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Stonecrest Senior Living facility clears initial hurdle

Joanne Maliszewski Staff Writer

There are some doubts and plenty of questions, but the Northville Planning Commission has given an initial nod to developers of the Stonecrest Senior Living facility proposed at the former Foundry Flask property.

Following a presentation last week by representatives from NorthPoint Development under the name of NP Senior Living Development, LLC — the planning commission in a 5-2 vote gave a thumbs up for the project to be considered eligible as a planned unit development. Commissioners Anne Smith and Dave Mielock opposed the move.

The next step in the process with a PUD - a negotiated agreement that offers flexibility to the city and developer with criteria that must be met — will be a preliminary site plan for the 76,743-square-foot, threestory assisted living and memory care facility on 4.7 acres at 456. E. Cadv.

The acreage proposed for the facility sits behind the Northville City Car Wash on Main Street. The property has a number of challenges for developers, including contamination, a large sewer easement along Main Street and a vacant building on the property that is historically significant and sits in

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JOANNE MALISZEWSKI

An architectural rendering of the proposed Stonecrest senior living on Cady



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The former owner of the Northville Crossing restaraunt, Alex Alexandris and wife Effie, right, meet its new owner Matt Amin, upper left, and chefs Marino Torres, left, and Jeremy Walker. The restaurant on Northville Road, just south of Seven Mile, was in the hands of the Alexandris family from 1982 until recently and will be known now as the Omelette and Waffle Cafe.

LIKE FAMILY

Northville Crossing Restaurant maintains legacy with new owner

Danielle Alexander

Staff Writer

Alex and Effie Alexandris owned the Northville Crossing Business..... B6 Restaurant since 1982 and de-Crossword Puzzle B9 cided to retire in November. "I had enough," Alex said Homes..... B11 laughing.

After several offers, Alex and Effie said they decided to accept an offer from Matt Amin who, with his wife Jen, already owned the Omelette & Waffle Cafe in Plymouth for five years and reached capacity.
"He had experience, was successful and is a family man," said Alex, who was hoping to pass on his restaurant to someone who would keep it running like a diner.

Amin, who is changing the former name of Northville Crossing Restaurant to another Omelette & Waffle Cafe," said he is noticing more and more parallels between him and the Alexandrises, almost like it was "meant to be." They share similar connections and both have

three children who, like those of Alex and Effie, will probably end up working in the restau-

rant some day. Our son washed dishes and the girls worked with the customers," Alex said.

Prior to opening this restaurant, Alex was a restaurant owner in Detroit; however, he wanted to find something closer to home in Northville, where he and Effie have lived for 42

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DEQ: Arbor Hills odors are not harmful

Joanne Maliszewski Staff Writer

Odors that have bothered residents — and in some cases caused headaches and sick stomachs — who live near Arbor Hills landfill are not toxic and do not cause health problems, according to state Department of Environmental Quality officials.

This is not a nearth concern. said Scott Miller in the DEQ's air quality division.

Inspectors with the federal Environmental Protection Agency conducted mobile monitoring for air contamination at the landfill. The air quality will continue to be monitored and results will be posted on a website that is being developed for residents to remain updated on progress with the landfill, Miller said.

He was one of a number of air quality and waste management officials brought into the Feb. 18 Northville Township Board of Trustees meeting to speak with neighbors, primarily those who live in the Steeplechase subdivision, and others affected by a rash of pungent odors emanating from the landfill at Six Mile, west of Napier in Salem Town-

Responding to residents' questions about headaches and sick stomachs, Miller assured the crowd that while the odors are awful, they are not toxic or carcinogenic. "We never picked

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Duncan Disposal postcard bills are legitimate, payable

Joanne Maliszewski

Staff Writer

Some Northville Township residents have been taken aback by a postcard that is actually a six-month bill for trash services from Duncan Disposal.

The invoice is legitimate from the township's contracted trash disposal service. But unlike the former trash bills that arrived at residents' home every

two months, Duncan — which agreed recently to take over administrative and billing services for the township — issued the recent bill for six months' worth of service, said Supervisor Bob Nix.

As complaints poured into township hall this week, Nix and Township Manager Chip Snider asked Duncan Disposal to consider returning to the bi-monthly billing.

"We can't un-ring the bell," Nix said, referring to the current bill recently received by township residents.

But Duncan officials have agreed to consider the billing change and will contact the township with a decision yet this week.

"From their perspective, it make it easier administratively," Nix said. "It was also done to be consistent with the other communities Duncan services. It was not done maliciously or to create a problem.' Meanwhile, township resi-

dents are asked to pay the Duncan bill. "It is a proper bill, so please pay it," Nix said. Monthly service is \$14 per

month and for six months will be

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said he, too, believes a

farmer's market on the

site would be a "forced

element," but sees the potential for some type

of public interaction or

benefit for the city with

sion that plans include a

river walk with markers

and benches along the

nearby Rouge. The his-

toric building on the site

an issue that will go

before the city's Historic

District Commission -

whether it can be saved

will be determined

Thies told the commis-

the Stonecrest devel-

opment.

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the city's historic district. 'It is a contaminated site. There is no question about it," said Dan Thies of NorthPoint Development, adding it would be cleaned up.

As proposed by developers, the property would offer space for the Northville Farmer's Market. But a number of planning commissioners were less than thrilled with the plan. The city's master land use plan calls for the site to offer mixed use — business and residential — on the site. A PUD includes a requirement for the developer to provide a community benefit, which a farmer's market could fulfill.

"A farmer's market seems a little candified, shoved in there to satisfy the (PUD eligibility) ordinance," said Mielock, who asked Stonecrest representative Dan Thies if other sites for the facility had been explored.

An option B was considered but it would not include a farmer's market, Thies said. "Our main goal and focus is to do the project in downtown Northville." He added that Stonecrest officials would much prefer the building sit closer to Main Street, but the existing sewer easement is in the way and moving it would be expensive.

CORRECTION

A Feb. 11 story in the Northville Record about

"Say what you want, PUDs are meant to circumvent the ordinances," Commissioner Mark Russell said.

In addition to proposing moving the farmer's market — that Thies prefers to be open more than once weekly — to the Stonecrest proposed site, he said the plan also would include retail and a bistro open to the public on the first floor facing Cady Street.

Smith told her colleagues that she felt the Foundry Flask property was not the right site for Stonecrest and is concerned about the economic impact, as well as the lack of consistency with the city's master plan. "I just don't think it's the highest and best use for this area.'

Thies told the commission that employees — a peak staff of 25 during business hours — would eat and likely shop in the downtown. Though Thies

STONECREST PROPOSAL

- » A three-story, 76,743-square foot facility with 84 units on 4.6 acres at 456 E. Cady
- » The private pay assisted living and memory care facility is proposed for 84 units – 55 for assisted living, 29 for memory
- » The monthly fee for residents would run \$4,000-\$8,000. The ratio of caregiver to resident is 1:7 during the daytime. The facility would provide residents with restaurant-style meals and other amenities
- » Medical care would not be provided and emergencies would be handled by local fire department and EMS ambulances. An average five-to-seven ambulatory calls per month are expected » Approximately 50 parking spaces would be available for residents

threw out a \$25 million cost for the facility, it was not confirmed. But City Manager Pat Sullivan said he would have city staff determine the potential tax revenue the development might generate.

Added Thies: "Right now you have a contaminated site that generates

Commissioner Matthew Mowers questioned whether the city's master plan could accommodate a Stonecrest anywhere downtown. But he added that when the master plan is updated, perhaps senior living should be considered for inclusion. Stonecrest could be an anchor for future anchor on the east side of Cady Street, which hasn't been developed yet.

You do have a need, yes," Thies said, referring to senior housing. Commissioner Russell

— and used. He had proposed using the building as part of the farmer's market. We will clean up the added.

entire riverfront," Thies imaliszews@hometownlife.com

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coloring for adults at the Northville District Library should have said that the program occurs the first Wednesday of each month.

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EATERY Continued from Page A1 "We miss the whole family," Effie said while referring to the regular customers. "All of my

family is back home in my family." Greece, so these people

became my family. Alex agreed: "If it wasn't for the customers, we would've had to leave.

They've been good to me." Alex and Effie are now spending retirement with their children and grandchildren. They also said

that after 33 years, they

are excited to be able to

"finally go to church." "It's nice because now we can actually spend time with them," Alex and Effie's daughter, Pam Avdoulos, said about her parents. "Mom and Dad joke that they retired because they ran out of

grandkids.' Amin and his crew are working to maintain the history of the diner while simultaneously incorporating a new feel. He said

"We miss the whole family. All of my family is back home in Greece, so these people became **EFFIE ALEXANDRIS**

there have been challenges, such as going from electric to gas stoves, but, so far, "everything has been great."

The new Omelette & Waffle Café is open, and the banquet room will reopen within the next few weeks once kitchen timing has been mastered.

Omelette & Waffle Café is at 18900 Northville. Although the old Northville Crossing Restaurant sign will someday disappear, Alex and Effie's legacy will always

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Oemlette and Waffle Cafe chef Marino Torres makes one of the former Northville Crossing restaurant's specialties – a big slab of thick waffles with fruit, powdered sugar and chocolate



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Local pastor, auto industry executive seeking election to Michigan House

Matt Jachman Staff Writer

Two Republicans have lined up so far for the race to succeed termlimited Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth Township, in the Michigan House of Representatives.

Jeff Noble of Plymouth Township, pastor of Praise Baptist Church, and Chris Roosen of Northville Township, a former township trustee with more than 25 years experience in the auto industry, recently announced their candidacies. They are competing in the Tuesday, Aug. 2, state primary.

Heise's 20th District includes Plymouth, Plymouth Township and a portion of eastern Canton Township. Heise, who is in the last year of his third two-year term, is running for Plymouth Township supervisor.

Noble, 54, and Roosen, 49, both style themselves



Noble

as fiscal conservatives who would be able to work with a diverse House membership and leverage their experience to look out for the district's interests when it comes to issues like roads and public schools.

'Straight shooter'

Noble said he is a "straight shooter" who sees disenchanted and disinterested voters "sitting on the sidelines" whom he hopes to engage in the political process.

"They're just frustrated with people who say



Roosen

one thing and then get to Lansing or get to Washington and do something else," Noble said of vot-

Noble said he is dedicated to limited government, low taxes and individual liberty

Roosen said he has a call to public service and that his professional experience, especially during difficult times, has given him insight into how Michigan, with its heavy reliance on the automobile industry, should be run. Keeping taxes down, cutting regulations, attracting and maintaining businesses would be among his goals, he said.

"I've seen what the recession has done multiple times now in my 25-year career," said Roosen, global sales manager at Woco Tech USA, a supplier of under-thehood plastic parts. "I don't want that to happen again.'

Noble, who moved to Plymouth Township in 1999 and helped create Praise Baptist, which grew from the combination of two local churches, in 2008, said his skills as a pastor would serve him well in the House.

"I dedicate my life to meeting people and listening to where they're at," he said. "I think that's one of those things we've lost in our government. We're just not listening."

'Recession-tested'

Roosen said he would, as a House member. draw on his eight years as a Northville Township trustee, an office he held from 2004-12. He said he and other officials there made decisions, such as instituting pay freezes and seeking union concessions, that helped the township weather the recession that began in

"Real proud of how we got through the recession," Roosen said. "Northville Township was the first community in Wayne County where property values turned upward again.'

His township, he said, has benefited from partnering with neighboring communities, for such government functions as public safety dispatch, prisoner lockup, parks and recreation and the 35th District Court. He'd carry that philosophy to Lansing, as well.

Noble and his wife

Myra have three adult daughters and a grandson. Roosen and his wife Karen have no children.

Roosen has bachelor's degrees in mathematics and electrical engineering from the University of Michigan-Dearborn. plus a master's in manufacturing systems engineering from the University of Michigan.

Noble has a bachelor's degree in political science from Francis Marion College (now a university) in Florence, S.C., and a master of divinity degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, N.C.

Each candidate has a website: www.votechris roosen.com and www.VoteJeffNoble.com.

The filing deadline for state House candidates is Tuesday, April 19.

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up any contaminants whatsoever," he said, referring to continued monitoring air quality.

Aware residents planned to attend last week's monthly township board meeting, Supervisor Bob Nix said he felt it best to bring in the experts to explain the odors and what is being done to eradicate them. He acknowledged that while the odors have been the most irritating, residents are also concerned with increased traffic to and from the landfill on Six Mile, as well as Arbor Hills' request for proposed expansion of the

landfill.

This won't be the end of this," Nix told residents. "If need be, we will have future meetings on this."

Residents have been active in getting to the bottom of the odor problem, as well, with at least one resident filing a Freedom of Information request for a Feb. 2 violation from the DEQ.

Township officials also have been working with the state DEQ — waste management and air quality — as well as Salem Township and Washtenaw County, where the landfill is located.

Officials in Northville Township and Salem Township took a tour of the landfill that is owned by Advance Disposal.

Republic Services, formerly known as BFI Waste Systems, however, is legally and operationally responsible for the landfill's gas collection system, the source of the pungent odors.

The odors stem from lack of maintenance and the need for more gas wells at the landfill, according to the DEQ. Work is underway on replacing gas wells and building additional ones to better reduce the odors, said Larry Bean, with the DEQ's Jackson waste management office. "It's a delicate balance to capture the gas," Bean said, adding that the gas is then pumped to an energy facility to sell for electricity.

Work should be com-

pleted on the gas wells within a month. The odors have emanated from a newer portion of the landfill, Bean said. The wells, he added, "require continual tweak-

Bean and Miller said landfill owners responded to the DEQ violation and immediately took action. "The company is doing everything it can to fix the problem quickly. They now have a little more work to do.

Meanwhile, the work, the gas wells and the emissions will continue to be monitored.

While work continues on the odor problem, residents remain concerned about a proposed expansion of the landfill, which has capacity at the existing site for another 17 years. The landfill has a total permitted footprint of 337 acres in which non-hazardous waste material may be disposed. The total acreage of the site is 686 acres, said an Advance Disposal representative.

Jeff Krcmarik, Environmental Supervisor with Washtenaw County, and Salem Township Supervisor Gary Whittaker told residents that any potential expansion is years away. First, Washtenaw County is updating its solid waste master plan. A committee has been formed, yet Northville Township officials cannot participate because the commu-

nity is not in the county. The process does not mean the expansion will occur," Kremarik said. Added Nix: "It's not

going to happen tomorrow, next year or in five years."

While Krcmark and Whittaker promised to keep local officials in the loop, Northville Township trustee Fred Shadko suggested officials "float a balloon" that other communities must be involved in any talk or planning of a landfill expansion. "We live downwind of this thing and we have no say in it."

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Northville High hosts local TEDx event

Danielle Alexander Staff Writer

According to ted.com, organizing a TEDx event gives one the ability to create a unique gathering in his or her community that will "unleash new ideas, inspire and inform.'

"I thought it would be good to have this in the high school because students are really passionate about stuff but don't really get the opportunity to express that in their schoolwork," NHS senior and TEDx organizer Rhea Singh said. "There's no rubric and it's completely self-guided."

A crowd gathered at Northville High School on Feb. 5 to view TED Talk videos, as well as a performance by Carly Bins and short talks carefully prepared by eight other students: Sunanda Adibhatla, Mohsin Arsiwala, Zahra Dawson, Brian Lucido, Aarti Patel, Mercedes Rede, Cole Thompson and Madison Wickett.

'We had auditions and weren't expecting many since it was our first time doing this, but 20 people showed up," Singh said. "Due to time constraints and TEDx rules, we only could pick so many though."

In order to host a TEDx event, there are many rules one must abide by in addition to length: no more than 100 individuals can attend the event, admission fees must only go toward event and operating costs, the event needs to maintain the TED-spirit (not be single-topic driven) and much

The event's theme was "The Path to Tomorrow," and talk topics ranged from medical innovations to education reform to ridding a competitive culture. English teacher Robert Hale and junior Shrila Rajendran were also co-organizers of the event.

"I asked a junior to help me organize, so next year she'll know what to do," Singh said. "We mostly want to make it bigger with more people next year. We didn't get the chance to publicize it as much as we wanted, so we hope to make it



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Northville High School student Madi Wickett speaks at the Feb. 5 TEDx Youth@Northville lecture. Wickett's speech was on "You and the Girl Next to You."

more of a community event in the future."

Singh has been accepted into the University of Michigan and plans to pursue computer science in the fall.

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Northville High School student Zahra Dawson speaks on "We are What We Wear" during the TEDx event Feb. 5.

Ridge Wood students take charge of learning

Danielle Alexander

Staff Writer

Ridge Wood Elementary has recently become the third to be named a "Lighthouse School" in Northville and only one of nine others in Michigan. This prestigious status represents a significant benchmark in "The Leader in Me" framework, which is based on Stephen Covey's 7 Habits of Highly Effective People.

On Jan. 12, a Lighthouse Review Team from FranklinCovey Education spent the day interviewing Ridge Wood students, teachers, staff and parents; two weeks later, Ridge Wood Elementary principal Heather Bauer got the call and shared the good news with her staff the following morning and students at a school-wide

assembly later that day.

Bauer said that although earning this was an "honor" and "simply amazing," the school is celebrating the milestone while simultaneously focusing and continuing to improve the school's "The Leader in Me" mission since earning this title was not the end but rather a "stop along

"We've reviewed our feedback from when we were evaluated, and although there were a lot of pluses, there were also areas of improvement," Bauer said. "Our students recognized them and know that we will continue the process.'

At Ridge Wood, students set personal goals, but classroom, grade-level and school goals exist, as well. Bauer said that all students, including the

younger children (although theirs may be related to a nonacademic topic such as progress made on tying shoes), are able to verbally share where they are at in the process of achieving their goals; they document this "journey" in "Leadership Notebooks."

"Some students are involved in student-led parentteacher conferences in the fall, but all of them are involved in the spring," Bauer said while discussing examples of how students take charge and are able to share their own learn-

Referring to not only the "Lighthouse School" status, but also the three-year school transformation into this framework, Bauer said she could not have done it without the support of the school's families,



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Ridge Wood Elementary's "Student Lighthouse Team" is comprised of fourth and fifth graders who applied and were chosen to take on these honorable leadership roles for the school.

teachers, staff, Dad's Club, PTA and the Northville Educational Foundation. She and the "Student Lighthouse Team" are currently in the process of

planning a family "The Leader in Me" celebration in the spring.

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The announcement was made that the 2017 Lincoln Continental was named the 2016 North American International Auto Show's Best in Show at a Detroit Economic Club annual luncheon with Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan, Wayne County Executive Warren C. Evans, Macomb County **Executive Mark Hackel** and Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson.

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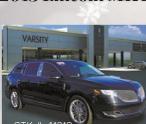
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Public Accuracy Test for the March 8, 2016 Primary Election is scheduled for Thursday, March 3, 2016 at 1 p.m. in the lobby of Township Hall, located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan.

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

The public is welcome and invited to attend.

Sue A. Hillebrand, M.M.C.

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Fitting room theft leads to fit against employee from grandma

Susan Bromley Staff Writer

A grandmother who apparently lost her cellphone in Kohl's and accused an employee of stealing it created a disturbance, prompting a police response at about 2:18 p.m. Feb. 17.

The woman said she took her purse and coat into the fitting room and hung her purse on the hook, putting her coat over it. She then left the fitting room to find different merchandise. When she returned, her purse was gone. She pointed out an employee who handed back her purse and said her cellphone was missing from it. The coat was not found with her purse. She was convinced the employee

stole it. The employee said the fitting rooms are busy due to a clearance sale and she was checking the fitting rooms for clothing and returning the clothes to the sale floor when she found a purse hanging on a hook. They were busy, so she placed the purse on a counter top at the end of the fitting room near a stack of hangers and clothing rack. She found another purse earlier.

When the customer said she was missing her purse, the employee gave it to her and then was accused of stealing the woman's phone. The customer was loud and creating a disturbance, the employee told police. The customer couldn't remember her Apple ID or password to sign in for the "find my phone" app. Her granddaughter, who had helped her in a previous instance when she lost her phone, was called, but she was also unable to sign in.

The phone was not

located. There are no suspects.

Slow learner

Novi Police who responded to a home on Carlton Way shortly after 2 a.m. Feb. 12 on a noise complaint found an intoxicated woman seated in a Dodge Dart, a report stated. The woman's cousin advised officers she was trying to prevent her cousin from driving

The woman who owned the Dart smelled of intoxicants and one of the officers offered her a Breathalyzer test, which she refused. The officers advised her not to drive or she would be arrested for operating while intoxicated.

Moments later, after officers cleared the scene and parked nearby, they said they saw the woman operating the vehicle. The officer made a traffic stop on Carlton Way. The women told the officer that after police left the area, her cousin and another female exited the residence and began kicking her car. She said she called police for help, but only found the officer when she left the area.

There was no record of the woman calling Novi dispatch or Oakland County dispatch, the

report stated. A preliminary Breathalyzer test showed she had a blood-alcohol content of 0.17 percent. In Michigan, a BAC of 0.08 percent is considered legally drunk. She was arrested for operating while intoxicated and lodged at the jail.

Baby, it's a gun

A loaded gun was found on a baby changing station in a Speedway gas station restroom at about 5:55 a.m. Feb. 14.

The employee who found the gun called police to the station on West Pontiac Trail, where a safety check of the weapon, a Jimenez Arms .380 caliber pistol, found it loaded with six rounds of ammunition. A possible owner was identified, but he could not be contacted.

Another found gun

A Walmart employee found a gun hidden in the automotive department at about 6:41 p.m. Feb. 12, prompting a police response to the store on Ingersol Drive. The pellet gun was loaded with six pellets and concealed on a shelf between Tupperware and the end of the shelf unit. The employee said there had been no problems with employees, customers or juveniles.

Drunken driver

A Novi police officer responded to the area of Beck Road and Interstate 96 at about 1:49 a.m. Feb. 12 on a report of a disabled vehicle in the middle lane. Upon arrival, the officer found a Dodge Charger with heavy front-end damage. The complainant said the driver's mother had gone to pick up her son from a nearby business where he had walked after the accident and, moments later, the woman arrived back on scene with her

The officer asked the driver of the Charger what happened and he said he ran into another car. He said he may have been going faster than the speed limit and his car was slipping on the pavement due to bald tires. The report stated he said the other driver got out and asked if he was OK, but they did not exchange information

and, after asking if he was OK, the other driver left on eastbound I-96. He had no idea what kind of vehicle he hit.

The Charger driver smelled of intoxicants and a Breathalyzer test showed he had a bloodalcohol content of 0.159 percent. He was arrested for operating while intoxicated.

Marijuana memory lapse

A Novi police officer observed a vehicle going through a red light at I-96 and Novi Road and made a traffic stop about 3:21 p.m. Feb. 13 near Grand River Avenue and Novi Road.

The driver told the officer he drove through a yellow light and appeared nervous, the report stated. The officer noted the odor of marijuana inside the vehicle. The driver said he doesn't smoke marijuana and asked if the officer wanted to conduct a search. When the driver stepped out of the vehicle, he said the car belonged to his passenger and he was only driving because he had a valid license. The passenger admitted smoking the marijuana at about 8:30 a.m. and also gave the officer a small bag with marijuana in the bottom of it from the center console, which he said he'd forgotten was there, adding that his mother owned the car. The passenger was arrested for possession of marijuana. The vehicle was towed.

Tires and rims

Four tires and rims were stolen off three different Town and Country vans at the Chrysler Jeep dealership on Haggerty Road between 9 p.m. Feb. 11 and 2:45 p.m.

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The Observer & Eccentric presents the 13th annual Spring Senior Expo, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 5, in the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

This tradition for seniors features diverse demonstrations and workshops, local business exhibitors, prizes, free admission, free parking and free refreshments. Learn to live healthy, make wise financial decisions and enhance life to make it the best ever.

Businesses wishing to participate can take advantage of various exhibitor and sponsorship packages.

Prior to the expo, a Spring Senior Expo special publication will be inserted into all Observer, Novi News, Northville Record, Milford Times and South Lyon Herald newspapers Thursday, March $\bar{3}1$, and in all Ec*centric* newspapers Sunday, April 3. This special publication will feature articles, interests and resources for today's seniors. The publication will also include participating local business exhibitors and information on all demonstrations and workshops being offered for this year's event.

For those interested in greater involvement and exposure, there are speaking, advertorial and

various sponsorship level opportunities.

Businesses interested in learning more about how to become an exhibitor or sponsor should contact Choya Jordan at 248-926-2203 or cbjordan@michigan.com.

STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The 13th annual Spring Senior Expo will be held April 5 inside Schoolcraft's VisTaTech Center.



Miami University

Bradley Kozinski spent the fall 2015 semes ter in Spain as part of a study abroad group. Kozinski, of Novi, is earning a bachelor of science

majoring in finance. Students who achieved a perfect 4.0 grade-point average for first semester 2015-16 have been named to the president's list recognizing academic excellence: Kelsey Dietrich of Novi, Jacqueline Mullins of Novi. Rebecca Sievewright of Commerce, Christina Breaugh of White Lake and Madison

Collins of White Lake. Students who achieved a 3.5 or better grade-point average for first semester 2015-16 have been named to the dean's list recognizing academic performance: Matthew Wheatley of Northville; Amelia Albanelli of Northville, Megan Paul of Novi, Jena Drago of Novi, Wesley Guenther of Novi, Brandon Fagnani of White Lake and Keegan Brown of White Lake.

University of Dayton

Several local residents made the fall 2015 dean's list, which honors students achieving a minimum 3.5 GPA: Kelly Langan of Novi, Kyle Lemieux of Northville

and Dominick Montone

Michigan Tech

Michigan Technological University has released the dean's list for the 2015 fall semester. To qualify for the dean's list, a student must take 12 or more credits and achieve a semester grade-point average of 3.5 or better. Asterisks indicate those earning straight-A averages of 4.0.

From Commerce Township: Marcel Meijer*, majoring in computer engineering, a graduate of Lakeland High School; Luke Olari, majoring in mechanical engineering, a home school graduate; Miles Penhale*, majoring in mechanical engineering, a graduate of Walled Lake Northern; and Wesley Harrison, majoring in computer science, a graduate of Walled Lake Northern

From Walled Lake: Nicholas Littlefield, majoring in mechanical engineering, a graduate of Walled Lake Central; and Benjamin Stinchcomb, majoring in computer network and system adminstration, a graduate of Walled Lake Western.

Saginaw Valley State

Students earned degrees from Saginaw Valley State University during the December 2015 graduation ceremonies, including: Joseph Betoski of Milford, Jonathan Brand of Commerce Township, Nicola Colucci of South Lyon, Katie Safford of Northville and Nicole Zachar of New

Hudson. Saginaw Valley State University named students to the president's list for the fall 2015 semester. To be eligible for the president's list, a student must take at least 12 credit hours and earn a 4.0 grad-point average.

Included are: Mackenzie Hughes of New Hudson, Jessica Keenan of White Lake, Nautica Nimmons of Commerce Township, Hillary Shepard of Highland Township, Lina Davis of Novi and Shane McClure of

Saginaw Valley State University announced the student recipients of the dean's list for the fall 2015 semester. To be eligible for the dean's list, a student must take at least 12 credit hours and carry a semester GPA of 3.4 or better.

Included are: Madison **Burgess of Commerce** Township, Erin Carter of White Lake, Kiel Clothier of White Lake, Kristina Dobring of Walled Lake, Travis Knapp of Highland, Grant Lapeer of Commerce, Cara Matlis of Milford, Joseph Newman of South Lyon, Amelia Petrillo of Highland, Peter Rudofski of Commerce, Kaylan Sinadinos of Commerce Township, Christina Swain of New Hudson, Courtney Territo of Highland, Lindsey Dusablon of Northville and Scott Stanford of

Hofstra University

Julia Laing of Novi excelled during the fall 2015 semester, achieving a GPA of at least 3.5 to earn a spot on the dean's

Edgewood College

Melissa Towner of Novi graduated Dec. 20 from Edgewood College. Towner earned a master of arts in education.

Baldwin Wallace University

Megan Sparks of Novi, a graduate of Shrine High School majoring in music education and music therapy, has been named to the dean's list for the fall 2015 semester. Students who receive at least a 3.6 GPA for seven or more hours in a single semester are named to the dean's list.

Marist College

Gabrielle DeLeon of Novi was named to the dean's list for the fall

2015 semester. DeLeon is a member of the Class of 2019 and is majoring in business administration.

Davenport University

Davenport University announced that Katerina Serdenkovski of Northville has completed a degree in business, technology or health professions at the end of the fall 2015 semester. Davenport will host a commencement ceremony May 1, where nearly 1,200 students will participate in

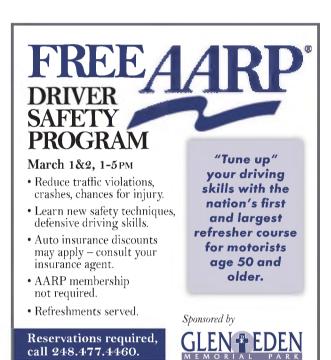
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Ohio University

More than 4,000 students qualified for the fall 2015 semester dean's list, 17 of whom are from Michigan.

To achieve this distinction, students must earn at least 3.5 gradepoint average for the semester.

The students include Brianna Griesinger of Novi and Breanna Thomas of Novi.



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'The Cross and the Light'

LOCAL NEWS

Show brings Broadway-caliber performance to local churches

Pam Zinkosky Correspondent

The sounds of whips and cries of agony rip through the air. Tongues of fire envelop the room and the wind whistles loudly. Beautiful voices ring out. The crowd at turns cries, rejoices, sings "Hosanna," shouts out. And it's all happening at church. It's a retelling of an age-old Christian story - the passion and resurrection of Jesus Christ. This is no ordi-

nary passion play, but a Broadwayquality



sensory experience that uses state-of-the-art environmental projection to not only project visions on the walls up to 150 feet wide by 30 feet high, but also project



Richert Nieto

sounds and even smells that captivate the audience. The musical production, called The Cross and the Light, is now in its fifth season and running in March at two

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"The Cross and the Light" actors sing during the Pentecost scene.

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BEETLER, SYBIL L. Age 77, of Northville passed away February 15, 2016. Share condolences at casterlinefuneralhome.com.



FARRUGIA, GLORIA D.

Age 89, died February 12 at the Hope Village Assisted Living Home after a lengthy struggle with dementia. She was born December 27, 1926 in Dearborn, Michigan to Joseph and Loretta Farrugia. She graduated from Fordson High School and then worked as a secretary for the Detroit Veteran's Hospital. Gloria's zesty personality and great beauty attracted many suitors, but she had eyes for just one – a scrappy Army Airman recently returned from World War II named Emanuel Farrugia. Although the two shared the same last name and Maltese heritage, they were not related. Gloria married Emanuel, the love of her life, in 1948. The couple engaged in 59 years of blissful sparring until Emanuel's death in 2007. They had three sons and a daughter, who died in infancy. The death of Baby Jill in 1956 was a sorrow that remained with Gloria all her days. Gloria worked as a sales associate in the women's wear section of the J.L. Hudson Company department store for more than a decade. But her primary vocation was nurturing her husband and three boys. Her life was devoted to family and friends. She is survived by her sons, Gary of Niantic, CT, Terry of Traverse City, and Cory of Baltimore. Daughters-in-law include Elizabeth Farrugia, Kim Farrugia and Gwen Farrugia. Gloria is also survived by four grandchildren, much-adored Molly, Emilie, Erin and Gillian. Gloria and Emanuel made clear their wish that they be cremated and their ashes comingled so they may once again be together. A memorial service celebrating Gloria's life will be held in the summer. Memorial Contributions may be made to the Hospice of Michigan, 10852 E. Traverse Hwy, Traverse City, Michigan 49684. Please visit www.lifestorytc.com to sign the guest book and share a message with her family. Life Story Funeral Home, Traverse City

FOGARTY, WARREN Age 89, of Northville passed away February 17, 2016. Share

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GARON, DONALD

October 7, 1934 - February 19, 2016. Arrangements by: PHILLIPS FUNERAL HÓME. www.phillipsfuneral.com



HOWLAND, GARY M. June 3, 1949-February 16, 2016 L. J. Griffin Funeral Home-Northrop Sassaman Chapel



KRUEGER,

CAROL JEAN Age 77 of Lake, passed away Friday, February 19, 2016 at the Crittenton Hospital in Rochester, MI. Carol was born the daughter of Jacob and Mildred (Strutz) Van Daalwyk in Appleton, WÍ. In the summer of 1961, she was united in marriage to Arlin E. Krueger. After moving to Lake from Novi, MI. in 2000, Carol became a very active community member. She enjoyed many clubs with neighbors of the Lake of the Pines Association including the Red Hat Club, the Euchre Club, and the Single's Club-which she founded. Carol was also an active member of the Our Lady of Hope Parish in Clare. loved the outdoors, kayaking, gardening, and playing Sheepshead with family, but most importantly, spending time with her children and grandchildren. Carol is survived by her daughter Kathleen (Jon) Jacobsen of Duluth, GA, and her three sons Kurt (Mary) Krueger of Novi, MI., Karl Krueger of Rochester, MI., and Kris (Holly) Krueger of Duvall, WA. Other survivors include Carol's brothers Stephen (Noreen) Van Daalwyk of Kaukauna, WI., and Charles (Cathy) Van Daalwyk of Appleton, WI., seventeen cherseventeen cherished grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter. Carol was preceded in death by her husband Arlin and parents Jake and Mildred Van Daalwyk. A funeral mass in Carol's honor will be held at the Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church in Clare on Wednesday, February 24 at 11:00A.M., and burial will follow in the St. Cecilia Catholic Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, February 23 at the Clare Chapel of the Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home from 4:00 to 7:30 P.M. Memorial contributions in Carol's honor may be directed to the Our Lady of Hope Church, or to the Crittenton Hospital Rehabilitation Center. For those unable to attend, condolences may be expressed via the Krueger family on-line

www.stephenson-wyman.com

LeFAVE, KATHERINE **SHOWERMAN** of Grass Lake, formerly of South age 74, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her loving family February 16, 2016. She was born October 1, 1941 the daughter of Gordon Doris Showerman, whom preceded her in death and grandson Nathan Taylor. Kathy is survived by her loving husband of 30 years, Tom; daughters, Jill Smith and (Chad) Taylor; grandchildren, Brad, Matthew, Sarah and Keith Taylor; siblings, Judy, Steve (Fran), Mike (Susan) Showerman and Anita (Dan) Rajkovich; several nieces and nephews; aunts, Ruth (Jack) Borden, Jane King, Annabelle Wiseman and Arlene Wiseman Johnson. After college Kathy began her career in the timekeeping department Burroughs Corporation. She left the company to work in the family owned business. Showerman's IGA bookkeeper for many years. After retiring, Kathy remained busy managing a home based business with her husband. She will be remembered for her kind, gentle spirit, her love of and her gardening family, especially her grandchildren. A gathering of family and friends took place at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME on Monday, February 22, 2016. The funeral Mass was Tuesday, February 23, 2016 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, South Lyon. Interment was in South Lyon Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Pious Union of St. Joseph Shrine, 953 E. Michigan Ave.,

Lake,

www.phillipsfuneral.com

MILLER, ROGER S.

Age 94, lifelong resident of Northville, passed away February 19, 2016. Full obit at Northville. casterlinefuneralhome.com

MORRIS, THOMAS

June 24, 1952 - February 18, 2016. Arrangements by: PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME. www.phillipsfuneral.com

NODACKER,

HAZEL RUBY Of Milford, passed away in the loving care of her family on February 16, 2016. Hazel was preceded in death by Wilbur, her beloved husband of 46 years. She is survived by her children, Nodacker, (Shawn) Squires, and Debra McKeehen. Extended family and friends join in mourning Hazel's passing and giving thanks to God for her life among them. The family has planned for cremation to take place. For further information please phone Lynch & Sons, Milford at 248.684.6645.



70, February 21, 2016. Loving wife of John A. Streit for 48 years. Dear mother of Raechel (JT) Hwang and John K. (Peggy) Streit. Cherished grandmother of Tyler, Ellie, Cherished Andrew and John Jean-Paul. Dedicated her entire life to family and friends and for over 35 years to the students and staff of the Livonia Public School Visitation Thursday. February 25, 2016 from 1 to 8pm at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Rd., Livonia. Funeral Service Friday, February 26, 2016 at 11:30am at Meadowbrook Congregational Church, 21355 Meadowbrook Rd, Novi. Friends may visit the church beginning at 10:30am. In lieu of flowers, memorials are appreciated to the First Congregational Church Ferguson Scholarship Fund, 6105 Center Road, Traverse City, MI 49686. Visit www.mjillstreit.com

VAOUERA, JEAN M.

Age 64, of Brighton, passed away February 19, 2016 at home, surrounded by her loving working, stubborn, polish lady. Jean loved to cook polish and mexican food for her family. She was lovingly devoted to her hus-band and children and never passed up the chance to spoil her grandkids. Jean's family was the most important part of her life. She is survived by her husband, Steve; her children: Laurie, (Annmarie), Steve (Heather Wolf), Jeannie (Travis) Snelling, Melissa, Michael and Stephanie (Sean) Swanson; her grandchildren: Madison, Joseph, Nicholas, and Matthew. Jean is also survived by her siblings: Margaret (Larry) Felt, Randy (Lisa) Kmiec, Rick (Sharon) Kmiec and by many nieces, nephews and loving friends. She was preceded in death by her daughter Tina in 1994 and her parents, Richard and Virginia Kmiec. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, February 24 from 2:00PM-9:00PM Rosary at 7:00PM at PHILLIPS FÚNER-AL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. A funeral Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, February 25 at 11:00AM at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 830 S. Lafayette, South Lyon. Jean will be laid to rest beside her in South Lyon Memorial donations Cemetery. may be made to the Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease Foundation at www.cidfoundation.org Arrangements entrusted PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, www.phillipsfuneral.com

VENTURA, ANTHONY Age 76, of Northville, passed away February 16, 2016. Share condolences

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Farmington resident Kelly Nieto, a former Miss America runner-up, comedian, fiddle player, mother of five and convert to Christianity who gives all the credit for the performance to God.



A touring

production Last year, Nieto brought the production back into churches with a touring cast of seven three woman and four men, who each play several roles. Nieto also hired Northville resident Ryan Richert, who owns the Christian nonprofit production company Outside the Box Ministries Inc., as technical director, to add the environmental projection component that brings The Cross and the Light to life and also enables it to be set up in eight

hours or less on location. Richert, a member of Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville, supplies the technical knowledge and crew and rents the necessary equipment to run the environmental projection piece, which is also known as "video mapping," he said. He's been working with the technology for about four years, he said.

"People walk into (what may be) their own church and don't even recognize it," he said. "It's a new experience. It draws you in emotional-

"I love how overtly evangelistic (The Cross and the Light) is," said Richert, who provides production support for

donation today; go to

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up to 40 faith-based events each year through Outside the Box Ministries. "Most Christian productions do not get that specific about who Jesus was and what he did for us."

Nieto also "made it relevant to the 21st century" starting with the 2014 production, she said: "There are no costumes to separate us from that time." Jesus wears jeans. The high priests take a selfie in front of the cross. It allows us to see ourselves in the characters, she explained, noting that her 16-year-old son said he could see himself as Judas.

While more than 70,000 people have seen The Cross and the Light in Detroit, Illinois and Adelaide, Australia, and another 8,000 will see it this year in the Detroit area, plus 6,000 in Florida, there is some resistance to it, Nieto said. It's entertainment, which some view as inherently

secular. "Priests are afraid we're competing with them and we're not,' Nieto said. "In order to reach beyond the choir, you have to entertain." But you can entertain with Biblical material and, since entertainment equals emotional engagement, which creates memories, it's one of the best ways to teach and motivate, she said

"It's the visual, mystical piece of this that's so emotionally engaging," Nieto said. "We connect with people on a level that they don't even understand."

Vision turned business

Nieto's vision for The Cross and the Light gave rise to two businesses -Nieto Productions LLC, which owns the rights to and produces the musical, and Living Faith-Fine Arts Apostolate, a nonprofit dedicated to bringing students to view the performance. Nieto believes in inspiring today's youth, as they represent the future of evangelism. Living Faith has offered subsidized or free tickets to 16.000 students so far.

Nieto's successful business model is due in part to Northville resident and friend Diana DiRita, who in 2012 agreed to become Nieto's "house manager," a role she knew little to nothing about. "I'm from corporate America," said DiR-ita, who had left her global finance director job at Harman International to be home with

her two children. "I didn't know what that meant.

DiRita, a parishioner at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth Township, said she knew Nieto's production was meant for a larger stage and that Nieto needed help. "It's beautiful and it's authentic and it's God's word," she said. "It's an authentic Bible story. It's not her ver-

DiRita also knew that, in order to get to that larger stage, Nieto needed to copyright and protect her work - hence the limited liability company Nieto Productions. She also needed funding and strategic planning, which became part of DiRita's job description.

What amazed DiRita, she said, was that Nieto Productions always "broke even" on ticket sales versus expenses, which included renting the venue, paying the cast and crew and marketing. "That is truly a miracle," she said. "Most production companies go belly-up and they have longer runs. Our longest run was one week. Why (did it do so well)? Because it is so good!"

In fact, EncoreMichigan.com, which reviews Michigan theater performances, nominated The Cross and the Light for two music awards. That goes to show, DiRita noted, that this is not just a Catholic performance and not even just a Christian performance. It appeals to the secular world.

Nieto said that satisfaction rates with *The* Cross and the Light, according to a research study of attendees, rival that of satisfaction with the iPhone. The study found that 86 percent of attendees were extremely satisfied with the performance, 77 percent said they would recommend it to others, 89 percent felt emotionally moved by it and 82 percent said they felt God's presence during the performance.

"I really believe we're ahead of the curve in terms of evangelism," DiRita said.

The Cross and the Light runs March 10-12 at Our Lady Star of the Sea in Grosse Pointe Woods with shows at 8 p.m. all three nights; and March 17-20 at St. Malachy in Sterling Heights with shows at 7 p.m. March 17, 10 a.m. March 18, 8 p.m. March 18-19 and 8 p.m. and 2 p.m. March 20. Go to www.crossandlight.com for tickets.

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Northville school district uses PSAT to inform instruction

Danielle Alexander Staff Writer

Northville Public Schools' students grades 8-11 took the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test in October.

"It was mandated that ninth-through 11th-graders take it, but we had chosen to give it to our eighth-graders, as well," Deanna Barash, assistant superintendent of instructional services, said Feb. 16 at the Committee of the Whole meeting. "Our district got the assessment at a reduced rate and thought we should take the opportunity to introduce and expose eighth-graders to the test, too."

PSAT/SAT retesting will take place March 3 for eighth-graders and

April 12 for the other three grade levels. Once data is obtained and trends are studied from both tests. Barash said curriculum could then be adjusted and interventions might have to be made. But Barash said she is aware the metrics may change, since the spring test will be part of the 2016-Redesigned SAT Suite of Assess-

"Part of our work will be finding the time to sit down with teachers and dive in to what we see as baseline data, which will be a good jumping off point for conversation," Barash said after informing Board of Education members that conversations concerning last year's M-STEP data have already begun.

"The data allows us to consider: What is a curriculum issue? What is a resource issue? What is an instructional issue?"

Board Treasurer Matthew Wilk said he believes data dialogue is a "strength of the district," as not all districts share data information with their school boards.

Trustee James Mazurek agreed: "It all allows

us as board members to ask ourselves, 'What does this mean?' and 'What can we do?''

In addition to adults in the district examining test data, students, especially those in high school, have been asked to delve deeper into their own performances and link their scores with

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Important for students to study, prepare for SAT

 \blacksquare t is true that the redesigned SAT focuses on skills that "matter most for college readiness and success." In other words, if the Common Core State Standards have been implemented in a school, what is being learned in class each day will be much more relevant to the SAT than it was in the past.

Nevertheless, as a former public high school English teacher and now private tutor, I have firsthand, observed the need for further college entrance exam preparation in addition to the daily school curriculum.

Some school districts and/or individual teachers do incorporate SAT review into their courses; however, many do not have that freedom or, for a variety of reasons, choose not to spend class time preparing for standardized tests. The SAT is, after all, a multiple choice test, and with today's highly compet-



itive college admissions, additional study time has ultimately become neces-

While tutoring, I am often having to teach or reteach basic grammar concepts that were either never taught or taught years ago and now forgotten in order to explain answers to the more difficult grammar questions. For example, students are not going to be able to perform well on subject-verb agreement questions if they are not able to locate the subject and verb in a sentence. Subject-verb agreement is part of the Common Core Language strand, but the length of time devoted to the lessons varies on the district, school, department and, often times, individual

Additionally, many of my students will look at the subject-verb agreement question but have no clue that the question is asking them to select the answer that displays the correct subject and verb match. Unless teachers are incorporating actual SAT practice questions into their instruction, students are not getting exposure to the question format; therefore, even if they understand subject-verb agreement, they may still select an incorrect answer out of confusion.

One-on-one tutoring helps in these situations since not only am I able to pinpoint the source of the problem, but I also can scaffold my instruction to best serve the needs of a particular individual, as well.

Although private tutoring has its benefits, it can obviously become quite expensive even in pairs or small groups.

Luckily, there are several low-cost, and in many cases free, study options available for SAT preparation.

CollegeBoard, the creator of the SAT as well as the Advanced Placement Program and several other services, offers many print and online practice opportunities for students, such as the Daily Practice phone application where one is able to answer a question a day covering one of the three sections (Reading, Writing & Language and Math). There are also sample questions covering the three subjects, four complete practice SAT tests with answer explanations and the Instant Practice Test Scoring option where students can take pictures of their practice test answer sheet and obtain their instant scores.

Even though a variety of companies involved in test preparation have

new books and other study materials, I use CollegeBoard's "The Official SAT Study Guide (Redesigned SAT)" since they author the test. It includes four practice tests in addition to hundreds of pages of study

material. For a more personalized study tool, Khan Academy is also available online to students. On their website, students can watch video lessons, take up to four practice tests and get personalized suggestions; they also have the option to share their PSAT scores with Khan Academy for even more individualized feedback.

Simply familiarizing yourself with the test is helpful, as well. Many schools, such as Northville High School, hold a PSAT/SAT Information Night where information is shared that will help those who attend understand scores, components of the scores and

opportunities for practice.

Northville High School's information meeting will be at 6 p.m., Monday, Feb. 29 at 6 p.m., at the high school. Parents of eighth graders in addition to those in ninth, 10th and 11th grades are strongly encouraged to attend since all four grades were provided with the PSAT in the fall and will be again in the spring, minus the juniors who will be taking the redesigned

Whether fans of the redesigned SAT or not, it will be given for the first time this spring. It is ultimately counterproductive not to take advantage of extra practice, especially when provided by the creator itself.

Danielle Alexander is a staff writer for the Northville Record. She may be reached at dnalexander@ hometownlife.com

LETTERS

A big thank you to **Toys for Tots drive** volunteers

This past holiday season we started our first Toys for Tots drive. The response was unbeliev-

Not only the amount of

toys, but the quality of toys surpassed our greatest expectations. We estimate about \$5,000 worth of toys were donated. It took the Toys for Tots volunteers several trips to pick up all the

There are not enough

words to express our gratitude and the gratitude from the organization for your generosity. There are so many that we wish to thank from the bottom of our hearts.

We want to extend and extra thank you to the Detroit Wine Organization for coordinating the efforts and having our Toys for Tots float made at The Village Workshop for the Northville Lights Parade and having our office also be a drop off location for Toys For

Our hopes are to have a toy drive annually, which we hope will grow to a size which will ensure every child is able

to receive a gift during the holidays.

Have a safe and healthy new year. And remember, every day is a gift.

Joseph P. Corriveau The Corriveau Law Firm

What has Bernie Sanders really accomplished?

Last week the editor of The Week Magazine pointed out the legislative accomplishments in Bernie Sanders 25 years in U.S. Congress and the Senate.

Bernie Sanders introduced 353 bills, and three of them passed two of them renaming

postal offices in Vermont. Talk of revolution is exciting, ange is hard.

When promising free college (what is next, free lunch money, too?) Talking over the entire health care system and jacking up taxes to do it, he would be met with the same resistance to his other 350 bills he couldn't get passed.

Has he forgotten that he is running for president of the United States and not Sweden?

Also way under the radar is his military draft status during the Vietnam War. He took a student deferment, then a marriage deferment.

He divorced at age 25,

one year from the usual maximum draft eligibility age of 26, so he decided to become a conscience objector for that last year.

These deeply held beliefs didn't come out when he was 18 or 20 years old, but when he ran out of draft deferments; and he now wants to be our commander in chief.

I am afraid the Koch brothers have been keeping their powder dry and are praying for him to be the Democratic nominee for president so they can spend untold millions telling his "story."

Steve Lawrence Northville Township

Joanne Maliszewski, Community editor Larry Ruehlen, Managing editor

Jani Hayden, Advertising director

CITY OF NORTHVILLE 2016 BOARD OF REVIEW WAYNE AND OAKLAND COUNTIES

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Review of the City of Northville, Wayne and Oakland Counties, will meet at the City Hall, 215 West Main Street, for the purpose of reviewing and adjusting the 2016 Assessment Rolls of the City of Northville on the following

TUESDAY, 10:00 a.m. Administrative Meeting MARCH 8, 2016: MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2016: 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2016: 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m

Unless otherwise specified the dates above are for Public Hearings

Pursuant to Act 165 of 1971 and based on the proposed changes to assessed value for 2016, the Wayne and Oakland County Equalization Departments have set the following tentative equalization factors relative to the 2016 Real and Personal Property Assessments: WAYNE COUNTY - Commercial Real 1.00; Industrial Real 1.00; Residential Real 1.00; All Personal Property 1.00. OAKLAND COUNTY - Commercial Real 1.00; Industrial Real 1.00; Residential Real 1.00; All Personal Property 1.00.

Mail-in Petitions must be received by March 15, 2016 before 5:00 p.m. ALL TAXPAYERS wishing to petition their property's taxable value or assessment in person with the Board of Review will be seen by APPOINTMENT ONLY. To ensure every appeal is heard it is requested that appointments be scheduled prior to Tuesday, March 8, 2016. Please contact the City of Northville Tax Department at (248) 449-9901 for an appointment or with any questions you may have regarding your 2016 taxable or assessed value.

BOARD OF REVIEW

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Novi Community School District (NCSD) will receive bids for: NCSD - Site / Civil Program 2016 - Bid Packages A, B and C

Program is presented as three (3) bid packages (see below) consisting of general site earthwork, drainage improvements; building roof downspout connections; site asphalt and concrete paving and other general localized site improvements. Work is located at various buildings/sites throughout the district.

Bid Package A - Novi HS, Village Oaks ES and Orchard Hills ES. Bid Package B - Novi MS, Novi Meadows, Education Services Building, Novi Woods and

Soccer Field.

Bid Package C - Transportation Center.

All bid packages are to be delivered to the NCSD Educational Services Building (ESB) attention Mr. Steve Barr and are due on March 24, 2016 deadline of 1:00 pm. At the time the bid packages are due all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud in the Board room. Bids received after the above stipulated date and time will not be opened, considered or accepted.

Bid documents can be pre-ordered and purchased at the offices of ARC/Dunn Blue, 1009 W. Maple Road, Clawson, MI 48107 beginning March 1, 2016 at 5:00 PM. Contact ARC/Dunn Blue for non-refundable purchase price for each bid package.

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

There will be a **non-mandatory pre-bid meeting** on March 3, 2016 at 1:00 PM, in the NCSD ESB Board Room located at 25345 Taft Road, Novi, Michigan 48374. All bidders should be available on Tuesday March 29, 2016 starting at 9:00 AM for post bid

interviews. Interviews will be on an invitation basis only. Prospective bidders must meet the following minimum standards in order to submit a proposal:

- Must be an established Contractor in Michigan for a minimum of five (5) years Has successfully completed a minimum of three (3) educational, institutional or municipal site earthwork / site improvement / paving replacement projects each with construction values in excess of \$150,000.00
- Must be able to provide business and liability insurance, performance and payment bond for work required by the Bid Documents

All bids must be submitted on forms furnished by SME for the "NCSD - Site / Civil Program 2016 - Bid Packages A, B and C" and be accompanied by a bidder's bond or a certified or cashier's check payable to Novi Community School District for the sum of not less than five (5%) of the bid amount for each Bid Package. All bids must be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the Owner (bidder) or any employee of the bidder and any member of the NCSD School Board, Administration or Staff. Bidders shall also provide a Sworn Statement of Economic Relationship with the Country of Iran. Bids received without a bidder's bond, certified or cashier's check, sworn and notarized statement of familial disclosure, and Iran Economic Statement MAY BE REJECTED. NCSD reserves the right to reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, to waive any irregularities therein and accept that bid, which best serves the NCSD's interest.

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Novi Choralaires, concert band concert

Time/Date: 3 p.m. Sunday, March 6

Details: Novi's community chorus and community band are joining forces to host a community concert: "Music of Stage and Screen." The Novi Concert Band and The Novi Choralaires are both made up of men and women from Novi and the surrounding area with a passion for music and performing. A free will donation is accepted.

The Choralaires perform at many community events during their sea-



JOHN HEIDER

STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER **Members of the Novi Concert** Band entertain a gathering Feb. 18 at the Novi Public Library. Under the direction of assistant director Diran Kochyan, the band performed 11 different numbers, including some from Broadway and Hollywood, plus a few marches.

son from January through May, while the Concert Band performs

UPCOMING EVENTS

nearly a dozen annual public concerts throughout the region. Go to novichoralaires.org, email noviconcertband@live.com or find each group on Facebook.

Bollywood Bash

Time/Date: 6 p.m. to midnight Friday, March

Details: Third annual Bollywood Bash to benefit Good News India, which rescues children from bonded labor, sex slavery, providing them a safe haven. It runs the largest network of care centers for orphaned and destitute children, seeing them through university and vo-tech training. GNI currently owns and operates 30 "Dream Centers." To be held at Novi Christian Community Center, 45301 W. 11 Mile Road. Tickets are \$12 online or \$15 at the door. Email novibollywoodbash@ gmail.com or go to www.facebook.com/

nccc78 for more.

Mom-2-Mom sale

Time/Date: 8 a.m. to 1

p.m. Saturday, March 12 **Details:** Hillside Elementary School hosts its fourth annual Mom-2-Mom sale, featuring 70 tables of gently used baby, maternity and children's clothing, toys and equipment. Early bird admission at 8 a.m. is \$3; general admission after 9 a.m. is \$2

Hillside Elementary School is located at 36801 W. 11 Mile in Farmington Hills.

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: Noon to 2 p.m. Thursday, March 17

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

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

per non-resident.

vices at 248-347-0414. Widowed Friends

Time/Date: 9 a.m. the second and fourth Thursday of each month.

Details: Join Widowed Friends, a peer support group, hosting a Men's Only Breakfast and Fellowship at Steve's Family Restaurant, 15800 Middlebelt Road, Livonia. Contact Dick at 313-534-

Time/Date: 9 a.m. the first and third Monday of each month.

Details: Join Widowed Friends, a peer support group, hosting a Ladies Only Breakfast and Fellowship at Connor's Restaurant on Haggerty/Five Mile Road, Northville. To save a seat, contact Carol at 313-562-3080.

Time/Date: 9 a.m. the first Thursday of each

Details: Join Widowed Friends, a peer support group, hosting Co-Ed Breakfast at Richard's Restaurant on Plymouth Road at Eckles Road. Contact Jerry at 734-455-2651.

NOVI TWP. PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

A public accuracy test of voting equipment will be held March 3 at 6:00 pm at 44020 Cottisford Road. The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the program and computer that will be used to tabulate the results of the election counts the votes in the manner prescribed by law.

Derwood Haines Novi Twp. Clerk

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NOTICE OF PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY **ELECTION MARCH 8, 2016** THE CITY OF NOVI

To the Qualified Electors of the City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan: Notice is Hereby Given that a Presidential Primary Election will be held in the City of Novi, on TUESDAY, March 8, 2016. The Polls will be open 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. All Polling Places are handicap accessible and Braille and audio versions of voting instructions are available for the Polling Places listed below.

Meadowbrook Congregational Church 21355 Meadowbrook Road Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 41415 W. Nine Mile Road Village Oaks Elementary School 23333 Willowbrook Road Novi United Methodist Church 41671 Ten Mile Road Orchard Hills Elementary School 41900 Quince $6 \;\&\; 7$ Holy Family Catholic Church 24505 Meadowbrook Road Meadowbrook Elementary School 29200 Meadowbrook Road 9 & 11Crosspointe Meadows Church 29000 Meadowbrook Road 10 41000 Thirteen Mile Road Hickory Woods Elementary School 12 30655 Novi Road 13 Novi Meadows 6th Grade House 25299 Taft Road Faith Community Presbyterian Church 14 44400 West Ten Mile Road 15 St. James Catholic Church 46325 West Ten Mile Road 16 Novi Public Library 45255 W. Ten Mile Road 17 & 18 Novi Civic Center 45175 West Ten Mile Road Thornton Creek Elementary School 19 46180 West Nine Mile Road 20 & 21 Novi Middle School 49000 Eleven Mile Road (New location) Deerfield Elementary School 26500 Wixom Road (Newly added Precinct)

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: Jeb Bush Ben Carson Chris Christie Ted Cruz Carly Fiorina Lindsey Graham Mike Huckabee John R. Kasich George Pataki Rand Paul Marco Rubio Rick Santorum Donald J. Trump Uncommitted

<u>Democratic Candidates:</u> Hilary Clinton Roque Rocky de la Fuente formerly Roque de la Fuente Martin J. O'Malley Bernie Sanders Uncommitted

Absentee ballots are available to qualified electors at the Office of the City Clerk, 45175 Ten Mile Road. The City Clerk's Office will be open on Saturday, March 5, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for the purpose of obtaining an absentee ballot. The deadline for the City Clerk's Office to receive applications for ballots to be mailed is 2:00 p.m. Saturday, March 5, 2016. Persons qualified to vote by absentee ballot may obtain a ballot in person at the City Clerk's Öffice until 4:00 p.m. Monday, March 7, 2016 and must vote that ballot in the City Clerk's Office. You may verify your voter registration and polling location at www.michigan.gov/vote

> Maryanne Cornelius, MMC Novi City Clerk

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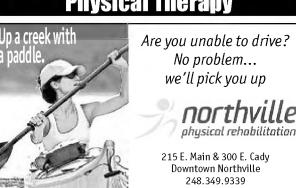


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Japanese speech contest, networking fair comes to Novi

The annual Michigan Japanese Language Speech Contest, sponsored by the Consulate General of Japan in Detroit along with the Japan Business Society of Detroit, the Japanese Teachers Association of Michigan and the Japan America Society of Michigan and Southwestern Ontario, will take place at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27

The competition, now in its 21st consecutive year, was established to encourage students to experience the power of foreign language communication, increase the desire for Japanese language students to

improve their skills and understanding and strengthen the bond of friendship between the United States and Japan. This annual speech contest is open to the public.

This year a total of 13 students are scheduled to participate, in high school and university categories, and they will be presenting their speeches in Japanese. Prizes for the event are sponsored by Delta Air Lines, Inc., and the Japan Foundation, along with the event co-sponsors.

Currently, there are nearly 5,000 high school and university students in Michigan enrolled in

Japanese language courses.

Additionally, the organizing groups will host a networking fair after the event. Employers scheduled to attend include representatives from companies, including Deloitte and Hirotec America, among others, to discuss bilingual jobs, internships and study abroad opportunities, as well as to provide advice to students entering the job market.

Japan's economic investment in Michigan is 491 facilities creating more than 40,000 jobs, according to the consul-

The contest and fair take place at the Novi Civic Center council chamber, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road.

'The annual speech contest is a great venue to showcase the talents of Michigan students and show their proficiency in another language," said Mitsuhiro Wada, Consul General of Japan in Detroit. "It is wonderful to see so many students in Michigan learning the Japanese language. With the world now embracing a global economy, it is essential students learn other languages to open doors in both business and culture.'

Library's Used Book Cellar has expanded hours

The Friends of the Northville District Library has expanded its Used Book Cellar hours. The Book Cellar will now be open four days a week, from 11 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. and 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, from 11 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Friday and 1:30-4 p.m.

Saturday. The group sorts and organizes thousands of donated books, DVDs, CDs and audiobooks that come into the library. These gently used items are then sold by the Friends through its Used Book Cellar, located on the lower level of the library, or on the used book carts located near the Circulation Desk.

"All proceeds go to the library to support the

purchase of equipment, services and programs that are outside the library's budget. We are very pleased to be able to support the library in this way," said Carol Oldenburg, president of the Friends of the Library.

"We will not be holding our annual used book sale this spring, so we are encouraging people to visit our expanded Book Cellar to find great bargains. We hope these additional hours will make it easier for people to visit on a more regular basis."

Used books sell for \$1 for hardbound and 50 cents for paperbacks. The Book Cellar also features \$7 bag sales (adult books only).

"We are also re-organizing our used book collection so it is easier for people to browse in their areas of interest, whether fiction or nonfiction. Books received weekly are placed in a special section 'new this week,' which is updated weekly so there is always something new to look

at," Oldenburg said.
"The Northville community is very supportive of our used book program, both through donating items and purchasing them. Used book sales are the Friends' major fundraising source. In turn, this money supports library programs and improvements," Oldenburg added. "If you enjoy programs at the library sponsored by the Friends or any of the summer reading programs or the new computer chairs, these were all financed by the Friends, just to name a few.'

Throughout March, visitors to the Book Cellar can receive \$1 off a bag of adult fiction books (\$6 instead of \$7).

If you have questions about the used book sales, go to www.northvillelibrary.org/Friends of the Library/ Used Book Sales.

LIBRARY LINES

Drop-In Morning Storytime

Time/Date: 10:15 a.m. Thursdays Feb. 25 through March 3

Details: Storytime fun for toddlers and preschoolers, all ages welcome to attend. Caregivers must attend with children 3 and younger. Just drop in!

The Architecture of **Albert Kahn**

Time/Date: 7 p.m.

Tuesday, March 1 **Details:** Detroit News fine arts writer Michael Hodges presents on the architecture of Albert Kahn.

University of Michigan Northville Health System: Your Lungs

Time/Date: 7 p.m.

Monday, March 7 Details: Dr. Arenberg, from the U-M Northville Health Center, presents on these vital organs. Register at 248-349-3020 or online.

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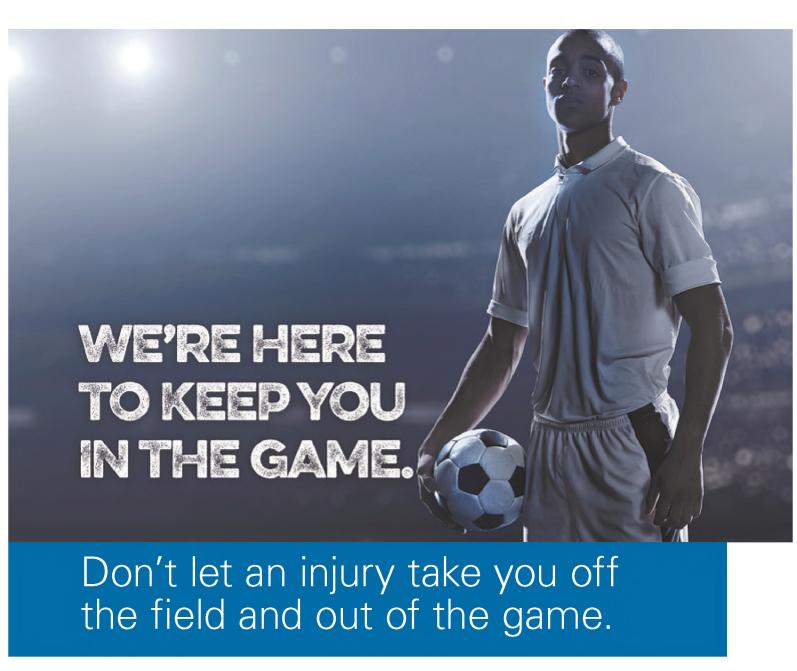
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CITY OF NORTHVILLE **ELECTION NOTICE MARCH 8, 2016 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY**

To the qualified electors, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Presidential Primary Election will be held in the City of Northville, Counties of Oakland and Wayne, on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 for the purpose of nominating candidates for the following office:

PRESIDENTIAL President of the United States

Michigan Election Law (MCL 168.615c) guides the conduct of the Presidential Primary. The Presidential Primary is designated a closed primary. The law requires that voters indicate in writing which political party ballot he or she wishes to vote. By law, the ballot selection is made by completing the Application to Vote/Ballot Selection Form on Election Day, or on the Absent Voter Ballot Application form if voting by absentee ballot. There is no political party registration requirement in Michigan Election Law. Any Michigan registered voter can participate in the primary.

CITY OF NORTHVILLE POLLING LOCATIONS FOR THE MARCH 8, 2016 ELECTION Wavne County Precinct 1

Northville Community Center, 303 W. Main St. Amerman Elementary School, 847 N. Center St. Precinct 2 Oakland County

The polls will open at 7:00 A.M. and remain open until 8:00 P.M. Polling places are handicapped accessible and each precinct is equipped with Braille and audio voting instructions and ADA compliant voting equipment.

The City Clerk's Office, located in the City of Northville Municipal Building, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 5, 2016 for the purpose of obtaining absentee ballots and receiving absentee ballot applications for ballots to be mailed. On Monday, March 7, 2016, until 4:00 p.m., qualified electors requesting an absentee ballot must appear in person and vote the ballot at the City Clerk's office. Absentee ballot applications are available at the City Clerk's office, on the City's website at www.ci.northville.mi.us, or by calling 248-449-9914.

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DIANNE MASSA, CITY CLERK



One of the choirs that will perform at Ward Presbyterian Church.

Spring Arbor brings youths together at Ward Presbyterian

Spring Arbor University, a faith-based, toptier academic university with its main campus in Spring Arbor, will celebrate the Detroit region by bringing together more than 130 talented youths at 7 p.m. Sat-urday, Feb. 27, at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. The free concert is open to the

The university's choir, band and string orchestra, along with talented regional vouths, including those from the Eastern Michigan Teens for Christ, will perform a wide range of classical and contemporary sacred music pieces.

This is the second annual combined concert for the organizations and replaces a previous SAU concert tour.

"Spring Arbor does not just touch people in Spring Arbor," said Bruce Brown, professor of music theory and composition. "We have many friends in the Detroit area. The university has campuses throughout the Detroit area as well and we want to deliver this sacred and uplifting music to not only our students and alum, but also to the youth in the region who uphold or are interested in learning more about living with Christian values.

Teens for Christ Ministries is a high school discipleship ministry of the East Michigan Conference of the Free Methodist Church. TFC is composed of 77 high school students from across the state of Michigan. TFC strives to provide high school students a safe place to explore their relationship with God; build peer relationships that will last a lifetime; provide mentors that can act as an adjunct getting at their home churches; and teach the students skills that they can apply back at their home churches as part of those local congrega-

The evening will conhas written, named What Wondrous Love is This, that will include all of the events' performers.

"This concert is about people coming together to celebrate and worship together. More than 130 voices will close out the event and that magnitude is sure to be powerful and awe-inspiring,"

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Brown said.

CITY OF NOVI, MICHIGAN NOTICE OF OFFICIAL PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST FOR THE ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT that the Clerk's Office will conduct a Public Accuracy Test of the Optical Scan tabulating equipment to be used for the Election to be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2016. The test will be conducted at 3:30 PM on Friday, February 26, 2016 at the Novi City Clerk's Office, 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer program used to record and count the votes cast at the election meets the requirements of the law. This test is open to all interested parties. For further information, contact the Novi City Clerk's Office at 248-347-0456.

MARYANNE CORNELIUS, MMC, CITY CLERK

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Best catering _____ Best seafood

Carbon monoxide alarms save lives

Tom Hughes Guest Columnist

ver the weekend, two adults and four children, ages 2, 4, 7 and 9, were found dead in a Fenton home due to an apparent carbon monoxide poisoning. According to reports, the neighborhood lost power Saturday and the family appeared to have been using a portable generator in the basement of their home to provide electricity.

This tragedy is a somber reminder of the importance of understanding carbon monoxide and having working CO alarms in your home. Carbon monoxide, or CO as it commonly referred to, is also known as the "silent killer," because it is a deadly, colorless and odorless gas that is

undetectable by humans. Low levels of CO poisoning can begin with a headache, fatigue or flu-like symptoms, while elevated levels can lead to confusion, unconsciousness and death.

According to the CDC, there are an average of 430 carbon monoxide-related deaths every year in the U.S. Make sure you and your family are protected by following these simple tips:

- » Install a CO alarm outside of all sleeping areas.
- » Install a CO alarm on every floor of your home.
- » Have your furnace inspected and serviced annually.
- » Have your fireplace inspected and serviced annually.
- » Clean your dryer, water heater and furnace vents

regularly. Birds and other animals may seek refuge in these warm vents and can cause CO backups.

- » Never leave your car running in your garage.
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Let this tragedy be a lesson to us all and don't let your family go another night without protection.

Tom Hughes is fire inspector for Northville Township. The fire department encourages residents to go to www.northvillemich.com/fire for more information or to complete the downloadable Home Safety Assessment. If you have further questions or need assistance, contact Hughes at thughes@t wp.northville.mi.us or 248-348-5807.

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Khan Academy, a website that offers practice exercises, instructional videos and a personalized learning dashboard.

Because until this academic year, the ACT has been Michigan's main college entrance exam with the Explore and Plan distributed during ninth and 10th grades, the middle and high school administrative and counseling teams are holding a PSAT/ SAT information night at 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 29, at Northville High School. Information will be shared to help parents understand student scores, the components of the scores and opportunities for student practice, including a daily test practice phone application. Eighth-grade parents are encouraged to at-

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City of Novi Public Hearing Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Zoning Board of Appeals for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider:

Szvmanski (PZ16-0001) 2012 West Lake Drive. east of West Lake Drive and north of South Lake Drive. Parcel # 50-22-03-155-009. The applicant is requesting variances from the City of Novi Zoning Ordinance Section 3.1.5 to allow construction of a second floor addition with reduced side yard setbacks (10 feet required, 5 feet proposed), reduced aggregate side setback (25 feet required, 10 feet proposed) and reduced front setback (30 feet required, 18 feet requested) for an existing residence constructed under a previous variance.

Rudy (PZ16-0002) 21660 Phillip Drive, east of Meadowbrook Road and south of Nine Mile Road. Parcel # 50-22-36-152-021. The applicant is requesting a variance from the City of Novi Zoning Ordinance Section 4.19.1G to allow placement of an accessory structure adjacent to a home (10 foot separation required, 0 feet proposed).

Michigan Beer Company (PZ16-0003). 42875 Grand River Ave. Suite 104. south of Grand River Avenue and west of Main Street. Parcel #50-22-23-176-011. The applicant is requesting variances from the CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES; 28-5(2)f.2 and 28-5(2)f.2a and b to allow installation of a new projecting oversized sign (allowed only for upper level businesses), of 60 square feet (15 square feet allowed), with a projection of 54" on the west elevation with less than 12 feet above grade. The proposed sign is for a first floor business.

Delphinus Medical Technologies (PZ16-0004), 45525 Grand River Ave. west of Taft Road and south of Grand River Ave. Parcel #: 50-22-16-451-067. The applicant is requesting a variance from the CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES; Section 28-5(3) to allow installation of an additional sign in the form of a 57 square foot wall sign on the building. Two existing ground signs of 27 and 10.5 square feet each are currently approved and installed.

Seba (PZ16-0005). Vacant lot west of Novi Road and north of Nine Mile Road. Parcel #: 50-22-27-476-034. The applicant is requesting a variance from the City of Novi Zoning Ordinance; Section 5.12 to allow creation of (2) new residential lots without frontage on a public street.

C.A.R.S. (PZ16-0006), 24400 Novi Road, east of Novi Road and north of Ten Mile Road, Parcel #: 50-22-23-351-044. The applicant is requesting a variance from the CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES; Section 28-1(2) to a name change on the existing multi-tenant pylon sign.

Pioneer Pharmacy (PZ16-0007). 39575 Ten Mile Road. west of Haggerty Road and south of Ten Mile Road. Parcel #: 50-22-25-226-016. The applicant is requesting a variance from the CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES; Section 28-5(3) to allow installation of an additional wall sign in the form of a 45 square foot sign on the building. An existing ground sign with tenant panels is allowed and is currently approved and installed.

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CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF MEETING OF BOARD OF REVIEW

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Review shall convene for the Organizational Meeting at 9:00 a.m. EST, Tuesday, March 8th, 2016 in the Novi Assessing Department at 45175 W. Ten Mile Road for the purpose of reviewing and correcting the assessment roll.

Notice is further given that the second session of the Board of Review will meet for the purpose of hearing and considering assessment appeals in the Novi City Council Chambers at 45175 W. Ten Mile Road on **March 14, 15 and 16, 2016.**

All appearances before the Board will be by appointment only.

If you or your representative wants to appear in person, the appointment must be made on or before 5:00 p.m. EST, Friday, March 11, 2016. Appearances before the Board of Review are limited to ten (10) minutes or less. Petitions are available at the Assessor's Office or at www.cityofnovi.org

NO APPOINTMENTS WILL BE GIVEN UNTIL A PETITION IS RECEIVED BY THE ASSESSING DEPARTMENT.

Letters of protest will be accepted on or before 5:00 p.m. EST, Tuesday, March 15, 2016. Postmarks will not be considered. When submitting a letter of protest for the Board of Review consideration, you must attach a completed petition along with any supporting information.

All agents protesting values on property, other than their own, MUST HAVE written authorization from each property owner they are representing.

Persons on fixed or limited income may be eligible for a reduction in property taxes due to poverty. Applications are available at the Assessing Department, or at www.cityofnovi.org

BOARD OF REVIEW SCHEDULE

Monday, March 14, 2016 - 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Council Chambers Tuesday, March 15, 2016 - 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Council Chambers Wednesday, March 16, 2016 - 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Council Chambers Located in the Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road Novi, MI 48375.

Any questions should be directed to the Assessing Department at (248) 347-0485.

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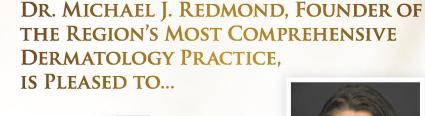
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BOYS BASKETBALL

Churchill hands Mustangs first defeat

Northville's 18-game winning streak halted in KLAA semifinal

Ed Wright

Livonia Churchill's boys basketball team fell into a Grand Canyon-esque hole Monday night, then scaled a Mount Everest-like mountain - all within the span of about 90 minutes.

The host Chargers trailed unbeaten Northville, 15-2, during the opening moments of the KLAA Kensington Conference semifinal, but kept their poise and roared back to pull off a mind-blowing 51-48 victory that propelled them into the conference final at 7 p.m. Saturday at Canton.

With the Chiefs on deck, Churchill (12-6) is now in a position to potentially hand two consecutive opponents their first loss of the season. The Chiefs (18-0) upended Salem in Monday night's other semifinal, 50-39.

"Unbelievable, crazy game – especially the last couple of minutes," said Churchill senior guard Jon Hovermale, who led all scorers with 15 points.

"Northville is a great team; obviously, they wouldn't be 17-0 if they were average. We didn't have to score a lot at the end, but we made a couple of big stops and that was the difference.

Thanks to near-flawless execution at both ends of the court, Churchill overcame a 44-41 deficit with four minutes left by nailing clutch free throws, playing sticky defense and running its press-break to perfection.

Senior guard Dayton Davis ignited the late comeback by knocking down two free throws at the 3:20 mark to bring Churchill to within 44-43.

Following a Northville turnover, Churchill senior guard Joan Andoni's dribble-drive split a pair of defenders with 2:48 left before he banked in a scooping right-handed layup while getting fouled. Andoni missed the ensuing free throw, but the Chargers still led, 45-44.

After forcing a Northville misfire, the Chargers ran some clock before Evan Cummins worked himself open behind the Mustangs' defense and finished with a layup to put Churchill

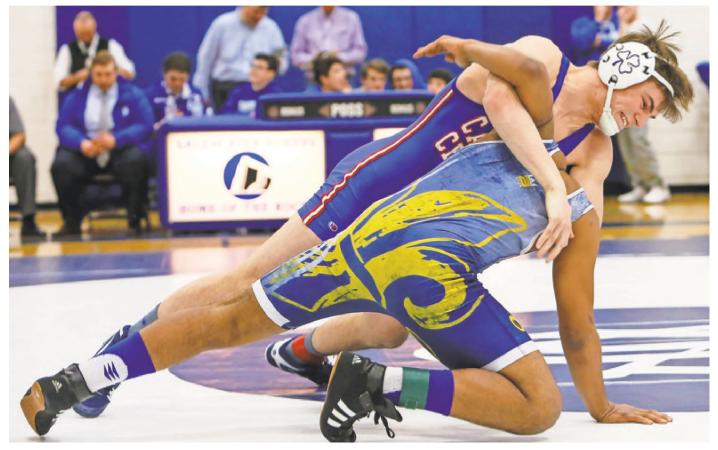
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Northville's Justin Zimbo (left) tries to get past Churchill defender Jon Hovermale in Monday's Kensington Conference semifinal.

PREP WRESTLING

REGIONAL CHAMPION CC EYES NEXT TEST AT CMU



SCOTT CONFER

Catholic Central's Conor Cox (top) pinned Fordson's Wajdi Sailan in 14 seconds at 160 pounds.

Shamrocks demolish Rocks, Fordson en route to title

> **Brad Emons** Staff Writer

Whether it's in Battle Creek or now in Mount Pleasant, Novi Detroit Catholic Central's wrestling team usually finds its way to the MHSAA Division 1 state finals.

The top-ranked Shamrocks will be making their eighth consecutive trip to the quarterfinals after demolishing two more regional foes Feb. 17 at Salem.

Following wins over the host Rocks (70-3) and Dearborn Fordson (71-6), CC has now outscored four postseason tournament foes by an aggregate total

The Shamrocks (15-5) will be the third seed at Central Michigan University's McGuirk Arena, squaring off against No. 6 seed Macomb Dakota

The other quarterfinal matches, which all start at 2 p.m. Friday, will include last year's state runner-up Hartland (31-1), the top seed, against No. 8 Temperance Bedford (21-4); No. 4 Oxford (23-8) vs. No. 5 Hudsonville (26-5); and No. 2 Davison (22-4) vs. No. 7 Grand Ledge (19-7).

"Our mindset in practice is we're going hard, we're getting our conditioning levels all the way peaked to the top and set ourselves apart from the rest of the teams in the state,' said CC junior Ty Morland, a district and regional champion who owns the team's best individual record at 42-1 in the 171- and 189-pound weight classes. "It's going to be a lot harder with teams like Davison and Hartland, so it will be a lot closer."

Davison is the only team in Michigan to beat the Shamrocks this sea-

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Guard Clegg is difference maker in win vs. Mustangs

Northville comes up just short in OT vs. Wayne in semifinal, 52-51

> Brad Emons Staff Writer

Camree Clegg took a chapter out of the Chauncey Billups playbook in Friday night's KLAA Kensington Conference girls basketball semifinal at Northville.

The 5-foot-5 sophomore guard from Wayne Memorial turned into "Ms. Big Shot" as she scored a game- and season-high 30 points to propel the Zebras to a 52-51 overtime victory.



Clegg

With her team down a point, Clegg made the critical basket of the game with 30 seconds remaining in overtime, when she slipped through a sea of Northville defenders and launched a jumper just inside the key to give the Zebras a 49-48 advantage.

After a Northville turnover on the next possession, Wayne's Jeanae Terry split a pair of free throws to make it 50-48. The Mustangs then missed again and Amara Chikwa's foul shots sealed the win with 5.7 seconds remaining.

Clegg, who had the ball on a string most of the night while taking advantage of high screens, scored seven of Wayne's 10 overtime points.

"That's my game; I like to do pickand-rolls," Clegg said. "I knew it was going to come down to one final shot and that's how close this game was. So I just knew I had to put the team on my back and take control of the issue.'

The Zebras, who had won only two games in a four-year span prior to the 2015-16 season, improved to 14-4 overall and earned a spot in the conference final against KLAA South champ Can-

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PREP WRESTLING

CC, Rockets lead Palace contingent

Shamrocks send nine wrestlers to Division 1 individual state finals

> **Brad Emons** Staff Writer

There will be plenty of Shamrocks and Rockets parading around The Palace of Auburn Hills for the MHSAA Division 1 wrestling individual state finals March 3-5.

Novi Detroit Catholic Central and Westland John Glenn led the way Saturday at the regional tournament hosted by Saline with nine and eight qualifiers, respectively.

Each team produced two regional champions on the day.

CC freshman Kevon Davenport improved to 41-3 overall he as captured the 119-pound title with a 5-1 decision over last year's state runner-up, Carl

Antrassian of Monroe, in the finals. And junior Tyler Morland made it 39-1 on the season for the Shamrocks when he posted two technical falls, along with a pin in 1:05 against Saline's Dylan Powers in the 171-pound final.

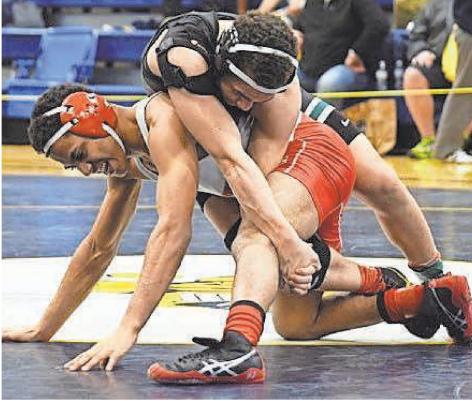
"Morland and Davenport dominated all day," CC coach Mitch Hancock said. "Davenport's wins were very impressive, as both those individuals were quality wrestlers.'

CC also got a runner-up finish from Ben Kamali (103) and Aaron Rehfeldt (130), while Cameron Amine (125), Jackson Ross (215) and Nick Jenkins (285) all placed third.

Rehfeldt fell to Belleville's Chris Brown in the finals, 10-4, while Kamali was defeated by Ann Arbor Pioneer's Rayvon Foley, 6-2.

"We need to make a few adjustments for both opponents in moving forward," Hancock said. "Both Ben and Aaron are capable of beating those guys.'

Also headed to The Palace for CC as fourth-place finishers were Stone Mos-



CATHY WRIGHT

Novi's Willy Jackson (top) went 2-2 on the day, including a pin in 5:40 over Canton's Walter Beavers, en route to a fourth-place finish at the Division 1 regional at Saline.

covic (112) and Aidan Wagh (140).

Glenn's regional champs were sophomore Michael Mars (112), who pinned Southgate's Logan Palshan in 2:48 in the finals to run his overall record to 48-2, and junior John Siemasz (135), who blanked Temperance Bedford's Austin Teague in the finals, 6-0, while improving to 49-3.

Mars was a state champ last year at 103, while Siemasz was a third-place finisher at 103 as a freshman.

Glenn also got a third-place finish

from Kyle Borthwell (103), Isaac Lefler (112) and Alec Dirette (189), while Anthony Gibson (125), Logan Beaudoin (171) and Avery Casey (285) were each

The last time Glenn sent eight to The Palace was 2009.

"Going in, looking on paper, I felt that there was a chance all 10 could make it," Glenn coach Bill Polk said. "A couple kids that I thought would (qualify) didn't and there were a couple of kids that I thought were longshots that

made it. We had a little of both."

The area's other regional champion was Livonia Franklin junior Nathan Atienza (145), who scored a major decision and technical fall en route to the final before winning on an injury default walkover against Woodhaven's Joseph Muzzin.

Atienza, who was is 53-0 overall, was a state runner-up last year at 140. He will be joined at The Palace by teammate Josh Rettig (215), who lost 6-4 in the final to Belleville's David Tooley.

Novi's Willy Jackson also made the cut by finishing fourth at 135 pounds.

MHSAA DIVISION 1-REGION 3 INDIVIDUAL WRESTLING TOURNEY Feb. 20 at Saline CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

(top four qualify for state finals)
112 pounds: Michael Mars (Westland John Glenn) pinned
Logan Palshan (Southgate Anderson), 2:48; third place: Isaac Leffer (John Glenn) won by major decision over Stone Moscovic (Detroit Catholic Central), 13-1. 119: Kevon Davenport (Detroit CC) dec. Carl Antrassian (Monroe),

119: Kevon Davenport (Detroit C.C.) dec. Carl Antrassian (Monro 5-1; third: Daniel Paupore (Saline) won by major dec. over Josh Mussen (Livonia Churchill), 9-1.

125: Donte Rivera-Garcia (Southgate) dec. Xavier Graham (Brownstown Woodhaven), 5-2; third: Cameron Amine (Detroit CC) dec. Anthony Gibson (John Glenn), 6-4.

130: Chris Brown (Belleville) dec. Aaron Rehfeldt (Detroit CC), 10-4; third: Bradley Janes (Southgate) p. Collin Reed (Plymouth), 3:38

135: John Siemasz (John Glenn) dec. Austin Teague (Temperance Bedford), 6-0; **third**: Rodney Miracle (Lincoln Park) dec. Willy Jackson (Novi), 7-0. **140**: Abe Ajami (Dearborn Fordson) dec. William Marano

(Dearborn Edsel Ford), 3-2; **third**: Trevor Anderson (Lincoln Park) p. Aidan Wagh (Detroit CC), 0:56. **145**: Nathan Atienza (Livonia Franklin) won by injury default over

Joseph Muzzin (Woodhaven); **third:** Dylan Dwyer (Plymouth) won by injury default over Youssef Danaoui (Dearborn). **152:** Caleb Brown (Belleville) dec. Hunter Grasso (Woodhaven), 7-2; **third:** Brad Stewart (Bedford) p. Chase Gardner (Churchill),

160: Blake Montrie (Bedford) p. Austin McCarty (Ypsilanti), 2:35; third: Kasem Salameh (Crestwood) p. Aleczander Moore (South

gate), 0:31.

171: Tyler Morland (Detroit CC) p. Dylan Powers (Saline), 1:05; third: Demetrius Fields (Salem) p. Logan Beaudoin (John Glenn),

136.
189: Gabriel Elarton (Bedford) dec. Roy Foster (Salem), 10-8; third: Alec Dirette (John Glenn) dec. David FuQua (Edsel Ford)

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215: David Tooley (Belleville) dec. Josh Rettig (Franklin), 6-4;

z 13: David looley (Belleville) dec. Josh Rettig (Franklin), 6-4; third: Jackson Ross (Detroit CC) dec. Zach Kramer (Monroe), 5-2. 285: Ali Wahab (Crestwood) dec. Tim Stevens (Bedford), 6-3; third: Nick Jenkins (Detroit CC) p. Avery Casey (John Glenn), 1:37. 103: Rayvon Foley (Ann Arbor Pioneer) dec. Ben Kamali (Detroit CC), 6-2; third: Kyle Borthwell (John Glenn) dec. Isiah Berry (Plymouth), 3-2.

BOYS HOCKEY ROUNDUP

Novi earns 1-1 draw with state-ranked Howell

Shamrocks hammer Divine Child; Salem rallies to defeat Northville

Brad Emons Staff Writer

Although it's been a tough season, Novi proved Friday night it can still

play with the big boys after earning a 1-1 overtime draw against state-ranked Howell in a Kensington Lakes Activities Association crossover at Grand Oaks Arena.

Mullally.

The host Highlanders (16-6-1), ranked No. 7 in Division 1, struck first on Max DiCicco's first-period goal, assisted by Justin Zeiter and Steven

But Brandon Kour responded for the Wildcats (7-15-2) with a secondperiod goal from Anthony Luongo to even the count at 1-1.

Neither team was able to score in the third period or the eight-minute OT

Howell goalie Nate George made a total of 33 saves, while Novi's Josh Richardson had 25.

DETROIT CC 9, DIVINE CHILD 1: Senior J.P. Lafferty racked up five assists Sunday as Novi Detroit Catholic Central (17-7) took

just two periods to mercy Dearborn Divine Child (7-14-1) in a game played at Orchard Lake St. Mary's. Glynn Robitaille also chipped in two goals and three assists as

the Shamrocks led 3-0 after one period and put it away with six goals in the second.

Offensive production for the Shamrocks also came from Alex Kruetzer (one goal, three assists); Zachary Sprys-Tellner (two goals, one assist); Jared Lee (three assists); Sheldon Wasik (two goals); Kyle Mulka (one goal, one assist); and Brian Kearns (one goal, one

Jose Sanschez scored the lone goal for the Falcons, who were

SALEM 6, NORTHVILLE 4: The Rocks (13-7-2) went 3-of-7 on the power play and scored four unanswered goals in the final period Friday night to beat the Mustangs (15-7-1) in a KLAA

crossover at Novi Ice Arena. It was 0-0 after one period and 4-2 for Northville after two before Salem exploded for four straight goals in the final period as Bailey Thompson, Colin Goleniak, Jake Saunders and Zach Goleniak

Colin Goleniak had two goals on the night, while Nick Callegari added a power-play goal

Nick Bonofiglio had two goals and one assist, while Zac Osaer and Jack Sargent had the other Northville goals. The Mustangs went O-of-4 on the power play.

Brett Miller, who started in goal for Northville, made 11 saves before Dharsh Dholakia came on to finish.

DETROIT CC 5, DeLaSALLE 1: Novi Detroit Catholic Central (16.7, 10.3 MULL North) had be laced for four third paried page of the control of the contr

(16-7, 9-2 MIHL North) broke loose for four third-period goals to beat Warren DeLaSalle (13-10, 4-7 MIHL South) in a Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League crossover game Feb. 17 at USA

Hockey Arena in Plymouth.

After a scoreless opening period, the first-place Shamrocks (16-7, 9-2 MIHL North) took a 1-0 lead on Nick Macari's goal from J.P. Lafferty and Zachary Sprys-Tellner with 57.7 seconds left in the

second period.

The Pilots (13-10, 4-7 MIHL South) tied it with 7:09 left in the final period on Matthew Hensley's goal from Zach Kaiser and But CC's Jolo Mancinelli scored what proved to be the game-

winner with only 5:04 left, assisted by Brian Kearns and Kyle The defending state champion Shamrocks, who slipped to No. 2

behind Hartland in the Division 1 rankings, put it away with three Michael Considine scored with 4:03 to go (from Glynn Robitaille

and Alex Kruetzer) to make it 3-1. Sprys-Tellner added another with 2:58 remaining (from Robitaille and Cody Borke), while and Sheldon Wasik scored with only 20 seconds to play (from Jared Lee and Brendan West). Shamrocks senior goalie Alec Calvaruso had to make just 11 saves, while DeLaSalle's Harrison Griffin had 26 stops.

STEVENSON 5, NOVI 1: State-ranked Livonia Stevenson (17-5-1) pulled away with a pair of goals in the final period Feb. 16 to beat the host Wildcats (7-15-1) at the Novi Ice Arena.

to beat the host Wildcats (7-15-1) at the Novi Ice Arena. The Spartans jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the opening period on Shane Leonard's power-play goal at 6:00 (from Alec Allen), followed by Alex Siroky's unassisted goal at 8:55.

Novi got a power-play goal from Anthony Luongo at 13:32 of the same period, off an assist from Brandon Kour.

Siroky notched his second of the game at 5:12 of the second period, assisted by Adam Olsen, to make it 3-1.

The Spartans then put it away on Ben Kowalske's power-play goal at 4:09 (from Olsen and Joe Alcantar), followed by Sam Judd's goal at 7:11 (from Alex Walkuski).

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Stevenson, ranked No. 2 in Division 2, enjoyed a 36-12 shot advantage as goaltender Cullen Barber made 11 saves.

Manny Legace Jr. had 31 saves on the night for the Wildcats.



SHAMROCKS

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son, while other four losses came against four Midwest powers. The Cardinals ousted CC in last year's quarterfinals

"Anytime you beat a Hartland team by 17 points, no matter what our record may be ... we're 15-1 in-state, so I think our guys have earned it," Hancock said, "but no matter the seed, we'll be ready to wrestle three duals.

CC was more than ready to wrestle in the regional as Stone Moscovic (119 pounds), Kevon Davenport (125), Conor Cox (160) recorded two pins apiece, while Jackson Ross (215) Tyler Johnson (152), Aaron Rehfeldt (135), Cameron Amine (130) each finished 2-0.

"We're just trying to stay sharp, stay healthy and making sure we have good practices," said Hancock, who has guided CC to four state championships in his nine years. "I think our guys understand what the process is all about. It's less about the wins and losses. It's more about staying focused, healthy, just continuing to believe."

The Shamrocks, who qualified nine for the individual state finals March 3-5 at The Palace of Auburn Hills, will be ready to make lineup adjustments on the fly for the team state finals. "You have to make sure you're

prepped to wrestle for three rounds," Hancock said. "And we'll make sure our roster is ready for eight teams. Our guys know what it's all about. It's a pretty experienced team. We'll finish this week, have a good individual regional and then get ready to go.'

The trip to the MHSAA's new venue at CMU takes on special meaning for Hancock, who wrestled for the Chippewas. He earned NCAA All-America

honors as a senior in the 174-pound

division. "I haven't shared that with our guys and I won't share it with our guys, Hancock said, "but it means a lot to go back to my alma mater and represent our high school, our Basilian Fathers and be able to compete as a coach back

Host Salem, meanwhile, ended its season with a 15-5 record as the Rocks rested four of its seven regional quali-

where I used to wrestle with my team-

mates and coaches."

Salem's lone win came from 145pounder Bruce Haslitt, who defeated Joe Urso, 12-6. At 152 pounds, CC's Tyler Johnson edged the Rocks' Seth Dunn, 4-3.

In the other semifinal, Fordson ousted Livonia Franklin, 39-24.

> MHSAA TEAM WRESTLING DIVISION 1-REGION 106 Feb. 17 at Salem H.S. (Championship final)
> DETROIT CATHOLIC CENTRAL 71

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DEARBORN FORDSON 6
215 pounds: Jackson Ross (CC) pinned Khalil Makki, 3:35;
285: Dane Flynn (CC) decisioned Hussein Berro, 9-8; 103: Rhett
Newton (CC) won by technical fall over Majahid Ahmed, 19-3; 112:
Ben Kamali (CC) p. Aseel Almudhala, 5:55; 119: Stone Moscovic
(CC) p. Aladean Naser, 1:27; 125: Kevon Davenport (CC) p. Yousef
Mamie 2:39; 130: Cameron Amine (CC) p. Killiagan Niterilabels Mamie, 2:39; 130: Cameron Amine (CC) p. Sulleman Nuseibeh, 1:24; 135: Aaron Rehfeldt (CC) p. Hamza Mrech, 1:51; 140: Abe Ajami (DF) p. Joe McGrath, 0:48; 145: Tyler Johnson (CC) won by major dec. over Sameer Mehaidli, 9:1; 152: Adian Wagh (CC) p. Ali Makki, 1:29; 160: Conor Cox (CC) p. Wajdi Sailan, 0:14; 171: Easton Turner (CC) p. Mohamed Zahwi, 2:35; 189: Tyler Morland (CC) p. Degrays Smith 0:44 (CC) p. Demarey Smith, 0:44.
Dual meet records: Detroit CC, 15-5 overall; Fordson, 16-6 overall.

(Semifinal matches) DETROIT CATHOLIC CENTRAL 70 SALEM 3

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189 pounds: Connor Curuntte (CC) pinned Ahmad Mehson, 0:32; 215: Jackson Ross (CC) won by major decision over Tyler Moore, 13-5; 285: Nick Jenkins (CC) p. Jake Giorgi, 1:05; 103: Devon Johnsen (CC) p. Nathan Gaubatz, 0:53; 112: Ben Kamali (CC) won by void; 119: Stone Mosovic (CC) p. DaQuen Baker, 2:45; 125: Kevon Davenport (CC) p. Dustin Murphy, 0:07; 130: Cameron Amine (CC) won by technical fall over Akashdeed Rai, 15-0; 135: Aaron Rehfeldt (CC) won by major dec. over Russell Gaubatz, 16-6; 140: Bruce Haslitt (Salem) dec. Joe Urso, 12-6; 145: Aidan Wagh (CC) won by void: 152: Tyler Johnson (CC) dec.dec. Seth Dunn. (CC) won by void; **152:** Tyler Johnson (CC) dec.dec. Seth Dunn, 4-3; **160:** Conor Cox (CC) p. Cullin Stroschiem, 0:44; **171:** Easton Turner (CC) won by void.

Dual meet records: Detroit CC, 14-5 overall; Salem, 15-5

Northville's defense suffocates Plymouth

Wildcats stopped cold after first quarter, with just 10 points following

Tim Smith Staff Writer

Waves of Northville's defensive pressure came after the Plymouth Wildcats during Thursday's KLAA Kensington Conference boys basketball tournament opener.

After the first quarter, the visiting Wildcats could barely create a ripple.

Plymouth took a 15-11 lead into the second quarter, but would not score another field goal until Jeremy Abraham's jumper from the top of the key at 4:25 of the fourth. In between, the Mustangs outscored the Wildcats 20-0 in the second and 15-1 in the third en route to a 53-25 victory.

"I thought our effort was pretty good from the beginning," said Northville coach Todd Sander, whose KLAA Central Division champions improved to 17-0 overall. "(The Wildcats) got hot, (Brent) Davis made a few shots early; he's a really good player. We didn't have to adjust too much.

"Our guys have really committed to the defensive end all year long and they really stepped up. When you get stops like that, it allows you to run out easier and we like to play fast."

Plymouth coach Mike Soukup was so disappointed by the effort of his team that he preferred to send an email later Thursday night with his comments.

"We were unable to execute after the (start of the) second quarter," Soukup said. "They took us out of what we wanted to run and we were not able to make the necessary adjustments."

Abraham glumly shook his head about the way his team (7-10) performed

"We were just coming out flat and not playing as hard as we did the first quarter," Abraham said. "Just not playing our game."

Definitely on top of his game all night was Northville senior forward Justin Gibbons (18 points), who drained three treys during the first quarter to keep the Mustangs close. After that, he had plenty of help knocking down points as the Mustangs wound up con-

necting on 19-of-48 field-goal tries (40 percent).

"I was able to hit a few shots," said the 6-foot-4 Gibbons, who had 14 points at halftime. "But once other guys started getting shots, putting the ball in the hoop, we started to go on a run.

"We got so many capable guys on this team of putting up points. Once they started putting up points, that's when we really started to separate." Others helping Northville's cause

Others helping Northville's cause were senior guard Justin Zimbo (11 points) and junior guard Kevin Morrissey (10 points).

"It's kind of been our M.O. all year; different guys will step up," Sander said. "We have a lot of balance. Justin Zimbo was shut out at the half and then stepped up and made some big shots during our run during the second half. Kevin (Morrissey) got us started in the second quarter with a few makes. It's a really fun group to be around, but they're hungry."

Northville enjoyed a 39-26 rebounding edge and scored 11 second-chance points, compared to zero for Plymouth.

Also helping off the bench for the Mustangs were senior forward Scott Lohman and junior forward Jake Justice, each registering four points. "Scott did a nice job posting up and a couple big rebounds as well," Sander said.

Leading the Wildcats with seven points was Davis, who scored all of those points in the opening quarter.

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Sophomore guard A.J. Neal scored five points and senior guard Pete Carravallah three, as Plymouth managed to hit on just 8-of-41 field-goal tries, including 3-of-20 from three-point range.

Sander said he didn't recall blanking a team for a full quarter, let alone nearly two. The Wildcats went up 15-11 with 15 seconds to go in the opening quarter, when Neal sank a baseline jumper.

Then came an abrupt halt to Plymouth's offense.

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Northville's Justin Gibbons (middle) splits Plymouth defenders Pete Carravallah (left) and Julian LeDoux (right) in first-round KLAA playoff game.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Walled Lake Central slips by Catholic Central, 60-57

Lucaj pours in 26 as Vikings hang on for non-league victory

Brad Emons

Despite falling into a deep firstquarter hole, Novi Detroit Catholic Central had its chances down the stretch before succumbing Feb. 16 to visiting Walled Lake Central, 60-57, in a non-league boys basketball game.

Anton Lucaj, a 6-foot-4 senior forward, scored a game-high 26 points, including 15 in the final quarter to help the Vikings improve to 14-2 over-

Junior guard Dylan Hudspeth did the most damage early for Central as he scored 12 of his 19 points to stake the Vikings to a 25-9 first-quarter advantage.

"The first quarter, they just came out and played with a purpose and we didn't," said CC coach Bill Dyer, whose team dropped to 8-7 overall. "They played like they wanted to win and we didn't compete very hard."

The Shamrocks, however, clawed their way back pulling to within 10 at halftime, 32-22. CC then outscored Walled Lake 19-12 third quarter run to cut the deficit to 44-41.

"We actually had the lead multiple times in the fourth quarter," Dyer said. "We missed four free throws and we had a couple of bad breaks where we stepped out of bounds on an offensive rebound and missed a three at the buzzer."

The Vikings, who played without top scorer Walter Kelser (ankle injury) for the second straight game, also got nine points from Houston

CC made only 14-of-24 free throws (58.3 percent), while the Vikings made

9-of-12 (75 percent). Junior forward C.J. Baird paced CC



DAVE DONOHER Catholic Central's Austi Brown (left) goes in for two points against Walled Lake Central defender Anton Lucaj.

with 15 points, while senior guards Tyler Laurentius and David Weber added 12 and 11, respectively.

Senior forward Tom Smulsky also contributed eight points for the Shamrocks, who face Dearborn Divine Child at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Birmingham Marian in the opening round of the Catholic League A-B Division playoffs.

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BOYS BASKETBALL

Falcons crest in second half to sink Shamrocks

Brad Emons Staff Writer

Holding a 31-23 halftime lead, it appeared Novi Detroit Catholic Central was poised to get through its firstround Catholic League A-B Division playoff game.

But Dearborn Divine Child buckled down and flipped the script during the third quarter with a 20-3 run and went on to earn a 61-47 boys basketball win in a game played Saturday at Birmingham Marian High School.

After shooting 60 percent in the first half (12-of-20), the Shamrocks did an about-face and made only 5-of-21 second-half shots (23.8 percent).

"We shot poorly and then, when we got behind, we had to try and come out and defend," said CC coach Bill Dyer, whose team slipped to 8-8 overall. "Then they spread the floor on us a little bit, they beat us on some back cuts, then they got some two-on-ones."

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CC, which led 12-11 after one quarter, outscored the Falcons 19-12 in the third quarter to gain the eight-point advantage thanks to junior guard Gio Genrich coming off the bench to score all 13 of his team-high points.

During the second-quarter flurry, Genrich made three 3-pointers, while David Weber added another triple.

But it all changed in the third quarter. CC's only points came from Tom Smulsky's triple as the Shamrocks went

"We took away the three. They were knocking down threes like crazy; they caught us," Divine Child coach Andy Dold said of the second quarter. "We had to roll the dice a little bit. We went real big and they went real small. The first half, they definitely won that, so we tried to tighten that up a little bit, couldn't play all our bigs at once and took away the three, I guess."

The big play of the third quarter

came when Divine Child's 6-foot-8 junior center Liam Soraghan dunked on a drive from the baseline, was fouled on the play and converted the subsequent free throw to give the Falcons a 38-31 advantage with 2:38 left.

After Scott Fraser's triple with 1:23 remaining in the third quarter gave the Falcons a 43-34 advantage, CC had to abandon its 2-3 zone defense.

"They're a little hard to match up with because, when you're behind, you have to play a little smaller and they're a little bit bigger at all positions," Dyer said. "The fact of the matter is they made a lot of free throws and we didn't hardly make any free throws tonight. We didn't help ourselves any."

Divine Child connected on 12-of-17 free throws, while CC went 7-of-17.

Junior point guard Jordan Jones paced Divine Child's balanced scoring attack with 17 points, while Jimmy Seewald and Soraghan added 12 and 11, respectively. Quinn Blair also chipped in 10 as the Falcons shot a blistering 22-of-43 from the floor (55.8 percent).

Smulsky, a 6-9 senior, added nine for CC, while starters Tyler Laurentius and C.J. Baird contributed seven and six, respectively. For the game, CC was 17-of-41 from the floor (41.6 percent).

In the first meeting between the two teams Feb. 2 at CC, Divine Child pulled out a 56-55 victory.

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"We tried to stick to the same game plan," Dold said. "It was a simple game plan. It wasn't anything sophisticated. We took away (Baird); he's a hell of a player. We tried to play their transition and at least we wrote on the board: "Take away the three.' I'm not sure we did that until the second half. And we hadn't seen Laurentius — he hadn't played the first time — so we were a little concerned about him and focused

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on him.

FIRST LOSS

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on top, 47-44, with 1:03 left.

The Mustangs trimmed their deficit to 47-46 on a put-back by Nick Wilds, but Jerron Hampton — who made just 10 of his first 35 free-throw attempts this season, but entered the game on a 15-of-20 run — swished two freebies with 36.1 seconds left to make it 49-46.

Northville then pulled to within 49-48 on Kevin Morrisey's two free throws.

That's when the Chargers executed the perfect press-break, which culminated with Hampton's half-court pass to a wide-open Myron Burnette, whose layup extended his team's lead to 51-48.

"That's just an old-school pressbreak," Churchill coach Jimmy Solak said. "The kids did a great job of getting open. The first pass went to our best free-throw shooter (Hovermale) and then we had our best athlete (Hampton) going deep. Then Myron was able to finish, even though he had just checked into the game after sitting out the entire fourth quarter. It just goes to show that we have a bunch of guys who are ready when called upon."

"We work on playing against pressure at least five or six minutes every practice," Hovermale said. "We were prepared for it and we handled it well."

Northville got a good look at a potential game-tying triple in the waning moments, but the shot clanked off the front of the rim.

Hovermale's biggest bucket (a 23-foot triple from the left wing) arguably came with 2:40 to go in the first quarter and his team trailing 15-2.

"That was a big shot by Jonny, because it seemed to calm our nerves," Solak said.

Andoni finished with 14 points, three steals and four rebounds, while Hampton registered 11 points, three steals and one statement-making blocked shot.

The Mustangs' scoring ledger reflected the team's multiple-threat offense, as Morrissey and Justin Gibbons scored 12 points, while Justin Zimbo, Wilds and Jack Burke had eight points apiece.

"Their 1-3-1 (zone defense) stymied us a little bit," Northville coach Todd Sander said. "Then they'd switch back to man and I think it made us a little uncomfortable. We had some turnovers that resulted in scores for them and we didn't finish as well early as we usually

. "Churchill is a very quick and athletic team. Their two big guys, Hovermale and Andoni, made plays when they had to."

The Chargers made 19-of-40 field-goal attempts and 6-of-11 free throws. Northville was 17-of-38 from the field and 7-of-12 from the line.

Churchill's only first-half lead was 2-0, when Hampton finished off a mid-

court steal with a high-rising layup. The Mustangs then reeled off 15 straight points before Hovermale's

trey.

"We never got down on ourselves, even though we started slow," Andoni said. "Coach called a timeout (when it was 15-2) and settled us down. I think we were a little nervous in the first quarter, but in the second half we started taking better shots and we played better defense."

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BOYS SWIMMING

Mustangs speed past KLAA Central foes

Novi finishes as runner-up in conference meet tune-up

Brad Emons

The boys swim season began to heat up in earnest Saturday as Northville continued its stranglehold on KLAA Central Division championships by scoring 746 points to out-duel host Novi for the title.

The Mustangs, who have captured every Central Division meet since the Kensington Lakes Activities Association was formed in 2008-09, turned in an impressive performance while tuning up for this weekend's Kensington Conference championship, which begins at noon both Saturday and Sunday at South Lyon East.

Rounding out the five schools were the Wildcats (532.5), Livonia Stevenson (332), South Lyon Unified (324) and Salem (263.5).

Despite winning only three races, Northville used its depth to win comfortably against the Wildcats, who won an earlier dual meet between the two teams this season, 100-86.

"This meet doesn't say a whole lot about anything that will happen next week, but our boys who were rested for this meet swam extremely well," North-ville coach Rich Bennetts said. "Jacob Tebbe had an amazing meet. Conor Hart, David Handy and Kenta Kikumori all did very well, as did a bunch of our other young kids."

The 200-yard medley relay team of Kirk Maibach, Chris Geng, John Duan and James Xue took first in 1:40.58.

Maibach also added a win in the 100 butterfly (52.37), while Xue lead a one-



ANNE XUE

Northville's James Xue won the 100-yard breaststroke in the KLAA Central Division meet Saturday at Novi.

two-three-four Mustangs sweep in the 100 breaststroke (1:01.43).

We hope to compete well next week at the conference meet and, even though today didn't have everyone's best lineup, they still kept score and, as long as they are keeping score, I would always rather win than lose," Bennetts said. "We accomplished that, so I'm encouraged for next week.

Novi's Ryan Katulski captured the 200 freestyle (1:45.94) and teamed with Philip Billiu, Siddhardha Kareddy and Joel Kotyk for first in the 400 freestyle

"The division meet was very successful for us," said Novi coach Brent Pohlonski, who guided the Wildcats to a 4-0 dual record in the KLAA Central.

"Our number one goal for this meet is to drop as much time as we can. This year, our combined time drops totaled five minutes and 46 seconds

"For all of our swimmers that do not get to compete in the conference meet, this was their shave and taper meet. Our division swimmers dropped a ton of time. Based on how great our division swimmers performed, our conference meet swimmers have a lot to look forward to next weekend."

KLAA CENTRAL DIVISION RESULTS
Feb. 19-20 at Novi
BOYS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Northville, 746; 2. Novi, 532.5; 3.
Livonia Stevenson, 332; 4. South Lyon Unified, 324; 5. Salem, 263.5.
FINAL HEAT RESULTS
200-yard medley relay: 1. Northville (Kirk Maibach, Chris
Geng, John Duan, James Xue), 1:40.58; 2. South Lyon (Logan Boals,

HEJU HUANG

Novi's Berj Vartanian competes in the 100-yard breaststroke at Saturday's KLAA Central Division meet.

Brandon Bell, Zach Denny, Oliver Joy), 1:41.93; 3. Salem (Eugene Li, Nick Landon, Nathan Budnick, Phillip Collingwood), 1:42.42.

200 freestyle: 1. Ryan Katulski (Novi), 1:45.94; 2. Siddhardha Kareddy (Novi), 1:49.64; 3. Benjamin Rojewski (Stevenson), 1:50.42.4. Travis Nitkiewicz (N'ville), 1:51.52; 5. David Alameddine (N'ville), 1:51.57; 6. Jack Breuch (N'ville), 1:51.52; 5. David Alameddine (N'ville), 1:51.59; 3. Benjamin Rojewski (Stevenson), 1:59.1; 2. Max Kempisty (SLU), 2:03.46; 3. Trevor Degroot (N'ville), 2:03.97; 4. Christian Etnyre (SLU), 2:04.54; 5. Berman (Novi), 2:05.12; 6. Budnick (Salem), 2:05.83.

50 freestyle: 1. Oliver Joy (SLU), 22.46; 2. Xue (N'ville), 22.49; 3. Billiu (Novi), 22.63; 4. Parker Wasielewski (Stevenson), 22.95; 5. Jian (N'ville), 23.37; 6. Yuan (Novi), 23.49.

1-meter diving: 1. Matt Meadows (SLU), 414.70 points; 2. James Ciolli (Novi), 393.00; 3. Nathan Pellerito (Novi), 377.00; 4. Christain Field (N'ville), 314.00; 5. Thomas Rys (N'ville), 282.40; 6. Jack McClure (Novi), 270.95.

100 butterfly: 1. Maibach (N'ville), 52.37; 2. 0'Dowd

100 butterfly: 1. Maibach (N'ville), 52.37; 2. O'Dowd (Stevenson), 52.97; 3. (tie) Jason Nitkiewicz (N'ville) and Nathan Budnick (Salem), 54.8 each; 5. Katulski (Novi), 55.77; 6. Degroot

100 freestyle: 1. Li (Salem), 48.56; 2. Larry Zhao (N'ville), 50.4; 3. Denny (SLU), 51.63; 4. Maxwell Williams (Novi), 51.65; 5. Tajov Ichikawa (N'ville), 51.71; 6. Connor Lepish (N'ville), 52.53. 500 freestyle: 1. Rojewski (Stevenson), 4:54.14; 2. T. Nitkiewicz (N'ville), 459.05; 3. Billiu (Novi), 4:59.88; 4. Kempisty (SLU), 5:00.38; 5. Jacob Tebbe (N'ville), 5:08.74; 6. Nicholas Mouaikel (N'ville), 5:08.74; 6. Nicholas Mouaikel (N'ville),

5:09.01.

200 freestyle relay: 1. South Lyon (Kempisty, Denny, Bell, Joy), 1:29.83; 2. Novi (Kareddy, Yuan, Berman, Katulski), 1:30.95; 3. Salem (Collingwood, Budnick, Matthew Croop, Li), 12:32.63.

100 backstroke: 1. Wasielewski (Stevenson), 55.83; 2. Li 100 backstroke: 1. Wasielewski (Stevenson), 55.83; 2. Li (Salem), 56.11; 3. Greenlee (N'ville), 57.17; 4. Joy (SLU), 58.55; 5. Kareddy (Novi), 59.41; 6. Benjamin LaPorte (Stevenson), 59.97. 100 breaststroke: 1. Xue (N'ville), 1:01.43; 2. Geng (N'ville), 1:02.33; 3. Arton (N'ville), 1:03.32; 4. Jiang (N'ville), 1:03.32; 5. Yuan (Novi), 1:04.29; 6. Roman Grossi (N'ville), 1:05.29. 400 freestyle relay: 1. Novi (Billiu, Kareddy, Joel Kotyk, Katulski), 3:20.44; 2. Northville (Degroot, Ichikawa, T. Nitkiewicz, Zhao), 3:22.81; 3. Stevenson (Wasielewski, Luke Santi, LaPorte, O'Dowd), 3:23.73.

GIRLS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Novi hits free throws to sink W.L. Western

Mackay scores 26 points, with 22-of-27 showing from foul line

> **Brad Emons** Staff Writer

The Novi girls basketball team let a 15-point halftime lead slip, but regrouped in overtime for a 53-46 KLAA consolation round win over host Walled Lake Western.

Sophomore guard Ellie Mackay led all scorers with a game-high 26 points, including 22-of-27 free throws.

Allie Lipson chipped in 15 points d nine rehounds while Julia Lalain had seven points and seven boards for the Wildcats, who led 26-11 at halftime before being outscored 32-17 in the second half.

The teams were tied at 43-43 before Novi closed out the four-minute OT period with a 10-3 surge.

Jordan Walczyk and Janara Flowers paced the Warriors with 17 and 14 points, respectively.

BAPTIST PARK 47, FRANKLIN ROAD 35: Kallie

Park (10-7, 6-6) to a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division win over visiting Novi Franklin Road Christian (6-12, 3-8).

Baptist Park led 22-21 at halftime and went on to outscore the Warriors 12-4 in the third quarter and 13-9 in the fourth. Hannah Rayburn and Danielle Fusco scored 13 and 10 points, respectively for Franklin Road

PLYMOUTH 45, NOVI 39: Upstart Plymouth (7-10), the third seed from the KLAA South, used a relentless full-court press to jump out to a 23-9 halftime advantage and held off a late surge to stun Novi (14-3), the second seed from the KLAA

Central.

Senior Cassidy Lewis paced Plymouth with 16 points, while senior Hannah Badger followed with 12 for the Wildcats.

After falling behind by 14 at intermission, Novi outscored Plymouth 16-7 in the third quarter to cut the deficit to 30-25.

But Plymouth held off the late Novi surge by making 11-of-12 fourth-quarter free throws, including four straight by junior

Novi got a game-high 17 points from sophomore guard Ellie Mackay, while senior forward Allie Lipson added 14 points and seven rebounds. The pair accounted for all but eight of Novi's

The Wildcats committed 29 turnovers and shot only 10-of-30 from the floor, including 1-of-9 from 3-point range. The Wildcats were 18-of-27 from the foul line (66.6 percent).

NORTHVILLE 53, CHURCHILL 34: Nine of 11 players

scored Feb. 16 as the Central Division champion Mustangs (15-2) rolled past host Livonia Churchill (6-11) in the KLAA playoff opener for both teams. Sarah Toth and Jessica Moorman paced Northville's balanced

Sarah Toth and Jessica Moorman paced Northville's Dalanceu attack with nine and eight points, respectively.

Alivia Kondrath scored seven points for the Chargers, who fell behind 28-15 at halttime and 43-23 after three quarters.

ROEPER 43, FRANKLIN ROAD 35: Senior guard Hannah Rayburn's game-high 25 points went in vain Feb. 16 as Novi Franklin Road Christian (6-11, 3-7) fell to host Birmingham Roeper (11-6, 5-5) in an MIAC Blue Division game. Rayburn nailed three triples for the Warriors, who trailed 23-13

at halftime and 33-22 after three quarters. Akwia Tilton and Alexis Johnson scored 14 and 10 points, respectively, for the Roughriders.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Novi baseball registration on

Registration is now open for the 2016 Novi Youth Baseball League, which offers six divisions for players ages 7-18.

There is no Novi residency requirement for the NYBL's house league baseball divisions, but registration closes March 17 for players 14-andunder.

Teams will be selected in late March, with the NYBL's opening day scheduled for Saturday, May 14. The season runs through Saturday, July 16, with games primarily played at ITC Community Sports Park.

Registration is available online at www.noviyouthbaseball.com

Inferno drop-in

Registration is available for Novi Youth Baseball Inferno drop-in practices 7:35-9:15 p.m. each Friday during the months of March and April at the Strike Zone, located at 481 Road, Wixom.

The 7,500-square-foot indoor training facility features three batting tunnels, infield area and padded artificial turf covering the entire playing area. The Strike Zone is affiliated with the NYBL, along with Novi Heat travel baseball and Motor City Madness girls fast-pitch softball.

The Inferno is a tryout team which provides additional opportunity for house league baseball players to participate in weekend tournaments. The program is designed for families who would want to play in a higher level of competition, but do not want the commitment of a travel league team.

The cost is \$35 for eight practices or \$10 per drop-in session at the door.

For more information, go to www.noviyouthbaseball.com.

Northville spring training baseball

The ninth annual Northville Mustang Spring Training Baseball camp for boys and girls ages 7-14 will be Saturday and Sunday, March 19-20, at the high school gymnasium.

The cost for each camp is \$45 (if registered by March 15). Registration at the door is \$50. Included in the cost is a camp T-shirt.

For more information, email Kris Yanagi at KristineYanagi@gmail.com or baseball coach John Kostrzewa at kostrzjo@northvilleschools.org.

ZEBRAS

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"When I came to Wayne, I was never concerned about the legacy or what happened before me," first-year coach Jarvis Mitchell said. "All I was concerned about was trying to turn it around. How many games they lost before or first championship, I'm just happy to be able to win. I'm just proud of the way the girls fought." Northville (15-3), the KLAA Cen-

tral Division champion, trailed 27-18 at halftime and by as many as 11 during the third quarter before going on a 14-5 fourth-quarter run to knot the game at 42-42.

Clegg's basket with 4:29 remaining in regulation put the Zebras up 41-34. but Northville charged back with an 8-1 mini-run of its own.

"I think we just got way too excited, way too soon," Clegg said. "Our defense kind of broke down too many times, too many missed assignments. But we had to pick each other back up and that's what got us this win right here."

Northville's biggest issue on the night was protecting the basketball.

'Obviously, they force you to speed up and really play their style of basketball," Northville coach Todd Gudith said of the Zebras. "And if you don't kind of take care of the ball, they're going to make you pay.'

But despite 21 turnovers, the Mustangs took the lead for the first time, 42-41, with 1:54 remaining in regulation on a pair of free throws by Jasmin Prince.

Clegg, however, answered 51 seconds later by splitting two foul shots to even the score at 42-42.

We knew that she was going to put the team on her shoulders and try and carry them," Gudith said. "And

every time we kind of had some momentum and got the lead or really put pressure on them and shortened the score, she'd make a big shot.'

Kendall Dillon, Northville's sophomore guard, was clutch as well, as she scored 12 of her team-high 17 points during the second half and OT. Her 3-pointer at the buzzer in overtime capped the scoring.

"I thought, especially in that second half, she kind of decided take control," Gudith said. "She made a couple of big baskets in the fourth quarter and in overtime to get us started there and showed some leadership. It's just really a gutty effort on her end.

Junior forwards Jessica Moorman and Brook Adams (back from a thumb injury) chipped in 10 and eight points, respectively, as the Mustangs shot 17-of-42 from the floor (40.4) percent) and 16-of-20 from the foul line (80 percent).

Wayne struggled from the floor, going 18-of-61 (29.5 percent). The Zebras made 12-of-16 free throws.

Terry, a freshman, contributed eight points for Wayne, while Chikwe and 6-3 junior transfer Mya Garrett, who fouled out late, added six apiece. Clegg took a majority of Wayne's

shots, going 12-of-32 from the floor,

including a pair of triples. 'That kid is five feet ... whatever," Mitchell said. "But if you can measure that's kid's heart, you would have an eight-footer. She's just one of those kids in the entire time that I've been coaching her, she's come to practice every day with a great smile, happy, excited just to get better. And it shows with her play. Just a lion heart. Her nickname is 'The

Beast that Swallowed Tokyo' and a lot

of times she plays like it.' bemons@hometownlife.com

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL

Thursday, Feb. 25Novi at Pinckney, 7 p.m.
Northville at Grand Blanc, 7 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 26
Detroit CC at Gib. Carlson, 7 p.m.
Inter-City at Franklin Rd., 8:30 a.m.
Tuesday, March 1
Genesee at Franklin Road, 7 p.m.
Thursday, March 3
Brighton at Novi 7 p.m. Brighton at Novi, 7 p.m. Howell at Northville, 7 p.m GIRLS BASKETBALL

Friday, Feb. 26
Northville at Wat. Kettering, 7 p.m.
Novi at Brighton, 7 p.m.
Inter-City at Franklin Road, 7 p.m.
DISTRICT TOURNEY DRAWS
CLASS A
PLYMOUTH (Host)

Monday, Feb. 29: (A) Salem at (B) Canton, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 3: Northville vs. Plymouth, 6 p.m.;

Novi vs. A-B winner, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, March 4: Championship final, 7:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals, Tuesday, March 8, at Novi vs. Highland Milford district champion.)

CLASS D

at DETROIT PUBLIC SAFETY

Monday, Feb. 29: (A) Detroit Davis Aerospace Academy
s. (B) Southfield Christian, TBA. vs. (B) Southfield Christian, TBA.

Wednesday, March 3: Novi Franklin Road Christian vs.

Patroit Westside Detroit Public Safety Academy, 5 p.m.; Detroit Westside
Academy vs. A-B winner, 7 p.m.

Friday, March 4: Championship final, 6 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals, Tuesday, March 8, at Waterford Our Lady of Lakes vs. Lansing Christian district

BOYS HOCKEY BOYS HOCKEY
Friday, Feb. 26
Northville vs. Stoney Creek
at Novi Ice Arena, 7:45 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 27
Novi vs. Lake Orion
at Novi Ice Arena, 3 p.m.
Detroit CC vs. Grosse Pte. North
at USA Hockey Arena, 7 p.m.
MHSAA REGIONAL DRAWS
DIVISION 1

DIVISION 1
at USA HOCKEY ARENAS
Monday, Feb. 29: (A) Novi Detroit Catholic Central vs. (B)

orthville, 7:30 p.m. **Wednesday, March 2:** North Farmington-Harrison vs. Saturday, March 5: Championship final, 1:30 p.m.

(Winner advances to state quarterfinals, 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 9, at Flint's Dort Event Center vs. Lake Orion regional

DIVISION 2
NOVI ICE ARENA (HOST)
Tuesday, March 1: (A) Fenton vs. (B) Hartland at Hartland
Sports Center, 6:30 p.m.; (C) Novi vs. (B) Walled Lake Central at
Novi Ice Arena, 7:15 p.m.
Thursday, March 1:

Thursday, March 3: White Lake Lakeland vs. A-B winner, 6:30 p.m. at Hartland Sports Center; South Lyon Unified vs. C-D winner, 7:15 p.m. at Novi Ice Arena. Saturday, March 5: Championship final, 7:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals, Tuesday, March 8, at Novi Ice Arena vs. Birmingham Brother Rice regional

PREP WRESTLING Friday Feb. 26
(Division 1 quarterfinal at CMU)
Detroit CC vs. Macomb Dakota, 2 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 27
Division 1 semifinal at CMU, 10 a.m.
Division 2 finals at CMU, 3:30 p.m.
Thursday, Saturday, March 3-5

Thursday-Saturday, March 3-5 MHSAA Individual Finals at Palace of Auburn Hills, TBA. BOYS SWIMMING Friday, Feb. 26 Kensington Conf. prelims at South Lyon East, noon. Saturday, Feb. 27 at South Lyon East, noon.
PREP GYMNASTICS
Saturday, Feb. 27 MHSAA regional at Plymouth, 10 a.m. PREP BOWLING Friday, Feb. 26

Division 1 regional at Super Bowl, 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 27 at Super Bowl, 10 a.m.
Friday, March 4
(MHSAA Team Finals)
Division 1 at Sterling Lanes, TBA.
Saturday, March
(MHSAA Singles Finals)
Division 1 at Sterling Lanes, TBA.
PREP SKIING
Monday, Fab. 29 Monday, Feb. 29 Division 1 championship at Marquette Mountain, TBA

TBA - time to be announced

BOYS BASKETBALL

Novi doubles up Waterford Mott, 84-42

Brad Emons Staff Writer

Senior forward Bradley Wenner scored a team-high 15 points to lead a balanced scoring attack Monday night as host Novi cruised to an 84-42 boys basketball win over Waterford Mott.

Senior forward Naji Ozeir and junior guard Alec Bageris chipped in 14 and 10 points, respectively, for the Wildcats,

who evened their overall record at 9-9. Freshman Jiovanni Miles and senior

Jay Duarte also contributed nine apiece for the Wildcats, who led 23-9 after one quarter and 47-20 at halftime. David McCullum tallied a team-high

18 points for Mott (2-16).

NOVI 57, KETTERING 39: Senior center Naji Ozeir scored 17 points as the Wildcats (8-9) pulled away in the second half Feb. 18 to beat host Waterford Kettering (5-11) in a KLAA consolation

bracket game.
Junior Alec Bageris and senior Jay Duarte added 11 and 10, for Novi, which led 19-17 at halftime before outscoring the Captains 38-22 in the second half.

Noah Happy paced Kettering with 13 points.

The Wildcats were 8-of-11 from the foul line (72.7 percent), while Kettering made only 11-of-20 (55 percent).

PREP BOWLING ROUNDUP

CC captures Catholic League crown

Lack, Hohentanner lead the way against Pontiac Notre Dame Prep

> **Brad Emons** Staff Writer

Novi Detroit Catholic Central turned in its best performance of the season Saturday by beating Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, 207-170 and 209-192, to win the Catholic League championship at Oak Lanes in Westland.

Trailing in the seventh frame of the second game, the Shamrocks rolled five consecutive strikes to close out

Sophomore Andrew Lack, who rolled a 646 series, and senior co-captain Brian Hohentanner, who added a 615. both earned all-Catholic League honors, while senior co-captain Nathan Gaissert earned all-academic league

In the qualifying round, CC finished with games of 942-975-950 for a 2,867 total to earn earn the second seed.

Lack and Sean Ebben posted scores of 218 and 217, respectively, in the first game, while Gaissert and Hohentanner led the charge in the second game with 225 and 224, respectively.

Catholic Central then made quick work of Warren DeLaSalle in two consecutive Baker games to reach the finals against Notre Dame Prep.

Novi misses cut

The Novi boys team finished 173 pins off the pace in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association Tournament held Friday at 300 Bowl in Water-



Members of Catholic Central's league championship bowling squad include (from left) Alex Roelant, Nathan Gaissert, Sean Ebben, Nathan Geddes, Andrew Lack, Nick Grenn, Peter Ebaugh and Brian Hohentanner.

ford.

In the six-Baker, two-regular game format, the Wildcats wound up with a total of 2,991, but did not make the elimination round of eight.

Novi, however, rolled its top Baker games of the season (215-226—441) along with its highest team game (986).

Individually, Scott Pryson led the

way with his personal best two-game set of 246-233—479.

Meanwhile, the Novi girls were unable to get lined up and shot 2,187 to finish well off the pace.

Nicole Kilikevicius (169-157—326) and Madison Murphy (134-161—295) were Novi's leaders.

Novi's Steve Davis finished fourth

out of a field of 125 in the JV state individual tournament, held last weekend at Sterling Lanes.

Davis qualified ninth overall with games of 232-220-176 for a total of 418.

He captured his first three matches with wins of 203-165, 200-182, 213-206 (while knocking out the top seed) before falling in a semifinal match, 206-

Davis was then edged in the thirdplace roll-off, 202-201.

Mustangs swept

The Northville boys and girls squads were swept in their final KLAA dual matches of the season Feb. 16 by Westland John Glenn in a doubleheader at Town "N Country Lanes.

The Glenn boys improved to 9-6 overall and 7-5 in the Central Division

with a 22-8 victory over the Mustangs. Northville (3-13, 1-11) won on Baker totals, 376-370, but the Rockets took totals on the two regular games, 2,013-

Top single game scorers for North-ville were Collin Fowler (234) and Liam Munro (193)

In the girls match, first-place Glenn (15-0, 12-0) wrapped up a perfect KLAA Central season with a 29-1 triumph over the last-place Mustangs (2-13,

The Rockets won on Baker totals, 380-193, and both regular game totals,

Beatrice Nayh had a high game of 173 to lead Northville.

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BOYS SKIING



MATTHEW GOODMAN

Novi's Mitch Goodman placed sixth in the giant slalom in the MHSAA Division 1 regional meet at Alpine Valley.

Lakeland wins regional crown; CC places third

Brad Emons Staff Writer

In its previous eight meets, the White Lake Lakeland boys ski team struggled with consistency.

But in the regional meet held Feb. 18 at Alpine Valley, the Eagles put it all together as they captured the championship with 92.5 points to earn a spot in the MHSAA Division 1 state finals Monday, Feb. 29, at Marquette

Joining the Eagles at the state finals will be regional runner-up Brighton (114) and third-place finisher Novi Detroit Catholic Central (151).

'The boys came out on fire for the day and all skied amazingly," Lakekland coach Sue Wiberg said. "I am so proud of this team for coming together and helping each other lay down such a strong team result."

In the morning slalom race, Lakeland posted 42 points as freshmen James Wenzloff and Tommy McCarthy were fifth and sixth, respectively, with times of 42.34 and 42.88

Also contributing for the Eagles were senior Nick Boyd (15th, 44.17), senior Brennen Mueller (16th, 44.27) and senior captain Brendan Morell (18th, 45.07)

Hartland's Keegan Hoose was overall slalom winner in 41.12, edging Novi's Mitch Goodman (41.22) for the title. Also qualifying for the state finals was South Lyon's Adam Caruso, who placed ninth (43.74).

In the afternoon giant slalom, Lakeland scored 50.5 points to wrap up the Hoose took first in 36.11, while

Wenzloff was a close second (36.41). Meanwhile, CC advanced by scoring 72 points in slalom and 79 in giant

Top finishers for CC in slalom were Justin Woolhiser, eighth (43.73); Logan Freismuth, 17th (44.44); Sawyer Reed, 22nd (45.88); and Josh Blossfeld, 25th

Max Tokarz placed third (36.44) to lead CC in slalom, followed by Woolhiser, 15th (37.26); Caleb Ernst, 28th

(38.03); and Freismuth, 33rd (38.21). Goodman qualified individually in giant slalom at sixth (36.59).

MHSAA DIVISION 1
REGION 3 BOYS SKI RESULTS
Feb. 18 at Alpine Valley
TEAM STANDINGS (top three qualify for state
finals): 1. White Lake Lakeland, 92.5 points; 2. Brighton, 114; 3.
Novi Detroit Catholic Central, 151; 4. Novi, 182.5; 5. Hartland, 185;
6. South Lyon United, 189; 7. Walled Lake Central, 231; 8. Walled
Lake Northern, 274.5; 9. Milford, 290; 10. Howell, 309.5; 11.
Okemos. 314: 12. North Earmington, 346: 13. West Bloomfield Okemos, 314; 12. North Farmington, 346; 13. West Bloomfield

AREA SLALOM FINISHERS AREA SLALOM FINISHERS
Individual winner: Keegan Hoose (Hartland), 41.12.
Catholic Central (72): 8. Justin Woolhiser, 43.73; 17. Logan Freismuth, 44.44; 22. Sawyer Reed, 45.88; 25. Josh Blossfeld, 47.78; 27. Blake Rickert, 48.16; 41. Max Tokarz, 53.91.
Novi (93): 2. Mitch Goodman, 41.22; 19. Andrew Jamison, 45.28; 34. Max Grove, 50.14; 38. Austin Dubois, 52.75; 60. Ross O'Donnell, 1:10.58; Jack Grove, DQ.
GIANT SLALOM FINISHERS

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GIANT SLALOM FINISHERS
Individua winner: Hoose (Hartland), 36.11.
Catholic Central (79): 3. Tokarz, 36.44; 5. Woolhiser
(37.26); 28. Caleb Ernst, 38.03; 33. Freismuth, 38.21; 35. Reed,
38.34; 42. Rickert, 39.11.

Novi (89.5): 6. Goodman, 36.59; 19. J. Grove, 37.48; 27. Jamison, 38.02; 37. O'Donnell, 38.82; 45. M. Grove, 39.45; 73. Dubois, 48.24.

Milford dominates **Division 1 regional**

Mavs' Youngblood giant slalom champion; Novi's Gu earns spot

> **Brad Emons** Staff Writer

It couldn't have been a better week for the Milford girls ski team.

After repeating as Kensington Lakes Activities Association champs Feb. 16, the Mavericks returned Feb. 18 to Alpine Valley and captured the regional championship by scoring 52 points in a dominating performance.

Also headed to the MHSAA Division 1 state finals Monday, Feb. 29, at Marquette Mountain are regional runner-ur Walled Lake Northern (102) and thirdplace finisher South Lyon United.

Brighton and Novi finished fourth and fifth, respectively, with 185 and 205, while White Lake Lakeland placed sixth with 223 in the 13-school field.

"It didn't matter who or how or why or when, but these young ladies used their ski talent in our postseason to their advantage," Milford coach Marty Neighbors said. "I'm extremely proud of their accomplishments and am hoping for more metal and hardware. They are peaking at just about the right

In the morning slalom race, Milford took four of the top 10 places for 23 points, as Natalie Kerwin and Morgan

Watts finished second and third, respectively, with times of 42.97 and

Also scoring for the Mavericks were Alex Youngblood (eighth, 45.86) and Jordan Misaros (10th, 47.26). North Farmington's Amelie Perez

took first-place honors in 42.0.

Milford was just as dominating in the afternoon giant slalom session, as Youngblood was the overall winner in 36.32, followed by Kerwin, fourth (36.82); Watts, sixth (37.31); and Misaros, 18th (39.42).

"In our regular season, we stumbled a bit and could not put all the pieces together," Neighbors said. "But they rallied in the tournament season and skied like true champions."

Novi's Unie Gu also earned a trip to the state finals as an additional individual state qualifier with an 11th-place finish in slalom (47.37).

MHSAA DIVISION 1-REGION 3
GIRLS SKI RESULTS
Feb. 18 at Alpine Valley
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Milford, 52 points; 2. Walled Lake
Northern, 102; 3. South Lyon United, 171; 4. Brighton, 185; 5. Novi,
205; 6. White Lake Lakeland, 223; 7. Okemos, 229; 8. Hartland, 258;
9. Farmington Hills Mercy, 289; 10. West Bloomfield, 306; 11. Walled
Lake Central, 307; 12. North Farmington, 318; 13. Howell, 400.
AREA SLALOM FINISHERS
Individual winner: Amelie Perez (North Farmington), 42.00.

Individual winner: Amelie Perez (North Farmington), 42.00. Novi (128): 11. Unie Gu, 47.37; 23. Tori Engler, 53.08; 44. Ellie Oegema, 1:03.06; 50. Claire Krueger, 1:05.52; 61. Adeline Zamora,

1:17.45; Rachel Casaccia, DNF.

AREA GIANT SLALOM FINISHERS Individual winner: Youngblood (Milford), 36.32. Novi (87): 13. Gu, 38.69; 23. Zamora, 40.87; 24. Engler, 41.01; 27. Krueger, 41.49; 33. Casaccia, 42.11; 40. Oegema, 43.48.

PREP GYMNASTICS

Northville finishes eighth in Kensington Lakes meet

McCallum earns top 10 all-around finish for Mustangs; regional next

> **Brad Emons** Staff Writer

Erin McCallum turned in a sterling individual performance Saturday as the Northville gymnastics team placed eighth in the "Support Our Troops" Kensington Lakes Activities Association championships at Walled Lake

Canton placed first with a team total of 144.575, while Livonia Blue was runner-up with 143.250.

Despite absence of freshman stand-out Maddy Lewis, Northville scored 135.075 as McCallum finished eighth in the all-around with a total of 135.00.

The sophomore was fourth on vault (9.425), ninth on floor exercise (8.975) and 10th in both the uneven parallel bars (8.15) and balance beam (8.45).

Freshman Mackenzie Willson was seventh on beam (8.8) and and eighth on bars (8.175), while sophomore Grace Milligan returned to the lineup in the all-around, highlighted by a tie for

eighth with Willson on bars. All the KLAA teams also raised a larger amount of supplies for military personnel overseas than in the gymnastics community's past participation for

Operation Care Package. Northville will compete Saturday,



KAREN MCCALLUM

Northville's Erin McCallum, Mackenzie Willson and Grace Milligan earned top 10 finishes on the uneven bars at the KLAA meet.

March 5, at Plymouth in the MHSAA regional.

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Jeff Ruddick of Wimsatt Building Materials talks to Sarah Fierk during the Great Lakes HBA Builders Show at Novi's Suburban Collection Showplace. The three-day event brought together builders and suppliers for the state's home and renovation trades and provided lots of information about materials and techniques.

Finding ideas at the home show



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Dan Zimmerman of Zimm's VacuFlo central vacuuming systems talks to a group of home builders during the Great Lakes HBA Builders Show in Novi. Zimmerman's business is based out of Farmington Hills.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - PUBLIC HEARING

March 16, 2016 – 7:00 P.M.

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) has scheduled a public hearing for Wednesday, March 16, 2016 at the Northville Township Municipal Office Building, located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI. The ZBA will consider a variance request to the Consent Judgement for commercial property located on the southwest corner of 7 Mile and Haggerty Roads (ID#77-045-99-0001-705), to permit a 5 foot setback from the south property line where 20 feet is stipulated in the consent judgment.

Written comments regarding this request will be received by the ZBA at 44405 Six Mile Road. Northville, MI 48168. The meeting will begin at 7:00 P.M.

Paul Slatin, Chair Zoning Board of Appeals

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NOTICE OF ELECTION **NOVI TOWNSHIP**

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

Notice is hereby given that a Presidential Primary Election will be held in the Township of Novi, County of Oakland on Tuesday, March 8, 2016, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The polling place location for said election is: 44020 Cottisford Road, Northville, MI 48167

For assistance in determining the accessibility of the polling place locations and the availability of voting instructions in alternative formats such as audio and Braille, please contact the clerk's office.

Persons wishing to obtain an absentee ballot may do so by contacting the Novi Twp. clerk's office. The Clerk, or their designee, will be available in the Clerk's Office on the Saturday preceding the election, March 5, until 2:00 p.m., the deadline for requesting an absentee

For names of candidates or any other information, please contact the Township Clerk's Office at (248) 231-6210.

Derwood Haines, Novi Township Clerk

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SYNOPSIS FEBRUARY 18, 2016 - REGULAR MEETING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

DATE: Thursday, February 18, 2016

TIME: 7:00 p.m. PLACE: 44405 Six Mile Road

PRESENT:

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Nix called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Robert R. Nix II, Supervisor Mary Gans, Trustee Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk Symantha Heath, Trustee Marjorie F. Banner, Treasurer Mindy Herrmann, Trustee Fred Shadko, Trustee

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Agendas: Amended Regular Agenda and the Consent Agenda items - Approved Appointments, Presentations, Resolutions & Announcements: 2. Kevin Bias Retirement Resolution - Presented

Kent Anderson - Planning Commission - Approved Eric Lark - Planning Commission - Approved D. Marie Barr - Beautification Commission - Approved Barbara O-Brien - Beautification Commission - Approved

Historic District Commission Resolution - Approved ARBOR HILLS ODOR RELEASE UPDATE - Information presented by Scott Miller, DEQ, Larry Bean, Dept. of Environmental Quality, Jeff Kuchmeric, Washtenaw County and Gary Whitaker, Supervisor of Salem Township regarding the

recent odors and concerns regarding the Arbor Hills Land Fill. Public Hearing: None

Brief Public Comments: Several residents had follow up questions and comments regarding the Arbor Hills update.

New Business:

Professional Services for Water System Improvements - Approved Final Preliminary Plat Extension for Montcaret Subdivision - Approved В. Department of Public Services - Pick-up Truck purchase - Approved Department of Public Services - Replace Steel Body on Dump Truck -

Approved Unfinished Business: None

Ordinances: None

Check Registry: \$1,757,002.42 for the period of 1/09/16 to 2/05/16 - Approved Board Communication & Reports: Robert R. Nix, II, Sue Hillebrand, Marjorie Banner, Marv Gans, Symantha Heath, Mindy Herrmann, Fred Shadko, Chip Snider

Any other business for the Board of Trustees: None ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Sue A. Hillebrand, M.M.C.

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DTS names new Eastern Region sales manager

Diversified Technical Systems has named Chad Ivan as the new DTS Eastern Region sales manager, working at its Novi location.

"It is rare to find an organization that believes in building highquality equipment and having exceptional customer service, plus it's all backed by a strong vision for the future. Some people work their entire life and never have the opportunity to work for such an organi-

zation," Ivan said. With 25 years of experience in dynamic testing, Ivan is geared up to both support existing customers and expand market share for DTS, a leading manufacturer of data recorders and sensors for vehicle crash safety and product test-

ing.
"I'm excited to get back to assisting custom-



ers and doing my part in helping save lives. It brings me great joy knowing that DTS plays an important role in occupant protection on land, in the air or at sea. We have the right equipment and the staff to support all of your test-ing needs," Ivan said.

With a career focused in safety testing, Ivan's positions have included general manager of Kistler NA Technical Center

and president of Kayser-Threde NA. Prior to that, he was with Autoliv. In addition, he has more than a decade of experience as an applications test engineer and a degree in mechanical engineering from Michigan Technological University. It all adds up to make Ivan the ideal representative for DTS's innovative line of data acquisition products, company officials said in a release.

"Chad is focused on finding the right DTS solution for customers, because he knows just how critical that is when you are crash testing or blowing up vehicles and there's only one chance to get it right," said Hans Hellsund, DTS director of sales and marketing.

Go to www.dtsweb-.com for more information on the company.

Red Wings general manager shares experiences with chamber crowd

David Veselenak

Schoolcraft College's VisTaTech Center saw a bit of a sea of red last

week. That's because Ken Holland, general manager of the Detroit Red Wings, was in town to talk about the team and his experiences during an event held by the Livonia, Westland and Greater Farmington Area chambers of com-

merce. The 11th general manager in team history, Holland talked about how he almost became a vacuum cleaner salesman in his native British Columbia after his professional hockey playing days were over. He was all set to join the sales force when he discovered and applied for a job as a scout in western

Canada. "Within three or four days, the Red Wings called and were looking for a western Canada scout," he said.

He also shared stories of former Red Wings coach Scotty Bowman, who left the team in 2002 after winning the Stanley

He told a story of when Bowman coached the St. Louis Blues years ago and found an interesting way to keep track of his players who came in late to the hotel the night before a game. Holland said Bowman went to the front desk and spoke to the employ-



BILL BRESLER I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Ken Holland tells a few hockey stories to the combined chamber of commerce group.

ee working the night shift and told him the players who came in that night would be happy to sign autographs on a hockey stick Bowman supplied.

The next morning, Bowman looked at the stick and everyone who had signed it, who had also come in late, was fined \$250.

"He was an interesting coach," Holland said. Brothers Jonathan

Reid and Andrew Reid came to hear Holland's talk. They said they are particularly interested in the Red Wings this year, as standout left winger Dylan Larkin attended the same high school, Waterford Mott, as they

The two, who are avid hockey fans, said they really enjoyed hearing more of the back story to many famous hockey faces.

"I thought he was really candid with a lot of

the stories," Jonathan Reid said. "You can tell he's an enthusiastic guy and that's what's led to a lot of his success.' Holland discussed the

iccess in the late '90s. and early 2000s, including the team that won the Stanley Cup in 2002 with Dominik Hasek playing

Holland said the drive for that team to do so well came from the veteran leadership willing to give up some potential salary in order to use that to sign a player like Hasek.

The moves, Holland said, paid off.

"It turned out to be maybe one of the greatest years in Red Wing history, with half that team going to the Hall of Fame," he said. "It happened because of the leadership deciding to sacrifice not only their ice time and their points, but in their negotiations to add one more player."

OAKLAND COUNTY BUSINESS WORKSHOPS

Business owners and entrepreneurs who need assistance are invited to attend seminars offered by the Oakland County One Stop Shop Business Center.

Unless otherwise noted, all programs take place at the Oakland **County Executive Office Building Conference** Center, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road, west of Telegraph, Waterford. For pre-registration and location specifics, go to www.advantageoakland.com/ businessworkshops or call 248-858-0783.

Start-Up Thursdays Free Business Counseling

9:30 a.m. to noon and 1:30-4:30 p.m. each Thurs-

day Entrepreneurs who want to start a business but do not know where to begin can receive confidential one-on-one advice

from an experienced

business counselor with

no appointment neces-

sary. Counselors will provide direct answers to start-up questions, suggest next steps and provide guidance on business planning tools. Sessions will be limited to 15 minutes and available on a first-come, first-served basis. No fee.

Business Research: Feasibility to Expansion

9-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 1

For a start-up or existing small business looking to research a business idea or business plan. This workshop shows you ways to find your ideal customers, find your competitors, diversify your market base, perform competitive analysis and more. Free.

CEED Lending Small Business Loan Orientation

9-11 a.m. Wednesday. March 9

Many small businesses

face obstacles when trying to obtain a business loan. If your business is located in Oakland County and you have a need for alternative financing, consider the CEED (Center for Empowerment and Economic Development) Lending Small Business Loan Program. Discover the requirements and process necessary to apply for and obtain a Small Business Loan. Free.

Starting A Business 9-11:30 a.m. Thursday,

March 10 This workshop is for

individuals at the beginning stages of starting a business. It will help aspiring entrepreneurs assess their abilities to lead and manage a company, as well as evaluate market and sales potential for their products/ services. Topics discussed include start-up costs, financing options and business planning along with necessary steps to getting started. Free.

REAL ESTATE

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Sign issue: First

Amendment

generally

applies to

government

actions

Q: With the presidential elections on the horizon, our homeowners association has been discussing political signs in yards. The documents talk about prohibiting signs in general but should we make an exception for this particular season?

Robert

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A: More than likely, your documents prohibit the display of any types of signs except perhaps For

Sale signs

under certain circumstances. There

can be the argument by some that political signs raise particular issues regarding freedom

of speech. However, the freedom of speech that is contemplated by the First Amendment typically applies only to governmental action and not in a private community. You may not even have the authority to vary from the strict requirements of the documents, without an assessment so see your

community association lawyer.

just received a letter from an

tors and asking over 25 questions concerning the opera-

tions of the association. The

managing agent to respond

to all these questions but we

are wondering whether we

have an obligation to do so.

A: There is no specific stat-

ute in Michigan although other

states require a condo associa-

tion to substantially respond to

inquiries from co-owners that

otherwise within, for example,

receipt of them. However, it is

good practice where there is

not a requirement statutorily

general response to the co-

owner indicating that it mig

be best for him to narrow his

questions or attend a meeting of the Board of Directors for the specific purpose of discussing his issues. If in fact the

co-owner appears to be someone who is harassing the asso-

ciation with questions which

may wish to turn that over to

the association's attorney.

are not made in good faith, you

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to respond timely, but to give a

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board is indicating that it will

owner making accusations

against the Board of Direc-

Q: Our property manager



A real estate industry report is positive about long-term trends in that field.

Industry report sees long-term upside in commercial real estate

-Despite various global and domestic hurdles hindering economic growth, steady job gains and stable leasing demand should help keep commercial real estate activity expanding in 2016, according to the authors of an annual report published jointly by Situs Real Estate Research Corporation (RERC), Deloitte and the National Association of Realtors.

According to the report, Expectations & Market Reali-ties in Real Estate 2016— Navigating through the Crosscurrents, commercial real estate activity is forecast to gradually grow this year with demand for space holding steady across all commercial sectors. While commercial property values and price gains are expected to flatten after surpassing 2007 peaks in some major markets, investors will still benefit from the strong income flows generated from new and existing

leases.

The fifth annual release of the joint report draws on the three organizations' respective research and expert analysis and offers an objective outlook on commercial real estate through forecasts and commentary on the current economy, capital markets and commercial real estate property markets. A researchbased assessment of the office, industrial, apartment, retail and hotel property sectors is also provided.

"Historically low interest rates, especially in treasuries, combined with commercial real estate's stable prices and value make this asset an attractive investment," said Ken Riggs, president of Situs RERC. "Looking into 2016, the commercial real estate market should moderate, which could stabilize prices.'

Vacancies are expected to continue to decline slightly in 2016 for all property types,

except in the apartment sector, where they are forecast to increase modestly by the end of the year as more new project completions come onto the market. Continued job growth, demand exceeding supply and limited new construction (outside of multifamily) should lead to rising rents and steady investor returns, which overall will shift away from capital appreciation as price growth levels off in many markets.

Continuing on the same slow trajectory seen for many years, the U.S. economy facing headwinds from a rising dollar, financial market volatility and geopolitical concerns — is forecast to grow at a rate of 2 percent to 3 percent in 2016, which is stronger than most global economies and enough to generate around 2 million net new iobs over the next year. Deflationary pressures related to low gasoline and energy

prices are expected to diminish by mid-2016, in part because of robust growth in

apartment rents.

"Supported by solid hiring in most parts of the country, the demand for ownership and rental housing will continue to increase in 2016 despite another year of meager economic expansion," said Lawrence Yun, NAR chief economist. "While supply shortages will weigh on housing affordability and push home prices and rents higher, the housing sector will keep the U.S. economy afloat and lead the residential investment component of GDP growth by up to 10 percent this year.'

On Thursday, Feb. 4, Deloitte hosted a live webcast covering the report, including discussion on macroeconomic conditions, capital market trends, the main property types and the overall outlook for 2016.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Sept. 21-25, 2015, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses and sales prices.

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32260 Arlington Dr	\$285,000
30414 Georgetown Dr	\$455,000
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BIRMINGHAM	
1751 Birmingham Blvd	\$499,000
1931 Bowers St	\$325,000
2085 Dorchester Rd	\$669,000
935 Gordon Ln	\$600,000
1773 Latham St	\$5,000
1201 Pilgrim Ave	\$575,000
1544 Sheffield Rd	\$220,000
1387 Smith Ave	\$380,000
698 Southfield Rd	\$749,000
620 W Frank St	\$695,000
1099 Wakefield St	\$340,000
1885 Washington Blvd	\$409,000
1387 Webster St	\$600,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
27 S Berkshire Rd	\$268,000
777 E Fox Hills Dr	\$53,000
140 E Hickory Grove Rd	\$115,000
41350 Woodward Ave # 8	\$237,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
1504 Aberdeen Pl	\$165,000
2915 Berkshire Dr	\$344,000
2675 Brady Dr	\$255,000
3928 Columbia Ct	\$643,000
3055 E Bradford Dr	\$336,000
2056 E Hammond Lake Dr	\$229,000
6315 E Surrey Rd	\$320,000
2065 Eagle Pointe	\$220,000
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20880 Avon Ln	\$74,000
20154 Beechaven St	\$190,000
16217 Edwards Ave	\$156,000
29721 Fall River Rd	\$128,000
25669 Filmore PI	\$158,000
28745 Hallcroft Ct	\$130,000
29320 Heritage Ln	\$175,000
24195 Lee Baker Dr	\$145,000
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18409 Magnolia Ave	\$160,000
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29788 Spring Hill Dr	\$112,000
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10420 Cedar Island Rd	\$280,000
1036 Ennest Blvd	\$138,000
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The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne will have an open forum. Investors will answer questions and offer a market update. Meetings are from 6-9 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the Red Lobster on Eureka in South-

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For more information, call Bill Beddoes at 734-934-9091 or Wayde Koehler at 313-819-0919.

Short sales

If you owe more than what your house is worth, you may be interested in a free informational seminar on short sale procedures.

Bonnie David, broker/owner of Quantum Real Estate, is the presenter. It will be 6-7 p.m. each Thursday at 129 N. Lafayette, downtown South Lyon.

Call the office at 248-782-7130 or email june.quantum@gmail.com for your reservation or additional informa-

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44385 Fair Oaks Dr	\$203,000				
4261 Forest Bridge Dr	\$200,000				
45575 Hanford Rd	\$285,000				
1262 Hendrie	\$355,000				
1564 Hendrie	\$362,000				
1238 Heritage Dr	\$190,000				
1068 High Ridge Dr	\$245,000				
7733 Kaiser St	\$154,000				
7143 Newgate Ct	\$225,000				
44740 Ridgefield Rd	\$193,000				
45930 S Stonewood Rd	\$306,000				
449 Sandalwood Rd	\$360,000				
1938 Scenic Dr	\$235,000				
43316 Stonington Ct	\$223,000				
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40353 Winfield Rd	\$205,000				
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Impress employers with creative questions

BY MARY LORENZ CAREERBUILDER

ne of the most commonly asked — and most underestimated job interview questions is "Do you have any questions for us?" What seems like an innocent inquiry is actually a way for hiring managers to separate the truly remarkable job candidates from the totally mundane.

"The questions applicants ask during the interview often reveal their priorities in a way that nothing else during the interview does," says Barry Maher, author of "Filling the Glass: The Skeptic's Guide to Positive Thinking in Business."

Here are what leading career coaches identify as their favorite interview questions and the reasons that these inquiries impress hiring managers.

What is it you enjoy best about working here?

"This (question) sets you apart because all too often, job seekers only ask about benefits or work hours," says Chavaz Kingman, an executive consultant and the CEO of AYF Consulting Corp. The insight you gain from getting a personal perspective on what it's like to work for the company will help you decide whether you and the company are a good fit.



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Do you have any concerns about my qualifications that would prevent you from selecting me for this position?

This question "is a great way to show the interviewer you are open to feedback and willing to grow," says Rachel Ritlop, a career and business coach for millennials. It also gives you an opportunity to address your interviewer's concerns on the

Why did the previous person leave this position?

"While it's impossible to learn everything about company culture in a job interview, this question can provide deeper

insight," says Joni Holderman, a professional résumé writer at Thrive! Resumes. For instance, if you find out the person was promoted, it shows there are opportunities for upward mobility. If you learn that the person left for other reasons, you may want to probe further. You may find out there is high turnover, which could indicate a deeper cultural problem.

What is an unexpected benefit of working here that someone outside the company might not know?

Not only will this reveal other benefits about working for the company, it will likely trigger positive emotions from the interviewer. "By getting them to think about a positive aspect of their job, they will associate that thought with you, the candidate," says Sahil Punamia, a career strategist at the Aspiring Professional.

What is the least appealing aspect of this job?

Not many hiring managers want to talk about the downsides of the job, because they are trying to sell you on the position. However, this guestion is crucial for two reasons, says Andrew Pearl, a certified résumé writer and interview coach at Precision Resumes Inc. "First, it gives the job seeker a clear indication if the job will be a bad fit. Second, it gives the candidate the opportunity to highlight his value relating to the most challenging aspect of the job."

Would you mind telling me what you did yesterday?

When job candidates ask what a typical workday is like, they are often told that "every day is different." But this question provides real insight into what a day on the job actually looks like, Punamia says. It also takes the conversation to a more personal level. "By taking an interest in someone's workday, you're showing that you are genuinely interested in working at the company and learning more," he says.

What advice would you give to someone starting this position?

"Not many job seekers ask for advice on a job they don't yet have — which they should," says Adrienne Tom, an executive résumé writer at Career Impressions. Not only does it show the hiring manager that you have a genuine interest in the role, she says, it also demonstrates a desire to perform well and achieve results.

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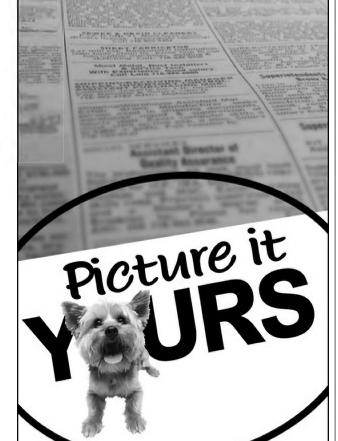
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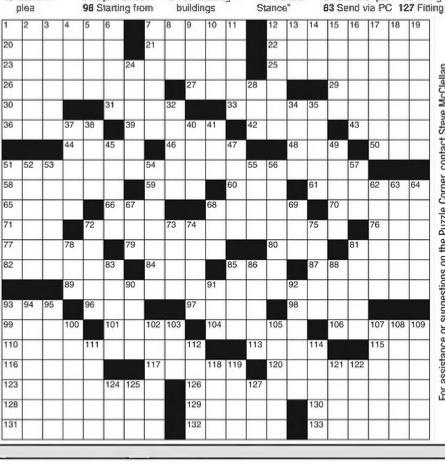
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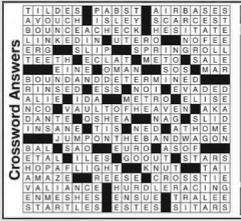
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Lexus Launches New RX with Sleeker, Bolder Styling -**But with Aim To Keep Segment Leadership**



The iconic Lexus RX wheezed to a close in 2015. with sales falling off by more than 6 percent from a year earlier.

Was it because buyers

and dealers lost enthusiasm for the 2015 version as they looked forward to the launch right now of a completely redesigned 2016 RX? Were supplies curtailed in the transition? Was it because of greater competition from rivals for the coveted mid-size luxurycrossover segment that has drawn more entrants? Was it because of internal competition with the



just a segment below RX, which notched nearly 44,000 sales in its first year while RX was fortunate to top 100,000 sales in its 17th year? Or was some of each factor to

Lexus executives are hoping the actual answer becomes moot as American consumers embrace the all-new, fourth-generation RX that they're rolling out to dealers now, with a radically streamlined new design and some new touches inside — but not enough change that anyone could scream the brand has ruined the venerated model that essentially created the mid-sized, off-road luxury-SUV market in

In fact, just a few weeks into its launch, Lexus executives in early January were reporting that there was "overwhelming buyer interest" in some of the most salient features of the new RX, including Luxury and F Sport packages, the available 12.3-inch navigation screen, Lexus Safety System+ which can avoid or mitigate collisions across a wide range of vehicle speeds under certain conditions, and both interior and exterior styling, including the 20-inch-wheel option.

"All of this is before we've officially launched our advertising support," which is scheduled for the first quarter, said Jeff Bracken, group vice president and general

manager of Lexus.

The new exterior design is more chiseled and seems to lower the profile of the new RX even though it actually has increased most interior proportions because, while the same height as the previous generation, the new model is longer and wider.

It also has a yawning black grille that some call the "spindle" design but which, to me, more resembles the shape of a lab beaker or a nuclear-plant cooling tower. The front bumper is more aggressive and available triple L-shaped LED headlamps modernize the look. They join all-new LED fog lamps and LED daytime running lights as well as a more aggressive front bumper and muscular fender flares.

Another distinctive styling cue is the blacked-out C pillars, which give the illusion of a floating roofline never before seen in a Lexus product. And the 20-inch wheels add to the RX's enhanced stance, replacing the current model's 19-inch option.

In any event, more than a few reviewers have remarked that the new RX exterior design goes too far in their opinions, and some have insisted that the 2016 version of the vehicle may be enough for the nameplate to hold on to its No. 1 position in the segment — but doesn't bring much new to the

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Speaking of marketing support: The advertising campaign for the new RX showcases what Bolain called the "duality" of the vehicle's well-established sophistication and its more modern design edge in TV ads that are meant to appeal to well-heeled millennials,

although it's not positioned as a family vehicle. And unlike when it launched the single RX in 1998, Lexus is able in one of its ads to tout the family of products that has grown up around the nameplate which also offers some duality, including a hybrid model and the new F Sport performance version.

Expect Lexus to be essentially proven right with its approach to giving the 2016 RX a clear path to success, including sales increases as well as holding on to its No. 1 spot in the segment. Lexus is doing more right these days, even including just a 2-percent decline in 2015 sales in the challenged luxury-sedan segment. And with RX being so important to the overall franchise because of how hot its segment is these days, Lexus will do all it can to make sure the icon stays iconic.

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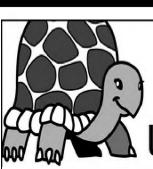
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