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Emergency manager law talk

The Northville Democratic Club will host a town hall meeting on the state emergency manager law at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 7, at Hillside Middle School, 775 North Center, Northville.

A panel will examine the law's history and whether it's constitutional and democratic. Leading the panel discussion will be John Philo, executive and legal director, Sugar Law Center, Detroit. Sugar Law is a national nonprofit, public interest organization that sued the state of Michigan in 2012, challenging the law as violating citizens' constitutional rights.

Orchids

The Northville Garden Club will meet at noon for a light lunch followed by guest speaker Joe Peterson, Michigan Orchid Society past president, offering "A Beginner's Guide to Orchids." The luncheon meeting will be at the Cady Inn at Mill Race Village. For more information, call Claire Kreher at 248-924-3486.



Christina Zayti, owner of Northville's Marquis Theatre, will bring in more live acts of comedians and musicians for adult audiences to the Main Street theater.

Marquis Theatre adds new dimension for adult audiences



Theater for children, as well as acting camps and classes, will continue as the Marquis Theatre gets a boost with live musical and comedic entertainment for adults.

Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

Christina Zayti is adding a new dimension to the popular Marquis Theatre — long known for its theatrical offerings for kids — with live musical and comedic entertainment for adult audiences.

"I want to bring in more for adults," said Zayti, whose mom and dad, Inga and Jay Zayti, purchased the former movie theater in the 1970s. The theater was restored in 1978. "My mom did pretty much everything."

In fact, this past weekend — and continues this coming Saturday, April 9 — Zayti features the Mind the Gap Productions "Heroes of British Comedy." The comedy group brights British comics Peter Sellers, Dudley Moore, Monty Python and Rowan Atkinson to life on the Marquis stage. The show includes 21 sketches, eight songs and sees the cast of six playing 59 different characters on stage. Tickets are \$15 for the 7:30 p.m. show.

The four theater productions for children, plus the summer camps and spring and fall acting classes have been enor-

mously successful. But Zayti wants to solidify the Marquis as a destination for all ages. Plus, maintaining a theater built in 1924 is not an inexpensive task. "There is a lot of upkeep here."

At one time, schools took children on field trips to the Marquis. But lack of funding brought that to an end. "That really put a damper on me," Zayti said.

But she is optimistic that entertainment for adult audiences will bring down the house, in a positive way. "I really want to do this for the community."

And the added dimension at the Marquis really doesn't require any retrofitting. During the winter holidays, Zayti also plans to have entertainment for senior adults. Also on tap are plans for documentary films. This summer, the Marquis will — with the Art House — share a film festival.

"I want to keep people coming back. I want to make this an entertainment center," Zayti said.

And that effort is just fine with the Northville Downtown Development Authority and the Northville Chamber of

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Northville resident: Eight Mile potholes are 'God awful'

Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

Jack Berry of Northville hears a symphony of sorts when he drives east on Eight Mile Road. But it's not what you're thinking. It's more of a clunk, clunk, bonk, clunk orchestration.

"The pavement is gone," said the former "Detroit Free Press" journalist. "The holes are incredible."

The condition of Eight Mile Road, from Northville east, is not a secret to motorists. "It's like the newest part of the road, from Griswold to Haggerty, Berry said.

He referred to sections on Eight Mile that were resurfaced

a couple of years ago when officials, particularly in Livonia and Farmington Hills, pushed for some help on the thoroughfare.

Responsibility for Eight Mile is divided between Wayne and Oakland counties. Oakland is responsible for Eight Mile, west of Center to Taft. Wayne is responsible for the roadway from Center east, said Tiffani Jackson, spokeswoman for the Wayne County Department of Public Services.

"Pothole filling is a year-round activity for Wayne County Road crews," Jackson added.

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Northville High student Carly Bins releases debut EP

Danielle Alexander
Staff Writer

The 2015 Fifth Third Bank Michigan State Fair winner Carly Bins' four-song EP "3 a.m." is now available on iTunes, Amazon, CD Baby, Google Music Store, Spotify and Rhapsody.

The EP, a recording that contains more music than a single but not long enough to qualify as a full studio album or LP, was produced by Bins' mentors Chuck Alkazan and Nadir Omowale from Pearl Sound Studios in Canton.

Ever since her earliest stage performance as a tiny 6-year-old in a denim skirt singing "Pieces of Me" by Ashlee Simp-




Bins

son in her elementary school's annual talent show, Bins has lived to perform. She took piano lessons but fell in love with the guitar in fifth grade when she started working with guitar teacher Justin Lee from Broughton Music Center in downtown Northville.


Now 16 and an 11th grader at Northville High School, Bins is an accomplished singer and songwriter. In addition to being involved in three choirs at school, Bins mainly writes material for her acoustic guitar, but also creates music for and plays both the electric guitar and ukulele. "Most of my songs are about things gone wrong like relationships, crushes and friendships," Bins said laughing. "People compare me to Taylor Swift, but I can't help it; I'm a teenage girl."

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Northville Genealogical Society to host speakers in April

The Genealogical Society will meet at 1:15 p.m. Sunday, April 10, with speakers addressing researching Ohio and immigration and naturalization.

The meeting at the Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady, will feature Mary Hazlett, who has completed extensive research in Ohio and will share how to effectively conduct own research on Ohio ancestors.

Also on tap is Kathy

Petlewski, a genealogical specialist at the Plymouth District Library, who will talk about research into immigration and naturalization.

The public is invited to attend, free of charge. The roundtable, "Researching in Ohio," will begin at 1:15 p.m., a short business meeting and refreshments at 2:30 p.m., followed by Petlewski at 3 p.m.

Petlewski is the genealogical and local history expert at the Plymouth

Library and has been a genealogist for over 50 years. She writes a column for the National Genealogical Society magazine.

Individual help on genealogy is offered from 1-3 p.m. each Monday and also by appointment in the Local History Room at the Northville District Library. For more information, contact Grace Wilfong at 248-349-9079 or visit www.rootsweb.com/~mings.

State suspends Northville doctor's license to practice

The license to practice medicine for a Northville doctor has been suspended following his conviction on two felonies in federal court.

The Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs suspended the license Laran Johnathon Lerner, D.O. The state Public Health Code provides for the mandatory summary suspension of a health professional's license upon the conviction of a felony.

Lerner, 59, operated Greater Detroit Physical Therapy & Rehabilitation, on Merriman at

Palmer in Westland.

On Sept. 2, 2015, Lerner was convicted of one count of health care fraud and one count of structuring cash transactions to avoid bank reporting requirements. Lerner was sentenced to prison for 45 months and ordered to pay \$2.7 million in restitution.

In a written plea agreement, Lerner admitted to willfully engaging in a scheme to defraud the Medicare program and depositing cash received as a result of this scheme in \$5,000 increments to avoid triggering a requirement

under federal law that domestic banks file a report with the Secretary of Treasury for all transactions more than \$10,000.

The false and fraudulent claims Lerner submitted to Medicare as a result of unnecessary prescriptions, office visits and diagnostic testing totaled approximately \$5.7 million.

For more information on disciplinary actions taken by the health professional licensing boards within LARA, go to michigan.gov/healthlicense.

BINS

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Bins' upcoming summer 2016 festival gigs include Electric Forest, LaureLive and performances during the Fifth Third Bank Michigan State Fair, which will take place Sept. 1-5 at the

Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi.

"My favorite part has been all the learning that has happened," Bins said. "My mentors have taught me so much, and I'm thankful for all the advice and help I've gotten."

Bins plans to major in the music industry. She said that no matter what

happens in her solo career, she wants to be involved in music in some way since she "loves it so much."

For more information on Bins and her music, visit www.carlybins.com.

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Commerce.

Calling the Marquis one of Northville's icons, Downtown Development Authority Executive Director Lori Ward said the function of downtowns are changing as smaller retail shops continue to compete with online shopping and big box stores that buy in bulk and are able to provide discounted prices.

With the number of diverse restaurants in downtown, as well as the Marquis and Tipping Point Theatre, for example, Northville is increasingly attracts residents and non-residents as an entertainment and dining destination.

Traci Sincock, associate director of the Northville Chamber of Commerce, also sees Zayti's new offerings at the Marquis as a positive move that will enhance not only downtown but the whole Northville

The theater seats about 500. It features the original stage, an extension, as well as an orchestra pit, six dressing rooms and an upstairs prop room.

community.

While Ward includes the Marquis as one of Northville's icons, Zayti said she is fully aware there are few places left like the Marquis, which was built for excellent acoustics. "The sound here is unbelievable. I get goose bumps."

Zayti has a full cadre of professional actors, choreographers and teachers, who work with children in the theatrical productions, as well as the classes and camps. "We really are like a family."

The theater seats about 500 guests. It fea-

tures the original stage, plus an extension, as well as an orchestra pit, six dressing rooms and an upstairs prop room. And anyone who has visited the theater knows that the antiques add to the facility's historic charm.

That charm, Zayti said, adds to the community's desirability. When her parents bought the theater, her mom also ran two clothing shops in town. As a chamber member and a significant part of downtown Northville, Zayti said business owners "always want to help each other."

While Zayti works on the new entertainment series for adults, the kids theater, camps and classes will continue. Open auditions are held for the kids, ages 8-16. In August and September, kids will stage "Rapunzel," as well as Peter Cottontail, which has a 2:30-4:30 p.m. Saturday, April 16, performance for Scout Days.

Other fun stuff for kids is Acting One for Kids, which runs until May 7, as well Creative Theatre for younger kids and day camps during the summer.

Already lined up in Zayti's schedule for adult audiences are:

» Billy Joel and Elton John tribute show on May 21

» A Doo Wop Musical featuring The Spaniels, Willie Rogers of The Soul Stirrers, Stormy Weather and Shades of Blue

» The Beatles Tribute from Las Vegas on June 25

» The Rat Pack — Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis Jr. and Dean Martin — tribute Sept. 17

» A Sweetest Day celebration Oct. 15 featuring Bette Midler and Tom Jones tributes

» New Year's Eve will be celebrated with a Beach Boys tribute.

And Zayti has plans for much more. "I'm really pushing for this."

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Tipping Point Theatre takes swing at ‘Rounding Third’ through May 8

Northville’s Tipping Point Theatre continues its 2015-2016 season with “Rounding Third” by Richard Dresser through May 8.

A tumultuous, hilarious journey of two Little League coaches through an entire season, from their first tentative meeting to the climactic championship game.

Don is the tough, blue-collar, win-at-all-costs veteran coach whose son is the star pitcher. Michael is a newcomer to baseball, who believes that the job of the coach is to make sure everyone has fun. Don thinks they should be teaching the kids how to win.

Out of conflicting philosophies on competition, character and punctuality, the real issues of the play

emerge: How should we raise our children? Do we protect our children as long as possible? Or do we prepare them to be tough enough to win?

The show is a co-production with Williamston Theatre. Sponsored in part by Plante Moran, “Rounding Third” begins at 8 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays, with matinees at 3 p.m. on Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday. A special matinee performance has been added on Wednesday, April 20, at 3 p.m.

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



Tobin Hissong and John Lepard during the Tipping Point Theatre dress rehearsal of "Rounding Thursday."

Northville, Plymouth to host health expo in April

Plymouth, Northville and surrounding communities are invited to take part in the Northville-Plymouth Health Expo from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 19 at the Northville Community Center, 303 W. Main St.

The event is hosted by the Plymouth Community United Way, in partnership with Northville Parks & Recreation and Plymouth Community Council on Aging.

The public is invited to learn about health and the health care community. Free health screenings, prizes, free product samples and information galore will be offered.

Vendors are invited to contact Suzie Johnson, Northville Senior Services, at 248-349-4140 ext. 2852, to register a display table for the event.

For more information, go to www.plymouthunitedway.org. Serving the Plymouth, Canton and western Wayne County area since 1944, Plymouth Community United Way addresses human service needs of individuals and families.

POTHOLES

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The city of Northville is not responsible for Eight Mile. But Jim Gallogly, public works director, acknowledged the road’s poor condition. “It does need a lot of patching.”

According to Jackson, Wayne County has completed a number of projects on Eight Mile:

- » In 2013, the Eight Mile/Center Street intersection was reconstructed and concrete patching was completed on Eight Mile, from the railroad bridge (near Novi Road) to Meadowbrook Road.
- » In 2014, another concrete patching project was completed on Eight Mile from Meadowbrook Road to Newburgh Road. In 2015, the bridge parapet wall replacement was completed on the Railroad Bridge (near Novi Road) and an epoxy coating of the bridge deck will be completed this spring/summer.
- » This summer, Wayne County plans another concrete patching project for Eight Mile from Newburgh Road to Farmington Road in Livonia.

But Berry points particularly to areas on Eight Mile that were resurfaced in sections and it is at the joints where he notices big holes.

“It’s a waste of money,” Berry said, adding that cold patching also does not prevent the potholes reappearing following wear and tear and winters of snow and ice. “It is God awful.”

Jackson said the condition of Eight Mile is no less important than the rest of Wayne County’s 740 miles of center-line roads under its jurisdiction. But state and federal funding is less than adequate to address all the needs in any given year.

“Our team works hard to improve driving conditions throughout the year with the resources we do have available,” Jackson said. “We are able to do



This is an example of the potholes on Eight Mile that concern Northville resident Jack Berry.



Pavement is deteriorating at joints where Eight Mile was resurfaced a couple of years ago.

this by prioritizing the needs and working cooperatively with local communities to conduct standard maintenance and capital improvement projects each year.

Residents may request a pothole to be filled by calling 1-888-ROADCREW.

Meanwhile, concrete patching will take place along Seven Mile and Eight Mile between Farmington and Newburgh

beginning in the middle of this summer. Traffic is expected to be maintained in both directions during construction, Jackson said.

“They don’t have a hard start date yet, but they’re looking at a late July (start date) for those projects,” Jackson said.

She acknowledged that stretches of Eight Mile have caused drivers lots of angst for a number of years. In fact,

several years ago one elected Livonia official called for shutting down part of the road because of the high level of issues along it.

The project on Eight Mile and Seven Mile in Livonia will cost approximately \$3.5 million, with 80 percent of costs being covered by the federal government and 20 percent covered by local match funding, Jackson said.

The roadwork will take place during the same time that another large road construction project will take place west of Eight Mile. The “Revive 275” project includes major work along I-275 from Five Mile to the I-96/I-696/M-5 interchange. This project will consist of shutting down one direction of traffic at a time, beginning with southbound. Northbound will most

likely close sometime in July, according to the Michigan Department of Transportation, though exact timing will depend on multiple factors.

Southbound I-275’s closure date has not been finalized, but it will not happen until at least April 15.

Jackson said the work on Seven Mile and Eight Mile isn’t dependent on the work MDOT is doing on I-275, saying the construction project’s schedule is dictated by the county.

“This is just how they fall in line based on the other construction projects,” she said.

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Amerman hosts Pioneer Day

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Staff Writer

Second-graders at Amerman Elementary in Northville experienced pioneer life through the “Pioneer Living” program, a traveling hands-on museum, on Monday.

“It was a great opportunity to bring social studies alive,” learning consultant Elizabeth LaManna said.

There were six learning centers set up for students:

- » Gold Rush Learning Center: Students panned for gold (pyrite) and were able to keep three pieces of their claim.
- » Children’s Learning Center: Students played with 40 handmade wooden folk toys and books.
- » Ma’s and Pa’s Learning Center: Students performed pioneer-like chores.
- » Clothing Learning Center: Students learned how wool was carded, spun and twisted into yarn, which they were able to take home as a souvenir friendship bracelet.
- » Kitchen Learning Center: Students grinded wheat into flour and rolled out bread dough.
- » Handcrafts Learning Center: Students made necklaces from earth-toned trade beads (made from pasta), which they were also able to take with them.

The Junior Enrichment Series (JES), a group within Amerman Elementary’s PTA and led by Nicole Tithof, organized the experience.

“They decided at the beginning of the year to tie our assemblies more into the curriculum,” LaManna said. “All even-number grades had assemblies this year, but JES organizes our author visits and all-school as-



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Amerman Elementary School student Alexander Hentnik pans for “gold” at the school’s April 4 Pioneer Days assembly. Students got the chance to try their hands at some American pioneer activities like spinning yarn, grinding corn, making beaded necklaces and rolling out dough.



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Amerman Elementary School student Alex Kent tries her hand at grinding corn for meal at the school’s April 4 Pioneer Days assembly.

semblies, too. We are so grateful to our PTA for making these curriculum connections.”

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Living and Learning offers new programs

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Living and Learning Enrichment Center in Northville recently introduced two programs that will help young adults with special needs find jobs and assist teens and young adults with cognitive impairments enhance their social skills.

Pre-Employability Skills Program

From 10 a.m. to noon Thursdays between April 14 and May 19, Living and Learning will be offering a program called Pre-Employability Skills, which is geared toward those who will be seeking employment in the near future but are in need of skills to help them be successful in today’s workplace despite their different abilities.

This course will em-

phasize topics including self-esteem, self-knowledge and self-management with a strong emphasis on executive functioning skills, communication skills, advocacy skills and other topics that will develop success in the workplace environment.

The last day of class will feature a social luncheon where members of the community will be brought in to discuss real-life events with students.

The Pre-Employability Skills course costs \$475; the price includes all materials including the social luncheon on the final day.

Social Skills and Friendship Program

A new teen and young adult friendship club for those with high-functioning cognitive impairment will start every Monday beginning April

18 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Attendees will have the chance to relax, socialize, play games, learn valuable skills and enjoy each other’s company.

Julianne Knochel, a limited license psychologist in Plymouth, facilitates the group.

“Participants can expect to improve their social skills and learn to better cope with their emotions and feelings,” Knochel said. “Participants will gain first-hand experience by interacting with their peers, which can then translate into everyday life.”

To register for either program, call the Living and Learning Enrichment Center at 248-308-3592. It is located at 150 Mary Alexander Court in Northville.

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Library Week: Celebrate dynamic change

The Northville District Library joins libraries in communities nationwide in celebrating the dynamic changes that are happening in today’s libraries. April 10-16 is National Library Week, a time to highlight the changing role of libraries.

Libraries today are more about what they do, for and with library users as opposed to what they have for patrons. Libraries aren’t only a place of quiet study, but also creative and engaging community centers where people can meet to collaborate on group projects, learn new technologies, research their family tree, or just relax.

The Northville Dis-

trict Library is evolving to meet the needs of the communities they serve. The library is adding more and more digital items — downloadable eBooks, eMagazines, eMusic — than ever before, making the library truly a 24/7 experience.

“Our newest addition is a popular online resource called Gale Courses. You can register for any of hundreds of online courses, from computer skills to graphic arts to grant writing to test prep to accounting. The courses are taught by expert instructors and run for six weeks, and are free to anyone with a Northville District Library card,” Library Director Julie Herrin said. “We

have also added an ESL (English as a Second Language) conversation group, which is held every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at The Next Chapter Bookstore located in downtown Northville.”

“Service to the community has always been the focus of the library,” Herrin continued. “Libraries level the playing field for people of any age who are seeking information and access to technologies that will improve their quality of life. We continue to offer our weekly Tech Help with a library staff member to those needing one-on-one assistance with their tablets, eReaders or computer.”

For more information, visit www.northvillelibrary.org.



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Livonia Public Schools Alternative Classrooms for Academically Talented (ACAT) will accept Out-of-District (four-county area) elementary students between April 22 – May 6.

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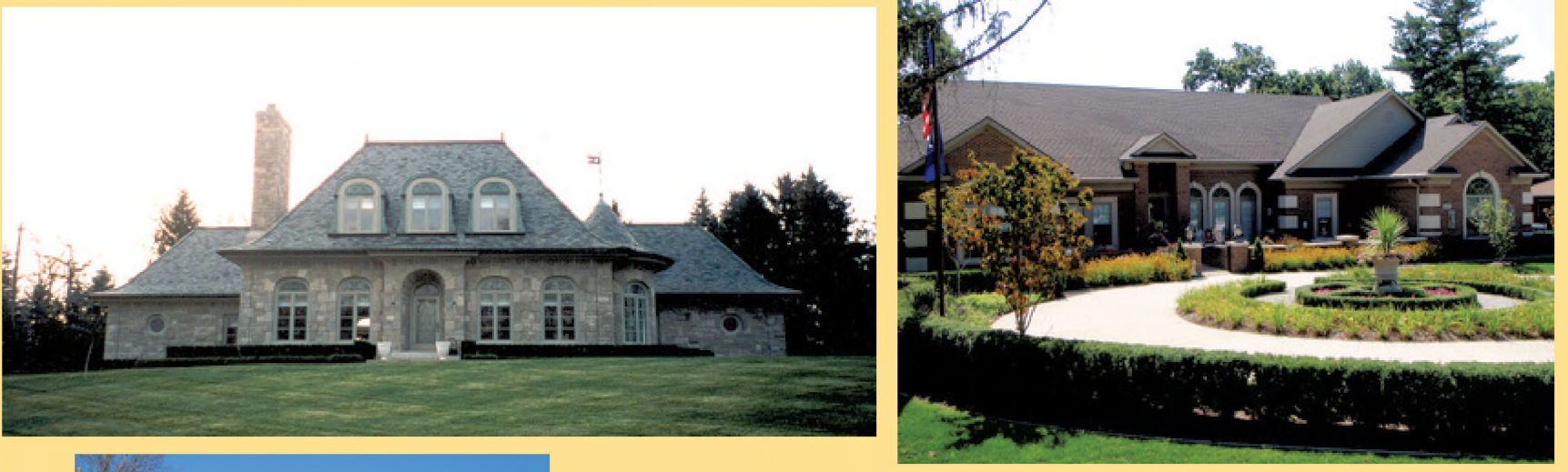
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Walled Lake Central High School Performing Arts Department presents “Oliver!” April 14-17 at Walled Lake Central High School, 1600 Oakley Park Road. Evening performances will begin at 7:30 p.m. and the Saturday and Sunday matinees will start at 2 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased online through the secure Walled Lake Consolidated Schools’ ticket website, www.wlctickets.com or by calling 248-956-4980. Premium seating is available for \$17 for adults, \$14 for students and senior citizens. Reserved seating is avail-

able for \$15 for adults, \$13 for students and senior citizens.

This year’s show includes more than 80 actors on-stage, 25 musicians in the pit orchestra, 20 students working backstage and a large number of dedicated parent volunteers working around the clock to bring this production to life. Cast highlights include seniors Lexie LaBo (Nancy), Josh Frink (Bill Sykes) and Seth Weinstein (Fagin); juniors Cadence Wilson (Bet) and John Faubert (The Artful Dodger); and, in his WLC musical debut, freshmen Elijah Belanger (Oliver).

Based on the Charles Dickens novel, “Oliver!” will engage audiences with its pathos and drama, while delighting everyone with its outstanding musical numbers. With the classic and well-known songs “Food, Glorious Food,” “I’d Do Anything,” “Where is Love?,” “Consider Yourself,” “As Long As He Needs Me,” “Who Will Buy” and “Reviewing the Situation” will have audiences begging for more!

Dickens’ characters are brought to life — perhaps larger than life — with all their facets glowing in this production.

Amanda V. Lenze, Walled Lake Central choir director and teacher said, “‘Oliver!’ is a show that transcends centuries with characters that deal with daily human struggle and triumph. Our students have worked incredibly hard to understand how the characters that Charles Dickens’ created are still part of our culture and immediate communities today. This is a show that will have you laughing, crying and dancing in your seat all in one performance.”

For more information, go to www.wlctickets.com or call 248-956-4980.



Walled Lake Central will present “Oliver!”

ON CAMPUS

Grand Valley State
GVSU announces the names of students who were placed on the dean’s list for the fall 2015 semester. The list includes those students who have maintained a 3.5 grade-point average and been enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits. Students honored for the fall semester include:
From Commerce Township: **Sarah A. Allmacher; Bryce C. Becker; Alexandra R. Brindley; Blake N. Bromley; Madison T. Campbell; Carolyn R. Conway; Rebecca M. Corn; Kara K. Cotter; Joseph M. Curran; Meredith K. Eis; Abigail M. Elliott; Devinne N. Fackelman; Jacob P. Finney; Evan M. Fortenberry; Natalie R. Giudici; Alison F. Gildenden; Devin J. Gordon; Alexa M. Greco; Sydney L. Gregart; Paige E. Haas; Brittany N. Hellebuyck; Holly N. Jara; Kristi D. Kolb; Erin D. Long; Cassidy L. Major; Kyle J. Marion; Trisha L. Mason; Dale T. Massy; Stacie A. Michaud; Aaron D. Muscaro; Danielle T. O’Brien; Timothy C. Paul; Brenna V. Powers; Whitney A. Purvis;**

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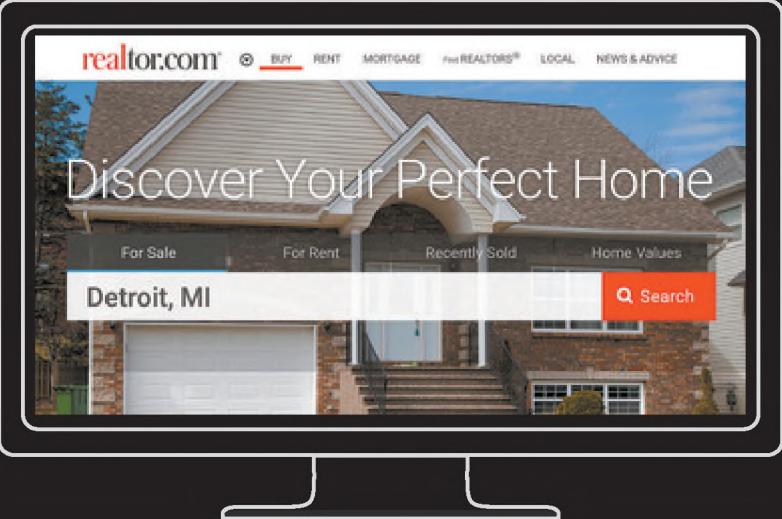
Evan R. Schriener; Victoria E. Smith; Brandon L. Sulkey; Alena R. Woelcke; Hunter D. Wright; Christian L. Yap; and Kali M. Zurawski.
From Novi: **Rasheed A. Alarabi; Jessica E. Ansara; Cameron A. Bacon; Sarah J. Bertus; Connor F. Brown; Kelly E. Cauchi; Joseph S. Cutino; Alexandra F. D’Annibale; Christiana F. D’Annibale; Emily M. Gantt; Carly E. Healy; Megan E. Jamrog; Jenna M. Jankowski; Justin M. Jarvis; William S. Jordan; Rachel L. Kaip; Danielle B. Kay; Matthew S. Kopel; Lindsey M. Kramer; Jennifer L. Kulie; Matthew D. Kulie; Erica B. MacDonald; Breanna M. Malear; Elizabeth A. Malear; Jessica Mathew; Veronica E. Mech; Alexis M. Mencotti; Gabriella M. Mencotti; Loni H. Mendelson; Kathleen M. Morris; Cassandra M. Mullins; Melanie R. Murphy; Michael D. Nercesian; Matthew A. Nutile; Abby B. O’Leary; Sydnee C. Pawlicki; Mackenzie K. Powers; Victoria M. Pryson; Christopher M. Puente; Amanda P. Sackett;**

Caitlyn E. Sultana; Casey L. Sutton; John A. Taube; Sally A. Verklan; Kelsey A. Walkowski; Arianna M. Watson; and Lauren N. Zampas.
From Walled Lake: **Janet J. Chung; Erica R. Hosey; Alexander E. Palafox; Rebecca M. Rosevear; Kelsie L. VanderKlok; and Jessica R. Watson.**
From Wixom: **Bailey A. Bishop; Grace M. Brylinski; Brittany R. Clark; Anna V. Dettman; Catherine C. Deyonker; Jennifer M. Fields; Gavin S. Harden; Caitlin E. Hennessy; Alexandra N. Kamen; Christine C. Kovacs; Ashley L. Lustre; Troy L. Madsen; Tayler R. Pacsai; Jack C. Phillipson; Emily A. Pianko; Gabrielle S. Pianko; Maxwell J. Ronald; Michelle A. Sneeringer; Edward D. Turek; and Dale A. Turner.**
University of Oklahoma
Students from 49 states and Washington, D.C., are listed on the University of Oklahoma campus honor roll for the fall 2015 semester.
In most colleges, students must earn a minimum 3.5 grade-point

average on a 4.0 scale to be included on the honor roll. Students in the College of Architecture are recognized with a 3.3 or better, while students in the College of Engineering are recognized with a 3.0 or better.
Sonja Mae Large of Novi and **Whitney H. Ehinger** of Whitmore Lake were on the list.
Alma College
Alma College has released the dean’s list for those students who achieved outstanding academic performance during the 2015 fall semester. Students who achieve a 3.5 or better grade-point average during a term, while carrying a minimum of 13 credits, at least eight of which are evaluative grades, are named to the dean’s list.
Those on the list include: **Jordan Skully, Zachary Lesniak** and **Allison Smith** of Commerce Township; **Marissa Cook** and **Hannah Jeffery** of Highland; **Megan Kalanik** of Milford; **Aaron Hoorn** of Northville; **Douglas Gantt** and **James Jakes** of Novi; and **Hannah**

Hilditch, Michael Tolman and **Agatha Weddle** of White Lake.
Western Michigan University
Western Michigan University recently announced its fall 2015 graduates.
From Northville: **Alexander Joseph Bernstein**, BS in engineering
From Novi: **Laura Louise Sheeran**, master of science; **Matthew John VanZoest**, bachelor of science; and **Erik Lee Morgan**, bachelor of business administration.
From Commerce Township: **David Saul Chaben**, bachelor of arts; **William Roscoe Morton**, bachelor of science; and **Michael Steven Comp-ton**, bachelor of arts.
From Walled Lake: **Allison Rose Beveridge**, bachelor of science; and **Katana Maria Diaz**, bachelor of science.
From Wolverine Lake: **Theodore Kirk**, bachelor of business administration.
From Wixom: **Russell Joseph Klimczak**, bachelor of science; and **Matthew W. Neyens**, bachelor of science.

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Novi Police receives award for reducing crashes

The Novi Police Department's use of analytics to help reduce traffic crashes was recognized by the Governor's Traffic Safety Advisory Commission during its annual awards luncheon.

GTSAC honored Novi with an Outstanding Traffic Safety Achievement Award for its sustained success in implementing data-driven approaches to crime and

traffic safety, a form of community oriented policing. DDACTS integrates location-based crime and traffic crash data to determine the most effective methods for deploying law enforcement and other resources to reduce crime.

Since its inception, the department has seen a reduction in targeted crimes (burglary, larce-

ny and motor vehicle theft) and traffic crashes in DDACTS areas. Examples include:

» Haggerty and Nine Mile: Targeted crimes down 72 percent, traffic stops increased by more than 225 percent, more than 130 arrests made.

» Haggerty and Eight Mile: Traffic crashes reduced by 30 percent, more than 1,000 citizen contacts made, 800 hours

spent actively patrolling.

» Beck and Pontiac Trail: Targeted crimes down 57 percent, more than 170 individuals arrested, more than 16,300 miles and 1,700 hours dedicated to traffic enforcement.

» Novi Road and I-96: Targeted crimes down 48 percent, traffic crashes reduced by 32 percent, more than 95 individuals arrested and more than

940 citizen contacts made..

» M-5 and 13 Mile: Made more than 350 contacts and dedicated more than 230 hours and 2,350 miles of proactive patrol in a few short months.

"I am very proud of the women and men of the Novi Police Department for their successful, sustained efforts to reduce crime and traffic

crashes for our community members, business partners and visitors," said David E. Molloy, director of public safety/ chief of police. "This award reinforces the value of community-oriented policing as we work to reduce social harms in our community."

Foundation nets nearly \$31,000 in raffle

The Walled Lake Schools Foundation for Excellence recently held its Tuition Expedition 50/50 Scholarship raffle drawing March 28 during the district's PTSA Reflections Celebration.

Sarah Klein, Clifford Smart Middle School parent, was the grand prize winner of the 50/50 Scholarship raffle. The raffle's secondary raffle prize, tutorial services package donated by Sylvan Learning of West Bloomfield, was won by Barbie Green, Walled Lake Central High School French teacher.

In all, 308 tickets were sold, totaling \$30,800 raised for the foundation.

"I wish to extend the foundation's sincere appreciation to our raffle sponsor, Walled Lake School Employees Federal Credit Union; to Sylvan Learning of West Bloomfield for their donation; and to our district, community and neighbors for supporting our 11th annual Tuition Expedition raffle. It is through these partnerships, that our Tuition Expedition has been sustained and has generated \$446,200 in total ticket sales during its tenure," said Michelle Bianco, foundation executive director. "Placing the call and delivering the news to Sarah was an



Sarah Klein (left), Clifford Smart Middle School parent and 2016 Tuition Expedition 50/50 Raffle winner, and Michelle Bianco, executive director of the Foundation for Excellence.

outstanding moment as I experienced her true elation. We congratulate Sarah on being our 2016 Tuition Expedition grand prize winner."

"I am honored and proud to be part of such an amazing school community. Thank you so much to the foundation for all that you do for our schools, and for our family," Klein said.

Klein is provided the option of choosing either 50 percent of the raffle's ticket sales in the form of scholarship funds for post-secondary education or to elect a 40 percent lump sum payment.

Funds raised by the Tuition Expedition raffle are channeled into the areas of technology, literacy, leadership and

community for Walled Lake district's students through the foundation's annual grant program. The foundation has disbursed \$732,290 in grants over the course of 24 years.

The foundation, celebrating its 25th anniversary, is sustained by the donations received from Walled Lake district staff members, its communities and businesses and through honorariums, memorials and fundraising efforts. The foundation will be hosting its seventh annual golf scramble June 20 at Edgewood Country Club, Commerce Township. Go to www.wlcsd.org/foundation.cfm for out-

ing details and to register online.

ART HOUSE HAPPENINGS

The Northville Art House is at 215 W. Cady Street in historic downtown Northville and is celebrating 10 years of providing art enrichment and education to the community through classes, art shows and public art.

Online registration is available for summer classes and workshops for artists, children, teens and adults at www.northvillearthouse.org. Register early as classes fill quickly. Art House hours are noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, noon to 4 p.m. Saturday and 1-9 p.m. First Fridays only; Call 248-344-0497.

Upcoming events

The Northville Art House is proud to present "Four Generations of Artists: Richard Rochon & Family" as its featured exhibit. Richard Rochon is well-known in the field of architecture for his masterful renderings of buildings throughout the world. This exhibition showcases Rochon's prolific personal work and examines his artistic influence on four generations of the Rochon family. This exhibit will continue through April 30 during regular Art House hours.

Artists: Learn to fill your paintings with light and atmosphere! A two-day workshop on impressionistic landscapes will be offered April 23-24 by Vianna Szabo. Sign up now!

Store

The Northville Art House Store is proud to feature Jennifer Helner through April. Helner is a Northville resident who is a realist watercolor painter of flowers, landscapes and creative lettering. She teaches watercolor, drawing, pastels and callig-

raphy and is also well-known for her custom framing. Helner's artwork and framing compositions are in many private residences throughout the U.S. and she receives many requests for her calligraphy work on a commissioned basis. Visit Helner's beautiful work, as well as the work of more than 40 local artists at the Art House Store. Buy local, buy art and buy Michigan!

Art classes and workshops

Summer classes, camps and workshops for tots, preschoolers, older children, teens, adults and artists are available online and brochures are available at the Art House. Unique workshops open to teens and adults include making your own lip balms, gloss and butters April 17 and Friday night with Pewabic Pottery artisans making a ceramic vase April 22.

We have lots more fun, creative and serious classes offered in art exploration, drawing, watercolor, acrylics, crafts, metal work and jewelry making, fashion design, oil painting, pastel, ink, photography, soap making, and fiber. Go to www.northvillearthouse.org to register.

Volunteers and other support

Volunteers are the heart of the Art House. Call if you're interested in getting involved.

You can also offer support through an annual membership to the Friends of the Northville Art House, which supports Art House activities and gives members a discount on store items and classes. We are a community based art center and you can be a pART of it!

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Novi seeks input from residents on senior services

Residents are invited to share views and ideas on how city of Novi Older Adult Services can serve the 55 and older population now and in the future.

Officials said its residents' dedication help make Novi a vibrant community. Anyone interested can help influence the future and determine how services are delivered to older adults.

More than half of all Baby Boomers are now 50 and older and the United States is becoming increasingly populated by older adults. One-third of all Americans reached this senior milestone by 2010.

Novi's population reflects this demographic change. According to the U.S. Census Bureau's 2012 population data, there were estimated to be 12,480 people 55 or older living in Novi. According to the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, Novi households with one or more person 65 or older increased by more than 70 percent from 2000 to 2010.

Beginning in 2008, to



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Novi Senior Center volunteer Kathy Retich makes a batch of ham and cheese sandwiches for the Meadowbrook Commons Senior Nutrition Program lunch. The lunch, taking place at the center on Meadowbrook, takes place at noon Monday through Friday and costs \$3 per person. Reservations for each meal are required and can be made by calling 248-347-0489. The program is administered by Erin Belanger.

more effectively serve Novi's older adults, two three-year Strategic Plans have been implemented by OAS. These plans have been the road

map to addressing trends, social and economic issues. In that time, city officials said OAS has widened its audience; promoted

healthy, active lifestyles; created a sense of community; and expanded health and wellness opportunities. It is time to move



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People gather at Meadowbrook Commons to enjoy the Senior Nutrition Program lunch.

forward with creation of the 2016-21 OAS Strategic Plan. Moving to a five-year plan will provide the opportunity to measure the results of the action steps and additional time to make adjustments as needed.

Several community conversations are planned to help set the agenda for the next five years. Light refreshments will be provided.

» 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 20, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 10 Mile Road

» 2 p.m. Thursday, April 21, at Meadowbrook Activity Center, 25075 Meadowbrook Road

» 2 p.m. Friday, April 22, at Fox Run, 41000 W. 13 Mile Road

To RSVP or learn more about the community conversations and the development of the 2016-21 OAS Strategic Plan, call 248-347-0414 or contact OAS manager Karen Kapchonick at kkapchonick@cityofnovi.org. An input survey will be available online at cityofnovi.org in mid-May.

Stampeding award winners

Northville was well-represented for the 40th White Pine Stampede cross country ski race in mid-February in Mancelona. Winning awards in their age group were (bottom row, from left) Adam Danes, Amy Kostrzewa and Jeff Moore. Also participating (top row, from left) were Peter Maise, Ken Roth and Brad Plymale.



LIBRARY LINES

Drop-In Morning Storytime

Time/Date: 10:15-10:45 a.m. Thursday, April 7 through May 5
Details: Storytime fun for toddlers and preschoolers! All ages welcome. Caregivers must accompany children 3 and younger. We cannot accommodate special groups due to space limitations. Just drop in!

Drop-In Little Me Storytime

Time/Date: 10:30-11:15 a.m. Friday, April 8
Details: Littles ones, babies to 2 years old, along with parents or

caregivers, enjoy music, simple stories and playtime. Fun for preschoolers too. No registration needed. Just drop in!

Book Discussion for Adults

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Monday, April 11
Details: Enjoy a lively discussion of Susan Cain's "Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World that Can't Stop Talking." Just drop in.

Relationship Matter\$ with Mark Robinson

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 13
Details: "Handling

Sales Pitches." How to protect your interests before you transfer your account or buy an investment like an annuity, IRA or mutual fund. Register online at www.northvillelibrary.org or by phone at 248-349-3020.

Discover Michigan, County by County

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Monday, April 18
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Spring babies arrive at Kensington Farm Center

Laura Colvin
Staff Writer

The barns are bursting with new babies and expectant mothers at Kensington Metropark's Farm Center in Milford.

Over the last couple of weeks, farm staff and visitors have welcomed two litters of piglets, one set of twin baby goats, triplet baby lambs and quadruplet baby goats.

"We call that lower barn our maternity ward," farm manager Debbie Cavallaro said, noting many of the animals now producing offspring were born and raised at the farm, including Gem, a sow who recently delivered her first litter of piglets.

"Spring is always a very exciting time for us; it's very rewarding for the staff, who all care immensely for the animals here."

After one of the farm's Nubian goats recently gave birth to four kids, she added, farm staff



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A litter of pigs born recently at Kensington Metropark's Farm Center.

began augmenting the smaller two with bottles, even taking the babies home at night, since a mother goat can only feed two at a time.

"We always hope for nice healthy twins," Cavallaro said. "Sometimes we get triplets; four are double trouble."

The efforts have paid off as the babies continue to grow and have already started on hay and grain.

All the spring babies attract lots of visitors to the farm each year, Cav-

allaro said. During the next few months, more baby sheep, goats and pigs are expected and one of the farm's cows, Daisy, is due the third week of June.

"They grow up quick," she said, noting many of the new additions are sold to 4H children, who raise the animals for entry into county fairs. "I come back after just two days off and I can't believe how much they've grown."

The farm, which is

open daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., is also home to draft horses, ducks, chickens, miniature donkeys and rabbits.

The farm will host a fun-filled weekend of activities for the whole family April 23-24 during the annual Spring Festival.

The two-day event centers on shearing the farm's flock of sheep, but visitors can also tour the farm, take a hayride, be entertained by Rosco the Clown and see a border collie demonstration.

"They'll show how they move the sheep," Cavallaro said. "Just like in the movie 'Babe.'"

A metroparks vehicle entry permit is required to enter any metropark and is \$35 annually for regular admission. One-day passes are also available. General information can be found at www.metroparks.com or by calling 800-47-PARKS.

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Marais Sutton, 8, connects with some of the baby goats born recently at Kensington Metropark's farm. The farm has seen births in recent weeks from sheep, pigs and goats and they can be viewed seven days a week at the farm.

Alpha Kappa Alpha donates to Novi Youth Assistance

On Dec. 13, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority chartered its newest chapter in Michigan, Omega Epsilon Omega of Novi.

Alpha Kappa Alpha was founded in 1908.

During the celebratory luncheon held at the Sheraton Detroit Novi Hotel, the chapter donated backpacks, coats, hats, scarves and gloves to Novi Youth Assistance. These items were accepted on its behalf by Bob Steeh, director. A mone-



Alpha Kappa Alpha members donated 40 coats and 40 backpacks and a bag full of gloves, hats and scarves to Novi Youth Assistance, as well as \$500 to Hospitality House, when it chartered its Novi chapter.

tary donation was presented to Donovan Neal, executive director of Hospitality House, a community food pantry located in Commerce Township.

Omega Epsilon Omega will continue to serve Novi and surrounding

areas through its international program targets of educational enrichment, health promotion, family strengthening, environmental ownership and global impact.

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CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 27, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **BEACON HILL JSP 15-08 AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 18.710 FOR PLANNING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION TO THE CITY COUNCIL FOR A PLANNED REZONING OVERLAY ASSOCIATED WITH A ZONING MAP AMENDMENT FROM RA (RESIDENTIAL ACREAGE) TO R-4 (ONE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) AND B-3 (GENERAL BUSINESS) WITH A PLANNED REZONING OVERLAY (PRO).** The subject property is approximately 21.13-acres and is located on the northeast corner of Twelve Mile Road and Meadowbrook Road (Section 12). The applicant is proposing a 42 unit single family residential development with frontage on and access to Meadowbrook Road, up to 22,000 square feet of commercial space with frontage and two access drives on 12 Mile Road, and an open space/park area at the corner of the intersection, and commits to building vehicle and bicycle parking for a trailhead.

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be made to the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during the City's regular business hours, Monday thru Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., and must be received by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, April 27, 2016.

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Michael Lynch, Secretary
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Web: www.brightmoorchurch.org

Celebrate Recovery

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

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Contact: 248-349-8847

Web: www.holyfamilynovi.org

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

Holy days: 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment

Priests: the Rev. Bob LaCroix, pastor, and the Rev. Beto Espinoza, associate pastor

AA: 8 p.m. Wednesdays

Crosspointe Meadows

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

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

Web: www.crosspointemeadows.org

Sunday worship: 11 a.m.

Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all ages

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

Destiny Worship Center

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

Contact: destinyw3@gmail.com

Web: www.dw3c.org

Detroit Japanese Christian Fellowship

Location: 45301 11 Mile, Novi

Contact: Kanji Fuki

Contact: 248-756-3336

Dominion Church

Location: P.O. Box 605, Novi

Contact: 248-767-1366

Pastor: James H. Moseley Jr.

Asst. Pastor: Ashaki M. Moseley

Emmanuel Lutheran

Location: 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia

Web: www.emmanuel-livonia.org

Contact: 248-442-8822

Sunday worship: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. (child care available at final service)

Youth group: 7 p.m. Wednesday

Special Needs Ministry: Judy Cook, 248-442-8822

Women's Coffee Break Bible Study: 10-11:30 a.m. Mondays

Lenten Bible Study: "Give up Something Bad for Lent" by James Moore

Tuesdays at 11 a.m. (child care available)

At Tapiola Village (35150 W. 8 Mile Rod) Thursdays at 11 a.m.

Faith Community Presbyterian Church

Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile

Contact: 248-349-2345

Web: www.faithcommunity-novi.org

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

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

Children's Faith Club: 5 p.m. Wednesday

First Baptist Church of Northville

Location: 217 N. Wing, Northville

Contact: 248-348-1020

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

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

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

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

First Church of the Nazarene

Location: 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile

Contact: 248-348-7600

Web: www.dfcnazarene.org

Sunday Schedule: 9:30 a.m. Classic Worship; 11 a.m. Revive (contemporary) Worship; 11 a.m. Kids Worship and Teen Worship; 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday School

Monday: 7 p.m. - Bible Study Fellowship Men's Bible Study

Tuesday: 9:25 a.m. - Women of the Word Women's Bible Study

Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. - Caravan Scouting program for kids ages 4 through fifth grade; Club 45 for fourth-and fifth-graders; Merge Middle School Worship night; Bible Study with Troy Ogle; Little Critters preschool program; Alpha class from 6:30-8 p.m. - an opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment. Alpha is for high school to adult.

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

First Free Will Baptist Church

Location: 51395 10 Mile Road, Novi

Contact: 248-348-2380

First Presbyterian Church of Northville

Location: 200 E. Main, Northville

Contact: 248-349-0911

Web: www.fpcnorthville.org

Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m.

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

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First United Methodist Church of Northville

Location: 777 W. Eight Mile, Northville

Contact: 248-349-1144

Web: www.fumcnorthville.org

Frank Turner Ministries

Location: Novi Civic Center 45175 W. 10 Mile Road

Contact: 810-599-7392

Web: www.FrankTurner.org

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

Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS)

Location: 41415 Nine Mile, Novi

Contact: 248-349-0565, www.goodshepherdnovi.org

Pastor: Rev Thomas E. Schroeder

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

Grace Immanuel Bible Church

Location: 21900 Meadowbrook Road, Novi

Pastor: Charles Sexton

Contact: 248-344-4465

Holy Cross Episcopal

Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile, Novi

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

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 Lyon

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

Metropolitan Seventh-day Adventist Church

Location: 15585 N Haggerty Road, Plymouth

Contact: 734-420-3131

Web: www.metrodachurch.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; rabbini@novijewishcenter.com

Web: www.novijewishcenter.com

Novi United Methodist

Location: 41671 W. 10 Mile, Novi

Contact: 248-349-2652

Web: www.umcnovi.com

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Novi-United-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, Novi

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. Wednesday

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.oaklandbaptist-novi.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 Sunday 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.

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.thepentecostalsof-novi.org

Plymouth St. John's Episcopal Church

Location: 574 S. Sheldon in Plymouth

Contact: 734-453-0190, Ext. 16

Web: www.stjohnsplymouth.org

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.princeofpeacehills.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

Survey: 87 percent of drivers doing risky stuff

Eric D. Lawrence
Michigan.com

A significant majority of drivers in a new survey say they engaged in at least one “risky behavior” while behind the wheel in the past month. The AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety reports that 87 percent of those in the survey said they had done something

risky, including distracted, impaired or drowsy driving or speeding, running red lights or not wearing seat belts. In response, Peter Kissinger, the foundation’s president and chief executive officer, called on drivers to be more responsible. “There is a culture of indifference for far too many drivers when it

comes to road safety,” Kissinger said in a news release. “The vast majority of motorists believe they are more careful than others on the road, though most of them are not making safe decisions while behind the wheel. We’re asking every driver to make responsible decisions to make the roads safer for

everyone.” The survey included data from a sample of 2,442 licensed drivers ages 16 and older who said they drove in the last 30 days. Among the results: » 13 percent drove with an alcohol level possibly near or over the legal limit in the last year and 9 percent did this more than once. » 18 percent drove without a seat belt in the last 30 days (15 percent did so more than once). » 39 percent ran a red light when they could have stopped safely in the last 30 days (26 percent did so more than once). » 32 percent drove when they had a hard time keeping their eyes open because the were so tired in the last 30 days (22 percent more than once). » 48 percent went 15

mph over the speed limit in the last month (15 percent do so regularly) and 45 percent went 10 over in the last month. » 70 percent talked on a cellphone while driving in the last 30 days (31 percent regularly). » 42 percent read a text message or email while driving in the last 30 days (12 percent regularly). » 32 percent typed or sent texts in the last month (8 percent regularly).

Your Invitation to Worship

Whitmore Lake

FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH
10774 Nine Mile Road
Rev. M. Lee Taylor • 449-2582
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Worship, 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening, 7:00 p.m.

Milford

SAINT GEORGE'S
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“Practicing Jesus’ Love, Daily”
• Communion 8am & 10am, Sundays
• Nursery, Sunday School 10am
• Bible Study 10:30am, Mondays
stgeorgesmilford.org
801 E. Commerce Street, Milford 48381

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
Preschool, Pre-K & Kdg. - Mo. Synod
620 General Motors Rd., Milford
Church office: (248) 684-0895
Worship Services: Sunday 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.
Bible Study: Sunday 10:45 a.m.
Rev. Martin Dressler

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Sunday School (all ages) 9:30 a.m. • Sunday Worship - 11 a.m.
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Wednesdays, 6:45-8:15 p.m.
Awana, 3 yrs old thru 5th grade (Sept.-March)
and Youth Group for 6th grade and older
Website: milfordbaptist.org

MILFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Pastor Bryant Anderson
238 N. Main Street, Milford MI (248) 684-2805
www.milfordpc.org
Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School age 3 thru 5th grade @ 10 a.m.
Youth Group 10 am - Grades 6-12
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All are welcome at all services
905 E. Commerce St. Milford, MI 48381
Sunday Service: 10:30 am
Sunday School ages 3-20; 10:30 am
Children's room: Wed & Sun services
Wednesday service: 7:30 pm 248-685-7266

Milford United Methodist Church
1200 Atlantic St., Milford, MI 48381
Sunday Worship: 8:30 am and 10:30 am, 6 pm
Children's Church: 10:30 am
Groups for Children, Youth and Adults
248-684-2798
milfordumc.net

OAKPOINTE |milford
CHURCH
1250 South Hill Rd.
(248) 685-3560 www.opcmilford.org
Contemporary Worship Service Sunday 9:15 am & 11:15 am
Adventuredland Children's Program Sunday 9:15 am & 11:15 am
The Rock (Middle School) Thursday 6:30-8:30 pm Sunday 9:15 am
707 High School/Wednesdays 7:00-9:00 pm
Women, Men and Life Groups/Various Schedules

Freedom Life Church
Where the Spirit of the Lord is,
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1208 E. Commerce, Milford
Worship: Sun 11am, Wed 7pm
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L.O. 0000267475 and depressed.

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24505 Meadowbrook Rd., Novi, MI 48375
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Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.
Fr. Bob LaCroix, Pastor
Fr. Beto Espinoza, Associate
Parish Office: 349-8847 • www.holyfamilynovi.org

FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
44400 W. 10 Mile., Novi, 248-349-2345
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MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
21355 Meadowbrook Rd. in Novi at 8 1/2 Mile
248-348-7757 • www.mbccc.org
Sunday Worship 10 a.m.
Rev. Arthur Ritter, Senior Minister

OAK POINTE CHURCH
50200 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi
Saturday Worship 5:15 p.m.,
Sunday 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.
Casual, contemporary service
Phone (248) 912-0043
www.oakpointe.org

ST. JAMES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH NOVI
46325 10 Mile Rd. • Novi, MI 48374
Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 8, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m.
Msgr John Kasza, Pastor
Parish Office: 347-7778

NOVI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
41671 W. Ten Mile Road • Novi, MI 48375
Sunday Worship 9:45 a.m.
Rev. June M. Smith, Pastor
248-349-2652
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Mid-Week Study Wednesday 7:00 p.m.
Rev. Michael Horlocker, Pastor
www.fpcsouthlyon.org

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Gathering in Jesus Name
52909 10 Mile Rd • South Lyon, MI 48178
Sunday 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.
Mike Ragan, Pastor
734-347-1983 pastor cell
Old fashioned preaching KJV

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

CROSS OF CHRIST LUTHERAN
(Missouri Synod)
Pastor Terry Nelson
437-8810 • 486-4335
Griswold Rd. at 10 Mile
Worship: 10 a.m.; Sunday School: 10 a.m.;
Adult Bible Study: 9 a.m.

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

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SOUTH LYON
60820 Marjorie Ann St., South Lyon 48178
Phone: 248-437-2983
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. • Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.
Senior Pastor: Rob Freshour / Assoc. Pastor: Randy Weeks
Website: www.fbcsouthlyon.com
Email: fbcsouthlyon@sbglobal.net

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

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at Liberty St.
Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.
All Classes 9:00
Pastor Scott Miller, (248) 437-1651

Shepherd's Way Lutheran Church, ELCA
59255 10 Mile Rd.
South Lyon MI 48178
Sunday Worship 9:30 AM
Rev. Thomas Scherger
248-573-7320
www.shepherdswaysouthlyon.org

CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHURCH
28900 Pontiac Trail • South Lyon
248-486-0400
www.ecrossroads.net
Service Times
8:45am, 10:00am & 11:30am
Renewed Hope Counseling Center
248-560-7507
rhoecc.net

Northville

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

WARD CHURCH
40000 Six Mile Road
Northville, MI 48168
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Our Saviour Apostolic Lutheran Church
54899 8 Mile Rd. at Currie Rd. Northville, MI 48167
248-374-2268
Sunday Worship:
Sunday School at 9:45
10:30 am Fellowship/Coffee
11:00 am Worship Service
Wednesday Bible Study at 7 pm
Pastor Andy Whitton
oursaviouralc.com

OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH
133 Orchard Dr., Northville
WEEKEND LITURGIES Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, 7:30, 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.
Church 349-2621, School 349-3610
Religious Education 349-2559
Rev. Denis Theroux, Pastor

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

Brighton

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or email: jkbrando@michigan.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Garden club

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. refreshments, 7 p.m. program, Monday, April 11

Details: Gardeners of Northville and Novi will host Jane Riddle of Lodi Farms, Ann Arbor, speaking about companion gardening. Lodi Farms has been in business since 1988 and has continued to grow in landscaping to garden rooms, from trees to annuals. Guests \$5. Held at Novi High School, 24062 Taft Road. Use door No. 43.

Mom2Mom sale

Time/Date: 8 a.m. to noon, Saturday, April 16
Details: Novi Community Education's Child

Care and Preschool is hosting its annual Mom2Mom Sale in the Novi High School Atrium. Admission is \$2 per adult and children younger than age 12 are free. Sellers may call to rent a table and/or rack space. Tables are \$20 (five feet round) and rack space may be rented for an additional \$10. All large items are kept next to the seller with no extra fee.

Items accepted for sellers to sell range from maternity, baby, toddlers and children up to pre-teen. For more information, contact Community Education – Child Care at 248-449-1713. All admission proceeds will benefit the Child Care programs.

K-9 Veterans Day event

Time/Date: 11 a.m. Saturday, April 16
Details: The Michigan War Dog Memorial will host a K-9 Veterans Day

event. Invited speakers to discuss the value of working with a K-9, OCSD K-9 unit, National Association of Professional Canine Handlers, WCC K-9's and K-9 Piper from Traverse City Airport. Immediately following the event the unveiling of a war dog plaque in the memory of Rob Wurtz.

The program will take place at the memorial, 25805 Milford Road, Lyon Township. For more information, contact Phil Weitlauf at pweitlauf@gmx.com or 248-685-8307.

Band, orchestra fundraiser

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, April 17
Details: Tom Holzer Ford and Novi High School are partnering in Ford's Drive 4 UR School event at Novi High School on the southeast corner of Taft and 10 Mile, in the parking lot off of 10 Mile. Anyone can support the Novi High School Orchestra and Band by taking a test drive in any brand new Ford vehicle.

For every test drive taken, Ford Motor Co. will donate \$20 to the orchestra/band, with a \$6,000 cap. To date, Ford dealerships across the United States have helped raised more than \$30 million for local schools and nonprofits through this program.

Foreign exchange meeting

Time/Date: 5:30-7:30 p.m. Monday, April 18
Details: Educatius International Exchange

Learning the judicial system



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth 35th District Judge Jim Plakas visits Novi's Parkview Elementary to talk to March 24 students about the basics of the judicial process. Students got to learn about the difference between a bench and jury trial and what sort of evidence can and cannot be entered into a trial. One curious young student even asked the judge about the legal ramifications of trading counterfeit Pokemon cards.

Students program is seeking families in Novi Community Schools that are interested in cultural diversity and hosting an exchange student for the 2016-2017 school year.

Open house for more information and to see the students that are available for hosting will be available at the Novi Public Library. Contact Michelle Compton at 586-737-7069 or michelle.educatus@gmail.com with questions.

Dementia workshop

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to noon Wednesdays, April 20 through May 25
Details: The Area Agency on Aging 1-B and the Alzheimer's Associa-

tion-Greater Michigan Chapter host free educational workshops for families caring for someone with a dementia-related illness, such as Alzheimer's disease. The Creating Confident Caregivers program is a six-week workshop series at the Novi Civic Center.

Caregivers will learn how to: reduce caregiver related stress; improve caregiver confidence; create a positive caregiving environment; plan daily activities for your loved one based on their strengths; and deal with behaviors caused by dementia and its effects on the brain. Advance registration is required. To register, call the AAA 1-B at 800-852-7795. For

more details or additional information, go to www.aaalb.com.

Comedy for a Cause

Time/Date: 8 p.m. April 29
Details: Come show your support for deployed military troops. Big Tommy's will host a fundraiser for Troops Need Love Too, a Michigan nonprofit supporting deployed military. The evening features 10 comedians performing; two are veterans. 50/50 and silent auction planned, as well. Doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. Call 248-762-1151 for tickets. Big Tommy's is at 40380 Grand River Ave. in Novi.

CITY OF NOVI
NOTICE OF ADOPTION
ORDINANCE NO. 16-157.05

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE NOVI CITY COUNCIL HAS ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 16-157.05 TO AMEND THE CITY OF NOVI CODE OF ORDINANCES, AT CHAPTER 31, "STREETS, SIDEWALKS, AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES," ARTICLE I, "IN GENERAL," SECTION 31-1, "CONSTRUCTION WITHIN CITY STREET, HIGHWAY, ALLEYWAY, PARKING, SIDEWALK, BIKE PATH, PARK EASEMENT OR OTHER PUBLIC PLACE," IN ORDER TO PROVIDE THAT EXISTING PROHIBITIONS ON CONSTRUCTION SHALL NOT APPLY TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SINGLE-FAMILY HOME FOR WHICH A SITE RESTORATION BOND IS PROVIDED UNDER CHAPTER 26.5 OF THE CODE.

The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, March 28, 2016 and the provisions of the ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its adoption. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., prevailing local time.

Maryanne Cornelius, City Clerk

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CITY OF NOVI
NOTICE OF ADOPTION
ORDINANCE NO. 16-96.03

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE NOVI CITY COUNCIL HAS ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 16-96.03 TO AMEND THE CITY OF NOVI CODE OF ORDINANCES, AT CHAPTER 7, "BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS," ARTICLE V, "SITE RESTORATION," IN ORDER TO REVISE PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENTS FOR SITE RESTORATION BONDS, THEIR FORFEITURE, AND THEIR RETURN TO BUILDER.

The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, March 28, 2016 and the provisions of the ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its adoption. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., prevailing local time.

MARYANNE CORNELIUS
CITY CLERK

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NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS
OF THE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING – April 26, 2016

The Charter Township of Northville Planning Commission has scheduled a public hearing for Tuesday, April 26, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. to consider amendments to Chapter 170, Zoning Ordinance, Article 20, Development Options. The proposed amendments may be viewed in the Planning Department at the Northville Township municipal office building during regular business hours from 8:00 A.M. – 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday.

The public is invited to attend this public hearing and express their comments or ask questions. Written comments will be received by the Northville Township Board of Trustees at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168.

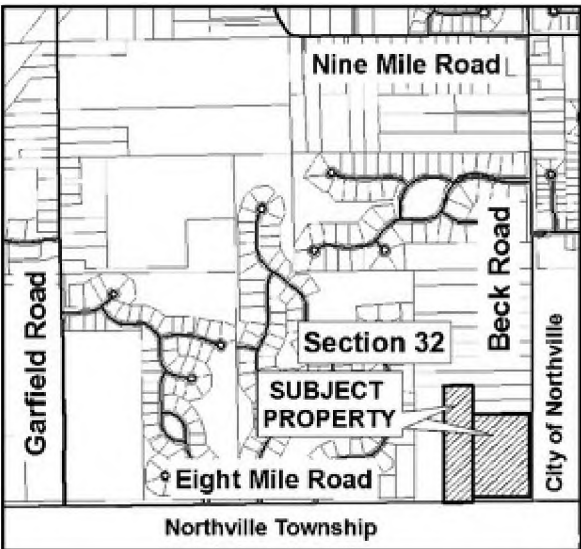
Eric Lark, Chair
Planning Commission

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CITY OF NOVI
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 27, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **DUNHILL PARK, JSP 15-13, FOR PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN, WETLANDS PERMIT, WOODLANDS PERMIT, AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN APPROVAL. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS CURRENTLY ZONED RA (RESIDENTIAL ACREAGE) WITH A PLANNED REZONING OVERLAY ASSOCIATED WITH A ZONING MAP AMENDMENT FROM RA (RESIDENTIAL ACREAGE) TO R-1 (ONE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL).** The subject property is approximately 23.76 acres and is located at the northwest corner of Beck Road and Eight Mile Road (Section 32). The applicant is proposing a 31-unit single-family residential development in a cluster arrangement with frontage on and access to Eight Mile Road. Plans are available for review at the Community Development Department in the Novi Civic Center.



Subject Property Parcel ID's: 50-22-32-400-013 and 50-22-32-400-014

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be made to the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during the City's regular business hours, Monday thru Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., and must be received by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, April 27, 2016.

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Novi Planning Commission
Michael Lynch, Secretary

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for the Novi Community Schools' Underground Storage Tank (UST) Removal and Replacement will be received until **10:00 AM local time on Thursday, April 28, 2016** at the Novi Community Schools' Educational Services Building located at:

25345 Taft Road
Novi, MI 48374
ATTN: Mr. Steve Barr, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Operations

Bids received after this time and date will not be considered or accepted and will be returned to the bidder unopened. Faxed proposals will not be accepted.

This project will consist of the following:

- Removal of the current underground storage tank (UST) system consisting of one 10,000-gallon fiberglass diesel UST, one diesel dispenser, and associated product piping by a licensed and certified UST contractor. The bid should include removal of up to 500-gallons of residual diesel fuel from the UST system. Costs to remove contaminated soil, if encountered, is not included in the bid.
- Installation of one new 10,000-gallon diesel UST, product piping, and dispenser in accordance with the revised 2015 federal UST guidelines. The new UST system will be installed within the basin of the current UST system to be removed under the bid. The newly installed diesel dispenser will be located directly above the UST; the bid should include costs for both a single and double sided dispenser. Specifications for the UST, dispenser, and product piping to be utilized will be provided by the contractor within the bid. Costs and specifications for backfill material to be utilized will also be included in the bid; however, re-surfacing is not included.
- Bid assumes scope of work will commence after June 17, 2016 and will be completed prior to June 30, 2016.

Bid Documents prepared by PM Environmental, Inc. will be available beginning at **10:00 AM** on Monday, April 11, 2016 via the following: Contact Jennifer Ritchie, CPG of PM Environmental, Inc., via e-mail at Ritchie@pmenv.com or via phone at (248) 414-1430.

All bids should include 2 copies (1 original, 1 copy) of a Proposal Pricing Form, Familial Disclosure form and the Iran Economics Sanctions Act Affidavit. **The Familial Form provides a space for the bidder to disclose any familial relationship as required by Section 1267 of the Revised School Code, as amended, MCL 380.1267, and this form must be signed and notarized in order for the bid to be accepted. The Iran Economic Sanctions Act Affidavit form provided within the bid documents must also be signed and notarized in order for the bid to be accepted**

Each bid must be accompanied by a Bid Security in the amount of five (5) percent of the amount of the bid, payable to Novi Community Schools, as a guarantee that if the proposal is accepted, the bidder will execute the contract and file the required bonds within ten (10) days after notice of award of contract.

If awarded a contract, the successful bidder may be required to furnish a Performance Bond and Labor and Material Payment Bond in the amount of 100% of the contract price. Pursuant to Section 21107 of Part 211, the winning bidder also shall provide and maintain pollution liability insurance of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence.

Novi Community Schools reserves the right to reject any or all bids received, to waive any informalities and irregularities in the bidding, and to accept a bid other than the lowest bid.

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Local students mark in math competition

This is the 59th year of competition during which thousands of high school students across the state of Michigan participate in the Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition sponsored by the Michigan Section of the Mathematics Association of America.

More than \$20,000 in scholarships are awarded each year. These range from \$250 to \$2,500. Students take a two-part examination from topics in high school mathematics. Part 1 consists of 40 multiple-choice questions. This year approximately 6,000 students participated in Part 1.

The highest 1,000 scores from Part 1 are then invited to participate in Part 2. Here students work on five challenging problems and write their solutions providing full justification and proofs of their claims. These are graded by college professors and professional mathematicians. The top 100 students are honored at an awards banquet and presented with their awards. This year, the awards banquet was March 12 at Eastern Michigan University.

From Northville, Detroit Country Day School students Justin Lee was awarded a \$600 scholarship and Helen Xu was awarded a \$250 scholarship. Attending Northville High School, Timothy Wu, Allen Ho and Yannis Bi all were awarded a \$250 scholarship. Krithik Vallem, Bhavika

Gummadi and Parth Shah all received an honorable mention.

From Novi, Detroit Country Day School student Sahil Suneja was awarded a \$250 scholarship. Attending ICAE, Srihari Ganesh received an honorable mention. Attending Novi High School, Ajay Arora was awarded a \$600 scholarship and Jeffrey Wan was awarded a \$250 scholarship. Gary Luo, Robert Xu, Anjali Singh, Mitchel Huang, Ashwin Vangipuram and Nikita Daniel all received honorable mention.

Colleges and universities throughout Michigan have helped fund the scholarships and book awards. The examination and administration of this year's program was at Eastern Michigan University. The section is seeking additional funds from corporations and foundations to increase the number of scholarships.

Walled Lake high school students raise \$54K for charity

Students from Walled Lake Central, Walled Lake Northern High School and Walled Lake Western high schools recently conducted volleyball marathons, raising more than \$54,000 for three different local groups.

Annually, the three Walled Lake Schools high schools host volleyball marathons at their buildings where students are locked in for the entire night playing games and hanging out with friends.

Central raised more than \$25,000 at its event for Scarlet Goszczynski, a Walled Lake student who is battling spinal muscular atrophy. Activities at the marathon included volleyball, human bowling, hamster ball races, a hypnotist, cash grab machine, inflatables, ping pong and a psychic.

For more information about Goszczynski and her fight against SMA,

go to <https://www.go-fundme.com/pxoe34>.

Northern raised \$14,200 with its volleyball marathon for the Walled Lake Foundation for Excellence. Activities at the marathon included volleyball, a mechanical bull, a hypnotist, sumo wrestling and food from Buffalo Wild Wings, Le-o's, Highland House and more.

Michelle Bianco, FFE executive director said, "The Foundation for Excellence is truly honored to be the recipient of funds raised by Northern High School's 2016 volleyball marathon, which will further our mission to increase and enhance educational opportunities for K-12 students in our district in the areas of technology, literacy, leadership and community. We are proud and most appreciative of our Northern Knights' collaborative effort to organize a highly successful and fun event to benefit our

foundation."

For more information on the Walled Lake Foundation for Excellence, go to <http://wlcsd.org/schools/district/foundation-for-excellence/>.

Western donated \$15,000 from its volleyball marathon to the Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Metropolitan Detroit. Activities at the marathon included volleyball, ping-pong, a hypnotist, zumba, inflatables, mechanical bull riding, swimming and an epic lip sync battle.

Joseph Bell, Western

principal said, "I am proud of the efforts of Walled Lake Western student activities leading the charge to raise \$15,000 for Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Metropolitan Detroit. As the nation's largest volunteer mentoring network, Big Brothers Big Sisters makes a big difference in the lives of thousands of young people in our area."

For more information on the Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Metropolitan Detroit, go to <http://www.bbbsdetroit.org/>.



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New hotels under construction in Canton

Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Two new four-story hotels are taking shape on Canton's east side, bringing a combined 178 rooms to accommodate business travelers, out-of-town shoppers and big crowds attending local sports events.

A&M Hospitality hopes to open the hotels by next winter on Ford Road, near the southbound I-275 ramp, said Mike Abdulnoor, the company's regional manager.

Towne Place Suites will have 87 rooms, largely targeted for extended-stay guests such as business executives. Fairfield Inn & Suites will offer 91 rooms intended for short-term guests.

The hotels reflect a nearly \$20 million investment in Canton, Abdulnoor said, and local officials welcome it.

"We're glad to see them come," said township Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin, who chairs the Canton Downtown Development Authority.

Abdulnoor said the hotels can accommodate business executives visiting Canton companies and those who need a central location between Detroit and Ann Arbor. He also said the new lodging is situated between I-96 and I-94 and not far from Detroit Metro Airport.

"We're very centrally located," he said.

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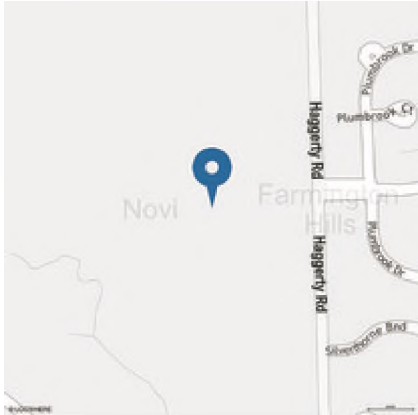


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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2016-17 BUDGET

In compliance with "Act No. 43," State of Michigan Public Act of 1963, and "Act No. 2," State of Michigan Public Acts of 1968 ("Section 16" of the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act). Schoolcraft College publishes this notification of a public hearing on the proposed 2016-17 College budget. This hearing is to take place at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 27, 2016, at the Jeffress Center Board Room, J228, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia, Michigan, 48152. A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection at the above address during normal business hours.



Glenn Cerny
Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2016-2017 BUDGET

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED CITY 2016-2017 BUDGET** at the Regular Meeting of Council to be held on **MONDAY, APRIL 18, 2016**. Said hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter, at the Novi Civic Center Council Chamber, 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan.

Interested citizens may appear and present written and/or verbal comments on the proposed budget.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will also be a subject of this hearing.

A copy of the proposed 2016-17 budget is currently available at the Novi Civic Center, Office of the City Clerk for public inspection, 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan and on the website www.cityofnovi.org

Maryanne Cornelius, MMC
City Clerk

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OUR VIEW

Autism Awareness Month puts spotlight on issues

April is Autism Awareness Month, including World Autism Awareness Day. With the Garden City school district including both Burger Baylor School for preschool through high school students with autism, as well as the Burger Transition Center to help young adults, it's clear autism awareness is growing. Both those facilities serve Wayne County and are part of greater awareness of autism and its impact on families. Burger Baylor recently hosted the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee men's basketball team in a game against students, while the Burger Transition Center hosted national expert Hal Wright on preparing special-needs people for life when their parents have died, including financially. Autism Speaks was founded in February 2005 by Bob and Suzanne Wright, grandparents of a child with autism. Their longtime friend Bernie Marcus donated \$25 million to help financially launch the organization. Autism spectrum disorder and autism are both general terms for a group of complex disorders of brain development. These disorders are characterized, in varying degrees, by difficulties in social interaction, verbal and non-verbal communication and repetitive behaviors. With the May 2013 publication of the DSM-5 diagnostic manual, all autism disorders were merged into one umbrella diagnosis of ASD. Previously, they were recognized as distinct subtypes, including autistic disorder, childhood disintegrative disorder, pervasive developmental disorder-

not otherwise specified and Asperger syndrome. ASD can be associated with intellectual disability, difficulties in motor coordination and attention and physical health issues such as sleep and gastrointestinal disturbances. Some persons with ASD excel in visual skills, music, math and art. Autism appears to have its roots in very early brain development. However, the most obvious signs of autism and symptoms of autism tend to emerge ages 2-3. Autism Speaks continues to fund research on effective methods for earlier diagnosis, as early intervention with proven behavioral therapies can improve outcomes. Increasing autism awareness is a key aspect of this work and one in which families and volunteers play an invaluable role. Autism statistics from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention identify around one in 68 American children as on the autism spectrum – a ten-fold increase in prevalence in 40 years. Careful research shows that this increase is only partly explained by improved diagnosis and awareness. Studies also show that autism is four to five times more common among boys than girls. An estimated one out of 42 boys and one in 189 girls are diagnosed with autism in the United States. ASD affects more than three million individuals in the U.S. and tens of millions worldwide. Moreover, government autism statistics suggest that prevalence rates have increased 10-17 percent annually in recent years. There is no established explanation for

this continuing increase, although improved diagnosis and environmental influences are two reasons often considered. Over the last five years, scientists have identified a number of rare gene changes, or mutations, associated with autism. A small number of these are sufficient to cause autism by themselves. Most cases of autism, however, appear to be caused by a combination of autism risk genes and environmental factors influencing early brain development. In the presence of a genetic predisposition to autism, a number of non-genetic, or “environmental,” stresses appear to further increase a child's risk. The clearest evidence of these autism risk factors involves events before and during birth. They include advanced parental age at time of conception (both mom and dad), maternal illness during pregnancy and certain difficulties during birth, particularly those involving periods of oxygen deprivation to the baby's brain. It is important to keep in mind that these factors, by themselves, do not cause autism. Rather, in combination with genetic risk factors, they appear to modestly increase risk. Increasingly, researchers are looking at the role of the immune system in autism. Autism Speaks is working to increase awareness and investigation of these and other issues, where further research has the potential to improve the lives of those who struggle with autism. More information is online at www.autismspeaks.org and www.autism-society.org.

LETTERS

Man up, Governor

I believe the Republican legislature and Gov. Rick Snyder are to blame for the Flint water crisis. We voted down the Emergency Manager Law, and within a month a few sentences were changed and money was added to the bill and it became law against the will of the people. Was it legal? Yes. Was it moral? No. Has it improved lives? No. They shouldn't blame

the EPA because our “Create-a-Bigger-Emergency-Manager” didn't make sure all the guidelines and procedures were in place before the switch was made. If the EPA had asserted itself, our leaders would have claimed government overreach, including the fact that the Republicans have three candidates running for President who want to get rid of the EPA. Part of the Republican

mantra is individual responsibility. It's time for the governor to “man- up and resign.

Terry Cannon
Livonia

President chooses nominee
The U.S. Constitution prescribes the President choose a nominee when a vacancy on the Supreme Court occurs. Congress must interview the person and vote yes or no. President Barack Obama nominated Judge M. Garland to replace the late A. Scalia. Extreme Republicans in Congress refuse to fulfill the duty as written in the Constitution. Is democracy alive? This is inexcusable. Hannah Provence Donigan
Commerce Township

Terrible thing to lose

It sometimes amazes me at how much emotion you can observe in the soulful look of even a small animal like a bird. Anyone who has ever owned a cat or a dog can attest to the somewhat human qualities that they seem to possess. Even the smallest insects seem to value their tiny little lives. When you take this into account, it seems somewhat troubling that our American society ever developed into meat eaters. Don't get me wrong, I'm no hypocrite. I'm no vegetarian myself, but I sometimes regret that I was born into a society where eating meat is the norm. I'm too old and set in my ways to change but

perhaps younger generations should contemplate their cuisine before it becomes too ingrained in their psyche. If you use the Bible as a reference, mankind started as a vegetarian with an emphasis on a fruit diet, which is probably good for one's health, certainly better than the salt and sugar over-loaded diet of today and better than processed foods. It wasn't until several hundreds of years later following Noah's Flood that mankind switched to a meat-centered diet, most likely due to a lack of crops. Eating meat probably taxes the body more and wears out body organs quicker. When you move into the modern American era of processed foods which replaced an

era of rural farmers, you suddenly see a vast increase in health problems and cancers. True, medical science has allowed people to live longer but with poor quality of life. The fact of the matter is, in order for someone to eat meat, that means someone else has to first kill a living being, who though lacking a human soul, certainly has a life spirit. Plants also have some sort of sentient nature — they actually will move and point themselves toward sunlight and will respond to human contact. Yet man must eat something, so an artificial food or a plant would seem a morally superior choice as opposed to an animal. Leo Weber
Livonia

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Former state Rep. Barnett to challenge Patterson for Oakland County executive position

Kathleen Gray
Michigan.com

Former state Rep. Vicki Barnett will be back on the ballot this year in a bid to unseat long-time Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson.

The Farmington Hills Democrat filed paperwork with the Oakland County Clerk's office March 29 to run for the seat, which has the responsibility over Oakland County government, a \$437 million general fund budget and more than 4,500 employees.

"It's becoming growingly apparent that Oak-

land County needs to jump into the 21st century with both feet," Barnett said.

"I wouldn't be running if I didn't think we could do things better. I'm very optimistic about Oakland County's future if we begin to look more regionally instead of being the impediment and the blockade to that progress."

Barnett served in the state House of Representatives from 2009-14, when she had to leave



Barnett

because of term limits. Before that, she was a city council member and mayor of Farmington Hills. With a financial background as an investment consultant, Barnett served on the House Tax Policy committee during her time in the Legislature.

She faces a tough competitor in Patterson, a 77-year-old Republican from Clarkston, who has been Oakland County executive since 1992 and who also was Oakland County prosecutor for 16 years. He announced during his State of the County address in February that he planned to

run for a seventh term in office.

Patterson has been a force in Republican politics for decades, but has slowed down in recent years after a serious car crash in 2012 left him in a coma for 19 days with multiple broken bones and limited mobility.

He was on the ballot in 2012 — even though he was unable to campaign — and ended up winning with 57 percent of the vote over Democrat Kevin Howley. Patterson was out of state last week and unavailable to comment on the upcoming election.

Barnett, 61, said she

knows it will be tough race, but "I'm not running against Brooks Patterson. I'm running to bring Oakland County into the 21st century and beyond."

She cited the recent news that the state was going to be putting \$1.2 billion into widening I-75 through Oakland County as a misguided use of taxpayer dollars that could be better spent fixing local roads and aging infrastructure, or fighting the growing rates of poverty in the county.

"Young people who are leaving the area say that they're going to

places not with low taxes, but places with a regional robust transit system," she said. "After he announced the I-75 project, I asked numerous people, 'What's Oakland County's main street? And nobody said I-75.'"

Also filing for the county executive seat is Democrat Mark Danowski of Davisburg, who ran for water resources commissioner in 2012, but lost in the primary election to Democrat Jim Nash, who went on to win the seat in November.

The filing deadline for the 2016 election is April 19.

SECTION 00 1113 - ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
DATE: March 28, 2016
PROJECT: Novi Community School District
Technology BP13 – Broadcast Upgrades
Novi, Michigan
OWNER: Novi Community School District
25345 Taft Road
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ENGINEERING/ TECHNOLOGY DESIGNER Integrated Design Solutions, LLC
Architecture, Engineering, Interiors & Technology
:1441 W. Long Lake, Suite 200
Troy, MI 48098
(248) 823-2100 Fax (248) 823-2200
BIDS RECEIVED: Until 2:00 pm local time on April 28, 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 place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. A bid tabulation summary will be available.

The Bidding Documents will be on file on and after April 7, 2016, and may be examined at the following locations during regular business hours, Monday through Friday.

The offices of: Integrated Design Solutions, LLC, 1441 W. Long Lake, Suite 200, Troy, MI 48098, (248) 823-2100

The Engineering/Technology Designer will furnish electronic documents to the Bidders. The documents may be downloaded from: <http://cloud.ids-troy.com/bids/bids/novi/broadcastupgrades>. Bidders are responsible to check the website from time to time to verify they have all addenda, requests for information and other documents related to the Bid.

A pre-bid conference and walk-thru is scheduled for April 14, 2016, at 2:00 pm local time. Bidders shall meet at the Educational Services Building (ESB), 25345 Taft Road, Novi, Michigan 48374. Additional building walk-thrus, if required, shall be coordinated with the Engineer/Technology Designer.

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SECTION 00 1113 - ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
DATE: March 28, 2016
PROJECT: Novi Community School District
2014 Bond Program
Technology BP12 - Classroom AV (Phase II)
Novi, Michigan
OWNER: Novi Community School District
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PREP SOFTBALL PREVIEW

Novi, Mustangs aim for more success

Franklin Road hopes to challenge for first place in MIAC Red Division

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Last year was a start. Now expectations may be even higher going into the 2016 softball season for Novi. The Wildcats, who finished 23-16 a year ago, earned their first KLAA Central Division championship with a 12-4 record. Third-year Novi coach Bruce Lenington is hopeful his team can build upon last year's success. "We think we should be competing for another division title," Lenington said. "That's what we believe in and that's what we've bought into at Novi. The kids are working hard every day to do that. That's a goal and, obviously, compete for a district title and move through the state tournament. We've got some good veteran kids returning and some good young kids who will progress as the season goes. We're always optimistic that's something

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we're always going to be doing here." One reason for Lenington's optimism is the return of first team All-Area center fielder Nicole Ireland, who paced the Wildcats in hits (51), runs (43), RBIs (39), doubles (17) and triples (5), while batting .421. "(Ireland), I think, is one of the best players I've ever coached in 24 years of coaching," Lenington said. "She's a solid young lady, a great student. She's certainly one of the best players in our league. I don't think all the weight will be on her shoulders, but she'll have those key moments like last year, when she helped us win. She's probably one of the most consistent hitters we've had the last two years. She's been part of a group that had 24 wins her sophomore year and 23 wins last year. She's a big reason why." Although second team All-Area pitcher Ally Cummings opted not to



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Novi senior center fielder Nicole Ireland will once again lead the Wildcats.

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BLOWING THE WHISTLE

ABOUT THIS SERIES

In recent years, officials in all sports have come under fire, whether from over-heated parents, increased social media or disrespectful players and coaches. Many leagues and governing bodies are having a difficult time finding enough adults to act as officials for youth sports events. Observer & Eccentric reporters conducted a variety of interviews in the last several weeks, with referees, officials, executives and others who are involved in the recruitment and training of sports officials. We found that, while many still enjoy the unique thrill of being part of the game, others are being driven from the playing field, some haunted by the killing two years ago of local soccer referee John Bieniewicz. Today is the second of a two-part package of stories, "Blowing the Whistle." The first set of stories is available online at hometownlife.com.

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'YOU CALL THAT A STRIKE?'

Teen ump — fed up with harassment from parents, coaches — throws herself out of game for good

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Katelyn Sherwood loves baseball, just not being an umpire in today's "anything goes" world. According to the 15-year-old Canton resident, who endured an unhappy stint as an ump in the Greater Canton Youth Baseball Softball Association, she had no problem calling players out at home. She just didn't think she'd have to deal with so many people who were out — of line. What made it worse was most of her vocal critics were adult coaches and parents who were making it impossible for her to call boys baseball games in the age 9-11 division. "I would get a lot of jeering from the parents and the coaches because they did not agree with some of my calls," said the Belleville High School sophomore, formerly a catcher on the Canton Cardinals travel boys baseball team. "This is supposed to be a fun game, this is supposed to be relaxing, it's fall ball, it's a way to get some extra practice for 9- and 10-year-olds.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Katelyn Sherwood decided a few months of being verbally abused for how she called Little League baseball was enough to drive her away from the game.

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MHSAA looks to recruit 1,500 new officials every year

Bill Emerick
Staff Writer

Think your job is challenging? Try this one on for size. You're a top-level executive of a statewide company, given the task of recruiting some 1,500 essential employees — each and every year. Most, if not all, of these employees are starting from scratch, meaning they'll need extensive training and support right from the start. A successful campaign will mean approximately one-third will still be on the job a year later. And then you start over again. If that sounds to you like a thankless task, you're not alone. But that's the conundrum facing Mark Uyl in his role overseeing all things having to do with game officials in state high school ath-



"We see the average age (of officials) creep up. There's a great need to recruit and retain aggressively."
MARK UYL, an assistant director with MHSAA

letics. Uyl is an assistant director with the Michigan High School Athletic Association, the private governing body based in East Lansing that sets the rules for competition and eligibility for prep

sports in this state. Uyl, a 41-year-old resident of DeWitt, has been with the MHSAA for 12 years, during which time he has seen the landscape for recruiting — and, more importantly, retaining — game officials for the various sports the MHSAA sponsors shift in various directions. **'Recruit and retain'** It's Uyl's job to keep the thousands of registered game officials who work MHSAA contests happy and content, so much so that they're willing to come back for more. "That's always been a focus for us, for sure," Uyl said of recruiting new officials. "We see the average age (of officials) creep up. There's a great need to recruit and retain aggressively."

The MHSAA sponsors state championship tournaments in 18 different sports, some specific to boys (football) or girls (volleyball) and some open to both (basketball, swimming). Some sports require a large crew of officials (football, five or six) and some need just one (cross country). It's in this widely varying field that Uyl must navigate to keep the games running smoothly and fairly. The MHSAA currently has about 10,500 registered officials. Those officials are certified to do 1.7 sports each and the average age is 52½. The high-water mark for registered officials was 12,000 in 2007-09, which dovetails with the years of the great recession in the state. That's not a coin-

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Ex-prep player moves straight to official

Marty Budner
Staff Writer

Donta Favors knew he was going to be a referee back in high school.

The 1994 Southfield-Lathrup graduate played prep basketball for the Chargers under head coach Bob Herm. While he loved to play, he also enjoyed refereeing the sport during those formative years.

Favors went to Central Michigan University, where he took a sports officiating class, got registered to become a certified Michigan High School Athletic Association ref at the tender age of 18 and has gone on to enjoy almost every minute of his eventful 22-year officiating career.

“At Lathrup, there was an intramural program for varsity basketball players to become referees,” Favors said. “I got into it and took it seriously. I just enjoy it so much because it keeps me around the game I loved forever.

“Officiating seemed like an interesting thing when I was growing up,” he added. “I saw that officials were giving back to the game and I found that to

be an admirable thing to do, to want to give back to the game. It's a good way for me to stay involved.”

Giving back

The 40-year-old Favors still loves putting on the striped shirt and “giving back” to the game he loves. Whether it's on the football field in fall or the basketball court in the winter, Favors has worked on fields and in gymnasiums across the state.

Favors has worked his way to the pinnacle of the MHSAA officiating ladder. He recently worked one of the four boys state championship games for the second time in his career. He's previously worked two girls basketball state finals games and has done three football state championship games — one at the Pontiac Silverdome and two at Ford Field.

In addition, he's worked some Horizon League and MIAA college basketball games. Favors had the opportunity to work GLIAC college football years ago, but his day job demanded a lot of Sat-

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DONTA FAVORS
former Southfield-Lathrup athlete



Favors



Donta Favors has worked both high school and college football games over the years.



Not all calls are seen the same way by players and officials, as this action from a game Mark Uyl worked during the College World Series demonstrates.

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cidence, Uyl noted.

“Whenever economic times become tougher, our numbers go up,” he said.

By sheer number, football has the most registered officials, approximately 4,000. Basketball has about 3,800, while wrestling and ice hockey are at the other end, with some 450 each. It's those types of sports, ones that require either athletic skill or technical expertise, that are the hardest to staff.

“Those two sports are unique,” Uyl said of ice hockey and wrestling. “Our pool of prospective officials almost has to come from former athletes in those two sports. We're always looking for officials in those two sports.”

Unlike those specialized sports, game officials in the most popular sports often have no playing experience at all.

“We get lots of people in the major sports (baseball, basketball, football) who want to become officials who never competed in them,” Uyl said.

1,500 per year

The target goal for Uyl each year is 1,500 new recruits. It's a good year if about one-third of those stick around to work another season. The biggest rate of attrition is always early in an official's career.

“If we can get an official to stay through the first three years, we usually have them for a long time,” Uyl said. “The data tells us the first three years are critical.”

The MHSAA will sanction officials as young as 16 years of age under its legacy program, which focuses on attracting athletes who played sports in high school. The greatest number of new officials are in their early to mid-20s, an age before many people have yet to become tied down with career or family responsibilities.

“Where they really decrease is from about (age) 30 to 45,” Uyl said of officials in general, not just new recruits. “That makes sense. That's when the demands of raising a family are typically the greatest. After that, their own kids don't take up as much time, usually, so we see a jump in that (45 and older) demographic.”

A beginning official will almost certainly need to become a member of one of the various associations found throughout the state, from which most schools receive their assigned referees. A beginner will start at the lowest level, i.e. middle school, which can provide a tough start to a sometimes less-than-thankful job.

“You have a combination of the least experienced officials working with the least experienced coaches and playing in front of some young and not the most knowledgeable parents,” Uyl said. “If somebody has a bad experience, we (may) never see them again.”

The MHSAA makes an effort to pair younger officials with older, more experienced ones in a mentor's role. It can help to ease the criticism that's part of the job.

“Even if they don't work every game together, they can be a sounding board for the younger official,” Uyl said.

A unique perspective

Uyl has a unique perspective from which to handle his position. A graduate of Caledonia High School on the west side of the state, he went on to play baseball at Calvin College

(bachelor's in 1996) before doing graduate work at Grand Valley State University (master's in 2001). In his spare time, he has continued to work as a baseball umpire, doing high school and college games. His experience includes Big Ten games and even an assignment at the College World Series.

He knows first-hand the allure for many to remain — or become — part of the action.

“Officiating can be one of the most satisfying things you can be involved with,” he said. “For me, I still have a game to look forward to. Officiating has been for me the allure of the next game. It tests your courage and your fitness and your ability to control the situation.”

While the amount of pay is no doubt attractive to some (\$25 to as much as \$70 per contest, depending on the sport and level), few officials will admit they're in it only for the money.

“It's a labor of love,” Uyl said. “It's a way to give back. (The pay) might be a vacation fund or some extra money.”

Even with all the support and training the MHSAA provides, it's still not enough to keep some officials from leav-

ing the ranks for good. The proliferation of club and travel teams, as well as the explosion of social media, have played a role in some officials walking away.

“You can't seem to go a week without seeing a story about a referee being pushed or verbally abused,” Uyl said. “It doesn't take long for that attitude (from non-prep sports) to leak into the school environment.”

And it's often parents who are the loudest voice of complaint. Uyl said the MHSAA receives “videos from phones at all levels, where 10 years ago we got maybe some VHS tapes.”

“While social media isn't necessarily turning people away from officiating, it isn't making the job any easier,” he added.

The MHSAA offers online registration and testing of officials for all sports, although a pen and paper option is still available for those who wish to go that route. Prospective officials must pass a test pertaining to rules and regulations before becoming certified. More information can be found at <http://www.mhsaa.com> under the “Officials” tab.

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“So being insulted and criticized for my strike zone game after game, I thought it wasn't worth it.”

Not worth it

The ongoing abuse certainly wasn't worth the \$35 per game, which she originally thought was good stuff when she was recruited by Joe Bottorff, a veteran MHSAA/GCYBSA umpire and assignor who also coaches varsity baseball at Plymouth Christian Academy.

“She started younger than normal because (Bottorff) was short umpires,” said Rich Sherwood, Katelyn's dad who also coached her with the Can-



ton Cardinals. “She started a few months below the age where they normally want you to start.”

Katelyn said she had a good rapport with umpires who

called the games she caught and heard comments such as “‘Oh, it's a pretty good experience.’ And since I had a good relationship with them, it seemed like a fun opportunity.

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Richard Sherwood wonders whether social media is at the core of the way umpires are treated. “Maybe it's that people, they've gotten to the point where they feel like it's OK to criticize everything. Maybe that's the impact of the social media, everybody's got a voice and a sounding board.”

So I was like, ‘Why not do it?’ Plus I got paid.”

But just a short while later, she decided to give it up — she doesn't even play the game anymore — and focus on playing high school basketball.

Apparently, she isn't alone in making that same determination as the MHSAA and youth leagues are constantly on the lookout for new and capable people to call games, meets and matches under the microscope of fans who are quick to shoot a video in order to document what they perceive to be blown calls or dodgy decisions.

“In my work with assigning for the Canton (youth) baseball league,” Bottorff said, “I can tell you that I had about five youngsters give up on umping this season due to coaches and parents riding them.

“Most of these were (age) 9-11 rec games. Many times I told them that I would have ejected someone in that situation and that they do not have to take abuse. But in the end, \$35 a game was not enough for them to continue to be treated that way and they found other ways to make money.”

Out of control

Katelyn nodded that it might not be so bad to work in a fast food restaurant somewhere, especially compared to what she had to deal with in her few months as an ump during fall 2014 and spring 2015.

“It would start with the coaches and then escalate to the parents,” she said. “And then the kids, being 9 and 10

‘You don’t have a horse in the race’

Veteran hockey official ready to call penalty on fans’ unruly behavior

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

“You’re an idiot,” one spectator screamed during a recent Michigan High School Athletic Association boys hockey state tourney game. The venom was directed at one of the officials, who called a penalty in the late stages of a close contest. Others around him didn’t hold back, either, although the referee wisely acted as though he didn’t hear the harsh words.

Chances are, according to Jim Gagleard, the angry fans were heard loud and clear. “If you have real thin skin, it won’t help your day, that’s for sure,” said Gagleard, a hockey referee for 27 years who now assigns officials to staff MHSAA high school games in metro Detroit. “You just got to go out there with the mindset that you’re in charge of the rules and that officials make calls on the actions of the players.

“At the end of the day, you don’t have a horse in the race and you’re just trying to make sure that the contest is called fairly.”

Gagleard said that the lack of respect isn’t limited to hockey. But just like in soccer and other sports, it is becoming increasingly tough to find enough men and women to officiate.

“It’s very difficult right now,” he said. “I think it goes back to when most officials started working high school or any hockey. At the end of the day, it’s how thick their skin is to be able to get through the lower ranks and work their way up and still make it enjoyable.

“There’s some guys who do it because they need the money and some guys because they love hockey, but more and more, it’s difficult. We have challenges on trying to fill high school hockey games.”

Not worth it

According to Gagleard, unless the culture changes, don’t hold your breath that men and women will be getting in line to don the stripes. He caught an insider’s glimpse as to why several years ago.

“When I was still doing USA Hockey, I would train



Jim Gagleard is an approved assignor for the MHSAA. He is tasked with finding referees for high school games. He also is a member of Livonia Ice Hockey Officials.

and mentor quite a few younger kids (refs) when they were first starting out,” Gagleard said. “I’m talking 15-, 16-, 17-year-olds ... they just couldn’t handle the verbal abuse from coaches, parents and players.

It takes a unique talent in itself.

“So most of them do not pursue it after a few years in it. I would say probably if 10 young officials start, after three years there’s only one or

two continuing on.”

Adding to the “thanks, no thanks” situation is social media — not to mention cell-phones that easily become video cameras.

“The biggest problem, with social media, everybody has a phone,” Gagleard said. “I get videos all the time from coaches and parents where you see that kind of thing happen.

“Officials just get tired of not being able to go out and do their job as far as making on-ice, split-second decisions without having everything criticized.”

Another point to ponder is that officials calling games at the youth and high school levels don’t get paid a lot (\$25 to \$75 per game) for the abuse that gets directed their way.

“It’s amazing how it will snowball throughout the course of the game to where, by the end of the thing, sometimes players take on the features of the crowd and it just gets out of control,” Gagleard said. “Officials go off the ice and think, ‘Wow, it’s 70 dollars, but I put up with two-and-a-half hours of just total chaos.’”

Who would want to sign up for that?

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years old, they’re going to follow what their parents and their coaches are doing.

“So then they started being disrespectful towards me. It just wasn’t a fun experience.

“Funny thing was, I ran into a lot of the coaches multiple times, but it didn’t get better. I don’t think I could have gone a few more months.”

Rich Sherwood said he felt heartsick at what Katelyn put up with and pinned the unraveling of respect and human decency to the way of the 21st century world.

“Maybe it’s that people, they’ve gotten to the point where they feel like it’s OK to criticize everything,” Sherwood said. “Maybe that’s the impact of the social media; everybody’s got a voice and a sounding board.

“So their views come out all the time. So now, when they’re interacting with real humans, instead of over social media, the same thing happens.”

Price to pay

And fewer and fewer individuals are joining the officiating club for that very reason.

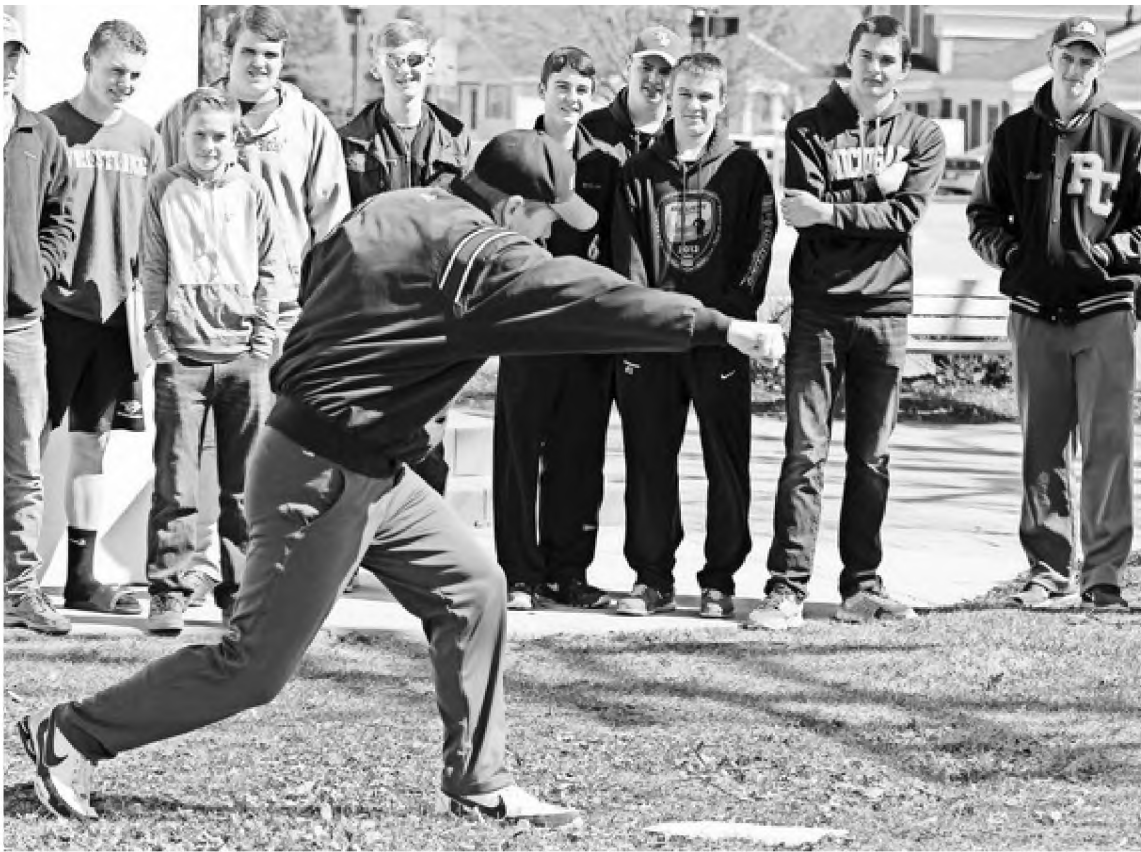
“I know the lady who runs GCYBSA,” Sherwood said. “She told us they’re having such a hard time getting officials that they’ve had to raise how much they pay the officials per game in order to attract new ones and keep the ones they have, because this is such an ongoing thing.

“This has got to be costing parents more money, because that means their fees are going up.”

Also on the rise are blood pressures on diamonds and in bleachers and dugouts all over the place.

Consider a “game in the life” of Katelyn, as recalled by her dad.

“What happened was, a pitch was thrown in the dirt and it hit a batter after it hit the dirt,” Sherwood said. “Katelyn said, ‘Batter, take



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Baseball umpire and coach Joe Bottorff shows prospective umps correct technique for calling a runner out during a 2015 clinic.

your base.’ The coach said it was a dead ball because it hit the ground. She said it’s a dead ball when it hits the batter, but it’s a live ball when it hits the dirt.

“After the game, he started arguing with her again, that (she) she needed to look at the rules and that she didn’t know them. I was there, I said, ‘Coach, that’s the right call.’”

Sherwood said an adult ump from another field was brought in for his opinion and confirmed that Katelyn was correct. “But they were insulting her throughout the game because they thought she didn’t know the rules,” he said. “It’s like, come on.”

Last straw

But that was the appetizer for the main course, the single event that convinced the teenager to get out of the umpiring biz.

“There was a runner on

first, someone caught the ball and they’re yelling ‘timeout,’ so Kate raises her hands,” Sherwood said. “The girl on first base thought it was three outs. So she walked off first base. So immediately, the coach is yelling ‘Throw the ball to first.’

“They throw the ball to first and they think they got an out ... Kate says, ‘Safe, you called a timeout, play is dead.’ So (the coach) comes out and was getting in her face.”

Making matters worse were the dirty looks the 9- and 10-year-olds were giving her.

“I felt like saying to the coach, ‘Instead of putting all this effort into yelling at the umpire, maybe you should teach your kids how to play the game,’” Sherwood said. “The problem isn’t that the umpire recognized that you called a timeout and that it’s a dead ball. The problem is your kids are throwing the ball all over

the field.”

After that verbal onslaught, he added, Katelyn walked off the field and “was just crying. She was like, ‘I don’t want to do this anymore, that was such a horrible experience.’”

Ugly experiences such as that might give other youngsters pause before considering becoming an umpire or doing the job for any length of time.

The code

Organizations like the GCYBSA and Plymouth-Canton Little League want what happened to Katelyn as the outlier and not the standard.

In the GCYBSA’s code of conduct, boorish behavior from a parent could jeopardize a player’s spot in the league.

“I pledge to be a positive role model for my child by showing respect, courtesy and positive support for players, coaches, umpires and opponents at all practices and

games,” reads the code of conduct that parents must agree to during the registration process. “I will not engage in ANY unsportsmanlike conduct, verbal, physical or gestures that takes away from a positive sports experience.”

The code concludes with a clear-cut edict that not abiding by it could lead to “disciplinary action which could include warnings, suspensions, forfeits or termination of participation in the GCYBSA.”

Likewise, no shenanigans against umpires or anybody else is tolerated in the PCLL, especially under the watch of new president Jeff Holt.

“Everyone who is involved is a volunteer on some level,” Holt wrote in an email to the Observer. “I expect our league — kids, coaches, umpires, parents, stakeholders — to treat each other with dignity and respect. Common courtesy. I won’t put up with nonsense.

“Every constituent in PCLL is part of our extended family. That includes our umpires.”

Worth remembering

Echoing that stance is Don Lohmann, PCLL chief umpire and vice president of baseball operations.

“We have a zero tolerance policy when it comes to abuse on any level,” Lohmann said. “Although, we do not have many issues of this sort in PCLL, they do occasionally occur.

“When they do, we respond quickly and proportionately. ... One of the points I stress to our umpires is to make every effort to diffuse situations before they get to that point and to keep their ears open. We must all remember that this is a game.”

Unfortunately, every season in every league in every town is pockmarked by bad behavior that unfairly targets officials just like Katelyn Sherwood.

That’s not a game, it’s a crying shame.

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urday work, which curtailed any future as a college football referee.

Demanding side job

Favors will tell you that officiating itself is a demanding side job which can cause havoc with family situations for refs who elect to make it a part-time profession by working four or five days a week. That’s one reason why Favors is still a bachelor.

“My career over the years has affected my dating situations,” said Favors, a district sales manager for Pay Systems in Farmington Hills.

“The time you need to build (personal) relations, you’re out there on the court. I’ve made a lot sacrifices over the years.

“You try to balance your work life, your traditional job and your family. There are a lot of factors involved and you have to put your priorities in

place. I’ve seen it a lot of different ways, where people screw up their priorities.

“I’ve seen where people divorced because they’re refereeing too much,” he added. “You miss out on a lot of time with your family. There are a lot of refs who take off in the middle of their careers because they realize they haven’t spent much time with their families.”

Favors’ career is filled with many highlights and a minimal amount of low lights.

Favors is president of the Metro Detroit Athletic Officials, a 500-plus member organization which helps train referees. He also officiated in the very first game at the Suttons Bay gymnasium years ago.

He’s enjoyed officiating some of the state’s most well-known stars — Draymond Green (Saginaw, MSU and now with the Golden State Warriors, Shane Battier (former Detroit Country Day and Duke standout who won an NBA championship with the Miami

Heat) and Jason Richardson (Saginaw Aurthur Hill grad who starred at MSU and played professionally).

Favors also had the opportunity to officiate the last basketball game played inside his alma mater at Lathrup just this past February. The Chargers played district rival Southfield; the two schools will consolidate starting next year.

“I’ve got to say that was pretty sentimental for me,” Favors said. “It was great that I was allowed the opportunity to referee where I played. For the school to be closing, it was a great honor for me to be there for the last time.”

No ejections

Among the few low lights, Favor recalls an instance early in his career when a spectator threatened him and his crew out in the parking lot following a junior varsity football game. He’s also quick to point out that while he’s handed out his share of technical fouls, he’s never ejected a coach from a game.

One other aspect of officiating which bothers Favors is the lack of quality referees who are available for both the boys and girls games since a lawsuit forced the MHSAA to conduct the seasons at the same time. Previously, the girls played in fall and the boys in winter.

“I think you had more qualified officials who were able to do the girls games before the lawsuit,” he said. “The girls had their own time. Now you have to think about all the games going on.

“Boys and girls are playing in the same season. One league plays boys on one day and in another league the girls may play on the same day. There are just not enough officials to go around and call the games.

“I mean, there are enough people, but not the quality of referees,” he added. “It’s not that the quality of refereeing has gone down, but it’s that the ability to have quality officials has changed. The availability of the top-tier guys to work the games is more difficult now.”

The good times have certainly outnumbered the bad times and Favors still loves what he’s doing. While he usually pockets \$60 per varsity game, which is lower than some parts of the state and the country, it’s not about the money. It’s more about making friends and, like the officials he admired in high school, giving back to the sport he loves.

“I’ve worked in pristine conditions. I’ve worked in not so pristine conditions,” Favors said. “I’ve been to the scariest areas of any city and I’ve been to the greatest suburbs. I’ve put a lot of miles on the car.

“The biggest thing over the years is I’ve gained a lot of friends and associates through officiating. It’s like a brotherhood, a fraternity. Once you forge a relationship with your fellow referees, it carries over.

“It’s not about the money,” he added. “It’s about the kids, being active and staying involved. And, for me, it’s really about the game I’ve loved all my life.”

PREP BASEBALL

Novi bats go silent in 4-0 loss to Central

Wildcats also commit three errors, drop to 2-2 on young season

Tom Morelli
Correspondent

Any baseball manager will tell you at the beginning of the season that it's a marathon, not a sprint.

There's bound to be some ups and downs along the way as teams look to find the proverbial spark.

Novi (2-2) has already experienced a roller-coaster of momentum this early in the season, suffering a 4-0 setback March 30 at home to Walled Lake Central.

Hits were hard to come by for the Wildcats, who produced four hits to the Vikings' eight, while also committing three errors.

Central nabbed a 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning and held Novi hitless until the bottom of the third, when left fielder Cam Czapski singled off Jimi Kandah with a solid hit into shallow center field.

Tyler VanKirk followed up with a base hit to left field to put runners at first and second for the Wildcats, but a pair of consecutive ground outs negated any chance of them manufacturing a run.

The Vikings (2-0) scored runs off base hits in the fourth and fifth innings

to make it a 3-0 affair, before adding their final run in the seventh as center fielder Pierson Hoy hit a double down the third base line, only to reach home shortly thereafter on a wild pitch.

"They got some timely hits and we didn't," Novi coach Rick Green said. "The bats haven't come alive yet and there's no excuse. You have to give Central credit, because they threw strikes and kept us on our heels a lot."

Kandah surrendered three hits in four innings, with a strikeout and walk. Jake Gulvas tossed the final three innings and had four strikeouts.

For Novi, Jac Colliau pitched four innings and gave up two runs with a pair of strikeouts and three walks.

Shinyu Imamura had three strikeouts in two innings of relief, followed by a two-strikeout performance by Noah Matthews in the final inning.

Junior right fielder Alec Bageris went 2-for-3, both singles.

"Alec is swinging the bat a lot better," Green said. "We talked about being relaxed and getting ready and he's getting the barrel out there pretty good right now."

"Jac was really good his first time out. He got better as the game went along and started to find his curve ball and change-up."

PREP SOFTBALL TEAM CAPSULES



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Novi's Nicole Ireland (left) returns this season, along with Northville's Brianna Nayh.

NOVI
Head coach: Bruce Lenington, third year.
League: KLAA Kensington Conference (Central Division).
Last year's record: 23-16.
Titles won last year: KLAA Central.
Notable losses to graduation: Casey Lawler (first team All-Area); Jenna Lowney (second team All-Area); Megan Hrit, Sami Delisle.
Leading returnees: Nicole Ireland, Sr. OF (first team All-Area; .421, 5 HRs, 43 runs; 39 RBIs); Maddy Bradenstein, Sr. 2B; Hope Kapelanski, Jr. C; Madison Budde, Jr. P (7-2, 11 starts); Allison Purtell, Soph. 1B-3B; Ashley Yarberry, Jr. OF-Inf.; Jamie Gustitus, Sr. C-OF-Inf.; Ireland Whalen, Soph. Utility.
Promising newcomers: Chandler Dennis, Sr. Utility; Megan Mendendorff, Fr. SS; Maria Gustitus, Fr. P; Riley Jones, Soph. OF; Bella Rallis, Fr. Utility; Sophie Rallis, Fr. Utility.
Lenington's outlook: "That battery, Hope (Kapelanski) and Budde, are really good friends and play all the time in the summer together. We didn't give (Budde) the ball in every big game, but she saw most our conference opponents and did very, very well. We have every confidence as a senior that she is going to be very effective for us in the circle. She came in the district championship in relief and did fine there. Mendendorff will also have an immediate impact."

NORTHVILLE
Head coach: Rebecca Quinn, first year.
League: KLAA Kensington Conference (Central Division).
Last year's record: 24-12.
Titles won last year: Division 1 district.
Notable losses to graduation: Ashley Schiffer (first team All-Area); Melissa Swart.
Leading returnees: Allison Zwarka, Sr. P (second team All-Area; 14-7, 2.39 ERA); Sarah Hige, Soph. P-1B (second team All-Area; .364, 3 HRs, 37 RBIs, 27 runs); Brianna Nayh, Sr. 3B; Sara

Moos, Soph. Inf.; Mackenzie Kamm, Jr. C; Emma Canedo, Jr. C; Megan Swart, Jr. Utility; Abigail Tolstyka, Soph. Utility; Megan Hotchkin, Soph. Utility; Alexis Koehler, Soph. Utility.
Promising newcomers: Hannah Laurin, Fr. P-OF; Hannah Dygert, Jr. Utility.
Quinn's outlook: "We've only had four days of practice with tryouts and the way the (spring break) holiday fell this year. I'm sure everybody is in the same boat, but being my first year, I don't know the kids that well and have to build a culture."

NOVI FRANKLIN ROAD CHRISTIAN
Head coach: Kim Sivy, 13th year.
League: Michigan Independent Athletic Conference (Red Division).
Last year's record: 12-8.
Notable losses to graduation: Katie Larabell, Laura Warren, Noel Rathnaw.
Leading returnees: Hannah Rayburn, Sr. SS-P; Danielle Fusco, Jr. C; Alexandra Swaffield, Sr. 3B; Haley Thrift, Soph. CF; Audrey Govan, Soph. LF; Gabrielle McKeever, Soph. 2B; Kayla Nannoshi, Soph. P.
Promising newcomers: Bethany Bause, eighth-grader, 1B.
Sivy's outlook: "I think we can win the conference and I'm very hopeful about our district. I'm very confident one through six in our batting order. Seven, eight, nine won't be horrible by any means, but they will definitely be the bottom third. I hate losing Larabell. She hit .800 in her junior year and .700 last year. She struck out a total of three times in two seasons. She's just a kid you want at the plate in any and every situation. Laura Warren was real good, too. But I think we'll be OK with the improvements that some of these girls have made. This past off-season, I had a half dozen girls work hard and have really improved. I'm very hopeful."

PREP SOFTBALL

Novi wins season opener, 10-0

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Ashley Yarberry clubbed a two-run homer in the fourth inning to spark a four-run uprising as host Novi opened its 2016 softball season March 30 with a 10-0 win over West Bloomfield.

Hope Kapelanski added a double and triple, while Jaime Gustitus add-

ed two hits. Winning pitcher Madison Budde allowed just two hits and struck out five.

West Bloomfield (0-3) mustered its only threat in the third, but the bid to score came up short as center fielder Ireland Whalen made a pinpoint throw home to get the runner at the plate.

PREP TRACK

Abbott leads Mustangs at SVSU indoor meet

Catholic Central finishes in fifth place at Huron Relays

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Northville senior Chloe Abbott jumped-started her track season March 23 by winning the 200-meter dash at the Saginaw Valley State University Invitational indoor meet.

The Purdue University-bound Abbott, a Division 1 state placer last year in the 400 (third) and 200 (seventh), posted a 200 clocking of 25.03 and also teamed with Yasmin Affes, Mary Catherine McLaughlin and Lindsay Walters for second in the 4-by-300 relay (2:50.1).

Other top finishers for the Mustangs girls included Olivia Harp, third, 3,200 (11:21.93) and sixth, 1,600 (11:21.93); Walters, fourth, 400 (1:00.48); Rachel Zimmer, seventh, 1,600 (5:30.85) and 10th, 3,200 (11:46.87); and Affes, eighth, 400 (1:02.46).

Other competitors for Northville were Savannah Manley, 11th, 400 (1:02.72); Elise Daniel and Daryn Lobingier, tied for 15th, pole vault (7-0 each); Claire Wan, 800 (2:36); Emma Smith, 800 (2:37); Erin McCallum, 60 dash (8.72) and 200 (28.2).

On the boys side, Adam Ghabra led the way with second in the 200 (22.73) and fourth in the 60 dash (7.19).

Other top finishers for the Mustang boys included John Hamilton, fourth, high jump (6-0); Max Dadona, sixth, shot put (44 feet, 11.75 inches); and A.J. Abbott, fifth, long jump (20-4.25).

Other competitors were Giuliano Daniel, 13th, 400 (personal best 53.67); Robbie Kuphal, 17th, 400 (personal best 57.09); Jacob Blackmore, 30th, 1,600 (4:51.15); Evan Ferrante, 35th, 1,600 (4:53.94); Nick Couyoumjian, 36th, 1,600 (4:53.96); and Logan Goering, 57th, 800 (2:17.36).

"We were very pleased with how the kids all competed at the meet," Northville coach Brandon Langston said. "For some of them, this was their first high school meet. For others, it was their first time running competitively since last year and, for a few others, it's been non-stop year round."

"It was a good way to begin the season and see where we stand. These early meets provide us with teachable moments and gives the runners perspective on where they are now and what they need to do to prepare for May and June."

EMU Huron Relays

In the March 19 Huron Relays at Eastern Michigan University's Bowen Fieldhouse, Saline captured the boys team title with 136 points.



BRANDON LANGSTON

Northville's Chloe Abbott carries the baton in the 4-by-300 relay at the Saginaw Valley State Invitational.

Oak Park was runner-up with 90 points, while Grand Blanc and Toledo Whitmer tied for third with 64 each.

Novi Detroit Catholic Central was fifth with 56 points, while Northville was 22nd with four.

CC's top finisher was Shane Joyce in the shot put (47-5), while teammate Chris Bradbury placed fifth (45-8). Northville's Dadona was ninth (44-2).

The Shamrocks' Avery Felty and Scott Smith took third and fourth, respectively, in the 1,600 run with times of 4:34.59 and 4:35.05.

Northville's Hamilton tied for sixth in the high jump (5-11).

Other participants for the Northville boys included Clay Alexander, 15th, pole vault (10-6); Jonathan Sumac, 15th, long jump; Ryan Draybuck, 29th, 1,600 (5:11.23); and Andrew Hezemy and Andrew Chouman, 60 dash.

The Mustang girls 800 relay finished 13th (1:57.49), while Affes and Maggie Bowler competed in the 60 dash.

"The Huron Relays fell over spring break this year, so the majority of our team was unable to participate," Langston said, "but we did have a few dedicated athletes who made it out to Eastern and represented the Mustangs in a fine manner."

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SOFTBALL

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return to concentrate on volleyball, the Wildcats have a capable replacement in junior pitcher Madison Budde, who went 7-2 in 11 starts.

"Going into this season, she understands her role and, obviously, she's a leader and she'll fulfill that role this year," Lenington said.

Junior catcher Hope Kapelanski also returns to form a capable battery, while infield returnees include senior second baseman Maddy Bradenstein, sophomore first baseman-third baseman Allison Purtell and junior utility player Ashley Yarberry.

Mustangs ready

Northville (24-12) is coming off a Division 1 district title as Rebecca Quinn takes over as head coach for Jim Ritz, who resigned after three seasons.

The Mustangs, who lost to Farmington Hills Mercy in the regional semifinals, will field a veteran team led by senior pitcher Allison Zwarka, a second team All-Area selection who went 14-7 with a 2.45 ERA. Zwarka struck out 139 batters in 131 innings.

Another top returnee is sophomore Sarah Hige, who made second team All-Area as well after hitting .364 with three homers and 37 RBIs.

Other Northville returnees include



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Northville's Sarah Hige hopes to carry the load offensively this season.

senior third baseman Brianna Nayh, sophomore infielder Sara Moos, junior catchers Mackenzie Kamm and Emma Canedo, junior utility Megan Swart and sophomore utility players Megan Hotchkin, Alexis Koehler and Abigail

Tolstyka.

"They're all very committed," Quinn said. "Most all of them played travel ball. I know they did a lot of off-season workouts on their own. They're just really dedicated. They all seem to have

a really great attitudes and the personalities really blend well together."

Warriors eye title

Franklin Road Christian (12-8) hopes to contend in the Red Division of the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference, led by senior shortstop-pitcher Hannah Rayburn, who will play at basketball and softball at Concordia University.

Junior catcher Danielle Fusco is also back, with sophomore Kayla Nannoshi penciled in as the starting pitcher.

The infield is set with senior Alexandra Swaffield at third and sophomore Gabrielle McKeever at second. Eighth-grader Bethany Bause should also give the Warriors a boost at first base.

Sophomores Haley Thrift and Audrey Govan return in the outfield as well.

"Our school has never won a (MIAC) conference championship and, hopefully, this could be the year for that," 13th-year coach coach Kim Sivy said. "I like to see Hannah Rayburn's name go up on a softball banner. She's on other banners because she's a stud athlete all the way around. She's the best kid I've ever coached; she's a coach's dream. I'd really like to hang a softball banner in our gym because there's never been one put up in there."

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ALL-AREA BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING

Katulski helped land Novi on state map

Senior sprint freestyler named All-Area Boys Swimmer of Year

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

When lights shined the brightest, Novi's Ryan Katulski didn't shy away from the camera.

The senior, headed to Wayne State University, was a major reason the Wildcats earned their best boys swimming and diving team finish in school history with a seventh-place showing at the MHSAA Division 1 state finals March 11-12 in Holland.

The sprint freestyler posted two all-state efforts, finishing third in the 50-yard freestyle (20.97) and eighth in the 100 freestyle (46.66) after posting a school record clocking of 46.48 in the prelims.

Katulski, named All-Area Boys Swimmer of the Year, also helped the Wildcats finish seventh in the 200 freestyle relay (1:27.21) and eighth in the 400 freestyle relay (3:12.45).

In the Kensington Conference meet, Katulski was third in the 50 freestyle and runner-up in the 100 freestyle. He was also a member of the first-place 200 medley and 200 freestyle relays.

Katulski was Oakland County champ in the 100 freestyle and runner-up in the 50 freestyle as well.

"Ryan has been a tremendous big meet swimmer for us the last few years," Novi coach Brent Pohlonski said. "He has had great performances in our championship meets over the last few seasons. He has been a school record holder in five different events at Novi High School. In addition, his leadership was invaluable this season."

First team

Jonathan Lee, Soph., Detroit CC: He earned a pair of Division 1 all-state finishes: fourth in the 100 breaststroke (58.14) and sixth in the 200 individual medley medley (1:55.15).

He also lifted the Shamrocks to eighth in the 200 medley relay (1:36.71). Lee placed fourth at Oakland County in both the 200 IM and 100 breaststroke.

"Jonathan has had a terrific year," CC coach Shannon Dunworth said. "With his added size and strength and year-round commitment, his future is bright. His ability to excel in both high school and NCAA-level events will garnish much collegiate attention as he works through the second half of his CC swimming career."

Kirk Maibach, Soph., Northville: He earned all-state honors in the 50 freestyle (sixth, 21.30), while also setting a school record in the 100 backstroke (10th, 52.33).

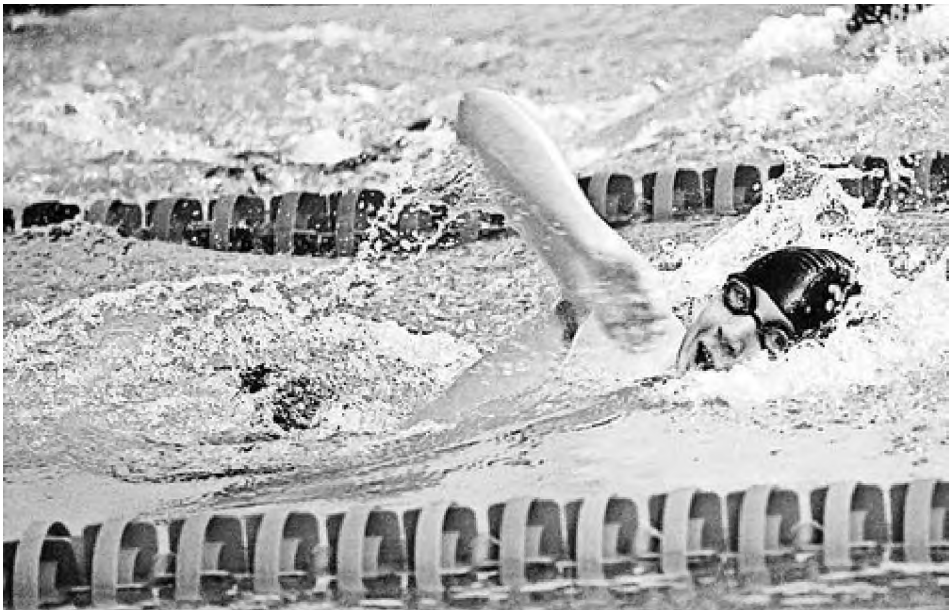
Maibach was also a member of Northville's seventh-place 200 medley relay team (school record 1:36.65). He also took Kensington Conference runner-up honors in the 50 freestyle and 100 butterfly.

"Kirk battled injuries this entire season, so for him to swim as well as he did without a whole lot of training, is pretty impressive," Northville coach Rich Bennetts said. "In addition to his top eight finish in the 50 free at the state meet, he also scored and broke our varsity record in the 100 back and he will break a lot more of our records in the future as long as he can get healthy."

Siddhardha Kareddy, Jr., Novi: He made all-state by placing seventh in the 100 butterfly (51.15) after posting a school record time of 50.81 in the prelims.

Kareddy was a member of the school record sixth-place 200 medley relay and eighth-place 400 freestyle relay teams. He also was Kensington Conference champ in the 100 butterfly and third in Oakland County.

"Sid had a breakout season this



Novi senior Ryan Katulski was named All-Area Boys Swimmer of the Year.

year," Pohlonski said. "His 100 butterfly and his relay performances were instrumental in our seventh-place finish at the state championships. Sid brings a great sense of humor to our team."

Matt Loniewski, Sr., Detroit CC: He garnered all-state honors in the 100 breaststroke (sixth, 58.31) while also helping the Shamrocks to eighth in the 200 medley relay.

Loniewski was also ninth in the 500 freestyle at Oakland County (4:56.69).

"Matt's success is the result of renewed commitment and dedication, with great enthusiasm for his team and the sport," Dunworth said. "As likely the most versatile swimmer on the CC team, Matt's pool contributions were only exceeded by his success as captain. Piercely competitive and highly determined, Matt has lived up to the the highest standards that CC, the pool and what the classroom have to offer."

Joey Berman, Jr., Novi: He just missed all-state honors in the 100 backstroke with a ninth-place showing (school record 52.16), but was a member of Novi's all-state 200 medley and 400 freestyle relay teams.

Berman was Kensington Conference and Oakland County champ in the 100 backstroke and also took fourth in the 500 freestyle at the conference meet (4:53.47).

"Since his freshman year, Joey has always been our workout leader at practice," Pohlonski said. "He loves to be challenged every day. Joey's success has a lot to do with his attention to detail. He will often stay late and ask me to give him feedback on his starts and turns. Joey has always displayed strong leadership. I'm excited to see how he will lead our team over the next year."

Shinya Kondo, Sr., Lakeland: He holds school and pool records for six and 11 dives and placed ninth at the Division 1 state finals with a total of 382.05 points after winning the Harrison Township L'Anse Creuse regional with 446.70 points.

The International Academy West student was also runner-up in the Oakland County meet with 411.65 points.

"Shinya also set many pool records at our away meets as well," Lakeland coach Janette Heaton said. "Shinya will be attending Columbia University in the fall and will continue to dive there as well. Shinya is an excellent student and holds a 4.2 GPA."

James Ciolli, Sr., Novi: He placed 10th in Division 1 in 1-meter diving with a total of 375.25 points after qualifying at the regional.

Ciolli was also runner-up in the Kensington Conference (396.45) and sixth at Oakland County (360.10).

"We will miss Jimmy's dependability next year," Pohlonski said. "Whenever we were in a close meet, we could always count on Jimmy to come through and get us the points we needed. Jimmy was a great leader this year and he was

like a second coach for our divers."

Nikolai Arton, Jr., Northville: He took 11th in Division 1 in the 100 breaststroke (59.94) and was also a member of the seventh-place 200 medley relay team.

Arton was also Kensington Conference champ (59.91) and Wayne County runner-up (1:01.19) in the breaststroke.

"Nick is a talented kid," Bennetts said. "It was nice to have him under the one-minute barrier in the breaststroke this season and score at the state meet. His biggest challenge for next year will be finding a second event so that he can continue to help his team out."

Nathan Pellerito, Sr., Novi: He finished 12th at the Division 1 state finals (349.00 points) after qualifying from the regional.

Pellerito also placed third at the Kensington Conference meet (342.30) and was 12th at Oakland County.

"Not only did Nathan make tremendous improvement this season, but he did it on the biggest stage when the team needed him the most," Pohlonski said. "After our swimmers had a great day at the state prelims, we were counting on the divers to make finals and score more points. Nathan stepped up and became the state meet caliber diver that we always knew he could be."

Logan Boals, Soph., South Lyon Unified: He placed 12th at the Division 1 state finals in the 100 backstroke (54.14) after going 53.59 in the prelims.

Boals was also a member of SLU's 11th-place 200 medley relay team (school record 1:37.20). He was fourth at the Kensington Conference meet in the 100 backstroke.

"Logan is one of the best underwater kickers I have ever coached," South Lyon coach John Burch said. "Logan has used that underwater kick to develop into a great backstroker. Logan qualified for the state meet in an individual event for the first time this year and not only qualified, but scored at the meet. Logan just missed the South Lyon varsity record in the 100 backstroke."

Kyle Tschannen, Soph., Detroit CC: He placed 12th at the Division 1 state final in the 100 butterfly (52.49) and 16th in the 200 freestyle (1:46.39).

He was also a member of the Shamrocks' eight-place 200 medley relay team. He was fifth in Oakland County in the 100 butterfly.

"Kyle came to CC with great pedigree and years of preparation," Dunworth said. "As a freshman, earning the respect of the upperclassman is not easy. However, early on, Kyle began to make his mark. Although highly accomplished, Kyle has only begun to scratch the surface. His year-round commitment is the key to his success and will serve as the backbone for future accomplishments."

Max Kempisty, Soph., South Lyon Unified: He placed 13th at the Division 1 state finals in the 200 freestyle

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Ryan Katulski, Sr., Novi

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HONORABLE MENTION

Novi: Joel Kotyk, Jr.; Maxwell Williams, Soph.; Alexander Yuan, Soph.; Phillip Billiu, Jr.; Preston Harrell, Fr.; Nayaran Manivannan, Sr.; **Detroit CC:** Bennett Loniewski, Fr.; Charlie Walsh, Soph.; Dan Vela, Jr.; Ethan Bezzina, Sr.; David Debaacker, Fr.; Chris Barron, Jr.; Brendon Connolly, Jr.; Robert Vance, Sr.; Andrew Campbell, Sr.; Tommy Wiaduck, Soph.; **Logan Mills, Jr.,** Jimmy Connor, Soph. **Northville:** James Xue, Sr.; Travis Nitkiewicz, Fr.; Chris Geng, Sr.; Jack Breuch, Sr.; Larry Zhao, Jr.; David Alameddine, Jr.; Christain Field, Sr., Troy Stacer, Sr.; Jacob Tebbe, Soph.; Shane Boran, Soph.; Cameron Heaven, Soph.; **South Lyon Unified:** Brandon Bell, Soph.; Oliver Joy, Sr.; Christian Etnyre, Fr.; Zach Denny, Sr.; John Perry, Sr.; **Milford:** Justin May, Soph.; Jay Wingle, Sr.

(1:44.40) and was a member of the 11th-place 200 medley relay.

At the Kensington Conference meet, Kempisty helped SLU to third in the 200 medley relay and fourth in the 400 freestyle relay.

"Max is one of the hardest workers South Lyon has," Burch said. "His hard work led to him scoring at the state meet for the first time this year, just missing the varsity record in the 200 freestyle. Max also was a key member of our medley relay that set a new South Lyon varsity record. Since he is only a sophomore, I believe that Max will continue to improve and has a great chance at all-state and All-America next season."

Thomas Antishin, Jr., Lakeland: The International Academy West student placed 15th at the Division 1 state finals in the 200 freestyle (1:46.31) after posting a time of 1:45.01 in the prelims.

In the Lakes Conference meet, Antishin was 200 freestyle champion (1:44.77) and third in the 500 freestyle (4:51.53). He was also 22nd in the state finals in the 500 freestyle (4:51.51).

"Thomas was so excited about his season. He has set goals for next year and is continuing to swim and compete with his club team the Huron Valley Penguins," Heaton said.

Trevor Degroot, Soph., Northville: He wound up 15th at the Division 1 state finals in the 500 freestyle (4:49.02), while also qualifying in the 200 freestyle (19th, 1:45.66).

Degroot helped the Mustangs take 11th in the 400 freestyle relay (3:13.11).

At the Kensington meet, Degroot was runner-up in the 200 freestyle (1:45.72) and third in the 500 freestyle (4:49.18). He was also sixth in the 200 IM (2:05.13) at Wayne County.

"Trevor made big strides this year in not only the 500 free, where he was able to score at the state meet, but also in the IM, the 100 butterfly and the 200 freestyle," Bennetts said. "He worked very hard this year and we are looking forward to see what he can accomplish next year."

Glacier state champs



MARIA FARRIS

Suburban Glacier of Farmington Hills, a 12-and-under Tier III girls hockey team, posted a 3-0-1 record to capture the Michigan Amateur Hockey Association championship March 11-13 at Northern Lights Arena in Alpena. Glacier, coached by Don Farris, defeated the Detroit Skating Club Wildflowers, 4-2, in the final after a 2-2 tie in the third round against the Grosse Pointe Icehawks. Other wins came against the Wildflowers (5-2) and Kensington Valley (11-1). Team members include: Madison Farris, Reese Heaton, Julie Lorelli, Daria Rorick (goalie), Caroline Thrush, Ashley Manning, Claire Martin, Maya Hastings and Sofia Papas, all of Northville; Avery Nester, South Lyon; Gabrielle Warra and Martha Blank, Livonia; Julianna Pascaris, Canton; Shaye Eggenberger, Farmington Hills; and Hayley Underwood, Bloomfield Hills. Assistant coaches include Marc Lorelli, Chris Trush and Jerry Warra. Team manager is Maria Farris.

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Catholic Central defeats East Grand Rapids, 16-10

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Junior goalie Hunter Braun made 12 saves March 30 as Novi Detroit Catholic Central stopped host East Grand Rapids, 16-10, in a non-conference boys lacrosse match.

Brennan Kamish led CC's attack with four goals and two assists, while Cole Gingell added four goals and one assists.

Pete Thompson chipped in a hat trick, while Rocco Mularoni and Kevin Conder each contributed two goals and two assists as the Shamrocks, last year's MHSAA Division 1 runner-

up, improved to 2-0 overall.

The loss dropped the Pioneers to 1-2 overall.

On March 23, CC opened its 2016 season with an 18-5 victory at home over Grosse Pointe South.

SKYLINE 21, NOVI 17 (GIRLS): Junior Katie McMaster scored eight goals and senior Gina Salemi added six, but it wasn't enough as the Wildcats (1-2) fell March 30 in a high-scoring game at Ann Arbor Skyline (1-2).

Junior Rachel Bayer also added two goals and freshman Jade Lim added one as Novi couldn't overcome an 11-7 halftime deficit.

Novi goalie Mariah Smythe made 15 saves in a losing cause. **TROY ATHENS 11, NOVI 7 (GIRLS):** Goalie Mariah Smythe made 19 saves in defeat March 28 as the Wildcats (1-1) fell to host Troy Athens (2-0) in a non-conference match.

Gina Salemi paced Novi with five goals, while Katie Novell and Katie McMaster added one apiece.

GIRLS TENNIS RESULTS

DUAL MATCH RESULTS

NOVI 8, SALINE 0

March 30 at Novi

No. 1 singles: Allison Lollo (Novi) defeated Madison Caldwell, 6-1, 6-0; **No. 2:** Jamie Fu (Novi) def. Ally Heider, 6-0, 6-4; **No. 3:** Jessica Lypka (Novi) def. Emily Lehrman, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 4:** Katie Xie (Novi) def. Saige Jost, 6-2, 6-0; **No. 1 doubles:** Youna Lee-Carolyn Zhang (Novi) def. Sarah

Freidrichsen-Zoe Ellsworth, 7-5, 6-4; **No. 2:** Teja Mugasala-Michelle Wang (Novi) def. Emily Lupton-Megan Foley, 6-1, 6-1; **No. 3:** Morgan Krupic-Alexis Malecki (Novi) def. Delaney Silhanek-Sarah Braun, 6-1, 6-2; **No. 4:** Katie Telder-Katie Valade (Novi) def. Ashley Good-Juliana Buduschi, 6-2, 6-0.

Novi's dual match record: 1-0 overall.



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Novi's Suburban Collection Showplace will host the Spring Great Lakes Art Fair.

Find a masterpiece at Great Lakes Art Fair

The annual Spring Great Lakes Art Fair at the Suburban Collection Showplace offers patrons the opportunity to experience nearly 200 of the region's finest artists and craftspeople in a single, indoor location.

Organizers said the number of artists exhibiting in the fair continues to increase each year.

The Great Lakes Art Fair will take place April 8-10 inside Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River, in Novi. Admission is \$7 for adults; children younger than 12 are free. Show hours are 1-8 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Featured mediums include painting, sculpture, ceramics, textiles and apparel, plus photography, metal, wood-working and jewelry,

with live demonstrations and some select specialty items as well. Friday is Ladies Day, with admission is half off, plus the first 500 patrons will receive a complimentary gift card from Noodles & Co.

The GLAF offers an unofficial kickoff to the warm weather fair season and an opportunity to see new artwork before it "hits the streets" at outdoor fairs across the region. More information and \$2 discount coupons for entry are available at www.greatlakesartfair.com, while artists are featured on the GLAF Facebook page <http://www.facebook.com/GreatLakesArtFair>.

"The reputation of the Great Lakes Art Fair as a high-quality destination event for artists has continued to expand and we have seen a

steady increase of interest and participation from artists from all across the United States. This year we delighted to welcome an even broader array of talent, offering a wider spectrum of work than ever before" said Blair Bowman, owner of the Suburban Collection Showplace and the Great Lakes Art Fair. "Spring is a wonderful time to debut new work created during the cold weather months and shoppers can have great fun discovering new items to freshen up their homes, gardens and wardrobes, as we head into warmer weather."

The Great Lakes Art Fair is a juried art fair, with a panel of select artists and curators collaborating to determine the ideal mix of mediums and artists that comprise the fair.

Open for business



There's a new place to grab a bite to eat in Novi. Amo's Gyro & Deli recently opened on Grand River Avenue, across from the Suburban Collection Showplace. The Novi Chamber of Commerce lent its support to the opening with a ribbon-cutting celebration. Pictured are (from left): Jennifer Hathorne, Mohamed Rabbad, Majed Issa (owner), Abduliazzi Issa, Dr. Said Issa (owner), Answer Issa, Victor Cardenas (Novi assistant city manager), Madison VanBritson and Tia Adams.



Founder and rand master Kwon Jo Choi attended a recent Winterfest competition for those studying choi kwang do.

Ricks' training pays off with fourth-degree black belt

Elizabeth Glumb
Correspondent

Alec Ricks started training in choi kwang do at age 8 with his best friend, Ben Eriksen. With the help of his family, Ricks has worked hard to earn his fourth-degree black belt, along with Karen Bicknel and Mark Lloyd, on March 4.

Founder and grand master Kwon Jo Choi came from Atlanta, Ga., to evaluate these hard-working martial artists. They had a grueling five-hour test, in which Choi ran them through everything that they have learned in the past 12 years of training.

Ricks has also hit some other milestones in choi kwang do. He has joined the Black Belt Club and Master Club, making the commitment to achieve his first-degree black belt and then continue on to reach his current level.

He is also an assistant instructor, which includes a written and practice test. He has trained under some of the best instructors in Michigan, including master Erin Austin and master Dot Stoddard and has trained for the last eight years at Ayerst Choi Kwang Do in Novi (www.choi4all.com) under deputy master Michael Ayerst and his

staff of instructors.

Ricks has fond memories from his past 12 years of training.

"I remember training in a lot of different places, from Domino's Farms to LifeTime Fitness (Novi) and the Novi Civic Center to eventually the opening of Novi Choi Kwang Do. I also remember painting a tile for the little three-foot wall by the Dojang floor," he said. "For testing, I know that we had to travel a lot. I also remember breaking boards at tests, which I always found hard, but rewarding. When I took my first-degree belt, I tested at a hunting club, which was fun. I also really liked the instructor meetings that we had on Tuesday nights. (We) had some good talks and good feedback. I really liked assisting in classes, as well as assisting in tests."

"One of my most fun memories was the CKD summer picnic with the big squirt gun fights," he added. "The instructor outings were very fun, as well to do something social instead of always choi all the time."

Everyone at Ayerst Choi Kwang Do and Ricks' family said they are proud of Ricks for his perseverance and determination to reach this

lofty goal.

Choi Kwang Do Winterfest 2016

The Michigan Choi Kwang Do schools had its third annual Winterfest at Lake Orion High School on March 5. The event included first-through third-degree black belt testing and contests in patterns, speed drill and air shield attack. More than 100 students competed in these events. Other contests that day were team seven and demonstration teams. Color belt and black belt students competed in their age categories.

This year was special for Michigan, because visitors from Choi Schools in Georgia, Florida and Hampshire, England, came to participate in the contests and testing. Everyone was excited to welcome Choi to watch the competition.

At the banquet that evening, awards were given for all categories. Most excitement ensued to see who won the team seven (third place for Ayerst CKD) and demonstration team competitions (second place for Ayerst CKD). Then all had fun dancing the night away and talking over the day's activities.

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The free accounts reward members with nationwide ATM refunds, high interest and no monthly service fees, in addition to the personalized service offered by DMCU, according to a press release.

"Our new free Kasasa checking accounts provide us with the opportu-

nity to reward our members in a way that the big banks cannot," CEO Kathie Trembath said. "There are no hurdles to jump over to receive the rewards and our members do not have to give up the personalized service they have come to love from DMCU."

In order to qualify for the rewards, members must switch to e-statements and use their debit card at least 12 times per month. However, even if members do not qualify each month, they are still able to earn interest on their accounts and there is no extra fee if the re-

quirements are not met.

"There is no downside to signing up for a free Kasasa checking account," Trembath said. "It rewards our members for doing things they already do every day."

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Richard Eisiminger, broker/owner of the RichRealty Group in Plymouth, said, "I would definitely agree with the market being strong."

JULIE BROWN

Industry report: Home sales strong locally, in greater Midwest

Pending home sales rose solidly in February to their highest level in seven months and remain higher than a year ago, according to the National Association of Realtors. Led by a sizable increase in the Midwest, all major regions except for the Northeast saw an increase in contract activity in February.

The Pending Home Sales Index, a forward-looking indicator based on contract signings, rose 3.5 percent to 109.1 in February from a downwardly revised 105.4 in January and is now 0.7 percent above February 2015 (108.3). Although the index has now increased year-over-year for 18 consecutive months, last month's annual gain was the smallest.

Richard Eisiminger, broker/owner at the RichRealty Group of downtown Plymouth, said, "I would definitely agree with the market being strong." He and colleagues serve Canton-Plymouth-Northville-Nov, which he finds especially strong.

"Inventory is what's driving the prices up. It's very low. So good for sellers, not good for buyers," Eisiminger said.

Lawrence Yun, NAR chief economist, says pending sales made promising strides in February, rising to the highest index reading since last July (109.8). "After some volatility this winter, the latest data is encouraging in that a decent number of buyers signed contracts last month, lured by mortgage rates dipping to their lowest levels in nearly a year and a modest, seasonal uptick in inventory," he said. "Looking ahead, the key for sustained momentum and more sales than last spring is a continuous stream of new listings quickly replacing



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what's being scooped up by a growing pool of buyers. Without adequate supply, sales will likely plateau."

Eisiminger noted of low interest rates, "It continues to bring us qualified buyers. We are staying very busy."

Eisiminger compares this market locally to those of the past two springs with "buyers in a good number and just tough too find good qualified homes."

He said for a well-located home in turnkey condition, "It could be gone in a week for sure, maybe less, with multiple offers."

According to Yun, the one silver lining from February's noticeable slump in existing-home sales was that price appreciation lessened to 4.4 percent, which is still above wage growth but certainly

more favorable than the 8.1 percent annual increase in January.

"Any further moderation in prices would be a welcome development this spring," Yun said. "Particularly in the West, where it appears a segment of would-be buyers are becoming wary of high asking prices and stiff competition."

Eisiminger noted it's not good for prices to skyrocket "which comes back to 101 supply and demand." He noted in 2005-06, a seller could put on almost any price "and it would sell. We have to get up but maybe not so fast," Eisiminger said of not repeating that era this time.

According to the NAR, existing-home sales this year are forecast to be around 5.38 million, an increase of 2.4 percent from 2015. The nation-

al median existing-home price for all of this year is expected to increase between 4 percent and 5 percent. In 2015, existing-home sales increased 6.3 percent and prices rose 6.8 percent.

The PHSI in the Northeast declined 0.2 percent to 94.0 in February, but is still 12.6 percent above a year ago. In the Midwest the index shot up 11.4 percent to 112.6 in February, and is now 2.5 percent above February 2015.

Pending home sales in the South increased 2.1 percent to an index of 122.4 in February but are 0.4 percent lower than last February. The index in the West climbed 0.7 percent in February to 96.4, but is now 6.2 percent below a year ago.

Staff writer Julie Brown contributed to this report.

Architectural control issue: best to ask lawyer

Q: The developer of our subdivision had architectural control responsibilities. He claims now that he has assigned that to the Board of Directors of the association. The board is trying to enforce those requirements against us but I see nothing in writing that was recorded regarding the assignment. What do you think?

A: Based upon a recent Michigan Court of Appeals decision on similar facts, the court held that a developer can assign its rights under a restrictive covenant to an HOA, either orally or in writing unless the restrictive covenant include a limitation or conditions on the developer's ability to assign its rights. Therefore, if your documents provide that the assignment can only be in writing and must be recorded, the assignment is not effective. Obviously you will need to have a knowledgeable attorney review your documents to see whether the assignment has been properly effectuated.

Q: I am wondering if you know of any authority where second-hand smoke has been considered a nuisance in a particular situation in an apartment or condominium?

A: Yes. At least in California, second-hand smoke can be a nuisance based upon the facts in a particular situation. I am advised that there are various high-rise condominiums in California that have amended their restrictions to be a smoke-free building in all respects. It depends on the circumstances of each case and you are best advised to consult with a knowledgeable community association attorney to research the cases regarding the prohibition on smoking in and outside of a condominium unit.

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tinguisher with the nozzle
» Aim low. Point the extinguisher at the base of the fire.

» Squeeze the lever slowly and evenly.

» Sweep the nozzle from side-to-side.

» For the home, select a multipurpose extinguisher (can be used on all types of home fires) that is large enough to put out a small fire, but not so heavy as to be difficult to handle.

» Choose a fire extinguisher that carries the label of an independent testing laboratory.

» Read the instructions that come with the fire extinguisher and become familiar with its parts and operation before a

fire breaks out. Local fire departments or fire equipment distributors often offer hands-on fire extinguisher trainings.

» Install fire extinguishers close to an exit and keep your back to a clear exit when you use the device so you can make an easy escape if the fire cannot be controlled. If the room fills with smoke, leave immediately.

» Know when to go. Fire extinguishers are one element of a fire response plan, but the primary element is safe escape. Every household should have a home fire escape plan and working smoke alarms.

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Cold-calling contacts takes preparation and personalization

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Professional networking requires tact, good timing and, often, mutual connections — though the latter is a luxury many job seekers don't have. If you aren't well-connected in your desired field, that doesn't mean you can't put your best foot forward and grow your networks.

If you're trying to connect with professionals you don't know, here are some tips to keep in your back pocket.

Do your homework.

You need to be prepared before you make contact, just as you would for a networking event or job interview.

"Telling me you are looking for a job is not helpful. What *exactly* are you looking for? If it is a position within my company, I will likely direct you to the proper website or person who handles that job vacancy," says Suzanne Garber, author of "SAFETY NETWORK: A Tale of Ten Truths of Executive Networking."

What can you do to prepare?

"Do some research on certain firms you are going to contact and find out any information you can," says Mike Smith, founder of SalesCoaching1. "Maybe they are opening in France or Spain and you can speak French or Spanish. Perhaps they have top-level management that went to the same

schools as you. Find common ground and use it."

Personalize your approach.

Garber warns that some people — including herself — flag impersonal cold calls on social media sites as spam. "Simply sending me a copy/pasted note with what your needs are is not going to cut it. Personalize it to me," she says.

That's why it's important to be concise and specific. "Tell the individual why you are reaching out and in what way your common connection felt this introduction would be worth both of your time," says Andrea Donlon, founder of The Constant Professional, a personal branding and career firm. "Don't send a long intro email explaining how you came to reach out to this person. Make the introduction short but impactful."

Be relevant.

If you have already submitted an application, Matt Paddock, general manager of the digital agency Grow, says you can try to connect with someone at the company to reinforce the fact that you'd be a good fit.

"It's a good time to address anything you would normally put in a cover letter, such as why you feel you're a fit, to explain relocation or to name-drop a mutual contact that referred you to the company," he says. "Direct out-



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reach can be a powerful way to bring attention to your application — (but) just make sure you're not bringing the wrong attention to yourself."

Try a long-term approach.

Beth Bridges, author of "Networking on Purpose" and founder of the Networking Motivator, suggests adopting a long-term strategy.

"If you reach out to someone (and) then immediately ask for a job interview, try to sell them something or otherwise close the deal, that reduces the effectiveness of the introduction and takes it from networking to cold-call selling," she says. "Reduce the 'cold' aspect by referring to a mutual friend or a mutual interest. Once you're connected, they should start seeing your regular contributions to the networking site. If you're regularly posting, commenting or sharing, and they have the opportunity to see that and interact

with you, the 'cold' aspect of the networking will quickly warm up."

Don't forget to say thank you.

A little appreciation can go a long way — and you could even offer to return the favor.

"Regardless of whether or not this person can help, (a) thank-you goes a long way, and it's often forgotten in the haste and excitement of the introduction," Donlon says. "Reciprocity is an amazing equalizer. Making yourself open to helping this person when the time comes shows your respect for their time (and) investment in you and your willingness to go the extra mile."

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Car Report

Buick's Growing Success Forces Rivals To Look at Another New Model: Its Winning Marketing Campaign



By Dale Buss

Every automaker can learn at least a couple of things from the ongoing success of Buick.

First, there's nothing like timing the right vehicle

for the right segment to set off a sales explosion. And, second, a clever, relevant and consistent marketing campaign, executed with fidelity and determination, really can move the needle on brand perception.



The Buick brand is shining these days thanks to vehicles and marketing.

And now Buick is trying to pull off a third major feat: finally, decisively moving its demographics younger and more female. The brand has been making stabs at doing so for years, but now with the new 2017 Encore, the ongoing launch of the never-before-seen Cascada convertible, and the continued evolution of its marketing efforts,

success seems in the making.

Thus the Buick TV ad running during its sponsorship of NCAA March Madness creates no cognitive dissonance at all. Millennials are using the onboard 4G LTE WiFi in "Tina's new Buick," a spacious Enclave SUV, to drop in via teleconference on a meeting back in the office, whereupon their boss discovers that they're out getting smoothies.

It's only one of a handful of well-aimed spots, on TV and online video, that Buick hatched for the annual men's basketball tournament and its sponsorship of this demographically rich event.

"What we've done differently this year," Molly Peck, Buick's marketing director, told me, "is taken this whole kind of vernacular that goes with March Madness and created a 'game time glossary' which takes terms like 'Cinderella story' and 'underdog' and 'sleepers team' and created digital content with a Buick twist" which runs in pre-roll video on web sites that are streaming the games.

Buick was smart and fortunate to introduce Encore, an all-new nameplate, in 2014 just in time to benefit not only from Buick's improving brand vibe but also from the increasingly voracious appetite of American consumers for compact crossover vehicles.

Encore took the segment by storm, and this year, through March, it easily ranked as Buick's best-selling overall vehicle, with sales up again by 23 percent over 2015 levels for the year. And in March, Encore was the only one of Buick's nameplates that existed last year to register any sales gain at all over last year.

By contrast, of course, Buick's more-premium sibling brand, Cadillac, still lacks a compact CUV, and the GM luxury brand and its sales have suffered mightily for the deficit.

Which brings us to Buick's marketing. In 2014, it launched a completely new campaign and positioning under the rubric, "That's not a Buick," with a hit series of commercials showcasing the wonderful vehicles Buick was making and selling — and humorously underscoring that the typical consumer remained disbelieving that any of them could be a Buick.

After the campaign's initial success, Buick doubled down. "We started by asking that question, and piquing consumers' interest and curiosity," Peck said. "And then, last year, we started to tell people what they could expect from Buick, with built-in WiFi and our 24 Hours of Happiness test drives. We started to make a promise. And this year it's paying off."

Thus, with this March



Emily Ratajkowski and Odell Beckham Jr. -- and the Buick Cascada in the background -- starred in a Super Bowl ad.

Madness season, Buick ads have pivoted to asking, "Is that a Buick?"

"It's making more of a declaration that, yes, this is what you can expect from Buick," Peck explained. "Great technology, a brand-new convertible called Cascada, and the Buick remote-link app."

Interestingly, Buick's attempt to redefine itself has been much more successful, at least in its consistency, than the "Find New Roads" tag line that Chevrolet unveiled three years ago. It never has been really clear what "Find New Roads" actually means, and Chevy has found itself just slapping the phrase on everything it does. What has worked for Chevrolet is its "Real People" ads

in which a host uses stunts with actual consumers to get them to conclude that the vehicle they really want is ... a Chevrolet. Chevrolet might as well jettison "Find New Roads" for the good it's doing.

At Buick, the theme they concocted two years ago just keeps working better. "It's taken a lot of discipline," Peck said. "It's tempting to go off-strategy and try new creative. But focus is something we're really committed to. Then you see it pay off, and it's easier to stick to it at that point."

As for millennials, a great Buick TV ad for Cascada called "Wedding," which ran during Super Bowl 50, made it clear that the brand is going hard after them with the new drop-top.

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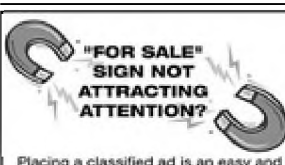
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