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Colbeck to hold local meetings

State Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, and District Manager Penny Crider will hold monthly office hours at 11 a.m. Friday, April 15, at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center and will be open to the public.

Colbeck will be on hand to answer questions and respond to concerns. No appointment is necessary.

"I encourage anyone who needs help, has questions, or wants to express a viewpoint to stop by," said Colbeck, R-Canton. "I'm looking forward to continuing a regular series of office hours throughout the district and hearing directly from constituents about state and pocketbook issues."

Colbeck represents the 7th Senate District, which encompasses the cities of Livonia, Northville, Plymouth and Wayne, as well as the townships of Canton, Northville and Plymouth.

For more information or to contact Colbeck, go to www.SenatorPatrick-Colbeck.com or call 517-373-5713.

Northville school board reviews controversial novel

Danielle Alexander
Staff Writer

Northville Public Schools' Board of Education met Tuesday, April 5 to review Toni Morrison's novel "The Bluest Eye" after a complaint about the text being taught in Northville High School's AP English Literature and Composition course.

Morrison's 1970 novel is about a young black girl, Pecola, who develops an inferiority complex because of her eye color and skin appearance. The novel addresses racism, incest and child molestation.

Parents, concerned about the content of Morrison's novel and its use in a high school class, filled the board room. They were expected to return during this past Tuesday's meeting, so board members could consider a recommendation on the novel's use.

The board requested administrators consider making some adjustments to the original recommendation.

According to board policy, when a parent or community member has a criticism of a textbook, library book or instructional material, there is a four-step material review process followed. Due to the fact that the book has been part of the course since the early 90s and that the book is slated to be used again this month (approximately April 18), it was decided that the review process should move directly to level three, a committee review, which was led by Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services Deanna Barash.

On March 23, a committee comprised of an NHS administrator, the district media specialist, an elementary teacher, a parent, two English teachers and the district's director of instruction, met to discuss the book in its entirety, and the team unanimously decided to recommend continued use of "The Bluest Eye," but also agreed that students should still be provided the choice to select an alternate text: William Faulkner's "The Sound and the Fury" or Jane Austen's "Pride and Prejudice," depending on text availability.

The board has requested that administration consider making some adjustments to the original level three review recommendation. Meanwhile, Barash said she will request information from neighboring districts concerning this book and possible replacement.

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JOHN HEIDER

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JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The six-story Northville Psychiatric Hospital main building on Seven Mile Road in Northville Township has been, for the most part, unoccupied since it officially closed in 2003.

Northville-based architects see the world and Detroit suburbs' potential, too

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Architect Bob Piatek sees potential for Detroit and its suburbs in reuse of buildings.

Of downtown Detroit, Piatek said, "It's incredible what's happening down there. There's no place now for apartments. And also office space now" is in great demand in downtown Detroit.

He sees heavy mixed use in the next two years, including boutique hotels, apartments and townhouses in downtown Detroit.

Piatek is director for the Detroit office, based in Northville, of HKS Architects, a worldwide architecture firm. "We love being here," he said of Northville.

Suburban Detroit communities have a center, he said, in some cases a downtown or a central spot. "That's where diversity is," he explained, both in terms of people, but also walkability, culture and entertainment.

"That's what the young folks are really looking for," he said. Young people and some empty-nesters are relocating to urban centers, with older people remaining in suburbs.



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This former gas station building at 1930 South Lake Dr. in Novi, on the south shore of Walled Lake, has been unoccupied and unused for almost 20 years.

Royal Oak sees growth, change

He cited Royal Oak locally as a suburb with a diversity of things, as well as large cities like Chicago and Boston. "How do we keep that interest?" Piatek said of local leaders. "That'll be a constant renewal for any city."

He earned his architecture degree in a four-year program, which then had a fifth year added, at Lawrence Technological University in Southfield. Piatek has been with HKS Architects about 18 years and in the field in this region some 35 years.

"There's lot of potential for those, depending," he said of vacant suburban buildings. "If a building has a good structure and a good exterior, then adaptive reuse makes a lot of sense."

Some buildings in the suburbs have been identified as historic, he noted, "or just because it's been around in the community. It just depends on

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Democratic challenger joins field in township board race

Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

The seven-member Northville Township Board of Trustees — all Republicans — will be joined by a Democratic newcomer this election season.

Dr. Ghulam Qadir will seek a seat on the township board as a trustee. "This is something that really excites me," said Qadir, a psychiatrist with Apex Behavioral Health Dearborn. He also has served as chief of psychiatry for 12 Years at Oakwood Hospital & Medical Center in Dearborn, and two years at Oakwood Heritage Hospital in Taylor.

"The township is efficient. But there is a changing makeup of the community. I am a diversity candidate," Qadir said, adding that he has held a number of leadership positions throughout his career.

Incumbents seeking re-election in the November election are: Supervisor Bob Nix, Treasurer Marjorie Banner, Clerk Sue Hillebrand and trustees Fred Shadko, Marvin Gans, Mindy Hermann and Symantha Heath. Like the trustees, the supervisor, clerk and treasurer are voting members of the board.

Each candidate, including Qadir, has filed nominating petitions with the clerk's office. The deadline to file petitions is at 4 p.m. April 19. All township terms are four years.

Nix is seeking his second four-year term as supervisor, which is considered a part-time job as the township also has a full-time manager, Chip Snider.

"There are things we have accomplished. But there are things we need to finish. It takes some time to finish these items," said Nix, a retired attorney.

Among Nix's goals are maintaining the township's financial strength and stability, following a period of declining revenues and cost cutting. Creating taxable value is a next step for Nix

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with property, including the former Scott Prison, as well as the township's tech park and the MITEC property on Five Mile. Continuing to create partnerships with other communities that face similar problems is also important for Nix.

Nix said an effort is underway to create new residential products, such as ranch homes — by changing zoning — that accommodate empty nesters and other older residents. The supervisor said he wants to continue addressing residents' concerns, such as the odors from Arbor Hills Landfill and its proposed expansion. "We try within reason to address these concerns. We don't sidestep concerns. Open communications with the residents is important to me."

Banner, who serves as

the part-time treasurer, is seeking her second term in that position. She was appointed as a trustee in 2000. She was re-elected for three terms and in 2012 ran successfully for treasurer. "I wanted a little bigger challenge. It was the right time for the township and me. It gives me an opportunity to make sure our vision is right."

A former journalist and now a writer for a legal publication, Banner said she is proud of the numerous budgetary awards received by the township. "It means a great deal because there is not one cent that is not accounted for. That is our goal. We are making great strides," she said, adding that financial sustainability is one of her top objectives.

Within a month, Ban-



Qadir



The Northville Township Board is seeking re-election to four-year terms. Pictured are from left, Symantha Heath, Marv Gans, Marjorie Banner, Robert Nix, Sue Hillebrand Mindy Herrmann and Fred Shadko.

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ner added, by state mandate, government audits will change and require itemization of expenses and revenues.

Hillebrand, the only township board member whose role as clerk is a full-time job, has served in the position since 1992. "I love it. I actually do." She said she had thought of retiring but there's plenty more she would like to do for the township. In particular, like most of the township board, Hillebrand said she wants to see a resolution for the abandoned Northville Psychiatric Hospital property. "We have huge challenges with that."

Trustee Shadko, a retired manager in the automotive industry, is seeking his second term on the board. "My first four-year term flew by and I eagerly anticipate the next four years. I am running again because I truly love living in this community, and I want to continue to serve it. We have faced numerous issues and decisions in the last four years (you

never know who's going to walk into the monthly meeting with something on their mind) and I know we will face more in the next four years. I look forward to the challenge and working with the rest of the board to continue to make this the best, most livable township in Michigan.

Trustee Gans has served 25 years as a trustee and is eager for another four years. He served on the township planning commission in the 1970s. "I still have a lot to give to the community. I have seen the community grow from rural to what we have now."

Gans, a retired Schoolcraft College educator and administrator, has been a mover and shaker in parks and recreation, as well as the township's historic district, which covers the Thayer farm and schoolhouse. He said he is proud of the work he and his colleagues, Friends of Northville Parks and Recreation, have done for the community, including the Thayer project. "I have the best interest of our families at heart."

Trustee Hermann, a Lt. Colonel in the Marine Corps Reserves who plans to retire next month, is seeking her third term. "I'm proud of the work we have done. We have been fiscally responsible and we have wonderful amenities and we have great cooperation with the city and the school district." Like Gans, Hermann is involved in parks and recreation, as well as senior services.

"I am proud in all of my involvement in that," she said, pointing to the connecting pathway from Eight Mile to Maybury Park. "I love working with the seniors and the youths."

Hermann calls herself a fiscal conservative and said she will question expenses, such as recent salary increases for the township board, including supervisor and treasurer. "I am willing to let people be mad at me."

Trustee Heath, an attorney, is completing her first term. "I think we have done a lot of good work. When I first came in we were bleeding money and running a deficit. Now we have a

balanced budget and we are bringing in more tax generating revenues."

She said that she also represents the age group in the township that has young children. Heath also wants to see through problems with the Arbor Hills Landfill, as well as controlling water and sewer costs for residents. Recreation — her three children are involved in sports — as well as traffic are important issues for Heath.

"I'm also a business owner — a partner in a law firm at Eight Mile and I-275. I understand some of the problems people in our community face who are business owners."

Unless more candidates file petition by April 19, Qadir and the incumbents are unlikely to face challengers in their political parties in the Aug. 2 primary election. Residents who are not registered to vote must do so by July 5 to vote in the primary and by Oct. 11 to vote in the Nov. 8 general election.

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matching the building to what the use is.” Older buildings with good structure can have their mechanical, electrical and plumbing gutted without much difficulty, Piatek noted. “You see a lot of that happening in urban centers,” he said. Northland mall in Southfield was developed “specifically for big-scale retail. That takes some real thought” to reuse, he said, including

inviting the developers to weigh in on best use of the campus with its extensive parking. “That’s a much harder thing to get at,” he said. Piatek described a Sears building he recently saw on a Memphis trip in which no one developer could use it. That city teamed several developers for the downtown site, including St. Jude Children’s Research



Piatek

Hospital offices, condominiums and apartments. Some 1970s office buildings weren’t made to last, Piatek said: “They were built to be turned over quickly.” ‘Going to stand forever’ That’s true also of recent “big box” retail with its lightweight joists and other features. Of structures from the 1920s, 1930s and 1940s, he said, “They’re going to stand forever. It’s just gutting them and making them work.” Royal Oak and Fern-

“There’s lot of potential for those, depending. If a building has a good structure and a good exterior, then adaptive reuse makes a lot of sense.”

BOB PIATEK
director for the Detroit office of HKS Architects

dale have such buildings, which have been used for apartments, retail and restaurants, he said: “It’s an evaluation of what you have as current stock.” Owners and developers now often hire firms on feasibility of sites “and determine if

that building’s going to be viable to do that,” Piatek said. His firm has done local hospital work, for the Detroit Medical Center, Beaumont and St. Joseph Mercy Health System. Bigger patient rooms were a factor in

the tear-down and two new patient towers at the Ypsilanti/Ann Arbor site for St. Joseph Mercy. “Technology demands a lot of space now, especially in hospitals,” he said, adding floor to floor heights and exteriors walls were also factors at that hospital. “Technology’s always changing. Hospitals have to be very flexible.” New equipment for operating rooms and patient rooms also influences design, he said.

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NORTHVILLE NEWS BRIEFS

Western Wayne cleanup

With warmer temperatures approaching, Wayne County Commissioner Terry Marecki, R-Livonia, is calling on western Wayne County residents to pitch in Saturday, May 7, for the second annual Park Clean-Up Day. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. at Cass Benton Pavilion and the work day will run from 9 a.m. to noon throughout the Bennett Arboretum and Northville Recreation area. Volunteers will be asked remove invasive species and collect debris. The first 50 volunteers to register will receive a free pair of tickets to attend a Detroit Tigers game at Comerica Park. For more information or to pre-register, contact Marecki’s office at 313-224-0946 or email gmodes@waynecounty.com.

You are needed

Northville letter carriers will host their annual food drive with a goal of 22,000 pounds that will be designated for the Northville Civic Concern nonprofit, which helps families and individuals in need. The drive is Saturday, May 14. All you have to do is leave non-expired food items at your houses that will be picked up by letters carriers. Help us met this goal by simply leaving non-expired food items.

League of Women Voters to meet

Jocelyn Benson, dean of Wayne State University Law School, will address the annual meeting of the League of Women Voters-Oakland Area on the subject “Making Democracy Work.” A graduate of Harvard Law School and an expert in civil rights law, education law and election law, Benson is founder and executive director of the non-partisan Michigan Center for Election Law which hosts projects that support transparency and integrity in elections. A former member of the American Bar Association’s Committee on Election Law, she has developed and supervised three statewide non-partisan election protection efforts in Michigan. “In this heated election year, Jocelyn Benson is the perfect person to shed some light on Making Democracy Work,” said Jerry Burden, president of LWV-OA.

The annual meeting will take place Saturday, May 21, at Plum Hollow Golf Club, 21631 Lahser Road, Southfield. The public is invited to attend a luncheon at noon, followed by Benson’s presentation at 1 p.m. The charge for attending the luncheon and presentation is \$35; for attending only the presentation it is \$10. A registration form is available at www.LWVOA.org; luncheon reservations should be made by Friday, May 13.

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ments. According to collegeboard.org, the AP English Literature and Composition course is intended to give students the “experience of a typical introductory level literary analysis course in college” and also includes that the class “concentrates on works of recognized literary merit.” At Tuesday’s meeting, Barash said the committee decided the book meets both requirements. Nevertheless, Barash also said the committee came to the conclusion that the district does need to be more overt to both students and parents about several items concerning this class: the course’s overall purpose, the fact that students will occasionally read tough themes, the many opportunities for advance text review and also the process on how to go about requesting an alternate text. Since 2003, Northville

According to collegeboard.org, the AP English Literature and Composition course is intended to give students the “experience of a typical introductory level literary analysis course in college.”

High School English teacher and department chair, Christopher Cronin, has been teaching Morrison’s text to his AP English Literature and Composition classes, which is comprised of 12th graders who select to take this course. This year, approximately 150 out of 600 seniors are enrolled. Parents and residents expressed concerns about the text, including: » A lack of positive messages in the district’s overall English curriculum » The district not being proactive in getting feedback from the community » A fear for the next generation of government » The possibility of deviant behavior occurring after reading Morri-

son’s text » The district’s “ghettoization” of African Americans » Negative references within the text against the Christian faith » The district losing parents’ trust » The vague information presented to parents by the district » An unwillingness to spend tax dollars on this text » Why the district chose this text when there are others to choose from » The district’s past allowance of Cronin teaching the material without another adult in the room » Whether the opportunities that will be provided to students who do select an alternate text will be equal to those who do not

» The developmental stage differences between a high school and college student » The embarrassment students may feel by selecting an alternate text » Morrison’s overall intentions while crafting the text The board of education said a better mechanism for feedback and more transparency is needed; however, their opinions of the text taught in the course varied. Treasurer Matthew Wilk and trustee Sarah Prescott said although they understand the concerns, it is a difficult decision because the goal of the class is to prepare students for the AP exam,so they can earn college credit. Wilk suggested the possibility of students reading a portion of the novel in the future. Trustee James Mazurek said he is worried about the idea of banning books and asked, “Where do you draw the line?” Vice president Cynthia Jankowski said a long-term goal could be

to create a 12th-grade English course that includes more positive texts. She added that the board is “overly willing to make parents comfortable and give kids the push they need to be successful.” Although he found the text to be a “wonderful literary work,” while discussing the concerns about developmental stages, secretary Roland Hwang asked, “Are students up to digesting that sort of content?” President Adam Phelps said he was “absolutely appalled” and felt “deeply troubled” after reading the novel. He said that there has to be other books available that teach the same points. Trustee Ann Kalass, however, said she is open for an alternative but comfortable keeping the book in the curriculum since she does not believe that “putting something out there for children to read is the same as promoting it.” dnalexander@hometownlife.com 248-860-4183

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Next Chapter employee McKenna Hill checks out some of the East Main St. bookshop and cafe's selections on April 7. The store has been open in Northville since 2010.

Next Chapter to hold customer appreciation day

The Next Chapter Bookstore & Bistro invites the Northville and surrounding communities to its Customer Appreciation Day and 94.7 WCSX Pam Rossi book signing on April 16. Changes and improvements have been made over the past few months, so The Next Chapter Bookstore &

Bistro wants to celebrate with new menu samplings (including French crepes), mimosas, giveaways and more. From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Rossi will be signing her new book "Conversations with Pam Rossi", which features interviews with Jeff Daniels, Dan Fogelberg and more "celebrity greats."



Northville's Next Chapter bookstore at 143 E. Main St.

STEAM Fair to take place at Hillside Middle School

Danielle Alexander
Staff Writer

More than 1,000 Northville fourth-graders and seventh-graders will participate in the one-day second annual Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) Fair on Wednesday, April 20, at Hillside Middle School. This year's theme is "Recycle, Upcycle and Freecycle" and will feature new uses for milk jugs, water bottles, plastic bags and much more. During the daytime hours, students will be led through 50 recycling-themed activities and demonstrations by both partnering companies and more than a dozen teams of students of

varying ages. From 6-8 p.m., parents and students from across the district, as well as community members, are invited to participate and check out the hands-on projects the student teams have created. As part of one of the district's goals, Northville Public Schools is partnering with the Northville Educational Foundation again this year to encourage and inspire Northville students to become interested in pursuing STEAM degrees and careers. The event is also supported through community sponsorships and volunteers. Last year was the district's first year hosting the STEAM Fair. Assistant superintendent

of instructional services Deanna Barash originally suggested the idea of having a STEAM Fair after having participated in one while principal in Birmingham Public Schools. "Scott Szukaitis, Paul Polanski and Danette Bull really took the lead on it," Barash said. "I would share an idea, and they would almost instantly come back with a plan on how to implement it." Hillside Middle School is at 775 N. Center St. in Northville. For more information on the event, go to www.northvillesteamfair.com.

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Join the girls for a night out in Northville

One of downtown Northville's most anticipated shopping nights returns Friday, April 15, from 5-9 p.m. The Girls Night Out event gives shoppers an opportunity to see the best of Northville's collection of boutiques, art galleries, bars, restaurants and more. Many retailers offer discounts, giveaways, special activities, refreshments and more. Over 20 bars, restaurants and eateries throughout the shopping district will provide plenty of opportunities

for dinner, drinks and dessert. This year, shoppers are encouraged to start their evening at one of three restaurants: Brick's of Northville, Wok Asian Bistro or Edward's Cafe and Caterer, all of which will be distributing a special Girls Night Out gift to the first 150 visitors at each location. A core group of 21 downtown Northville businesses worked together to plan Friday's Girls Night Out with many more planned to

participate the night of the event. Sponsored by the Northville Central Business Association, the night is one of three major shopping events held each year to help showcase the many small businesses in the community. For more information, go to EnjoyNorthville.com, the Enjoy Northville Facebook page or on the Enjoy Northville app, which is available on the Apple App Store and Google Play Store.

School district's Early Childhood Program presents Children's Exhibit

Northville Public Schools' Early Childhood Education and Extended Day Programs invites Northville families to attend the annual "Children's Exhibit: The Lan-

guage of Art" between April 14-28 at Northville Square Mall. The purpose of the exhibit is to celebrate children, honor their unique qualities and

capture the power of community involvement that constitutes the child's story. It will include documentation from studies that represent the value

of group learning in each of the classes in the Early Childhood Education and Extended Day Programs, which makes visible ideas that are shared, problems that

are solved among the children and ultimately the learning and knowledge gained from the experience. The exhibit's opening night will take place

from 6-7:30 p.m., and then it will remain open to the public during regular mall hours. Northville Square Mall is located on 133 W Main St.

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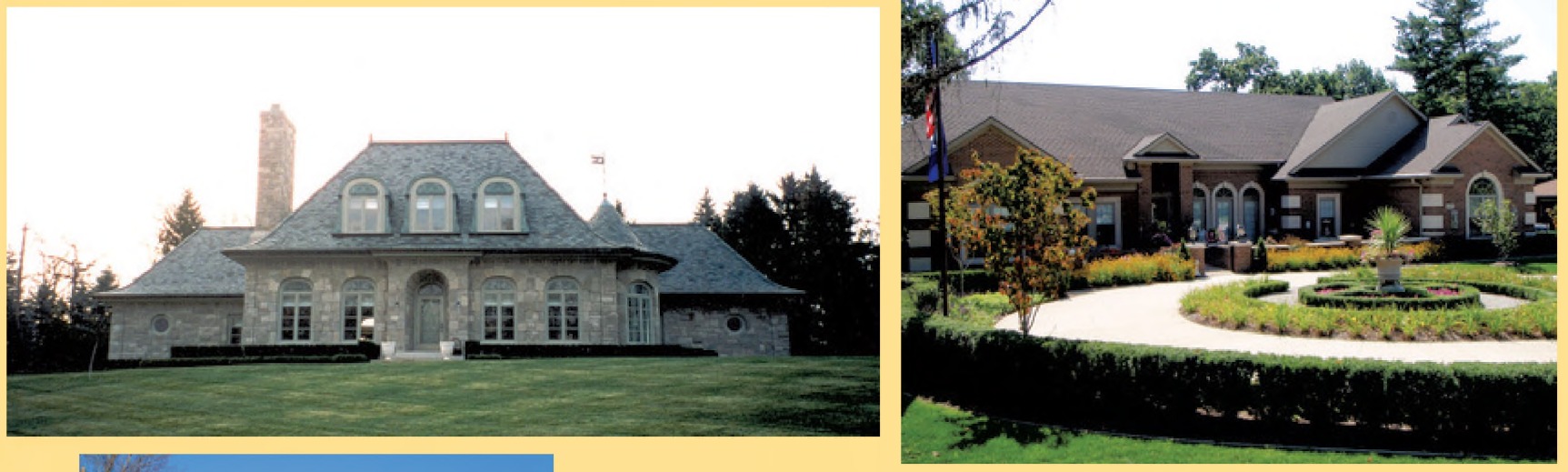
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Moms baby, kids and me resale

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, April 15; and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 16

Details: For more than 20 years the First United Methodist Church of Northville (777 W. Eight Mile Road) has hosted the Baby, Kids and Me Resale. The resale features over a thousand gently used children's clothing, books, toys, shoes and other children's items as well as maternity clothes. The Baby, Kids and Me Resale is a department style sale with tables arranged by gender and size and standardized low pricing. On Saturday there is a bag sale with all you can fit in a bag for \$6. Admission is \$2.

The resale supports outreach programs for organizations that help women and children. Over the years, proceeds have provided play dough kits for children who have been in abusive homes and in protective homes with First Step; Christmas gifts and birthday party bags for Northville Civic Concern; and gifts for mothers and babies in the Neo-Natal Intensive Care Unit at the University of Michigan Hospital, among other things. For more information, email momsmorningoutnorthville@gmail.com.

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.

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, in the parking lot off of 10 Mile. Anyone can support the Novi High School Orchestra & Band by taking a test drive in any brand new Ford vehicle.

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Foreign exchange meeting

Time/Date: 5:30-7:30 p.m. Monday, April 18

Details: Educatius International Exchange Students program is seeking families in Novi Community Schools that are interested in cultural diversity and hosting an exchange student for the 2016-17 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.educati-us@gmail.com with questions.

Democrats to meet

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 19

Details: Democrats of West Oakland County will hold its monthly meeting at Novi United Methodist Church, 41671 W. 10 Mile. Planned is a recap of roundtable discussions and what's next. Go to www.dwoc.info for more.

Dementia workshop

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to noon each Wednesday, April 20 through May 25

Details: The Area Agency on Aging 1-B and the Alzheimer's Association-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 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; two are veterans. 50/50 and silent auction planned. 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 in Novi.

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Michigan War Dog Memorial in Milford to host special K-9 Veterans Day event

James Mitchell
Correspondent

For years, it was one of the best-kept secrets in Lyon Township, a humble little pet cemetery off Milford Road. People called it the Happy Hunting Ground when the Elkow family first laid a faithful companion to rest there in the 1930s. Dozens of beloved pets had been buried there since, but as the years and decades passed, the humble plots and markers were all but forgotten.

Now known as the Michigan War Dog Memorial, the rejuvenated resting grounds for beloved pets will host a special K-9 Veterans Day event Saturday, a tribute to service dogs who have taken “best friend” to life-saving levels.

“This mission has taken on a life of its own,” said Phil Weitlauf, president of the Michigan War Dog Memorial, which had spear-headed the cemetery’s restoration.

Weitlauf — a retired veteran and dog lover — had discovered the cemetery in 2010. Its markers included more than a few dogs who had served their country along with their masters in World War II, Korea, Vietnam and the Middle East. Research told him that the markers and plots had been abandoned, if not forgotten, the grounds taken over by nature.

The animals buried there, he thought, deserved better.

“I formed a detail with military veterans and K-9 supporters,” Weitlauf said. “We needed to clean this up and show our

respect. Once people realized what was there and what we were doing, we had hundreds of volunteers who signed up to help.”

Weitlauf said that support continued growing as veterans and dog lovers realized what was there. The history of service dogs in conflict is a heroic tale of animals that have been credited with saving the lives of their masters: K-9 troops are said to have saved more than 15,000 lives in World War II, a number matched in Korea and Vietnam. Conflicts in the Middle East and the war on terror have only escalated that heritage, as have those who served with police agencies and as therapy dogs to include companionship for veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder.

“Ever since Sept. 11, the use of canines has tripled,” Weitlauf said. “There are men and women who wouldn’t have come home without these dogs. It’s up to us to show our respect and honor these canines for what they’re still doing.”

Ambitious plans

In that spirit, the Happy Hunting Ground has been transformed into the Michigan War Dog Memorial. What had started as a volunteer clean-up effort became something far more ambitious. Plaques have been placed to honor dogs that had seen combat duty and plans are underway for a walking Path of Honor to salute four-legged heroes.

“We continued not only the restoration, but also some improvements and beautification,” Weit-



Phil Weitlauf and his dog Ziva.

“This mission has taken on a life of its own.”

PHIL WEITLAUF

president, Michigan War Dog Memorial

lauf said. “That’s where we’re at today.”

Some of the upgrades will be on display during a ceremony set to begin at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 16, at the Memorial, 25805 Milford Road. The program will include an honor guard escorted by eight German shepherds, a tribute from the Rock and Roll K-9s and re-

marks by K-9 officers with the Oakland County Sheriff’s Office and National Association of Professional Dog Handlers.

“Taps” will sound to conclude a memorial to fallen friends, including a shepherd squad trained to howl on command. The ceremony will also pay tribute to veteran, volunteer and dog lover Rob Wurtz, who died last year.

For more information about the Michigan War Dog Memorial or to volunteer, contact Weitlauf at pweitlauf@gmx.com or 248-685-8307 or go to www.mwdm.org.



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Nearly a dozen war dogs, police K-9s and service dogs are buried at the Michigan War Dog Memorial site in Lyon Township.

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KILLEEN



JERRY D. Age 69, passed away April 10, 2016. He was born August 20, 1946 in Plymouth, son of the late Alvin & Marja Killeen. Jerry graduated from Northville High School in 1965 and was an engineer with Chrysler for 33 years prior to his retirement. Jerry was an avid pilot and enjoyed riding his motorcycle. He is survived by his sons: Sean (Karen) Killeen and Matthew Killeen; two grandchildren: Rachael and Russell; and his sisters: Laurie Hewitt and Kristie (Ted) Hansen. Visitation will be held on Sunday, April 17 from 3:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. with a funeral service being held on Monday, April 18 at 11:00 a.m. at **PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME**, 122 W. Lake Street, South Lyon. Jerry will be laid to rest in Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens.

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PETRICCA

MARY L. age 70, passed away April 4, 2016. She was born November 21, 1945 in Cincinnati, Ohio, daughter of the late Louis & Helen Rornes. Mary was a proud Registered Nurse and loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. She will always be remembered as a loving and devoted wife, mother and grandmother. She is survived by her children: Jennifer London and Andrew (Erin) Petricca; her grandchildren: Devin, Alex, Jacob, Nola and Cora. She is also survived by her sister, Beverly; and her brother, Ken. Mary was preceded in death by her husband, Richard in 2005 and her parents. A memorial service was held on Tuesday, April 12 at First United Methodist Church of South Lyon. Donations may be made to Saint Judes Children's Hospital.

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SIEVERT

GILBERT F. age 88, of Battle Creek passed away April 9, 2016 at Bickford Assisted Living in Battle Creek. Gil was born on February 17, 1928 in Tawas, MI to Fredrick and Alma (Quast) Sievert. He attended Immanuel Lutheran School up through the 8th grade and then finished grades 9-12 at Bay City High School. After graduating high school, he earned his Bachelor's Degree and teaching certificate from the University of Michigan and later a Master's Degree in English from Eastern Michigan University. Gil served as a pilot for the United States Navy and upon discharge from active duty as a Lieutenant, he remained in the Reserves to complete 20 years. After his military career ended, Gil became a School Teacher, teaching Basic Math, Social Studies, and English at South Lyon Middle School in Oakland County, MI. He retired after 30 years of teaching. Gil loved to travel, frequenting Europe some 29 times throughout his life. With a passion for classical music, Gil enjoyed attending performances of visiting orchestras and artists as well as those presented by the University of Michigan, School of Music. Gil is survived by his 7 nieces and nephews. He also took great comfort from the friendships he had with the Marc and Merrie Pardo family, the Patrick and Kathy Smith family as well as his lifelong friend Michael Baker and his family. He was preceded in death by his parents, and 6 brothers. Visitation will take place at the Kempf Family Funeral Homes, Shaw Chapel, 2838 SW Capital Ave., Battle Creek on Thursday April 14, 2016 from 1-3pm and 6-8pm. A funeral service will take place at the funeral home on Thursday April 14, 2016 at 3:00pm with Chaplain Robert Heine officiating. Interment will take place at Fort Custer National Cemetery in Augusta on Friday April 15, 2016 at 10:30am. Memorial contributions are requested to the University of Michigan, School of Music. Assistance with memorials are available at the Kempf Family Funeral Homes, Shaw Chapel. Please leave the family a personal message and sign the online guest book at www.kempffuneralhome.com



TEKIELI-FLORIO



JUDITH Age 60, of Northville, passed away peacefully on April 2, 2016. She was born April 11, 1955 in Detroit, Michigan; daughter of Stanley and Jane (nee Kasiewicz) Tekieli. Judy moved to Northville with her parents and made it her home for over 45 years. She was united in marriage to Nicholas F. Florio on August 25, 1996; lovingly married for nearly 20 years. Being a dedicated mom Judy was very active with the NHS Boosters Club from 1991-1995. She also became a fan of MSU football during her son's collegiate career. Judy was a longtime MSU season ticket holder. She was an active member of the VFW Post 4012 Auxiliary and American Legion in Northville. Judy was very interested in computers but not having the knowledge but having fun and playing games. She had wonderful culinary skills; Judy truly adored being in the kitchen cooking with Nick. She was also an excellent baker and enjoyed tending to her flower garden. Judy had a zest for life and was a loving and compassionate wife, mother, sister and friend. She is survived by her husband Nicholas; her son Todd (Claudia) Zayti; her step-son John (Robin) Florio; her siblings, Virginia Tekieli, Thomas (Connie) Tekieli, Stanley (Renee) Tekieli, and Pamela Hewison. She was preceded in death by her parents and her sister Jane Wynkoop. A funeral mass will be held Saturday, April 16, 2016 at 10am with a time of gathering beginning at 9:30am at St. John Neumann Catholic Parish, 44800 Warren Road, Canton, Michigan 48187. In lieu of flowers contributions would be appreciated to the American Heart Association, c/o Nick Florio, PO Box 738, Northville, MI 48167. Please share condolences and memories at casterlinefuneralhome.com Arrangements entrusted to Casterline Funeral Home (248) 349-0611.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College had a full house for the Senior Spring Expo.

Hundreds attend annual O&E Spring Expo at Schoolcraft

David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Getting the newest information, especially for seniors, was a big theme at last week's Observer and Eccentric Senior Spring Expo at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. That's what drew Plymouth Township resident Kathie Gornica to the event.

The 82-year-old ballroom dance instructor, who teaches many seniors out of her home, said she comes every year to the event in Livonia to gather info and pass it along.

“I like to recommend to my students who, a lot of them are seniors, that are going to have problems,” she said. “I’m giving them brochures to look into it.”

Gornica was one of hundreds who filled Schoolcraft College's VisTaTech Center for the annual event. Attendees sought information from the many vendors in attendance, including health care providers, estate planners and senior living facilities, among many others. Some seminars held during the event saw standing-room-only crowds to hear some of the speakers.

One such provider was Mercy Elite Sports Performance, a Livonia-based sports medicine facility located at 13245 Newburgh, just south of I-96, and part of the St. Joseph Mercy Health System. Employees as well as local golf officials were on hand to examine attendees' golf swings and see what, if anything, could cause injury or other ailments while out on the links.

Terry Welsh, the outing and marketing coordinator for the city of Livonia's golf division, said it's important for those golfers to know what ails them, as golf pros don't typically go out and ask golfers about their health status on the golf course.

Nursing students station

A new station this year was several tables of Schoolcraft College nursing students checking vital signs for visitors and talking to them about health. Students came and took blood pressure, among other measurements, from patrons and talked to them in a casual setting. The event replaced the students' clinicals for the day and gave them experience working with the

public out in the field, rather than in a medical setting.

“This is more of a preventative-type event,” said Rachel Morrow, a Westland resident and first-year nursing student.

One of those in attendance was Farmington Hills resident Rose Lehnerer, who wanted to be aware of what she and her husband needed to do to get their affairs in order.

It's something she hopes isn't needed for a long, long time, she said.

“My husband and I were interested in estate planning,” she said. “There's a certain amount of denial that you really need this. We all feel like we have an unlimited amount of time.”

Ingrid James of Canton said the event was the second Senior Spring Expo she's attended. She came last year and decided it was worthwhile to return this year.

She recommends others to come next year, because of all the access to information she picked up.

“I'm always trying to keep abreast of what the latest things are,” she said. “This is a good place to go to find out.”

Free dementia care workshops for family caregivers planned

The Area Agency on Aging 1-B and the Alzheimer's Association-Greater Michigan Chapter are hosting 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. Classes meet for two hours for each of the six weeks. During the six weeks, family members learn practical techniques and approaches to help them care for their family member with dementia. Creating Confident Caregivers class will be held in Novi at the Novi Civic Center, beginning April 20. Classes will

run from from 10 a.m. to noon each Wednesday. During the class, caregivers learn how to: » Reduce caregiver related stress » Improve caregiver confidence » Create a positive care-giving environment » Plan daily activities for your loved one based on their strengths

» Deal with behaviors caused by dementia and its effects on the brain. The CCC workshops are evidence-based. This means that outcomes of the CCC program have been measured and the program has been proven to reduce caregiver stress by empowering caregivers with useful tools and information.

Caregivers are encouraged to attend all six classes. There is no cost for caregivers to attend. All materials and books are provided by the AAA 1-B. Each class is limited to 12 participants. Up to three members from one family can attend a training together. On-site respite is not available at this location. In-home

respite may be available. Minimum two-week advance notice required for in-home respite. Registration is being accepted and advance registration is required. To register, call the AAA 1-B at 800-852-7795 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays. For more details or additional information, go to www.aaa1b.com.

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Former student: Keep ‘Bluest Eye’ in curriculum

I was discouraged to read about the controversy over the inclusion of Toni Morrison’s “The Bluest Eye” in the AP English course at Northville High School. I proudly claim, with the support of colleagues, that decision as my own during my tenure at NHS from 1993-2003. Having created the course in the mid-1990s, I had the pleasure of reading this raw, poetic narrative that so memorably confronts the issues of racism, beauty and self-image with intelligent and eager seniors, ready for texts that would challenge them both personally and academically. To see that opportunity jeopardized is disheartening.

I agree that parents should know what their children are reading, and I’d even encourage parents to read along, but parents also need to put some trust in English department faculty to guide young readers



Melissa McClain Talhelm
GUEST COLUMNIST

through the kinds of literature that will expand their reading range and prepare them to confront the difficult texts they will inevitably encounter in college classrooms. The College Board, educators who write the AP exams and professors will expect such intellectual readiness.

What troubles me most is the first challenge from concerned parents listed in the “Detroit Free Press” article (written by “Northville Record” staff writer Danielle Alexander): a “lack of positive messages in the district’s overall English curriculum.” The larger issue about the role of the language arts seems to be at

stake here. As writer Jeanette Winterson claims in her essay “Art Objects,” art comes from “the struggle,” facing conflict and problems head-on: “The true artist is after the problem.”

The writers we read for generations after generations, including Morrison, take on problems, the tough realities of life worth wrestling with that reveal the universal themes of being human. It’s not always shiny and happy, but we count on artists to hold up these parts of humanity for inspection. All great literature does this, and this is exactly what we want in our literature classrooms. We need passionate teachers, like my former colleague Chris Cronin, who can lead students through often rough literary waters where they can make sense of “the problem,” be moved by an author’s treatment of it, and leave as better think-

ers who have been exposed to worlds beyond their own.

Adolescence is the perfect time for this exposure. Educator Robert Probst says that young readers read to “know themselves” (Response and Analysis 31); reading enables them “to refine and sharpen their conceptions of the world and the people in it” (31). They learn empathy through experiencing different lives and confronting life’s complications from the safe distance of fiction in the safe environment of the classroom. He adds, “Literature should strike a responsive chord in them, offering the substance to keep alive questions and interests, feeding them so that continual re-examination is rewarded with some sense of growth or progress.”

Often, Winterson believes, this growth follows students’ “falling

outside of the safety of (their) own experience.” English teachers can lead this exploration, as they’ve been trained to do, through the literature that urges us out of our boundaries. To remain in our safety zone is a mistake, just as reading only “a portion of the novel,” as Board Treasurer Matthew Wilk suggested, is a mistake. We can’t tread around the mere edges of art. Looking only at fragments is misinterpretation, just as the preposterous pulling out of profanity, sexual content, violence and other uncomfortable scenes removes them from the context. And context is everything. It’s the whole world that Morrison creates in “The Bluest Eye” that makes the violence purposeful, and it’s her context that forces the questions critical readers pose: why is this language used, and why are these particular scenes a nec-

essary part of the whole? Who would even consider viewing only the upper left-hand corner of Picasso’s “Guernic”?

As a parent and teacher, I encourage the Northville School Board to support the veteran professionalism of Chris Cronin, the English department and what the language arts have to teach us. I applaud him and the English faculty for defending the literature that led us to this career in the first place, and I know there are hundreds of former AP students who are better off for having been challenged by both him and the vision of Toni Morrison.

Dr. Melissa McClain Talhelm, a former Northville Public Schools student, is an Associate Professor of English at Southern Connecticut State University.

OUR VIEW

Robotics competition a win-win for students, schools, business world

Educator Mark Skodack put it well during a recent robotics competition. Of his Hackbots team, which includes teens from Farmington Public Schools’ Farmington, Harrison and North Farmington high schools,

teacher/coach Skodack said, “It’s almost like a small business. A business has to market, a business has to be safe. Six weeks to build a robot is tight for these kids. It gets their focus razor-sharp.”

The Hackbots were among more than 40 school systems, public, private and charter, at the March 24-26 FIRST in Michigan District Event at Livonia Churchill High School. FIRST stands for For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology.

The students built robots with a robotic arm, designed to throw a ball through a target. This year’s medieval theme proved popular with participants.

Churchill was crowded with high school students, teachers/coaches, men-

tors, volunteers and spectators on those March days. What they observed was students learning together and from each other in the competition, in which veteran teams are encouraged to help newcomers, such as Garden City High School, hone their skills.

Isolina Carlini is team leader and coach for the Livonia Public Schools’ Warriors. She’s a middle school teacher in Livonia, at Holmes, and is proud both of the many LPS high schoolers — from Stevenson, Churchill and Franklin — as well as the

district’s middle school feeder program.

Competition leads to “Worlds,” coming up soon in St. Louis, a goal the teams at Churchill shared. Seeing the students, educators and mentors from engineering and other business backgrounds come together was rewarding.

Said host Carlini, “I think it gives them a hands-on example that simply is not possible in the classroom. It positions kids for success and scholarships and internships. Kids that like this kind of stuff, it really

appeals to them.”

Students face an increasingly complex world to navigate as they grow up and technological know-how developed through FIRST robotics competition will serve them well. One young woman, Avery Cosier, 17, of Farmington High plans a dentistry career, with many other students set on engineering.

Not all FIRST students will become engineers, but the knowledge, skills and friendships they have gained will serve them well in years to come.



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Developer: Finding right space key to fill vacancies

David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Location still plays a big factor when it comes to developing land or buildings that have sat vacant over the years. Just ask Jeffrey Schostak, a vice president and director of development with Livonia-based and major area developer Schostak Bros.

Building on desirable, vacant land is great, but it needs to be in a great place to really bring in interest.

“I think with vacant land, really, the key is a good piece of dirt,” he said. “Middlebelt Road, for example. That corridor has become one of the busiest retail corridors in metro Detroit.”

Schostak Bros. has some stake in Livonia along Middlebelt, south of I-96, owning several restaurants along that stretch, which has gone from fairly vacant to jam-packed in the last several years, with the

development of restaurants, big-box stores and retail centers.

But moving on vacant properties that still have older buildings designed for another use is a bit trickier for developers, Schostak said, as many tenants are looking to jump right into a facility without having to make many changes to it.

The company has been involved with new developments in several area communities, including Livonia, Redford, Northville Township and Salem Township, to name a few.

That’s why the company has moved forward with revitalizing the former Home Depot site, 12100 Inkster, in Redford. The 14-acre property, located just north of Plymouth Road, has been vacant for several years after Home Depot moved farther west.

“Retail location didn’t work anymore and they moved to Middlebelt Road,” Schostak said. “Then it turned into an

office space. Now you’re sitting on the market for a couple years trying to lease or sell a building.”

Today, the company is looking to turn that site into mostly light industrial, with some space reserved for keeping some commercial options available.

Getting it ready for potential clients and knowing what they want before it being shown is a key to moving these large vacant properties off the market, Schostak said. If a company can move right in without having to make many changes, more movement on a piece of property can happen at a faster pace.

“That’s the preferred route, because you’re already showing them something in their wheelhouse,” he said. “Users today don’t have a lot of time when they’re searching for their real estate.”

Working with local governments

These developments tend to not be worked on solely by developers. Lots of other stakeholders play a role, including local municipalities, many of whom work with zoning requirements, site plans and other conditions that affect the property.

Schostak said working with entities has gotten better as the economy improves from the 2008 recession and that the company has generally had good relationships with surrounding communities when they’re looking to develop. With tax bases seeing increases and a need for more revenue emerges,

he said working with local governments has moved to a better location.

“Any redevelopment deal takes a large amount of public-private collaboration,” he said. “Things got a little easier post-recession.”

Mark Taormina, the planning director for the city of Livonia, said vacancy rates across the 36-square-mile city have decreased throughout the last few years, with many shopping centers even seeing attractive facelifts being done as funding becomes more available for developers.

“I think what’s a really positive thing that we’ve seen is that even the owners of our older retail plazas are recognizing

the need,” he said. “Many of them are finally in a position where they can upgrade their properties and respond.”

Livonia is home to plenty of vacant buildings and lots, the more noticeable ones being the former Chi-Chi’s restaurant site at Schoolcraft and Middlebelt, as well as the old House of Denmark facility at 35555 Plymouth Road.

“There are those properties that are a challenge, because they were built as a single-use property for a single use,” Taormina said. “It is difficult to find an adaptive re-use of those properties.”

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ZONING ORDINANCE #03-21-16Zd**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Northville City Council has adopted Ordinance No. 03-21-16Zd for the purpose of amending the City of Northville Zoning Ordinance. The Zoning Ordinance text amendments amend Article 15 Schedule of Regulations, Article 18 General Provisions, and Article 26 Construction of Language and Definitions as follows:

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

The ordinance was introduced for first reading on March 21, 2016, and was adopted by the City Council on April 4, 2016. The ordinance shall become effective on April 22, 2016. The complete text of the ordinance amendment is available for public review at the City of Northville Municipal Building, Office of the City Clerk or the Building Department, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-349-1300, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or on the City’s website at www.ci.northville.mi.us.

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'Jackets 4 Jackson': Tragic accident spawns program

Family, friends want law requiring all children to wear life jackets when venturing out on ice

Laura Colvin
Staff Writer

Christina Podvin knows it's possible her fiancé and their 4-year-old son would still be alive if they'd donned life jackets before heading out on the ice to catch some fish last winter. But David and Jackson Lyons were not wearing life jackets. When the ice on Highland Township's Alderman Lake opened up Feb. 1, Podvin lost the loves of her life: "the boys," as she calls them. That's why, when friends and family asked for her blessing before proceeding with an idea — Jackets 4 Jackson — Podvin didn't hesitate. "I don't want this to happen to anyone else," she said. "We're getting so much support and I know the boys would want this to happen."

An idea
Word of David and Jackson's drowning deaths hit the Huron Valley community hard. When Jennifer Zamiara picked up her daughter from Muir Middle School that day, she found Brookelyn, 13 — a close friend of Jackson's aunt, Shannon Podvin, 13 — devastated by the news.

At home, they talked about the tragedy. They went online and did some research. They looked at the facts. "We came up with a thought that we needed to raise awareness and amend a law so all kids 12 and under must wear life jackets at all times — on all bodies of water, including ice," Zamiara said. After talking it over with family and friends, Jackets 4 Jackson was born. "We didn't want this to happen to anyone else," Brookelyn Zamiara said. "We felt like this is something we needed to do." When she told her friends about the idea, they were eager to help and quickly formed a group of six girls, including Jackson's aunts, Shannon Podvin and Jessica Podvin, 15, and many of their parents.

The law
Laura Jennings, who is participating in the Jackets 4 Jackson cause along with her daughter Christa, also a Muir student, said the group's priority is to get a Michigan law amended so children under 12 are required to wear a PFD on the ice. "We've done a lot of

networking and had instant support," she said, noting the group has enlisted the help of those both inside and outside the community. "No one says no." Currently, regulations for personal floatation devices, or PFDs, while boating in Michigan are spelled out in the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act of 1994: Essentially, children younger than 6 must wear a PFD when riding in the open deck area of a boat. Everyone, regardless of age, must wear a PFD while being towed in the water behind a boat and while operating, riding on or being towed behind a jet ski. But while the Michigan DNR does publish detailed ice safety tips — including "wear a life jacket and bright colored clothing" — the state has no laws requiring the use of a PFD on frozen lakes or rivers. In an effort to change that, the group has met with current and former legislative leaders, including Bill Bullard, former Highland Township supervisor, state senator and Oakland County clerk, as well as current Michigan Senate Majority Floor Leader Mike Kowall. Although Kowall's 15th District does not include Highland Township, Kowall said he planned to sit down with state Sen. Dave Robertson, whose 14th District does include Highland, to discuss the issue and determine whether Robertson would be willing to in-



Jessica Podvin (from left), a Milford High School student, and Kaitlyn Lavery, Shannon Podvin, Sabrina VanAcker, Christa Jennings and Brookelyn Zamiara, all Muir Middle School students, watch a YouTube video created by Shannon Podvin in honor of her nephew, Jackson Lyons. The girls are working together, along with their parents, to amend a law that would require children under 12 wear a life jacket on the ice.

roduce an amendment to the law. "Any time you change any rules, especially when it comes to the outdoors — hunting and fishing, etc., people tend to get upset about the government sticking its nose in," Kowall said, noting he was also seeking weigh-in from ice safety experts. "It will be an uphill battle," he added. "I told them the first thing they need to do is raise some public awareness." They plan to do just that.

Awareness
The girls recently made a presentation to Muir Middle School Principal Martin Lindberg and plan to speak before students at Muir and other Huron Valley schools. They've also got a speaking engagement in the works with Utica Schools and plan to approach other districts, as well. On Friday, April 22,



David and Jackson Lyons show off their catch after coming off the boat last summer. The father and son drowned Feb. 1 after falling through the ice on Alderman Lake in Highland Township.

opening day. "Even though Dave and Jackson passed away, this is like their legacy," said Sabrina VanAcker, a Muir student who is also participating in the project. "We don't want other people to feel the sadness we do." T-shirts designed by the girls in orange — Jackson's favorite color — and wrist bands will be available for sale as a fundraiser to support the cause. The group will also collect signatures to garner support for amending the law and provide information on ice safety. Eventually, the hope is to establish Jackets 4 Jackson as a nonprofit organization. For more information or to contact the group, go to jackets4jackson.com or search Jackets 4 Jackson on Facebook.
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Riya Mane, 7, tries to get the timing right for a shot through the windmill April 5 at the mini-golf event at the Novi Public Library. Librarians and building engineers set up the course throughout the library that day so that local kids on spring break could enjoy some fun indoor activities.



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Graham Long, 6, enjoys dashing about the mini-golf range set up inside the Novi Public Library. The library was hoping to give local kids on spring break some fun indoor activities.

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Michigan Supreme Court denies appeal in I-96 shooting case from 2012

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The Michigan Supreme Court has denied a request to hear the appeal of a Wixom man convicted of terrorism for shooting at motorists along the Interstate 96 corridor in 2012.

In a decision released March 30, the state's highest court said only that it was "not persuaded that the questions presented" in the case of Raulie Wayne Casteel should be reviewed.

The state's appeals court upheld Casteel's conviction in 2015.

Casteel's attorney appealed the conviction, alleging the 46-year-old man was denied the right to present expert testimony regarding his mental illness.

The appeals court disagreed, saying a diminished capacity defense is not applicable under Michigan law. The appeals court further refused his argument there wasn't sufficient evidence to support the jury's conviction on the terrorism charge.

Casteel also alleged his constitutional rights were violated when the prosecutor solicited testimony at trial that he had invoked his right to remain silent when he was arrested.

The appeals court judges said the questioning was "ill-conceived" and "inappropriate," but they ruled that the error did not result in a substantial diminishment of his rights to a fair trial.

Casteel was sentenced in February 2014 to 18-40 years in prison for his three-day shooting spree in which he fired a 9 mm pistol out the window of his vehicle, targeting 23



FILE PHOTO
At trial, Raulie Casteel testified that he was not trying to harm people when he shot at motorists, but was shooting at cars because he was told to by a coded message he received at a Detroit Tigers game.

separate vehicles. The incidents began Oct. 16, 2012, and stopped Oct. 18, 2012, occurring in Livingston, Oakland, Shiawassee and Ingham counties.

At trial, Casteel testified that he was not trying to harm people, but was shooting at cars because he was told to by a coded message he received at a Detroit Tigers game and because the long lines of traffic triggered the "demons" in his mind. His paranoia included believing people were targeting his family and that military aircraft were flying over his home when he lived in Kentucky.

"To my way of thinking, at the time, (shooting) was to get rid of the demons, so to speak, the fear, the anxiety," the Michigan State University graduate told the jury in January 2014.

In a monotone voice and with little emotion, Casteel admitted that he shot at 23 vehicles, including Jennifer Kupiec's Cadillac on I-96 in Livingston County in October 2012, because "long lines of traffic coming at me" created "a lot of anxiety" about people following or mon-

itoring him. To shoot Kupiec's passing vehicle was a decision, he said, that was made in seconds because "anxiety set in and fear."

"At the time, I can't say I had any thoughts of murder," he said. "It was never my intent to murder. ... Terrorizing the government, terrorizing the people, that never crossed my mind."

In addition to terrorism, the jury convicted Casteel of felonious assault, carrying a dangerous weapon with unlawful intention, intentional discharge of a firearm from a motor vehicle and possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony.

Casteel also was sentenced in Oakland County to up to 12 years in prison for shootings that occurred on Wixom Road in Wixom. His sentence was part of a plea deal with prosecutors, in which Casteel pleaded no contest but mentally ill to nine counts of assault with intent to cause great bodily harm less than murder.

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Madonna University students toured studios and met industry pros during their spring break trip to Los Angeles.

MADONNA UNIVERSITY

Madonna University students explore entertainment careers in L.A. trek

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Madonna University students visited Los Angeles over spring break to learn about careers in film, TV and more. Meghan Griesbeck, 20, a Highland Township resident, was among them. “I loved L.A.,” said Griesbeck, a junior in broadcast and cinema arts. “I thought it was amazing. We were meeting with people in the industry.”

She liked meeting directors, producers and a writer. “So we were really able to completely delve into the whole experience of Hollywood,” said Griesbeck, a Western Michigan University transfer who graduated from Milford High School in 2013.

A total of 21 undergraduates and two Madonna faculty members headed to Hollywood for spring break, said Sue Boyd, a faculty member in broadcast and cinema arts from Highland. “We’ve been going out to Hollywood for probably 10 years,” she said. “We’ve made such great connections.”

‘A living community’

Added Boyd, on the faculty 35 years, “It’s pretty amazing the people they get to meet. The arts seems to be such a



MADONNA UNIVERSITY

Madonna University students Nancy Boyd and Meghan Griesbeck are startled to “meet” famed director Alfred Hitchcock during their L.A. trek.

giving community.”

In past years, Madonna students had gone to Los Angeles in October and participated in a Project Accessible Hollywood that included a film festival. This year’s focus was on tours and meeting industry pros.

“Spring break is a perfect fit for us,” Boyd said. “They feel like they’re getting a little break, too,” she added of students.

Griesbeck liked the Sunset Gower Studios visit, where a lot of ABC and HBO shows are made, including “How To

Get Away With Murder,” for which they visited the set.

She liked an on-location lunch there, too. She’s unsure of post-graduation plans and is interested in TV or film producing.

“Michigan doesn’t have a huge incentive anymore,” she noted of film making, although many Madonna alumni work in the industry here. “It depends on what kind of opportunities.”

‘Great opportunity’

Kara Kwiecinski, 19, of Plymouth Township is



MADONNA UNIVERSITY

Madonna University’s Nancy Boyd on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

a Madonna sophomore in broadcast and cinema arts. She graduated from Plymouth Salem High School in 2014 and has a Madonna marketing minor.

“I thought it was a great opportunity,” Kwiecinski said of the trip. “They were just so willing to talk to us. It was really cool.”

Like Griesbeck, this was Kwiecinski’s first Madonna L.A. trip, although she’s visited with family. Kwiecinski had been planning on directing and found her West Coast trek opened her mind to other options.

Kwiecinski met a makeup artist she liked, as well as an actor/director who’s close to students’ age. He has done a lot of work with Disney.

“They’re pursuing their dreams already,” Kwiecinski said. “We can do that, too.”

Of the trip, she said, laughingly, “Since we come from Michigan, the weather. Seeing what we’re doing in Michigan really comes into play. That was the best part, just knowing what we’re doing is worth it.”

Kwiecinski plans to return her senior year. “It was very educational. It was also very fun, too,” she said. “It was a great trip.”

Nancy Boyd, 20, is a Madonna junior with a double major in music as well as broadcast and cinema arts. She’s from Highland and a 2013 Milford High School graduate.

“Oh, I loved it,” said

Nancy Boyd, who also visited L.A. as a Madonna freshman. “It was really great. We had so many opportunities. We actually reach out to people who work in the industry and get an inside look.”

She noted Madonna’s student visit goes beyond a standard Universal Studios tour. “I really enjoyed talking to the script analyst,” Boyd said. “It was great talking to him about what makes a compelling story.”

He’s also a screenwriter who reads a lot of scripts; he recommends some be made, others considered with changes. “He definitely encouraged all of us to read scripts,” to improve their own writing, student Boyd said.

She hopes to become a screenwriter and director. “I would love to hear an audience react to a film I’ve made,” Boyd said. She recommends Madonna for film, radio and TV students, noting its hands-on approach.

Sue Boyd added, “We never know what’s going to happen, which is good. We try to give them a range of things. You don’t learn those things in a book. You need to go out and talk to people.”

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My list of apps that everyone should consider

For those who have grown bored with Snapchat, Periscope, Trivia Crack and their existing emoji keyboard, here is a look at some apps that are worth consideration. Despite reaching app saturation and full phones, these productivity and entertainment apps are worth the download.

BitMoji: An increasingly popular app for millennials, this app merges popular emojis with the dated Bit Strip. Don't know what either of these means? That's OK. Download BitMoji, create a character and you can text custom images such as your character celebrating a holiday or playing a sport. Use BitMoji to randomly text a friend or family member. Your pop-culture knowledge may surprise them.

UltraText: UltraText allows you to create and send GIFs (animated



Jon Gunnells
TECH SAVVY

images) through messaging apps on your phone. It is worth noting that Facebook messenger has GIF capabilities linked through an additional GIF app. But do you really need three apps from Facebook (or four or five if you count Instagram and What's App)? Soon they will control your entire phone!

ESPN App: A fixture on every sports fan's phone got much better recently as ESPN merged its traditional Score Center app with the Watch ESPN app. Now users can check scores, read news and even watch live games on their phone. Last month, I used my home's WiFi connection to watch a bowl game on my smart

phone without experiencing any lag or issues. Simply select your cable carrier and get mobile access to live games and programming, which is usually abundant considering the breadth of ESPN networks.

Untappd: The craft beer craze is not slowing down. Users can download Untappd to rate beers, discover nearby breweries, trending drinks and see what friends are trying. Untappd is a terrific way to find a drink that suits your tastes while also documenting what you've already tried. Didn't like a specific brew? Mark it down so you don't get fooled again. The more you try, the more badges you can earn — just remember to pull up your Uber app if you've overdone it and need to get home.

Hyperlapse: Not exactly new, but a great tool nonetheless to create

quick and easy Hyperlapse video on your phone. Great for recapping a landscaping or DIY project around the house, capturing a sunset or anything else you can think of. Like the other apps on this list, Hyperlapse is free, but some premium features may cost you a few dollars.

One Second Every Day: If you love capturing photos and videos of your pets, kids or lifestyle, consider downloading One Second Every

Day. Like Hyperlapse, it gives users an easy tool to create videos or photo galleries using a few seconds of content from each day. Consider it the opposite of Snapchat as you can create memories that last instead of those that disappear after 10 seconds.

Games: Even if your storage and cloud space are bursting at the seams there is always room for another game, right?

Candy Crush Jelly Saga, Surfers, Hay Day and

Terarria remain chart toppers in for free games in the Apple Store. Meanwhile, **Madden NFL** mobile might help you get through the months without football. movie fans can also get their fix via a variety of **Marvel** and **StarWars** games — some even for free.

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WWCCA hosts eighth dinner, gun raffle

The Western Wayne County Conservation Association is putting out a call to firearm enthusiasts to get their tickets now for its eighth annual Friends of the NRA Dinner and Auction Fund-raiser and gun raffle.

This is the second year the Hellenic Center in Westland is serving as host of the event. More than 250 people turned out for last year's event and WWCCA president Bob Havilland hopes to fill the hall this year.

"We can go up to 800 people," said Havilland, a Livonia resident. "We started at 165 people eight years ago and maxed out at 350 at Fox Hills. Last year, at the Hellenic, we had 250. Hopefully, that was because it was a new venue."

The banquet will be Friday, May 7, at the Hellenic Center, 36375 Joy, Westland. Doors open at 5 p.m. to view prizes and the silent auction. Games start at 6 p.m., with a sit-down dinner served at 7 p.m. In addition to a live auction at 8 p.m., there will be special drawings and door prizes. Banquet tickets are \$40 each and include entry in a drawing to win a .22 caliber rifle.

The club also has begun selling raffle tickets for the chance to the NRA Gun of the Year, a Montana Rifle American Legends .300 Win Mag rifle, or Winchester lever action Model 1886 short rifle. Tickets are \$5. Both rifles will be given away in the winner gets first choice raffle.

"Each year, we try to do something different," Havilland said. "Last year, we raffled off a Kimber with the \$5 ticket. People like it in that they know the money goes for a good cause."

A variety of NRA Foundation rifle and handguns will be given away during the event. Among the guns are a Henry Golden Boy Second Amendment Tribute Edition .22 LR rifle, a Ruger GP100 double action revolver, Walther CCP 9mm white edition, Taurus Curve .380 and a children's Crickett .22 LR rifle.

Some will be used in games and others will be used in the popular bucket raffles. Havilland knows that firearms are

popular at the banquet and is looking to add up 15-20 more as prizes in the raffles and drawings.

The WWCCA is partnering with the Firing Line in Westland for the event. It will be bringing a selection of guns to the event for the popular 52-card game in which player holding the winning card has his or her choice of weapon.

This is the first time Firing Line has been a part of the event. The indoor gun shop has pro-

vided use of its gun range for the WWCCA's youth programs, making it a logical choice to handle the firearms. Co-owner Tommy Vaughn is excited about being there and promises to "bring things people want."

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GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD PREVIEW

Big Ten talent leads Mustangs again

All-state performers Abbott, Barrott bolster Northville

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

At least for one more season, Northville all-state runners Lexa Barrott and Chloe Abbott will be teammates before going their separate ways.

Barrott and Abbott, however, won't be far apart next season, but will be arch-rivals in the Big Ten at Indiana and Purdue universities, respectively.

The seniors are two of the big reasons why the Mustangs have posted a third-place finish (2015) and a runner-up finish (2014) in the MHSAA Division 1 state finals.

Barrott enjoyed a stellar junior season, finishing third in both the 1,600 (4:55.23) and the 3,200 (10:37.52) at the Division 1 state finals, while also being a member of the sixth-place 3,200 relay team (9:19.45).

Barrott was regional and Kensington

Conference champion in all three events.

Abbott, meanwhile, placed third in the 400 (56.53) and was seventh in the 200 (25.35), while also anchoring the Mustangs to a third in the 1,600 relay (4:00.98) at the Division 1 state meet.

At the regional, Abbott figured in four first-place finishes and added three wins in the conference meet as Northville captured both team titles.

"It's something we talk about often as a coaching staff, that we have to enjoy the team we have right now," Northville coach Tim Dalton said. "What makes them unique? Their work ethic. If you were here before practice, you'd see they're the first ones here and then at the end of practice they're the last ones doing hurdle drills, stretching, doing the little things to make themselves as good as they are.

"It's funny to compare them to where they were two years ago, three years ago ... to where they are now. And we talk to our younger kids that if want to get to that level, they're kind of the

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measuring stick for our kids. They want to be a Chloe Abbott, they want to be a Lexa Barrott. And if you follow their example and put the work in, you'll get there."

Also returning for the Mustangs is junior distance runner Cayla Eckenroth, who placed sixth in the state finals in the 3,200 (10:42.72) and was a member of the all-state 3,200 relay.

Senior Lindsay Walters, another returnee, was a member of that 1,600 relay and was a state qualifier in the 400 (57.75), placing 11th. Second team All-Area pick Emma Herrman, a senior, was also a state qualifier in the 3,200 (11:17.19) and member of the all-state 3,200 relay.

And although all-state hurdler Lauren Rodriguez, runner-up in the 100

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BRAD EMONS

Big Ten recruits Chloe Abbott (left) and Lexa Barrott will lead the Northville girls track team this spring.

GIRLS TENNIS PREVIEW

UNDERDOG? NORTHVILLE COULD REPEAT STATE TITLE

Novi also boasts strong contending squad for 2016

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

On the heels of its first-ever state championship, the Northville girls tennis team goes into the 2016 season with a No. 1 ranking in Division 1.

But fourth-year coach Linda Jones cautions that the turnover throughout her doubles lineup due to graduation could put the Mustangs in more of an underdog role entering the season.

Jones, however, will get a better take on her team Saturday at the Utica Eisenhower, where the Mustangs play in a tournament that will feature last year's state runner-up Midland Dow, ranked No. 2, along with Bloomfield Hills, ranked No. 3.

"I really didn't expect them to put us number one, because we lost such good players last year," Jones said. "It's going to be tough, personally, between Bloomfield (Hills) and Midland Dow."

Northville boasted a strong doubles lineup last season, capturing the Nos. 2, 3 and 4 flights at the state finals last June in Midland, while earning a runner-up finish at No. 1.

But only three of those eight players return, led by senior Reeshma Kumar (No. 1), senior Molly Bis (No. 4) and Serena Wang (No. 4). Bis and Wang combined for a 30-0 record last year.

Meanwhile, three of the four top singles players return, including No. 1 Emma Worley, a senior who has signed with Nebraska, state singles champions Shanoli Kumar (No. 2), a sophomore, and Joanne Gao (No. 3), a junior.

Worley, who battled a torn bicep that kept her out of 10 matches last season, still finished 18-4 as she reached the state quarterfinals. She was the KLAA 'A' tourney champion and regional runner-up.

Worley is the 12th-ranked senior from the state and a three-star recruit, according to TennisRecruiting.net.

"Emma is playing very well and is so much stronger than last year," Jones said.

Not far behind is Kumar, who went 29-2 en route to regional, KLAA 'A' and regional titles. Gao, meanwhile, was 30-1 with Division 1, regional and KLAA 'A' tournament titles as well.

Last year's No. 4 singles player, Neha Chava, went 24-3 and reached the state quarterfinals. She will play No. 3 doubles this year, while freshman Renee Torres moves into the



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Northville senior Emma Worley, the Mustangs' No. 1 singles player, has signed with Nebraska.

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fourth singles slot.

"It's tough trying to compare yourself to a team that has returning players from last year when I have so many freshmen," Jones said. "But

they're really good players."

Wildcats outlook

Although overshadowed by rival Northville in the Central Division, Novi is coming off a stellar season of its own, finishing runner-up in the KLAA 'A' and regional tournaments

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BOYS TRACK PREVIEW

Northville's conference hopes raised by returnees

Novi expects improvement; Graduation losses hit CC

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Coming off a third-place finish in the KLAA Kensington Conference meet and a fifth at the Division 1 regional, an even more balanced lineup should bode well this season for the Northville boys track and field squad.

The Mustangs feature a talented group of distance runners, who took a runner-up finish in last fall's state cross country meet, as well as some experienced sprinters and field event performers.



Naughton

"Aside from their individual goals for 2016, a group of athletes on our team have set the goal to challenge for the conference championship this spring," Northville coach Tim Dalton said. "In order to do so, we will have to make individual sacrifices and be at our best for the conference meet. But this group realizes that and is up to the task. We have a strong foundation of multi-sport athletes that understands and values hard work and dedication."

First team All-Area performer Co-

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Senior sprinter Adam Ghabra (right) returns for the Northville boys track team.

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BOYS LACROSSE

Mustangs race to victory over Cranbrook

Northville uses balanced scoring attack to capture first three games in '16 campaign

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Anthony Salamone finished with three goals and two assists, while Brennan Sweeney chipped in a goal and five assists Monday as Northville improved its boys lacrosse record to 3-0 with a 12-8 win at home over Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook.

Zach Tardich and Connor Sweeney added three goals and two assists, respectively, while Harry Dyson, Josh Bentley and Spencer Gonda each contributed a goal. Brendan Hicks also collected an assist.

Gonda was also 9-of-22 on face-offs.

The Mustangs, who led 8-4 at halftime, were led defensively by goalie Jeff Varner (12 saves), Abe Khoury (four ground balls) and Ty Kilar (three ground balls).

"It was a good, solid game and our guys played hard," Northville coach Greg Durham said.

Jacob Cook scored three goals, while Willis Reasoner added two goals and an assist for the Cranes (0-3).

NORTHVILLE 19, BELLEVILLE 3: Despite a slow start, the Mustangs (2-0) rolled to a non-conference win Friday over the host Tigers (3-1). "We were careless, threw the ball away, so I called a timeout," said Northville coach Greg Durham, whose team led 3-1 after one quarter. "We had to be more aggressive. They picked it up and they played a lot better."

Northville led 9-2 at halftime and outscored Belleville 10-1 in the second half as Brennan Sweeney led the way with two goals and eight assists.

Midfielder Ty Kilar added four goals and two assists, while Connor Sweeney and Zach Tardich chipped in four and three goals, respectively.

Josh Bentley and Harry Dyson each contributed two goals and one assist, while Brendan Hicks and Jacob Accardo scored a goal apiece. Anthony Salamone also drew an assist.

Meanwhile, Spencer Gonda continued his strong play, going 21-of-27 exclusively on face-offs.

Kyle Condino and Abe Khoury led in ground balls with eight and four, respectively, while goalies Jeff Varner and Vaughn Browser combined for six saves.

NORTHVILLE 19, HOWELL 4: The Mustangs (1-0) were hitting on all cylinders April 5 as they rolled over the visiting Highlanders (0-1) at Tom Holzer Field.

Coach Greg Durham's squad dominated from start to finish while building a 12-1 halftime advantage.

Brothers Brennan (one goal, seven assists) and Connor (four goals, one assist) Sweeney led the way offensively.

Josh Bentley, Jacob Accardo and Harry Dyson each contributed hat a trick, while Zach Tardich chipped in two goals apiece. Other goals came from Brendan Hicks and Jacob Murphy.

"We ran our offense efficiently and we're starting to get it," Durham said. "It's a motion offense and the kids are doing a pretty good job."

"(Brennan) Sweeney was feeding the ball like a machine. He was seeing everything. Accardo played well and Dyson was all over the field."

Dyson also came up with eight ground balls, while Spencer Gonda won 88 percent of his 23 face-offs to go along with five ground balls.

Goalies Jeff Varner and Vaughn Browser combined to make eight saves for Northville.



STEPHANIE JANCZAK

Northville's Kyle Condino (left) streaks up the field in Monday's 12-8 win over Cranbrook.

BOYS LACROSSE ROUNDUP

CC drops two out of three matches for week

Shamrocks edged by Ohio team after win at Brighton

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

It proved to be a tough week for the Novi Detroit Catholic Central lacrosse squad, which suffered a pair of losses to fall to 3-2 on the year.

On Saturday, CC traveled to take on Midwest power Upper Arlington (Ohio) and couldn't overcome a 3-1 halftime deficit in an 8-6 setback.

Peter Thompson and Cole Gingell each scored twice for the Shamrocks, while Collin Burgin also added a goal.

Alex Jarzebowski dominated on face-offs to keep CC in it, but the normally penalty-

free Shamrocks found themselves frequently in the box.

Junior Hunter Braun stood out in goal for the Shamrocks with some timely saves.

"No shame in this one, as Upper Arlington proved to be very efficient and disciplined," CC coach Dave Wilson said. "That's been their trademark of the last 25 years."

Upper Arlington improved

to 4-1 overall with the win.

On April 7, CC overcame a 5-4 halftime deficit with nine unanswered second half goals in a 13-5 win at Brighton (1-1) as Rocco Mularoni, Burgin and Gingell each scored twice.

Braun was the winning goalie for the Shamrocks, last year's MHSAA Division 1 runner-up.

On April 5, CC suffered a

10-3 setback to Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day (3-2) in a rematch of last year's Division 1 state semifinals.

"It was our worst loss in a few seasons ... lots of turn-overs and lack of energy versus a good team really cost us," Wilson said.

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GIRLS LACROSSE ROUNDUP



JANET DIETRICH

Northville's Erin Scott (right) looks for an opening against the Plymouth defense.

Grosse Pointe South stops Northville

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Elise Whitney scored what proved to be the game-winning goal late in the final quarter and Grosse Pointe South played keep away for the final two-and-a-half minutes to close out a 7-6 girls lacrosse victory Friday over host Northville at Tom Holzer Field.

Carson Dennis scored the game-tying goal as the Blue Devils captured their season opener.

Northville (2-1) took a 2-0 lead just two minutes into the match on goals by freshman Jessica Tardich and junior Emma Dietrich.

But South's Elizabeth Rauh, Ryley Kerik and Juliana Berkowski each scored to make it 3-2 before junior Sarah Chase tied the game for Northville at 3-3 just before the half.

Dietrich then scored two minutes into the second half to make it 4-3, but Julia Fox tied it a minute later with a goal of her own.

Northville answered right back on a goal by freshman Kendall Wasik to make it 5-4 with 20 minutes remaining, but the Blue Devils responded immediately on a goal by Mar-

garet Reilly.

Dietrich put the Mustangs back in front 6-5 on a deep shot from above the 8-meter arc with 12 minutes to go, but that was the last Northville score. (Charlotte Beaudoin and Wasik also had assists in the loss.)

"I was happy with the way our girls competed tonight," Northville coach Amanda Asher said. "It was our third game in four days and they fought through it, but we just could not quite pull it out against a very good Grosse Pointe South team."

Northville goalie Maddie Caffee, meanwhile, stood tall with 16 saves.

"Maddie played outstanding in goal and kept us in it in the second half," Asher said. "We have really stepped up our non-conference schedule this year, so while it is tough to lose a game like this. Playing against strong competition in our non-conference should make us better in the long run."

NORTHVILLE 19, HURON VALLEY 3: The Mustangs (2-0) jumped out to an 8-0 lead after 10 minutes and cruised to a victory April 6 over Huron Valley Unified (0-1) at Tom Holzer Field.

Junior Emma Dietrich led the way for Northville with six goals and one assist, while juniors Sarah Chase and Ally Blough chipped in three goals apiece.

Northville had six different players score goals in the opening half to lead 11-2.

Also getting into the scoring act were freshmen Jessica Tardich and Kendall Wasik with two goals apiece, while Erin Scott, Charlotte Beaudoin and Amanda Malpede added one each.

Chase and Beaudoin also added two assists, while Scott, Wasik and Malpede had one.

Junior goalie Maddie Caffee, who played the first 30 minutes, made four saves, while junior Kat Weissert finished up with three saves.

"It was good to see the girls come out strong tonight after a grueling game last night," Northville coach Amanda Asher said. "We had great energy from the beginning and were able to jump out to lead and get everyone involved. Our girls were very unselfish and got each other great shots all night. It was a good victory for us."

McKenna Miescler tallied all three goals for Huron Valley.

NORTHVILLE 10, PLYMOUTH 7: Emma Dietrich scored four of her six goals in the opening half April 5 as the Mustangs (1-0, 1-0) opened KLAA Kensington Conference play with a hard-fought win over the host Wildcats (0-1, 0-1).

Northville trailed 2-0 early and then took a 6-4 halftime lead before Plymouth rallied in the second half to tie it a 7-7 with 10 minutes remaining.

Junior Sarah Chase then put Northville ahead for keeps with a goal. Dietrich and junior Ally Blough followed with late insurance goals to secure the victory.

Freshmen Kendall Wasik and Jessica Tardich each chipped in their first career varsity goal. Tardich and Chase also collected assists.

Northville's defense, anchored by the foursome of seniors Kelly and Shannon Leary, along with junior Anastasia Heath-Sheppard and sophomore Olivia Lesh, came up big during a three-minute stretch in the second half as Plymouth held possession of the ball from the nine- to six-minute mark.

Goalie Maddie Caffee, a junior, made a couple of key saves during that three-minute Plymouth possession and finished the match with seven total.

"I was really proud of the way my team played," Northville coach Amanda Asher said. "Plymouth is a very tough team and it was a battle the whole way. I have a few girls who have been through these tough games last year, but the new girls in their first varsity game really impressed me as well. It was a nice first win and an important win because it was a conference match-up."

PREP BASEBALL ROUNDUP

Colliau sharp on mound as Novi defuses Rockets

Wildcats also sweep Utica Ford in doubleheader

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Jac Colliau pitched six strong innings Monday, leading host Novi to a 7-1 KLAA Kensington Conference baseball crossover victory over Westland John Glenn.

The senior right-hander, using a good curve and fast-ball, allowed just one earned run, a third-inning homer to Noah Damien, while allowing just three hits and one walk while striking out 12.

Cam Czapski came on to pitch a scoreless inning as the Wildcats improved to 5-2 overall and 1-0 in the KLAA's Central Division.

Offensively, Alec Bageris went 2-for-3 and scored three runs, while Scott Beaton, Andy Mizerowski and Nathan Lys each knocked in a pair of runs.

Losing pitcher Jordan Fuchs gave up five earned runs on five hits and seven walks in five innings as the Rockets slipped to 0-1 overall

and 0-1 in the KLAA South Division.

NOVI 6-16, UTICA FORD 5-10: It's often the little things that add up to a big victory and that was certainly the case Friday as the host Wildcats (4-2) swept a non-conference double-header from Utica Ford (0-3).

Cam Czapski went 2-for-4, including the game-winning two-run single in the bottom of the seventh that scored Spencer VanKirk, who started the rally with a single, and pinch runner Tyler VanKirk as Novi captured the opener in walk-off fashion.

Novi out-hit the Falcons, 10-9, as Alec Bageris also went 2-for-3 with three RBIs and a run scored.

The Wildcats used four different pitchers, with Scott Beaton going the final two innings in relief to pick up the victory. The senior right-hander allowed one hit.

Jac Colliau, the starter, gave up five earned runs on six hits and two walks in 3½ innings before giving way to Shinyu Imamura and Czapski.

In Game 2, Spencer VanKirk went 4-for-5 with two RBIs and two runs score to spark a 16-hit attack.

Bageris, who had a big day at the plate, also went 3-for-5 with four RBIs and a run scored.

Winning pitcher Nathan Lys, who pitched the middle innings in relief, also went 2-for-3 with an RBI and run scored. Noah Matthews knocked in three more runs to go along with a hit and walk.

Bageris, the starter, gave up five earned runs one seven hits in two innings before Lys went the next two, giving up an earned run on two hits. Johnny Bean, who also went two, allowed one earned run on two walks, while Imamura pitched a scoreless inning.

"We hit the ball pretty well against some pretty good pitchers from Utica Ford," said Novi coach Rick Green, whose team improved to 4-2 overall. "We've been stressing trying to be disciplined at the plate and Mike Hrit drew a big walk to set up that big two-run rally (in the first game). When you keep battling at the plate, you can have big moments like that. It's the kind of sacrifice that carried onto the next game where we had eight or nine walks."

PREP SOFTBALL

Mustangs' new coach records first triumph with program

Northville cruises past Churchill in opener, 9-2

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

It didn't take long for Rebecca Quinn to get her first win as Northville softball coach.

Allison Zwarka did it with her arm and bat April 5 as the Mustangs rolled to a 9-2 season-opening triumph at Livonia Churchill.

Zwarka, a senior, struck out nine and allowed just two runs in pitching a complete game. She also helped her own cause, going 2-for-2 with

an RBI.

Also chipping in offensively for the Mustangs were sophomore Sarah Hige, two

doubles and RBI and junior Megan Swart, two hits (double) and RBI.

Sophomore Megan Hotchin also contributed a double for the

Mustangs, who had a scheduled doubleheader rained out Saturday against Garden City.

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GIRLS SOCCER

Battling the elements: Chiefs best Northville

Mustangs defeated by Canton on night when weather ruled

Tom Morelli
Correspondent

Sometimes, it's just the way the ball bounces. And with unforgiving snow to match the frigid 34 degrees at kickoff April 7 between Northville and Canton, the ball bounced every which way in what was the season opener for both girls soccer teams.

In the end, it was the Chiefs who were able to catch more breaks, but none were more important than junior Raquel Church's spontaneous drive in the 19th minute that turned out to be the difference for Canton in a 1-0 victory over the Mustangs at Tom Holzer Field.

As the Chiefs employed a hefty attack inside the Mustangs' box, Northville attempted to clear the ball out of the area, only to have it fall right into the path of Church for a smooth finish from point-blank range.

"It was definitely a matter of being in the right place at the right time," Church said. "Those easy ones are sometimes easy to miss."

Canton nearly doubled its lead three minutes later, but Church's crossing pass to senior Mary Galm was broken up by the Mustangs' defense.

Northville picked up the pace in the second half with a handful of scoring opportunities, including a blast by Abby Henzi off a feed from Sydney Schembri that went just left of the net in the 62nd minute.

The first official shot on net for the

Mustangs came with three minutes remaining, as Schembri's laser from 20 yards out was denied by Canton goal-keeper Sarah Hammond.

A stutter step by senior Alissa Moore warded off Chiefs defenders in the final minute of play en route to a 10-yard attempt, but Hammond negated it to preserve the win.

Jordan Anheuser and Hammond each played a half to earn a shared shutout for Canton.

"It was definitely crazy weather," Canton assistant coach Mark Zemanski said. "Northville's a really good team. We got the early goal and we were able to hold them out. They had some quality chances, but that's the way soccer goes."

Although Northville coach Eric Brucker was happy to see his squad come alive in the second half, he believes that it could have taken more chances.

"We strung a couple more passes together and had opportunities, but we didn't adapt to the high-style their back line was playing," he said. "The space was behind them and we didn't use it. We generated more scoring opportunities, but based on how Mother Nature was treating us, we should have had more."

Sophomore goalkeeper Carlie Castiglione made five saves for the Mustangs.

BRIGHTON 3, NORTHVILLE 0: The visiting Bulldogs (2-0) scored three unanswered goals in the second half Saturday to beat the Mustangs (0-2) at Tom Holzer Field. Casey Codd scored what proved to be the game-winning goal in the 44th minute off a deflection that got past Northville goalkeeper Carlie Castiglione, who finished with 10 saves. Brighton went on to score a pair of insurance goals in the 53rd and 66th minutes.



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Canton's Madison Archibald (left) contests with Northville's Morgan Osaer for the 50/50 ball.

GIRLS TENNIS TEAM CAPSULES



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Novi's Katie Xie earned second team All-Area honors last season in singles.

NORTHVILLE

Head coach: Linda Jones, fourth year.
League: KLAA Kensington Conference (Central Division).
Last year's finish: 16-0 overall; WHSAA Division 1, regional, KLAA 'A' tourney and KLAA Central (5-0) champions.
Notable losses to graduation: Anika Mukherji (first team All-Area doubles), Claudia Ma (first team All-Area doubles), Paige Baal (first team All-Area doubles), Jordan Hermiz (first team All-Area doubles), Amelia Albenelli (first team All-Area doubles).
Leading returnees: Emma Worley, Sr. (No. 1 singles; first team All-Area singles); Shanoli Kumar, Soph. (No. 2 singles; first team All-Area singles); Joanne Gao, Jr. (No. 3 singles; first team All-Area singles); Molly Bis, Sr. (No. 1 doubles; first team All-Area doubles); Serena Wang, Soph. (No. 1 doubles; first team All-Area); Reeshma Kumar, Sr. (No. 2 doubles; first team All-Area doubles); Neha Chava, Soph. (No. 3 doubles; first team All-Area singles); Brittany Macadino, Sr. (Nos. 4-5 doubles); Lauren Fane, Jr. (No. 6 doubles).
Promising newcomers: Renee Torres, Fr. (No. 4 singles); Maya Mulchandani, Fr. (No. 1 doubles); Andrea Nam, Fr. (No. 6 doubles); Connie Gao, Fr. (Nos. 4-5 doubles); Madison DeYoung, Fr. (Nos. 4-5 doubles).
Jones' outlook: "Our 2016 season is very promising, but not enough to capture another state title (yet). We are very deep in every position and hope to be bracket busters and cause disruption in every flight. Northville singles positions are very deep, though, with two returning state champs and a freshman in No. 4 singles (Torres) that is even stronger than our previous No. 4 singles position last year. All our incoming freshmen are very promising doubles players. I believe we will be strong enough to win our division, association, conference and regional titles again this year. I predict that we will finish third in the state with everyone returning for 2017 except our four seniors (Worley, Reeshma Kumar, Bis and Macadino)."

NOVI

Head coach: Jim Hanson, 32nd year.
League: KLAA Kensington Conference (Central Division).
Last year's finish: 10-3 overall; second, Division 1 regional, KLAA 'A' tourney and KLAA Central (4-1).
Notable losses to graduation: Erin Day (first team All-Area singles); Dhiya Snidar (first team All-Area doubles); Sam Martin (second team All-Area doubles); Shakila Khan (second team All-Area doubles).
Leading returnees: Allison Lollo, Sr. (No. 1 singles; second team All-Area singles); Youna Lee, Sr. (No. 1 doubles; first All-Area doubles); Jessica Lypka, Jr. (No. 3 singles; second team All-Area singles); Katie Xie, Soph. (No. 4 singles; second team All-Area singles); Teja Carolyn Zhang, Sr. (No. 1 doubles; second team All-Area doubles); Teja Mogasala, Jr. (No. 2 doubles; second team All-Area doubles); Katie Valade, Soph. (No. 4 doubles; second team All-Area doubles); Morgan Krupic, Sr. (No. 3 doubles); Sasha Tretyakova, Jr. (Nos. 5-6 doubles).
Promising newcomers: Jamie Fu, Fr. (No. 2 singles); Michelle Wang, Fr. (No. 2 doubles); Alexis Malecki, Jr. (No. 3 doubles); Ria Joshi, Jr. (Nos. 5-6 doubles); Alexis Felcher, Soph. (Nos. 5-6 doubles); Brittany O'Connell, Soph. (Nos. 5-6 doubles).
Hanson's outlook: "A key factor will be to get continued improvement from last year's returning players. The new players on varsity this year, two freshmen and three JV, will need to contribute to the Wildcats' depth come tournament time. Division 1 state champion Northville won the KLAA Central, KLAA Association and regional last year and will be the favorite to do so again this season. Novi, Grand Blanc, Plymouth, Walled Lake Northern, Livonia Stevenson and Brighton look to challenge the Mustangs."

TENNIS

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before placing eighth in the Division 1 state finals.

Novi coach Jim Hanson, entering his 32nd season, lost four key players to graduation, but returns three of his top four singles players, led by senior Allison Lollo (No. 1), junior Jessica Lypka (No. 2) and sophomore Katie Xie (No. 4).

Lollo went 13-12 last year and was a KLAA 'A' semifinalist and regional runner-up, while Lypka finished 17-10 with second-place finishes in the Association and regional tournaments.

Xie finished 13-10 and reached the KLAA semifinals before finishing second in the regional, while freshman Jamie Fu will take over at No. 2 singles.

Returning to No. 1 doubles is senior Youna Lee. She will team with senior Carolyn Zhang, who played No. 2 doubles last year.

The Wildcats No. 2 doubles team will feature junior Teja Mogasala and freshman Michelle Wange, while senior Morgan Krupic and junior Alexis Malecki will team at No. 3.

Holdovers Katie Telder, a senior, and Katie Valade, a sophomore, will join forces at No. 4.

"A key factor will be to get continued improvement from last year's returning players," Hanson said. "The new players on varsity this year, two



FILE PHOTO

Northville sophomore Shanoli Kumar, the Division 1 state champion at No. 2 singles, finished 29-2 a year ago.

freshmen and three JV, will need to contribute to the depth come tournament time."

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THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL
Thursday, April 14
Franklin Road at Parkway, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, April 15
Northville at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Novi at Canton, 4 p.m.
RU at Detroit CC, 4:30 p.m.
Franklin Rd. at Luth. W'sld, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 16
(all doubleheaders)
Brother Rice at Detroit CC, 11 a.m.
Franklin Rd. at Clarenceville, 11 a.m.
Monday, April 18
Canton at Northville, 4 p.m.
Plymouth at Novi, 4 p.m.
Tuesday, April 19
Greenhills at Franklin Rd., 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 20
(all doubleheaders)
Northville at Novi, 4 p.m.
Detroit CC at U-D Jesuit, 4 p.m.
Thursday, April 21
Franklin Rd. at Greenhills, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, April 22
Detroit CC at W.L. Central, 4 p.m.
Franklin Rd. at Bloomfield Hills, 4 p.m.
Saturday, April 23
(all doubleheaders)
Northville at Brighton, 11 a.m.
Howell at Novi, 11 a.m.
Detroit CC at DeLaSalle, 11 a.m.
PREP SOFTBALL
Thursday, April 14
Franklin Rd. at Ply. Christian, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, April 15
Northville at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Novi at Canton, 4 p.m.
Saturday, April 16
Northville at Mercy Inv., TBA.
Strong Tower at Franklin Rd., TBA.
Monday, April 18
Canton at Northville, 4 p.m.
Plymouth at Novi, 4 p.m.
Tuesday, April 19
Luth. W'sld at Franklin Rd., 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 20
(all doubleheaders)
Northville at Novi, 4 p.m.
Thursday, April 21
Franklin Rd. at Greenhills, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 23
Novi at Anchor Bay Inv., TBA.
St. Catherine at Franklin Rd., TBA.
Sunday, April 24
Novi at Anchor Bay Inv., TBA.
GIRLS SOCCER
Friday, April 15
Northville at Novi, 7 p.m.
Monday, April 18
South Lyon at Northville, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, April 19
Novi at Salem, 6 p.m.
Thursday, April 21
Northville at S.L. East, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at Novi (Meadows), 7 p.m.
Saturday, April 23
Novi at Roch. Adams, 12:45 p.m.
Northville at Sag. Heritage Inv., TBA.
BOYS & GIRLS TRACK
Saturday, April 16
Detroit CC at Brandon Inv., 10 a.m.
N'ville at Glen Oak Inv., TBA.
Monday, April 18
CC at O.L. St. Mary, 4:15 p.m.
Tuesday, April 19
Novi at Stevenson, 3:30 p.m.
Salem at Northville, 4 p.m.
Saturday, April 23

Novi, N'ville at Milford Inv., 8 a.m.
BOYS LACROSSE
Saturday, April 16
Northville at Clarkston, TBA.
Monday, April 18
Brighton at Northville, 7 p.m.
Hartland at Novi, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, April 19
U-D Jesuit at Detroit CC, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, April 20
Northville at Salem, 7 p.m.
Thursday, April 21
Novi at Troy Athens, 6:30 p.m.
Friday, April 22
Detroit CC at New Irier (Ill.), 7 p.m.
Saturday, April 23
CC at Wilmette Loyola (Ill.), noon.
Novi at W.L. Central, 1 p.m.
Eisenhower at Northville, 3 p.m.
GIRLS LACROSSE
Friday, April 15
Skyline at Northville, 7 p.m.
Troy at Novi, 7 p.m.
Saturday, April 16
Midland at Novi, 2 p.m.
Northville at Country Day, TBA.
Monday, April 18
Novi at W.L. Northern, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 20
Salem at Northville, 7 p.m.
Plymouth at Novi, 7 p.m.
Thursday, April 21
Novi at A.A. Pioneer, 5:30 p.m.
Friday, April 22
Northville at Wat. Kettering, 7 p.m.
GIRLS TENNIS
Thursday, April 14
S.L. East at Northville, 4 p.m.
Saturday, April 16
Nville at Eisenhower Quad, 8 a.m.
Novi at A.A. Pioneer Inv., 8 a.m.
Monday, April 18
Novi at Stevenson, 4 p.m.
Tuesday, April 19
Novi at Northville, 4 p.m.
Wednesday, April 20
A.A. Pioneer at Northville, 4 p.m.
Thursday, April 21
Northville at Salem, 4 p.m.
S.L. East at Novi, 4 p.m.
Saturday, April 23
Northville at Troy Quad, 4 p.m.
BOYS GOLF
Thursday, April 14
Northville at Farmington Inv., 8:30 a.m.
Detroit CC vs. O.L. St. Mary at Shenandoah C.C., 3:30 p.m.
Friday-Saturday, April 15-16
Detroit CC at Southern Swing at Locust Hills (Ohio), 8 a.m.
Sunday, April 17
Detroit CC at PCCS Classic at Golden Fox G.C., 1 p.m.
Monday, April 18
Detroit CC at SunTel Tourney at Red Run G.C., noon.
Detroit CC at Birm. Tourney at Forest Lake C.C., noon.
Tuesday, April 19
Detroit CC vs. Cranbrook at Franklin Hills C.C., 3:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 21
Northville vs. Novi at Northville Hills G.C., 3 p.m.
Saturday, April 23
CC at Bedford Valley Open at Battle Creek, 10 a.m.
TBA – time to be announced.

PREP VOLLEYBALL

McKouen takes over Milford program

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Nancy McKouen has been installed as the new varsity volleyball coach at Milford High School.

McKouen, who spent the past two seasons as an assistant at Milford, replaces Mary Shelton, who stepped down after leading the Mavericks to a 61-26-2 overall record and one Class A district crown in two seasons.

"She couldn't give the Milford program the commitment she thought it deserved," Milford athletic director Jim Marszalek said.

McKouen, an Oakland University grad who was a member of Livonia Churchill's 1991 Class A state championship team, has experience coaching at the middle school, club, high school and collegiate levels.

She coached two varsity seasons at Troy High (2008-09) and was also an assistant coach at Wayne State University.

"Mrs. McKouen is a high-energy

volleyball coach with over 18 years in athletics and coaching, who aims to inspire athletes to do their best," Marszalek said. "She offers a comprehensive background in sports psychology, fitness and injury prevention and motivational techniques. She is focused on cultivating hard-working and focused athletes and teams with an emphasis on teamwork and perseverance. She has excellent leadership skills, dynamic interpersonal communication skills and strong mentoring ability."

McKouen, who works as a fitness professional, hopes to build upon last year's 29-9-2 season.

Last year the Mavericks captured the KLAA West Division title with a 10-0 record.

"The core of kids we have coming back have bought into our system," McKouen said.

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BOYS TRACK AND FIELD

Shamrocks run straight past U-D High, 97-31

Catholic Central captures 13 of the 17 events in dual meet win

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Staff Writer

Just being outdoors was a victory in itself as host Novi Detroit Catholic Central launched its dual meet season Monday afternoon with a 97-31 Catholic League boys track and field win over University of Detroit-Jesuit.

“That’s our first experience at running a dual meet this year,” CC coach Tony Magni said. “Because of the weather so far, we’ve haven’t done anything at all. And I thought our kids responded pretty well. We hadn’t really done anything since Friday, Saturday or even yesterday because of the weather, so we tried to get everything together and be ready to go and they responded very well.”

Catholic Central won 13 of the 17 events, led junior Andrew Levens, who figured in three first-place finishes.

Levens swept the 110- and 300-meter hurdles with times of 16.5 and 44.2, respectively, while also teaming with junior Haden Kasdorf, sophomore Brandon Smith and junior Zach Chops for a victory in the 800 relay (1:38.0).

The Shamrocks also made a strong showing in the field events, led by sen-

ior Shane Joyce and junior Chris Bradbury, who placed first and second in the shot put and discus.

Joyce captured both events with marks of 47 feet, 0.25 inches and 126-0, respectively, while Bradbury was runner-up with throws of 121-10 and 46-7.

Other field event winners for CC included Brandon Smith in the long jump (19-10.25) and Brendan Downs in the high jump (5-4).

Other first-place finishers on the track for the Shamrocks included Nick Gessler, 400 (55.43); Scott Smith, 800 (2:06.0); Avery Felty, 1,600 (4:38.9); and Ty Buckley, 3,200 (10:09.1).

CC’s 3,200 relay team of Mark Borek, Buckley, Ben Racine and Scott Smith took first in 8:49.4, while the foursome of Gessler, Quinn Smolinski, Racine and Ben Lockhart took the final event of the meet in the 1,600 relay (3:45.2).

The Shamrocks return to action Saturday at Ortonville Brandon in the Blackhawks Athletic Department Tri-County Invitational before traveling Monday to face defending Catholic League A-B Division champion Orchard Lake St. Mary’s.

“We’re looking forward to going to Orchard Lake St. Mary’s,” Magni said.

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Catholic Central’s Haden Kasdorf warms up for the hurdles before the meet against University of Detroit-Jesuit.

BOYS TRACK & FIELD TEAM CAPSULES

NOVI

Head coach: Marsha Reid, seventh year.
League: KLAA Kensington Conference (Central Division).

Last year’s finish: Third, KLAA Central (3-2); 10th, Kensington Conference; 11th, Division 1 regional.

Notable losses to graduation: Aaron Pringle, Nathan Hall, Collin Thomas.

Leading returnees: Joost Plaetnick, Sr., distance (second team All-Area); Scott Sawyer, Jr., high jump-pole vault (second team All-Area); Adam Ditt, Sr., distance; Scott MacPherson, Jr., distance; Josh Holcomb, Sr., sprints; Marcus Antolec, Sr., throws; Anthony D’Annibale, Jr., sprints; Gabe Mudel, Soph., distance; Hunter Joy, Jr., hurdles; John Stefan, Jr., hurdles; Ahmaud Jenkins, Sr., sprints; Matthew Bednarski, Sr., sprints.

Promising newcomers: Trey Mullins, Fr. distance; Nathan Hankerson, Jr., sprints; Vincent Ma, Fr., sprints; Blake Maday, Fr., distance; Eduardo DeOliveira, Jr., sprints; Brendan Ireland, Fr., sprints-long jump; Sean Pitcher, Soph., sprints; Nisarg Dharja, Fr., sprints.

Reid’s outlook: “We still have a ways when it comes to our throws for shot put. Discus has gotten a lot better. With Jenkins being healthy and Hankerson coming in, along with our distance boys being strong, we’re going to really have some competitive meets. I’d say a 4-1 (division record) would be our hope and vying higher in our conference. Both hurdlers, Joy and Stefan, look really good. The freshmen are really strong looking. As a whole group I like the potential going there. Sawyer has potential to break school record in pole vault and high jump.”

NORTHVILLE

Head coach: Tim Dalton, fourth year.
League: KLAA Kensington Conference (Central Division).

Last year’s finish: Second, KLAA Central (3-2); third, Kensington Conference; fifth, Division 1 regional.

Notable losses to graduation: Jason Ferrante (first team All-Area), Jacob Kamm, Alec Przybocki, Matthew Priebe, Justin Days, Sean Flanagan, Sean McCullough, Matt Jankowski, Anthony Sources.

Leading returnees: Conor Naughton, Sr., distance (first team All-Area); Adam Ghabra, Sr., sprints (second team All-Area); John Hamilton, Sr., high jump (second team All-Area); Max DeDonna, Sr., throws; Ben Cracraft, Jr., distance; Kenny Goolsby, Sr., distance; Jeff Baxter, Sr., middle distance; Thomas Smithier, Sr., distance; Jeremiah Dunne, Sr., throws; Clay Alexander, Jr., pole vault; Jacob Blackmore, Jr., distance; Evan Ferrante, Jr., distance; Annol Multani, Jr., throws; A.J. Abbott, Soph., sprints-jumps; Giuliano Daniel, Soph., sprints; Robbie Kuphal, Soph., sprints.

Promising newcomers: Oliver Daniel, Sr., middle-distance; Peter Bejin, Jr., distance; Nick Couyoumjian, Fr., distance; Casey McCord, Fr., distance; Zach Phillips, Fr., distance; Dante Silva, Fr., distance.

Dalton’s outlook: “This season, we feel confident about our mix between experienced and young athletes. 2015 state qualifier Adam Ghabra returns for his senior season and will lead a young group of sprinters, including A.J. Abbott, Giuliano



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Members of the Novi boys track team get started during a recent practice.

Daniel and Robbie Kuphal. Senior Conor Naughton and junior Ben Cracraft, a pair of all-state cross country runners, will lead our distance group along with senior Kenny Goolsby, juniors Evan Ferrante and Jacob Blackmore and freshman Nick Couyoumjian. Our field events are expected to be stronger as we return our top performers from last year. This season we bring back our top high jumper (John Hamilton), long jumper (A.J. Abbott), pole vaulter (Clay Alexander), shot put thrower (Max DeDonna) and discus thrower (Jeremiah Dunne).”

CATHOLIC CENTRAL

Head coach: Tony Magni, 42nd year.
League: Catholic League (Central Division).

Last year’s finish: second, Central Division (3-1); third, Division 1 regional; fourth, Catholic League (A-B Division).

Notable losses to graduation: Lance Yassay (first team All-Area); Donovan D’Amore (first team All-Area); Ike Marchie (second team All-Area); Michael Misiak, Connor Canavan, Brian Clark.

Leading returnees: Shane Joyce, Sr., throws; Scott Smith, Sr., distance; Chris Bradbury, Jr., throws; Avery Felty, Sr., distance; Ty Buckley, Jr., distance; Brendan Smith, Soph., long jump; Zack Chops, Jr., hurdles; Andrew Levens, Jr., hurdles.

Promising newcomers: To be determined.
Magni’s outlook: “2016 is our rebuilding year. We lost some great seniors from last year. This year’s team will have to step up and be the leaders.”

FRANKLIN ROAD CHRISTIAN

Head coach: Andrew Schmid, second year.
League: Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

Last year’s finish: 12th, MIAC; 14th, Division 4 regional.

Notable losses to graduation: None.
Leading returnees: Joey Robison, Sr., throws; Erick Westphal, Sr., sprints; Nate Austin, Jr., distance-hurdles.

Promising newcomers: Joseph Jonkman, Fr., throws.

Schmid’s outlook: “The team should improve on this year. Joey Robison returns throwing right where he left off last year and is the most likely to qualify for states this year in both the discus and shot. He is also helping lead freshman Joseph Jonkman to be the next strong thrower from FRC. Sprinter Erick Westphal is hoping to continue his improvement and possibly try to set the school record in the 800. Distance runner-hurdler and captain Nate Austin is coming off another greatly improved cross country season and hopes to win additional medals this year.”

GIRLS TRACK & FIELD TEAM CAPSULES

NOVI

Head coach: Marsha Reid, 16th year.
League: KLAA Kensington Conference (Central Division).

Last year’s finish: Third, KLAA Central (3-2); fifth, Kensington Conference; sixth, Division 1 regional.

Notable losses to graduation: Hannah Loneragan (second team All-Area).

Leading returnees: Kate Prisby, Jr. (captain), high jump-long jump (second team All-Area); Karena Roest, Soph. (captain), hurdles-sprints; Marissa Dunn, Sr., throws; Emma Hammelef, Sr., throws-pole vault; Chelsea Collier (captain), sr. sprints; Hannah Hood-Blaxill, Soph. (captain), high jump-hurdles; Ciarra Davis, Sr. (captain), sprints; Adeline Zamora, Sr., pole vault; Alexandra Pringle, Soph., long jump-hurdles; Lauren Miesowicz, Soph., sprints-long jump; Hadley Peterson, Jr., distance; Sidney Hinojosa, Soph., sprints-middle distance; Kayla Savage, Jr., sprints;

Promising newcomers: Hannah McBride, Jr., throws (transfer from Texas); Katherine Ray, Fr., distance; Heather Blair, Jr., distance; Tania Lopez, Fr., distance; Ellie Mackay, Soph., sprints-long jump-middle distance; Heh Surapaneni, Fr., middle distance-sprints; Emma Lowes, Fr., sprints.

Reid’s outlook: “I think we’re going to have a lot of strong individual events. It’s going to be interesting watching this team come together as a team and see who steps into some areas where there have been some voids. Hannah Loneragan left a void for your 800, your mile and the 400, for that matter. And we needed her in the two-mile. We’ve got some freshmen that will come into the sprints. It’s going to be a transition. In our division, obviously, Northville is above everybody else right now.”

NORTHVILLE

Head coach: Tim Dalton, fourth year.

League: KLAA Kensington Conference (Central Division).

Last year’s finish: First, KLAA Central (5-0); Kensington Conference, Division 1 regional.

Notable losses to graduation: Lauren Rodriguez (first team All-Area); Gracie Goble (second team All-Area); Aimee Montambeau.

Leading returnees: Lexa Barrott, Sr., distance (first team All-Area); Chloe Abbott, Sr., sprints (first team All-Area); Cayla Eckenroth, Jr., distance (first team All-Area); Lindsay Walters, Sr., sprints (first team All-Area); Emma Hermann, Jr. distance (second team All-Area); Ana Barrott, Soph., distance; Yasmine Affes, Soph., sprints; Mary Catherine McLaughlin, Sr., sprints-field events; Emma Smith, Jr.; Erin McCallum, Soph., sprints; Emily Anderson, Jr., sprints-field events; Paige Zimmer, Sr., distance; Taylor Gattoni, Jr., distance; Hailey Harris, Jr., distance; Lauren Lambert, Jr., sprints-field events; Brooke Verble, Soph., distance;

Rachel Zimmer, Soph., distance.
Promising newcomers: Bryce Quick, Jr., field events; Olivia Harp, Fr., distance; Sara Ismail, Fr., throws; Sydney Kloosterman, Fr., sprints; Daryn Lobingier, Fr., sprints-pole vault; Savannah Manley, Fr., sprints-field events; Claire Wan, Fr., sprints-distance.

Dalton’s outlook: “Our kids are working hard every day trying to get better. We stress with our student-athletes that it is a process; results do not happen overnight. Losing our seniors is always tough, but that is the reality of high school sports. It is imperative for us to keep our program headed in the right direction and look for some of our younger kids to step up and play big roles for us.”

FRANKLIN ROAD CHRISTIAN

Head coach: Andrew Schmid, second year.
League: Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

Last year’s finish: Eighth, MIAC; 11th, Division 4 regional.

Notable losses to graduation: None.
Leading returnees: Grace Alex, Jr., middle distance-hurdles; Audrey Hicks, Jr., middle distance-hurdles; Gabrielle Lochrie, Jr., sprints-hurdles-middle distance; Shelby Buis, Fr., distance.

Promising newcomers: Robin Hanna, Soph., throws-relays; Nya Johnson, Fr., throws-sprints.

Schmid’s outlook: “Hicks, Lochrie and Buis, a 3,200 regional medalist, are coming off significantly faster cross country results, which should help them in their mid-distance to distance events. And Alex continues to be a strong runner and hurdler. Johnson and Hanna will play important roles in the sprint relays and throws. This season I expect the girls to significantly break the school record in the distance relays, as well as set new individual records in the skill events.”

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hurdles (school record 14.38) and sixth in the 300 hurdles (45.2), was lost to graduation, the Mustangs will be focused again on winning the division, conference and regional crowns.

“Our team goals remain standard and is really a four-step process,” Dalton said. “We go from our division match-ups to our conference and regional meets, followed by making sure our kids are prepared and ready to compete and succeed at the state finals (June 4 in Hudsonville).”

Wildcats improved

Novi 16th-year coach Marsha Reid is already beginning to see signs that the Wildcats could become more of a factor this season in the KLAA’s Kensington Conference and Central Division.

“I think we’re going to have a lot of strong individual events,” said Reid, whose team took fifth in the conference and sixth in the regional. “It’s going to be interesting watching this team come together as a team and see who steps into some areas where there have been some voids.”

Junior captain Kate Prisby, a state qualifier in the long jump (16-9), was 14th overall in Division 1 and earned second team All-Area honors last season.

Sophomore Hannah Hood-Blaxill, who has cleared 5 feet, 2 inches already in the high jump at the Michigan State Invitational indoor meet, is yet another returnee who will compete in the 400 and hurdles events.

Texas transfer Hannah McBride, a junior, has already thrown 33 feet indoors in the shot put and will be joined by seniors Marissa Dunn and Emma Hammelef.

Sophomore hurdler-sprinter Karena Roest also hopes to build off last year’s success.

Warriors take aim

Novi Franklin Road Christian second-year coach Andrew Schmid is optimistic the Warriors can improve upon last year’s eight-place showing in the

Michigan Independent Athletic Conference meet and 11th-place finish in the Division 4 regional.

The Warriors will be led by juniors Grace Alex (middle distance-hurdles), Audrey Hicks (middle-distance hurdles) and Gabrielle Lochrie (sprints-hurdles), along with freshman Shelby Buis (distance).

“The team last year was all first-timers,” Schmid said. “This year, we have a strong core of leaders with our captains Lochrie and Alex, who should perform well enough to win more medals. We expect the returning 4 by 800 relay team to improve after finishing seventh at the regional last year.”

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nor Naughton, a Central Michigan University recruit, leads that heralded distance crew after winding up 15th in the Division 1 state finals in the 3,200-meter run (9:25.94) after taking first at the regional (9:23.43).

Naughton contributed to that runner-up finish last fall for Northville’s cross country team, which also included Ben Cracraft, Thomas Smithier and Kenny Goolsby.

Meanwhile, senior Adam Ghabra, a second team All-Area selection, will anchor the sprints after capturing the Kensington Conference and regional titles in the 100 dash. Ghabra was also a conference runner-up in the 200.

Ghabra’s best times last last season in the 100 and 200 were 11.1 and 22.39, respectively. He was also a member of Northville’s school record 1,600 relay team that captured regional and conference crowns.

High jumper John Hamilton, who cleared 6-3 last year en route to a state qualifying berth, also made second team All-Area and returns, while senior Max DeDonna is back in the throwing events.



BRAD EMONS

Catholic Central returns two of its top throwers in Chris Bradbury (left) and Shane Joyce.

Novi optimistic

The Wildcats stumbled last year to a 10th-place showing in the Kensington Conference meet and an 11th-place finish in the Division 1 regional, but seventh-year coach Marsha Reid believes things can be turned around quickly.

The team’s top individual returnee is junior Scott Sawyer, a state qualifier

last year in both the high jump (6-3) and pole vault (12-10).

According to Reid, Sawyer is a threat to break school records in both events. He has already cleared 6-6.25 inches indoors this spring.

Meanwhile, senior Joost Plaetnick, a cross country all-stater, also earned second team All-Area honors by placing 19th in the Division 1 state finals in the 3,200 (9:32.06) after finishing third at the regional (9:29.0) and first in the Kensington Conference (meet record 9:32.14).

Junior Hunter Joy and John Stefan also give the Wildcats depth in the hurdles.

“Last year, we were in a little bit of a rebuild and, this year, I think, we’ve solidified some of those spots a little bit,” Reid said. “We’re definitely a stronger team than we were a year ago. We’ve tried to focus on being well-rounded and I definitely think we’ve filled some gaps and some holes and got some strengths where people are going to be able to tap into things where we’ll be able to compete more in the sprint relays than we were a year ago.”

CC rebuilding

One of the area teams hit hardest by graduation was Novi Detroit Catholic Central, which is coming off a third-place finish at the regional and a

fourth-place effort at the Catholic League’s A-B Division meet.

First team All-Area high jumper Lance Yassay and first team All-Area hurdler Donovan D’Amore both graduated, along with hurdler Ike Marchie, a second team All-Area pick.

The Shamrocks, however, boost a pair of strong throwers in Shane Joyce, a senior, and Chris Bradbury, a junior.

CC will also be strong in the distance events, led by seniors Scott Smith and Avery Felty, along with junior Ty Buckley.

“2016 is our rebuilding year,” said CC coach Tony Magni, now entering his 42nd season. “We lost some great seniors from last year. This year’s team will have to step up and be the leaders.”

Franklin Road

Novi Franklin Road Christian, under the direction of second-year coach Andrew Schmid, hopes to take a giant step this season after finishing 12th in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference and 14th in the Division 4 regional.

The team’s top returnees include senior Joey Robison (throws) and Erick Westphal (sprints), along with junior Nate Austin (distance-hurdles).

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U18 WORLDS PREVIEW

Final shot for National Development Team

U18 squad ready to close out two-year mission at Worlds

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Ever since they joined USA Hockey's National Team Development Program in 2014, Kieffer Bellows, Grant McPhee and Co. have kept their eye on the prize.

Namely, it's the chance to help Team USA win a gold medal at the 2016 International Ice Hockey Federation Under-18 Men's World Championship.

For them and their teammates, the U18 Worlds is the reason they have sacrificed on and off the ice over a two-year stint that included playing against bigger, stronger, older opponents from Division I colleges and the USHL.

And they can't wait for the puck to drop in Grand Forks, N.D.

"It's what you work for your whole entire two years here," said Bellows, a forward from Minnesota and son of former NHL great Brian Bellows. "I know these guys have and I have. We're really excited for it. It's something you go into and you don't want nothing else other than a gold medal. That's our focus."

"But we have to take it game by game, day by day and, if we do that, I know we'll be successful."

All season with the U.S. NTDP Under-18 team, Bellows has wreaked havoc on opposing defenses along with high-flying linemates Clayton Keller and Joey Anderson.

The trio has the chance to finish with a flourish and then move on to their respective college career.

Bellows (Boston University) tallied 16 goals and 16 assists for 32 points in



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Grant McPhee (left) of the NTDP U18 team celebrates after scoring March 31 against Muskegon. He and his teammates are preparing for World Juniors in North Dakota.

23 USHL games this season, while Keller (BU) led all players on the team with 13 goals and 24 assists for 37 points. Anderson (Minnesota-Duluth) chipped in 10-10-20.

Just as pumped up for the tournament is forward Grant McPhee, who will play at Boston College next season.

"We're all very excited," McPhee said. "We put two years of really hard work into building up to something like this and everyone's starting to ramp it up."

"We're really excited to see what we can do over there."

Springboard

McPhee and Bellows each scored in the U18s' regular season finale at USA

Hockey Arena, a 5-3 win March 31 over Muskegon.

"It was a pretty good springboard. We played really well," McPhee said about the win over the Lumberjacks. "We really want to bring that (kind of play) to North Dakota. Hopefully, we can."

In order for Team USA players to leave North Dakota with a medal, McPhee emphasized sticking to the basics.

"It's definitely playing as one and everyone taking advantage of their role and doing everything right," McPhee said. "And definitely (staying) focused. It's eight games, potentially eight games, so that's a big thing, staying focused throughout the tourna-

ment."

U18s head coach Danton Cole said the team's depth and uptempo style of play could be factors at Worlds. But he added that an intangible is players knowing the end of the NTDP road is in sight and that they want to go out in style.

"It's two years and a lot of physical and mental work," Cole said. "And a lot of sacrifice goes into it. These guys have done a heck of a job and now we go take our final exam."

Roster unveiled

Bellows and McPhee are among 22 players selected for the U18 Worlds as announced Tuesday.

The full roster includes: goaltenders Jake Oettinger and Joseph Woll; defensemen Adam Fox, J.D. Greenway, Matthew Hellickson, Chad Krysl, Ryan Lindgren, Griffin Luce and Luke Martin; and forwards Bellows, McPhee, Joey Anderson, Logan Brown, Trent Frederic, Keegan Howdeshell of Brighton, Clayton Keller, Will Lockwood of Bloomfield Hills, Casey Mittelstadt, Nick Pastujov, James Sanchez, Zach Walker and Kailer Yamamoto.

Preliminary round games begin 8:30 p.m. Thursday against Russia.

According to the NTDP website, 10 teams are split into two pools for preliminary round play. Group A includes the U.S., Switzerland, Russia, Sweden and Latvia; Group B has Finland, Canada, Czech Republic, Slovakia and Denmark.

Top teams will advance to the quarterfinals, semifinals and bronze and gold medal games.

For a full schedule, go to www.GrandForks2016.com.

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WOMEN'S HOCKEY

USA Hockey Arena will be epicenter of it all

Plymouth hosts 2017 IIHF Women's World tournament

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Consider last month's Under-17 Five Nations Tournament the dry run for USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth Township.

It was announced during press conference recently at the Beck Road arena that the 2017 IIHF Women's World Championship will take place there in early April of next year. The tourney will feature eight teams and is second only to the Olympics in size and scope for international women's hockey.

Among those watching the press conference were players from the Detroit Compuware Tier 1 AAA girls hockey team, including captain Jordan Modjeski of South Lyon.

"It's unbelievable. It's going to be a really great experience," the 16-year-old Modjeski, a student at Livonia Ladywood, said afterward. "It's going to be really great to see the games, to wear some red, white and blue. ... We all look up to these girls. We've all watched them play and we all strive our best to get to where they are right now. It's going to be fabulous to see them in person."

Modjeski and her teammates enthusiastically greeted USA Hockey women's hockey director Reagan Carey near the podium and then chatted via cellphone to Meghan Duggan, captain of the U.S. Women's National Team.

"It's going to be tremendous. The facility is perfect size for us and to be able to pack the stands here with the red, white and blue is going to be great," Carey said. "I just called one of our (U.S. women's national) players, our captain Meghan Duggan, and they got the opportunity to speak with her."

"You can see the excitement and energy that goes with being able to



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Reagan Carey, director of women's hockey for USA Hockey, said bringing the 2017 IIHF Women's World Championship to the Plymouth arena is a perfect fit.

connect these young, future players with our top level. In women's hockey, you have to definitely work a little harder to build that connection. It's not on TV every night."

The women's tourney is one of several major events that are on the way to USA Arena, such as a U.S. junior camp featuring top male players under age 20 (late July and early August) and another Five Nations tourney in November.

According to Plymouth Township Supervisor Shannon Price, the buzz from last week's tournament (more than 6,500 fans came out to catch all or part of 10 games) hasn't dissipated — and is growing even more with news of the women's world championship coming to USA Hockey Arena.

"It was a great tournament. We came up just a little bit short in the last game (Russia defeated the U.S., 5-3)," Price said. "But it was really exciting, the arena was full and rocking, people chanting 'U-S-A.' It was a great time for the arena and our community."

"We fell in a bed of roses when USA Hockey took over this arena. And just when you thought it couldn't get any better, today we announced the women's world championship is going to be here in Plymouth Township and more programming coming. It's a fantastic asset to our community and they're a great partner."

More to come

Scott Monaghan, senior director of operations for USA Hockey's National Team Development Program, said it was good to build off the momentum of the Five Nations Tournament with the recent announcements.

"We've only really brushed the surface of the fan base we can get to," Monaghan said. "It's obviously Plymouth, Canton, Northville, Novi — those are our nearby communities and this should be their home team."

"But southeast Michigan, the hockey community, is huge. It's 30,000 people plus and we want to pull those people in

for these events."

Monaghan added that USA Hockey feels "we have a lot of upside to what we can do with crowds. I think one of the things we're tuning towards is that women's world championship next spring and being able to have the house full every night and really rocking and really involve the community in the event."

Others on hand for the press conference included USA Hockey president Jim Smith and executive director Dave Ogrea.

They said the Five Nations tourney only hinted at the arena's potential.

"When we acquired this building (from Peter Karmanos), what was in our minds was certainly IIHF championship events would be perfect in a building of this size, in addition to the fact that we're like at ground zero for a heck of a lot of enthusiastic hockey fans," Ogrea said. "When we decided to bid for the women's world championship and have it in the U.S., we knew we just wanted to bring it here (Plymouth). ... I think our decision will be validated and it will definitely not be the last of what you see."

Ogrea also made sure to credit Karmanos and Mike Vellucci — who respectively owned and guided the Ontario Hockey League's Plymouth Whalers out of what was then known as Compuware Arena until the sale to USA Hockey in spring 2015.

"Pete Karmanos is just about as true and loyal and relentlessly supportive a partner as USA Hockey's ever had," Ogrea said. "We owe a huge deal of gratitude to Pete and also to Mike Vellucci, who's been a great ally of ours."

"We owe them a lot, because if not for them and if not for making a deal that something we as a nonprofit organization could handle, we wouldn't be here today."

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YOUTH WRESTLING

Matkittens wrestlers lead way in NUWAY Nationals

South Lyon clubs boasts five All-America performances

Brad Emmons
Staff Writer

The South Lyon Matkittens came away with a pair of national titles last weekend in the National United Wrestling Association for Youth tournament held at Battle Creek's Kellogg Arena.

Isabella Cepak brought him her fourth straight NUWAY crown by pinning her way through a field of 32 in the girls division, while teammate Sabrina Nauss added her third consecutive national title in similar fashion.

Meanwhile, second-year wrestler Tyler Swanigan finished runner-up in her first major national event, which encompasses 27 states under the NUWAY umbrella.

The girls trio also registered five of the fastest pins during the entire tournament.

On the boys side, two Matcats

earned All-America status, led by 6-year-old Dominic Nauss, who placed third, and 13-year-old Matthew Cepak, who earned his fourth straight All-America honor with a fifth.

"While this is all new to Dominic, Matthew shines at these national events never failing to place," Matcats coach Steve Richardson said. "The big stage is where he is most comfortable. Personally, I have been coaching Matthew for seven years and it's hard to believe I only get one more year with him before he moves onto the high school ranks. As our longest tenured Matcat, Matthew embraces everything we stand for — work ethic, sportsmanship and leadership."

The Matcats now transition from folkstyle and into the start of the spring freestyle wrestling season where they will host the state finals tournament Sunday, April 24, at South Lyon High School.

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LINDSAY NAUSS
Earning NUWAY All-America honors from the South Lyon Matcats and Matkittens were (from left) Sabrina Nauss, Dominic Nauss, Matthew Cepak, Isabella Cepak and Tyler Swanigan.



THE CONTAINER STORE

The Container Store has about 10,000 different products in stock.

Michigan to get first Container Store location at West Oaks in Novi

Georgea Kovanis
Michigan.com

The Container Store, the place for fun and functional storage boxes, bins and bags, is coming to Novi.

Located in a former Best Buy in the West Oaks shopping center, the 22,000-square-foot store is scheduled to open June 4.

It will be Michigan's

first Container Store.

A second store is scheduled to open in the fall at Rochester and Big Beaver roads in Troy.

The Container Store is a favorite with fans of organized living spaces. It carries everything from cupcake wrappers to closet systems and dustpans to desks. In all, expect to find about 10,000 different products in stock, including

200 different sizes and colors of hangers.

West Oaks is located on the northwest corner of Novi Road and I-96. The store's address is 43525 W. Oaks Drive. Ten percent of its sales June 4-5 will be donated to Forgotten Harvest.

For more information about or to get a peek at its products, go to www.thecontainerstore.com.

Check us out on the Web every day at hometownlife.com

CITY OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 03-21-16 CHAPTER 82 TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES SECTION 82-130 OVERNIGHT PARKING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Northville City Council has adopted **Ordinance No. 03-21-16** – an ordinance to amend Chapter 82 Traffic and Vehicles, Article IV Standing, Stopping, and Parking; Division 1 Generally, Section 82-130 Overnight Parking; Violation as a Civil Infraction; Authorization to Issue Permits in the Code of Ordinances as follows:

Sec. 82-130. - Overnight parking; violation as a civil infraction; authorization to issue permits.

- Parking on any public street, court, or alley within the city limits is hereby prohibited between the hours of 3:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m.
- Parking in municipal parking lots is hereby prohibited between the hours of 3:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m.
- The city manager is authorized to establish procedures for the issuance of permits for parking overnight on public streets, courts, alleys and municipal parking lots.
- A person who violates subsection (a) or (b) without first obtaining a permit or permission pursuant to subsection (c) is responsible for a civil infraction.

The ordinance was introduced for first reading on March 21, 2016 and was adopted by the City Council on April 4, 2016. The ordinance shall become effective on April 15, 2016. The complete text of the ordinance is available for public inspection at the Office of the City Clerk, 215 W. Main St., Northville, Michigan, 48167, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. or on the City's website at www.ci.northville.mi.us.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

DATE: March 29, 2016
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DESIGNER: Wright & Hunter, Inc.
818 W. 11 Mile Road
Royal Oak, Michigan 48067
Phone: 248 594-5850
Fax: 248 594-5851
BID DUE DATE: **Until 1:00 PM EDT on May 2, 2016** the Owner will receive sealed Bids for the work as set forth in the Bid specifications and proposal forms (“RFB documents”) at:
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Northville Public Schools
Attn: Michael Zopf, Business Office
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Northville, MI 48167-1576
Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at this time. Bids received after the above date and time will **not** be accepted. Bids that do not include a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship between the Owner and the bidder as defined in Michigan Public Act No. 232 of 2004 will not be accepted.
RFB documents will be available on or after **April 12, 2016** and can be obtained by registering at the following website: <http://www.vlbp.com/launch/wrighthunter/home.php>.
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All bidders are strongly encouraged to attend.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check, money order or bid bond made payable to Northville Public Schools in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the base bid as a Bid guarantee.

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The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids, either in whole or in part, to reject a bid not accompanied by the required bid guarantee, or by other data required by the RFB documents and Michigan law or to reject a bid which is in any way non compliant with the bid requirements. Submitted bids may be adjusted by unit prices included by the bidder to ensure all bids submitted are compared on the same basis with respect to required materials.

The Owner reserves the right to accept alternates in any order or combination and to determine the low bidder on the basis of the sum of the base bid and the alternates accepted.

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A Northville welcome



Dr. Alex Rodnick and his staff are welcomed to town by Mayor Ken Roth and the Northville Chamber of Commerce. Triumph Chiropractic is at 424 S. Main Street, No. 1, Northville.

Burger 21 to open April 18 in Novi

Burger 21, an award-winning fast casual franchise, announced its first restaurant in Michigan will open Monday, April 18, in Novi at 26425 Novi Road, Suite F, in Crescent Plaza.

Local dignitaries and members of the Novi Chamber of Commerce will join the community for a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 10:30 a.m. prior to opening. In addition, the restaurant will donate 10 percent of all proceeds from the first two days of business to Parkview Elementary School.

To further celebrate, the first 100 guests on opening day will receive a free Burger 21 swag bag and one lucky guest will have the chance to win free Cheesy Burgers for a year. Novi residents can download the Burger 21 “B Loyal” mobile app, then visit the location on opening day to receive their first free Cheesy Burger, while automatically being entered for a

chance to win free Cheesy Burgers for a year. One winner will be randomly selected the day after opening. To sign up, download Burger 21's mobile app from the Apple App Store or Google Play. Those guests who do not have a smart phone, can join the B21 Club to receive the latest special offers and promotions straight to their inbox.

The new Burger 21 is owned and operated by Moe and Wisal Samaha. The husband-and-wife team currently own another food service concept in the area and wanted to expand their business. The franchisees plan to open additional locations in the market over the next several years. To date, Burger 21 has 23 restaurants open in 12 states across the country.

“Moe and I are thrilled to open the first Burger 21 restaurant in Michigan,” Wisal Samaha said. “After trying Burger 21

for the first time, we fell in love with the concept and its commitment to giving back to the communities it serves. We knew that it would be a great addition to Novi's booming restaurant scene as its extensive menu of delicious chef-inspired recipes offers something for everyone.”

Burger 21 will feature 21 chef-inspired beef and non-beef burger creations, like the Tex-Mex Haystack, Spicy Thai Shrimp, Black Bean and Mediterranean Chicken. The restaurant will also offer fresh salads, hand-crafted shakes and a gluten-free menu.

The owners plan to hire 50-55 people. The eatery will have seating for 65 customers inside and another 38 guests in an open patio area.

Hours are: 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday; 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Go to www.burger21.com/locations/novi.

Hotel project underway



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A Homewood Suites hotel is under construction at 26150 Town Center Drive in Novi. The hotel, just south of the Double Tree Inn, should be open by this fall.

Novi attorney named to World Trademark Review's WTR 1000

Quinn Law Group, PLLC, announced Staci R. DeRegnaucourt has been recognized by World Trademark Review for inclusion in its 2016 edition of WTR 1000 – World's Leading Trademark Professionals.

The WTR 1000 acknowledges the leading national and international trademark practitioners from around the globe and analyzes local trademark legal service markets in more than 80 country and state chapters. The expanded sixth edition of the guide cements its reputation as the definitive directory exclusively dedicated to identifying the world's leading trademark legal services providers.

WTR 1000 quotes one source describing DeRegnaucourt as, “among the most efficient lawyers I have ever come across. She is always



DeRegnaucourt

available, any day, any time, and is quick to send feedback whenever needed. Her insights into trademark law reveal a wealth of experience. You know your case is in safe hands with her.” DeRegnaucourt is recognized as one of only 14 individual attorneys acknowledged by the publication in the state of Michigan.

DeRegnaucourt concentrates her practice in

the intellectual property areas of trademarks, patents and copyrights, with an emphasis within the trademark sector, on obtaining, policing and enforcing domestic and foreign trademark registrations, as well as preparing trademark clearance and infringement opinions. Additionally, she routinely counsels clients on intellectual property portfolio management, brand protection, brand management and anti-counterfeiting.

DeRegnaucourt earned a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from Michigan State University and a juris doctor, magna cum laude, from Michigan State University College of Law.

The 2016 edition of WTR 1000 can be accessed at www.world-trademarkreview.com/wtr1000.



According to a 2016 National Association of Realtors' report, single women make up 15 percent of all home buyers.

Industry report: Single women make up substantial share of home buyers

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

If you're a single woman, you just may own your own home.

It doesn't come as a great surprise that the largest share of home buyer households is married couples. In fact, 67 percent of all home buyers are married couples. The second most common group of buyers, however, is single females.

According to the 2016 National Association of Realtors' *Home Buyer and Seller Generational Trends* report, single females make up 15 percent of all home buyers, and this number goes up when looking at older buyers — 20 percent of buyers between 51 and 60 years of age and 19 percent between the ages of 61 and 69 are single females.

These percentages are substantially higher than those for single males, who only make up 9 percent of all home buyers; the share of single made buyers is even lower in older age groups, only 10 percent of buyers between 51 and 60 are single males.

Mary Vellardita bought a Westland condominium in 2010 and is glad she did so. "Economically it made more sense because you get a return on your investment. Tax advantages. More privacy," she said of ownership compared to renting.

"I like the fact that I still have a little yard to enjoy but I don't have to do yard work," Vellardita said. "I have ample storage compared to what you get in most apartments."

Her garage was also a big selling point.

The NAR report found those more likely to be trading up (Gen X homeowners) or trading down (older boomers) represented the largest share of sellers in the past year, at 25 percent and 24 percent, respectively.

"That's huge to me, and I don't have to shovel snow and cut grass. It's perfect for me," said Vellardita, the marketing and membership manager for the Westland Chamber of Commerce.

Robin Kay Cooke is an associate broker for Cooke Realty of Keller Williams Plymouth-Canton, and has been in real estate 14 years. "We oftentimes have single women buy," said Cooke.

She sold to a widow a Canton condominium who was moving from Redford with her mother, who has health issues associated with aging. "That was really a helpful move for them," Cooke said.

Cooke finds for married couples women have a great say in home purchases. "If the wife's not happy, no one's happy," she noted with a chuckle. "They carry a lot of the decision-making."

For her own family, "My husband trusts my judgment," Cooke said. Her husband wanted a three-car garage, and wasn't all that interested in the kitchen or bathrooms of their home.

She finds women look in particular for walk-in closets, hardwood floors (helpful for those with allergies, and good for upkeep), granite or other hard-surfaced countertops and more.

"Really people need to have that in their home to be competitive in today's market," Cooke said of the countertops. Outdoors matters to buyers, too.

"A lot of people like to entertain in their yard space," Cooke said. "People started to invest in their back yards and see it as an extension of their living space."

For single women, she recommends an attached garage for safety. She also encourages single women to drive a prospective neighborhood at different times, and to talk to potential neighbors.

"After hours, you can kind of see the demographics," Cooke said, noting single mothers can see if there are other children living nearby.

The laws of years ago that limited single women in buying a home are long gone, agreed Cooke. "It really comes down to creditworthiness and income," she said, noting usually two years on a job is needed.

"Their goals are the same, typically," Cooke said of single women buyers and general buyers. Some women buyers are very social, she said, "and interact with the neighborhood and others choose not to."

She had a client of Indian descent who is mom to a daughter around 12. The

daughter is in private school, which made public systems less important to her mother. The woman wished to carry on their ethnic heritage, noted Cooke, an issue with some buyers when they relocate.

The NAR report found those more likely to be trading up (Gen X homeowners) or trading down (older boomers) represented the largest share of sellers in the past year, at 25 percent and 24 percent, respectively. Millennials — also likely to be move-up buyers — stayed in their home the shortest amount of time before selling (five years).

Even though younger sellers were more likely to need a larger home or move because of job relocation, older boomers were far more likely to move further away. Sellers overall moved a median distance of 20 miles, with older boomers traveling the furthest at 75 miles.

Across every generation at 88 percent or above, sellers overwhelmingly used a real estate agent or broker to sell their home. When asked what sellers wanted most from their real estate agent, younger sellers were more likely to want their agent to help price their home competitively or sell within a specific time frame, whereas help finding a buyer was desired more by younger and older boomers.

The National Association of Realtors website contributed to this report.

Condo Association Lawyers aim: upgrade condo living

Q: I was at a recent condominium seminar and heard someone mention that there is a College of Community Association Lawyers. Can you give me some information about it?

A: The College of Community Association Lawyers is an organization established in conjunction with the Community Association Institute, a national organization designed to improve community association living. The College is comprised of lawyers in community association law who have reached a high degree of recognition in practicing community association law and have been active in educational, professional and have reached a certain plateau of expertise in community association law. The College's official credentials for admission and recognition state as follows:

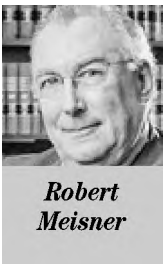
- » Promoting high standards of professional and ethical responsibility in the practice of community association law
- » Developing and educating attorneys working in the field of community association law
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- » Cooperating with international, national, state and local organizations, government agencies and other groups having an interest in community association law
- » Working with their fellow college fellows to assist community associations in maximizing effective governance practices
- » Creating a community of scholars to promote professional development needs and career goals of CCAL fellows
- » Helping implementing the goals and objectives of the Community Associations Institute and its fellows

In Michigan we have only two lawyers who have been inducted in the College of Community Association Lawyers as Fellows, this writer being the first to be so inducted.

Q: We have an issue with our city attorney in regard to an affidavit he filed regarding the fact that our property could not be subdivided without a variance. I don't think he has the authority to do that and I don't think he was correct. Do you think we have a claim against the city manager?

A: Based on similar facts, I think you are going to have a problem filing a claim against the city manager based upon governmental immunity. The statute provides that in the absence of certain enumerated exceptions, governmental agencies are immune from tort liability when engaged in the discharge or exercise of a governmental function. In this particular case, the city would argue that it was engaged in a governmental function at the time it filed the affidavit. A governmental function is any activity that is expressly or impliedly mandated or authorized by the Constitution, state or local charter or ordinance or other law. No doubt, the government will argue that its filing of an affidavit was in furtherance of its larger, more general function of insuring compliance with its zoning ordinances and that the enforcement of a zoning ordinance is a governmental function.

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Robert Meisner

Homearama plans progressing well, trade group reports

Home Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan (HBA) has announced that development of Christenbury Creek in Macomb Township is progressing according to schedule for the Fall 2016 public opening of Homearama 2016. The 10 homes being showcased in the program will range in price from \$350,000 to \$500,000 and will be open for public display for three weekends.

Homearama 2016 is a public service activity of HBA

featuring homes built by HBA professional builder members including Arteva Homes, Clearview Homes, Lassale Homes, Sunset Homes and Vitale Companies. The community is also being developed by Arteva Homes.

Each home is being designed, built, fully decorated and landscaped by the area's top professionals. Homes will feature the latest amenities, advanced technology and energy saving features. These homes offer visitors

the opportunity to gather design and decor, ideas that could be used in their own homes.

On-site ticket sales will be available during the run of the program. Over 50,000 home owners, home buyers and dreamers are expected to visit Homearama 2016. Special events are also planned during the run of the event. More information will be available at www.HomearamaHBA.com beginning in May.

Headquartered in West Bloomfield, Home Builders Association of SE Michigan (HBA) is a trade association representing nearly 800 builders, remodelers, developers and suppliers to the single family residential construction industry. HBA is affiliated with the Home Builders Association of Michigan in Lansing and the National Association of Home Builders in Washington, D.C.

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Investors

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

Members are free, guests \$20, which will be applied to

their membership. The Red Lobster is next to 7-Eleven, near Trenton Road.

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

Short sales

If you owe more than what your house is worth, you may be interested in a free informa-

tional seminar on short sale procedures.

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

Please call the office at 248-782-7130 or email june.quantum@gmail.com for your reservation or additional information.

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Common mistakes can derail your first job hunt

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Job seekers just entering the workforce may be eager to land their first gigs ASAP. While enthusiasm is a positive thing, it shouldn't be at the expense of doing thorough research and taking the time to really prepare for all stages of the job-search process.

If you're new to the working world, here are some common mistakes to avoid so you can set yourself up for a more successful search.

Having an unprofessional social media presence

You know those pictures of you partying in college that are all over Facebook? It may be time to take those down — if you want to get a job. According to a 2015 CareerBuilder survey, 48 percent of hiring managers who screen candidates via social networks have found information that caused them not to hire someone.

"Let your social media persona match the professional image you want to portray to employers," says Stefanié B. Lomax, president and CEO of the career consulting service HRPro4You. "If you want to keep your image of being fun intact with your friends, mark

your Facebook page private and take other necessary security protocols on other social media platforms to make sure that you aren't presenting an image that you don't want to get judged by."

Using a generic résumé and cover letter

"Résumés need to be tailored to a specific role and responsibilities," says Susan Peppercorn, a career coach and founder of Boston-based Positive Workplace Partners. "Inexperienced job seekers often assume that a one-size-fits-all résumé is all they need and often don't understand why they don't hear back. Unless you've taken the time to show how your experience and skills meet the needs of the employer, you'll never make it through the screening process."

The same customization rules apply to your cover letter. "The most common mistake I've seen is sending a generic cover letter that doesn't explain why you're applying for the job (or) why you're the best fit," says Ilana Zalika, co-founder of Resound Marketing, a public relations firm. "Take the time to research the job and the company and draw a connection between your background and the position available. If there's no connection, address it head-

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on and explain what other characteristics you have that make you a great fit — maybe you're a fast learner or have a personal passion for the job at hand."

Being unprepared for interviews

If you've avoided making the above mistakes and have landed an interview, don't ruin your chances by being unprepared. "Going into an interview blind puts you at a disadvantage and will not make a good first impression," says Lola Reynolds, a senior career consultant at personal-branding firm Resume Strategists. "Research the company, department and details about the job. Look at the company's LinkedIn page and social media presence, spend time on their website and do thorough online searches. ... Also make sure to research the interviewer to learn about their role with the company, as well as their career path and education to identify any commonalities that may help you build rapport."

And don't forget to come prepared with questions —

something first-time job seekers don't always do, Reynolds says. "During an interview, when asked if you have any questions, responding with, 'No, you've answered all my questions' doesn't demonstrate interest in the job and the company, which are key things interviewers look for. Prepare questions that are specific to the role, the company and its culture, growth opportunities and competitive landscape."

Not following up

Following up post-interview can be intimidating, and newer job seekers may be fearful of coming across as too aggressive. Yet a well-timed and appropriate follow-up can make a big difference, Lomax says. "I have had numerous conversations with hiring managers who were undecided between two candidates, and then one sent a thank-you note/email, and the decision was made. Not following up or thanking the interviewers for their time is a big no-no. ... It's a small detail that has a huge impact for the better."

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

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Description The City of South Lyon is accepting applications for a part time planner or part-time zoning administrator that will be responsible for managing the planning and zoning review process for the City, including applications for Planning Commission or Zoning Board of Appeals approvals. The ideal candidate for this position will have a successful background in community planning/zoning and be able to work effectively with applicants, the general public, City staff, and consultants. Consideration will be given to candidates with a four-year college degree and experience in planning and zoning as well as those currently enrolled in a Master's Planning degree program and looking for flexible hours while completing course work. Applicants with experience as a zoning administrator will also be considered, including a shared employment arrangement with another community. Candidates must also have experience working in a confidential setting and be proficient in Microsoft Word, PowerPoint and Excel.

Resume, cover letter, five references and City employment application may be sent to Attn: City Manager, City of South Lyon, 335 South Warren, South Lyon, MI 48178 or submitted via email to lladner@southlyonmi.org no later than 5 pm April 25, 2016. Incomplete submissions will not be considered.

Please go to www.southlyonmi.org/1723/employment.asp to download the application.

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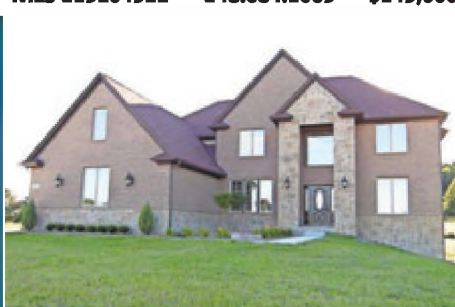
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