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## Garden club to talk peonies March 14

The Northville Garden Club will meet at noon Monday, March 14, to hear Cheryl English, advanced master gardener, talk about Peonies – Garden Favorites Around the World. Lunch will be followed by a gener-al meeting and the program at 1:30 p.m. The club meets at the Cady Inn at Mill Race Village, 215 Griswold Street. Guests are welcome. For more information, contact Claire Kreher at 248-924-3486.

## Kindergarten enrollment scheduled

Northville Public Schools is accepting kindergarten enrollment for the 2016-17 school year. To enroll your child who will be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1 for fall 2016, schedule an appointment with the staff from the Office of Student Data at www.northvilleschools.org.

# City voters buck state trends, show love for Kasich, Clinton

#### Joanne Maliszewski Staff Writer

Republicans and Democrats in the city of Northville – township results were unavailable – bucked the the statewide trend in Tuesday's presidential primary, choosing Ohio Gov. John Kasich over Donald Trump and former U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton over U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders of Vermont.

Statewide, Sanders beat Clinton and Trump dominated the Republican race, in unofficial results. Votes were still being counted as of almost 2 a.m. Wednesday.

Voters in each of Northville's two precincts – one in Oakland County, the other in Wayne County – mirrored each other's results. Northville-Oakland had a 48.14-percent turnout, with 1,257 votes cast from a total 2,611 registered voters. Northville-Wayne had a 50.24-percent turnout, with 1,155 of 2,299 registered voters casting votes.

The Democratic race was close on both sides of the city, with Clinton receiving 52.30 percent of the vote on the Oakland side and 50.57 on the Wayne side. Sanders got 46.03 percent in Northville-Oakland and 48.53 percent in Northville-Wayne

The Republican race for Northville was a stunner, with voters choosing Kasich in the

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Sandy Atherton casts her ballot at Northville Township's Precinct 5 during Michigan's primary election Tuesday.



## Home values up in city and township

#### Joanne Maliszewski Staff Writer

For Northville city and township residents whose homes are their castles and biggest investment, smiles are due all around as the housing market struts its upward performance.

"Residential was first to get the boom," said Holly Cozza, Northville Township assessor.

Sure enough, Northville Township residential property assessments increased an average 6.6 percent, while in the city they increased an average 10 percent, according to Cozza and Karolynn Pargo, city assessor. Increases in the state equalized value, which is half of a property's market value, are just part of the story. It is the taxable value - listed on property owners' assessment notices - that determines property taxes paid. For example, a home in Northville Township with an SEV of \$165,500 means the house has a market value of \$330,000. Taxable value is usually far less, which in one particular case is listed at \$139,277. That is the amount against which government jurisdictions, including Northville Township, tax. In this case, the property owner saw a \$15 increase. In other words, while property values - based on a two-year sales cycle from October 2013 through September 2015 - indicate a market growing in strength, Proposal A and the Headlee Amendment throw in their weight to limit tax increases. Proposal A, for example, sets a cap on property tax increases to a maximum 5 percent or the Consumer Price Index, whichever is lower. Inflation being low, taxable values are going up just three-tenths of a percent. In the city and township, assessors took the average property value increase, but looked at individual neighborhoods to determine final calculations. In the city, Pargo looked at the Potomac Street area, a neighborhood onto itself, as well as Wing, Thayer and Cady. "I then correct the assessments," she said.

Long-time Northville High School band director Mike Rumbell eyes his horn section as it plays some "Star Wars" music by composer John Williams.

# Band director celebrates 44 years with district

#### Danielle Alexander Staff Writer

Stan writer

Mike Rumbell, band director at Northville High School and Hillside Middle School, has been in the district for 44 years and plans to "stick around for a while."

"We are getting great support from the community and administration," Rumbell said. "Students seem to be fired up at the high school level and we have great support in the middle schools, where we start band in sixth grade. Everything is going in the right direction."

Rumbell said the high school band is its "own little society within the school" and this "assimilation" begins at band camp every summer.

"Incoming freshmen or new

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JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Members of the Northville High School symphonic band's brass section play during a March 7 rehearsal.

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Wayne and Oakland precincts. In Northville-Oakland, Kasich took 37.79 percent of the vote to Trump's 30.21 percent. Texas Sen. Ted Cruz followed with 18.25 percent and Florida Sen. Marco Rubio with 8.87 percent. In Northville-Wayne, Kasich receive 39.50 percent of the vote, followed by Trump with 27.03 percent, Cruz with 16.95 and Rubio with 12.04 percent.

As unofficial primary results were still sputtering in hours after polls closed Tuesday, Bob Cushman, president of the Northville Republican Club and Lisa DiRado, president of the Democratic Club, knew it was going to be a long night of waiting.

Cushman, who spent the evening in Brighton with Cruz supporters, said he was waiting to

## VALUES

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In the township, Cozza saw sales increases in condos. "In some areas, they are up as much as 15-18 percent," she said. "Highland Lakes, for example, had a surge in sales, especially ranch sales. You can't even keep them on the market. While big homes are stabilizing, condos are really picking up.'

In the city, sales are also up and more so with land sales. "If an old house was bought for land, I counted all those as land sales," Pargo said. "More people are tearing down houses. Residential land in Northville is the most expensive in Oakland and Wayne counties. People don't move to Northville by accident."

During the two-year sales period – on which SEV and taxable values are based – the city had about a dozen land sales



Northville Township's Precinct 5 was based in the township hall at Six Mile and Sheldon.

see results from the Grand Rapids area in Kent County, which he believed would support

**BOARDS OF REVIEW** 

respective board of review.

(with houses to be taken

down). "Only two pieces

Commercial and in-

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city and township are not

dential, which is typically

the first to grow follow-

ing an economic reces-

sion. In the township,

commercial property

assessments increased

4.2 percent, compared to

a 7-percent decrease for

industrial, Cozza said.

faring as well as resi-

were just land," Pargo

248-348-5811.

said.

by calling the city at 248-349-1300.

Property owners in Northville and Northville Township have

the opportunity to appeal their property assessments at their

In the city, the board will meet 1-4 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. Mon-

day, March 14, as well as 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, March 16. The

board meets at city hall, 215 W. Main. Make an appointment

In the township, the board will meet from 9 a.m. to noon

p.m. Monday, March 14; 1-4 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, March

15; and 6-9 p.m. Thursday, March 17. The board meets at town-

Saturday, March 12. Other times are 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4

ship hall 44405 Six Mile. Make an appointment by calling

must bring evidence to support their appeal.

Property owners who wish to appeal are reminded they

the Texas senator. "We're now rooting for second (place)," he said. DiRado, a Clinton

In the city, commer-

creased about 5 percent,

and the type of business,

with most of the proper-

ties on the Oakland Coun-

tv side. Industrial proper-

ties, of which there are

few, didn't really budge,

For taxing jurisdic-

tions, such as Northville

the pickup in the resi-

dential market doesn't

mean a boon to the local

and Northville Township,

Pargo said.

depending on location

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supporter, said that whether it was her candidate or Sanders. "we will unite behind that candi-

governments. Proposal A and the Headlee Amendment – both designed to limit property taxes and the growth of government-limit the city and township's ability to capture the residential growth, said Marina Neumaier, township finance director.

For example, despite property value increases, in 2015 the township's value of taxable property was \$1.907 billion. That's compared to the previous year, when it was \$1.842 billion. Based on pre-Board of Review values, this year the township would have a total value of taxable property estimated at \$1.945 billion. That amounts to an estimated 1.97-percent increase, Neumaier said.

"(Proposal A) works in an appreciating market. But when the boom drops, it takes time to come back," Cozza said.

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Meridith Mulcahy prepares to fill out her ballot at the Northville Community Center Precinct 1 in the city.

date to continue President Obama's work."

Though clearly on opposite sides of the political fence, Cushman and DiRado acknowledged the difficulty of the primary race, particularly the Trump factor. "We feel the heat when our candidate has been criticized wrongly. I am proud of his behavior," Cushman said of Cruz. "He has kept his cool under heavy fire. I think it will pay off in the long run."

DiRado compared the

Democratic and Republican races and the tenor of each. "On the Democratic side, we have two people who are talking Democratic values education, worker rights, good government." she said. "This is pretty normal stuff."

The Republican side of the presidential race, DiRado said, "is shocking."

Compared to the economic climate during the two previous presidential elections, today's economy is bouncing back, DiRado said: "People have jobs. We have come back from the crisis, better than Europe has."

For DiRado, the primary illustrates distinct differences between the Republicans and the Democrats. "We believe in government," she said. "For Republicans, it's business first over people."

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## LOCAL NEWS

## Home gallery shop opens in downtown Northville

#### Danielle Alexander Staff Writer

Make It Memories, a personalized home gallery style shop, opened its doors March 1 on Main Street in downtown Northville. The shop features a large selection of in-stock items that can be purchased and personalized.

"We used to do it online," owner Ziad Ammouri said, referring to his business, "but we wanted to open a physical address, a physical shop, so people can actually see the real items face-to-face."

Make It Memories is sectioned off into themed display rooms, such as a kitchen section, nursery section, bedroom section, office section and much more; there is even pet and wine areas.

"I decided to sectionalize the displays so people can visually see their options," Ammouri said.

For items purchased in-store, personalization is included in the price of the items. Customers, however, also have the option of bringing in personal items such as clothing (T-shirts, pillow cases, etc.) for the staff to personalize, but pricing will vary depending on item; some personal items may not be sufficient for personalization, depending on the material and what treatment was applied to them.

"We provide the actual product and they can choose any artwork or words they want to put on it," Ammouri said. "We do anything from key chains to large wall panels."

Prior to opening the Northville location, Make It Memories was a family business for Ammouri in the United Kingdom. After getting married and joining his wife in America, Ammouri said he wanted to continue something he knew so much about.

"I love Northville," Ammouri said. "It's the town I've lived in ever since I came to the U.S. from U.K. There is no better place I'd like to



Ziad (left) and Lamya Ammouri recently opened up their shop, Make it Memories, in Northville. The store allows customers to create photographic prints or lettering on many gift items, such as the plaque or cheese cutting board they're holding.

have my business other than this wonderful town."

Make It Memories is at 112 W. Main Street.

Winter store hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. For more information, go to www.make-it-memories. com or "like" or "add" it on social media: Facebook (Make it Memories) and Instagram (make\_it\_memories).

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## MILL RACE MATTERS

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

## Upcoming events Lecture Series: Lewis

and Clark Expedition: 7 p.m. March 30. No fee. Donations accepted. This lecture sponsored by the Knickerbocker Group. Lecture Series sponsored by the Water Wheel Centre.

Vintage Jewelry Tea: 1-3:30 p.m. May 1. SOLD OUT

## **General Info**

Website: www.millcenorthville.org Volunteers: The Northville Historical Society at Mill Race Village accepts volunteers in many different areas. Contact the office for more details. Rentals: Call or email the office to rent the Cady Inn or Church for a wedding or party. Many dates are available. More information on our website **Donations:** Accepted only from 9 a.m. to noon each Tuesday. Archives: The archives are open Monday and Tuesday. **Office:** The office is open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Wednesday. The office is closed when Northville Public Schools are closed due to inclement weather. All other times by appointment only. Call 248-348-1845 or email office@millracenorthville.org.

## 'Nunsense' — one-nun show heads to Tipping Point

In a one-woman show March 18-20, Sister Robert Anne showcases an exclusive collection of songs from the entire *Nunsense* series, interspersed with humorous stories and audience interaction at the Tipping Point Theatre, 361 E. Cady Street in Northville.

As the Sister "teaches" the audience how to put together a cabaret act, she takes us on a journey of some of the most memorable numbers by award-winning composer Dan Goggin. *Sister Robert Anne's Cabaret Class* features Sonja Marquis as the rowdiest Little Sister of Hoboken, accompanied by Tyler Driskill. The show will give audiences a cabaret-style show full of sweet, silly and mildly risque songs. This show is a fun and family friendly musical event

The curtain rises at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, with matinees at 2 p.m. Sunday. All tickets are \$40 and are available by calling the box office at 248-347-0003. Box office hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesday through Friday and 90 minutes prior to performances.

For more information, call Lynn Wilde Concannon at 248-347-0003.

Tipping Point Theatre's season continues with *Rounding Third* by Richard Dresser. The show will run March 31 through May 8.



Marquis



## LIBRARY LINES

## **Little Me Storytime**

**Time/Date:** 10:30-11:15 a.m. Friday, March 11 Details: Littles ones, from 10 months to 2 years old, along with parents or caregivers, enjoy music, simple stories and playtime. No registration. Older children are also welcome to attend, fun for preschoolers too!

## March is Reading Month

Time/Date: March Details: Get hooked on books during March is Reading month! Celebrate all month by enjoying books and earning fun prizes. Open to all children preschool age through sixth grade. Details at the Information Desk.

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# Northville varsity hockey team spreads goodwill at Detroit school

The Northville High School varsity boys hockey team spread cheer and goodwill in February with children at the Ross Hill Academy in Detroit.

The team began with the purchase of food and other supplies at Sam's Club, loaded it all up and headed to the Detroit school.

While at Ross Hill Academy, team members shared pizza with the younger students and got to know the kids. The hockey team spent about \$700 to help the school. The spending money was thanks to the team's coaches, parents and business contributions.



Members of the Northville varsity boys hockey team enjoy arm-wrestling with kindergartners from Detroit's Ross Hill Academy.



Brendan Hicks, brain child of the adopt-a-class project, swaps jackets and poses for a photo with a student from Detroit's Ross Hill Academy.

teaches eighth-grade band at Hillside Middle School.

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for the high school," Rumbell

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Rumbell began his post-

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MARK HICKS Northville hockey players (from left) Kyle Dann, **Brendan Hicks and Alex** lafrate swap jackets with kindergartners from Detroit's Ross Hill Academy.

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students have a leg up at the beginning of the school year," Rumbell said. "This year, we marched 262 (students), so when kids arrive the first day, they already know about 10 percent of the school, which ends up being every few kids in the hallways. It's really a neat thing to be a part of."

In addition to NHS, Rumbell

January 1972 and was hired part time the following September

While working on his master's degree in music at U-M, NHS offered him a full-time position. He accepted and completed his degree by taking summer classes.

"I always enjoyed teaching," Rumbell said, while discussing his experience as a private music teacher during college. "I enjoy the experience when the light goes on and the student realizes what we're doing

and the importance of how things operate musically. It's very gratifying to see some students go through that and this is happening to whole groups of students in North-ville."

Last Friday, Rumbell took two high school bands to the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association District Band Festival. Symphonic Band 10 earned a first division rating in Class B, while Symphonic Band 11/12 earned a first division rating in Class AA.

Both bands are district champion and will compete at the State Band Festival in early spring.

"Our band students do incredible things under the leadership of Mr. Rumbell," NHS Principal Tony Koski said. "We are so proud of our music program at NHS and a huge part of this pride comes from the success of our bands. Our bands' performances are simply amazing under the direction of Mr. Rumbell.'

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## Disney is a year-round feature at Fox Run

It's all Disney all the time in the office of Peggy Mather, community resources manager for Fox Run retirement community, where 120 items - stuffed Disney characters and lithographs and cells of Disney pictures and movies - are rotated and displayed yearround.

The more prominent items are the cells of the pictures that Mather started collecting nearly 30 years ago. They represent an assortment of Disney dogs. A special cell that was given to her by her family is from the Millennium Year 2000 and is a collage of a variety of famous Disney characters. It includes a picture of Walt Disney and is one of just 2,000 produced.

"I love it," said Mather, who first visited the Magic Kingdom in Florida in 1971 – the year it



Fox Run's Peggy Mather is seen in her wonderful world of Disney office.

Mouse.

opened - when she was 13 years old. "It probably my favorite piece."

Her collection includes stuffed Disney characters such as Lion King, Beauty and the Beast, Aladdin, Little

Mermaid, Mickey Mouse, Minnie Mouse, Goofy and Pluto. There is even a vintage stuffed Steamboat Willie, the first incarnation of what would become Mickey

Her wonderful world of Disney attracts visitors daily. It has prompted many conversations among residents and staff who share their stories about their special Disney moments.

"Disney is the best thing to rejuvenate my energy for so many things in my life. I laugh when I say it is my 'therapy."" **PEGGY MATHER** 

Fox Run resident and Disney collector

Many grandchildren of residents delight in stopping in and picking up Pluto, Minnie or Goofy and giving them a big hug.

Mather has been to Disney World and Disneyland a combined 62 times. She travels with her daughters and her four grandchildren.

"I truly see and enjoy something different each time I go," Mather said. "Disney thinks of every detail."

Mather's favorite Disney movie is Mary

Poppins, a film that combines live action with animation and that stars Julie Andrews in the title role who visits a family in London and employs her unique brand of lifestyle to improve the family's dynamic.

Poppins' enthusiasm for life – much like that of Mather's - is contagious.

"Disney is the best thing to rejuvenate my energy for so many things in my life," Mather said. "I laugh when I say it is my 'therapy.'

## Northville, Plymouth Presbyterian choirs sing 'Messiah'

First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth and **First Presbyterian** Church of Northville are planning a joint presentation of the Easter portion of Handel's Messiah Sunday, March 20, at the downtown Northville church. The concert will be presented at 6 p.m. and will feature the combined choirs of the two churches, professional soloists and musicians from the Great Lakes Consort.

The Northville church presented Messiah every December for many years. When Carole Halmekangas, interim director of music at FPCN, decided to revive the tradition, she contacted Jerry Smith at the Plymouth church to see if he and his choir would be interested in a joint concert. The two musicians worked together

for 27 years at Ward Presbyterian Church and continue to maintain a warm friendship and respect for each other's musical talents.

Both musicians have been active in the Detroit music scene for many years and earned their doctoral degrees from the University of Michigan. Halmekangas served at Ward Presbyterian Church for 45 years until her retirement in 2012 and has been with First Presbyterian Church of Northville since 2014. She has been an organist, accompanist and choral director for many Detroit musical groups. Smith has had a long career as both an educator and choral director. He currently serves First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth as director of music ministries.

This Easter concert will focus on Part II of Handel's Messiah. Part II contains work that illustrates the suffering and resurrection of Christ and culminates with the Hallelujah Chorus. The concert will also feature other favorite arias and choruses, including I Know That My Redeemer Liveth.

The two choirs have been practicing separately for several months and recently met for the first of their two joint rehearsals. "The sound was amazing," Halmekangas said. "Both choirs were well-prepared and I was so impressed with their technical ability, as well as the beauty of their singing. Even though the combined choir contains more than 60 members, they are able to sing softly and with great

emotion as well as with enormous power. Concert-goers are in for a real treat."

The concert will feature professional soloists Kim Swan (soprano), Louise Fisher (alto), James Moore (tenor) and Theodore Jones (baritone).

The chorus and soloists will be accompanied by Sharon Smith at the piano, Halmekangas at the organ and members of the Great Lakes Consort playing string instruments. Jerry Smith will be at the podium as director.

The concert is open to the public at no charge. A free will offering will be accepted to help cover the cost of the professional musicians. A reception following the concert will be held at First Presbyterian Church of Northville.



DIANE LAHIFF

Carole Halmekangas, interim director of music at FPCN, contacted Jerry Smith at the Plymouth church to see if he and his choir would be interested in a joint concert.



## LOCAL NEWS

## Buy Michigan Now announces annual contest for businesses

The Buy Michigan Now campaign is dedicated to helping businesses succeed in Michigan and creating awareness of products made in the state. For the fifth consecutive year, it is giving one new business owner a chance to win free marketing exposure via its Up and Coming Entrepreneur Contest.

"Each of the past contest winners has credited the opportunity with helping them to establish their new businesses and that's what the Buy Michigan Now campaign is all about," Buy Michigan Now founder Lisa Diggs said. "This year, we're particularly excited to be able to offer vendor opportunities for the winner at new events in Frankenmuth and Jackson in addition to the Buy Michigan Now Festival in Northville."

Buy Michigan Now will select one grand prize-winning business and two runners-up. The grand prize winner will receive vendor space at Michigan Market & Mayhem (Frankenmuth, July 16-17), Buy Michigan Now Festival (Northville, Aug. 5-7) and Buy Michigan Now Fall Fest (Jackson, Oct. 22-23), as well as many other opportunities for exposure.

The runners-up will receive vendor space at one of the three previously listed events of their choice, in addition to several of the same opportunities as the business winning the grand prize.

If interested, send an email with "Up and Coming" in the subject line to Fest@Buy MichiganNow.com by March 31.

Submissions must include: submitter's name, title and phone number, company name and city where product (s) is grown or made, date company began, website (if applicable), description of product, picture(s) of product and explanation in 200 words or less of what makes the company/ product unique and why the entrepreneur deserves this opportunity.

## Taking the plunge



DAWN CARSON

Michael Carson ("Star Wars" Storm Trooper) is in the water. Evan Carson (Iron Man) is on top of the stand, Ben Schmidt (Luigi) and Tyler Troyer (Batman), all cheering Carson on as he is the first one of the group to jump. The group of 20 Northville High athletes all wore movie-themed pajamas. The team was able to tour the U-M football locker room, get a pre-plunge pep talk from coach Jim Harbaugh — "Do it with some style, do it with some flair and do it for fun" enter the famed Michigan Stadium playing field through the tunnel, run onto the field and do a pregame warmup for the Plunge, hang out in the U-M Stadium luxury suites for an after-party including now-traditional helpings of chili and cornbread For the Northville High School team, "Plunging for a Purpose" was the fifth leading fundraising team in terms of donations, raising more than \$5,000 for Special Olympics Michigan. The full complement of Plungers raised more than \$100,000 on that warm and windy evening.





## LOCAL NEWS

Highland resident Glo Jackson, 85, loads her car and prepares

to head out on her weekly Meals on Wheels route. Additional

volunteers are needed in the various communities the

## Highland volunteer going strong at 85

Laura Colvin Staff Writer

Glo Jackson's plans don't include slowing down any time soon or even doing much sitting, for that matter.

At 85, the longtime Highland Township resident begins each day with a 15-minute ride on her stationary bike. She also exercises three times each week at Curves and works part time at the Meijer store in White Lake.

Over the course of her life, Jackson, who worked 25 years at Michigan Bell, has traveled to Russia, China, France and other international destinations and still loves to travel. These days, she prefers to avoid lengthy overseas flights and travels just in the U.S.

Jackson also keeps an eye on her elderly neighbors, takes friends to doctors appointments and visits other friends in nursing homes.

## 'Never stop'

And every Monday without fail, she climbs into her car and heads for the Highland Activity Center, picks up about 14 hot meals and spends the next two hours delivering those meals to homebound seniors in the community.

Jackson began volunteering as a driver for the Western Oakland Meals on Wheels program 25 years ago.

The nonprofit pro-gram serves multiple communities — locally that includes Commerce, Highland, Lyon, Milford, Northville, Novi, South Lyon, White Lake and Wixom — and currently sends meals to about 350 meals each day to homebound individuals who are unable to plan, shop or prepare food due to illness, disability or advanced age.

Jackson often finds she's actually older than some of the recipients along her route and she

doesn't mind sharing her secret for a long, active lifestyle.

"Just keep moving," she said, noting both her parents lived into their 90s. "Never stop. I tell (meal recipients) how old I am and tell them about everything I do, hoping maybe they'll get inspired."

While she takes a nononsense approach to her deliveries, stopping long enough to say hello and perhaps chat for a minute or two before moving along to the next stop, Jackson also keeps a watchful eye on those along her route.

Recently, for example, she noticed one homebound woman wearing a new robe.

"It was too long," she

said. "I was afraid she was going to fall, so I took it home and cut it down."

#### Volunteers needed

About 28 of the 350 meals delivered each Monday through Friday by the Western Oakland County Meals on Wheels program go to Highland Township residents, divided into two routes. Some volunteers, like Jackson, deliver meals each week. Others come every other week, while some help out just once a month or when a substitute is needed.

'They need more drivers," Jackson said, noting meals are prepackaged, presorted and ready to go when she arrives for her route each Monday. "There's really nothing to

At the Highland Activity Center, Meals on Wheels site hostess Claudia Bower said while she frequently finds herself scrambling for drivers, one thing is always certain.

"I know I can wake up on Monday morning and know my Route 2 is cov-ered," she said. "Glo is a friendly-faced go getter, a bundle of energy and an inspiration to all of us. I could use more people like her."

In fact, Bower said, she could use about 12 more drivers. Each route, she said, takes two hours or less and is suitable for retirees, stay-at-home moms and others who can carve a block of time out of their day on a weekly,

biweekly or monthly basis - or only in summer or winter.

organization supports.

Those interested in becoming a Meals on Wheels volunteer driver must attend a short orientation and training

program. For more information, call Western Oakland County Meals on Wheels at 810-632-2155.

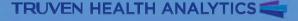
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Something Bad for Lent" by

Tuesdays at 11 a.m. (child care

At Tapiola Village (35150 W. 8

Mile Rod) Thursdays at 11 a.m.

Faith Community

Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile

Web: www.faithcommunity-

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

Women's Group: 12:30 p.m.

Children's Faith Club: 5 p.m.

**First Baptist Church** 

Location: 217 N. Wing, North-

of Northville

Contact: 248-348-1020

Contact: 248-349-2345

Presbyterian Church

Cook, 248-442-8822

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## Brightmoor Christian

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

Web: www.brightmoorchurch.org

## **Celebrate Recovery**

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

Church of the Holy Family Location: 24505 Meadowbrook

Road, Novi Contact: 248-349-8847

Web: www.holyfamilynovi.org Mass Schedule: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday through Friday; 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday; 4:30 p.m. Saturday; 6:30 p.m. Saturday (Spanish) Holy days: 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment

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

## Crosspointe Meadows

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

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

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How to reach us: 1-800-579-7555 + fax 313-496-4968 - www.mideathnotices.com

Deadlines: Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. for Thursday papers

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## DONIELSON



NANCY E (DUDLEY) . 69, passed away unexpectedly on March 3, 2016 while in Naples Florida for the winter. Please visit www.FullerNaples.com for the full obituary and to leave online condolences

## DOWNEY

FLORENCE "MARILYN" (MULL) Age 88, of Westfield, New York and formerly of South Lyon, Michigan, died Sunday, February 28, 2016 at home in Westfield, New York with her brother at her side, following an extended illness. Marilyn was born on August 23, 1927 in South Bend, Indiana, daughter of the late Victor and Meredith (Felker) Mull. She graduated rom Buchanan (Michigan) High School in 1944 and later moved to Ypsilanti, and then Ann Arbor. She subsequently lived in Illinois, California, and Arizona at various times, returning to Michigan after retirement. She had a lengthy secretarial career supporting research and management staff at numerous aerospace companies. She retired from Rockwell International. in California as an Executive Administrative Assistant in 1991. During retirement, Marilyn enjoyed simple pleasures; a good biography, a drive in the country, watching the sunset from her living room window. She was a friend to all creatures, great and small, but especially dogs and birds (robins, in particular). She treasured family time and always encouraged that family members stay connected. She assumed her role as mother with all her heart, offering unconditional love and support to the very end. Friends remember her quick wit and infectious laugh. Others remember that she was gentle and kind, a beautiful spirit. Always appreciative, she greeted most days with the words "thank you, thank you!" As we say goodbye, we echo those very words in return. Rest in peace, dear mother, sister, and friend. She is survived by one daughter, Mary Beth Fairman, of Palo Alto, CA and one son, Robert Edmund Fairman, Jr., of Ypsilanti, Michigan. She is further survived by her sister, Nancy Jo Hilligoss of Congress, Arizona and her brother, Victor L. Mull of Westfield, NY; two nieces and one nephew also survive. All services will be private. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Mason Funeral Home, 37 Clinton St., Westfield, NY 14787.



THOMAS MICHAEL "TOM" 81, of South Lyon, Michigan, passed away peacefully at his home on Sunday, March 06, 2016. Tom was a passionate man who loved his family, Catholic faith, Irish Heritage, his country, Notre Dame Football and John Wayne movies. He had a wonderful sense of humor and, like a true Irishman, he had a gift for telling stories and making everyone laugh. Tom devoted himself after retirement to serving those in need. He served tirelessly as lead of St. Vincent De Paul through his Catholic parish for twenty years and loved every minute. Tom is survived by his wife Eileen of 42 years, daughters Angela (Mike) Stiff, Annie (Steve) Campbell, sister Kathleen "Kitty" Kozlows grandchildren Stephanie Smith, Hunter Stiff, Claire Campbell, Aidan Campbell. great-grandchildren Harper and Koa Smith and his many loving nieces, nephews, and friends. Tom truly loved life and serves as an inspiration to all of us. Visitation will be held on Friday, March 11 from 4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. with Rosary at 7:00 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. A funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, March 12 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church. 830 S. Lafavette, South Lyon. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Vincent De Paul at your local Catholic parish.

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

### **Destiny Worship** Center

Location: Ridge Wood Elementary School, 41355 Six Mile, Northville Contact: destinyw3@gmail.comc Web: www.dw3c.org

## **Detroit Japanese**

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

#### **Dominion Church**

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

nia.org Contact: 248-442-8822 Sunday worship: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. (child care available at final service) Youth group: 7 p.m. Wednes-

## Christian Fellowship

## **Emmanuel Lutheran**

Location: 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia

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

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Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesday Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first Saturday

## First Church of the Nazarene

Location: 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile Contact: 248-348-7600 Web: www,dfcnazarene.org Sunday Schedule: 9:30 a.m. Classic Worship; 11 a.m. Revive (contemporary) Worship; 11 a.m. Kids Worship and Teen Worship; 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday School Monday: 7 p.m. - Bible Study Fellowship Men's Bible Study Tuesday: 9:25 a.m. - Women of the Word Women's Bible Study Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. - Caravan Scouting program for kids ages 4 through fifth grade; Club 45 for fourth-and fifth-graders; Merge Middle School Worship night; Bible Study with Troy Ogle; Little Critters preschool program; Alpha class from 6:30-8 p.m. - an opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment. Alpha is for high school to adult. Thursday: 6 a.m. - Men of Purpose Prayer and Bible Study -Revelation.

#### First Free Will

## Grace Immanuel **Bible Church**

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

## **Holy Cross Episcopal**

Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile,

Contact: 248-427-1175; holycrossnovi@gmail.com Web: www.holycrossnovi.org Sunday Worship: 7:45 and 10

a.m. Sunday School and Nursery Care: 10 a.m. worship service **Alzheimer's Support** Group:10 a.m. second Saturday

### **Immanuel Lutheran** Church

Location: 330 E. Liberty, South Lvon

Contact: 248-437-2289 Pastor: Pastor Scott Miller

## Legacy Church

(formerly First Baptist Church and Orchard Hills Baptist Church)

Location: 23455 Novi Road, Novi

Contact: pastor Jon Hix, 248-349-5665

Web: www.legacychurch.us Sunday School/Small Groups for all ages: 9:45 a.m. Worship Services: 11 a.m.

Bible Study/Prayer: Wednesday 7 p.m.

## Livonia Church of Christ

Location: 15431 Merriman, Livonia Contact: 734-427-8743

Web: www.livoniachurch.net Sunday Worship: 11 a.m. Bible School: Sunday 10 a.m.; Wednesday 7 p.m.

## Meadowbrook Congregational Church

Location: 21355 Meadowbrook Road, Novi

Contact: the Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, senior minister; 248-348-7757; office@mbccc.org

Web: www.mbccc.org Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.; church school and nursery care provided during worship Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m.

## Memorial Church of Christ

Location: 35475 Five Mile Road, Livonia

Minister: Mark McGilvrey Web: www.5milechurch.org Contact: 734-464-6722: churchoffice@5milechurch.org Methodist-Church/59782031433 Sunday Worship: 9:45 a.m. **Healing Service and Holy** Communion: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday

Peace Vigil: noon first Sundays in front of the church. Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace.

## **OakPointe Church**

Location: 50200 W. 10 Mile,

Contact: 248-912-0043 Web: www.oakpointe.org/ lifegroups Worship Services: 5:15 p.m. Saturday; 9:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m. Sunday.

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

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

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

## **Oakland Baptist** Church

Location: 23893 Beck Road. Novi

Contact: 248-982-4041 Web: www.oaklandbaptistnovi.org

## **Orchard Grove Community Church**

Location: 850 Ladd Road, Walled Lake Contact: 248-926-6584 Web: www.orchardgrove.org

## **Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic** Church

Location: 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth Township Contact: 734-453-0326, Ext. 221

## **Our Lady of Victory**

Location: 132 Orchard Drive, Northville Contact: 248-349-2621 Web: www.olvnorthville.org Saturday Worship: 5 p.m. Sunday Worship: 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

## **Our Savior Apostolic** Lutheran Church

Location: 54899 Eight Mile, Northville Contact: 248-374-2268 Children (5-10) & Adult Sundav School: 10 a.m Bible Study: Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

## Our Shepherd **Presbyterian Church**

Location: 1200 S. Sheldon, Plymouth Contact: pastor Bill Burke; 734-927-0891 Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.

## **O'SULLIVAN** STEPHENS

ROBERT D. of Howell, MI and Ivins, UT aged 65 passed away on Tuesday March 1, 2016 in Salt Lake City, UT. Robert retired as a Research Scientist from the General Motors Research and Development Laboratories in 2008. He graduated from Washburn University of Topeka, KS in 1975 with a BA in Psychology and Chemistry. He also graduated in the top 1% of all graduates in Communications Electronics from the USAF's Keesler Technical Training Center in 1969. He served in the US Air Force from 1968 through 1972 after graduating from South Lyon High School in 1968. Robert also supplemented his understanding of chemistry, electronics, and computer programming by taking courses from Kansas University, the University of Michigan, Lawrence Technological University, the University of Detroit, and Wayne State University. During a 31-year career with General Motors, Robert authored and co-authored nearly 50 scientific articles, earned four patents, and a number of defensive publications. His career spanned research s including atmosphe chemistry, automotive emissions, cradle-to-grave environmental impacts of products and manufacturing processes, and the storage of hydrogen for vehicular applications. In his spare time, he also wrote a number of short stories and two unpublished novels. Robert also traveled extensively around the world, relishing the experiences gained from many divergent world cultures, treks through the mountains of North America, South America, Asia, and New Zealand, as well as exploring jungles and deserts in Africa, Asia and South America. He was an amateur photographer that enjoyed recording landscapes, flowers, people, and wildlife during his many travels. His travel photos and stories are posted on "TheWorldinLight. com", a website he created and maintained for the last eleven years of his life. His world experiences convinced him that people everywhere were more alike than different and that America and the world would be a far better place if it adopted the values of other cultures rather than pressing American values upon them. Robert also loved adventure and had the pleasure of experiencing hang gliding, parachuting, hot-air ballooning, bungee jumping, and scuba diving. He loved his life and wanted to leave it with few regrets of things left undone. He was preceded in death by his parents LaVerne and Lloyd, his sister Anne and brother Rick. Robert was the father of Brian, who graduated from Eastern Michigan University in 2008. Grandfather to Bradley, who brought him endless joy. Brother to Joe, Mary and Jim. A Memorial service will be held on Friday March 18, 2016 at 12:00pm at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. www.phillipsfuneral.com

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## KASSE

**ERIKA U.** age 83, passed away March 6, 2016. She is survived by her husband Heinz for 61 years; daughter Betsy (Andrew A.) Myer; grandchildren: Erin Kendall, Daniel and A.J.; brother Walter (Peggy) Bartsch and niece Heidi Fitch. Services were held from Phillips Funeral Home,

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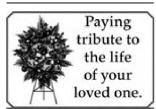


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## **HLOHINEC**



EILEEN April 25, 1917 -February 27, 2016. Eileen Hlohinec, a long time resident of Northville, passed away February 27, 2016. She was the beloved wife to John M. and the loving mother of Michael, Sharon (Raymond) Morganti, Mark, and John (Sue). She cherished her grandchildren, Lynn (Jonathan) Strong, Lisa (Kirk) Reau, Laura, Thomas, Andrew (Sheryl), Katie, and the late Greg; and her great-grandchildren, Theo, Isabella, and Anna, Eileen was a nurse and in later years a piano teacher. She was active in Our Lady of Victory's music and choir programs. She loved to golf, play bridge, and go horse back riding. Eileen was the youngest of 10 children. She loved her family and loved Jesus and lived her life accordingly. She had a big heart for helping others and teaching. Her funeral was held at Our Lady of Victory on March 2 and her final resting place is with her husband. John, at Rural Hill Cemetery.



## WHITE

**OWEN BARNETT** went home to be with our heavenly father on March 2, 2016. Dearly devoted husband of Marlyn; father of Glenn (Sharon), Kurt, David, and Ross (Kelly); grandfather and great-grandfather. Own passed peacefully surrounded by his loving family. The visitation will be held on Thursday, March 10, 5:00-8:00 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, 122 W. Lake St. A Mass of Christian Burial will take place on Friday, March 11, 11:00 a.m., in state 10:00 a.m., at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 9565 Musch Rd., Brighton

www.phillipsfuneral.com

## Baptist Church

Location: 51395 10 Mile Road, Contact: 248-348-2380

## **First Presbyterian Church of Northville**

Location: 200 E. Main, Northville Contact: 248-349-0911

Web: www.fpcnorthville.org Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. (for all ages)

## **First Presbyterian** Church

Location: 205 E. Lake St., South Lyon

Contact: 248-437-2875, office@fpcsouthlyon.org office@fpcsouthlyon.org

## **First United Methodist Church of** Northville

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

## **Frank Turner** Ministries

Location: Novi Civic Center 45175 W. 10 Mile Road Contact: 810-599-7392

Web: www.FrankTurner.org

Sunday Gathering: 10 a.m. The Believers Congregation in Novi receives all desiring God's love, grace, healing and acceptance, regardless of faith background, gender identification or sexual orientation. The atmosphere is warm and loving. The attire is casual. Experience an entirely new way of sharing and receiving the love of the Lord Jesus Christ.

## **Good Shepherd** Evangelical **Lutheran Church** (WELS)

Location: 41415 Nine Mile, Novi Contact: 248-349-0565, www.goodshepherdnovi.org Pastor: Rev Thomas E. Schroeder

Service: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible study; 10 a.m. worship

## Metropolitan Seventh-day **Adventist Church**

Location: 15585 N Haggerty Road, Plymouth Contact: 734-420-3131 Web: www.metrosdachurch.org Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. Saturday Worship Service: 10:45 a.m. Saturday

Bible Study/Prayer: 7 p.m. Wednesday

## NorthRidge Church

Location: 49555 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth Township Contact: 734-233-3621; pheaton@northridgechurch.com

## **Northville Christian** Assembly

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

Web: www.ncalife.org Sundays: 9-10 a.m. Sunday School for adults/youth/children; 9 a.m. Contemporary service in sanctuary; 10:15 a.m.: Contemporary service in worship center; children's super church on the second level (208/210).

Wednesday Family Night: 7

p.m.; Adult elective classes; junior and senior high ministries; children's programs, Nursery and Preschool Program on Sundays and Wednesdays Home of Northville Christian School (day care; preschool through eighth grade); call 248-348-9031.

## **Novi-Northville Center for Jewish** Life

Details: Events, programs and activities for all ages throughout the year - children's programs, Sunday school, adult Jewish classes, youth clubs, holiday services and programs and community social events.

Contact: Rabbi Avrohhom and Leah Susskind; 248-790-6075: rabbi@novijewishcenter.com Web: www.novijewishcenter-.com

## **Novi United** Methodist

Location: 41671 W. 10 Mile,

Contact: 248-349-2652 Web: www.umcnovi.com Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/pages/Novi-United-

Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. with fellowship and food after service

## Pentecostals of Novi

Location: Novi Civic Center. 45175 W. 10 Mile Contact: 248-697-8158 Web: www.thepentecostalsofnovi.org

## **Plymouth St. John's Episcopal Church**

Location: 574 S. Sheldon in Plymouth Contact: 734-453-0190, Ext. 16 Web: www.stjohnsplymouth-

## **Praise Baptist** Church

Location: 45000 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth Township Contact: 734-748-3898

## **Prince of Peace** Lutheran

Location: 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills Phone: 248-553-3380

Web:

www.princeofpeacefhills.org ESL (English as a Second Language): lessons from 1:30-3 p.m. Mondays; 11 a.m. to noon conversational sessions on Saturdays.

## St. James Catholic

Location: 46325 10 Mile, Novi Contact: 248-347-7778

Web: www.sjnovi.net

Pastor: Monsignor John Kasza.

Mass schedule: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Tuesday; 7 p.m. Wednesday; 5 p.m. Saturday.

## St. John Lutheran Church

Location: 23225 Gill, Farmington Hills Contact: 248-474-0584 Web: www.stjohn-lutheran.com Saturday Worship: 5:30 p.m. Sunday Worship: 9, 11:15 a.m. Sunday School: 10:15 a.m.

## Novi man stars in 'Lend Me A Tenor'

Lend Me A Tenor, a comedy written by Ken Ludwig, opens Friday, March 11, and runs until March 26 at St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook.

This rollicking farce is set in 1934 and tells the story of world-renowned tenor, Tito Merelli, who is scheduled to perform at the Cleveland opera company. Through a set of crazy circumstances, Merelli passes out after mixing wine with a huge dose of tranquilizers. Believing that the star is dead, the excitable opera manager taps his hapless assistant, an aspiring singer named Max, to suit up and replace Merelli. This production in-

cludes Gannon Styles (Novi) as Max, Molly Dorset (Birmingham) as Maggie, Janie Minchella (Sterling Heights) as Maria, Nasir Khawaja (Southfield) as Tito, Deb Dworkin (Berkley) as Diana, Kori Bielaniac (Dearborn) as Julia, Andrew McMechan (Birmingham) as Saunders and Tony Targan (West Bloomfield) as the Bellhop.

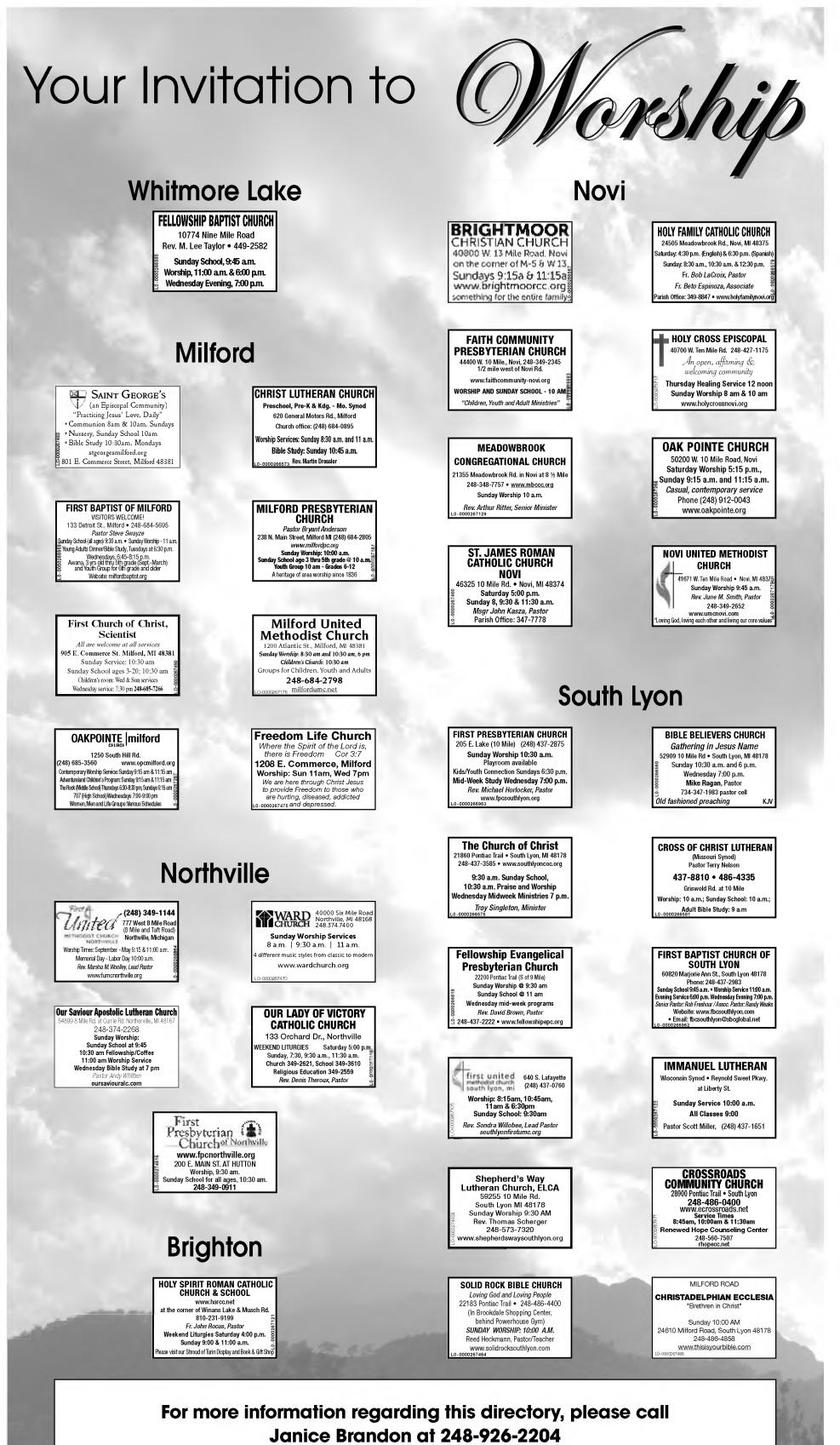
Performance dates are 8 p.m. Friday and Sat-

urday, March 11-12, 18-19 and 25-26. Matinees are at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 13 and 20. Ticket prices are \$18 adult, \$16 seniors/ students. Purchase tickets at www.stdunstanstheatre.com or by phone at 248-737-3587, ext. 1, or 888-718-4253.

St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook is at 400 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills.



Andrew McMechan (Birmingham) as Saunders, Molly Dorset (Birmingham) as Maggie and Gannon Styles (Novi) as Max star in Ken Ludwig's hilarious farce "Lend Me a Tenor" running three weekends at St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills March 11-26.



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**OUR VIEW** 

# Motorcycle safety takes street smarts along with everybody sharing the road

**OPINION** 

As spring approaches, more motorcycles will take to Michigan roadways. All motorists, including truckers. need to keep an eye out for motorcyclists and their passengers to ensure their safety.

Motorcyclists, too, have a role to play in getting home safely. Their actions also determine how safely the road is shared.

Improving the safety of motorcyclists on our roads is the primary goal of motorcycle safety classes for all skill levels, the Schoolcraft College website of www.schoolcraft.edu notes. The Detroit Metro Motorcycle Safety Consortium, which includes Henry Ford Community College, Macomb Community College, Monroe County Community College, Oakland Community College, Schoolcraft College and Wayne County Community College District, offers hands-on, comprehensive motorcycle safety training

The website adds that classes are taught by professional, certified instructors, who not only have a passion for riding, but riding safely. State funds from a motorcycle safety grant administered by the Michigan Department of State and federal funds from the



Michigan State Police staff examine one of at least two vehicles involved in a fatal crash on county road D-19, south of Howell. It is believed that the driver of the pickup truck collided with a motorcycle, resulting in the death of the motorcyclist.

Michigan Office Highway Safety and Planning support this program.

For your protection, all motorcycle courses require you to have a Department of Transportation-approved helmet (still required for all classes, even though the helmet law has changed). Also required are a long-sleeved jacket or heavy shirt, heavy-duty long pants, eye protection, full-fingered gloves, boots that cover ankles and have a hard sole (no high heels or high-top tennis shoes) and rain and cold weather gear.

Reading through this list is a good reminder that despite the helmet law brouhaha that brewed a while ago in our state, safety is always the top priority. A motorcycle helmet and appropriate clothing will go a long way in keeping you safe as you enjoy your motorcycle, and reduce your risk in an accident.

Closed-head injuries are a sobering reminder of how the simple act of correct use of a motorcycle helmet is simply smart.

This is especially important with the number of distracted drivers on roadways today, who may fail to notice an approaching motorcycle. Invest in a good helmet (sound advice for bicyclists, as well) and clothing that will make your ride safer and more en-

### LETTERS

## Challenge on Clinton

Regarding Ms. Lisa DiRado's letter in your March 3 issue, she may have forgotten the namecalling, lying and screaming between Sen. Obama and Sen. Clinton in the 2007 Democratic primary, while the Republicans had a very polite business-like primary.

**Regarding Hillary** Clinton's qualifications for president, I challenge her to remember that

Clinton as first lady failed to develop a health care system that even her own party could approve, as senator she accomplished near nothing and as the secretary of state she turned the Arab Spring into the Arab Nightmare. She supported the Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt and Egypt is still recovering. She lied and covered up the Benghazi murders by telling the American people they were the result of a spontaneous

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Joanne Maliszewski, Community editor Larry Ruehlen, Managing editor

Jani Havden, Advertising director protest while she knew it was the result of a 9/11 terrorist attack. These are not the qualifications I would want in our president.

> **Ernie McLaughlin** Northville

#### Why does city pay more?

I found the Duncan Disposal story to be the most interesting article published in the Northville Record in quite some time. For Northville residents, unfortunately the lead was not only deeply buried, but the main story was nonexistent.

After high praise for Duncan Disposal in it's dealings with Northville Township, the city of Northville and Waste Management are mentioned. First, we learn that trash collection fees

were reduced by 10 percent in 2012. Left unreported is that the reduction was not passed along to residents. Later, we are told that in the negotiated extension, 2.5-percent increases were included for both 2014 and 2015. Nowhere does the story include the fact that residential rates were increased in those years by 9.5 percent each year. The first year was a gradual increase, while the latter year was a single boost.

The article concludes by stating the trash rates Northville residents currently pay. Strangely overlooked is the 15percent "service fee" that was imposed shortly after the election. Through an unattributed quotation, someone in the Northville government, presumably, claims that

payments to Waste Management are lower now than a few years ago. The city may be paying less; its residents certainly are not

The story Northville residents need to read is why they are paying 29 percent more for trash collection than Northville Township homeowners, plus a premium for processing that Duncan Disposal now includes in its service. It distresses me to think that by electing former school board members to local government, we are going to get school pricing. Egads.

Thomas R. O'Connell Northville

## If the shoe fits

Who do you know who fits this description: Someone who makes offensive insults. Someone who insults to maintain a competitive edge. Or perhaps someone who uses insult to deflect or silence hecklers.

Comedian Don Rickles comes to mind. His style kept his career alive for many years.

Now we have the Don Rickles of the Republican Party, Donald Trump. He uses the same insulting style as he campaigns to become the president of the United States. If he is nominated by his fellow Republicans, it will surely derail the future success of the Republican Party

Someone may be able to entertain with festive insult but you cannot address our present day global concerns and leaders with insult comedy even if you feel as if the behavior fits.

Jim Brenner Redford



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## LOCAL NEWS

## Daughter inspired by mom's illness | Family welcomes first Feb. 29 baby to start clothing line for patients

#### Jay Grossman Staff Writer

Karen MacDonald never thought she'd run her own business.

She had been with The Taubman Co. for more than 30 years, enjoying a successful career as communications director. But her mother's illness in 2014 prompted MacDonald to start a clothing line of merchandise designed for hospital patients.

'My mom was in the hospital before she passed away," MacDonald said. "It was Christmas Eve and she didn't want to see anyone because she didn't like the way she looked. I decided to make her a wrap to go over her patient gown, to make her feel special and pretty.'

That moment inspired MacDonald to launch Wrapped in Love.

Her company designs wraps, head wraps and scarves for anyone in a hospital who's in need of some warmth, beauty and dignity. That includes new moms, patients undergoing chemotherapy and other procedures or ones recovering from illness.

"They are accessories that are easy to wear for those who may have limited mobility," Mac-



Karen MacDonald with her mom, Theresa, who passed away last year.

Donald said. "The wraps come in a variety of styles, colors and fabrics. I designed everything as 'one-size-fitsmost' so you can give them as gifts and not have to worry about the size.

They're manufactured locally in Lansing and MacDonald is donating 10 percent of each sale to the American Cancer Society as a tribute to her mother.

A number of local retailers carry the wraps and they're also available online at wrappedinlove.com. The head wraps start at \$30, the scarves are \$40 and the body wraps start at \$60.

"They're currently designed for women, but I have been getting a lot of requests to design something similar for men and children, too, which I will start working on shortly," she said.

So far, MacDonald has enjoyed the challenges of being her own boss

"It's been great, but right off the bat, you learn that you can't be everything," she said. "So it's important to find good resources that you can rely on. Luckily, I've been able to find everything I've needed right here in our great state of Michigan.'

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#### **David Veselenak** Staff Writer

Add Leap Day to the list of holidays that double as birthdays in the Gustafson household.

Livonia resident Cassendara Gustafson gave birth early Feb. 29 to her and her husband Brady's fourth child, Miriam Jean, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia. Miriam Gustafson gained distinction as a baby born on the day that only comes around every four vears.

She joins her three siblings as all having very distinct birthdays: the couple's oldest child was born Christmas, the second-oldest was born Independence Day and their third child was born April 15, more commonly known as tax day.

Cassandra Gustafson said she thought her most recent child would come on another winter holiday. She said she thought she was having contractions back on Feb. 14 and went to see a doctor, only to come back two weeks later to give birth on Leap Day. "We thought she'd be

a Valentine's baby instead," she said. Her due date was Feb. 29, a date she and her husband, who are

both teachers at Clar-



Cassandra Gustafson with her newborn, Miriam Jean, in her right arm. Her third child, Annika, is in her left arm. Miriam Gustafson was the first Leap Day baby born at St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

enceville High School, thought was a strange occurrence.

"We were surprised that that was the actual due date," she said. "No planning involved in it either."

Despite being born on a day that comes around only every four years, it doesn't sound like Miriam Gustafson is going to be missing out on any of that birthday cake when

she gets older.

In fact, she may have gotten an additional day of presents and fun: Cassandra Gustafson said they could just celebrate Feb. 28 and March 1 each year.

"We'll probably spoil her," she said.

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## **City of Northville** Proposed Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance **Article 18 General Provisions, Article 26 Definitions** Arbor, Pergola, and Trellis

At its regular meeting on March 21, 2016, the Northville City Council will introduce for first reading proposed amendments to the City of Northville Zoning Ordinance. The proposed amendments would add the definitions of Arbor, Pergola, Trellis, and Required and Non-Required Yard to Article 26 Construction of Language and Definitions Section 26.02 Definitions, and amend Article 18 General Provisions, Section 18.04 Accessory Buildings to allow one (1) Arbor, Pergola or Trellis, within certain size limitations, in a front yard setback provided it does not interfere with visibility from a driveway or intersection.

## **City of Northville** Proposed Amendment to the Zoning Map **Rezone Properties from R-2 to R-1B**

At its regular meeting on March 21, 2016, the Northville City Council will introduce for first reading amendments to the City of Northville Zoning Ordinance to amend Article 2 Zoning Districts and Mapping Interpretation to rezone the following properties from R-2 Second Density Residential District to R-1B First Density Residential District:

483 Grace Ave (#48-001-02-0009-000) 465 Grace Ave (#48-001-02-0010-000) 453 Grace Ave (#48-001-02-0011-000) 437 Grace Ave (#48-001-04-0652-006) 443 Grace Ave (#48-001-04-0652-007) 119 Rayson St. (#48-001-04-0652-003) 131 Rayson St. (#48-001-04-0652-004)

Public comments will be received at the City Council meeting scheduled for March 21, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. at the City of Northville Municipal Building – Council Chambers, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-349-1300. Written comments may also be submitted to the above address. Complete text of the proposed ordinance amendment is available for review at the City Clerk's Office during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, local prevailing time or on the City's website www.ci.northville.mi.us.

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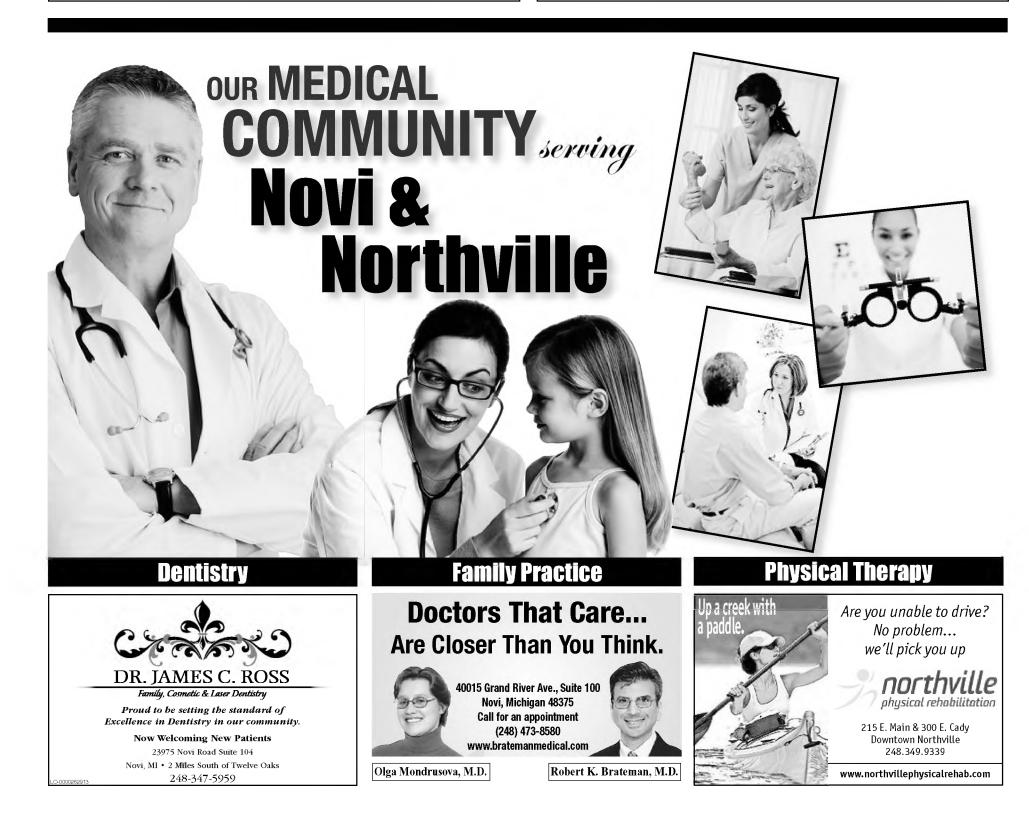
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# **'IT'S MORE THAN JUST SINGING'**

## Brain-injured, disabled find healing, growth in therapy choir

#### **Aileen Wingblad** Staff Writer

When Gary Francis was hit by a motorist while riding his bicycle in 2009, he lost plenty.

Having a car slam into him at 40 mph caused a massive brain bleed which ultimately cost him the use of his left arm and leg, affected his ability to read and write, and compromised parts of his memory. He was even robbed of his ability to speak and sing, a particularly cruel fate for someone who had earned a reputation as an accomplished barber shop quartet member.

For months, Francis was hospitalized. That was followed by threeplus years living in a rehabilitation facility, and then continued recovery at home. It's been a long road, indeed, for this Farmington Hills man. And it's not over yet.

Francis is wheelchairbound, suffers daily with pain caused by his injuries and has related health issues requiring him to rely on an oxygen tank at times. But still, he



MATTHEW DAE SMITH

Members of the Therapy Choirs of Michigan perform in the rotunda at the State Capitol.

sees reasons to smile. One of those reasons: He has found his voice again. And he's not shy

about sharing it. In fact, Francis all but stole the show earlier this month in Lansing, when he and fellow members of Therapy Choirs of Michigan held their 18th annual kickoff and promotion of Brain Injury Awareness Month and Choir Therapy Awareness Week at the state's Capitol Building. Along with several numbers performed by the group, Francis sang a few solos, including an emotionallystirring rendition of the

**Righteous Brothers'** Unchained Melody. Singing, he said, "makes the pain go away for awhile.<sup>2</sup>

"It makes you feel better. And when you do that, it makes others feel better somewhat,' he said.

## 'lt's just phenomenal'

Psychotherapist and O&E columnist Len McCulloch founded TCM in Farmington Hills with just one singer. With the slogans "It's more than just singing" and "From one voice come many," the 501(c)3 nonprofit

organization has since grown to 60 members and three locations, and has logged nearly 300 performances. In the early years, TCM members had all suffered traumatic brain injuries. Now, it also includes those with various developmental disorders and learning disabilities. All the singers,

McCulloch said, are "wonderful."

"We started with just one voice, and now this seems to be going on and on and on," McCulloch said. "We haven't turned down anybody." And that's a particular-

ly important distinction, noted Ron Johnson of Fowlerville, father of TCM member Nicholas Johnson. Nicholas, 12, has a rare genetic condition, FG Syndrome, which causes intellectual disability and negatively affects verbal and language skills. Despite his challenges, Nicholas loves to sing and perform - but was turned down for his school choir, Johnson said.

With TCM, though, Nicholas gets to share his love of music and song. He gets a much-needed sense of belonging. And, just as it's intended, the therapy has made a marked improvement in his sensory and communication skills, Johnson said.

"For me, that's the amazing thing that Len is doing. He gives Nicholas his chance to believe in something - this is a kid that doesn't get invited to birthday parties or any-thing like that," Johnson said. "His speech, overall, isn't good. But when he comes to choir, he gets to be on stage and sing songs - which he loves. And there's the sensory part, the motion, the feeling that he's part of something. It's just phenomenal."

Another TCM member, Margaret Cannon of Farmington Hills, agreed. She suffered a

closed head injury from falling outside, and joined the choir about three months ago.

"Everybody is somebody here, we don't criti-cize anyone. We're like a family, we support each other," she said.

Cannon said singing stops her from focusing on her pain - and gives her what she needs to keep trying to improve and overcome her condition. "It really encourages me, shows me that I really can do what I think I can do," she said.

Fellow member Thomas Matecki, a Livonia resident, agreed. "I've been going through a little bit of a rough time," he said. "But once I sing, it really helps.'

Indeed, said Linda Francis, Gary Francis' wife. "Four years ago, Gary wouldn't even try to sing. 'I lost everything,' he told me. Now, it puts tears to my eyes to hear these songs. He's amaz-ing," she said. "He's come such a long way - and he's still an excellent singer.'

TCM is looking for corporate sponsorship and gladly accepts donations to defray costs. To help, or for more information, visit www.therapychoirs.org.

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## **CITY OF NORTHVILLE** PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE **ARTICLE 18 GENERAL PROVISIONS, AND ARTICLE 26 DEFINITIONS** GARDEN ORNAMENTS

At its regular meeting on March 21, 2016, the Northville City Council will introduce for first reading proposed amendments to the City of Northville Zoning Ordinance. The proposed amendments would add the definition of Garden Ornaments to Article 26 Construction of Language and Definitions, Section 26.02 Definitions, and add Section 18.11.12 to Article 18 General Provisions that allows Garden Ornaments, as defined, in a front yard setback provided it does not interfere with visibility from a driveway or intersection.

Public comments will be received at the City Council meeting scheduled for March 21, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. at the City of Northville Municipal Building – Čouncil Chambers, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-349-1300. Written comments may also be submitted to the above address. Complete text of the proposed ordinance amendment is available for review at the City Clerk's Öffice during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, local prevailing time or on the City's website www.ci.northville.mi.us.

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Legal Notice Novi Community School District

**Attention: Food Service Management Companies** 

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE** NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

#### March 29, 2016 – 7:00 P.M.

The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, March 29, 2016 at the Northville Township Municipal Offices, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168. The Planning Commission will consider a rezoning request for commercial property located at 40020 Five Mile Road (northwest corner of Five Mile and Haggerty Roads—Parcel ID#77-052-99-0013-001). The proposal is to rezone the property from B-1 Local business to B-3 General Business to permit the Kroger Corporation to construct a gas station. The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM.

The public is invited to attend this public hearing and express their comments or ask questions. Plans will be available for viewing at the Township office between 8:00 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. Monday through Friday. Written comments will be received by the Northville Township Planning Commission at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168.

> Eric Lark, Chair **Planning Commission**

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## **SECTION 00 1113 - ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

PROJECT: Novi Community School District

The Novi Community School District is requesting proposals for school food service management services. The Food Service Management Company will provide management services according to United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) regulations and guidelines as well as State of Michigan Department of Education policies and guidelines.

Food Service Management Companies and/or their representatives may submit proposals to:

- Novi Community School District
- Attention: Steven Barr, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Operations
- 25345 Taft Road, Novi, MI 48374

The Novi Community School District Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all proposals or to accept the proposal that it finds, in its sole discretion, to be in the best interest of the school district.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting is scheduled for March 24, 2016 at the Novi Community School District's Educational Services Building at 8:30 am at 25345 Taft Road, Novi, Michigan.

All proposals must be submitted no later than 1:00 pm on April 20, 2016. All proposals should be delivered in a sealed envelope and addressed to the Novi Community School District, Attention: Steven Barr, Assistant Superintendent of Business and **Operations** and be clearly marked: Food Service Management Proposal.

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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.citvofnovi.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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BIDS RECEIVED:	Until 2:00 pm local time on March 29, 2016, the Owner will receive sealed Bids for the work as set forth in the Bidding Documents at:
	Attention: Steve Barr, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Operations Novi Community School District Educational Services Building 25345 Taft Road Novi, Michigan 48374
At which time and plac summary will be availa	e all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. A bid tabulation ble.
at the offices of Integra	s will be on file on and after March 8, 2016, and may be examined ated Design Solutions, LLC, 1441 W. Long Lake, Suite 200, Troy, MI during regular business hours Monday through Friday.
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Bidders shall meet at N	nd walk-thru is scheduled for March 15, 2016, at 3:00 pm local time. Jovi High School, 24062 Taft Road, Novi, Michigan 48375. Additional required, shall be coordinated with the Engineer/Technology Designer.
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	City of Northville
Propos Article 15 Sched	ed Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance lule of Regulations, Article 18 General Provisions,

At its regular meeting on March 21, 2016, the Northville City Council will introduce for first reading proposed amendments to the City of Northville Zoning Ordinance. The proposed amendments would amend Article 15 Schedule of Regulations, Article 18 General Provisions, and Article 26 Construction of Language and Definitions as follows:

**Article 26 Definitions** 

**Residential Building Height** 

- Modifications to the Schedule of Regulations (Article 15) which includes a variable height limitation based upon the size of the lot for the R-1A and R-1B Zoning Districts. The smaller the lot, the shorter the maximum height.
- Coordinate maximum foundation wall heights with the "grade plane" standard (Article 18)
- Include a new requirement for a Certificate of Grading to be completed prior to the Certificate of Occupancy (Article 18).
- Add language that coordinates the first floor elevation of new structures with contiguous existing structures so that the new structure fits into the neighborhood. Flexibility for the Building Official has been added in cases of extreme topography (Article 18).
- Modification of Article 26, Definitions, including: Adding an illustration for "Basement" and "Story" showing how both are determined on a sloping lot.
  - Basing grade plane on existing grades rather than finished grades.
  - New definition for "Grade," "Grade, Existing," and "Grade, Finished."
- New/amended definitions of "Mezzanine, Residential," "Mezzanine, Commercial," and "Story."

Public comments will be received at the City Council meeting scheduled for March 21, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. at the City of Northville Municipal Building – Council Chambers, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-349-1300. Written comments may also be submitted to the above address. Complete text of the proposed ordinance amendment is available for review at the City Clerk's Office during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, local prevailing time and on the city's website at www. ci.northville.mi.us.

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## **NOVI POLICE BRIEFS**

## **Thieves distract** shopper, use cards in crime spree

A group of thieves allegedly conspired to distract a shopper, then stole her wallet out of her purse, fled the premises and used her credit cards to make several quick fraudulent purchases at other stores.

The woman was shopping in the Home Goods store on West Oaks Drive at about noon Feb. 28 and told police that while she was shopping, she was approached by subjects that began asking her questions about merchandise pricing.

Two young males were talking on their cellphones near her while another male and female started asking her questions. Her purse was on her shopping cart and she took her eyes off it as she bent down to help the two people asking her questions, a report stated. When she turned back toward her purse, she noticed it had been unzipped and her wallet was gone.

She located the two males she had seen behind her talking on their cellphones, walking toward the front of the store, and tried to get their attention. They walked out of the store and picked up their pace. She told police she followed them and the suspects started running.

She called the police and started calling credit card companies to cancel her cards. She was on the phone with her Chase Bank Visa and was informed that two large transactions had just been authorized at the Target in Walled Lake. It was determined that those making the purchases matched the description of the suspects. The suspects had made a transaction of about \$1,000 buying gift cards and a second transaction of \$2,800 for miscellaneous iPads.

The victim's Macy's card was also used, reportedly for \$800 in fraudulent charges at the Novi store. The Target store in Novi then reported the suspects were currently in their store attempting to make more purchases. They were declined on one card, but approved for \$846.94 on a second card. The case is open.

## **Beer drinking shoe** shopper busted

Officers responded to Dick's Sporting Goods on 12 Mile Road at 7:49 p.m. March 2 for suspicious circumstances.

Upon arrival, officers found a male sitting alone in his vehicle. They asked him what he was doing and he said he was buying some items at the store. When asked why the man, who resides in Detroit, was shopping at the store when there were other locations closer, he said the selection was better at the store

He had multiple empty Miller Lite beer bottles outside the driver side door and a case of Miller Lite on the passenger seat. There was a half-empty bottle in the center console cup holder. The vehicle was running. When asked if he was drinking, he replied he was and admitted to owning all the empty beer bottles. A preliminary Breathalyzer test showed he had a bloodalcohol content of 0.05 percent. A BAC of .08 percent is considered legally drunk.

He was arrested for open intoxicants and store employees reported that he was believed to have stolen a pair of \$130 Nike Air Max shoes, putting his old shoes in the new shoebox. When asked if he stole the shoes he was wearing, he admitted he had, a police report stated. The shoes were removed from his feet and replaced with his old pair of shoes.

He was cited for open

intoxicants and retail fraud third degree. He posted bond and was issued a trespass warning and told not to return to the sporting goods store.

#### **Drunken husband**

Police were called at 9:25 p.m. Feb. 27, to a business on Main Street for an elderly man who apparently was heavily intoxicated and refusing to leave. The complainant had attempted to get a taxi for the man, but the man refused to give him a home address. The man then left the restaurant and walked across the street to the Michigan Beer Co.

The officers found him there drinking a glass of water. He said he lives with his wife in Novi and took a taxi to the bar earlier in the night. He agreed to let the officer drive him home. The circumstances were explained to his wife.

## **Consumers savings** suspicious

Officers responded to a business on Novi Road at 3:14 p.m. March 1 for suspicious circumstances after a woman stated three males came into the business asking for her Consumers Energy bill so they could provide the most savings to the business. They showed a badge, but pulled it away before she could read any information. She said she would not show them paperwork and told them to leave.

— By Susan Bromley

## Police seek woman who dragged officer with car

#### **Philip Allmen** Staff Writer

A Novi police officer dragged alongside a car for about 60 feet early Monday isn't expected to miss any time from work.

Novi Assistant Chief of Police Erick Zinser said the officer was treated at St. Providence Hospital for minor scrapes and bruises following what initially seemed to be a routine traffic stop.

The officer stopped a Detroit woman at 2:13 a.m. Monday on northbound Haggerty Road, north of Eight Mile

Road, Zinser said, for disobeying a traffic signal. The woman had multiple warrants out for her arrest, plus she was driving on a suspended license. There were two children who appeared younger than 10 in the car with her.

The woman got out of the car and was told she would be arrested. She began crying and

said "she wanted to get her cellphone from her car to make arrangements for the kids," Zinser said.

Once back in the car, she refused to get out again and then started to drive away. The officer grabbed the woman's arm and ran with the vehicle before letting go. The woman continued north. Zinser said officers didn't pursue because they knew her identity and had children in the car.

Police were looking Monday for the woman and Zinser said "we encourage her to turn herself in. Anyone with information can contact our department.' Reach the Novi Police at 248-348-7100.

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### **CITY OF NOVI** NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND GRANT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Novi will hold a Public Hearing on the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) Grant Application Proposal for land acquisition of parcel 50-22-30-476-005, for 12.57 acres of property located on Nine Mile Road, west of Garfield Road. The hearing will be held 7 p.m. Monday, March 14, 2016, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 10 Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375, for the purpose of hearing public comments on land acquisition of parcel 50-22-30-476-005, for 12.57 acres of property located on Nine Mile Road, west of Garfield Road.

#### All interested citizens are requested to attend these hearings

Comments will also be received in writing or in person at the City Clerks Office - City of Novi, 45175 10 Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375 until 5 p.m. March 14, 2016.

Arrangements to reasonably accommodate special needs, including handicap accessibility or interpreter, will be made upon receiving 72-hour advance. Contact Maryanne Cornelius at 248.347.0456 for special services.

MARYANNE CORNELIUS CITY CLERK

Published: March 3 & 10, 2016





## Veterans vandalized

Officers responded at about 11:25 a.m. March 1 to Paralyzed Veterans of America on Grand River Avenue for suspicious circumstances. The complainant said that Feb. 23 she noticed the glass door on the west side of the building was cracked and a piece of glass was missing. Entry was not gained. This door is not used, so she is unsure of a time frame for the damage.

She told officers she noticed the gate which fences in the back area was broken. The locking bar was broken off, the gate was pushed in and there was red paint on part of the gate. It appeared as though a vehicle rammed the gate and it may have been damaged in the last week because it is not used often, only opened for the garbage truck to collect refuse. There have not been any recent problems with clients

## Woman stalks neighborhood for package deliveries

A woman who has a residence on Stonehenge Boulevard reported Feb. 27 she had ordered two bottles of Skin Obsession skin care products through Amazon.com, but never received them.

She was advised that there had been recent mail thefts in the area in which a middle-aged black female driving a burgundy Chevy Equinox is suspected to be involved. The woman verified she had observed the Equinox driven by a black female in the subdivision lately, but couldn't positively associate her with the thefts.

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## **Democrats to meet**

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Tuesday, March 15 Details: The Demo-

crats of West Oakland County will meet at Novi United Methodist Church, 41671 W. 10 Mile, in Novi. Guest speaker is Dr. Anil Kumar, candidate for U.S. Congress. The evening will include roundtable discussions. Go to www.dwoc.info for more.

#### Seed saving 101

Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 16

**Details:** It's spring and time to think about gardening. Learn the basics of seed saving and the importance of Great Lakes adapted plant varieties at this Wixom Public Library program. Presented by Stefanie T. Stauffer, PhD, program manager of Tilian Farm Development Center in Ann Arbor.

The library is at 49015 Pontiac Trail, Wixom. 248-624-2512.

## Water safety town hall

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, March 17 Details: The Democrats of West Oakland

County will host a town hall meeting on water safety at the Novi Public Library, 45255 W. 10 Mile Road. Guest speakers are Oakland County **Resources Commission**er Jim Nash on "Preventing the next Flint crisis in our cities" and Dr. Anil Kumar, 11th District candidate for U.S. Congress on "Medical effects of lead poisoning, treatment and

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## **Older Adult Services** programs

Have you been diag-nosed 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 per nonresident.

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

## Easter Egg drop

Time/Date: 1:30 p.m. Sunday, March 20

Details: Orchard Grove Community Church will host a free Easter Egg Drop at the church, 850 Ladd Road, Building C, Walled Lake. The drop is for children birth through fifth grade and features more than 12,000 eggs filled with candy being dropped to the ground by a helicopter. Once the eggs have been dropped, kids can hunt for the eggs divided by age. Go to www.orchardgorve.org for more.

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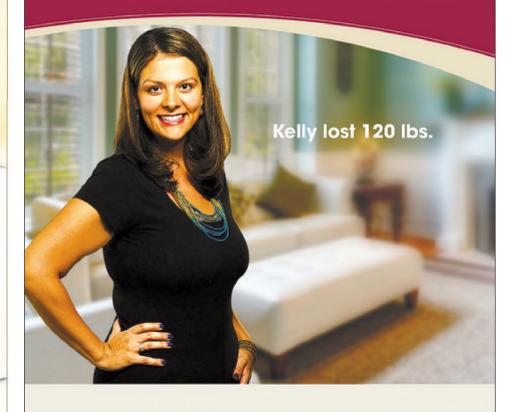
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## **HAVEN** reaches capital campaign goal of \$5 million

HAVEN, Oakland County's Center for the treatment and prevention of domestic violence and sexual assault, recently announce that it has concluded its five-year capital campaign, raising \$5,277,032, 5.5 percent more than the \$5 million goal

"It is with great pleasure and deep gratitude that we announce the completion of our Plant the Seeds of Hope campaign," said Beth Morrison, president and CEO. "From the beginning, we were confident in our plan and purpose and now, at the conclusion, we are in awe of the incredible generosity of those that chose to invest in us and our mission."

The campaign, focused on raising funds for HAVEN's new facility, was the first major capital campaign conducted by HAVEN. It was launched during a challenging economic climate in Michigan, but successfully followed its original time line and campaign plan.

"This labor of love included lots of hard work and many tough decisions," said Brad Simmons, campaign co-chair and director, Government & Stakeholder Relations, Ford Motor Co. "From start to finish, the team was focused on one goal: Building a comfortable and efficient building that provided a safe place for survivors of domestic and sexual violence to come for healing and growth. To that I say, mission accomplished, well done team.

Monies secured supported the purchase of six acres of land and the construction of HAVEN's new 36,000-square-foot campus. Located in Pontiac, just south of the Oakland County com-



Andrew Danaher, project architect, Stucky Vitale Architects; John Vitale, principal Stucky Vitale Architects; Beth Morrison, HAVEN president and CEO; and Frank Rewold, president and CEO, Frank Rewold and Son Inc., pose inside HAVEN's new facility in Pontiac.

plex, the new building officially opened Jan. 8 and features:

» Space to house all of HAVEN programs – bringing three locations under one roof to provide shelter, counseling, advocacy and educational programming to nearly 20,000 people each year.

» An expanded Residential Program with 16 bedrooms that can house up to 60 people at once, depending on the makeup of the residents (i.e. single person, family with children)

» Space for a staffed client resource room, on-site job training, a leadership center and a multi-purpose room that can be screened off to create two meeting rooms.

» Outside spaces including a meditation garden, an organic produce garden, a playground area and an area that will be the site of a future pet shelter.

"The generous contributions from our community not only allowed us to exceed our \$5 million campaign goal but, more importantly, we have been able to transform and enhance the delivery of services to our amazing survivors and client

base," said Sarah L. Mc-Clelland, campaign cochair.

The new building enables programmatic improvements and the implementation of a modified Family Justice Center service model, proven to:

» Reduce homicides » Increase victim safety, autonomy, and empowerment

» Reduce fear and anxiety for victims and their children

» Reduce recantation and minimization by victims

Nearly 700 individuals, corporations and foundations from all over metro Detroit contributed to achieving the campaign goal. For those who did not yet get a chance to participate, there are still opportunities to name rooms in the building or secure permanent recognition via a leaf on the Donor Wall. For more information, contact Rachel Decker at 248-322-3703.

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Meadowbrook Commons Manager Tom Gordon helps Bill Deighton (left) with his tablet computer during a Feb. 18 meeting of the Bits and Bytes Cafe inside the Novi Senior Center. Gordon organizes an informational meeting the third Thursday of each month for seniors, held in the large meeting room at Meadowbrook Commons, to get helpful information out about how to best utilize tablet and smart phones and manage their myriad settings. The group meets at 10 a.m.

## Singing and dancing



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Frank Sternett (right) brought his musical show and his Barry Manilow impersonation Feb. 24 to the Northville Community Center. He was joined in song and dance by many attendees of the show, including Mary Forrester (second from right).

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## New bills: Lawmakers couldn't run for office after quitting

#### **Kathleen Gray** Michigan.com

The case of former state Reps. Todd Courser and Cindy Gamrat, who left office in the wake of a sex and cover-up scandal, prompted new legislation to be introduced in Lansing last week.

Courser resigned his seat shortly before his former colleagues in the House of Representatives were getting ready to vote to expel him. Gamrat was expelled by the House. Both ran in the race to regain their seats and lost.

But a bill introduced by Rep. Lisa Lyons, R-Alto, would prohibit lawmakers who resign or are expelled from office from running for their office to finish out the term.

In other bills introduced last week, the use of restraints or seclusion tactics for special education students would be restricted under a package of bills introduced in both the House and Senate

And Democrats introduced resolutions to give subpoena power to two committees that are investigating problems with the Grand Rapids Veterans Home and the Flint water crisis.

## **House bills**

HB 5401: Require applicants for an air or water pollution control tax exemption to also provide an affidavit from a licensed environmental engineer. Sponsor: Rep. Jeff Farrington, R-Ûtica.

HB 5402: Require development of policy and "pay to play" fees for student-athletes. Sponsor: Rep. Sam Singh, D-East Lansing.

HB 5403-5406 and SB 829-831: Provide for water quality alliances,

water resources and air pollution control commissions, oversight for the Department of Environmental Quality. Sponsors: Reps. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth; Phil Phelps, D-Flushing; Sheldon Neeley, D-Flint; Stephanie Chang, D-Detroit, and Sens. Jim Ananich, D-Flint; Coleman Young II, D-Detroit; Hoon-Yung Hopgood, D-Taylor.

HB 5407: Prohibit lawmakers who resign or who are removed from office for running for election to regain their seat. Sponsor: Rep. Lisa Lyons, R-Alto.

HB 5408: Provide appropriate clinical services in a residential placement facility that is licensed for at least 40 people ages 17 and younger. Sponsor: Rep. Wendell Byrd, D-Detroit.

HB 5409-5418 and SB 835-838: A package of bills regarding state discipline policy in schools that would include positive intervention, training and restricting the use of seclusion and restraint for students. Sponsors: Reps. Frank Liberati, D-Allen Park; Christine Greig, D-Northville; Amanda Price, R-Holland; Hank Vaupel, R-Fowlerville; Jim Tedder, R-Clarkston; Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth, and Sens. Margaret O'Brien, R-Portage; Rick Jones, R-Grand Ledge; Curtis Hertel, D-East Lansing; Hoon-Yung Hopgood, D-Taylor.

**HB 5419**: Enact a law defining surveillance technology for law enforcement. Sponsor: Rep. Jim Runestad, R-White Lake

HB 5420 and 5422: Expand the definition and revise the penalties for abuse of a vulnerable adult to include someone who poses an unreasonable risk of harm or

injury to a vulnerable adult. Sponsors: Reps. Peter Lucido, R-Shelby Township and John Chirkun, D-Roseville.

HB 5421: Modify the management of certain health care trust funds. Sponsor: Rep. Laura Cox, R-Livonia.

**HB 5423**: Create a new act that would provide for the replacement of residential lead pipe service lines with financing coming through water supply bills. Sponsor: Rep. Amanda Price, R-Ĥolland.

HB 5424: Exempt the detachment to a charter township under certain circumstances. Sponsor: Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth.

## Senate bills

SB 823-824: Create the vehicle bills for the 2016-17 budgets for state government and the school aid fund and higher education. Sponsor: Sen. David Hildenbrand, R-Lowell.

SB 825: Prohibit the use of bridge cards at restaurants. Sponsor: Sen. Jack Brandenburg, R-Harrison Township.

SB 826: Replace common core curriculum standards. Sponsor: Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton.

SB 827: Establish a special review committee to review environmental rules. Sponsor: Sen. Tom Casperson, R-Escanaba.

SB 828: Remove the exemption for reporting requirements from the Michigan automated prescription system. Sponsor: Sen. Dale Zorn, R-Ida.

**SB 832**: Eliminate the misdemeanor election charge against a member of a religious society for influencing an elector at an election. Sponsor: Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton.

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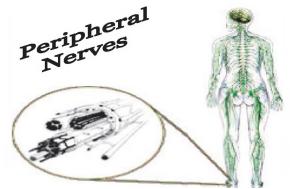


Figure 1: Notice the very small blood vessels surrounding each nerve

Peripheral neuropathy is a result of damage to the nerves. It most often causes weakness, pain, numbness, tingling, and the most debilitating balance problems. This damage is commonly caused by a lack of blood flow to the nerves in the hands and feet which causes the nerves to begin to degenerate due to lack of nutrient flow.

As you can see in Figure 2, as the blood vessels that surround the nerves become diseased they shrivel up, which caused the nerves to not get the nutrients to continue to survive. When these nerves begin to "die", they cause balance problems, pain, numbness, tingling, burning, and many additional symptoms.

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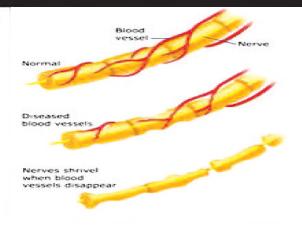


Figure 2: When these very small blood vessels become diseased they begin to shrivel up and the nerves begin to degenerate.

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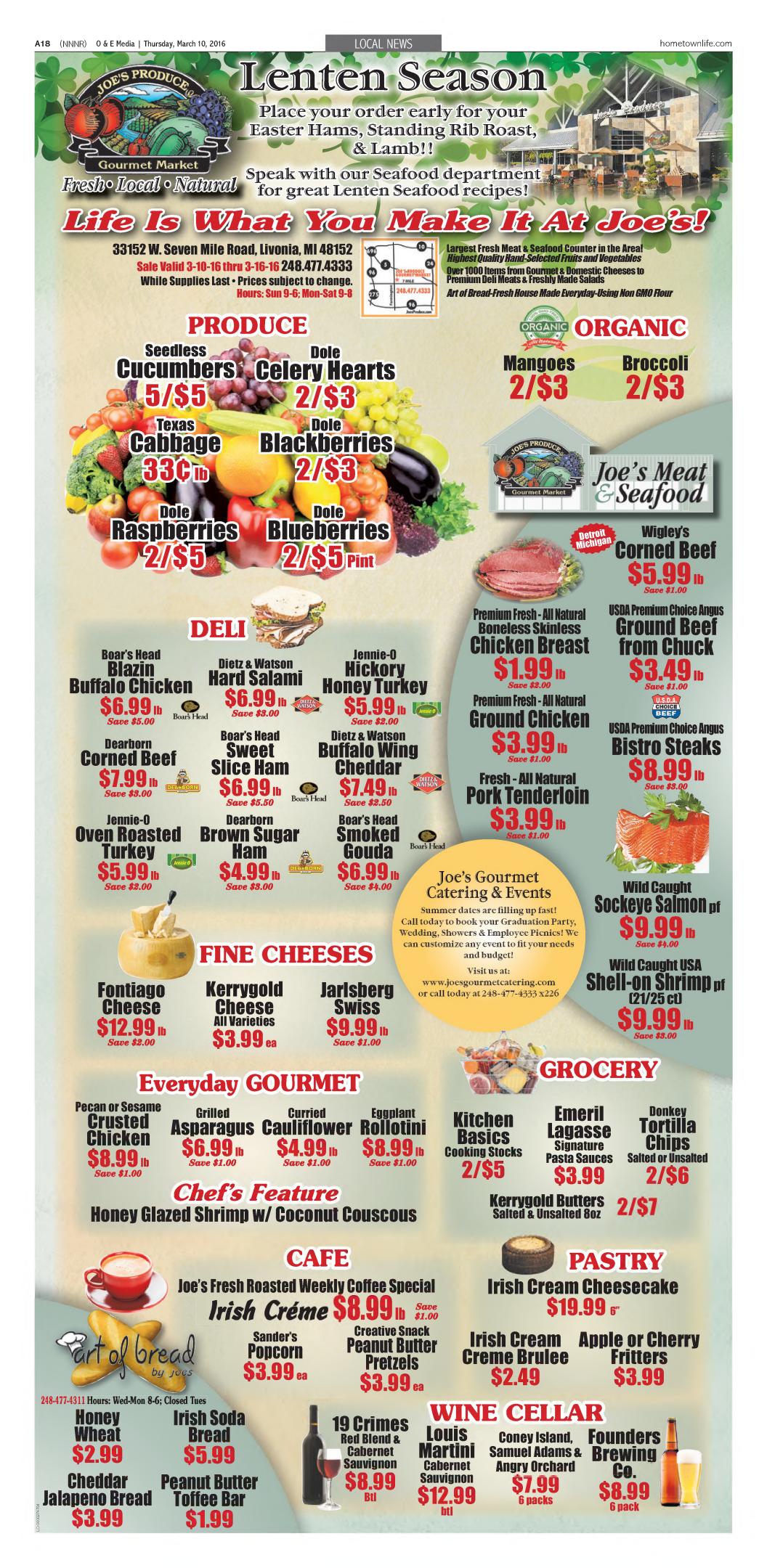
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Canton's Erin Hult (left) launches a

jumper over the outstretched arms

of Northville defender Jessica

Moorman.

# Northville captures Class A district

Balanced Mustangs edge Canton; advance to regional

## Brad Emons

Staff Writer

If you're looking to take stock in the girls basketball team these days, then Northville might be the next good investment.

The Mustangs traded baskets for much of the night with Canton in Friday's Class A district championship game, but came through at the closing bell by outscoring the Chiefs, 15-9, in the final quarter and claim the title with a 44-38 victory at Salem.

Northville, which improved to 19-3 overall, also earned a spot in the regional semifinals Tuesday against Milford (1011). The Mustangs, who were tied 29-29 heading into the final quarter, separated themselves from Canton in the final three minutes, getting a big rebound basket by Brook Adams with 2:56 left to make it a four-point spread, 37-33.

Northville then followed by making 7-of-8 free throws during the final 1:23 to seal the victory.

"We knew is was going to be back and forth," Northville coach Todd Gudith said. "It was probably going to come down to the end. I just liked the resiliency on defense. We had a couple of turnovers in the fourth where we had a chance maybe to break it open and we just couldn't break it open, but we got stops on defense when we needed to. And Jess Moorman was just ice in her veins there from the foul line and that was big."

The 6-foot Moorman, who finished with a team-high 17 points, seemed oblivious to the pressure down the stretch.

"I tried to put that aside and just shot free throws the way I know how to shoot them," the junior said.

The Mustangs overcame a heroic offensive effort from Canton junior forward Erin Hult, who led all scorers with 23 points. Hult was 8-of-17 from the floor and made all five of her free throws as she carried the Chiefs offensively throughout the 32 minutes. Her clutch triple with 1:11 left after Northville went up by six pulled Canton to within three, 39-36, but the Chiefs couldn't get any closer.

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"Hult was almost impossible to stop," Gudith said. 'She came out hot right from the start and it didn't really matter who we had on her. It was a tough go and it wasn't like she made easy shots. They were all deep twos or threes. It wasn't like she was scoring at the rim. We switched and put a couple of different girls on her. Luckily, we were able to make a few stops there late in the fourth."

Hult scored seven points in

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# CC grapplers wind up five-for-five at Palace



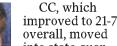
BOYS HOCKEY Shamrocks impressive in regional finals, 6-0

Catholic Central skates past Rochester United

Brad Emons Staff Writer

It took a while but, once the floodgates opened, it was another dominating performance for defending boys hockey state champion Novi Detroit Catholic Central.

The Shamrocks, who enjoyed a 37-8 shot advantage, were kept off the board for the first 24 minutes, 34 seconds before going on to earn a 6-0 victory over Rochester United in the Division 1 regional final at USA Hockey Arena in Ply-



mouth.

CC's Ben Kamali (right) tries to put points on the board against Ann Arbor Pioneer's Rayvon Foley as CC coach Mitch Hancock (far right) exhorts his wrestler.

## Senior heavyweight Jenkins spurs Shamrocks day

### Brad Emons

Staff Writer

The Palace of Auburn Hills witnessed a brand new Fab Five in Saturday's MHSAA Division 1 wrestling individual state finals.

Getting titles from a wrestler in each grade, Novi Detroit Catholic Central went five-for-five to duplicate its feat from 2014.

Among those crowned individual champions for the Shamrocks were senior Nick Jenkins (285 pounds), junior Tyler Morland (171), sophomore Ben Kamali (103) and two freshmen, Kevon Davenport (119) and Cameron Amine (125).

"If you look at the five finalists we had, three guys beat guys that they lost to this year already," CC coach Mitch Hancock said. "We just put a plan together for each one of those guys and it worked. Our guys went out and executed the game plans and won."

Jenkins had lost three straight times to

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Dearborn Heights Crestwood's Ali Wahab dating back to his junior year, but came away with a 5-1 victory in the finals to finish the year 39-10 after winning his first three matches by a total of three points.

It was Wahab's first loss in 61 matches this season.

"He went 3-2 with him at the region and we were in deep on a leg attack late in the match," Hancock said of Wahab. "I think that gave (Jenkins) a belief that he could win and beat that kid.

"I think a lot of people go in intimidated and I don't think Nick was very intimidated this time around by Wahab's size. He's a great wrestler, great young man, pretty athletic, but I think we used Nick's strength. And Nick's strength is his front headlock; he's got a pretty darn good front headlock."

Jenkins, who hopes to wrestle in college, was confident going into the finals.

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SCOTT CONFER

Catholic Central's Tyler Morland (right) won the 171-pound Division 1 state title over Devon Pingel of Lapeer.



terfinals against Saginaw Swan Valley.

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The first period, CC was all over over

Rochester United, but goalie Trevor Szfran stopped all 12 shots to keep it scoreless.

CC got one power-play opportunity during the first, when Drew Dishinger was sent off at 10:18 for high sticking, but the Shamrocks could not convert.

The Shamrocks' best chance came with 1:30 left in the first, when Anthony Esser's shot from the point rang off the right post.

But at 7:32 of the second period, CC finally broke through against Szafran on Brendan West's rebound goal from Cody Borke and Jared Lee.

Lee. "We talked about sticking to the game plan and keep doing what we were supposed to be doing and, eventually, it will pay off and, eventually, it did," first-year CC coach Brandon Kaleniecki said. "It's a positive, but it's a little nerve-wracking when you feel like you're getting tons of chances and nothing is going in. We hit a few posts, you automatically starting thinking, 'Oh, no, it bounced the other way and it changes.' But that's what we talked to the kids about, just staying with the game plan,

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## **BOYS BASKETBALL DISTRICT**

## Mustangs rev it up in second half to advance

Northville secures 66-45 triumph vs. Plymouth in opener

#### **Tim Smith** Staff Writer

The first half of Monday's Class A boys basketball district opener between Northville and Plymouth was a wild and wacky one, a back-andforth 16 minutes played

almost at warp speed. Up just 21-20 at the break, the Mustangs used the intermission to exhale and get back to playing the kind of basketball that enabled them to go 19-1 during the regular season.

Northville did just that, outscoring Plymouth 11-0 to open the third quarter and going on to a 66-45 victory at Salem High School. The win set up a semifinal against Canton.

"First game of the district. Guys might have been a little tight," said Northville head coach Todd Sander, whose team improved to 20-1. "We really settled in. Kevin Morrissey stepped up huge tonight, Nick Wilds was amazing, he was not going to let us lose.

"(Justin) Zimbo's always good, (Justin) Gibbons does his thing.

We've got a team; it's kind of what we've seen all year with this group.'

The Mustangs started the third quarter on a layup by Wilds, followed by a bucket in the lane by Jack Burke (five points). Next came back-to-back field goals by Morrissey (who scored a team-high 17 points) and Wilds.

Then Gibbons dished the ball to Wilds in the right corner for a trey that opened up a 32-20 advantage and prompted happy hand slaps between the seniors, who scored 12 and 16 points, respectively.

"We score a high amount of points each game, but we only had 21 in the first half," Gibbons said. "We were playing good 'D,' we just weren't making shots and we just opened up in the second half.'

Northville only con-nected on 22-of-56 fieldgoal tries, but 10 of those buckets were threepointers

The big thorn in Plymouth's side was Morrissey, who drained five triples. Also strong from behind the arc for the Mustangs were Zimbo (three triples among his 13 points) and Wilds (two treys)

"We played really well in the first half. They turned it up a little bit



Northville's Jack Burke (left) picks up his dribble against Plymouth defender Brent Davis.

higher in the second half and we just weren't able to get to that level," said Plymouth coach Mike Soukup, whose hardworking team (9-13) finished one round short of

last year's trip to the regional. "Credit them, they made some big shots. We tried to speed them up. Morrissey especially did, (with) some dagger 'threes' in the

corner against us." The top scorer for the Wildcats was senior guard Brent Davis, who scored 11 points in the first half and 16 for the contest.

Davis said he and his teammates still remembered the 53-25 pounding at the hands of the Mustangs in the KLAA tourney Feb. 18.

"We're not a team that likes to lose," Davis said. "We didn't want to lose again. We came out in the first half, our motivation was we didn't want to go home tonight.

"It happened, but we played a heck of a game. You got to give credit where credit's due. I said the same thing about Canton. (The Mustangs) only lost one game for a reason, they're a good team."

In addition to Davis, another senior with an excellent game for the Wildcats was guard Le-Doux, who scored 13 points (including three treys).

Sander said it was important for his team to not take Plymouth lightly, stressing that he knew the Wildcats were a much better squad than the one that showed up Feb. 18.

"Plymouth's got a lot of skill," Sander said. "They played a tremendous first half, they made us look really stupid at times. But I'm proud of the way our guys responded in the second half."

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## **BOYS BASKETBALL DISTRICT** Novi's Maddox crushes Rocks' state tournament aspirations

Sophomore guard notches 21 points in Class A district

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

Traveon Maddox Jr. admitted he needed a little helpful advice to get through the second half of Monday's Class A district boys basketball opener against host Salem.

'Tra, he was a little frustrated in the first half," Novi coach Brandon Sinawi said. "And he



## **BOYS BASKETBALL WRAP**

## Northville, Novi triumph in regular season finales

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

Northville capped off a memorable regular season March 3 with a 60-57 KLAA consolation bracket boys basketball win over visiting Howell.

Senior guard Justin Zimbo and senior forward Justin Gibbons both scored 15 points to lead the Mustangs, who entered the Class A district tournament with a 19-1 record.

Northville, the KLAA entral Division champion led 28-20 at halftime, but Howell cut the deficit to 41-38 after three quarters. "It was a grind all night," Northville coach Todd Sander said. "They scored the first eight points of the third quarter to tie it up after we turned it over, like, three or four times in a row. After that, it was back and forth the whole second half. We would get up seven or eight and they would come right back at us." Zimbo made 7-of-8 free throws, while Gibbons was 4-of-4. For the game Northville was 17-of-26 (65.3 percent). "Jake Justice gave us a spark off the bench tonight," Sander said. "He was active on the glass and got us some big hoops.' Jonathan Shields and Derek Kerner paced the Highlanders (13-7) with 17 and 11 points, respectively. Howell went 10-of-17 from the foul stripe (58.8 percent). "Credit Howell tonight," Sander said. "They punched us in the mouth a number of times and it took us a while, but we answered back finally."

NOVI 74, BRIGHTON 62: Junior guard Alec Bageris scored 11 of his game-high 18 points in the final quarter to spark the Wildcats (11-9) to a KLAA non-tournament victory March

(11-9) to a KLAA non-tournament victory March 3 over the visiting Bulldogs (10-10). Novi led 35-29 at halftime and 51-46 after three quarters before outscoring Brighton 23-16 in the fourth thanks to three triples from the 6-foot-3 Bageris. Senior center Naji Ozeir added 16 points and 10 rebounder while corbomore guard Taxeon

10 rebounds, while sophomore guard Traveon Maddox Jr. added 15 points and eight rebounds. Both teams shot 83.3 percent from the foul line as Novi made 15-of-18 free throws, while Brighton was 10-of-12. Nick Crocker and Connor Cavallaro scored 17

"We did a nice job defensively, limiting their big guys," Novi coach Brandon Sinawi said. "It ital team effort on played hard. We played an entire 32 minutes, which we haven't had a lot of this year." DETROIT CC 61, FORDSON 41: Novi Detroit Catholic Central (11-9) had three players score in double figures March 3 en route to a non-league triumph at Dearborn Fordson (7-13). Junior guard Gio Genrich and freshman guard Austin Brown both scored 15 points for the Shamrocks, who made only 9-of-18 free throws. Junior forward C.J. Baird added 13 as CC overcame a 24-21 halftime deficit by outscoring the Tractors 40-17 in the second half. Fordson's Aban Aluslami was the game's leading scorer, with 17 points. FRANKLIN ROAD 56, GENESEE CHRISTIAN 43: Senior center Joshua Bause posted a double-double with 24 points and 12 rebounds, leading Novi Franklin Road Christian (14-6) to the non-conference win March 3 over Burton Genesse Christian (12-7). Senior forward Joshua Betcher contributed 15 points, while senior guard Austin Hearns added 12 points and 10 assist for the Warriors, who

sort of ask me in the third quarter, 'Hey, what do you want me to do?' I said, 'Play your game, just go out and play, have fun and let the game come to you.' And he looked at me and he winked and I knew that we were going to get something special out of him."

The 6-foot-3 sophomore guard was special, indeed, during the final quarter as he scored 14 of his game-high 21 points to lead the Wildcats (12-9) to a 59-56 win over the Rocks. setting up a semifinal clash against Novi Detroit Catholic Central (12-8).

And Maddox admitted he heard another friendly voice from the upstairs bleachers from his father, Traveon Maddox Sr.

"My dad in the stands yelled, 'Shoot more Tra, shoot more, set your feet Tra, set your feet, Maddox said. "So that's my dad and your dad tell will tell you right."

With perhaps the most youthful back court going into the tournament after University of Wisconsin-Green Bay signee Kam Hankerson was lost for the season (knee), the Wildcats (12-9) start two sophomore guards, Trendon Hankerson and Maddox, while freshman Jiovanni Miles is the first to come off the bench.

And the ninth-grader made a big contribution with 10 points, including a key rebound basket with only 1:38 left to give Novi a 57-54 advantage.

"He played really well defensively," Sinawi said of Miles. "It's his offensive ability sometimes, but he played well defensively and he was leading us in huddles. He was getting after guys. He was talking and he was loud. And he was leading us in that fourth quarter. It was hard for me to take him out of the game.'

Salem, meanwhile, had its chances down the stretch. The Rocks missed twice to tie it in the final 10 seconds, with junior Cameron Grace's triple try from the top of the key with only 8.8 seconds remaining rimming off on a perfectly designed play coming out a timeout.

We got the shot we wanted

Novi sophomore guard Traveon Maddox Jr. (right) takes Salem defender Freedie McGee III off the dribble.

out of the timeout, so you can't knock that. They did what they were supposed to, you just got to have it fall down and we didn't do it," Salem coach Bob Brodie said.

Salem led 42-41 going into the final quarter following a corkscrew 3-point attempt from junior Camren Barden as the buzzer sounded. But the Rocks, who shot 4-of-13 in the final quarter, couldn't get over the hump after Maddox nailed three consecutive 3-pointers to put Novi ahead for keeps.

"Just staying composed, just staying calm, keep our team in check and just being great (in) clutch factors during the game," Maddox said of his fourth-quarter mindset. "Go to the basket harder, start to draw fouls. The more free throws I shot, the more 3-pointers I shot. Get myself in a rhythm and calm myself down and stop being so frustrated.'

Calin Crawford, a senior guard, also added 12 points for the Rocks, who shot 23-of-52 from the floor (44.2 percent).

"We did not play very well, but not to take anything away from Novi," Brodie said. "We made a lot of mistakes. And there are things that we see as coaches and the players know that we just didn't do stuff we were supposed to do. Not only execution, but some mental mistakes."

The teams split during the

regular season, with Novi winning the last time out, 67-53, after falling, 55-52, in the first meeting.

"They've got weapons," Brodie said of the Wildcats. "We knew (Maddox) was a good player. We shot ourselves in the foot a little bit and we have to play better than that to win the basketball game.'

Salem bowed out with a 12-9 record.

"They survived. They never quit," Brodie said. "They had a good season. They got a championship in a Christmas tournament. They won more than they lost, which is important. But I know they wanted more and we wanted more from a coaches' standpoint. I'm proud of the way they played. We think we had a good season."

Meanwhile, it was survive and advance for the Wildcats, who also got eight points off the bench from senior forward Johnny Davis, along with a big block from senior center Jay Duarte in the final minute that set up two made free throws by Maddox with 22.5 seconds to play.

"Fourteen or 15 in the fourth quarter ... just kind of shows what kind of player he can be," Sinawi said of Maddox. "And he's only a sophomore, so he played really gutsy.'

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jumped out to a 24-7 first-quarter lead. Tyler Rose led the Soldiers with 15 points. Franklin Road made only 6-of-16 free throws (37.5 percent), while Genesee Christian was of-7 (57.1 percent). OSBORN 63, DETROIT CC 57: Detroit

Osborn won the 33-point shooting battle March 1 en route to a non-league victory at Novi Detroit Catholic Central (10-9).

Armonee Felder paced the Knights with a game-high 20 points, including a pair of triples, while also going 4-of-4 from the foul line. Rashard Zimmerman chipped in 17 points with all five field-goal attempts made coming from 3-point range as Osborn improved to 9-10 overall.

The Shamrocks, unable to overcome a 28-21 halftime deficit, got 14 points from junior guard Gio Genrich, who made four 3-pointers. Junior forward C.J. Baird contributed 13, including three triples, while 6-8 senior center Tom Smulsky had 11 points as CC made six 3-pointers and connected on all seven free throw attempts.

Osborn made a total of seven triples and was 8-of-11 from the foul line



Novi's Trendon Hankerson (right) plays some harassing defense against Brighton.

## **GIRLS BASKETBALL**

# Canton survives district test vs. Novi

Gritty Wildcats can't get over hump in Plymouth semifinal

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

It was a Class A girls basketball district semifinal that resembled a 15-round prize fight March 2 at Plymouth.

It was an Olivia Newton John Let's Get Physical kind of game as Canton and Novi traded body blows for 32 minutes.

And it was Canton that came away with the 37-35 decision over the Wildcats in a game that wasn't decided until the final possession.

The defenses dominated and baskets proved hard to come by, as evidenced by the shooting percentages of both teams. Canton shot 11-of-32 (34.3 percent) from the field, while Novi was 14-of-53 (26.4 percent).

In a game that remained tight throughout, things got really interesting when Ellie Mackay's basket with 1:50 left pulled Novi (16-5) within one, 36-35.

But the Wildcats missed two shots during a tense final 18 seconds before Canton's Shamya Butler split a pair of free throws with only 3.3 seconds to make it a two-point cushion.

Mackay's last-ditch heave from just from beyond half-court missed the mark as the buzzer sounded and Canton

(18-4) held on to advance to the district final against Northville.

"(Bill) Kelp had his kids ready to play," Can-ton's Rob Heitmeyer said of his rival coach. "It was a physical game. Certainly, it was in the battle plan for both teams. It's too bad someone has to lose a game like this, because it was a gutsy game all the way around."

Canton made 6-of-10 free throws during the final quarter, outscoring the Wildcats, 10-6, after trailing 29-27 after three quarters.

The Chiefs' balanced scoring attack was led by Brianna Finn's eight points. Erin Hult, Raquel Church and Butler each added seven, while Madison Wolfbauer had six.

Canton made 14-of-22 free throws for the game (63.6 percent), but committed 21 turnovers, including two costly ones in the final minute that gave the Wildcats a chance to tie or go ahead.

"Both teams were in the (free throw) bonus, so we certainly didn't want to foul," Heitmeyer said. "We certainly wanted to put ourselves in position to be fouled. We shot the free throws pretty well tonight. If they were going to put us at the line at the end, we felt comfortable there."

Mackay, a sophomore point guard, was the only player to score in double figures with 12, while senior forward Allie Lipson added nine. "I thought in the second half, we had lot of shots that went in and came out," Novi coach Bill Kelp said. "We just

Erin Hult.

down there at the end." Canton led 11-5 after one quarter, but Novi rallied with a 14-5 run in the second to take a 19-16

Novi's Jessie Bandyk (middle) gets a shot off against Canton defenders Shamya Butler (left) and

halftime lead. Over the final two quarters, the teams were never separated by more than four points.

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Despite taking 21 fewer shots from the floor, Canton tried to make the most of its opportunities.

"We've been working on being more judicious all year," Heitmeyer said. "When we take 32 shots, our idea is to take 32 quality shots. When your shooting percentage goes up, you give them less chance to score. It fit a little more into our game plan to be more judicious on the offensive side."

Novi, meanwhile, proved to be scrappy group throughout the game.

"We started with our little guard (Jessie Bandyk) on Hult and that worked pretty good,' Kelp said, "but then in the third quarter, their guards starting scoring a little more and we switched things up a little bit."

With Marissa Dunn and Lipson being the team's only two seniors, Novi hopes to piggyback on its 16-5 season.

'We play a lot of young kids and, as I just told them, the experience that they got this year will hopefully play dividends the next two or three years with them," Kelp said. "They're going to get bigger, get stronger. With that said, we lose two really good seniors in our program who have been in our program for four years. We're going to miss them."

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#### **GIRLS BASKETBALL**



## **GIRLS BASKETBALL** Franklin Road seizes district crown, 61-34

Rayburn scores 27 in Class D win over Southfield Christian

didn't make enough plays

**Brad Emons** Staff Writer

Rayburn fired in a game-high 27 point



Senior guard Hannah



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Northville's Brook Adams (left) looks for an opening against Plymouth defender Elise Wehmer.

## Mustangs 'school' Plymouth in district semifinals, 45-23

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

Although Northville was off school March 2 for a snow day, the Mustangs proved to be in the mood to take their first girls basketball state tournament opponent to school themselves.

Northville did just that, putting on a dominating display from start to finish with a convincing 45-23 Class A district semifinal victory over host Plymouth.

The Mustangs earned a spot in the district final against Canton.

Junior forward Brook Adams was the catalyst in the Northville victory as she scored all 13 of her game-high points during the first half to stake the Mustangs to a commanding 25-8 advantage.

The lead mushroomed to 35-11 after three quarters before Northville coach Todd Gudith emptied his bench in the final quarter

A majority of Adams' baskets came on highpercentage shots

"Brook really stepped up in the first half," Gudith said. "I don't think (Plymouth) really had a chance to stop her big size advantage and she really took advantage of that early on, made a few close shots inside. And defensively, we just locked up on them.'

Plymouth (8-13) did not make a field goal for 12 minutes, 38 seconds

during the first half before a Chantal LeDoux basket with 30.2 seconds broke the drought.

The Wildcats also committed a total of 21 turnovers and shot only 5-of-28 from the floor (17.8 percent) for the game.

"I just thought our communication was really good," Gudith said of his defense. "Plymouth screens a ton in their offense. We told our kids we've got to be able to switch on those screens and talk each other through it. That was the only way we were going to be able to keep them in front of us. And I thought the communication was outstanding.'

Sophomore guard Kendall Dillon and junior forward Jessica Moorman contributed nine and seven points, respectively, for the Mustangs, who shot 19-of-43 from the floor (44.1 percent)

"I think the kids were happy to have the day off today," Gudith said. "It was kind of unexpected, but we were able to come into the gym and get a short shootaround this afternoon to kind of wake everybody up and get loose.'

LeDoux, a sophomore, and senior Cassidy Lewis scored nine and eight points, respectively, for the Wildcats.

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Friday as Novi Franklin Road Christian notched its second Class D girls basketball district title in three years with a convincing 61-34 triumph over Southfield Christian in the final at **Detroit Public Safety** Academy.

Rayburn helped the Warriors jump out to a 34-14 halftime lead by making four 3-pointers. Danielle Fusco

chipped in 12 points, while Reagan Mumford added seven points and seven rebounds as the Warriors advanced to the March 9regional semifinal match against Morrice (14-7) at Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes.

'The girls came back tonight after a really tough game Wednesday night, kept their intensity up. They played really hard on the defensive

Novi Franklin Road Christian defeated Southfield Christian to win its second Class D girls basketball district title in three years.

end," third-year Franklin Road coach Tiffany Butler said. "I think we had about 15 steals and got the win.'

Rayburn had five triples on the night and also went 4-of-5 from the foul line. As a team, the Warriors went 7-of-9 (77.7 percent).

"Rayburn was outstanding tonight," Butler

#### said. "She hit five threes. Defensively, she had four steals. Offensively, she got us ahead and we never looked back."

Tiara Francisco scored a team-high eight points for Southfield Christian (8-14), which made 13-of-22 free throws (59 percent).

FRANKLIN ROAD 52, DETROIT PUBLIC SAFETY 29: Hannah Rayhurn

scored 13 points and Chanelle Lochr chipped in 11 as Novi Franklin Road Christian (8-12) bounced host Detroit Public Safety Academy (13-3) in a Class D district semifinal March 1.

The Warriors, who led 20-14 at halftime and 35-24 after three quarters, broke open the game with a 17-5 fourth-quarter run. Deashia Young scored 13 points for the Eagles, who made only 7-of-18 free throws (38.8 percent).

Franklin Road was 19-of-31 from the foul line (61.2 percent).

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the opening quarter as Canton jumped out to a 13-8 advantage, but Northville took the lead at halftime, 21-20, thanks to a triple from Moorman at the buzzer.Both teams struggled shooting the ball in the third quarter, with Northville going 3-of-16, while Canton was 4-of-12. It resulted in a 29-29 deadlock.

But in the fourth quarter, Northville got to the line and made 11-of-14 free throws.

That (free throws) obviously made all the difference in the world trying to keep it at least a two possession game because Hult hit a couple there late to kind of get them within arm's reach and we wanted to make sure we just had a little wiggle room," Gudith said



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The Northville girls basketball team won the Class A district title with a 44-38 win over Canton in the finals Friday at Salem.

Turnovers played a big factor in the outcome as Canton had a total of 20, while Northville had

"With about three

minutes to go, for some

fingers a little bit," Heit-

that is nerves, but these

they've been in some big

games and they've come

through. This is just one

of those times where the

girls live for these mo-

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meyer said. " Some of

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ball didn't bounce our way.'

While Hult finished with 23, Madison Wolfbauer was Canton's next high scorer with five as the Chiefs went 13-of-38 from the floor (34.2 percent) and 10-of-11 from the foul line (90.9 percent)

"We call her 'Hot-Handed Hult," Canton coach Rob Heitmeyer said. "She loves to find a rhythm and for her team, she delivered.<sup>2</sup>

Northville, meanwhile, had more of a balanced scoring attack as Adams, a junior, added 10, while sophomore guards Kendall Dillon and Roan Haines contributed eight and seven, respectively.

The Mustangs made 16-of-50 shots from the floor (32 percent) and 14-of-20 free throws (70 percent).

For the Mustangs, it was their first district title since 2012.

We just knew we needed one more win to win the district, obviously, so we put all of our hard work out on the court and left it all on the court," Moorman said. "Win or lose, you got to be ready to play. I think it was more defense but, obviously, we finished on offense. We've been really working on our defense and it showed today.<sup>2</sup>

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### **PREP GYMNASTICS**

# Mustang duo eye trip to Rockford

Canton earns MHSAA regional team crown; Northville places fifth

#### **TIM SMITH** Staff Writer

Another year, another regional title for Canton's gymnastics team.

But veteran Chiefs coach John Cunningham tipped his cap to the other strong squads competing in the MHSAA regional Saturday at Plymouth High School, including the other teams who will make the trip to Rockford this weekend, runner-up Plymouth and third-place Livonia Blue.

"It was a tough region," Cunningham said. We actually had five teams coming in that had scored above 140. We were really disappointed for Livonia Red, because they had a 138.9; they would have had an opportunity to go.'

Canton's outstanding depth, epitomized by having four of six gymnasts in Division 1 allaround qualify for the state finals, led the way with 146.425.

In second with a 143.175 score was Plymouth, followed by Livonia Blue (141.575), Livonia Red (138.825) and Northville (137.450).

The Mustangs were led by individual state qualifier Erin McCallum, who placed sixth in the Division 1 all-around (35.65). The sophomore

**PREP BOWLING** 

S.L. East's Lancioni is ousted by D2 champ

> **Brad Emons** Staff Writer

South Lyon East's akavla Lancioni



Northville gymnastics coach Erin McWatt (middle) is flanked by state qualifiers Erin McCallum (left) and Maddy Lewis.

took third on vault (9.2), fourth on balance beam (9.2) and tied for sixth on the uneven bars (8.5). Joining her at the

Division  $\overline{1}$  state finals is freshman standout Maddy Lewis, who placed fourth on the uneven bars with 8.675. Freshman Mackenzie Willson put together the most impressive floor score for the Mustangs (8.825), which earned her a 10th-place finish among all Division 1 competitors.

"What a fantastic way to end an amazing season," Northville coach Erin McWatt said. "Best

of luck to Erin and Maddy as they set their sights on all-state performances next weekend in Rockford.

"We are easily the toughest region out there ... our 'kiddos' will be bringing it big time to Rockford next weekend, teams and individuals

alike." The team event starts at 2 p.m.Friday, while the individual finals begins at noon on Saturday.

LAURA MCCALLUM

MHSAA GYMNASTICS REGION 3 RESULTS March 5 at Plymouth H.S. TEAM STANDINGS (Top three qualify for state finals): 1. Canton, 146.425; 2. Plymouth, 143.175; 3. Livonia 146.425; 2. Plymouth, 143.175; 3. Livonia Blue, 141.575; 4. Livonia Red, 138.825; 5. Northville, 137.450; 6. Saline, 137.025; 7. Salem, 136, 450; 8. Tecumseh, 135, 650; 9. Dearborn Edsel Ford, 31, 950. DIVISION 1

(top eight qualify for state finals) Vault: 1. Kernosek (C), 9.5; 2. Dickson (C), 9.350; 3. McCallum (N), 9.2; 4. Hilditch

(C), 9.350; 3. McCallum (N), 9.2; 4. Hilditch (C), 9.15; (tie) Fontana (P), 9.050; Williams (Salem), 9.050; 7. (tie) Cox (C), 8.9; Hattley (IR), 8.9; 9. Metz (P), 8.8; 10. (tie) Simu (P) and Eilola (P), 8.650 each. **Uneven parallel bars:** 1. Metz (P), 9.450; 2. Hilditch (C), 9.0; 3. Dickson (C), 8.850; 4. Lewis (N), 8.675; 5. Cox (C), 8.6; 6. (tie) Eilola (P) and McCallum (N), 8.5 each; 8. Kernosek (C), 8.475; 9. Hosmer (P), 8.250; 10. Hattley (IR), 8.025. **Balance beam:** 1. Metz (P), 9.375; 2. Cox (C), 9.325; 3. Dickson (C), 9.2 each; 6. Eilola (P), 8.950; 7. Simu (P), 8.257; 10. Hattley (IR), 8.4.

Hilditch (C), 8.650; 9. Williom (W), 0.575, 10. Hattley (LR), 8.4. Floor exercise: 1. Williams (Salem), 9.850; 2. Simu (P), 9.5; 3. Hilditch (C), 9.475; 4. Metz (P), 9.350; 5. Cox (C), 9.250; 6. Kernosek (C), 9.175; 7. Hattley (LR), 9.075; 8. Dickson (C), 9.050; 9. Wagner (Saline), 9.010. William (N). 8.825.

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(top eight qualify for state finals) Vault: 1. Hillie (LR), 9.2; 2. Rhoad (LB), 9.175; 3. (tie) Weak (LB), 9.150; Emily Welch (LP), 9.150; Borrman (LB), 9.150; G. McVey (LR), 9.150; Borrman (LR), 9.150; G. McVey (LR), 9.125; 7. (tie) Najduk (C), Hodgson (C) and Waters (LR), 9.1 each; 10.Chapski (LB), 9.050

Uneven parallel bars: 1. Weak (LB), 9.175; 2. Amstutz (Saline), 8.850; 3. (tie) Welch (P) and Heider (Saline), 8.675 each; 5. Chatterjee (LB), 8.450; 6. Rhoad (LB), 8.425; 7. Longeway (Salem), 8.325; 8. McVey (LR), 8.3; 9. Bogrow (T), 8.1; 10. (tie) Hillie (LR and Ryktarsyk (LR), 8.175 each. Balance beam: 1. Rhoad (LB), 9.250;

2. Socha (C), 9.2; 3. Hodgson (C), 9.150; 4. (tie) Fisher (Salem) and Friedrichsen (Saline), 8.850 each: 6. Weak (LB), 8.775: 7. Longeway (Salem), 8 750; 8 (tie) Chatterjee (LB), 8.575; Heider (Saline), 8.575; 10. Borrman (LR), 8.550.

Borrman (LR), 8:550. Floor exercise: 1. Rhoad (LB), 9:675; 2. Hodgson (C), 9:575; 3. (tie) Morgan Cadmus (T), 9:225; McVey (LR), 9:225; 5. Chatterjee (LB), 9:175; 6. (tie) Swan (T) and Tapia (Saline), 9:075 each; 8. Carr (T), 9:050; 9. Silvester (P), 9:025; 10. Brianna Price (T), 90. 9.0

All-around (top six qualify): 1 Rhoad (LB), 36.525; 2. Weak (LB), 35.950; 3. Hodgson (C), 35.725; 4. McVey (LR), 34.725; 5. Socha (C), 34.675; 6. Welch (P), 34.525; 7. Fisher (Salem), 34.500; 8. Heider (Saline), 34.250; 9. Longeway (Salem), 33.950; 10. Amstutz (Saline), 33.900.

## MHSAA WRESTLING RESULTS

ord: 20-1 Kevon Davenport, Detroit CC (119), first place: won by tech. fall over Michael Romanoski (Anchor Bay), 20-5; p. Nate Hampton (Rochester Stoney Creek), 0:39; dec. Kaleb Marion (Walled Lake Central), 3-2; dec. A.J. Facundo (Davison), 8-1. **Final record:** 47-3

Cameron Amine, Detroit CC (125), first place: dec. Jackson Renicker (Brighton), 5-0; dec. Deven Perez (Davison), 1-0; dec. Xavier Graham (Woodhaven), 7-4; dec. Donte Rivera Garcia (Southgate), 6-0. Final record:

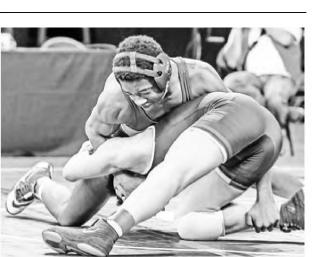
39-9 Jackson Ross, Detroit CC (215), sixth place: dec. by Eric Conquest (Brighton), 2-1; dec. Michael Schulcz (Birmingham Seaholm), 3-0; dec. Jaren McFerrin-Pace (Kalamazoo Loy Norrix), 2-1; dec. Tanner Thomas (Davison), 2-1 (0T); dec. by Josh Rettig (Livonia Franklin), 3-0;

over Dominic Todaro (Romeo), 9-1; dec. Nolan Klapec (Lakeland), 3-2; dec. Cole Janes (Grandville), 5-3 (OT); p. by Medley (Anchor Bay), 1:54; p. by Logan Palshan (Southgate), 2:13: Final record: 29-15. Aaron Rehfeldt, Detroit CC (120) coursthe Discord of Avija

Aaron Rehfeldt, Detroit CC (130), seventh place: dec. Austin Fine (Hudsonville), 2-0; dec. by Noah Schoeherr (Bay City Western), 7-2; dec. Lee Grabowski (Brighton), 3-1; dec. by Warren Stanfield (North Farmington), 6-4; dec. Chris Brown (Belleville), 3-2. Final record: 33-18. Nolan Klapec, Lakeland (112),

did not place: p. Isaac Lefler (West-land John Glenn), 1:07; dec. by Max Johnson (Davison), 6-2; dec. by Stone Moscovic (Detroit CC), 3-2. Final record: 42-5. Willy Jackson, Novi (135), did

not place: dec. by Carol Marceau (Utica), 3-0; dec. by Jimmy Muscato





## MHSAA WRESTLING INDIVIDUAL FINALS DIVISION 1 March 3-5 at Palace of Auburn Hills AREA FINISHERS

AREA FINISHERS Tyler Morland, Detroit CC (171 pounds), first place: pinned Jon Gough (Grosse Pointe South, 2:31; won by technical fall over Nick Mason (Utica), 18-2; won by major decision over Cole Rechsteiner (Bay City Western), 18-7; dec. Devon Pingel (Lapeer), 6-2. Final record: 45-1. Nick Lenkins. Detroit CC (285)

Nick Jenkins, Detroit CC (285), Nick Jenkins, Detroit CC (285), first place: dec. Reno Giacolone (Anchor Bay), 3-2, Matt Lloyd (Grandville), 2-1; dec. Tim Stevens (Temperance Bedford), 3-2 (overtime); dec. Ali Wahab (Dearborn Heights Crestwood), 5-1. Final

record: 39-10 Ben Kamali, Detroit CC (103), first place: won by tech. fall ove Varan Mangal (Rochester), 16-1; dec. Jack Samuels (Hudsonville), 7-3; dec. Nathan Hollifield (Fraser), 8-2; dec. Rayvon Foley (Ann Arbor Pioneer), 10-8. **Final rec**-

reached the elimination round of of the MHSAA girls bowling Division 2 individual singles state finals before being ousted by eventual champion Hannah Ploof of Flint Kearsley at Super Bowl in Canton.

Lancioni, a junior, rolled a 1,071 total, including a high game of 206, in the six-game qualifying block to earn the 16th and final spot in the match play round, which consisted of twogame total pin fall.

Ploof rolled 159-224-383, while Lancioni, a regional champ, fell 30 pins short with a twogame set of 198-155-353.

South Lyon senior Cassie Dorony was 48th overall in the qualifying block with a 940 total, highlighted by a pair of 171 games.

On the boys side, East junior Brendan Mackeridge took 47th in the qualifying block with a 1,020 total, including 247 in his final game.

Austin Robinson of Sturgis was the Division 2 boys singles champion with a 427-399 victory over Melvindale's Marcus McClain.

In Saturday's Division 1 boys singles finals at Sterling Lanes, Warren Mott's Brad Delmarle defeated Wyandotte's Gabe Cassisse, 459-393, for the title.

Novi Detroit Catholic Central senior Brad Hohentanner was 60th in the qualifying block with a 927 total, with a high game of 178.

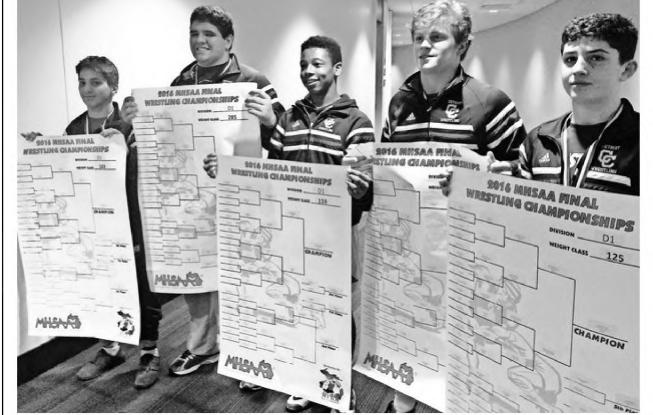
In the Division 1 girls singles final, Davison's Taylor Davis had a 300 game to go along with 179 for a 479 total to beat Westland John Glenn's Julia Huren (195-215-410) for the title.

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Final record: 37-13. Stone Moscovic, Detroit CC (112), sixth place: p. by Jack Medley (Anchor Bay), 3:24; won by major dec.

Aidan Waugh, Detroit CC (140): by Reece Hughes (Hartland), 4:48; dec. y Mason Evans (Battle Creek Lakeview), 10-3. Final record: 31-18.

Catholic Central's Kevon Davenport (top) decisioned Davison's reigning state champ A.J. Facundo, 8-1, in the finals.



Catholic Central's five individual wrestling state champions included (from left) Ben Kamali, Nick Jenkins, Kevon Davenport, Tyler Morland and Cameron Amine.

## GRAPPLERS

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"I knew that I could beat him, I just had to keep focus," Jenkins said. "The last match was pretty close and I knew I could come out on top this time."

Jenkins, who got his start wrestling as an eighth-grader at Stevenson Middle School in Westland, placed sixth in last year's individual finals.

"I wanted to win a state championship," he said. "I knew had the ability to and that was my main goal all year, to be at the top of the podi-

#### Morland dominated in his four state tournament matches, capped by a 6-2 win over Lapeer's Devon Pingel in the finals. Morland finished the year 45-1.

um."

'He beat a guy who beat him earlier in the year," Hancock said. "That young man who beat Tyler, Devon Pingel, beat us at the CC Invite finals. So Tyler was 0-1 versus Pingel at 171 and he was 1-0 versus (Brendan) McRill at 189 (the state champ) And Tyler is sort of a tweener. He's weighs about 178 and he goes up to 189 for us at times and beat McRill earlier this year, so it was a

tough choice for him to make on whether to go 171 or 189 to win a title. He chose to take the tougher route and get that loss back."

Kamali, a transfer from East Lansing, became eligible mid-semester and finished the year 20-1, capped by a 10-8 triumph in the finals over Rayvon Foley of Ann Arbor Pioneer.

"Kamali is special," Hancock said. "His brother was a senior (last year) at East Lansing, so Ben wanted to come to Catholic Central as a freshman, but chose to compete with his brother being a senior at East Lansing.

"Made the change-

over this year and then was eligible after Martin Luther King Day. His dad, I don't think will find out about the state title until tonight when they speak. He's on a mission in Afghanistan and you can't have communication with his family until Monday."

MITCH HANCOCK

Davenport, meanwhile, went 47-3 overall, ending with an 8-1 decision over Davison's A.J. Facundo, the Division 1 state champion at 112 from a year ago. In the semifinals, Davenport edged Walled Lake Central's Kaleb Marion, 3-2.

"Kevon is just as confident as they get," Hancock said. "He works extremely hard in our room. Just believes in himself, believes in his ability, believes in our staff and our program and I think you saw that this week. To beat a returning state champ as bad as he did was pretty exciting to watch. Kevon is a fantastic fit here at CC.<sup>2</sup>

Amine's draw was one of the most daunting, as he finished the year 39-9 overall.

"I think Cameron's path was a little more difficult in the fact that he had to beat so many quality wrestlers en route to winning it, starting with Jackson Renicker, then Perez and then beats the kid (Graham) who beat him last week," Hancock said. "It's incredible the tournament that he put together and did it without giving up a single point (in the finals). Won unscored upon.<sup>3</sup>

Hancock called it just absolutely remarkable" getting two ninthgraders on the top podium.

"First time in our school history that we've had two freshman state champs," Hancock said. "It should be interesting to look up to see schools have two freshmen win state titles in the the same year. I can't recall in recent history that being done.'

Junior Jackson Ross (215) and sophomore Stone Moscovic (112) and both placed sixth to finish 37-13 and 33-18, respectively, for the Shamrocks.

CC senior Aaron Rehfeldt (130) finished the year 33-18 after taking seventh.

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## **BOYS HOCKEY**

# Vikings goaltender Butler ends Novi's quest

33-save effort does in Wildcats in D2 pre-regional game

#### Tom Morelli Correspondent

While drivers struggled to navigate March 1 through an unforgiving snowstorm, Novi faced an obstacle of its own against Walled Lake Central in a Division 2 preregional boys hockey game at the Novi Ice Arena.

The Wildcats threw everything but the kitchen sink at their counterparts, as they outshot the Vikings by a 36-16 margin, but were unable to sneak enough of them past Jake Butler in a 6-3 loss

We outshot them 14-6 in the first period and I think we certainly came

out ready, prepared and fired up for the game,' Novi assistant coach Jim Lewis said. "We knew Walled Lake Central was a good team and with 20 wins on the season, you have to be prepared for that. Problem is, their goaltender made some big saves when he needed to and we walked out of that period with virtually nothing. It was disappointing, but they played well and you have to give them credit, especially their goaltender.'

Walled Lake Central (21-5-0) began to tilt the scales in its favor during the second period, when Novi was called for four minor penalties within a five-minute span.

Tied at 2-2, the Vikings notched the first of three power-play goals at the 8:55 mark, with Cam Stevenson finishing off a cross-ice pass from Ian

Smith.

Just more than two minutes later, the Wildcats (8-15-2) were able to even the score, courtesy of a Sam Jenkins goal from the high slot, with assists to juniors Cam Czapski and Ryan Fonda.

The draw was shortlived, as Central would once again score while on the man-advantage, what turned out to be the game-winning goal.

Defenseman Jackson Esterline sent the puck over with pinpoint accuracy to Smith, who returned the favor by going top shelf over the shoulder of Novi goaltender Josh Richardson.

Just before the end of the period, the Vikings were also able to garner some production from their penalty-killing unit, thanks to Ryan Kalis intercepting the puck in the Wildcats' defensive

zone to make it a 5-3

affair. Central coach Gary Quitiquit talked about his team's scoring frenzy in the second period.

"After the first period, I told them that the home team will get the first seven to 10 minutes of energy and we just have to withstand that storm and then, after that, we need to start playing our game," he said. "We talked about that after the first period and that's basically when we started playing our game and taking over the boards. I told them to keep the shots on the outside and as long as Butler can see it, he'll stop it.

"We did a real good job at driving the net and we've been working on that, knowing that we needed to put a lot of pressure and shoot on the goalie. And if the goalie

coughed it up, we'd be right there and that's how we got some of our goals."

Lewis pointed to the penalty-laden second period as the point in which momentum switched sides.

"We had a five-minute spurt there in the second period where we lost our focus and we lost our discipline," he said. "To go down five-on-three like we did and give up a power-play goal ... I think that's what turned the tides on the whole game and that's what changed everything.'

Novi took control early, with Fonda, a junior defenseman, knocking home a rebound at 4:28 of the opening period.

Noah Luff's goal from the slot less than two minutes later evened the score before junior forward Zach Perpich restored Novi's lead on a scramble outside the crease with 11:45 elapsed.

Just when the Wildcats looked to be going into the intermission with a one-goal lead, Esterline managed to sneak in a slap shot from the left face-off circle with less than a second remaining to place some momentum back in Central's favor.

As if that wasn't enough, Esterline also added a power-play goal in the third off a onetimer from senior Nick Wood (four assists).

Butler had 33 saves to his credit, while Richardson and Manny Legace Jr. combined for 10.

Central went on to eliminate South Lyon Unified, 4-0, before falling to Hartland, 7-2, in Saturday's regional championship final.

## Alma golf commit



MICHAEL F. KOWALCZYK Northville High senior captain Jennifer Kowalczyk has committed to play golf next year at Alma Collge, where she plans to major in athletic training. Under coach Jeff Balagna (left), Kowalczyk helped the Mustangs to back-to-back MHSAA Division 1 state finals appearances and was a three-time all-Kensington Lakes and two-time All-Area honoree.

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keep doing what you're doing and it, eventually, will pay off.'

The Shamrocks then scored two goals 27 seconds apart to make it 3-0 at the end of two JoJo Mancinelli on a two-on-one break from Brian Kearns at 12:05, followed by Alex Kreutzer's goal at 12:32 from Kyle Mulka and Mancinelli.

After two periods, CC enjoyed a 27-2 shot advantage.

"I can't complain; we had chances," said Man-cinelli, a senior forward. "As long as we keep getting chances, it will come, eventually. We knew the goalie would break, eventually. We just kept getting shots from all over and, eventually, they'd just go in." At 2:32 of the final period CC's Jared Lee

made it 4-0 from Sheldon Wasik and West.

Zachary Sprys-Tellner gave CC a five-goal cushion at 8:34 scoring on a break-out play from Nick Macari. Luc Krasicky completed the CC scoring from Glynn Robitaille at 10:30.

CC, getting the shutout from goalie Alec Calvaruso, also won the first meeting this season between the two teams, 5-0, Dec. 18.

"They were shorthanded last time we played them, so we knew it was going to be a different hockey game and they had some guys that could hurt us if we let them," Kaleniecki said.

One guy who tried to make it his own show was Szafran, who stood on his head for much of the first two periods.

"He was amazing. I don't know what else he could have done," said Rochester United coach Craig Staskowski, whose team finished 13-15 overall. "He was an acrobat in there. He gave us a chance. We just couldn't get if figured out there. I feel like we played a little better at the end of the second and parts of the third, but I think we let it get away from ourselves at that point. But he was really good."

For Staskowski, it became sort of a helpless feeling standing on the bench trying to figure out a way to stop the fast-paced Shamrocks.

"It's everything," Staskowski said. "It's their depth, for sure. All their guys are good skaters, just a good team and they're very wellcoached. You think you have areas where you might be able to move the puck, but it always seemed like they always had a guy there to make a play on you. We ran into buzz-saw today. I think that's the best way to put it."

In the tradition of the NHL Stanley Cup playoffs, the Shamrocks did not touch the regional trophy during the awards ceremony. Instead, CC athletic director Aaron Babicz walked off the ice with it in hand.

"I know last year, we didn't touch it," Mancinelli said. "I'm not sure how long it's been going on."

DETROIT CC 8, NORTH-HARRI-SON C: Zachary Sprys-Tellner's goal with 3:33 remaining in the final period closed out a Novi Detroit Catholic Central (20-7) mercy rule victory March 2 over North Farmington-Harrison (8-18) in a Division 1 regional semifinal at USA Hockey Arena in Plumouth

Plymouth. Nick Macari and Luc Krasicky drew assists on Sprys-Tellner's game-ending

Goal. CC jumped out to a 2-0 first-period lead on power-play goals by Brendan West at 11:57 (from Anthony Esser and Austin Roell) and Kyle Mulka at 13:34 (from Alex Kreutzer and Jolo Mancinelli).

The Shamrocks added three more goals in the second period to increase their lead to 5-0 - Brian Kearns at 10:32 on a power play (from Krasicky and Kreutzer); Glynn Robitaille at 11:05 (from J.P. Lafferty); and Lafferty unassisted at 15:50.

Sheldon Wasik then made it 6-0 at 1:33 Sheldon Wasik then made it 6-0 at 1:33 of the third period from West and Jared Lee, followed by Mancinelli's short-handed goal at 11:17 from Kearns. Alec Calvaruso posted the shutout in goal for the Shamrocks, while Thomas Bacon started in net for the Flyers.

## **COLLEGE SOCCER**

## Michigan Bucks to host College Challenge March 19 at Ultimate Arenas

p.m. featuring MSU

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Staff Writer

College soccer at its finest will be on display Saturday, March 19, at the Michigan Bucks eighth annual College Challenge at Ultimate Soccer Arenas in Pontiac.

Men's soccer teams from Butler University, Michigan State, Notre Dame and Oakland University will play, with the day's first match at 12:30

against the Fighting Irish. Each of the four games will be only 70 minutes in length at the request of the teams.

The No. 10 nationally ranked Irish will play back-to-back matches, with their next game at 2:10 p.m. against Horizon League Tournament champion OU. The Spartans' next competition will be at 3:50 p.m. against Big East Confer-

The final match is scheduled for 5:30 p.m., with Oakland facing Butler in a coaching match-up that features two former Bucks players, Eric Pogue (OU) and Paul Snape (Butler), both whom were leaders on the field as players and now as head coaches facing each other for the second consecutive year.

Tickets are \$12 at the door (all ages), which

four games. Discount tickets can be purchased in advance for \$8 at the Bucks website www.BucksSoccer.com (click on the flier to continue to the link).

To purchase online, registration will be required once to create an account and ensure the Bucks ticket buying process will be an easy one all year-round. Once purchased, print a copy

to will-call on game day. (Tickets will not be mailed.)

All college students will gain admission for only \$6 when showing a valid student ID at the door

Groups that want to purchase 20 or more tickets in advance for \$6 each can contact KHaapala@BucksSoccer.com. Tickets are also available for sale at Ultimate Socgame day. Children 5 and under are always free to Bucks events.

The Bucks coaching staff will be on hand evaluating the current talent, many of who are auditioning for a spot on the 2016 Bucks roster.

The Bucks will begin their 21st season in the **Premier Development** League in May as the defending PDL regular season champs.

## **SPORTS ROUNDUP**

## Adult softball leagues

Registration is now open for the Northville Parks and Recreation adult morning, afternoon and evening softball leagues (free agents included).

Among the leagues offered are Sunday afternoon (co-ed); Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday (men's); Wednesday morning (men's); Tuesday 55-and-over (senior men's); and Thursday 52-andover (senior men's).

For more information, call Charlie Gabbeart at 248-449-9947 or email cgabbeart@ci.northville.mi.us

#### Novi Motion AAU girls hoops

The Novi Motion, an AAU girls basketball team, has announced its tryout schedule for the upcoming season at the Novi Middle School auxiliary gym.

» Incoming grades 4-5, 6:30-8 p.m.; grades 6-7, 9:30 p.m., both Tuesday, March 15

» Incoming grades 8-9, 6:30-8 p.m.;

grades 10-11, 8-9:30 p.m., both Thursday, March 17.

Players need to come 15 minutes before start time, dressed and ready to play. The tryout fee is \$20. Parent or guardian must sign a wavier form. Forms are available online at https://sites.google.com/site/novi motionbb/

For more information, call Ron Valente at 248-349-5464 or Rob Lalain at 248-767-2030

#### Novi baseball registration open

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 and under.

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 practices

Registration is available for Novi Youth Baseball Inferno drop-in practices, 7:35-9:15 p.m. each Friday during March and April, at the Strike Zone, 48155 West 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 camp scheduled

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.



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Find some inspiration for your next home project.

## Novi Backyard, Pool & Spa Show opens March 18

The 21st annual Novi Backyard, Pool & Spa Show returns March 18-20 to the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi.

'Swim, entertain, exercise and make a big splash this summer for your family and friends with a new or renovated outdoor living space,' Richard Martin, president of Association of Pool & Spa Professionals, Michigan Chapter, stated in a press release. "Our show exhibitors can create a new backvard environment or renew an existing backyard with their design, equipment, construction, servicing or refurbishing.<sup>2</sup>

APSP is the event sponsor and a nonprofit local trade association composed of member companies in the pool, spa and backyard living business.

Hundreds of ideas. products and services are available from the major outdoor living environment categories, including in-ground and above ground pools, spas, swim spas, hot tubs, saunas, decks, patios, fencing, outdoor kitchens and living spaces, landscaping, water features, brick paving, decorative concrete, patio furniture and accessories.

Homeowners will find the information they need about building and buying a pool or spa at show exhibits. Experts are available with tips and advice on purchasing, planning, maintenance, safety and landscaping.

"Every weekend this summer will be a vacation for homeowners with a new backyard setting," Martin said. "Exhibitors will have a wide selection on display and showcase the latest trends and innovations in action to fit any space or budget for backyard living relaxation and fun.

Suburban Collection Showplace is located at 46100 Grand River Avenue, between Novi and Beck roads. Show hours are 3-9 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$8; \$4 for children 6-14 and children 5 and younger free. Discount coupons for \$2 off adult admission are available at show's website. On-site parking is available for a fee. For information on APSP, go to www.apspmi.org. For show information, go to www.novipoolshow.com or call 734-398-9700.

# Novi-based Franzese introduces new gelato, pasta mixes

Novi-based Franzese announces new gelato and pasta mix product lines through its partnership with KitchenAid. These mixes have been specifically designed for use with the KitchenAid Stand Mixer's Ice Cream Maker and Pasta Maker attachments and can be made in 11 minutes.

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"We are really excited about our partnership with KitchenAid," Paolo Franzese, CEO of Franzese, stated in a press release. "It's a company that thrives on innovation, which is our sole focus. So the partnership is a perfect match."

"We're delighted to partner with another brand that encourages cooks to experiment and build their culinary skills at their own pace," said Michael Huie, global business unit director for KitchenAid. "Considering that tens of millions of American kitchens are outfitted with our stand mixers, we're confident that these mixes will become a staple in many patries."

Franzese gelato and pasta mixes will be offered in a variety of flavors, including pumpkin spice, salted caramel, chocolate, vanilla, lemon and strawberry. The pasta mix is offered in five flavors. The classic egg, whole wheat, garlic & parsley and spinach mixes are produced within the United States, with 100 percent durum wheat semolina flour that has been imported from Italy. The gluten-free pasta mix is sourced within the United States with certified ingredients.

The gelato and pasta mixes will hit specialty retailer shelves Sept. 1 throughout the U.S.

Since its founding in 2011, Franzese has grown in the U.S. market through product development and corporate partnerships-including a successful partnership with retail giant Nordstrom, where Franzese Italian Hot Chocolate is served and sold in Nordstrom Cafes and E-bars throughout the United States and Canada. To learn more, go to experiencefranzese.com.

# Don't panic – filing for an extension is not difficult

he other day, I received a call from a client who was quite nervous. During these turbulent times, it's not unusual to talk with clients who are uneasy about the current market conditions. This call didn't deal with the market, rather it dealt with the caller's tax situation. Since the client retired about seven years ago, he and his wife spend from mid-March to early June in Arizona. What made the client nervous is the fact that he typically has his tax return done and filed before he leaves, but that's not the case

now As the client informed me, he is leaving next week and he still does not have all his information As a result, he cannot complete his tax return and that's what's causing his problem. I suggested that all he would need to do was to file for an extension. When I mentioned the word extension, he even got more concerned. It's a myth that if you file for an extension it will open you up to more IRS scrutiny. For as long as I've been in the business. I've heard that urban legend. It's not true. As I explained to the client, there is no



evidence that filing for an extension increases your audit risk. What would increase his audit risk is to file an incorrect return. After having a discussion with the client, he agreed that filing for an extension would be the most appropriate course of action.

Filing for an extension to complete your tax return is not difficult and you would be surprised how many people do it. There are lots of reasons why people cannot complete their return by April 15 (April 18 this year). It could be that you don't have all the necessary information to complete your return, you're going to be out of the country or, plain and simple, you're too lazy to file by the deadline. The bottom line is, extensions are automatic and you don't need a reason. By filing IRS Form 4868, you receive an automatic six-month extension to file vour return. It's automatic; you don't have to worry about obtaining approval. As long as you file the form, you get the

extension.

What confuses people about extensions is that it is not an extension of time to pay your taxes, but only to file your return. I recommended to the client that he estimate the missing information to determine whether money will be owed or he will receive a refund. If you're receiving a refund, all you need to do is file the extension form — that's it. If you are going to owe money, then you can make an estimated payment with your extension.

We still have a month before taxes are due and there is still plenty of time for people to complete their return. If you can't, don't panic. As I said earlier, filing an





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extension will not increase your audit risk. What increases audit risks are inaccurate and sloppy returns. It is much better for you to take your time and complete your return accurately than it is to rush at the last minute and file an inaccurate return.

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

## **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. Thursday 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 necessary. 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.

## Five Steps to LinkedIn Mastery

9-11:30 a.m. Thursday, March 17

While Facebook looks like any number of reality TV shows, LinkedIn is the business documentary you need to watch. You have done the "google myself" thing and are surprised to find their LinkedIn profile is the first result. Since Google uses LinkedIn that well, shouldn't you? When you use LinkedIn correctly, it is much easier to be found by prospective clients and/or employers, locate and learn about the decision makers you need to meet; stay current in your industry; stay top of mind with your network; check out future employees and partners and use all of the bells and whistles you did not know existed. Speaker: Terry Bean, Founder of Networked Inc. and Motor City Connect. \$40 per person.

## **Capital Raise**

9:30-11 a.m. Tuesday, March 22

If you are a startup or early-stage growth-based

business looking for funding, we invite you to attend a 90-minute presentation by our capital strategist, Mike Brennan. He will detail the various capital sources in Michigan and talk about how to position your company to qualify for various funding sources, including private/angel, SBA, short-term private lending, private equity, venture capital and angel network. He will also discuss state and federally supported grant, loan, and matching programs. Free.

## Women's Business Enterprise Certification Orientation

9-11 a.m. Wednesday, March 30

Learn about the benefits and process of becoming a Women's Business Enterprise. Benefits include certification to private sector WBE's and access to procurement opportunities with major national companies. Presented by: Great Lakes Women's Business Council. To register please call 248-858-0783 or email smallbusiness@oakgov.com. \$25 per person.

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Some 70 vendors were featured at the Canton Home Improvement Expo March 5-6 at the Summit on the Park.

# Canton Home Expo: Focus on local real estate, building, home upgrades

Julie Brown Staff Writer

Realtor Desiree Heck, with Century 21 Premier on Ford Road in Canton, was busy Saturday, March 5, at Canton's Home Improvement Expo.

"This is my first year doing it and I'm very exited," said Heck, who's been in her field since 2001. "People have been coming through nonstop. It's a great way to get to know your neighbors and network with other business professionals."

She works with husband Scott Heck, a mortgage loan officer, and notes that husband-and-wife Realtor teams are common but their arrangement less so. "We're always on top of everyone's deals and loan processes," she said.



## Eminent domain: Due process due to all

Q: I hear the politicians talking about eminent domain, something they seem to be arguing over. What exactly is it?

A: Eminent domain is a legal concept whereby a public authority, normally a governmental agency, can condemn or take property from a private individual under the authority vested in the public

authority but can only do so if the recipient receives due process and just compensation under the Fifth Amendment to the United States Constitution.



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Frequently eminent domain is used to condemn property for highways and governmental buildings but the controversy arises when the governmental entity condemns the property for utilization by a private industries, which was the case in Michigan regarding the GM Hamtramck auto factory. There are various types of what is called a "taking" by the government of one's private property which has resulted in volumes in legislation and cases.

Q: I understand that there has been a bill introduced into the Michigan House, Bill 4919, dealing with the issue of abrogating the requirement of a two-thirds vote of co-owners before litigation can be commenced by a condominium association. What is the basis for this type of legislation?

A: Many community association documents contain provisions drafted by developers attorneys which make it next to impossible for a condominium association to bring a lawsuit against anyone other than for non-payment of assessments and bylaw enforcement without obtaining a two-thirds vote of the co-owners and jumping through a number of other generally unreasonable hoops imposed upon the associ ation and its retained counsel. This legislation is an attempt to circumvent a Court of Appeals decision which supported this type of requirement. If vou are interested in the particular rights of a community condominium association, you will seek to have this bill brought before the Legislature, passed and signed by the governor. **Robert M. Meisner** is a lawyer and the author of "Condo Living 2: An Authoritative Guide to Buying, Selling and Operating a Condominium." He is also the author of "Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track," second edition. Visit bmeisner@meisner-law.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

Heck agreed with other Realtors the market's strong. "Amazing," she said. "I'm swamped. Homes are selling in two to three weeks when they're priced properly and staged right." Market analysts tell her the market should be strong in the coming years, she said, helped by low interest rates.

"Events happen that affect everything. I'm thinking positive and see nothing but a bright horizon for home buyers and sellers. And inventory is low," she said. "Canton is extremely popular. Plymouth, Northville. Right now, there really isn't a bad area in western Wayne County and south Oakland."

Heck said people getting back to work impacts home sales. "Definitely the economy and the employment level affects people's ability to buy a home. We're seeing people moving into the area," she said.

She gives people she works with at least three recommendations on a lender, and doesn't always work with her husband on that. "It works out well. We like it a lot," she said of their work.

Toll Brothers, based in Horsham, Pa., also had a booth at the Expo. "We're premiering two new locations for Toll Brothers" in Canton, said Kendall Henaughen, sales manager for one of those, Hamlet Pointe.

She works with Nadia Mekled, senior sales manager for the other Canton site, Westridge Estates. Henaughen, who grew up in Plymouth and lives now out of the area, said, "We're super-excited to be in the market."

The Canton luxury home sites have a couple hundred lots between them, she said, with a handful of spec houses. Most people will buy and build themselves through Toll Brothers.

"We've been wanting to come to the area for a long time. Canton is booming. So we wanted to become part of the market," said Henaughen. Toll Brothers is now in Northville, Novi and Ann Arbor

Realtor Desiree Heck of Century 21 Premier in Canton works with husband Scott Heck, a mortgage loan officer. They were among some 70 vendors at the Canton Home Improvement Expo.

"and then many more coming," she said. "What's great is we have

"What's great is we have just about every product you're looking for," Henaughen said. Hamlet Meadows will come to Canton soon. "That's going to be even more affordable," she noted.

The Home Expo is offered by Canton Township's Building and Inspection Services Division the first weekend of March. Partners include the Canton Chamber of Commerce and the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Joe Gagnon, "The Appliance Doctor," also participated in the Saturday and Sunday, March 5-6, event at Summit on the Park.

Some 70 vendors were present, along with a steady stream of visitors including Mary Smith of Canton with her daughter, Lauren.

"Oh, I like it," said Mary Smith, who also attended a few years ago. "We're looking for new countertops for our kitchen. There are a lot of vendors to get information from."

Smith agreed the annual event's a good reminder spring is approaching. "I just wish spring was here," she said, noting the snowfall outside the nearby window. "Next week, it'll be 60s."

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Home Depot offered fun building projects for kids, a popular part of the Canton Home Improvement Expo.

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#### Investors

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne will have an open forum. Investors will answer questions and offer a market update. Meetings are at 6-9 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the Red Lobster on Eureka in Southgate.

Members are free, guests \$20, which will be applied to their membership. The Red Lobster is next to 7-11, near Trenton Road.

Any questions or concerns, call Bill Beddoes at 734-934-9091 or Wayde Koehler at 313-819-0919.

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## Study the decision to go back to school

BY DEANNA HARTLEY CAREERBUILDER

hen is it worthwhile for individuals looking for a job or seeking career advancement to go back for more schooling, and when does it not make sense to pursue higher education?

Going back to school is a big decision, so take some time to evaluate your options first.

"Certain situations, careers and jobs warrant additional education, but extensive research, self-reflection, financial evaluation and planning should come first," says Kaitlyn Riley, assistant director of the Starr Career Development Center at Baruch College of the City University of New York.

Ask yourself these questions if you're considering pursuing further education.

#### Are you making a career transition? "The top reason these days is to

top reason these days is to help facilitate a career transition for which an educational degree is required," says Steve Bohler, tounder of the Oxford Program, a career guidance program. "Going back to school can improve your situation by redirecting the skills and experience you afready have with new knowledge and a degree."



founded Thrive! Resumes, echoes that advice. "The best time to go back to school is when it is directly related to a career goal, especially a major transition — (for example) an accountant who wants to become an RN will need additional education to achieve that." THINKSTOCK

sense to go back to school if your industry is especially technologically fast-moving, because it's easy for a candidate to be ignored due to not knowing the correct software packages," says Joe Flanagan, a career adviser at VelvetJobs. to school if the job progression is transparent, linear and you see many of your other colleagues who are above you in the company hierarchy getting promoted without going to school," Flanagan says.

## Is a degree essential to advance your career or earning potential?

"Your ability to advance in your career may depend on your educational level," says Cheryl E. Palmer, owner of Call to Career and a certilled career coach. "You may be in IT, for example, but to move into senior-level management, an MBA may be the best route. That way, you can demonstrate to employers that you have the technical skills as well as leadership skills."

Sometimes, there's the additional financial incentive as well. "Generally speaking, more education usually equals more money," Palmer explains. "There are exceptions to this, of course, but this generally is the case. An additional degree or certification will usually give you more income because of the additional credentials." "There is significant prejudice in the recruiting world against candidates who are unemployed, and many employers see full-time school attendance by adults over 25 as unemployment, no matter how many degrees they earn."

The notion that you are earning a degree in an unrelated lield often perpetuates the stigma that you are unfocused and unreliable, she says.

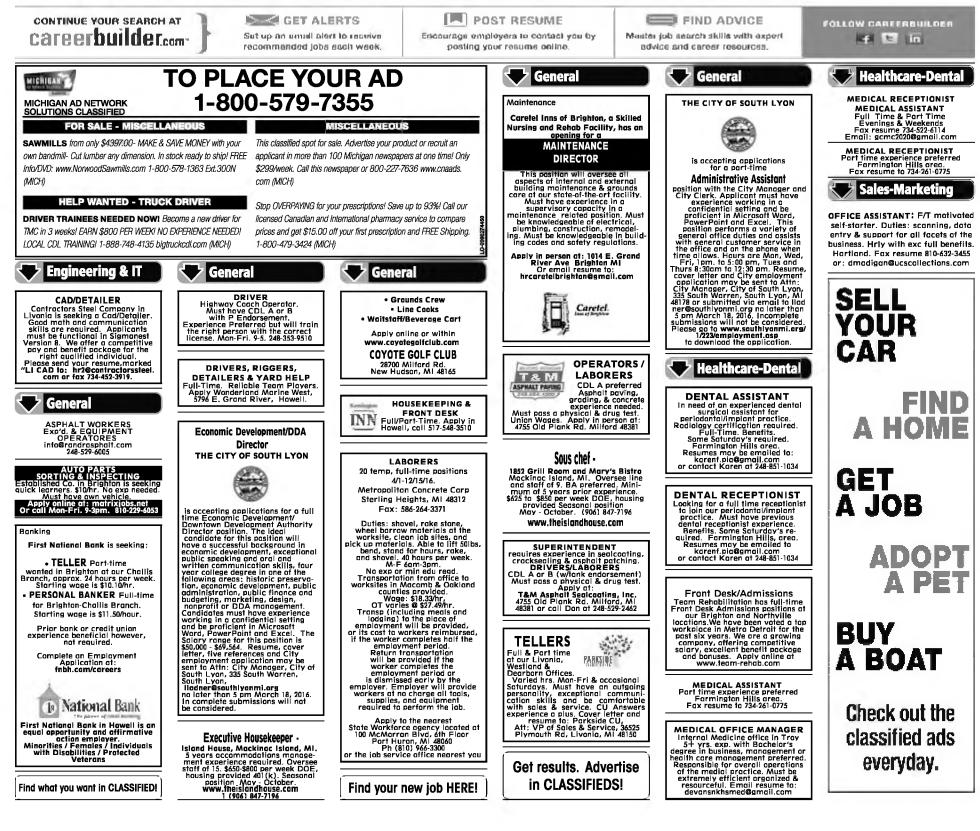
## Do you have compelling internal motivation?

Carolyn Edwards, a career and life coach and graduate professor, explains that individuals should have a strong reason for going back to school before they make that level of financial and time investment.

"There are no guarantees that once you complete your training, degree or certification that you will make more money, get a promotion or successfully change jobs immediately or ever," she says. "Find a clear motivation that will provide joy, fulfillment or a sense of accomplishment that will meet an internal or personal goal."

Joni Holderman, a professional résumé writer who What are others in your industry doing? "It makes

In some cases, however, returning to school may not be the most viable option. "It doesn't make sense to go back Is your degree related to your long-term career goals? "The worst time to go back to school is when you quit your job to pursue a degree that's not related to your career goals," Holderman says. Dearna Hartley is a writer for the Advice & Resources section on CareerBuilder.com. She researches and writes about job-search strategy, career management, hiring trends and workplace issues.





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Here's How It Works:

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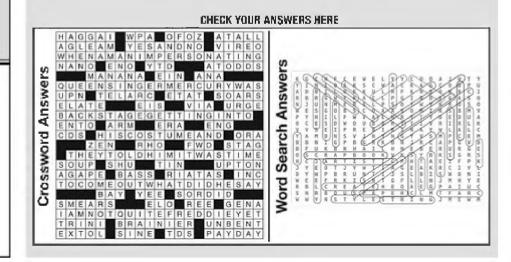
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## Car Report

## Lexus Promotes Safety System+ Technologies in Space-Oriented Marketing Campaign for New RX



Albeit two inches taller and needing a shower, American astronaut Scott Kelly returned home safely earlier this month after

a record-breaking 340 days in space and accompanied by a livestream broadcast of the landing, on Time.com.

Lexus has been getting in on the space-age action on behalf of its crucial new version of the RX mid-size crossover, through its sponsorship of Time's documentary series on Kelly,



"A Year in Space," as well as the luxury-car brand's own new digital-only 60-second spot that ran as an introduction to the livestream. It touts Lexus RX as "the official luxury crossover of getting home safe."

The ad features footage from historical space homecomings, which are part of the B-roll of life in many boomers' heads but which are relatively new events to millennials. The soundtrack is a remake of Diddy and Skylar Grey's "Coming Home."

"While others keep our astronauts safe, we'll help take care of our future astronauts," the spot concludes, with a scene of a little girl in an astronaut suit, playing with a space-shuttle model--and ensconced safely in the rear seat of a new Lexus RX that features the brand's Safety System+ technologies.

The Safety System package includes:

**Lexus Pre-Collision System** with Pedestrian Detection: It uses millimeter-wave radar and a camera to detect other vehicles; in the Safety System+ version it also can detect people in the vehicle's forward path under certain conditions.

Lane Departure Alert: It uses a camera to monitor visible lane markings, and is designed to warn you with a steering wheel vibration if you're drifting so that you can steer back into the lane.

**All-Speed Dynamic Radar** Cruise Control: It long has been available as a stand-alone Lexus safety system that enhances the capability of traditional cruise control. In the higher-speed highway environment, Dynamic Radar Cruise Control uses

millimeter-wave radar, assisted by a forward-facing camera, to detect a vehicle ahead and then determine its speed. The system then adjusts your vehicle speed to help maintain a preset following distance. With Lexus Safety System+, a further enhancement is now available in some models: "all-speed" Dynamic Radar Cruise Control. In this version, the system is active at a wider range of speeds, even in stop-andgo environments.

Intelligent high-beam headlamps: In most vehicles, the driver is responsible for flipping the high beams on and off as nighttime traffic approaches or comes into view ahead of the vehicle. The intelligent highbeam headlamp system helps take this job off your hands so you can focus on the road. The system uses a camera to detect the headlights of oncoming vehicles and the taillights of vehicles ahead, and then automatically switches between high beams and low beams to help avoid distracting other drivers.

Lexus also has set up a custom content hub that explains various aspects of the most comprehensive safety system ever offered on a Lexus RX.

"The opportunity for Lexus was twofold," Brian Bolain,



The 2016 Lexus RX.

general manager of Lexus product and consumer marketing, told me. "The association with space provides an unspoken association with technology and with being forward-thinking, and gave us an opportunity to talk about safety that emanates from the technology."

And the brand plans to build the association between Lexus and the new space age. "The nice thing about this affiliation is that it goes on for a while." Bolain said. "We have a severalmonth deal with Time and a print opportunity coming up later in this partnership. We can keep talking about it. It serves us real well in the social space, and we've got millions of followers and we'd like to give them some interesting things to hang onto."

Otherwise, in terms of the RX launch, Lexus dedicated January and February to the nameplate. "For instance, we did a really interesting thing with Facebook based on changes that users made to profiles," Bolain said. "If you said, for example, that you just got married, we'd serve you up an ad that was contextual about recently getting married, and fitting RX into your life. We've also got a Hulu integration with The Mindy Project. We want to move our demographics younger."

Did he think the astronaut, Brian Kelly, was aware that Lexus was sponsoring his re-entry?

"He didn't talk to me about it, so I'm going with, 'No," Bolain quipped. "We made our deal directly with Time."



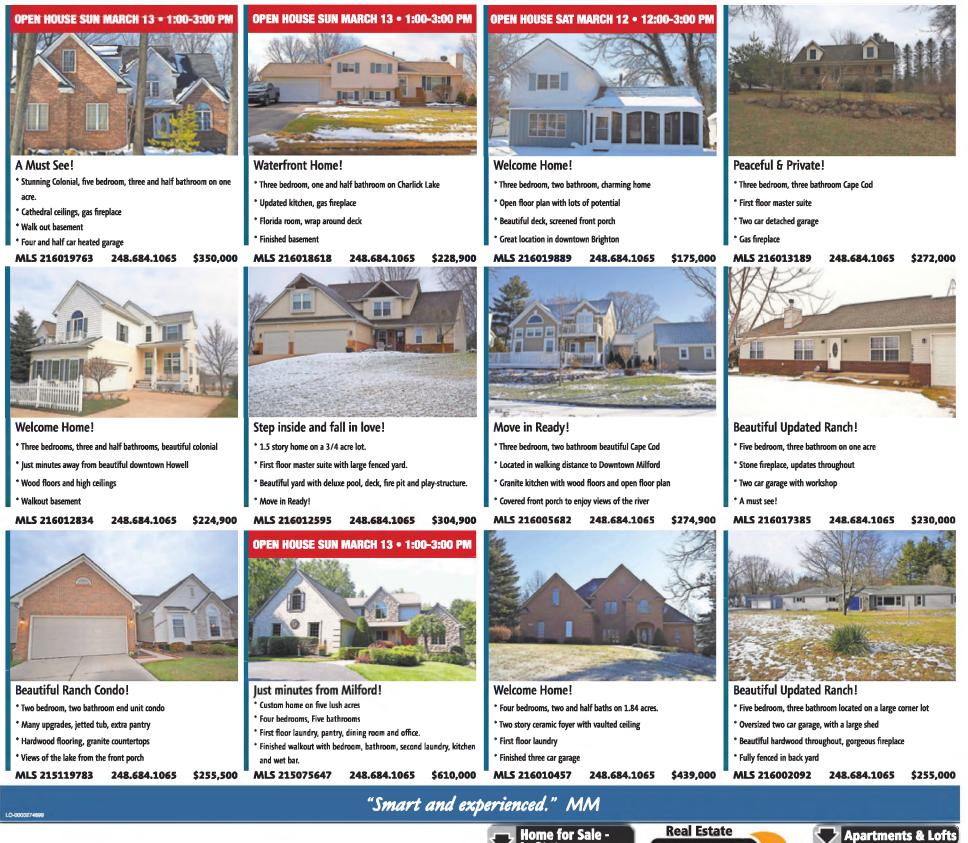
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