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Stamp out hunger this Saturday

Northville area mail carriers will collect non-perishable foods for the local Civic Concern on Saturday, May 14. Leave non-perishables by your mailbox ready for pick-up. Northville Civic Concern provides meals and other items to families in need.

Marquis hosts gala to preserve theater

Get out your little flash of sequins, a suit and tie or cocktail attire for the Marquis Theatre's first gala celebrating the 1920s with cabaret performances, 7-10 p.m. Saturday, May 15, at the theater, 135 E. Main. Doors will open at 6 p.m.

Guests will be entertained by the Marquis Theatre Kids and professional guest artists.

Purchase tickets at www.northvillemarquistheatre.com or at the door. For more information, call 248-349-8110.

For the love of Maybury State Park: Friends give it their all

Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

You gotta have friends. Without them — at least in this case — Maybury State Park would be without a host of educational programs, activities and improvements.

"They are a great group," Maybury Park Supervisor Kim Heckmann said. "They do a lot for the park. A lot of what is here would not have happened without them."

In just 2015, the Friends group — celebrating its 20th anniversary this year — put 1,061 volunteer hours of work into fundraising, programming, writing grants, sponsoring ac-

tivities and maintaining the park with a host of improvements.

At the heart of the matter, the Friends' mission is to help people enjoy the park and to give them a better experience, said Chuck Murdock, president of the Friends board of directors. That's why their volunteer work is so multifaceted.

For those who may be unaware, the park used to be the site of a tuberculosis sanitarium, which closed in 1969. Children were last treated at the facility in 1965. The onetime 40-some buildings were all torn down by 1975, when the then-



JOANNE MALISZEWSKI

Some of the Friends of Maybury Park board members include from left Chuck Murdock, president, Andrea Murdock, Jean Bemish and Kate Rayner. They are in the area where they plan to rebuild a kiosk.

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JOANNE MALISZEWSKI

Donna and Larry Podpora, owners of Donna & Larry's Flowers on Novi Road, look over a guest book filled with hundreds of messages about their dog, Casey.

REST IN PEACE, CASEY

N'ville flower shop owners, customers mourn loss of loved golden retriever

Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

When the Bill the UPS driver stopped by Donna & Larry's Flowers on Novi Road, it was a cue for Casey to make a mad dash for the front door of the Northville florist shop.

Casey, the three-year-old, 82-pound golden retriever — a bundle of love and energy — went to work every day with Donna and Larry Podpora. "His biggest job was greeting customers," said Larry. "He gave it a homey feeling here. He took the stress out of our lives."

But Casey passed away unexpectedly April 20, leaving not only his owners, but just about every customer, in shock and grief.

With tears in her eyes, Donna Podpora this week showed photos and videos of Casey in the store with customers or bounding with a ball in his mouth at their Brighton home.

"He added so much joy here in the shop," Donna said. "The hurt for the customers is unbelievable."

As testament to the impact Casey made, the Podporas have on the store's front counter a guest book filled with literally hundreds of memories offered by customers. And Casey knew many by name, including Bill the UPS driver.

"Way too young. Please give Sammy a big hug and kiss. From your favorite UPS driver. Rest in peace," wrote the UPS driver, also referring to the Casey's predecessor who died at nine years of age.



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Casey, the golden retriever, greeted customers at the Podporas' flower shop on Novi Road.

Another note included, "RIP Casey — Keep playing fetch in heaven."

Passersby have noticed the sign at the edge of the road by the small shopping center where Casey went to work with Larry and Donna. The sign tells customers Casey's not there: "Casey. So

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Think building safety in May at N'ville Twp. Hall

Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

There's a good chance most residents are unaware that May is Building Safety Month. But don't worry. The Northville Township building department is on it.

"Building departments want to share their information," said Eric Anderson, township building official.

To do that, Anderson and his staff have filled a portion of the township hall lobby with displays and plenty of information that follow the theme of "Building Codes: Driving Growth through Innovation, Resilience and Safety."

Open to the public, the displays show a variety of building themes, including insulation, structural issues, fire prevention, plumbing and mechanical systems and energy efficiency.

"Building safety impacts everyone," Anderson said.

The township fire department, for example, recently delivered by paramedic truck a human dummy to the display area where he is on a stretcher ready to be transported to the hospital. The dummy poses as a fictional father — whose daughter is caring for him — and he slips getting out of the bathtub. The purpose of the display is to educate families on safety.

"We wanted to make it as realistic as possible," township paramedic Jesse Marcotte said.

The displays in township hall represent various sub themes to building and safety. Also on display is a BBQ grill, donated by the Northville Home Depot, that will be awarded to the person who correctly guesses the number of nails in a jar. Educational materials abound for kids and adults. That includes information about mold prevention, green building, flood cleanup and preparing for natural disasters.

For every building you see in the township, the building department has played some role. "We are there from beginning to end. But all of our work is really behind the scenes." That in-

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N'ville High Baseball Team hosts Armed Forces Day event

As part of Northville High School's Baseball Armed Forces Day event on Saturday, May 21, there will be a 5K walk/run beginning at 8 a.m. on the school's baseball field followed by several Armed Forces Day activities. The event is being

held in honor of a family in Monroe whose son, Mike Ingram, was killed in action while in Afghanistan.

All 5K participants will receive a T-shirt and medal for \$35; for military personnel, however, the cost is only \$20. All proceeds will go to the

Freedom Center to ship donated goods to soldiers and their families.

Donations can also be made to further support troops:

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- » \$25 to receive an Armed Forces Day baseball cap

» \$45 to obtain an Armed Forces Day baseball cap and a Freedom Center Challenge Coin
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payable and sent to MAFHC at 16304 Lincoln Dr. Northville, MI 48168. Call Coach Bill Flohr at 248-761-9694 with questions.

Also, after the run at 11 a.m., there will be several free activities: a doubleheader featuring NHS' Varsity Mustangs.

military vehicles and a helicopter being showcased, Armed Forces booths, free food and beverages, an obstacle course and games.

Northville High School is located at 45700 Six Mile Road in Northville.

CORRECTION

A story about the Northville State of the Community that ran in the “Northville Record” April 28, should have said that Northville Mayor Ken Roth pointed to a photograph of the Water Wheel Centre Building and The Village Workshop building. Roth said that he considers the two buildings the Gold Standard for development in Northville. He added that he wants to use the character of the two buildings as the city’s Gold Standard for new development.

MAYBURY

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Michigan Department of Natural Resources made it a state park.

The Friends group came to be when residents who fell in love with the park decided to step in and help maintain it and create an environment that would draw visitors. Cheri Pelic was the first president and Bill McKnight the first secretary of the group.

The farm on the park, which is now operated by the Northville Community Foundation, was where Friends members first volunteered. "Other projects evolved out of that," said board member Andrea Murdock.

Love is what board members have for the park. "This is such a pretty place," board member Jean Bemish said. "I just like being outdoors and active."

Thank the Friends for the butterfly garden, as well as the blue bird boxes and an owl platform. "The owls actually use it," Chuck Murdock said.

The Friends also do plenty of the maintaining, such as a half-dozen garlic mustard pulls. Garlic mustard is an invasive plants that can spread like wildfire.

One of their big projects has been the winter enclosure for the park's concession building and renovating the trail head with new paths and a



JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
Chuck Murdock, Friends of Maybury board president, shows an example of a brick the group is selling to fund a pathway.

new kiosk. "It turns into a regional trailhead that starts here and goes downtown," Murdock said. It also includes parking, landscaping and a commemorative brick paver patio that will boast donors names. The project is a big one for the Friends and they have applied for a matching state grant to help. The Friends have also applied for other grants from local organizations to fund the match. They are required to pay

REI granted the Friends \$20,000 to be used toward the upgrades for the Regional Trail Head project that will include a new kiosk, paving and landscaping

WHAT THE FRIENDS ARE PLANNING

- » National Trails Day with REI: 9 a.m. to noon June 4
 - » Woof Walk: 10-11 a.m. June 18 at the Trail Head Shelter
 - » Maybury Fishing Derby: 1-3 p.m. July 4
 - » Introduction to Geocaching: 10 a.m. to noon July 9 starting at the Trail Head Shelter
 - » Family Fun Campout: Noon July 16 to noon July 17
 - » Road Runner Classic: 5-8 p.m. July 23 starting at the Trail Head Shelter
 - » Family Fun Campout: noon Aug. 6 to noon Aug. 7
 - » Maybury History Hike: 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sept. 10
 - » Meet Michigan Mammals: 4:15-5:15 p.m. Oct. 26
 - » Owl Prowl: 6-8 p.m. Dec. 3 at the Trail Head Shelter
- For more information, visit the Friends website at www.friendsofmaybury.org

in front of the building previously known as the Concession Building. The Northville Rotary Foundation also stepped in with a grant of \$1,000 for the project.

The bricks for the walkway are now on sale and the Friends are encouraging residents to purchase them to help fund the project, Murdock said. Brick purchases may be done on the Friends website at www.friendsofmaybury.org.

And yes, the Friends do much of the back breaking work, but they also host educational activities to get people and kids to the park and to learn about the environment. Some of the efforts include, of course the Easter Eggs-Stravaganza that typically draws some 2,000 people, but edible plant hikes, an owl prowl and nature and wildflower walks that allow the Friends to educate residents on the flora and fauna of the park.

Among the favorites is a geocaching event that is literally a high-tech treasure hunt. Folks bring their GPS devices or smart phones to find the geocaches hidden in the park.

To let the public know what is happening with their group and the park, the Friends have a website, Facebook page and a newsletter with some 250 recipients, as well as Pinterest with photos and information, said board member Kate Ravner.

The Friends also work with the Northville Parks and Recreation and the Northville District Library on programs.

While there are some 50 Friends members, the group is always looking for more. "We would welcome anyone who wants to join," Murdock said.

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Don Marion of Prielipp Farms tends to some gerbera daisies for sale at the Northville Farmers Market.

Opening day at the Northville Farmers Market

It might still be a bit chilly, but that didn't stop shoppers from the Farmers Market — hosted by the Northville Chamber of Commerce — on its opening day, May 5.

The market is open 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Thursday through Oct. 27, on the northwest corner of Seven Mile and Sheldon. Overflow parking is located at the Northville Downs Race Track, right across the street from the market.

The market features vendors who provide farm and orchard products, artisans and specialty gift. The market also features some new vendors this year.

On tap this year is

Chefs at the Market, which will begin at 10 a.m. June 2, and continue through the end of August. A master gardener will return this year and will be available each Thursday until noon in a tent near the white market shed. The Ann Arbor Symphony will return June 18 for a third season of a Taste of Music. The performance includes an Instrument Petting Zoo in which children are invited to experiment by playing instruments provided by the symphony. A performance by a symphony ensemble is also on tap, as are concert vouchers for market shoppers using food assistance programs.

CASEY

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love. So young. So missed."

Casey, like Sammy and Jamie before him, were the loves of the Podporas' lives. But customers felt the same way. Larry recalled a customer who came to the store and asked for Casey. When he was told Casey had passed away, "he couldn't handle it."

Donna has similar stories, including of a woman who also asked where the dog was. When she was told, the woman burst out crying. "He was so full of life and love," Larry said.

The store the Podporas have owned and operated since 1984 has been known for the couple's canine companions. In addition to being dog lovers, the Podporas spend long hours at work. So, it made sense to bring their dogs to work. If one of the Podporas announced someone coming toward the front door, Casey would scoot from the back of the shop and head straight for the door to



JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
The sign on Novi Road by Donna & Larry's Flowers says it all.

greet and love the customer.

And it wasn't unusual for either the Podporas or a customer or friend, such as Manny Gauci of Redford, to pick up Casey's ball, throw it and watch him delicately bounce around the story until he had retrieved it. "He was a people dog," family friend, Gauci said.

"He brought the ball to customers and the

ball was always salivated on," Gauci added.

When the mailed was delivered at the story, Casey was also there to take it from the mail carrier. Plenty of photos show Casey greeting customers, rolling on the floor with them and giving plenty of hugs and kisses. "We learned a lot from Casey. You have to enjoy life because life can be gone in a heartbeat," Larry said.

The day Casey collapsed from a suspected aneurism, Larry was in the couple's back yard playing ball. "I looked over his way and he was lying on the lawn. I picked him up and he was limp. I held him and told him I love him," Larry said.

Casey was rushed to the emergency vet, but they couldn't bring him back. "We don't understand it. He was healthy and energetic and we watched his weight."

Immediately, Casey's absence was felt at the store. Customers wondered why they couldn't see Casey in the window ready to greet them. "He made this shop what it is," Donna said. "Customers have been crying."

Right now the Podporas don't have plans for another dog. Still in shock, they want time to grieve.

"Casey was the dog with the most beautiful heart," added Gauci.

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SAFETY

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cludes inspections to assure that construction is completed to an extensive code. Like all Michigan communities, Northville Township follows the International Code.

It is with this code, Anderson said, that his staff serves as the first line of defense against building disasters.

And his staff is busy.

In 2015, the building department issued 2,400 permits and performed 6,440 inspections, representing a construction value of \$72 million.

The displays for Building Safety Month are open throughout May at township hall, 44405 Six Mile.

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Northville Township paramedics Jesse Marcotte and Chris Koth transport a dummy into township hall for display for Building Safety Month in the lobby.

NORTHVILLE CHAMBER NEWS

Start thinking about your garden as the weather warms up by taking part in the 29th annual Flower Sale, presented by Dick Scott Automotive Group from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, May 27 and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 28.

The sale will be on east and west Main Street.

More than 20 local growers and greenhouses will be selling ornamental accent plants, perennials, herbs, annuals, shrubs, exotic plants and garden accessories.

"The Northville Flower Sale is the kick off to the summer season of great events and fun, family times in downtown Northville," said Traci Sincock, chamber operations and events manager. "Northville residents and businesses look forward to supporting our local growers at this popular event that is always scheduled for Memorial Day weekend."

In addition to Dick Scott Automotive Group, sponsors include the Northville DDA, Renewal by Andersen, C&L Ward and Varsity Lincoln.

For more information, contact the Northville Chamber of Commerce at 248-349-7640 or visit www.northville.org.

Pre-party for golf outing

Join the Mercy Elite staff and the Northville Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing planning committee at a pre-party and member networking event 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 18 at Mercy Elite, 13245 Newburgh Road, Livonia.

It doesn't matter whether you have signed up for the June 15 golf outing, you're welcome to the free event. Light refreshments provided.

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NHS's 9 choirs perform at spring concerts

Celebrating a year of accomplishments and innovative artistry, all nine Northville High School choirs will be part of the school's spring concerts. Some choirs will perform both nights, while some will take the stage Wednesday, May 18, or Thursday, May 19. Performances start at 7 p.m. in the school auditorium.

Chorale, a select, advanced choir for 11th-graders and 12th-graders, will perform Mozart's "Solemn Vespers." Under the direction of Mary Kay Pryce, the group has been working on the intricate piece for many months. Choirs will be directed by Pryce, Mark Krempski and Beth Richert, with piano accompanists Margaret Holden and Sharon Boylan.

The \$10 tickets are available via prycema@northvilleschools.org and may be purchased prior to each concert at the school box office. For more information, visit northvillehighschoolchoirs.weebly.com

At the concerts, Krempski's Chamber Choir will reprise some of the selections the 20-member mixed ensemble will perform at the Michigan Youth Arts Festival on Friday May 13. Sophomore Em Se-Graves will also perform at MYAF as a member of the Michigan State Vocal Music Association All-State Honors Choir. MYAF shines a well-deserved spotlight on the state's absolute best high school artists, including dancers, film-makers, writers, musicians and vocalists.

Earlier this month, Treble-Makers, BackBeat and Chamber Choir sang at the MSVMA's inaugural A Cappella State Choral Festival in Ann Arbor. Talented vocalists made the most of this fun, unique opportunity to perform and learn from equally dedicated, energetic high school groups.

Northville has assembled the largest choir program in Michigan, boasting more than 450 students. Like the school's instrumental music program, choir continues to be among the state's most respected and illustrious groups.



NHS Varsity Choir members from an earlier concert are from left top, Pranav Doppalapudi, Josh Arthur. Middle: Addison Zhang, Matt Jones. From left bottom row, Adit Khandelwal, Michael Chuey, Nicholas Bhandari.

Northville VFW Auxiliary seeks golfers and sponsors for outing

Danielle Alexander
Staff Writer

On Aug. 13, Northville VFW (Post 4012)'s Auxiliary is hosting a golf outing at The Inn at St. Johns Golf Course in Plymouth.

Beginning at 9 a.m. (with registration starting at 8 a.m.), the four-person scramble golf outing is \$100 per person and includes green fees, a cart and a hot dog lunch.

Following the golf outing will be a catered buffet dinner, awards and prizes at the VFW for \$30.

VFW Post 4012 is also seeking donations, such as gift certificates, trinkets, door prizes and money. Businesses can also sponsor a hole for \$100, a contest hole for \$200 or a beverage cart for \$300; every donation will be acknowledged with a sign at the hole and the business name listed in the event pamphlet. All donations are tax deductible.

Money raised from the outing will go toward youth activity programs, veteran family support, scholarships, teaching "Americanism" in our schools, providing necessities and "goody boxes" to servicemen/women deployed overseas and helping disabled veterans in need.

"This is the first golf outing put on by the 'new' auxiliary (now with both men and women members), and we are looking forward to a wonderful day of golfing, food and prizes," VFW Auxiliary Post 4012 Chaplain Judith Thomas said.

Everyone is welcome, but reservations must be received by July 27. Checks should be made payable to VFW Auxiliary Post 4012.

For more information, contact Thomas at divotdiva@live.com or Chris Bezaire at cadichris2@aol.com.

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Senate cuts 'burdensome' school reporting

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The state Senate has recently passed legislation that would greatly reduce red tape for public schools across Michigan.

State Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, and other Senate Republicans introduced Senate Bills 754-767 earlier this year, legislation that would end burdensome reporting requirements while eliminating unnecessary and redundant reports for schools.

"By bringing an end to these burdensome, duplicative reporting requirements, we are providing schools with the ability to focus more resources on the classroom and less in the back office," Colbeck said. "Eliminating this red tape will allow educators to do what they do best: educate."

Michigan school districts are mandated to prepare and submit hundreds of reports to state and federal entities. These reports can be time-consuming and tedious to produce and are often redundant or even obsolete by the submission date.

Education reporting requirements are sprinkled throughout Michigan law — not just in the state's education code. Unfortunately, there is no published comprehensive index to easily locate all mandated reports. These reports are costly, often taking a great deal of staff time and resources.

"We have been working for several years with Senator Pavlov and superintendents in the 7th Senate District on this bill package," Colbeck said. "We are very thankful for the senator's leadership in pulling together this extensive bill package."

When this legislation was first proposed in February, Northville Public Schools' superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher said she fully supports the idea that massive reporting, systems that do not coordinate, etc. creates unnecessary burden and takes time away from core work: student learning.

The bills now head to the Michigan House of Representatives for further consideration.

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Oakmont Common marks Mother's Day with flair

Northville's Oakmont Common senior community celebrated Mother's Day with a high tea.

More than 240 guests — daughters, nieces, granddaughters — attended the event to honor the ladies at Oakmont Common. Reminiscent of an English “high tea,” wait staff dressed in Victorian-period costumes to serve a delicious assortment of petit fours, finger sandwiches, scones and specialty teas to guests seated at tables decorated with fine china and fresh floral bouquets.

The theme, "Wedding Memories," was inspired by the love stories of their residents and one very special wedding dress. Resident Pat Hibbard was getting married in 1945 as World War II was ending. One day, she returned home from work and discovered a package on her porch. When she opened the box, an ivory silk parachute came flowing out, along with a note from her future father-in-law. He had received the parachute from a pilot and sent it to her from the Pacific Islands for her wedding dress.

World War II created many shortages and rationing was a new experience for Americans. Everything was used for the war effort. Silk was one of the rationed items of the war and wearing a new silk wedding dress was unheard of. No one knows how many silk parachutes found their way home to prospective brides. Paratroopers were told to quickly rid themselves of their parachutes once they dropped behind enemy lines. They often buried them and later they were found by advancing troops on the ground and sent home when they were no longer needed.

Hibbard was thrilled when she opened her package and took the



Dearborn resident Kathy Harrison (left) attended the Mother's Day Tea with her granddaughter Emma Harrison and her mother Veronica Holden, a resident of Oakmont Common.



Pat Hibbard shows off her parachute wedding gown with her daughter Marcia.

parachute to a local bridal store to have her wedding gown created. Her wedding gown has a sweetheart neckline, a fitted bodice and eight-foot train. She was so grateful to the seamstress that she gave her the remaining silk and her dress was displayed in the shop's window for two weeks.

In an effort to get all of the Oakmont moms into the spirit of the tea, all were encouraged to share their wedding pho-

tos, which were then used as centerpieces for the tables. Three vintage gowns, one from 1924 along with the silk parachute dress and 1940s lingerie was displayed. The festivities began with Marie Rumbley, Oakmont activity director, reciting a poem she wrote to honor mothers. Wedding cake and music were provided by D.J. Joe Spiteri. Executive director Madeline Lipinski also planned the event.



Brittney Malewski serves residents Marvella Bonell (left) and Mildred Hall.

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Annual Farm Fest to take place at Maybury Farm

Danielle Alexander
Staff Writer

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 21, Farm Fest will take place at Maybury Farm.

“This is our biggest event of the year, but this year we have more activities than we’ve ever had,” said Jessica Striegle, executive director of Northville Community Foundation.

For a \$4 admission fee (those 2 and under are free), there will be sheep and llama shearing demonstrations, a building workshop with Home Depot, an art project with the Northville Art House, cheese-making with Taste: A Cook’s Place, wool spinning demonstrations, baby animals, garden planting with the Country Garden Club of Northville, face painting, story time and other games and activities for children.

“There will also be hay rides and concessions available for an additional cost,” Striegle said.

Farm Fest is a fundraiser for Maybury Farm. The Farm is a program of the Northville Community Founda-



Visiting the animals, including the newly born ones, is just one of many activities for children at Maybury’s Farm Fest.

tion, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization and receives no tax dollars to operate. This year’s sponsors include Aisin Group, Blackwell Ford, Community Financial Credit Union and the Northville Meijer.

“We rely on these big events in addition to admission fees, donations and sponsors to operate,” Striegle said. “But we do try to keep our prices low, so everyone can enjoy the farm.”

Maybury Farm is at 50165 Eight Mile Road in Northville.

For more information, go to www.northvillecommunityfoundation.org, select the Maybury Farm tab and scroll down to Farm Fest.

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Northville library to host ‘Restoring Public Trust’ conversation

The Northville District Library will host a Community Conversation discussion at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 17. The conversation is presented by the Center for Michigan, a nonprofit, non-partisan organization. The topic is Restoring Public Trust in State Government.

Attendees can express their ideas and opinions about barriers to trusting state government. Topics include government services, the public purse and taxes, and the political system.

The Center for Michigan’s objective with these Community Conversations is to make Michigan a better place by encouraging greater understanding and involvement in policy issues among the state’s citizens and making sure their voices are regularly heard. It does this by regularly calling forth citizen views, amplifying those views and projecting them into the halls of power.

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MILL RACE MATTERS

Mill Race Historical Village is at 215 Griswold Avenue, north of Main Street, near Ford Field. Buildings will re-open 1-4 p.m. Sunday, June 12. Grounds open daily dawn until dusk. Mill Race relies on rentals and memberships to maintain the Village. Consider becoming a member or making a donation today; go to www.millracenorthville.org for details.

Upcoming events

Grounds closed for wedding: 3-5:30 p.m. May 14.

Lecture Series: Sand Dunes, Sawdust & Shipwrecks: Stories from the Sunset Shore: 7 p.m. May 25. No fee. Donations accepted. This lecture sponsored by The Knickerbocker Group of Raymond James. Lecture series sponsored by the Water Wheel Centre.

Members Preview Party: 6-9 p.m. June 10. Become a member today.

General info

Website: www.millracenorthville.org

Volunteers: The Northville Historical Society at Mill Race Village accepts volunteers in many different areas. We are in special need of Sunday store clerks and help with our fundraising teas. Students, we’re happy to verify your volunteer hours with school or scouts. Please contact the office for more information.

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

CITY OF NOVI

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO SERVE ON CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Notice is given that the Novi City Council will be interviewing applicants for appointment to the following Boards & Commissions:

- Beautification Commission
- Housing & Community Development Advisory Committee
- Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Commission
- Planning Commission
- Zoning Board of Appeals

If you are a registered voter and interested in volunteering to serve on a City Board or Commission, information about the various Boards and Commissions is available at cityofnovi.org or at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375, (248) 347-0456.

The deadline for filing an application (available online at cityofnovi.org or at the City Clerk’s office) is Friday, May 27, 2016. Applicants will be contacted by the City Clerk’s Office regarding the date and time of interviews.

Maryanne Cornelius, MMC, City Clerk

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CROCKETT

BARBARA PEARL Of Milford, May 5, 2016. She is survived by her husband of nearly 70 years, Gene; daughters, Carla (John) Booth and Cathy (Marty) Lee; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren, and many dear family members and friends. She was predeceased by her son, David Crockett and grandson, David Booth.

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MAIN

ALFREDA M. age 91, passed away May 8, 2016. She was born October 4, 1924 in Shennandoah, Pennsylvania, daughter of the late John and Veronica Cousins. She enjoyed golfing, traveling and loved to shop for her family and never turned down the chance to visit the casino. Most of all, she took great care of her family whom she loved very much. Alfreda is survived by her daughter, Liane (Larry) Smith; her grandchildren: Helen (Mike) Pfeiffer, Chris (Beth) Smith and Gary Smith; and her great-grandson, Elijah Smith. She was preceded in death by her husband, William Sr. in 2011; her son, William Jr. in 2010; her parents; and two brothers; and one sister. Visitation will be held on Thursday, May 12 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. and Friday, May 13 from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the funeral service at 10:30 a.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. She will be laid to rest beside her husband in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to American Heart Association.

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NICKELS



WILLIAM E. May 4, 2016 Age: 101 Of Northville Beloved husband of the late Winifred J. Dearest father of Robert E. (Carol), Nancy C. (Pat) Dedmon, Jac (Alyce Miller) and the late Gerald D. Arnold. Loving grandfather of Tracy (Mike) D'Avella, Robbie (Col. Shane) Kimbrough and Daniel (Danielle) Nickels. Great-grandfather of Brandon, Kaitlyn, Taylor, and Zack. Visitation was held on Monday, May 9 at 10 -12 noon at the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home Northrop-Sassaman Chapel, 19091 Northville Road (at 7 Mile), followed by a Graveside service at Rural Hill Cemetery. Share a "Memorial Tribute" with the family at griffinfuneralhome.com

ROBINSON

LARRY WAYNE Age 67, of Englewood Florida, passed away at home on December 4, 2015. He is survived by his wife, of 41 years Mary Robinson, daughters Sherri Noder and Carri (Curtis) Forbes, grandchildren Tyler Noder, Curtis Jr Forbes, Mary Jo Forbes, brother Greg (Cathy) Robinson of Milford. A memorial service will be held at the New Hudson Methodist Church at 11:00 a.m. on May 21, 2016 with luncheon to follow. In lieu of flowers, please direct donations to the family.



SMITH DONLEY



ELEANOR Longtime resident of South Lyon, Michigan, died April 9, 2016 at the University of Michigan Hospital, Ann Arbor. She was 98 years old. Eleanor was born on the family farm in Gallen, Michigan on February 19, 1918, the daughter of Bernice B. (Ferguson) and Guy Hathaway Smith. A graduate of Berrien County Normal College, Eleanor taught in a one room school prior to her marriage to Lee O. Donley on May 17, 1941. The couple moved to South Lyon in 1947 after Lee had become a teacher and coach in the South Lyon schools. Lee and Eleanor were married until his death in 1993. The mother of five daughters, Eleanor spent many years working at home prior to returning to the paid work force. She was the first teacher at South Lyon's Cooperative Nursery School. Later, she was the Title VII teacher at Bartlett Elementary in South Lyon. Through her teaching, Eleanor influenced many lives. She was loved by her students, their parents, and her colleagues. Eleanor was active in the South Lyon community. Among other things, she was a room mother, Girl Scout leader, and volunteer for the March of Dimes and for Oakland County's Well Baby Clinic. For years, Eleanor looked in on, telephoned, and chauffeured elderly and disabled South Lyon residents simply to be helpful. Eleanor was a member of the Tuesday Club, a ladies' literary society, for over fifty years. She was a founding member of the South Lyon Historical Society, played an integral role in having the Witch's Hat building dedeed to the City, was a docent at The Witch's Hat Museum, and planted the flowers around it year after year. Eleanor served on the city's Historical Commission. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of South Lyon for nearly seventy years. During that time, Eleanor was a Sunday and Bible School teacher, member and officer of her Circle and of the Women's Association, and served several terms as an elected Church Elder. In 1990, Eleanor was honored by the South Lyon Chamber of Commerce as South Lyon's Volunteer of the Year. Eleanor loved to read, garden and be with people. She accepted people as they were. When you talked with Eleanor, you were listened to and felt yourself the only person in the world. She enjoyed music of all kinds, but especially folk music, which she was into long before the 1960s counter-culture cottoned to it. Eleanor taught herself to play the autoharp so she could play and sing along with people like Pete Seeger and Burl Ives. She enjoyed watching and participating in sports. At forty-five, Eleanor taught her daughter Diane's friends how to turn cartwheels, teaching by example in the middle of her living room. In her eighties, Eleanor took a weight lifting class. She was always ready for fun, and preferred taking a bunch of children to Kensington Park to play over cleaning the house. Eleanor had a great sense of humor, a quick mind, and a ready smile. Throughout her life, she had friends of all ages. She was a prize-winning baker, and simply a lovely person. Eleanor is survived by her daughters, Dr. Diane (Dr. Bradley Evans) of Traverse City, Barbara and Denise of South Lyon, Mary (William Sisson) of Houston, Texas, Lisa (David Green) of Traverse City, and her Youth for Understanding daughter, Carmen (Miguel Arnabal) of New York City; her grandchildren, Lillian Evans (Jason Carnevale) of Brooklyn, New York, Robert Evans in Cameroon with the Peace Corps, and Kristina Green of Boston, Massachusetts; many nieces, nephews, and friends. She will be sorely missed. There will be visitation with Eleanor's family on Thursday, May 26, 2016 from 3 to 7 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home in South Lyon. A celebration of Eleanor's life will take place at First Presbyterian Church of South Lyon on Friday, May 27, 2016 at noon, with visitation one hour before the service. A luncheon will immediately follow. It was Eleanor's hope that she have "a really big funeral, with just lots and lots of people there." Her family will be most grateful if you help to make her wish come true. Please bring a memory of Eleanor to share. Memorial contributions may be made to South Lyon Area Youth Assistance, Reading is Fundamental, or to the charity of your choice.

TEMPLETON

RUBY ELIZABETH BURTON Age 93, passed away November 11, 2015. She was born on December 20, 1921 in Green Oak Township, daughter of the late Samuel and Gertrude (Ragatz) Burton. Ruby grew up in Brighton, MI and graduated from Brighton High School in 1940. She married Arthur (Pete) Templeton in 1942. She raised their children, was a teacher's aide, PTA president, Library board, Girl Scout leader, Methodist Women member, family genealogist, quilt maker, lover of flowers, avid reader, chauffeur, and babysitter of grandchildren. She loved to travel and took numerous trips south and west and even one to Germany. She is survived by her loving children, Sue (Mike) Brown of Highland, MI, Judy Render of Oroville, California, Tom Templeton of Walker, MI, David (Marge) Templeton of Brighton, MI, George (Lennie) Templeton of Acworth, Georgia, Mary Cavanaugh of Daleville, Alabama, and Gary (Bonnie) Templeton of Ann Arbor, MI; grandchildren, Michele Semones, Mike (Connie) Brown, Matt Brown, Melissa (Mike) Zelyez, Mark (Anna) Brown, Duane Render, Jamie (Angel) Render, Derek (Lora) Render, Scott (Angela) Templeton, Darrell (Connie) Templeton, John (Brooke) Templeton, Daniel Templeton, Sean Cavanaugh, Joshua Cavanaugh, Vitas Templeton, Linas Templeton; 35 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren; step-grandchildren, Angela (Allen Phillips) Vandertoom, Heather DeZelia, Erin (Aaron) Posnick; and one brother, Ray Burton of CA. Predeceased by her husband of 51 years Arthur (Pete) Templeton (1994); siblings, Rosemary (Richard) Marriott, Jessie Grundy, Mildred Storms, Sam Burton, Jeanette Burton, and Ralph Burton. Memorial service May 28, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. at the New Hudson Methodist Church, 56730 Grand River Ave., New Hudson, MI. In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to the New Hudson Methodist Church, 56730 Grand River Ave., New Hudson, MI 48165 or Lyon Township Library, 27005 S. Milford Road, South Lyon, MI 48178.

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ZAJAC



DAVID M. A resident of Brighton and owner of Advanced Trim, passed away peacefully on April 22, 2016 after a valiant battle with cancer. He was 45 years old. He is survived by his beloved wife, Rhonda; two children, Hannah and Hunter; his parents, Terry and Sue; grandmother, Pat Zajac, and many dear extended family members and friends, including his faithful canine companion, Zeukie. He was preceded in death by grandparents, Paul Zajac and Frank and Dorothy Suchyta. Visitation was held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Milford. A Funeral Mass was held at Church of the Holy Spirit, Highland. Burial Highland Cemetery.



Area seminar addresses active shooter preparation

David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Livonia Police Chief Curtis Caid knows it's important to be prepared for the slight chance of a mass shooting. Not just law enforcement, but many other jobs across Livonia.

"Being as prepared as we can be in every discipline. That's the big thing here. This isn't geared just at police or fire or any specific responsibility," he said. "This is geared toward getting all of us on the same page, learning from the incidents that have happened in the past and determining what we can do better, should a tragedy like this ever occur in our city."

That's why Caid and about 130 others attended a seminar put on by North Carolina-based Threat Suppression Inc., led by Charlotte resident Michael Clumpner, who researches active shooter incidents and does presentations on the topic around the globe.

The all-day seminar, held last week at Livonia's St. Mary Mercy Hospital, saw police, firefighters, elected officials and even library directors from various communities in the region. Firefighters from Livonia, Northville Township, Novi and Milford, among other communities, were in the audience.

The presentation showcased some history of mass violence in the



DAVID VESELENAK

Michael Clumpner of Charlotte, N.C., speaks to about 130 people last week at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia on active shooter research and how to prepare.

U.S., touching on events such as the Columbine High School shootings, the Newtown, Conn., school shooting, as well as the deadliest school attack in U.S. history, the 1927 Bath school bombing that took place north of Lansing, where 45 people died.

Clumpner said he's given his presentation in Australia, New Zealand, the Middle East and across the U.S. Attendees all have varied responses to the content of his presentation, he said, with some overseas not understanding how mass shootings become such a frequent affair in the U.S.

"In the last two years, I've trained 40,000 responders," he said. "I've trained on four continents."

A big piece he wanted attendees to take back is

that these types of major events don't typically play out in bigger cities such as Detroit. The vast majority happen in communities the size of Livonia and smaller. That's why training and knowing how to handle a major situation, especially across departments, is important.

"Active shooters are not a big-city problem. They're not. Ninety-eight percent of all active shooter events in the United States have happened in a jurisdiction where the police department has 100 or fewer police officers," he said. "These event happen in small communities. They happen here."

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Criminal justice reform among bills introduced last week in Lansing

Kathleen Gray
Michigan.com

The subject of reforming the criminal justice system has been a significant topic of debate for several years now and the state Senate weighed in last week, introducing a package of 20 bills aimed at lowering recidivism rates and reforming parole guidelines.

The package would reduce prison time for parolees who have committed technical violations of their probation; provide incentives for parole officers to help keep parolees out of prison; create a "Swift and Sure" court to deal with parole violators; allow judges to shorten sentences because of an inmate's good behavior in prison; add a program tailored to young offenders; create a "county bed" program for counties willing to take low-risk felony offenders in county jails, rather than state prisons.

Other bills introduced in the last week:

House bills

HB 5617: Include second-degree child abuse in the felony murder statute. Sponsor: Rep. Pam Faris, D-Clio.

HB 5618-5622: Revise requirements and procedures for suspension or expulsion of students and require public school officials to consider the use of restorative justice measures. Sponsors: Reps. Andy Schor, D-Lansing; Al Pscholka, R-Stevensville; Adam Zemke, D-Ann Arbor; Lisa Lyons, R-Alto; Thomas Hooker, R-Byron Center.

HB 5623-5625: Prohibit the inclusion of health care service as a covered benefit if required co-payment exceeds a certain amount. Sponsors: Reps. Mike Callton, R-Nashville; Brad Jacobsen, R-Oxford; Henry Yanez, D-Sterling Heights.

HB 5626-5629: Prohibit and provide criminal

charges and penalties for the advertising, solicitation or recruiting of a prospective biological or adoptive parents to participate in the transfer of a child. Sponsors: Rep. Thomas Hooker, R-Byron Center; Hank Vaupel, R-Handy Township; Mike McCready, R-Birmingham.

HB 5630: Increase funding for firefighter training. Sponsor: Rep. Holly Hughes, R-White River Township.

HB 5631: Modify the allowable uses for the state's forest development fund. Sponsor: Rep. Al Pscholka, R-Stevensville.

HB 5632: Reduce the amount of money independent committees are allowed to give to candidate campaigns. Sponsor: Rep. Martin Howrylak, R-Troy.

Senate bills

SB 930-931: Prohibit and provide penalties for leaving an animal unattended in a motor vehicle. Sponsors: Sens. Curtis Hertel, D-East Lansing; Rick Jones, R-Grand Ledge.

SB 932-941 and 947-949: Make reforms in criminal justice by creating the Parole Sanctions Certainty Act; modify penalties for probationers who commit technical violations, allowing for the reduction in the term of probation; require evidence-based supervision practices; require quarterly reports on criminal justice statistics; expedite review and hearing process for commutations if requested by the governor. Sponsors: Sens. John Proos, R-St. Joseph; Rick Jones, R-Grand Ledge; Mike Shirley, R-Clarklake; Judy Emmons, R-Sheridan; Marty Knollenberg, R-Troy; Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton; Mike Nofs, R-Battle Creek; David Robertson, R-Grand Blanc.

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Julie Yolles
SOCIAL SCENE

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**Paulette
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GUEST
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Novi is part of two different watershed areas that drain into the Rouge and Huron rivers and, eventually, into Lake Erie. Our watersheds include natural lakes and streams and man-made drainage systems, like storm sewers. Rainwater that falls on lawns, hard surfaces such as driveways and sidewalks creates runoff that can carry potentially harmful fertilizers and other pollutants into our lakes, streams and drainage system, directly affecting the local water systems.

Phosphorus has long been one of the most troublesome pollutants carried by runoff to Michigan surface waters, causing toxic levels of algae blooms, thus reducing oxygen needed for healthy aquatic life. Consequently, a state law was passed in 2012 restricting phosphorus in lawn fertilizers.

By following these practices, or hiring a service company that does, you can contribute to keeping our water clean:

- » Use phosphorus-free, slow-release nitrogen fertilizers – the middle number on the bag should be 0. The other two numbers indicate nitrogen and potassium content.
- » Fertilize sparingly and carefully – only apply fertilizer between May 1 and Nov. 15, not more than once every six weeks or more than five times during any calendar year. Use herbicides only where needed. Avoid weed-and-feed combination products.
- » Mow high – three inches is recommended to promote root growth, shade out weeds and requires less watering. A mulching blade also recycles clipping back into the soil, reducing the need for fertilizer by 25 percent to 33 percent.
- » Sweep it – fertilizer and grass clippings will easily wash into storm drains. Clean organic matter from streets and gutters.
- » Make fertilizer-free zones – apply fertilizer at least 20 feet away from the edge of natural water bodies or storm drains.

Paulette Alioa is a consultant and member of Sustainable Novi, a community-focused organization that builds local partnerships and spreads awareness about environmentally responsible practices that aim to reduce the burden on our natural resources, improve our public health and enhance quality of life. Group members will share occasional columns on sustainability. Go to www.facebook.com/sustainablenovi to learn more.



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OUR VIEW

Congratulations, Academic All-Stars!

The 2016 Observer & Eccentric Academic All-Star Team represents the most accomplished students from public, private and parochial schools in Oakland and western Wayne counties.

This year's team has 27 students to mark the 31st year of the All-Star program. Ten team members posted 4.0 grade-point averages in high school and perfect ACT and/or SAT scores.

Another 15 students are honorable mention and their scores are separated in most cases by a mere fraction of a point. They, too, merit praise.

On Sunday, May 8 (Mother's Day), the Observer & Eccentric will publish, in cooperation with Madonna University, our longtime major sponsor, a special section that showcases these outstanding students

Based in Livonia, Madonna is committed to teaching, scholarship and service.

Other community partners include Community Alliance Credit Union, a section sponsor, and Parkside Credit Union, the essay sponsor. One lucky all-star will win a \$500 scholarship for an award-winning essay to be announced at the All-Star Awards Ceremony on May 15 at Madonna University.

The all-stars and runners up are smart, ambitious, caring and have high praise for the teachers who have made an impact on their lives. Take time to read about how involved these teens are and what they hope to accomplish in the future. We are proud of them and

you will be, too. They are examples of the good things happening in our local schools and communities today.

Judging the team were Dan Willenborg, principal of Livonia Franklin High School, and Charlie Hollerith, principal of Bloomfield Hills High School. Both have been part of the program for more than a decade. The All-Star Team is selected solely on academic achievement in academic subjects and SAT or ACT test scores.

The 2016 team includes:

» The 10 students who tied for the No. 1 ranking (in alphabetical order) are: Yannis Bi, Northville High School; James Jahns, Churchill High School; Ean Maloney, Catholic Cenrtal High School; Zachary Obsniuk, Churchill High School; Jason Ren, Canton High School; Elizabeth Sullivan, North Farmington High School; Sreeram Thirupathi, North Farmington High School; Claire Wang, Country Day School; Claire Westerlund, Groves High School; and Zhao (Joe) Zhang, Country Day School.

» The remaining members are (in order of finish): Anjali Roychowdhury, Cranbrook Kingswood; Sruthi Sundar, Plymouth High School; Sam Inloes, Cranbrook Kingswood; Jarrett Black, Bloomfield Hills High School; Paul Chamberlain, Plymouth Christian Academy; John Dolan, Groves High School; Hugh Flynn, Brother Rice High School; Jhuree Hong,

Bloomfield Hills High School; Margaret Kondek, Harrison High School; Benjamin Levin, International Academy; Alexandra Mertz, Marian High School; Katherine Robertson, Northville High School; Shriharimurthi Bhaskaramurthi, Farmington High School; Daniel Evans, Seaholm High School; Zain Khera, Canton High School; Bogdan Manga, International Academy; and Riley North, Brother Rice High School.

The local students earning honorable mention include:

» Birmingham: Andrew Reed, Roeper School; Natalie Leitman, Seaholm High School; Jacob Flynn, Roeper School.

» Farmington: Lucy Devine, Mercy High School; Caitlin Delevie, Mercy High School; Pragathi Pathanjeli, Harrison High School; Dipika Krishnaswami, Farmington High School.

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» Plymouth: Swetha Duraiswamy, Plymouth High School.

» Westland: Jillian Matasovsky, Lutheran High School; Bethany Hoehne, Lutheran High School.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Board caved in

Thank you so much for printing Jon Wilkes response to the School Board's Decision regarding the Toni Morrison book, "The Bluest Eye." He took the words right out of my mouth. This book has nothing to do with academic excellence or good preparation. I am very sorry that our school board here in Northville caved in so easily. This type of book

has no place in our public schools.

Carol Maynard
Northville

Need a plan

What all of a sudden generated this interest in repairing the roads of Northville Colony Estates Subdivisions 3, 4 and 5 by the Wayne County Road Commission?

For years Wayne County placed our subdivision roads on the

back burner and stated many times that they have much higher-priority areas needing repair. Even as late as our homeowners association meeting of April 20, nothing was mentioned. In attendance were our Wayne County Commissioner Terry Marecki and our Northville Township Public Services Director Thomas Casari, who were evidently unaware of Wayne County Executive Warren Evans' priorities regarding Wayne County's road expenditures in our subdivisions.

This change of priorities and the fact that work has already started in Northville Colony 1 & 2 as of today is most interesting. None of this information was announced in Wayne County's plans regarding its \$30 million expenditure for roads. I ask, do you have any idea who was influential in having our subdivision road repairs started by Wayne County? Will this mean our priorities and budget for road repairs in our Colony is on hold? Will this also mean that the funds will be returned to the homeowners, or redirected toward another priority needing attention? This, however, would require the vote of our homeowners.

This is absolutely good news. Someone is responsible and influential in assisting us with our roads. We and other surrounding subdivisions have taken it upon ourselves to get homeowner

approval to repair our own roads since we were told absolutely that Wayne County was not going to allocate funds for our subdivisions' road repairs. Your information, if you have any on the person or persons who made this happen, should be made known to the homeowners and announced in our homeowners newsletter.

Regarding the Six Mile Road project, Wayne County announced, and we were told by Terry Marecki and Thomas Casari that reconstruction of Six Mile between Haggerty and Northville would take place in 2016. The expected start and completion was not announced to us. The course of action taken by

stating westbound Six Mile traffic for the entire project will remain open, and the eastbound traffic will be detoured for the entire project is extremely important to all residents in our Northville Township subdivisions that will be affected. Wayne County must have set some very important traffic priorities for this area.

Items of vital importance for the safety and access to our subdivisions should be clarified. Will the westbound Six Mile Road be prioritized by access only to subdivision residents? This is vital to our subdivisions on the north side of Six Mile.

Ronald J. Pawlak
Northville Colony Estates



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Fewer than 3,000 were ever built, but enthusiasts still call it “the quickest truck ever built.” This month, at the same public auction where bargain hunters expect used TVs and high-mileage cop cars, a rare 1991 GMC Syclone pickup will go on the block with just 13,242 miles on the odometer. It’s to be auctioned by Oakland County officials at their annual sale this month, alongside another hot, low-mileage vehicle: a classic 1980 Chevrolet Camaro Z-28, in white with red stripes, a Corvette engine and less than 11,000 miles. Both should be almost immaculate, after both were primed for parades and used for years in a county drug prevention program called D.A.R.E. Both are likely to draw bids from those hoping to cruise this summer in the Woodward Dream Cruise. The ultra-rare ‘91 Syclone is still acclaimed as the “quickest” stock pickup ever built, according to enthusiasts who own, trade, blog about and race the rare breed of truck. Its name is a variant of “cyclone” to avoid copying the 1964-71 Mercury Cyclone muscle cars. General Motors made trainloads of ‘80 Camaros, but only 2,995 of the 1991 Syclone — and a piddling three of the ‘92s — before discontinuing the model, said Jim Vehko, a researcher at the General Motors Heritage Center in Sterling Heights. “It was really just a one-year vehicle — all-wheel drive with a 4.3-liter turbo V-6,” Vehko said. “It did zero to 60 in 5.3 seconds. So even today, it



OAKLAND COUNTY GOVERNMENT
This ultra-rare 1991 GMC Syclone pickup will be auctioned May 21 in Pontiac. “It did zero to 60 in 5.3 seconds. So even today, it would be considered quick” — a term referring to fast acceleration, not top speed, said Jim Vehko, a researcher at GM Heritage Center.

would be considered quick” — a term referring to fast acceleration, not top speed, he said. The Heritage Center, a corporate conference center that’s not open to the public, has a ‘91 in its collection, he said. The two collector vehicles had been in the fleet of the Oakland County Sheriff’s Office, county officials said. The Camaro was seized in a drug raid years ago before becoming a D.A.R.E. car, officials said. The Syclone was donated to the sheriff’s office by General Motors in 2001 after it was stolen from the car maker, then recovered by county deputies, officials said. They had no further details. More history came from the Michigan Association of Syclones and Typhoons, whose online forum lists posts by enthusiasts who have long been eying Oakland County’s Syclone. “Whenever we see one of these vehicles we’ve been keeping track of, we call it a storm sighting” — as in cyclone and typhoon, said the group’s founder and president, Tony Pellegrini, 35, of Brighton. Dozens of 1980 Camaros are listed for sale on

the Internet, at prices from \$6,500 to \$33,000, but the Syclone is hard to price because almost none are for sale. This one might well go for more than \$30,000, depending on condition, Pellegrini said. Along with the two muscular GM vehicles, the Oakland County auction will sell dozens of former police cars and county utility vehicles, plus a boat with no engine, two mountain bikes, a pair of Ralph Lauren boots and a long list of computers, large-screen TVs and some nice-looking coffee makers. For details, call 248-858-1015 or go to www.oakgov.com/auction. There’s free admission to the Oakland County auction May 21, at the county garage, Building 16E, 1200 N. Telegraph, in Pontiac. Registration is at 7 a.m., the auction starts at 9 a.m. and the vehicles go on the block at noon. “The bidding process is fun by itself,” said Dave VanderVeen, Oakland County director of central services, which stages the annual auctions. “Of course, the county benefits. The last few years, we’ve been grossing about a million dollars a year.”

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Male chorus hits the right notes with new student program

Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Trevor Franklin was “blown away” by the power of an all-male choir the first time he heard the Langsford Men’s Chorus sing.

“At our school, we only have mixed choirs consisting of the usual soprano, alto, tenor, bass groups. It was an intriguing thought to be able to sing with only men, as I had never heard an all-male choir in real life before,” said Franklin, a senior at Farmington High School. “My choir director encouraged me to at least sit in on one of LMC’s rehearsals and hear them sing.

“After that, I was hooked on the idea of joining. The next week, I auditioned for the choir and the rest is history!”

Franklin and three other high school students are finishing a



Franklin Firestone

four-month scholarship program with the 60-member, all-male vocal group. He and Farmington High School junior Dakota Firestone, Cornerstone School senior Barry Gilmore of Detroit and Alex Yang, a Warren Cousino High School sophomore, will sing with the Langsford Men’s Chorus at “An American Choral Celebration” spring concert series, beginning this weekend.

Performances are 8 p.m. Friday, May 13, at Royal Oak Middle School, 709 N. Washington Ave., Royal Oak; 4 p.m. Sunday, May 15, at St. James Catholic Church, 26325 10

Mile, Novi; and 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 17, at St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church, 21201 E. 13 Mile, St. Clair Shores. Tickets are \$15 at the door or \$12 in advance. They’re available at langsfordmenschorus.org or by calling C.J. Reynolds at 586-202-1280.

Singer-songwriter Paul Miles, “the Blues Man,” will be the special guest artist. The concert will include classical and contemporary songs that celebrate the history and heritage of America.

“There are very few men’s choruses in the area. I think that is an attraction,” Paul Hunter, chorus secretary, said in explaining what sets the group apart from other choirs. “I think it’s a quality chorus, as evidenced by our performances internationally.”

A handful of Wayne State University Men’s Glee Club alumni found-

ed the chorus in 1999, naming it after the Glee Club’s late director, Harry M. Langsford. Today, members live in communities throughout southeast Michigan and bring a mix of choral music experiences to the group. It rehearses at the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Birmingham under the direction of Steve Se-Graves.

Youthful members

Gary Reggio, former chorus president, said the fledgling scholarship program aims to introduce young men to the group.

“We like the infusion of young voices,” Reggio said. “One way to stimulate interest and reward those in high school (vocal music programs) is to offer a scholarship. It affords these young men

the opportunity to sing with a male chorus and we provide them with professional voice lessons. We pay for their choral-related expenses.”

After a pilot program last year that included one student, the chorus applied for a matching grant through Michigan Council For Arts And Cultural Affairs. It received \$3,000 and kicked in \$3,000 of its own money to bring Franklin and the other students on board in February. They were recommended by their vocal music teachers.

“Next month, we’re submitting for next year and asking for \$6,000,” Hunter said. “I’m hopeful of attracting four students for fall and four for the spring semester.”

“The chorus members really like to have the

high school men with them. They help them and much of what is learned in rehearsal is not only from the conductor, but from chorus members singing around them.”

In a statement written for the upcoming grant application, Firestone said singing with the chorus had been “life-changing.”

“The men in this choir have taught me so much, from singing technique to plain old kindness,” he wrote.

“I’ve had a fantastic time at LMC despite the obvious age differences,” Franklin said, adding that he would consider joining the group in the future.

For more about the Langsford Men’s Chorus, go to langsfordmenschorus.org

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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Blood drives
Time/Date: 7:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 12
Details: NLB Corp., 29830 Beck Road, Wixom
Time/Date: 7:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. May 15
Details: First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile Road, Northville

Rummage, bake sale
Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 12-14
Details: Rummage & Bake Sale at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Novi. Located on corner of 10 Mile and Napier roads. Proceeds go to the church building fund.

Natural health seminar
Time/Date: Noon and 2 p.m. Saturday, May 14
Details: Better Health Market welcomes New York Times best-selling author, motivational speaker, television personality and respected natural health expert Jordan Rubin for free health seminars. Rubin will be speaking about his newest book “Planet Heal Thyself,” which contains information on how to start a revolution of regeneration in the areas of health and nutrition, sustainable agriculture and food production, as well as how to dramatically improve digestion and jump-start your metabolism. He will provide simple steps on how one can improve their health, viability and future of our planet.
Attendees will receive a personal copy of Rubin’s book for free while supplies last. Better Health Market offers a wide selection of natural and organic food, 42875 Grand River Ave., Novi.

Talk bones and joints
Time/Date: 6-7 p.m. Tuesday, May 17
Details: Arthritis is the nation’s No. 1 cause of disability. Join in with Providence Park Hospital staff to learn about bone and joint issues, with a focus on the shoulder joint. Presented by Mark Shreve, M.D., free at the Providence Park Hospital-Southfield Campus, Fisher Auditorium. Register by calling 888-751-5465.

Battle of the Badges blood drive
Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, May 18
Details: The Novi Police and Fire departments face off in the annual Battle of the Badges Blood Drive to benefit the American Red Cross. At the Novi Civic Center, 45175 10 Mile Road, this friendly competition allows donors to choose which agency they want to donate blood for – Novi Police or Novi Fire – prior to their donation.
The two departments have been hosting this biannual blood drive since 2012 and assisted the American Red Cross in collecting 141 pints of blood, which has the capacity to help up to 423 patients. To donate blood, donors must be at least 17 years old, be in good health and weigh at least 110 pounds. Donors should register online at redcrossblood.org using the code “Novi.”

Walk4Hearing
Time/Date: 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 21
Details: Hearing Loss Association will host a 5K walk to raise awareness and provide funds for the programs of the Hearing Loss Association of America including Michigan’s state and local affiliates. These programs provide information, education, advocacy and support to people coping

Movin’ on up



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Using her arms to work muscles, Kim Chilton teaches a Keep on Moving exercise class at the Meadowbrook Activity Center. The class is coordinated by Novi’s Older Adult Services office.



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Loren Colwell (left) and others join in April 27 on a Keep on Moving exercise class at the Meadowbrook Activity Center. The class, designed for active seniors looking to maintain strength and agility, is taught two days a week in the morning by Kim Chilton.

with the challenges of hearing loss and those who work, live, or otherwise interact with them.
There will be light refreshments, face painting, a DJ providing music and bubble machine, a bounce house and art activity for children, and, of course, the beautiful park to enjoy. People may form teams, walk individually, donate to support this cause or just come to enjoy the event. At the west boat dock of Kensington Metropark in Milford.
For more information, go to www.walk4hearing.org or contact Barb (bquart@hearingloss-mi.org), Tony (afe-rack@hearingloss-mi.org) or Audrey (audreypleasant@gmail.com).

Summer camp
Time/Date: 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, June 27, to Friday, Aug. 19
Details: Registration for Novi Community Education’s Summer Camp (formerly C.A.R.E.) is now open for all children ages preschool to eighth grade. New this year it the program now offers weekly scheduling. Students will

be placed in age appropriate groups. Children will participate in weekly field trips, arts and crafts and engage in new activities and experiences.

Children are to bring a sack lunch and drink. Snacks provided. This year’s location will be at Deerfield Elementary School at 26500 Wixom

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BOYS LACROSSE

Brother Rice fends off stiff challenge from Shamrocks

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Birmingham Brother Rice remains a tough nut to crack when it comes to boys lacrosse. The top-ranked Warriors, 11-time defending MHSAA Division 1 state champions, could not be solved by No. 2 Novi Detroit Catholic Central, which had a 4-3 lead with 6:47 left in the third quarter. Rice then went on an 8-0 run before the host Shamrocks could answer, resulting in an 11-5 victory May 3 for the Warriors, who improved to 12-1 overall and 4-0 in the Catholic

League. Senior attack Morgan Macko had a team-high four goals, including three in the final quarter, to put Rice over the top. “We train for this kind of stuff, close games at halftime,” Macko said. “We got a fiery speech from the captains and coaches and we just really wanted it that second half. CC is a huge rival and that fired an extra spark, too.” The Shamrocks were out-shot 29-12 during the first half, but trailed only 2-1 thanks to 11 saves by senior goalie Hunter Braun. Brennan Kamish had

the lone goal for CC from Cole Gingell, while Riley North and Jack Kelly both scored a goal for Rice. “That goalie played a ridiculous game,” Macko said of Braun. “Hats off to him. Once I think we started pumping them in, he kind broke down a little bit and didn’t know where we were going with the shot placement, so that really helped out a lot.” CC (11-3), which had its eight-game winning streak snapped, stayed close in the third quarter on goals by Nich-

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SCOTT CONFER

Catholic Central’s Justin Baker (right) tries to avoid Brother Rice’s Matthew Murray.

GIRLS SOCCER

MUSTANGS EVEN SCORE AGAINST RIVAL NOVI



CHRIS HENZI

Novi’s Lauren Calhoun (left) tries to maneuver past Northville’s Megan Williams.

Dillon’s late goal makes KLAA Central race a dead heat

Tom Morelli
Correspondent

Keeping your head in the game is a lesson athletes learn at the start of their career. It’s a frequently-used cliché among coaches that serves a specific purpose – don’t let the score affect the way you play. Northville forward Kendall Dillon decided to put her own spin on that timeless one-liner May 3 by sacrificing her

head to knock in the game-winning goal during the 76th minute to clinch a 3-2 decision over Novi in girls soccer. After dealing with some soreness prior to the start of the game, it’s safe to say that the reward of Dillon finishing off a free kick volley from Megan Williams with just minutes to spare outweighed the risk as it tied the Mustangs (6-5-2 overall, 4-1-1) with the Wildcats for the lead atop the KLAA Central Division. “I recognized that no one was marking me at the back post and Megan’s lob

happened to be perfect, so I just headed it in,” said Dillon, a sophomore. “You have to endure the pain to win the game.” Northville coach Eric Brucker was proud of the late-game contribution from Dillon. “Kendall’s a spirited player and has a heart for the game and the spirit for competition,” Brucker said. “It’s great to see kids like that be rewarded with a

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GIRLS LACROSSE

Mustangs repeat as champs

Freshman attack duo Wasik, Tardich lead win

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Northville put an exclamation point on its second straight KLAA Kensington Conference girls lacrosse title with a 21-1 win Monday over host Canton. The Mustangs, featuring only three seniors, improved to 5-0 in conference play and 11-2 overall. “This is a great accomplishment for our team,” second-year Northville Amanda Asher said. “The turnaround in our program started with last year’s (13) seniors and, with so many of them graduating, you never know who is going to step up to fill that leadership void.” “My three seniors this year – Erin Scott, Kelly Leary and Shannon Leary – have been great leaders for us, along with Sarah Chase and Emma Dietrich, who are also captains for us as juniors. And all of the underclassmen have followed their lead.” Two freshman attackers led the offensive assault against Canton as Kendall Wasik had four goals and five assists, while Jessica Tardich added five goals. Also getting into the scoring act for the Mustangs were junior Charlotte Beaudoin (three goals); junior Sarah Chase (two goals, one assist); Scott (two goals); junior Emma Dietrich (two goals, two assists); sophomore Ally Blough (one goal one assist); sophomore Gillian Croteau (one goal, one assist); and sophomore Brianna Carr (one goal). Juniors Maddie Caffee and Kat Weissert split the game in net for Northville, combining for three saves. Katja Nuler scored the lone goal for the Chiefs (1-14, 0-6). Northville earned a spot in the KLAA Association championship game beginning at 7 p.m. Monday at Tom Holzer Field against the Lake Conference champion (most likely Brighton). “We have a young team,

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BOYS LACROSSE

Mustangs' offense clicks in victory over Canton

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Northville moved into a first-place tie in the KLAA Kensington Conference with a 12-5 win Monday over Canton at Tom Holzer Field.

Connor Sweeney had four goals and one assist, while Zach Tardich added three goals and an assist for the Mustangs, who improved to 8-5 overall and 4-1 in the conference.

"It was a sign that we are starting to understand our offense and the looks that we get out of it," Northville coach Greg Durham said. "Connor Sweeney had a great game, as did Josh (Bentley) at both ends of the field, clearing the ball successfully several times. Harry (Dyson) had some great dodges and helped create opportunities, as did Brendan Hicks. (Zach) Tardich finished well tonight with his three goals."

Other offensive contributions for the Mustangs came from Josh Bentley (two goals,



Northville's Brendan Hicks (left) winds up for a shot with Canton's Ben Phillips in pursuit.

STEPHANIE JANCZAK

one assist), Harry Dyson (two goals), Anthony Salamone (one goal) and Brendan Hicks (one assist).

Spencer Gonda and Max Schulz combined to win seven

out of 20 face-offs.

"The offense finally broke out tonight," Durham said. "After we led the first half 5-1, we told the boys not to let Canton get back in this game, as

they are a solid team. On our first offensive possessions in the second half, we had the ball for three to five minutes with six or seven shots, finally getting a goal. It was the first time

all year we did that."

Meanwhile, Max Williams came up with five ground balls.

"The defense played really well and set the tone in the game," Durham said. "Kyle Condino was an animal at long stick midfielder and continues to have a great season. Connor Wright had three takeaways and, overall, the defense did great with their team defense."

Goalies Jeff Varner and Vaughn Browder combined for nine saves on 14 shots on goal.

"Varner was great tonight as well. I thought he did great on clearing and did not play as a freshman," Durham said. "He is really maturing this season and it shows every game. I'm very proud of the boys tonight. It was a true team effort. We look forward to the rest of the season."

The loss, Canton's second straight, dropped the Chiefs to 13-2 overall and 4-1 in the Kensington Conference.

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olas Capatina, Gingell (from Rocco Mularoni) and Mularoni (unassisted to make it 4-3 with 6:47 left).

But the Warriors ended the quarter ahead 6-4 on goals by Jack Kelly (unassisted), Daniel Reaume (from Kelly) and Reaume again just before the buzzer sounded.

"That's what started it," CC coach Dave Wilson said of Reaume's goal. "I don't know what was in their minds from there. I think we could have handled that, but we didn't have the ball. And when you keep giving them the ball, they're going to score. It's just an eventuality. You can't hold them off forever."

Rice then scored the first five goals of the final quarter, with Macko getting three and one each by James Scane and North (from Brian Cosgrove) before Mularoni answered with CC's final goal with only 2:59 remaining.

"We come in at halftime and, knowing the stats, knowing we had 31 shots and they had 11 saves, we knew the ball was going to fall," third-year Rice coach Ajay Chawla said. "Sooner or later, it's got to go. The shots are going to go in."

"And Morgan Macko, for whatever reason, he's got CC's number. We've played them a number of times in the last



Catholic Central's Rocco Mularoni (left) gets checked by Brother Rice's Carson Cochran.

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three years that Morgan started for us. And I don't know how many goals he has against CC, but for some reason he found his shot the second half and really started to light it up."

Rice's dominance showed up in the final shot total (52-31).

"When we run our team offense, we're a very efficient group, but there are days where we don't do that and it shows up," Wilson said. "It's all about the team. Out of 48 minutes, I guess (Rice) had the ball for, geez, 38 to 40 minutes."

Braun, meanwhile, was "one tough nut" himself for three quarters as he stymied the Warriors.

"He had an amazing first half," Wilson said. "And then I was telling my assistant, 'I

don't know how a goalie stacks a second half on top of that first half. I don't know if it's humanly impossible.' We knew some of them were going to go in. It's hard to play a game lights-out like that, but it was part of the reason why it was 2-1."

Meanwhile, it's back to the drawing board for the two-time state runner-up Shamrocks, who slipped to 3-1 in the league.

And from Wilson's perspective, one thing has to happen in the potential rematch against Rice, whether it's in the Catholic League playoffs or in the state tournament.

"We need the ball," he said.

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BOYS LACROSSE

Novi comeback falls short against Canton

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It's already the best boys lacrosse season in Canton history, but the undefeated Chiefs are far from achieving any of their goals.

Novi came into the KLAA Kensington Conference encounter with a six-game winning streak, but the Chiefs made the Wildcats their 13th straight victim with an 11-8 win Friday at Plymouth High School.

"I knew we were going to have a good team coming into the season," Canton coach Fred Karam said. "I knew we had an opportunity to compete for the KLAA this year. I'm a little surprised we're undefeated so far, but not too much. We've got the players. They play together as a team and I think we've peaked at the right time."

It was the closest game of the year for the Chiefs since a season-opening 12-9 triumph April 11 over Tecumseh. Eight of Canton's 13 wins this season have been by double digits.

The Chiefs, who led 6-1 at halftime and 9-2 after three quarters, were led by junior attack Drew Montgomery, who finished with four goals and one assist.

"The first three periods, we played well," said Karam, whose team improved to 3-0 in the conference. "Our game is a possession game. In the fourth (quarter), what started it off, we had a penalty for three minutes on an unreleaseable and that kind of threw us a little bit. We didn't have possession."

Novi (6-6, 2-1) got three fourth-quarter goals from junior attack Anthony Zugaro and one each from Griffin Sparling, who finished the night with three goals and one assist, Ian Patterson and Chase Sparling.

It was Zugaro's unassisted goal with only 53.6 seconds left that cut the deficit to 11-8, but the Wildcats simply ran out of time.

"We've sort of been a second-half team all season when we faced top-level teams and this game was no different," first-year Novi coach Chris Johnson said. "It was just unfortunate we found our spark a little too late. If it happened a little bit sooner or there was more time on the clock, it's a differ-



TONY PASHIGIAN

Novi's Anthony Zugaro (right) battles Canton's Kumar Johnson.

ent result."

Chase Sparling, a sophomore face-off specialist, won a majority of his draws in the final quarter to help the Wildcats maintain possession.

"Chase really showed today that he's one of the top face-off guys in the state and he's only gotten better throughout the season," Johnson said. "He just fought, fought and fought the whole game right up until the end. We just ran out of clock."

The trump card for Canton may have been the play of burly senior goalie Trevor Stahl, who repeatedly came up with critical saves throughout the night.

"He's not the prototype but, man, especially in the first half, he was great," Johnson said. "I think we ended up shooting the ball into him a little bit. He made some huge saves and kind of stood on his head most of the game."

Novi, which dropped its first five matches of the season before winning six in a row, suffered its first setback since April 23 against Troy Athens, 12-7.

"You're always disappointed when you lose," Johnson said. "But with the roll we were on, we had something coming into this game that would keep it going. The challenge and the key is going to be refocusing and getting over the finish line for the end of the season."

NOVI 14, FLINT POWERS 7: Anthony Zugaro scored four goals and added two assists May 4 as the host Wildcats (6-5) won their sixth straight with a non-conference win over Flint Powers Catholic (5-8).

Others with four-point nights for Novi included Griffin Sparling (three goals, one assist); Chase Sparling (two goals, one assist); and Mike Leone (one goal, three assists).

Ian Patterson also added two goals, while Nayan Makim and Landon Green contributed one each. Scott Latham and Brendan Daschke also drew assists.

Novi goalie Peter Miner made 11 saves.



PAUL SHEPPARD

The Northville girls lacrosse team repeated as Kensington Conference champs.

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but the girls work so hard and play so well together," Asher said. "It has been great watching them grow this year and, hopefully, we have more still ahead of us, but to get to this point – winning a conference championship – takes a lot of

sacrifice and my girls have put in the time and deserve to enjoy this one."

NORTHVILLE 16, COUNTRY DAY 4: A steady rain couldn't put a damper on the non-conference victory May 4 as the Mustangs (10-2) downed visiting Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day (1-7). "Our girls really played a complete game tonight," Northville coach Amanda Asher said. "We were coming off of an emotional win on Monday (9-8 over South Lyon) and sometimes you can have a little letdown after a game like that, but we got locked in and everyone contributed. We have a nice streak going on right now and we're going to keep working hard to build on it."

It was the sixth victory in a row for Northville, which jumped out to a 10-3 halftime advantage thanks to junior Sarah Chase consistently winning draw controls.

Emma Dietrich led Northville with five goals, while Charlotte Beaudoin and Kendall Wasik both added three.

Erin Scott chipped in two goals and two assists, while Ally Blough collected a goal and assist. Other goals came from Jessica Tardich and Gillian Croteau, while Chase had an assist.

Northville's defense was sparked by senior Kelly Leary and sophomore Stacie Shaw, both of whom caused two turnovers.

Junior goalie Maddie Caffee made four saves. Emile Ascione scored two goals, while Noreen Khan and Kate Holman each added one for the Yellowjackets.

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GIRLS SOCCER ROUNDUP

Wildcats settle for 3-3 deadlock against Salem

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Salem erased a two-goal deficit in the final 20 minutes to earn a 3-3 tie with host Novi, which now finds itself one point out of first place in the KLAA Central Division girls soccer race. The Wildcats, 5-1-5 overall and 4-1-2 in the KLAA Central (15 points), trail division leader Northville by a point with three matches remaining. It was the second straight tie between Novi and the Rocks, who stand 3-4-4 overall and 1-3-3 in the Central. The Rocks took an early 1-0 lead on Sarah Hawks' goal from Katie Coleman, but Novi answered with a pair of goals to take a 2-1 halftime advantage. Chloe Allen scored from Jessie Halmaghi to make it 1-1, followed by Katrina Koomen's goal, assisted by Julia Stadtherr. Salem goalkeeper Kyler Brandt, who

made 10 saves, including a PK. But the Wildcats went up 3-1 at the 45-minute mark on Jessie Bandyk's goal, assisted by Emmie Takada. The score stayed that way until 18 minutes remaining, when Gabby Mazuca scored from Caroline Simko, setting up Anna Faybrick's game-tying goal from Simko with only eight minutes to play.

DEARBORN 1, NORTHVILLE 0: Nasreen Kobeissi's header off a direct free kick at the 49-minute mark proved to be the difference Friday as the host Pioneers (10-2-2) downed the Mustangs (7-6-2) in a non-conference game. Northville goalie Carlie Castiglione made six saves. "It was a very physical game, a lot of hard fouls, a little chippy," Northville coach Eric Brucker said. "Our focus right now is on our next three division games."

NORTHVILLE 2, SOUTH LYON 0: The Mustangs (7-5-2, 5-1-1) scored a pair of second-half goals May 5 to beat host South Lyon in a KLAA Central Division match against the host Lions (2-7-3, 0-5-1). Goalie Carlie Castiglione made six saves, all in the first half, to notch her fourth shutout of the year for the first-place Mustangs. After facing a stiff first-half wind, Northville finally got untracked on Alissa Moore's game-winning goal in the 53rd minute off an assist from Maddy Westernberg. Sarah Park's unassisted goal 90 seconds later helped seal the victory.



Northville's Alissa Moore (left) goes for a 50/50 ball against South Lyon's Mackenzie Flannery.

PREP TRACK AND FIELD

Churchill carries the day at new Observerland Invite

Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

It was a great night to be a Churchill Charger at the inaugural Observerland Invitational for area track and field teams Saturday. The Livonia high school was a double winner, capturing the boys and girls championships in the expanded and reformatted competition at Farmington High School. The Chargers won both meets going away, leading by insurmountable margins going into the final event and being the only teams to break the century mark in total points. For the first time in the 46-year history of the event, the girls were included, too, and the format changed from mostly relays to a regional-style meet. "I think our guys outscored us by half a point, so I'll have to hear about that from the guys coaches," Churchill girls coach Patrick Daugherty said. "But to have something like this, with the inaugural event and the new format, is very special for both programs and is something I'll cherish the rest of my coaching career. "(Churchill boys coach) Rick (Austin) and I have been coaching together 16 years and this is very special for us, doing this in the same year. I'm very proud of both our teams for taking a win on the first time around for this." The Chargers scored 124 points in the boys meet. In the late stages, the battle was for second place, which went to Canton with 95 points. The top six included Livonia Stevenson (89), Salem (84), Southfield (61) and Novi-Detroit Catholic Central (59). "I'm surprised we were able to score 124 points, but that's indicative of how excited our kids get about running at this meet," Austin said. "The Chargers are the first winner under the new format, so that's kind of special. "There was a lot of great competition. My hat is off to Canton and Stevenson. They have good teams and we just happened to be a little better today. That could all change next week at the conference meet." Churchill amassed 123½ points in the girls meet. Farmington was runner-up with 96, followed by Birmingham Sea-

holm (67), Salem (65), North Farmington (45) and Canton (40%). The Chargers were led by Chanel Gardner, who won the girls 400- and 200-meter races in 57.34 and 25.03 seconds. Churchill's Takia Bradley won the 300 hurdles (47.24) and Imani Moultrie the long jump (16-3¼). The Chargers also won three of the four relays. Gardner anchored the 800 and 1,600 teams, which also included Bradley and Moultrie. Churchill won the 3,200 relay, too. The girls ran times of 1:43.52, 4:05.68 and 9:45.08, respectively. Farmington won four open events and the 400 relay with a time of 50.78. Akili Echols won the 100 meters (12.27), Maddy Trevisan the 1,600 (5:03.56), Morgan Merlino the 800 (2:18.64) and Morgan Murphy the high jump (5-3). The other girls winners were Cantara Williams, shot put, Southfield, 36-1½; Kyndra Parker, discus, Salem, 101-4; Emily Caragay, pole vault, Plymouth, 11-0; Mia Flynn, 100 hurdles, Mercy, 15.90; and Natalie Douglas, 3,200 run, Franklin, 11:13.42. Churchill won five events in the boys meet, including the 1,600 relay in 3:28.14. Demarco McKinney threw the discus 144-0. Carrington Smith won the 400 meters in 50.69, Dash Dobar the 800 in 2:01.39 and Jamal Allen the 200 in 22.17. Southfield's Delan Wynn, who will play football at Tiffin University in Ohio, was a double winner in the 100 dash (10.95) and the 300 hurdles (40.19). Stevenson and Salem also had two winners each. Salem's Chaz Jeffress was first in the 1,600 run (4:28.25) and Jannik Schmitt the shot put (54-9). Stevenson's Malik Lowery won the long jump (20-1) and Aaron Simmon the high jump (6-0). The Spartans also won the 3,200 relay. Canton's Andrew Koenigs knecht won the pole vault (14-1) and the Chiefs won both sprint relays. The other boys winners were Garden City's Denzel Tinsley in the high hurdles (14.59) and Livonia Franklin's Tony Floyd in the 3,200 run (9:47.51).

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game-winner." The goal was a huge relief for the Mustangs, who saw their 2-0 lead dissipate by an opportunistic Novi squad that began to come alive in the middle of the game. With seven minutes remaining until halftime, Novi (5-1-4, 4-1-1) drew a foul in the penalty area to earn a penalty shot, taken by Chloe Allen, a senior forward. Allen wasted little time in sizing up the task at hand, firing a laser into the right side of the net to cut the deficit in half. Allen would be called upon once again at the start of the second, as senior fullback Katrina Koomen sent a free kick over to the top of the box, where Allen finished the job in the 42nd minute to make it 2-2. The workman-like mentality of Allen to seize such scoring opportunities drew praise from head coach Todd Pheiffer.

"Chloe knows that we count on her sometimes to never come off the field, so she picks and chooses when she needs some rest or when she makes a run," Pheiffer said. "She's a very smart player and a great leader, which is why she's one of our captains. She's been a team leader all season long for us and a great role model for our younger players. She keeps us organized on the field and is someone who'll work hard in the first minute of the game and the 80th minute of the game." Williams put Northville on the scoreboard in the first half by scoring two scores in as many minutes, with a pair of assists being credited to junior Sydney Schembri. After bouncing one in over the goalkeeper in the 25th minute, Williams repeated the feat by finding the back of the net from 20 yards out. Williams talked about the importance this game had on her team's season, after losing the previous encounter April 15, 2-0. "Novi's obviously one of our biggest rivalries," Williams said. "They got the win last time and we really wanted to come out and show that we could handle them. We worked our butts off and got the win. "I just risked it all and put it in the back of the net." The Mustangs received a scare in the waning moments of the game, as Allen nearly beat goalie Carlie Castiglione on a loose ball scramble in front of the net. Sensing the magnitude of the situation, Castiglione made a beeline for the ball and dove on it just in the nick of time, while also evading contact. The awareness displayed by Castiglio-



Northville goalkeeper Carlie Castiglione goes high for the save against Novi.

ne on that play was not only the most dramatic of her five saves, but also the most important. "Honestly, it was, 'Get to that ball before she does,'" Castiglione said. "I wanted to get my body behind it and make sure nothing happens. I practice for that and it pays off." Brucker said that the play was indicative of just how far Castiglione has grown in her role as a starter. "Carlie has no fear," he said. "We put a lot of pressure on her and we don't even have a backup goalkeeper on this team. Starting from day one, it was her job and, as a sophomore, she's taken everything in stride. She's taken the lumps of some losses that got to her a little bit, but I hope she revels in the wins knowing she was a key contributor and tonight was one of those nights." Senior Aastha Dharia had four saves for the Wildcats, who tied Northville with seven shots on goal. Pheiffer took the loss as a lesson learned for his team, as it continues to stay in the race for the top spot in the division. The Wildcats were coming off a 1-1 non-conference tie April 29 against Rochester Stoney Creek. "After they scored that goal, we had two really good opportunities at the end," Pheiffer said. "That's what shows and that's the kind of stuff we learn from this. The biggest thing for me is the girls learning from this experience going forward. It's our first loss of the season, but sometimes you need that first loss. Credit to Northville for winning at home and credit to our girls for playing hard to the end."

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BOYS GOLF RESULTS

HURON VALLEY INVITATIONAL
May 9 at Prestwick Village G.C.
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. White Lake Lakeland, 315 strokes; 2. Northville, 321; 3. Auburn Hills Avondale, 327; 11. Milford, 354; 13. South Lyon, 374. (14 schools).
Individual medalist: Justin LaFrance (Lakeland), 71.
Other Lakeland scorers: 11. (tie) Blake Kocsis, 80; 19. (tie) Adam Kleckner and Blake Johnson, 82 each; 59. (tie) Jesse Smothers, 96; 66. (tie) Justin Reinhart, 100.
Northville scorers: 2. Jimmy Dales, 73; 6. (tie) Aaron Youmans and Dom Marsales, 79 each; 42. (tie) Christian Peters, 90; 50. (tie) Joey Auty, 92; 53. (tie) Max Antilla, 93.
Milford scorers: 19. (tie) Chase Tabor, 82; 31. (tie) Nick Corey and Jack Chaldecott, 87 each; 74. Blayne Young, 109.
South Lyon scorers: 31. (tie) Tony Paugh, 87; 47. (tie) Charles Nelson, 91; 62. (tie) Matt Pavlock, 96; 66. (tie) Evan Tasker, 100; 76. Shane Agnello, 111; 77. Nick Allerton, 112.

OAKLAND COUNTY DIVISION 2 TOURNEY
May 6 at Links of Crystal Lake
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Orchard Lake St. Mary's, 292 strokes; 2. Clarkston Everest Collegiate, 311; 3. Waterford Kettering, 320; 7. Milford, 333; 9. South Lyon East, 342 (23 schools).
Individual medalist: Chris Williams (St. Mary's), 70.
Milford scorers: 6. (tie) Christian Golich, 75; 23. Alex Kelley, 81; 38. (tie) Joey Vernier, 87; 57. (tie) Zach Zaremba, 90; 66. (tie) Bailey Hess, 93.
South Lyon East scorers: 10. (tie) A.J. Clark, 77; 13. (tie) Jonny McCarthy, 78; 38. (tie) Max Hoom, 87; 79. Gavin McPherson, 100; 80. (tie) Mike Urban, 101.

DUAL MATCH RESULTS
NOVI 165, SOUTH LYON EAST 189
May 5 at Walnut Creek C.C.
Novi scorers: Ryan Welch, 39 (medalist); Derek DuBois, 40; Michael Ulle, 42; Ryan Havens and Chris Fisher, 44 each; Trevor Angell, 46.
East scorers: A.J. Clark, 45; Nick Ruschak, 47; Nathan Smith, 48; Jonny McCarthy and Max Hoom, 49 each; Mike Urban, 51.
Dual match records: Novi, 4-1 overall, 4-1 KLAA Central Division; East, 0-5 overall, 0-5 KLAA Central.

NOVI 162, SOUTH LYON 179
May 3 at Walnut Creek C.C.
Novi scorers: Michael Ulle, 38 (medalist); Ryan Welch, 40; Derek DuBois, 41; Ryan Havens, 43; Trevor Angell and Manny Legace, 44 each.
South Lyon scorers: Evan Monteith, 41; Noah Arvo and Jason Ting, 45 each; Noah Markham and Kyle Tolonen-Alamaraz, 48 each; Ethan Townsley, 49.
Dual match records: Novi, 3-1 overall, 3-1 KLAA Central Division; South Lyon, 2-1 overall, 2-1 KLAA Central.

NORTHVILLE 160
LIVONIA STEVENSON 172
May 3 at Northville Hills G.C.
Northville scorers: Max Antilla and Drew Kears, 39 each (co-medlists); Abhinav Alluri and Jimmy Dales, 41 each; Aaron Youmans, 42; Joey Auty, 46.
Stevenson scorers: Connor Jakacki, 39 (co-medalist); Jon McDonald, 42; Eaton Schlatterback, 44; Trevor Lopus, 46; Alec Moore, 47; Ben Zammit, 58.
Dual match records: Northville, 3-0 overall, 3-0 KLAA Central Division; Stevenson, 1-3 overall, 1-3 KLAA Central.

GIRLS TENNIS

Novi second at Spring Classic

Wildcats deadlock with Troy at Ann Arbor Huron

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

The Novi girls tennis team took the No. 4 doubles flight while earning a runner-up finish in Saturday's Ann Arbor Huron Spring Classic. The host River Rats captured the team title with 18 points, while Novi and Troy tied for second with 14 points each. Utica Eisenhower rounded out the field with two points. The Wildcats' doubles duo

of senior Katie Telder and sophomore Katie Valade won all three of their matches at No. 4 in straight sets against Eisenhower (6-3, 6-0), Troy (6-4, 6-2) and Huron (7-5, 6-3). Novi added second in two other doubles flights, going 2-1 on the day, led by seniors You-na Lee and Carolyn Zhang at No. 1 and senior Morgan Krupic and junior Alexis Malecki at No. 3. At No. 2 doubles, Michelle Wang, a freshman, and Brittanny O'Connell, a sophomore, fell in straight sets to Troy and Huron, while Teja Mogasala and Wang prevailed in their

match against Eisenhower. In singles, Novi received second-place finishes from senior Allison Lollo (No. 1), Jessica Lypka (No. 3) and Katie Xie (No. 4). Lollo's lone loss came against Huron, 6-2, 6-0, while Lypka and Xie also fell to the River Rats in straight sets, 6-2, 6-1, and 6-0, 6-3, respectively. Novi's No. 2 singles player Jamie Fu, a freshman, went 0-3, but two of those matches went to three sets, against Eisenhower (5-7, 6-3, 6-2) and Huron (0-6, 6-3, 6-2).

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GIRLS TENNIS RESULTS

DUAL MATCH RESULTS
NORTHVILLE 9, GRAND BLANC 0
May 5 at Grand Blanc
No. 1 singles: Emma Worley (N'ville) won by default; **No. 2:** Shanoli Kumar (N'ville) defeated Ava Dunlap, 6-2, 6-2; **No. 3:** Joanne Gao (N'ville) def. Loren Nelson, 6-1, 6-4; **No. 4:** Renee Torres (N'ville) def. Hyacinth Villarin, 6-3, 6-2.
No. 1 doubles: Serena Wang-Madison DeYoung (N'ville) def. Kelsey MacDonald-Cayla Rimmell, 6-4, 6-1; **No. 2:** Reeshma Kumar-Molly Bis (N'ville) def. Sydney Lushin-Lily Yang, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 3:** Neha Chava-Sophie Zhuang (N'ville) def. Emma Alexandra-Mackenzie Borg, 6-2, 6-0; **No. 4:** Brittany Macaddino-Alexandra Petix (N'ville) def. Tawney Bergeron-Cammi Lucia, 6-0, 6-1; **No. 5:** Lauren Fane-Andrea Nam (N'ville) def. Mary Hardenberg-Madison Roberts, 7-5, 6-3.
Dual match records: Northville, 10-1 overall; Grand Blanc, 6-1 overall.

NOVI 7, BRIGHTON 2
May 5 at Brighton
No. 1 singles: Maddie Miller (B) defeated Allison Lollo, 6-1, 6-0; **No. 2:** Alyssa Guadagni (B) def. Ria Joshi, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 3:** Jessica Lypka (Novi) def. Sam Meyer, 6-1, 6-0; **No. 4:** Katie Xie (Novi) def. Maria Raneses, 4-6, 7-5, 6-3.
No. 1 doubles: Youna Lee-Carolyn Zhang (Novi) def. Jackie Kochan-Olivia Cooperrider, 6-0, 6-4; **No. 2:** Teja Mogasala-Alexis Felcher (Novi) def. Chloe Kirkpatrick-Tori Tijan, 6-3, 6-1; **No. 3:** Morgan Krupic-Alexis Malecki (Novi) def. Sarah He-Sarah Bradbear, 6-1, 6-1; **No. 4:** Katie Telder-Katie Valade (Novi) def. Emily Vaillencourt-Elle Burwitz, 6-2, 6-0; **No. 5:** Sasha Tretyakova-Brittanny O'Connell (Novi) def. Mackenzie Bryant-Mattie Thompson, 6-3, 4-6, 6-4.
Dual match records: Novi, 9-1 overall; Brighton, 5-3.

NOVI 8, WALLED LAKE CENTRAL 1
May 3 at Novi
No. 1 singles: Taylor Brooks (WLC) defeated Allison Lollo, 6-1, 6-0; **No. 2:** Jamie Fu (Novi) def. Sasha Aksenchik, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 3:** Jessica Lypka (Novi) def. Diana Leschinsky, 6-4, 6-1; **No. 4:** Katie Xie (Novi) def. Brianna Moxley, 6-1, 6-0.
No. 1 doubles: Youna Lee-Carolyn Zhang (Novi) def. Nicole Langan-Graceanne Meeder, 6-0, 6-1; **No. 2:** Teja Mogasala-Michelle Wang (Novi) def. Namrata Kadambi-Taylor Coleman, 6-2, 6-1; **No. 3:** Morgan Krupic-Alexis Malecki (Novi) def. Samm Mindell-Julia Meeder, 6-0, 6-1; **No. 4:** Katie Telder-Katie Valade (Novi) def. Claire Berryman-Haley Kaplansky, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 5:** Sasha Tretyakova-Brittanny O'Connell (Novi) def. Erica Meyers-Jenna Reynolds, 6-0, 6-0.
Dual match records: Nov, 8-1 overall; W.L. Central, 6-3 overall.

NORTHVILLE 9
WALLED LAKE NORTHERN 0
May 3 at Northville
No. 1 singles: Emma Worley (N'ville) defeated Alex Haver, 6-1, 6-1; **No. 2:** Shanoli Kumar (N'ville) def. Julie Sovaik, 6-0, 6-1; **No. 3:** Joanne Gao (N'ville) def. Sarah Strange, 6-1, 6-0; **No. 4:** Renee Torres (N'ville) def. Aydia Young, 6-2, 6-1.
No. 1 doubles: Andrea Nam-Maya Mulchandani (N'ville) def. Sami Grudzien-Mikulia Grudzien, 6-7 (4-7), 6-1, 7-6 (7-4); **No. 2:** Reeshma Kumar-Molly Bis (N'ville) def. Bree Windmeyer-Grace Jonkuncy, 6-1, 6-1; **No. 3:** Neha Chava-Sophie Zhuang (N'ville) def. Kylie Strange-Kayla Behry, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 4:** Brittany Macaddino-Alexandra Petix (N'ville) def. Anastacia Gusilenin-Kendall Knebler, 6-1, 6-0; **No. 5:** Lauren Fane-Madison DeYoung (N'ville) def. Joanna Sadd-Mckena Craine, 6-0, 6-3.
Dual match records: Northville, 9-1 overall; W.L. Northern, 6-1 overall.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

will be given. As part of Armed Forces Day, a Chinook helicopter will be landing in the high school parking lot at 7:30 a.m. Military vehicles will be showcased, along with Armed Forces booths, free food and beverages, obstacle course and games. Donations will be accepted to support troops overseas. All proceeds will go to the Freedom Center to ship donated goods to soldiers and their families. Northville will also be playing a varsity baseball double-header beginning at 11 a.m. against White Lake Lakeland and West Bloomfield. To register, go to www.northvillemustangbaseball.com or https://register.chronotrack.com/r/19735. For more information, call Bill Flohr at 248-761-9694.

Girls hoop camp

Registration is open for the Novi Lady Wildcat basketball camp (grades 2-9), which will be from 9 a.m. until noon Monday through Friday, June 20-24, at the Novi High Performance Gym and Fieldhouse. The camp fee is \$120. All participants will receive a T-shirt and outdoor basketball. Awards and trophies will be given for team competitions, which will be separated

by grades. For more information, contact camp director and Novi varsity girls basketball Bill Kelp at bkelp@novi.schools.net. Registration is available at the Novi Community School District website (click on the athletics and camps tabs).

Gazelle run camp

Beginning at 8 a.m. Saturday, May 14, Gazelle Sports, located at Northville Park Place, 39737 Traditions Drive, Northville, will host a series of running camp training programs from a 5K to a full marathon. The first training program is designed to prepare runners for this summer's Northville Road Runners Classic. The cost is \$75. For more information, go to GazelleSports.com/training or call 248-534-1372.

Swim coach wanted

Novi Detroit Catholic Central High School is seeking for an experienced, organized, and leadership driven head coach for its varsity swimming and diving program. For more information, call CC athletic director Aaron Babicz at 248-596-3828; or email ababicz@catholiccentral.net.



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PREP BASEBALL

Mustangs clinch a share of KLAA Central crown

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

It wasn't artistic by any stretch, but Northville clinched at least a share KLAA Central Division baseball title Monday with a 12-2 five-inning triumph over visiting Westland John Glenn.

The Mustangs overcame six errors to improve to 18-3 overall and 12-2 in the Central as winning pitcher Chris Dunn allowed five hits without a walk to go with six strikeouts.

"We were able to overcome a very sloppy first inning defensively and settle down to play better the rest of the game," Northville coach John Kostrzewa said. "Chris Dunn pitched well, giving up two unearned runs along the way. We did swing the bats well and capitalized on the opportunities we got offensively."

Left-hander Dunn throws no-hitter in 10-0 victory against Franklin



Dunn

Nate Wixon led the Mustangs with three hits and two RBIs, while Aram Shahrigian and Diaz Saunderson both added two hits

and an RBI.

Dunn contributed two hits, while Zac Osaer also knocked in a pair of runs as Northville gained its third straight KLAA Central crown.

Starter Jordan Fuchs took the loss for the Rockets (13-8, 6-8), who committed nine errors.

NORTHVILLE 7-2, S.H. STEVENSON 5-20: The Mustangs (17-3) had their 12-game winning streak snapped Saturday by visiting Sterling Heights Stevenson in the second game of a non-conference doubleheader.

Northville took the first game as Nate Wixon went 3-for-4 with three RBIs, while Zach Prystash went 3-for-3 with an RBI double.

Zac Osaer also went 2-for-2 with an RBI, while Kevin Morrissey and Willie Yanagi both added an RBI. Andrew Blazo, who retired the only batter he faced in the sixth in relief of starter Wixon, picked up the win. Chris Dunn threw a scoreless seventh to earn the save.

Wixon gave up two earned runs on five hits and two walks over 5½ innings.

In the nightcap, Luke McGuire knocked in four runs as the Titans routed Northville in four innings.

Jack Sargent and Diaz Saunderson both had an RBI in the loss.

NORTHVILLE 6-5, SOUTH LYON 0-2: Nate Wixon collected four hits as the Mustangs (16-2, 11-2) swept a doubleheader May 5 from the visiting Lions (3-7-1) to maintain their first-place lead in the KLAA Central.

Starter Zach Prystash, who went the first five innings, and reliever Jon Michalak, who went the final two, combined on the shutout in the opener.

Prystash allowed two hits, walked three and struck out three to pick up the win.

Chris Dunn collected two RBIs, while Kevin Morrissey added one. Wixon went 2-for-4.

"We overcame some uncharacteristic defensive lapses and both pitchers did a great job of getting outs when South Lyon had the pressure on," said Northville coach John Kostrzewa, whose team made five errors. "We had real good approaches at the plate and put a lot of balls in play and were able to get some great base-running and timely hits."

In Game 2, Wixon had two hits and an RBI, while Jack Sargent added two RBIs for Northville.

Other RBIs went to Aram Shahrigian and Dunn as the Mustangs scored three runs in the third inning and two more in the fourth to pin the loss on Lions starter Ken Katsuda.

Ryan Friedrichs had two hits and an RBI to lead South Lyon.

Winning pitcher David Dillon allowed two runs on five hits and two walks in six innings. Andrew Blazo came on in the seventh to earn the save.

"David threw the ball well and, when he got tired late, Andrew came in and did a great job finishing the game out," Kostrzewa said. "We had a big third inning offensively that helped David in attacking the strike zone. Defensively, we played much better in Game 2."

NORTHVILLE 10, FRANKLIN 0: Senior left-hander Chris Dunn put one in his own personal scrapbook May 3 by throwing a five-inning no-hitter for the host Mustangs (14-2, 9-2) against Livonia Franklin (15-6, 8-3).

The 6-foot, 160-pound Dunn struck out five and walked only one.

Northville got one run in the first inning and broke the game open with seven in the second to chase Patriots starter Adrian Reed, who allowed eight runs in 1½ innings.

Northville added two more in the bottom of the fourth to invoke the 10-run mercy rule.

Nate Wixon knocked in three runs, while Aram Shahrigian added two hits, including a two-run single, to lead Northville.

Jack Sargent, Zac Osaer, Shane Rankin and Zach

"We were able to overcome a very sloppy first inning defensively and settle down to play better the rest of the game. Chris Dunn pitched well, giving up two unearned runs along the way. We did swing the bats well and capitalized on the opportunities we got offensively."

JOHN KOSTRZEWA,
Northville baseball coach

Prystash each contributed an RBI. "I felt the team really came ready to play today and were tenacious on offense and on the mound," Northville coach John Kostrzewa said. "It was outstanding effort today all around, capped off with some timely hits and a terrific pitching performance by Chris against a very good Franklin team."

PREP SOFTBALL

Zwarka's no-hit gem highlights N'ville win

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Allison Zwarka's perfect game highlighted Northville's 2-1 showing in Saturday's Livonia Churchill Invitational softball tournament.

The senior struck out five batters and did not allow a walk in the abbreviated 10-0 five-inning mercy rule victory over Dearborn Heights Annapolis.

Sara Moos paced Northville's offense with three hits and two RBIs.

Northville scored three times in the first on an RBI triple by Moos, an RBI single by Sarah Hige and a passed ball, followed by Megan Hotchkin's RBI single.

Leading 6-0 after three innings, Northville put it away with two runs in the fourth inning and two more in the fifth.

The Mustangs then fell to Riverview Gabriel Richard, 2-1, as Hige took the loss. She scattered seven hits and allowed no earned runs over seven innings. She struck out five and did not allow a walk.

Northville's lone run came on an RBI double by Moos.

In the tourney finale, Northville (10-10) scored six times in the seventh inning en route to a 16-3 win over Melvindale.

Makenzie Kamm had a two-run triple, while Moos added an RBI single during the seventh-inning rally.

Brianna Nayh went 2-for-2 with two RBIs, while Zwarka and Hige both added an RBI double as the Mustangs collected 12 hits.

Winning pitcher Hannah Laurin allowed three earned runs on four hits and six walks in going the distance. She had six strikeouts. She also helped her own cause with an RBI single.

NORTHVILLE 15, JOHN GLENN 0: Sarah Hige led the way Monday as the host Mustangs (11-10, 7-7 KLAA Central) downed visiting Westland John Glenn (9-10, 3-9 KLAA South) in a Kensington Conference crossover.

Hige allowed just one hit over four innings with a pair of walks and four strikeouts to pick up the win. She also helped her own cause with a two-run double in the first inning.

Sara Moos also contributed an RBI single in the second inning, while Hannah Dygert added a two-run double in the fourth.

Moos, Hige, Dygert and Abby Tolstyka combined for five hits and eight RBIs.

PREP BASEBALL

Wildcats run winning streak to four

Novi crushes Wayne to improve to 15-10 overall

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

The baseball state tournament doesn't start until the end of the month, but Novi is starting to get primed.

The Wildcats made it four straight Monday with a 10-1 KLAA Kensington Conference crossover win at home over Wayne Memorial.

Scott Beaton led the way with three RBIs, while Alec Bageris drove in two more as the Wildcats improved to 15-10 overall and 8-5 in the KLAA Central.

Joey Carn scored two runs and added an RBI, while Jac Colliau also drove in a run.

Winning pitcher Noah Matthews went the first four innings, allowing no earned runs on three hits and two walks.

He struck out three before Nathan Lys took over in the fifth. Scott Beaton pitched the final two innings and did not allow a hit while fanning two.

The loss dropped the Zebras to 4-12-1 overall and 1-13 in the KLAA South.

On Saturday, Novi won the Clawson Tournament by beating the host Trojans in the championship game, 8-2, as Carn went 2-for-3 with three runs scored and an RBI.

Spencer VanKirk also contributed an RBI as the Wildcats took advantage of six Clawson errors.

Winning pitcher Mike Hrit, the starter, went the first three innings, allowing one unearned run on three hits and four walks. Johnny Bean went the next two innings before Cam Czapski finished.

Novi reached the final with a 9-3 win over Romulus Summit Academy as Colliau paced a 10-hit attack, going 3-for-4 with an RBI and three runs scored.

Beaton also went 2-for-4 with an RBI, while Andy Mizewski knocked in a pair of runs. Zach Perpich, Jack Reilly, Matthews and Lys each had an RBI.

Shinyu Imamura was the winning pitcher.

On Thursday, host Novi captured the first game of its scheduled KLAA Central doubleheader, beating Salem in the opener, 4-2, before settling for a 6-6 tie in the nightcap (due to darkness) after six innings.

Colliau struck out 10 and allowed just two earned runs on eight hits and a walk in going all seven innings in the opener to outduel Salem starter Matt Brooks, who gave up five hits and four walks while fanning eight.

Beaton went 2-for-3 and scored a run, while Bageris also scored twice.

In the second game, Reilly clubbed a two-run homer, while Lys (RBI), Beaton and Spencer VanKirk each added two hits.

Reilly started and allowed five runs on five hits and two walks over 4½ innings. Czapski pitched ⅔ of an inning and allowed a run before Beaton pitched a scoreless sixth before play was halted.

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PREP BASEBALL

Stinebiser leads CC to sweep over U-D Jesuit

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Staff Writer

Novi Detroit Catholic Central kept its Catholic League baseball playoff hopes alive by taking three out of four games over the weekend.

On Saturday, sophomore designated hitter Matt Stinebiser went 6-for-7 at the plate as the Shamrocks improved to 13-10 overall and 8-8 in the Central Division by sweeping visiting University of Detroit-Jesuit, 7-6, and 11-3.

Stinebiser's two-out, two-run walk-off double clinched the victory in the opener.

Senior Grant Hartwig pitched the final two innings in relief of starter Sean Garcia to earn the victory.

In the nightcap, Stinebiser had three hits and four RBIs as CC completed the sweep and moved into a third-place tie with Warren DeLaSalle and Dearborn Divine Child.

Starter Luke Hargis, who pitched the first six innings, earned the victory.

The loss dropped the Cubs to 2-12 in the Central Division.

On Friday, first-place Birmingham Brother Rice and the visiting Shamrocks split a Central Division doubleheader.

Rice won the opener in walk-off fashion on a Hartwig wild pitch in the bottom of the seventh to pull out a 4-3 win.

Hartwig, who took the loss, came on for sophomore reliever Johnny Lobbia, who went 5½ innings, allowing only one earned run.

Dante Toppi, who went 6-for-7 on the day, had three hits in the loss.

The Shamrocks, however, bounced back to win the nightcap, 6-1, as Stinebiser pitched five innings to earn the victory, while Toppi led the offense with three hits.

The loss dropped Rice to 16-6 overall and 10-4 in the Central.

FRANKLIN ROAD 7, SUMMIT ACADEMY 6: David Johnson went 4-for-5 and Nick Hanley singled home the game-winning run in the bottom of the ninth inning May 5 to lead host Novi Franklin Road Christian (10-3) past Romulus Summit Academy North (10-1).

Zeke Stockman and Gavin Harris both added three hits, while Shaun Moore went 2-for-2 with three walks for the Warriors.



RICK CUMMINGS

The Madness '02 girls softball team finished with a 6-0 record while outscoring its opponents 77-6 to capture the National Softball Association Fight for the Finish title at Davison. Team members include (front row, from left): Stephanie Schmunk, Grace Nieto and Cassidy Brendtke; (middle row, from left): Kylie Millhorn, Shae Scott and McKenna King; and (back row, from left) Chelsea Collins, Sierra Kersten, Bella Brass and Karlie Moore. Also on the team are Abbey Barta and Gaby Cummings.

PREP SOFTBALL ROUNDUP

Wildcats shut down Wayne, sweep three games at KLAA-OAA Challenge

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

The Novi softball team racked up a total of 21 hits Monday en route to a 15-0 KLAA Kensington Conference crossover win at home over Wayne Memorial.

The Wildcats improved to 19-9 overall and 7-7 in the Central Division.

On Saturday, Novi hosted the inaugural KLAA-OAA Challenge and swept all three games, beating Oxford (6-5), Birmingham Groves (15-1) and Rochester Adams (8-3).

Game 1 set the tone for the rest of the day as the Wildcats roared back from a 5-0 deficit

with four runs in the fifth inning and two more in the sixth to take the lead for keeps against Oxford.

Maddy Brandenstein came through with a two-run single, scoring Madison Budde and Riley Jones. Budde retired three Oxford hitters in a row to secure the win.

Leading Novi offensively was Brandenstein, with seven hits, four RBIs and six runs. Sophie Rallis and Ashley Yarberry both added six hits and combined for seven RBIs, while Hope Kapelanski collected five hits and five RBIs.

NORTHVILLE 4-1, SOUTH LYON 0-0: Back-to-back shutouts by Sarah Hige and Allison

Zwarka carried the Mustangs (8-9, 6-7) to a KLAA Central Division doubleheader sweep May 5 of the visiting Lions (13-7, 6-7).

Hige pitched a five-hitter and struck out five while going all seven innings in the opener.

Northville scored three times in the first inning, highlighted by Abby Tolstyka's RBI double. She went 3-for-3 with three RBIs, while Sara Moos and Alexis Koehler both contributed two hits.

Samantha Bartoszek, the losing pitcher, went the first four innings before giving way to Jamie Conrad, who went the final two. They combined for five strikeouts and gave up 11 hits.

In Game 2, Zwarka struck out nine and tossed a two-hitter to beat the Lions.

The Mustangs scored the game-winning run in the bottom of the sixth, when Hige walked, advanced to third on Brianna Nayh's sacrifice and scored on Zwarka's hard-hit line drive to the pitcher's mound, resulting in a South Lyon error.

Losing pitcher Lindsay Brandon allowed just two hits and struck out eight over six innings. Brandon and Bartoszek had the lone hits for the Lions.

SALEM 9-16, NOVI 7-4: The host Rockets improved to 12-1 in the KLAA South with a Kensington Conference doubleheader sweep Friday of the Wilkots (15-9, 6-7 KLAA Central).

In the opener, Novi trailed the entire game before making things interesting with six runs in the top of

the seventh before falling, as Ashley Yarberry clubbed a three-run homer and doubled in another run.

Hope Kapelanski and Madison Budde both added hits.

Salem won the second game in five innings.

NOVI 6, FENTON 5: The Wildcats (15-7) won it walk-off fashion in the bottom of the seventh May 5 to beat the Tigers as Hope Kapelanski led off the inning with a triple and courtesy runner Maria Gustitus scored her second run of the game three pitches later on a wild pitch.

Kapelanski also had a double, while Jaimie Gustitus had two hits.

Madison Budde, who was able to pitch out of trouble throughout the game, notched her 11th win. She allowed 10 hits and struck out four with one intentional walk.

FRANKLIN ROAD 11, LUTHERAN WESTLAND 5: Danielle Fusco and Hannah Rayburn each collected three hits May 5, leading Novi Franklin Road Christian (5-4, 5-1 MIAC Red) over Lutheran High Westland.

Ally Broadright and Audrey Govan added two hits apiece.

Winning pitcher Kayla Nannoshi allowed five hits and two walks over seven innings while striking out eight.

NORTHVILLE 8, FRANKLIN 4: Alexis Koehler went 3-for-4 with three RBIs and three runs scored

May 3 as the host Mustangs (6-9, 4-7 KLAA Central) turned back Livonia Franklin (3-8 KLAA South) in a Kensington Conference crossover.

Sara Moos also went 3-for-4 with an RBI double, while Allison Zwarka went 2-for-4. Makenzie Kamm doubled off the fence in the fourth inning and later scored on a Koehler single.

Sarah Hige, the winning pitcher, went the first five innings, allowing one earned run on four hits and no walks. She struck out four before Hannah Lauren came on and closed out the victory with three strikeouts.

FRANKLIN ROAD 15-22, PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN 0-0: Runs proved to be plentiful as host Novi Franklin Road Christian (4-3, 4-1) romped to a pair of lopsided MIAC Red Division wins May 3 against Plymouth Christian Academy.

Sophomore pitcher Kayla Nannoshi retired all nine batters in order and sophomore Hailey Thrift went 4-for-4 with two RBIs as the Warriors captured Game 1 in three innings.

Also contributing for the Warriors in the opener were junior Danielle Fusco (3-for-4, two RBIs); eighth-grader Bethany Bause (3-for-3, two RBIs); and senior Alexandra Swaffield (2-for-3, two RBIs).

In the nightcap, Thrift led the way, going 3-for-4 with two RBIs, while senior Hannah Rayburn went 2-for-3 with four RBIs. Fusco, Swaffield, Nannoshi and Bause, the winning pitcher, each added two hits and two RBIs.

PREP TRACK AND FIELD

Northville school records fall at Golden Triangle

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

More Northville girls and boys school records fell by the wayside in Friday's Golden Triangle Invitational track and field meet hosted by Saline.

Mustangs senior Chloe Abbott, head-
ed to Purdue University, eclipsed her
own school records in the 200- and 400-
meter dashes with a pair of runner-up
finishes.

She was runner-up to Wayne's Ana-
via Battle (24.06) in the
200 and to East Lansing's
Taylor Manson (54.02) in
the 400.

Abbott also anchored
the victorious 800 relay
team that included Sav-
annah Manley, Mary
Catherine McLaughlin
and Lindsay Walters,
with a time of 1:42.8.

Abbott teamed with Yasmine Affes,
McLaughlin and Walters for second in
the 1,600 relay (3:56.72).

"Chloe rose to the occasion and ran
four outstanding races," Northville
coach Tim Dalton said. "She broke her
own school record in the 400 and the
200 ... while also running strong legs on
the 4 by 200 and 4 by 400 (eighth
place)."

Meanwhile, senior Lexa Barrott was
first in the 1,600 (5:00.88) and seventh
in the 3,200 (10:45.16), while her sopho-
more sister Ana was sixth in the 1,600
(5:06.63) and eighth in the 3,200
(10:49.94).

Northville's 3,200 relay team of the
Barrott sisters, Cayla Eckenroth and
Emma Herrmann, also placed third
(9:27.47).

"The Barrott sisters continued to
show why they are two of the best dis-
tance runners in the state," Dalton said.
"They put together solid performances



TIM DALTON

Northville's 800-meter relay team of (from left) Savannah Manley, Erin McCallum, Lindsay Walters and Chloe Abbott took first at the Golden Triangle meet.

in the 4 by 800 as well as the (1,600) and
3,200. Cayla Eckenroth ran outstanding
races in the 3,200 (12th, 10:55.2) and 4
by 800.

"Our relays across the board were
great and we'll need them to continue to
be if we want to be successful at the
(Kensington) conference, regional and
state finals. We were able to get Emma
Smith rolling again in the 800. She ran a
regional additional qualifier time of
2:27 (27th)."

On the boys side, Northville senior

Conor Naughton broke his own school
record with a 13th-place finish in a
loaded 3,200 field with a time of 9:17.
Algonac's Morgan Beadlescomb won
the race in 9:03.68.

Northville senior sprinter Adam
Ghabra also added fourth in the 400
(49.93) that was won by Wayne Memori-
al's Montel Hood (48.16). Ghabra also
took 10th in the 200 (22.72).

He also teamed with Naughton,
Thomas Smither and Kenny Goolsby
for a runner-up finish in the distance

medley relay, which earned a New
Balance Nationals qualifying time
(10:21.79) and ranks 42nd nationally.

"Adam competed with some of the
best sprinters in the state and held his
own in both the 200 and 400," Dalton
said. "Thomas Smither has proved he is
a force in the 800 (seventh), running
1:58.84. Nick Couyoumjian won the
freshman mile with a time 4:37.87 and
also ran a regional additional qualifier
in the 3,200, running 9:57.07."

It was another strong showing over-
all for the Mustangs.

"The Golden Triangle is always a
great event," Dalton said. "The energy
and competition is second to none. We
lucked out with weather conditions
being near perfect to compete in. Our
kids ran well. It kicks off our string of
championship-type settings. Our kids
stepped up and performed at a very
high level."

GOLDEN TRIANGLE INVITATIONAL May 6 at Saline

TOP AREA GIRLS FINISHERS

Shot put: 12. Hannah McBride (Novi), 32 feet, 8.5 inches;
discus: 3. Emma Hammelef (Novi), 102-6; 9. Marissa Dunn (Novi),
98-10; **high jump:** 8. Hannah Hood-Blaxill (Novi), 5-0; 9. Jessica
Hogan (Northville), 5-0; 15. (tie) Kate Prisby (Novi), 4-8; **long
jump:** 14. Kate Prisby (Novi), 15-0.25; 15. Erin McCallum (N'ville),
15-9.5; **pole vault:** 14. (tie) Hammelf (Novi), 9-0; **300-meter
hurdles:** 11. Karenna Roest (Novi), 48.25; **100 dash:** 13. Kayla
Savage (Novi), 12.97; **200:** 2. Chloe Abbott (N'ville), 24.26; **400:** 2.
Abbott (N'ville), 54.27; 10. Lindsay Walters (N'ville), 59.26; **800:** 15.
Emma Herrmann (N'ville), 2:23.58; **1,600:** 1. Lexa Barrott (N'ville),
4:58.95; 6. Ana Barrott (N'ville), 5:06.63; **3,200:** 7. L. Barrott
(N'ville), 5:08.39; 8. A. Barrott (N'ville), 10:49.94; 12. Cayla Eckenroth
(N'ville), 10:55.52; 14. Olivia Harp (N'ville), 11:11.1.

800 relay: 1. Northville (Savannah Manley, McCallum, Walters,
Abbott), 1:42.8; **1,600 relay:** 2. Northville (Yasmine Affes, Mary
Catherine McLaughlin, Walters, Abbott), 3:56.72; **3,200 relay:** 1.
Northville (A. Barrott, Eckenroth, Herrmann, L. Barrott), 9:27.47;
distance medley: 6. Northville (Hailey Harris, Paige Zimmer,
Taylor Gattoni, Katie Chevoor), 12:19.46.

TOP AREA BOYS FINISHERS

Discus: 16. Jeremiah Dunne (Northville), 115 feet, 5 inches; **high
jump:** 1. Scott Sawyer (Novi), 6-4; 13. (tie) Alec Hopkins (N'ville),
5-8; **pole vault:** 11. (tie) Clay Alexander (N'ville), 12-0; **110-
meter hurdles:** 12. Hunter Joy (Novi), 16:08; **300 hurdles:** 13.
Joy (Novi), 41.57; **100 dash:** 15. Anthony D'Annibale (Novi), 11.6;
200: 1. Adam Ghabra (N'ville), 22.72; 400: 4. Ghabra (N'ville),
49.93; **800:** 7. Thomas Smither (N'ville), 1:58.84; **3,200:** 11. Joost
Plaetinck (Novi), 9:17.04; 13. Conor Naughton (N'ville), 9:17.81.
1,600 relay: 8. Northville (Smither, Goolsby, Robbie Kuphal,
Ghabra), 3:29.08; **distance medley relay:** 2. Northville
(Naughton, Smither, Ghabra, Kenny Goolsby), 10:21.79.

GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD

Mustangs cruise to lopsided dual meet victory over South Lyon East

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Northville moved a step
closer to clinching the KLAA
Central Division girls track
and field title outright for the
third straight year with a 110-
27 dual meet triumph May 3
over South Lyon East.

The Mustangs, who cap-
tured 13 of the 17 events, won
all four relays and swept the
top three spots in six different
events, including the long
jump and pole vault, along with
the 100-, 400-, 800-, 1,600- and
3,200-meter races.

Individual first-place fin-
ishers for the Mustangs in-
cluded Barbara Davis, shot put
(30 feet, 5.5 inches); Jessica
Hogan, high jump (4-8), Erin
McCallum, long jump (15-2);
Daryn Lobingier, pole vault
(8-6); Chloe Abbott, 100 (12.3);
Yasmine Affes, 400 (1:01.06);
Paige Zimmer, 800 (2:28.88);
Olivia Harp, 1,600 (5:25.98);
and Lexa Barrott, 3,200
(11:31.14).

Danielle Waranauckas led
East (1-3, 1-3) by sweeping the
100 and 300 hurdles in 18.51 and
52.29, respectively.

Jessalyn Smith was first in
the discus (115-0) and Elizabeth
Setsuda took the 200 (27.02).

Novi falls short

On May 3, the Wildcats
couldn't hold a 34-11 lead in the
field events as host Salem
rallied for a 78-59 dual meet
victory.

Both teams are 3-1 overall
and 3-1 in the KLAA Central
Division.

Novi was led freshman
Katherine Ray, who swept the



JERRY REA

Novi's Katherine Ray swept the
1,600- and 3,200-meter events in a
dual meet loss May 3 against
Salem.

1,600- and 3,200-meter races in
5:20.0 and 12:05.0, respectively,
while Hannah Hood-Blaxill
took the high jump (5-0) and
long jump (15-6.75).

Hannah McBride was first
in the shot put (33-6) and Em-
ma Hammelef won the pole
vault (9-6).

DUAL MEET RESULTS SALEM 78, NOVI 59 May 3 at Salem

Shot put: 1. Hannah McBride (Novi), 33 feet, 6
inches; 2. Emma Hammelef (Novi), 31-7; 3. Marissa

Dunn (Novi), 31-5; **discus:** 1. Kyndra Parker (Salem),
101-3; 2. Dunn (Novi), 98-9; 3. Hammelef (Novi), 94-7;
high jump: 1. Hannah Hood-Blaxill (Novi), 5-0; 2.
Kate Prisby (Novi), 4-10; **long jump:** 1. Hood-Blaxill
(Novi), 15-6.75; 2. Prisby (Novi), 14-11.75; **pole
vault:** 1. Hammelef (Novi), 9-6; 3. Adeline Zamora
(Novi), 7-6; **100-meter hurdles:** 1. Haven Essien
(Salem), 15.62; 2. Karenna Roest (Novi), 16.42; 3.
Alexandra Pringle (Novi), 16.77; **300 hurdles:** 1.
Essien (Salem), 47.84; 2. Roest (Novi), 48.54; **100
dash:** 1. Kayla Savage (Novi), 12.56; **200:** 1. Kaya
Knacke (Salem), 26.39; 3. Savage (Novi), 26.98; **400:**
1. Knacke (Salem), 59.18; 3. Hood-Blaxill (Novi),
1:06.66; **800:** 1. Erin McCann (Salem), 2:27.49;
1,600: 1. Katherine Ray (Novi), 5:29.0; **3,200:** 1. Ray
(Novi), 12:05.0.
400 relay: 1. Salem, 51.48; 2. Novi, 53.24; **800
relay:** 1. Salem, 1:48.67; 2. Novi, 1:57.78; **1,600
relay:** 1. Salem, 4:22.42; 2. Novi, 4:45.0; **3,200
relay:** 1. Salem, 10:42.29; 2. Novi, 11:05.0.
Dual meet records: Salem, 3-1 overall, 3-1
KLAA Central Division; Novi, 3-1 overall, 3-1 KLAA
Central.

NORTHVILLE 110 SOUTH LYON EAST 27 May 3 at Northville

Shot put: 1. Barbara Davis (N'ville), 30 feet, 5.5
inches; 2. Sara Ismail (N'ville), 29-9.5; 3. Jessalyn
Smith (SLE), 29-4.5.
Discus: 1. Smith (SLE), 115-0; 2. Davis (N'ville),
81-9; 3. Brook Willenborg (SLE), 79-10.
High jump: 1. Jessica Hogan (N'ville), 4-8; 2.
Lauren Lambert (N'ville), 4-4; 3. Willenborg (SLE), 4-4.
Long jump: 1. Erin McCallum (N'ville), 15-2; 2.
Emily Anderson (N'ville), 14-4; 3. Mary Catherine
McLaughlin (N'ville), 13-11.75.
Pole vault: 1. Daryn Lobingier (N'ville), 8-6; 2.
Eise Daniel (N'ville), 8-0; 3. Skye Hydell (N'ville), 7-6.
100-meter hurdles: 1. Danielle Waranauckas
(SLE), 18.51; 2. Haleigh Czarnecki (N'ville), 19.29; 3.
Alex Takacs (N'ville), 19.94.
300 hurdles: 1. Waranauckas (SLE), 52.29; 2.
Lobingier (N'ville), 54.06; 3. Takacs (N'ville), 56.15.
100 dash: 1. Chloe Abbott (N'ville), 12.3; 2.
Elizabeth Setsuda (SLE), 13.33; 3. Yasmine Affes
(N'ville), 13.43.
200: 1. Elizabeth Setsuda (SLE), 27.02; 2. Savannah
Mandley (N'ville), 27.1; 3. Tiffanie Hollingsworth
(SLE), 27.26.
400: 1. Affes (N'ville), 1:01.06; 2. Manley (N'ville),
1:01.19; 3. Morgan Kloosterman (N'ville), 1:01.95.
800: 1. Paige Zimmer (N'ville), 2:28.88; 2. Emma
Smith, 2:29.66; 3. Hailey Harris (N'ville), 2:35.31.
1,600: 1. Olivia Harp (N'ville), 5:25.98; 2. Taylor
Gattoni (N'ville), 5:32.14; 3. Katie Chevoor (N'ville),
5:36.26.
3,200: 1. Lexa Barrott (N'ville), 11:31.14; 2. (tie)
Emma Herrmann (N'ville) and Cayla Eckenroth
(N'ville), 11:31.2; each.
400 relay: 1. Northville (Brooke Verble, Amber
Hydel, Skye Hydell, Sydney Kloosterman), 56.11; 2.
East, 57.47; **800 relay:** 1. Northville (Megan Ciric,
Grace Jankowski, McCallum, Verble), 1:45.93; 2. East,
1:48.91; **1,600 relay:** 1. Northville (Claire Wan,
Affes, M. Kloosterman, McLaughlin), 4:22.72; 2. East,
4:30.96; **3,200 relay:** 1. Northville (Ana Barrott, L.
Barrott, Eckenroth, Herrmann), 13:16.99.
Dual meet records: Northville, 4-0 overall, 4-0
KLAA Central Division; East, 1-3 overall, 1-3 KLAA
Central.

BOYS TRACK AND FIELD

D'Annibale leads Novi by Salem in dual meet

First-place Mustangs roll by South Lyon East

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

There were some break-
through performers by the
Novi boys track and field
team in the Wildcats' 70-67
dual meet victory May 3 at
Salem, but none was bigger
than Anthony D'Annibale.

The Wildcats, who im-
proved to 3-1 in the KLAA
Central Division, were led by
junior sprinter, who captured
the 100-meter dash in a per-
sonal best 10.74 seconds to go
along with a first-place finish
in the 400 (49.7).

D'Annibale proved to be
the workhorse as he teamed
with Scott MacPherson,
Hunter Joy and Nathaniel
Wood to clinch the meet in the
final event, the 1,600 relay,
with a first-place clocking of
3:31.47.

D'Annibale also teamed
with Nisarg Dharria, Nathan
Hankerson and Joy for a win
in the 800 relay (1:32.0)

Other individual double-
winners for Novi were Scott
Sawyer in the high jump (6
feet, 4 inches) and pole vault
(12-0) and Joy in the 110 hur-
dles (15.56) and 300 hurdles
(41.5).

Senior Joost Plaetinck led
a Novi sweep in the 3,200 with
a time of 9:39.19, while Gabe
Mudel (9:51.26) and John
Landy (9:51.38) added second
and third, respectively.

Salem's Janik Schmitt
swept the shot put (59-7) and
discus (127-9), while Chaz
Jeffress took first in the 800
(2:00.2) and 1,600 (4:29.7).

The loss dropped the
Rocks to 2-2 overall and 2-2 in
the KLAA Central.

Mustangs triumph

On May 3, host Northville
won its fourth straight in the
KLAA Central Division with a
94-34 dual meet win over
South Lyon East.

The Mustangs, 4-0 in the
division, were led by senior
sprinter Adam Ghabra and
sophomore A.J. Abbott.

Ghabra captured the 100-
and 400-meter dashes in 11.33
and 49.99, respectively, while
Abbott took the long jump (21
feet, 3.5 inches) and 200
(23.95).

The foursome of Ghabra,
Abbott, Giuliano Daniel and
Haden Beaudoin added first
in the 800 relay (1:33.42).

Other individual winners
for Northville included Max
DeDona, shot put (45-3.75);
John Hamilton, high jump
(6-4); Christain Field, 110
hurdles (no time available);
Thomas Smither, 800
(2:04.26); Kenny Goolsby,

1,600 (4:37.5); and Ben Cra-
craft, 3,200 (10:11.98).

The Mustangs' foursome
of Andrew Hezemy, Anthony
Montemayor, Zach Phillips
and Eric Robertson took the
400 relay (46.79), while Evan
Ferrante, Goolsby, Conor
Naughton and Smither cap-
tured the 3,200 relay (10:34.3).

East (1-3, 1-3) was led by
Jacob Waranauckas, who
captured the 300 hurdles
(42.09), while teaming with
Ryan Leckner, Zack Satawa
and Josh Smith for a victory
in the 1,600 relay (3:31.61).

The Cougars' other first
came from Andrew Wol-
schleger in the pole vault
(11-6).

DUAL MEET RESULTS NOVI 70, SALEM 67 May 3 at Salem

Shot put: 1. Janik Schmitt (Salem), 59 feet, 7
inches; **discus:** 1. Schmitt (Salem), 127-9; **high
jump:** 1. Scott Sawyer (Novi), 6-2; **long jump:**
1. Jacob Miller (Salem), 19-2; 3. Sawyer (Novi), 18-7;
pole vault: 1. Sawyer (Novi), 12-0; 3. Mitch
Goodman (Novi), 10-0; **110-meter hurdles:** 1.
Hunter Joy (Novi), 15.56; 3. John Stefan (Novi), 16.2;
300 hurdles: 1. Joy (Novi), 41.5; **100 dash:** 1.
Anthony D'Annibale (Novi), 10.74; 3. Nathan
Hankerson (Novi), 11.06; **200:** 1. Andrew Davis
(Salem), 22.3; 2. Hankerson (Novi), 22.67; **400:** 1.
D'Annibale (Novi), 49.7; 3. Josh Holcomb (Novi),
53.49; **800:** 1. Chaz Jeffress (Salem), 2:00.2; 2.
Nathaniel Wood (Novi), 2:06.31; 3. Adam D'itri
(Novi), 2:07.45; **1,600:** 1. Jeffress (Salem), 4:29.7;
2. Gabe Mudel (Novi), 4:34.43; 3. Aric Landy (Novi),
4:38.0; **3,200:** 1. Joost Plaetinck (Novi), 9:39.19; 2.
Mudel (Novi), 9:51.26; 3. John Landy (Novi),
9:51.38.

400 relay: 1. Salem, 44.2; 2. Novi, 44.99; **800
relay:** 1. Novi (D'Annibale, Nisarg Dharria,
Hankerson, Joy), 1:32.0; **1,600 relay:** 1. Novi (Joy,
Scott MacPherson, Wood, D'Annibale), 3:31.47;
3,200 relay: 1. Novi (Plaetinck, Scott Mac-
Pherson, Blake Maday, D'itri), 8:17.1; 2. Salem,
8:19.9.

Dual meet records: Novi, 3-1 overall, 3-1
KLAA Central Division; Salem, 2-2 overall, 2-2 KLAA
Central.

NORTHVILLE 94 SOUTH LYON EAST 34 May 3 at Northville

Shot put: 1. Max DeDona (N'ville), 45 feet,
3.75 inches; 2. Sarkis Dagley (SLE), 42-11.5; 3.
Ja'Quan Crawford (N'ville), 41-8.
Discus: 1. Ryan McKeon (SLE), 121-1; 2. Jeremiah
Dunne (N'ville), 112-2; 3. Crawford (N'ville), 11-9.
High jump: 1. John Hamilton (N'ville), 6-4; 2.
Alec Hopkins (N'ville), 5-6; 3. Caleb Sheehan
(N'ville), 5-6.
Long jump: 1. A.J. Abbott (N'ville), 21-3.5; 2.
Jonathon Shumake (N'ville), 19-6; 3. Hamilton
(N'ville), 19-4.5.
Pole vault: 1. Andrew Wolschleger (SLE), 11-6;
2. Clay Alexander (N'ville), 10-6; 3. Caleb Woods
(SLE), 8-6.
110-meter hurdles: 1. Christain Field
(N'ville), no time available; 2. Derek Wen (N'ville),
no time; 3. Vishal Kolla (N'ville), no time.
300 hurdles: 1. Jacob Waranauckas (SLE),
42.09; 2. Mitchell Stauffer (SLE), 45.31; 3. Ben
Shuart (SLE), 45.31.
100 dash: 1. Adam Ghabra (N'ville), 11.33; 2.
Zack Satawa (SLE), 11.76; 3. Andrew Hezemy
(N'ville), 11.96.
200: 1. Abbott (N'ville), 23.95; 2. Giuliano Daniel
(N'ville), 24.13; 3. Vincent Bellomo (N'ville), 24.13.
400: 1. Ghabra (N'ville), 49.99; 2. Josh Smith
(SLE), 50.3; 3. Robbie Kuphal (N'ville), 54.65.
800: 1. Thomas Smither (N'ville), 2:04.26; 2. Evan
Ferrante (N'ville), 2:07.79; 3. Satawa (SLE), 2:08.9.
1,600: 1. Kenny Goolsby (N'ville), 4:37.5; 2.
Conor Naughton (N'ville), 4:38.43.
3,200: 1. Ben Cracraft (N'ville), 10:11.98; 2. Peter
Bejin (N'ville), 10:16.09; 3. Jacob Blackmore
(N'ville), 10:29.23.
400 relay: 1. Northville (Hezemy, Anthony
Montemayor, Zach Phillips, Eric Robertson), 46.79;
2. East, 47.68; **800 relay:** 1. Northville (Haden
Beaudoin, Abbott, Daniel, Ghabra), 1:33.42; 2. East,
1:37.7; **1,600 relay:** 1. East (Waranauckas, Ryan
Leckner, Satawa, Smith), 3:31.61; 2. Northville,
3:34.97; **3,200 relay:** 1. Northville (Ferrante,
Goolsby, Naughton, Smither), 10:34.3.
Dual meet records: Northville, 4-0 overall,
4-0 KLAA Central Division; East, 1-3 overall, 1-3
KLAA Central.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL

Saturday, May 14

Novi Tournament, 9 a.m.
(all doubleheaders)
Allen Park at Northville, 10 a.m.
Detroit CC at Divine Child, 11 a.m.
Franklin Rd. at O.L. Lakes, noon.

Monday, May 16

Northville at KLAA South, 4 p.m.
Novi at KLAA South, 4 p.m.
Summit at Franklin Road, 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 17

Detroit CC at Country Day, 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 18

Northville at KLAA Lakes, 4 p.m.
Novi at KLAA Lakes, 4 p.m.

Friday, May 20

Inter-City at Franklin Rd., 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 21

(all doubleheaders)
Franklin Rd. at Country Day, 11 a.m.

Saturday, May 21

Lakeland at Northville 11 a.m.
W. Bloomfield at Northville, 11 a.m.
Catholic League semifinals
at Madonna Univ. Park, 2 & 4 p.m.

PREP SOFTBALL

Thursday, May 12

Franklin Rd. at Macomb, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 14

Northville at Mich. Challenge, TBA.

Sunday, May 15

Strong Tower at Franklin Rd. (2), 11 a.m.
Northville at Mich. Challenge, TBA.

Monday, May 16

Northville at KLAA South, 4 p.m.
Novi at KLAA South, 4 p.m.
Franklin Rd. at Center Line, 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 18

KLAA Lakes at Northville, 4 p.m.

Friday, May 20

Franklin Rd. at Inter-City, 4:30 p.m.

Now open in Novi



The Novi Chamber of Commerce helped celebrate the opening of Burger 21 in Novi. It was a beautiful, sunny day for those in attendance. Those pictured include (from left) Alaa Samaha, Moe Algharably, Wisal Samaha (franchise owner), Moe Samaha (franchise owner), Crystal Sequine, Taija Prichet, Sade Holley and Darnell Howard. The eatery is located at 26425 Novi Road.

Life insurance for children usually not a good expenditure

The other day at the end of one of my library talks, I was approached by a young couple who told me they just had their first child. They wanted to know some of the things they should do being as new parents. They had questions about life insurance and, in particular, life insurance on their child. Since they have had their child, they have said they've received all sorts of solicitations regarding life insurance for their newborn. They told me they thought it was a waste of money, but they wanted my opinion.

The one thing that somewhat intrigued them was that, on one of the policies, the death benefit started at \$10,000, but could be increased to \$100,000. The sales pitch was that by buying a life insurance policy now, it insures the child's insurability into the future.

My answer to them was to save their money and not to buy life insurance for their child. First, life insurance is not an investment; it's a means of insuring against financial loss. The question you always ask with regards to life insurance is if the proposed insured pass away, is there a financial loss to the family? Obviously, a loss of a child is very traumatic and tragic, but it is generally not a financial loss. There is no reason in the great ma-



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

majority of situations to insure a child.

With regards to the option to purchase more insurance down the road and the guarantee of insurability no matter what may happen in the future, it sounds nice, but in reality it's not worth much. I believe it is very gimmicky. It's sort of like saying you should buy a car today because you know that 18 years down the road your child is going to need a car. I believe most of us think it would be much better to wait until that time and see what is available. I apply the same thing to insurance. Why buy something today that you don't need and may never need? In addition, the reality of the situation is that a \$100,000 policy is not going to make a major difference to someone 30 or 40 years from now.

My advice for the couple was not to buy the insurance, but to save their money and invest it in a college savings program. My recommendation is that the couple start investing into the Michigan Education Savings Plan (www.misaves.com). The money they were going to spend

on the insurance can be much more productively invested into a college fund. In fact, I recommended that they set up a college fund and then notify family and friends who want to buy the child a gift that they consider a contribution into the education fund as opposed to another toy that they'll probably forget about in two weeks.

One last note: I did tell the parents that it was important for them to consider what would happen if one or both of them passed away and how that would financially impact the child. Not everyone needs life insurance, but life insurance can be a valuable financial tool to cover risk. In that regard, I told them that they should definitely consider term insurance, as I believe it is the most economical type of insurance and one that suits many peoples' needs. Unfortunately, the salespeople push whole life and other types of expensive insurance policies, but for new parents, term insurance is almost always the better option. It is cheaper and it allows you to purchase the amount of insurance you truly need.

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



The Big Salad-Novi owner Christopher Pike (from left), Jean Claude Botena, Jenna Sheena, Noelle Mayer, Michael Smith and Madonna University business professor Nidhal Bouazizi pose with the "Seal the Deal" trophy.

Madonna University students 'Seal the Deal' with The Big Salad

A team of business students from Madonna University took top honors in a recent reality-based learning project sponsored by restaurant group The Big Salad.

"Seal the Deal" was a semester-long, for-credit project in which teams of students competed to create, design, test and market a new menu product for The Big Salad, according to John Bornoty, The Big Salad founder and CEO.

The winning team, composed of Michael Smith and Noelle Mayer, both of Livonia; Jenna

Sheena of West Bloomfield; and Jean Claude Botena of Westland, competed against three other teams and presented the judges with its "Chicken BLTA Wrap," a blend of chicken, bacon, lettuce, tomato and avocado. The winning entry will be on sale at The Big Salad's Novi location, 43168 Grand River Ave., through August, according to Christopher Pike, franchise owner of The Big Salad-Novi.

"All of the student teams did an excellent job," Bornoty said. "Every team's product was

different and very good."

Said team member Mayer: "It was an incredible experience taking the concepts we've learned within the four walls of a classroom to a real life experience. It was such a great feeling to know that what you created from scratch was brought to life and is actually going to market."

The Big Salad and Madonna University plan to resume the "Seal the Deal" project at the start of the fall semester.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF NORTHVILLE

The City of Northville Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing to receive public input on a variance requested by the property owner at 238 Wing Court, Northville, Michigan, 48167. The applicant is seeking a variance to construct a new house addition and garage in the rear-yard setback on premises zoned R-1B, First Density Residential District, parcel number 48 003 03 0256 000. The City's Building Official has determined that a rear-yard variance of 22.416 feet is needed from Section 15.01 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow construction of the house addition and garage in the rear yard.

The public hearing will be held on Wednesday June 1, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. at the City of Northville Municipal Building, Council Chambers, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-449-9902. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comment on the variance request. The variance application is available for review at the City of Northville Building Department during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, local prevailing time. Written comments pertaining to the proposed variance request will also be received at the above address.

ROLLAND STAPLETON
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS CHAIRPERSON

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CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONSIDERATION OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT UNDER ACT P.A. 198 OF 1974, AS AMENDED

Notice is hereby given that BoCo Enterprises, Inc. have submitted a request to the City of Novi for the establishment of an Industrial Development District under the "Plant Rehabilitation and Industrial Development Act P.A. 198 of 1974."

The proposed project is part of Parcel ID No. 50-22-16-251-023, located at 46100 Grand River Road, described as follows (with corrected legal description):

T1N, R8E, SEC 16 PART OF NE 1/4, ALSO PART OF SE 1/4 BEG AT E 1/4 COR, TH S 87-26-37 W 1339.12 FT, TH S 87-42-26 W 124.90 FT, TH S 01-24-20 E 347.64 FT, TH ALG CURVE TO RIGHT, RAD 83807.16 FT, CHORD BEARS N 73-03-46 W 328.67 FT, DIST OF 328.67 FT, TH N 72-57-29 W 755.69 FT, TH N 01-46-33 W 347.10 FT, TH N 73-01-11 W 109.66 FT, TH S 88-13-27 W 83.17 FT, TH N 01-46-33 W 900.29 FT, TH S 70-44-04 E 45.95 FT, TH S 34-37-33 E 20.66 FT, TH S 74-00-10 E 1693.39 FT, TH N 86-34-29 E 150.36 FT, TH S 74-00-10 E 901.58 FT, TH S 02-19-20 E 443.24 FT TO BEG 54.86 Ac 9-11-12 FR 021 & 022

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Pursuant to Section 4 (4) of said Act, a public hearing shall be held on Monday, May 23, 2016 at 7:00 pm in the Novi City Council Chambers, located at 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375, during which any property owner within the proposed Industrial Development District, and any resident or taxpayer of the City of Novi may appear and be heard in relation to the consideration of the aforementioned Industrial Development District.

If you have any comments regarding this proposal, they may be presented in writing to the City Clerk's office or at the public hearing.

Maryanne Cornelius, MMC
City Clerk

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CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONSIDERATION OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT UNDER ACT P.A. 198 OF 1974, AS AMENDED

Notice is hereby given that Stoneridge, Inc. have submitted a request to the City of Novi for the establishment of an Industrial Development District under the "Plant Rehabilitation and Industrial Development Act P.A. 198 of 1974."

The proposed project is part of Parcel ID No. 50-22-01-400-029, located at 39625 Mackenzie Dr., described as follows:

T1N, R8E, SEC 1 PART OF E 1/2 OF SEC BEG AT PT DIST N 02-30-06 W 632.02 FT & S 85-30-21 W 60.04 FT & S 85-30-21 W 215.71 FT & N 02-02-32 W 467.58 FT & S 87-57-28 W 162.89 FT & S 13-30-29 W 174.90 FT & S 41-04-28 W 75.81 FT & S 87-29-56 W 312.43 FT & S 44-08-59 W 370.51 FT & N 36-07-04 W 336.51 FT & N 30-23-13 W 363.98 FT & N 02-57-07 W 1161.60 FT FROM SE SEC COR, TH N 02-57-07 W 176.05 FT, TH N 87-02-53 E 108.36 FT, TH N 28-03-30 E 222.93 FT, TH ALG CURVE TO RIGHT, RAD 420 FT, CHORD BEARS S 73-28-03 E 167.85 FT, DIST OF 168.98 FT, TH S 61-56-30 E 159.14 FT, TH ALG CURVE TO LEFT, RAD 480 FT, CHORD BEARS S 72-03-48 E 168.71 FT, DIST OF 169.59 FT, TH S 02-30-19 E 387.94 FT, TH S 87-29-41 W 268.09 FT, TH N 61-56-30 W 420.91 FT, TH S 87-02-53 W 43.61 FT TO BEG 6.20 A 7-26-13 FR 026

Pursuant to Section 4 (4) of said Act, a public hearing shall be held on Monday, May 23, 2016 at 7:00 pm in the Novi City Council Chambers, located at 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375, during which any property owner within the proposed Industrial Development District, and any resident or taxpayer of the City of Novi may appear and be heard in relation to the consideration of the aforementioned Industrial Development District.

If you have any comments regarding this proposal, they may be presented in writing to the City Clerk's office or at the public hearing.

Maryanne Cornelius, MMC
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Varnum adds attorney to practice

Varnum has announced that attorney Julia A. Perkins has joined the firm's Novi office.

Perkins works with clients in family law matters, including divorce, child custody, child support and parenting time matters. She has experience with international custody cases and valuation and division of high net worth marital estates. She is also a certified mediator with a focus in family law.

Perkins graduated magna cum laude from Detroit College of Law in 1996 and attended Indi-



Perkins

ana University for her undergraduate degree. She joins Varnum from Jaffe, Raitt, Heuer & Weiss P.C. in Southfield, where she was a partner in the family law practice.

In addition to her practice, Perkins is an adjunct family law professor at the University of Detroit Mercy. She serves on the planning commission for Canton Township and formerly served on the Canton Zoning Board of Appeals.

Her other community involvement includes serving on the advisory committee for Kids-Talk Children's Advocacy Center, which helps children suspected of abuse or neglect. Perkins also serves on the Culinary Challenge Core Committee, an annual charitable event that raises money for youth scholarships.

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Service personnel in the U.S. benefit from their military status in buying homes.

Industry survey: Military personnel purchase homes at younger age

Differences in household demographics and affordable financing options spur home buying demand for young active-service military members, causing them to significantly outpace the share of nonmilitary home buyers under the age of 35, according to the first-ever 2016 Veterans & Active Military Home Buyers and Sellers Profile , which evaluates the differences of recent active-service and veteran home buyers and sellers compared to those who’ve never served. The survey also found that while nearly all veteran and non-military buyers and sellers use an agent, usage is practically universal among active-service military members.

NAR’s survey gathered greater insight into how each population of buyers and sellers differs and is similar to those who have never served in the military. Of all home buyers, 18 percent identified as veterans and 3 percent as active-military. Of all home sellers, 21 percent identified as veterans and 1 percent as active-military.

The results revealed quite a few contrasts between active-service military buyers and buyers who’ve never served. At a median age of 34 years old, the typical active-service buyer was a lot younger than nonmilitary buyers (40 years old) and was more likely to be married and have multiple children living in their household. As a result, they typically bought a larger home that cost more than those purchased by both non-military buyers and veterans.

Lawrence Yun, NAR chief economist, says young active-service buyers (ages 18-35) bought homes at a far greater rate (51 percent) than non-military buyers (34 percent). “Despite having a lower median income (\$76,800), more stable job security and no down payment financing options give aspiring homeowners in the military a deserving advantage over their civilian peers,” he said. “Furthermore, their tendencies to marry and raise a family at an earlier age and carry less student debt

make buying a home a more desirable and achievable option.”

Veterans Affairs loans — which offer over 100 percent financing for veteran and active-service home buyers — were the most popular loan type for active-service and veteran buyers, leading to the majority of active-service buyers financing their entire home purchase and veterans putting down a median down payment of 5 percent. For nonmilitary buyers, the median down payment was 11 percent.

Added Yun, “Current data shows that VA loans perform remarkably well and are a safe and affordable choice. Their current seriously delinquent and homes in foreclosure rate is 2.78 percent versus 3.44 percent for non-VA loans.”

A place to call home is often times one of the few constants for the families of the brave men and women defending our country, said NAR President Tom Salomone, broker-owner of Real Estate II Inc. in Coral Springs, Fla. “That’s why it’s so important to ensure that homeownership opportunities and affordable financing options exist for qualified military personnel, veterans and their families.”

With the ability to obtain a VA loan, only 5 percent of veterans and 3 percent of active-service buyers said saving for a down payment was the most difficult step. Of those, only 4 percent of veterans and 13 percent of active-service buyers said student loan debt delayed saving. Sixty-two percent of veterans cited having other types of debt and 43 percent of active-service military referenced credit card debt.

While a larger share of active-service military buyers had student loan debt compared to nonmilitary buyers and veterans, their debt balances were typically lower. Among active-service members, 37 percent had student loan debt under \$10,000 compared to 21 percent for those who’ve never served.

Active-service buyers prefer large single-family homes

The median income of veteran and active-service member home buyers in the survey was slightly lower than buyers who’ve never served in the military, which was \$86,500. Active-service buyers typically bought a 2,170-square-foot home that cost more (\$226,000) than those purchased by nonmilitary buyers and veterans. Veteran buyers had a median income of \$84,000, and they typically bought a 1,980-square-foot home costing \$220,000.

Mirroring the general population of buyers, over 80 percent of both veterans and active-service buyers purchased a single-family home, with those currently serving purchasing single-family homes at the highest rate (87 percent).

The primary reason for the home purchase for active-service military was job relocation, followed closely by the desire to own a home of their own. Compared to nonmilitary buyers, veterans were more likely to want to be closer to friends and family or moving for retirement.

Increased mobility means active-service and veteran buyers and sellers rely on real estate agents

Veterans and active-service buyers purchased a home a lot further away from their previous residence (at 75 miles and 28 miles, respectively) than buyers who never served in the military (10 miles). Among the biggest factors influencing neighborhood choice, veterans were most influenced by the quality of the neighborhood, while convenience to their job was desired the most by active-service members.

While nearly all buyers predominantly used the Internet and a real estate agent during their home search, active-duty buyers used a real estate agent at an even higher rate (95 percent versus 88 percent for non-military buyers). As a group, they were also most likely to use mobile or tablet search engines and relocation companies during

their search.

“Many Realtors are veterans themselves, who understand the unique housing needs of those serving our country,” Salomone said. “Whether it’s relocating to a completely new area across the country or needing to sell their home in a short time frame, Realtors are committed to helping active-service members and veterans succeed in their homeownership goals.”

Some of the characteristics of active-service sellers differed from nonmilitary sellers. They were younger, far more likely to have multiple children living in their household and sold a home in a suburban area at a far higher rate. Additionally, the use of an agent was highest for active-service military sellers (94 percent), who – likely dealing with relocating to a new area in a short time frame – cited both wanting help marketing the home to potential buyers and help negotiating and dealing with buyers at a far higher rate than nonmilitary sellers and veterans. Eighty-nine percent of veterans used an agent, on par with nonmilitary sellers (90 percent).

The most commonly cited reason for owners selling their home varied. For non-military sellers, the most commonly cited reason for selling their home was that it was too small (18 percent), while the most common reason cited by veterans was to be closer to friends and family (23 percent). Not surprisingly, job relocation for active-service military sellers was the most common reason for selling (43 percent).

NAR is committed to educating more Realtors about working with current and former military service members through its “Military Relocation Professional” certification program. This educational initiative available to Realtors offers insights into finding housing solutions that best suit the needs of current and former military members while taking full advantage of their military benefits.

Judges often allow support animals in court during testimony

Q: I have a young son who is being forced to testify in a case. Can I bring a support animal?

A: More than likely you can. In a recent Michigan Court of Appeals case, which was a criminal case, the court recognized that the trial court has within its inherent authority the right to control its courtroom and the proceedings before it to allow a witness to testify accompanied by a support animal.

Q: I am a landlord being pursued by a tenant because someone attacked him in my building. Apparently, this person who attacked this tenant had also attacked someone in our building in the past. Do you think I have any liability? I have reported it to my insurance company.

A: Probably not. On a case somewhat similar in facts, the Michigan Court of Appeals had recently ruled that in a case by the Michigan Supreme Court, it was stated that the common law imposes a duty of care when a special relationship exists such as between a landlord and its tenants and their invitees.

The court also said that landlords and merchants share a similar level of control over common areas that are open to their tenants and other invitees and thus assume the same duty of reasonable care with regard to those common areas. However, the landlord’s duty regarding criminal acts of third parties is limited to and co-extensive with the duty to respond by reasonably expediting police involvement when it is given notice of a specific situation occurring on the premises that would cause a reasonable person to recognize a risk of imminent harm to an identifiable invitee.

The court said that like a merchant, a landlord can presume the tenants and their invitees will obey the criminal law and because of the unpredictability and the rationality of criminal activity, this assumption should continue until a specific situation occurs on the premises that would cause a reasonable person to recognize the risk of imminent harm to an identifiable tenant or invitee and only when given notice of such situation, is a duty imposed on the landlord. Depending upon your facts, there may not be liability, but, obviously, your insurance carrier will have to make a determination of the facts and circumstances of your case.

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Realtors Association lauds flood insurance effort

Property owners who opt to purchase flood insurance in the private market rather than through the National Flood Insurance Program may do so under current rules, but they risk paying higher rates if they return to the NFIP. H.R. 2901, the “Flood Insurance Market Parity and Modernization Act,” passed the U.S. House of Representatives on April 28 by a vote of 419-0 and seeks to alleviate that concern.

The National Association of Realtors stands firmly behind the effort.

“Realtors know that a robust National Flood Insurance Program is important for protecting consumers and ensuring property sales can move forward in 20,000 communities nationwide,” said NAR President Tom Salo-

mone, broker-owner of Real Estate II Inc. in Coral Springs, Fla. “For many, the NFIP offers the only source of coverage that meets federally related mortgage requirements and protects properties in the 100-year floodplain.

“At the same time, consumers who wish to purchase insurance in the private market should have the freedom to do so,” he said. “This legislation will help foster a vibrant private flood insurance market while giving consumers the flexibility to return to the NFIP at a reasonable cost if they choose to.”

Under current regulations, the NFIP requires homeowners to retain a minimum amount of flood insurance coverage to maintain the lowest rates available within the NFIP. Those same regulations

treat consumers who move to private insurance as having had a “break” in coverage, even if the private insurance product offers comparable coverage for the property.

Oftentimes, consumers will return to the NFIP when a private insurance product goes up in price or is no longer available. In that instance, a homeowner can only do so in the face of a rate hike.

H.R. 2901 would change this by clarifying that private flood insurance that meets state law provides continuous coverage. If the bill becomes law, property owners could move seamlessly between the NFIP and private insurance markets without the risk of arbitrary rate increases.

Earlier this year, NAR wrote (link is external) to members of the House Fi-

nancial Services Committee to ask for their support of the bill; H.R. 2901 later passed the committee by a unanimous vote, clearing the way for the April 28 vote on the House floor.

Additionally, the week before April 28, NAR joined members of the SmarterSafer coalition to urge House Speaker Paul Ryan (R-Wis.) to bring the bill up for a vote.

Salomone praised the bill’s passage, calling it a step forward for reform of the broader flood insurance system.

“NAR is grateful to Congressmen Dennis Ross (R-Fla.) and Patrick Murphy (D-Fla.) for their leadership on this important issue,” Salomone said. “This legislation is a step in the right direction as we work to reauthorize and modernize the NFIP.”

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Be persistent, not pesky, after a job interview

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“Don't call us. We'll call you.” That used to be the standard send-off to candidates as they left the job interview. In today's competitive landscape, however, waiting around to hear from the employer might mean losing out on a job.

Now, not only is it perfectly acceptable for candidates to follow up with an employer after an interview, it can even be advantageous. When up against other equally qualified candidates, taking the time and initiative to reiterate your enthusiasm for the role can set you apart in the eyes of the hiring manager.

There is a fine line, however, between being persistent and being pesky. How do you find a balance? Job-search experts give advice about what to do — and what not to do — when following up with hiring managers.

Do send a thank-you note. Sending a thank-you note after the interview isn't just good manners — it's good personal branding. “The thank-you note provides another opportunity to explain why you are a strong candidate, reiterates your interest in the role and helps you stay top of mind,” says Julia Bonem, a senior career consultant at Resume Strategists Inc.

Don't be generic. Send an individual message to everyone who interviewed you, and customize each one. “Each email should say something different in case staff compare thank-you notes,” Bonem advises.

Don't delay. The sooner you send a follow-up note, the better. “Failing to be prompt with your appreciation can potentially take you out of the running for a job, especially if a hiring manager is making a quick decision,” Bonem says. While some experts say a personally written note makes the biggest impact, others say an email is perfectly OK. If you have a contact at the company, he or she may be able to advise you on which tactic is best.

Do ask for guidance. Even if you send a follow-up note, you may not hear back right away. Reach out again too soon, however, and your persistence may be perceived as peskiness. “If a place has not made a decision yet or they are waiting for final approval on something, again, ask when you should follow up to check on a final outcome,” says Nikki Martinez, a licensed clinical professional counselor. Not only will you get a straight answer, your thoughtfulness will be noticed.

Don't resort to gimmicks. Some follow-up tactics can make you stand out — in a bad way. “Never show up at the company uninvited for any reason or send clever care packages, birthday presents or gimmicky items in an attempt to stay ‘on the radar,’” Bonem says. Such gestures can seem unprofessional or desperate and may take you out of consideration.

Do keep your options open. Even if you feel you have the job in the bag, opportunities sometimes fall through. Perhaps the hiring manager decides to “go another way,” or maybe budgetary restrictions force a candidate search to be put on hold. Whatever the reason, keep your options open by continuing to network and apply for other jobs.

Don't burn bridges. If you don't get the job, don't write the company off just yet. “If you are turned (down) but like the company and they seem positive about you, it's absolutely appropriate to ask them to consider you for other positions, now or in the future,” says Mikaela Kiner, founder of Uniquely HR. Check in with the recruiter or hiring manager every so often to remain top of mind. Should another opportunity arise with the company, you will be glad you didn't burn that bridge.

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Car Report

Audi Keeps Scaling New Heights with Latest Version of Q7 SUV and with Starring Role in new 'Captain America: Civil War'



By Dale Buss

The Audi Q7 already was the crème de la crème of SUVs, and the new 2017 version of this franchise vehicle has taken things to a whole new level. So why shouldn't we be surprised that marketing of the Q7 line and other Audi products is rising to a whole new level through their presence in the hit movie Captain America: Civil War?

Driving the new, substantially enhanced Q7 as I did lately was an absolute joy from beholding the nameplate's new exterior design, where Audi has added some exquisite new lines, to enjoying the ride on the inside.

For one thing, there's the

panoramic sunroof which makes even rear-seat passengers feel like they're taking an open-coach ride, when that's desirable. Also, Audi – an acknowledged leader in the autonomous-driving derby – already has provided almost hands-free driving with its adaptive cruise control.

This feature essentially keeps you in your lane and away from cars in front of you, and I tested it with several maneuvers. Not only did Audi technology perform flawlessly, but it also provides the kind of smooth acceleration and deceleration – even in rather sudden avoidance actions – that you'd hope you'd execute as a skilled human driver.

So consider Q7 not only a sales winner for Audi but a worthy flagship SUV to which other luxury makes will have to aspire.

Meanwhile, Audi also is taking quite a ride with the Marvel

superheroes franchise as the new Captain America movie bursts out of the gate at the box office.

Tony Stark, Iron Man's alter ego played by Robert Downey, Jr., first drove an Audi R8 and its variations in the Iron Man movie in 2008. Audi was able to use the tech-laden vehicle to add to all the other things that have been going right for the Volkswagen-owned brand in the past several years as the next two Iron Man movies have fared well at the box office.

In the new Captain America flick, which stars both of those superheroes and others from the Marvel stable on various sides of an epic struggle, Stark steps up to a 610-hp RB V10 coupe.

But more than that, the new Audi SQ7 performance SUV is another automotive star of the movie. Its climactic scene is a chase in which Captain America, played by Chris Evans, is behind the wheel of an SQ7.

Loren Angelo, director of marketing for Audi of America, thinks the role of the SQ7 is ideal: For all its performance capability and technological sophistication, a family vehicle is whisking Captain America through a spectacular scene in the film.

"It's perfect to put our brand in these settings and be able to demonstrate how Audi is a component of the action and excitement that the Avengers represent," Angelo told me in an interview:

It's interesting to get other Audi vehicles, including an SUV, involved in the Iron Man and Marvel story.

Angelo: Whether it's the SQ7 or A4



The new 2017 Audi Q7 stars in its own ad related to 'Captain America' movie.

or R8, the brand is a part of the story. Audiences see the four rings and consumers have associated them with movie blockbuster action.

There's an organic thing going on with the technology in today's Audi vehicles and the cutting-edge technology represented by superheroes and their gadgets, right?

Angelo: The Avengers represent high-level technology, and Audi is the vehicle that carries them into the action as they are saving the world.

You've also got a TV commercial called "The Chase," featuring a family in an Audi Q7 that finds itself unwittingly in the middle of the movie's biggest chase scene. How did that happen?

Angelo: It was a unique opportunity to play off one of the critical scenes in the movie. And we

were able to release unique footage in our ad. It demonstrates how the Q7 can actually perform in every single challenge that's thrown at it.

One reason the Audi brand has risen to such great heights is that it has been perceived as a "challenger" brand to traditional German luxury, and you've certainly played that up. With sales increasing by double-digit percentages every year, and Audi brand equity leading the industry by many measures, can you keep selling Audi as that challenger brand?

Angelo: Our brand still needs to strengthen our awareness in comparison to the competition. That's why high-profile platforms play a critical role not only in launching new cars but also to give our brand new recognition on the biggest stages. But we're still outspent in marketing 3-to-1 by Mercedes and Lexus.



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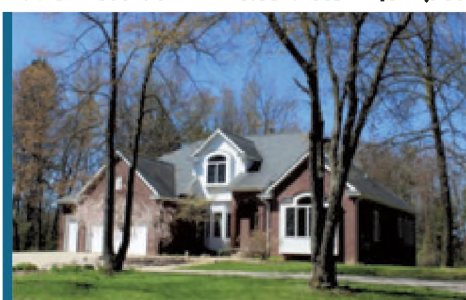
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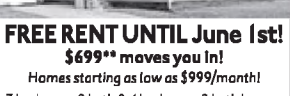
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