central.

"We had some good swims tonight, we had some bad ones and some average ones, too, so a mixed bag of everything," Northville coach Rich Bennetts said. "We are in the middle of our hardest two weeks of training for the season right now, so the boys are real sore and pretty tired."

Maibach captured the 50-yard freestyle (23.49) and 100 butterfly (56.01), while also teaming with Travis Nitkiewicz, James Xue and Larry Zhao for first in the 200 medley relay (1:42.42).

The foursome of Maibach, Xue, Zhao and Troy Stacer also captured the 200 freestyle relay (1:33.18).

Trevor DeGroot was also a double-winner, in the 200 and 500 freestyles, with times of 1:49.47 and 4:53.42, respectively.

DeGroot also teamed with David Alameddine, Connor Lepish and Nitkiewicz for a victory in the 400 freestyle relay (3:29.45).

Other Northville firstplace finishers included Xue, 200 individual medley (2:04.29); Zhao, 100 freestyle (51.18); and Nikolai Arton, who led a sweep in the 100 breaststroke (1:03.24).

"We are just trying to get althy, get some of our athletes back and, once we do that, we will see where we are at." Bennetts said. "It's a long season and we have five weeks left until the conference meet, so we will have to use every day to its fullest in order to be ready for that meet." South Lyon Unified (2-3, 0-2) posted a pair of firsts, by Matt Meadows in the 1-meter diving (272.15 points) and Logan Boals in the 100 backstroke (58.03). "We were a bit overmatched against Northville," South Lyon coach John Burch said. 'They are the favorite to win the (Kensington) conference and showed why against us. We struggled to compete against their top swimmers and will need to improve in order to compete against Salem next week. "Max Kempisty in the 200 IM and Logan Boals in the 100 back had great performances in this meet.'

Brighton earlier in the year. Our guys performed really

## proved to 10-5 overall. "We scored 39 take-downs to their

CC's dual match record: 10-5 overall.

**PREP SKIING** 

# Goodman leads Novi boys past dual foes

#### **Brad Emons** Staff Writer

The Novi boys ski team improved its record to 5-0 by defeating Birmingham Brother Rice, 28-45, and Milford, 20.5-57.5, in a combined Southeast Michigan Ski League Alpine Division meet Jan. 20-21 at Alpine Valley.

Novi defeated Rice for the first time in 10 years by winning slalom, 15-21, as Mitch Goodman and Ross O'Donnell finished first and third, respectively.

In giant slalom, Goodman and Jack Grove took first and third, respectively, in a 13-24 victory.

Against Milford, Goodman and O'Donnell finished onetwo in slalom for a 10-29 victory. Goodman and Grove also went one-two in giant slalom against the Mavericks in a 10.5-28.5 victory.

In the girls meet, the Wildcats stand 3-2 after a 20-63 loss to Birmingham Marian and a 39-41 victory over Milford.

Unie Gu and Ellie Oegama took sixth and seventh in a 10-30 girls slalom loss to Marian, which also captured giant slalom, 10-33, as Gu placed sixth and Tori Engler eighth.

Against Milford, Gu and Oegema placed third and fourth, respectively, in slalom for an 18-22 victory. The Mavericks took giant slalom, 19-21, as Gu took third and Engler fifth

# **Top GLIAC keeper**



(Novi) was selected 2015 Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Goalkeeper of the Year and to the NCAA Division II Midwest all-region team for the nationally-ranked Bulldogs, who finished 14-5-1 overall and 9-2-1 in the GLIAC's North Division (behind NCAA champion Grand Valley State). The 5-foot-6 senior started all 20 games, posting a 0.98 goals-against average and an .888 save percentage with seven shutouts.

## **BOYS SWIMMING**

# CC claims second in Groves quad

#### **Brad Emons** Staff Writer

Novi Detroit Catholic Central's swim team capped a hectic three-meet week by finishing runner-up in Saturday's Birmingham Groves quad meet.

Warren DeLaSalle scored 554 points to capture the title, followed by CC (488), the host Falcons (442) and Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day (287)

Earning first-place finishes for CC were Jonathan Lee in the 200-yard individual medley (2:01.07) and Robert Vance in the 1-meter diving (222.05 points).

Lee also was second in the 100 breaststroke (1:00.3) and teamed with Matt Loniewski, Kyle Tschannen and Tommy Wiaduck for second in the 200 medley (1:040.66) and 400 freestyle (3:20.92) relays.

TRI-MATCH RESULTS Jan. 21 at Livonia Rec. Center TEAM SCORES: Novi Detroit Catholic Central 133, University of Detroit Jesuit 52; Warren DeLaSalle 110, Detroit CC 76; DeLaSalle 140, U-D Jesuit 45.

FINAL EVENT RESULTS 200-yard medley relay: 1. DeLaSalle (P.J. Desmet, Jake Huttenlocher, Jack Kucharczyk, Zach Milke), 1:40.68; 2. Detroit CC (Matt Loniewski, Jonathan Lee, Kyle Tschannen, Tommy Wiaduck), 1:40.60: Detroit CC (Mait Revuel, Lee Miller) 1:40.68; 3. Detroit CC (Chris Barron, Logan Mills, Charlie Walsh, Jimmy Connor), 1145.63. **200 freestyl**e: 1. Josh Hodges (DLS), 1:47.19; 3. Tschannen (CC), 1:51.35; 4. M. Loniewski (CC), 2:01.47; 5. Walsh (CC), 2:03.25.

200 individual medley: 1. Kucharczyk (DLS),

 157.37; Z. Lee (CC), 2:00.05
 50 freestyle: 1. Desmet (DLS), 22.37; 5.
 Wiaduck (CC), 23.2.
 1-meter diving: 1. Pierce Gordon (UD), 246.20
 points; 2. David Debaacker (CC), 240.30; 3. Robert
 Vance (CC), 214.80; 4. Brendon Connolly (CC), 203.55 203 55

100 butterfly: 1. Tschannen (CC), 53.49; 5.

Walsh (CC), 55.38. 100 freestyle: 1. Milke (DLS), 48.69; 3. Wiaduck (CC), 50.8. 500 freestyle: 1. Daniel Frederick (DLS),

(CC) Treasfyrin Todaria (CC), 4:58.32; 4: Ethan Bezzina (CC), 5:07.57; 5: Bennett Loniewsk (CC), 5:09.64. 200 freestyle relay: 1: DeLaSalle (Mitch Livingston, Hodges, Nick Scott, Mike, 1:32.67; 2: Detroit CC (Connor, Mills, Andrew Campbell, Bezzina), 1:36.33. 100 beckstroke: 1: Desmet (DLS), 53.94; 2: M.

100 backstroke: 1. Desmet (DLS), 53.94; 2. M.

Loniewski (CC), 54.73; A. Barron (CC), 57.38; 100 breaststroke: 1. kucharczyk (DLS), 59.82; 2. Lee (CC), 1:00.41; 5. Mills (CC), 1:04.83; 400 freestyle relay: 1. DeLaSalle (Livingston, Hodges, Kucharczyk, Desmet), 3:17.62; 2. Detroit CC

(Tschannen, Wiaduck, M. Loniewski, Lee), 3:29.32. CC's dual meet record: 3-2 overall, 1-1 Catholic League

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200-yard medley relay: 1. Detroit CC (Chris Barron, Matt Loniewski, Kyle Tschannen, Tommy Wiaduck), 1:42-68; 2. Detroit CC (Immy Connor, Logan Mills, Charlie Walsh, Ethan Mekjian), 1:48-96. 200 freestyle: 1. Jonathan Lee (CC), 1:49.94; 1.52.38

2. Dan vela (CC), 152.56. 200 individual medley: 1. Jackson O'Dowd (LS), 1:58.8; 2. Walsh (CC), 2:05.59; 3. Tschannen 2.05 77

50 freestyle: 1. Wiaduck (CC), 23.6; 3. Mills (CC). 24.58.

1-meter diving: 1. David Debaacker (CC), 251.10 points; 2. Robert Vance (CC), 226.35; 3. Brendan Connolly (CC), 191.10.

**100 butterfly:** 1. 0'Dowd (LS), 54.12; 2. Walsh (CC), 56.8; 3. Wiaduck (CC), 59.06.

100 freestyle: 1. Tschannen (CC), 51.22; 3.

Andrew Campbell (CC), 52.34. 500 freestyle: 1. Benjamin Rojewski (LS), 4:55.51; 2. Vela (CC), 4:56.95; 3. Ethan Bezzina (CC), 5:04.24.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Stevenson (Connor

Beck, Gabe Curtis, Rojewski, O'Dowd), 136.33; 2. Detroit CC (Campbell, Connor Mullaly, Giovanni Haddad, Vela), 1:39.86. 100 backstroke: 1. M. Loniewski (CC), 55.5; 3

Barron (CC) 58-32 100 breaststroke: 1. Lee (CC), 1:01.38; 2. Mills

(CC), 1:06.18: 3. Andrew Schenkus (CC), 1:08.0 400 frees. Andrew Schenkus (Cd., 1080). 400 freestyle relay: 1. Stevenson (Beck, Luke Santi, Parker Wasielewski, O'Dowd), 3:29:15; 2. Detroit CC (Mullaly, Matthew Krakowiak, Bennett Loniewski, Bezzina), 3:43:25; 3. Detroit CC (Wia-duck, Lee, M. Loniewski, Eric Maahs), 3:46:65.

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Ferris State University's Maddie Haustein

#### **DUAL MEET RESULTS** NORTHVILLE 126 SOUTH LYON UNIFIED 60 Jan. 21 at Northville

200-yard medley relay: 1. Northville (Kirk Maibach, Travis Niekiewicz, James Xue, Larry Zhao), 1:42.42; 2. South Lyon (Logan Boals, Brandon Bell, Max Kempisty, Oliver Joy), 1:44.9; 3. Northville (Ali Pazooki, Chris Geng, John Duan, Roman Grossi), 1:49.61.

**200 freestyle:** 1. Trevor DeGroot (N'ville), 1:49.47; 2. Christian Etnyre (SLU), 1:53.47; 3. David Alameddine (N'ville), 1:54.72.

**200 individual medley:** 1. Xue (N'ville), 204.29; 2. Kempisty (SLU), 2:06.26; 3. Zhao (N'ville), 2:10.13.

(N'ville), 2:10.13.
50 freestyle: 1. Maibach (N'ville), 23.49; 2.
Joy (SLU), 23.6; 3. John Perry (SLU), 24.57.
1-meter diving: 1. Matt Meadows (SLU), 272.15 points; 2. Christain Field (N'ville), 205.15; 3.
Thomas Rys (N'ville), 160.25.
100 butterfly: 1. Maibach (N'ville), 56.01; 4.
Jason Nitkiewicz (N'ville), 57.04; 3. Etynyre (SLU), 58.69.

**100 freestyle:** 1. Zhao (N'ville), 51.18; 2. Kempisty (SLU), 51.27; 3. T. Nitkiewicz (N'ville), 52.48.

500 freestyle: 1. DeGroot (N'ville), 4:53.42; Alameddine (N'ville), 5:05.03; 3. Joy (SLU), :08.32.

5:08.32. 200 freestyle relay: 1. Northville (Xue, Zhao, Troy Stacer, Maibach), 1:33.18; 2. South Lyon (Zach Denny, Joy, Kempisty, John Perry), 1:35.2; 3. Northville (Cameron Heaven, Jack Breuch, Shane Boran, Connor Lepish), 1:40.8. 100 backstroke: 1. Boals (SLU), 58.03; 2. Arthur, Greenlee (Mville), 58.14: 3. Dittiewide.

Arthur Greenlee (N'ville), 58.14; 3. T. Nitkiewicz (N'ville) 58 46

100 breaststroke: 1. Nikolai Arton (N'ville), 1:03.24; 2. Geng (N'ville), 1:03.54; 3. Xue (N'ville),

1:04.67. 400 freestyle relay: 1. Northville (DeGroot, Alameddine, Lepisch, T. Nitkiewicz), 3:29.45; 2. South Lyon (John Perry, Etnyre, Boals, Bell), 3:34.24; 3. Northville (Breuch, Heaven, Stacer, Neth Chinema), 2:41 (Breuch, Heaven, Stacer, Neth Chinema), 2:41 (Breuch, Heaven, Stacer, Stac Jacob Grimmer), 3:41.19.

Dual meet records: Northville, 7-2 overall, 2-0 KLAA Central Divison; South Lyon, 2-3 overall, 0-2 KLAA Central.

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# BUSINESS

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The AT&T authorized retailer store, Prime Wireless, on Traditions Road, held a grand opening Friday afternoon. The store is the 10th for owner Ralph Kattula. He also has locations in Royal Oak, Flint and Fort Gratiot.

# **Prime Wireless opens** in Northville Township

Prime Wireless, an AT&T store opened by owner Ralph Kattula, has a showroom of 1,500 square feet at 18845 Traditions Road in Northville Township.

'AT&T continues to invest in Michigan," said Jim Murray, president, AT&T Michigan. "This new store for Northville and ones like it in neighboring communities help better connect residents with the devices and services they are asking for.'

Between 2009 and 2014, AT&T invested close to \$140 billion, including investments in its wireless and wire line networks and acquisitions of wireless spectrum and operations.

# Down market may be good time to covert to Roth IRA

here's no doubt that markets have recently taken a retreat. How long markets will stay low is anyone's guess. As I've mentioned in the past, when markets are volatile, investors need to be cautious. That being said, investors should also look for opportunities when markets temporarily head south. One of the opportunities investors should explore is a Roth con-

version. There are two basic types of IRAs: a traditional IRA and a Roth IRA. The main difference is how they are taxed. In a traditional IRA, money grows on a tax-deferred basis; when money is withdrawn, it is subject to ordinary income tax. In addition, in a traditional IRA, once you turn 70½, you must begin taking required minimum distributions. In a Roth IRA, the tax consequences are totally different. First, money in a Roth IRA grows taxfree; when money is withdrawn, there are no taxes owed. In addition, Roth IRAs are not subject to required minimum distributions. You can let a Roth IRA grow tax-free for as long as you choose. For those who have money in a traditional IRA, a conversion is where you take money from the traditional and move it into a Roth. The advantage is that you've converted tax-deferred money into tax-free money and you're not subject to the 70½ rule. Doing a Roth conversion not only



makes sense economically, but also from a tax standpoint. When markets are down, it allows you to convert more shares from a traditional IRA into a Roth IRA.

Let's say you owned a stock that a few months ago was selling for \$15 a share, but it is now selling for \$10 a share. If you owned 100 shares of that stock and you converted it when it was \$15 a share, you would have a \$1,500 tax consequence. If you did it at \$10 a share, the tax consequence would only be \$1,000. Because markets are temporarily low, it creates opportunities for more and more people to take advantage of a Roth IRA conversion. My general rules for doing a Roth IRA conversion are 1) You have to have the money to pay the tax on the amount converted without touching any of the converted funds; 2) Paying the tax on the conversion would not throw you into a higher tax bracket and 3) You can leave the money in the Roth IRA for at least five years. If you meet those requirements, converting into a Roth IRA can make sense. I am a big fan of Roth IRAs and I encourage more and more people to look into them. My reasoning is twofold. Money growing tax-deferred is not worth nearly as much as money growing taxfree. Also, I believe they ity than a traditional IRA. who, once they turn 70½, don't need the money and You can't do this because of required minimum

Many people who consider a Roth IRA conversion generally wait until the end of the year. Why wait? If you're thinking about doing a Roth conversion, the

# Livonia city officials review plan for new shopping center

**David Veselenak** Staff Writer

The plans for Livonia's newest proposed shopping center continue to move forward

The city's planning commission took one of its first looks last month at the site plan for the proposed Haggerty Marketplace development on Haggerty between Seven and Eight Mile, giving the plan its recommended approval.

The redevelopment would replace the former Haggerty Tech Center, which has been mostly vacant for several years. Crews have worked to demolish some of the existing structures in recent months and the developer recently got approval from the city for its commercial rehabilitation exemption certificate.

The plan would add three new structures to the site, though the tenants were not yet announced.

"The plans we're reviewing this evening show three new buildings: one multi-tenant retail building and two restaurants, all of which would be constructed along the front third of the site," said Mark Taormina, the city's planning director. "And once the users are identified, (they would) submit more plans for your review."

Of the three buildings on the original site, one has been demol-



FILE PHOTO The proposed site of a new shopping center on Haggerty.

ished, one partially demolished and the last one will remain intact, though those buildings were not included in the site plan petition and the use for them is unknown right now, Taormina said.

Frank Jonna, with Jonna Realty Ventures, said company officials are working to determine proper parking situations for the complex, seeing if there's a way to spread out park-ing during the day.

He said one of the concepts being looked at for one of the restaurants is a dinner-only concept, which could help alleviate parking concerns during other parts of the day.

"We do have a lot more land here and we hope the remainder uses of this property will result in a mixeduse and the type of benefits that will create parking opportunities for one use to take advantage at peaks of the others," he said. "We're hoping that will play

into the mix." The site plan now goes to the city council for review, which is expected to take place sometime this month. If approved, it would be the most recent shopping center brought to town, following the Livonia Commons center at Schoolcraft and

Middlebelt. Planning commissioner and city councilman-elect Scott Bahr said he likes how that stretch of road has seen successful development and added he looked forward to more coming in that part of Livonia.

"The comment that was made was that when high-end restaurants look to come to this area, the two places they look at is Big Beaver in Troy or Haggerty in Livonia," he said. "That's exciting. That's great to hear.'

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give you greater flexibil-There are many people would prefer to it in the traditional IRA, growing on a tax-deferred basis. distributions. In a Roth IRA, you have flexibility because you can let it grow tax-free for as long as you choose.

down market creates an excellent opportunity for you.

Like everything else in the financial world, Roth IRA conversions are not for everyone. If you meet the criteria that I've outlined above, a Roth IRA conversion can provide an excellent opportunity for you.

You and I cannot control the market, but we can look for opportunities to take advantage of it. The key is, don't procrastinate or try to time the market. Since the market has taken a significant downturn, now is a great opportunity to take advantage of a Roth conversion.

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

# **Credit union** accepting applicants for college scholarships

**Community Choice** Credit Union is accepting applications for its annual scholarship program, which awards \$100,000 in scholarships to graduating high school students who pledge to attend college in Michigan and commit to giving back to the state by building their careers here.

Now in its eighth year, the Community Choice Scholarship Program is one of the largest scholarship programs in the credit union industry



The Community Choice Foundation Scholarship Program awarded 20 metro Detroit high school students a total of \$100,000 in scholarships in 2015 for pledging to attend college in Michigan and committing to give back to the state by building their careers here.

both in Michigan and nationally. It has awarded more than \$700,000 in scholarships to 140 students in the Detroit area since 2009.

New this year, Community Choice announced that the scholarship program is opening eligibility to all high school seniors in the state.

Scholarships of up to \$5,000 each will be awarded to those who demonstrate outstanding academic achievement, involvement in extracurricular activities and dedication to community service.

Applications are being accepted online at communitychoicefoundation.com through Feb. 15.

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# Winter fire safety: Space heaters, fireplaces present dangers

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) is reminding homeowners about the fire dangers associated with heating equipment. Improper use of such equipment like portable or stationary space heaters, wood burning stoves and fireplaces can be incredibly dangerous, and their misuse is a leading cause of U.S. home fire deaths.

According to NFPA, half of home heating equipment fires are reported during the months of December, January and February. More than half of the home heating fire deaths resulted from fires that started when something that could burn — like upholstered furniture, clothing, blankets and bedding - was too close to heating equipment.

During the colder months there is also an increased risk of carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning. Fuel-burning equipment, including vehicles and generators running in an attached garage, can produce dangerous levels of CO and should be vented to the outside to avoid it from building up in your home. In a 2012 NFPA report, U.S. fire depart-ments responded to an estimated 80,100 non-fire CO incidents in which carbon monoxide was found, or an average of nine such calls per hour in 2010. The number of incidents jumped 96% from 40,900 incidents reported in 2003. This surge, according to NFPA, is most likely due to the increased use of CO detectors, which alert people to the presence of CO.

Some heating equipment requires proper installation to reduce the risk of fire injuries. When installing wood burning stoves or gas heaters, NFPA recommends following the manufacturer's instructions or having a professional perform the installation.

Installing and maintaining CO alarms can also help reduce the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning. If you smell gas in your gas heater or other appliance, do not light it.



High-efficiency cast iron wood stove burning firewood

Leave the home immediately and call your local fire depart-

ment or gas company. To ensure a safe and cozy winter this year, NFPA offers some easy tips to follow:

» Use your oven to cook food only. Never use it to heat your home.

» Hire a qualified professional to clean and inspect heating equipment and chimneys every year.

» Turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.

» Place a sturdy screen in front of your fireplace to prevent sparks from flying into the room, and burn only dry, seasoned wood. Allow ashes to cool before disposing them in a metal container, and ensure

that they are kept a safe distance from the home.

» If you need to warm a vehicle, remove it from the garage immediately after starting it. Do not run a vehicle or other fueled engine or motor indoors, even if garage doors are open. Make sure the exhaust pipe of a running vehicle is not covered with snow.

» During and after a snowstorm make sure vents for the dryer, furnace, stove and fireplace are clear of snow buildup

» Test smoke alarms and CO alarms monthly. Properly maintained alarms can save lives in the event of a fire.

Find additional resources including tips sheets, videos, GETTY IMAGES/ISTOCKPHOTO

reports and more about heating safety and carbon monoxide by visiting NFPA's website.

Founded in 1896, NFPA is a global, nonprofit organization devoted to eliminating death, injury, property and economic loss due to fire, electrical and related hazards. The association delivers information and knowledge through more than 300 consensus codes and standards, research, training, education, outreach and advocacy; and by partnering with others who share an interest in furthering the NFPA mission. For more information, visit www.nfpa.org. All NFPA codes and standards can be viewed online for free at www.nfpa.org/freeaccess.

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# Consult attorney on leasing prohibition

Q: We manage a condo and one unit in our project is listed with AIRBNB. We have a prohibition on short-term or transient leasing. What do you recommend?

A: Consult with your community association lawyer as to whether your restriction regarding "short-term leasing or transient tenant" fits the description set forth in

AIRBNB. Determine whether the co-owner is attempting to anticipatorily breach the Condominium Documents and have your attorney advise what



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should be done. Also, you may want to tighten your restrictions to deal specifically with this type of situation if you wish to preclude it more effectively.

Q: I am an attorney relatively new in real estate, but have been retained by a homeowner-run board recently turned over from the developer. The developer still retains control of the architectural review board and also has to consent to any covenant amendments. The developer is getting ready to construct homes that are significantly smaller than the homes originally constructed by the developer in the subdivision. These smaller homes are being built in both the next phase and the vacant lots still being built in the first phase. This means that significantly smaller homes are being built directly across the street from larger original homes. The homeowner-run board is concerned that the smaller homes may negatively affect the value of the larger homes and that the smaller homes are not in harmony with the appearance of the original homes. What is your opinion?

A: You, as their attorney, nould thoroughly review the

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deed restrictions and bylaws, hopefully to find a provision that requires the developer and/or the architectural control committee to approve only homes which are substantially similar to the original homes constructed and are aesthetically in compliance with them. In the absence of such a provision, you may also make the argument that there must be a good-faith undertaking by the architectural review committee before they approve homes significantly smaller than the homes presently in the subdivision and, perhaps, you can claim that there was an intentional diminution in value of the present homes by asserting that claim against the developer. You also may wish to seek the advice of an attorney who has had more experience in this area. Good luck.

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# Make sure job is a good fit before taking offer

BY MARY LORENZ CAREERBUILDER

ongratulations! After weeks of updating your résumé, applying for jobs and enduring the rigorous interview process, you finally have a job offer. So why haven't you accepted it yet? Perhaps you are having reservations about leaving your current job, torn between offers or simply not sure this one is the right fit. Whatever the reason, it's important to explore it. Here are some expertapproved do's and don'ts to consider before accepting a job offer.

# Don't be rash.

"Taking that proverbial step back and really evaluating the opportunity is key," says Lela Reynolds, a senior career consultant at Resume Strategists Inc. After all, changing jobs is a major life decision and warrants serious evaluation. Even if you have been out of the job market for a while, taking a position because you feel desperate could backfire. "If you take a role because you don't believe another will come along, you may find yourself back in the job market again because it wasn't the right fit," Reynolds says.

# Do watch out for red flags.

Has there been high turnover at the company or in the position? Do the employees appear unenthusiastic, overworked or otherwise unhappy? Does the company seem more interested in selling itself to you than learning about you as a candidate? These could be red flags indicating deeper problems within the organization. Ask



follow-up questions to address these concerns. If the company refuses to answer or dances around them, that could also be a red flag that something isn't quite right.

# Don't ignore your gut.

"If your gut tells (you) there is something wrong, listen," says Donna M. Lubrano, an adjunct faculty member at Northeastern University College of Professional Studies. There's probably a good reason your instincts are telling you to run the other way, she says. "Seventy percent of communication is nonverbal, so you might be picking up nonverbal cues from the interviewer or others in the organization telling you that something isn't right."

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# Do think long-term.

"The main thing to consider is, 'Will this role bring me closer toward my career dreams and desires?" says Darrell W. Gurney, author of "Never Apply for a Job Again! Break the Rules, Cut the Line, Beat the Rest." While the job in question may not be your dream job, it could be a steppingstone to a better job later on. "Like in relationships, (this job) could be Mr. or Mrs. Right ... but it might be Mr. or Mrs. Right Now."

# Don't sell yourself short.

"Never accept a job that is not paying the going market rate," says Katie Donovan, an equal-pay consultant and professional speaker. She recom-

mends checking out sites where you can get free salary information based on occupation, location and experience level. What happens if you find out that the employer is lowballing you? "There is always room to negotiate the first offer," Donovan says. If the final offer is still below market, it may be time to look elsewhere.

# Do your research.

Career experts agree that doing background research on the company is key when considering a job offer. Start by checking its career site and social media pages to find out what the company values as an organization. See what employees say about the company on sites such as Glassdoor, and talk to people in your network who may know someone who works there to get firsthand insight into what the culture is really like.

# Don't settle.

If the values of the organization are not in line with your values, the job is probably not right for you, says Kristina Butler, CEO of KB Career Solutions. "One of my favorite questions candidates can ask during the interview process is, 'Tell me what makes this a great place to work." The answer to that question will provide insight into the culture and help you assess if the job is the right fit for you.

Mary Lorenz 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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# Car Report

# GM, Southeastern Michigan On the Move To Capture Business from Changes in Driving



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Facing negative trends in car ownership and the sea changes being wrought by self-driving right in the face, General Motors got deeper into the

ride-sharing business by launching a new personal mobility brand: Maven. And it'll get its start in Ann Arbor.

Meanwhile, southeastern Michigan business leaders and the state government are working to secure a prominent role for the area in an important aspect of the future of driverless automobiles: testing. In addition to the MCity facility that the University of Michigan already opened in Ann Arbor, economic-development interests are backing the creation of something called the American Center for mobility on 335 acres at the former B-24 manufacturing plant at Willow Run in Ypsilanti Township.

"We felt one of the ways we could really solidify the base of [the self-driving] transformation was to ensure that most of the research, testing and validation of those technologies occurred in Michigan rather than other places," said Doug Rothwell, president and CEO of the Business Leaders for Michigan.

Indeed, the American Center for Mobility will be designed to address the reality that the biggest roadblock to fulfilling the dream of a truly self-driving automobile isn't their technology but the lack of a nationwide system of smart infrastructure, traffic rules, safety regulations and legal framework that would make autonomous driving possible.

That's also why, capping off displays and unveilings at the Consumer Electronics Show and the North American International Auto Show in Detroit, the Obama Administration announced a 10-year, \$3.9-billion investment to accelerate development of autonomous cars, as part of the



GM plans to launch its Maven car-sharing services in Ann Arbor.

2017 budget proposal.

The new policies would lay a regulatory framework and remove obstacles that automakers say must be addressed before they can safely put their self-driving vehicles on the nation's highways and byways.

"We're entering a new world here and we know it," Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx said on the floor of the Detroit auto show. "We have to have one foot grounded in what we know about safety and apply our thinking to manage this transition. But we also have to have a healthy dose of learning from the industry—what they know—taking into account the possibility that the ways we thought about safety have to change."

While in Detroit, Foxx met with a handful of auto company CEOs to conclude what several described as a "historic" new agreement meant to improve automotive safety up front, cutting the number of accidents and recalls.

Various automated technologies and features have been available on cars up and down the price range for a while now, ranging from lanechange warnings to "adaptive" cruise control that essentially takes over driving the car and maintains safe distances from the vehicle in front.

Lately, even further technical advances by auto and tech companies have been pushing the envelope on existing regulations and underscoring the fact that the regulatory regime needs to catch



Maven represents one of GM's biggest digital plays.

up if the U.S. is going to lead the way in autonomous driving.

The government's initial project is only the beginning of a federal role to make self-driving a reality. And regulators will have to be prepared for the likelihood that, down the road, what car and tech companies want from them in some cases is to be left alone to finish their wonders.

For it part, GM plans to begin Maven in Ann Arbor partially because of the University of Michigan's sprawling campus and thousands of students and faculty. Maven users will be able to request the use of Chevrolet vehicles for as little as \$6 an hour, a la Zipcar, ranging up to \$12 an hour for a large SUV. The program will begin with vehicles available at 21 parking spots around town.

Maven will launch in more major U.S. cities later this year. It includes an app for tracking down and reserving vehicles by location or car type, remote unlocking and functions such as starting and heating. It offers "seamless smartphone and keyless integration with the vehicle" through Apple CarPlay, Android Auto, GM's OnStar telematics service and Sirius XM radio. And Maven users will have "direct access to Maven leadership and core team members" via the WhatsApp messaging application.

"GM is at the forefront of redefining the future of personal mobility," President Dan Ammann said in a press release.

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