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Cookies galore at Meadowbrook Church

Thousands of homemade holiday cookies and beautifully packaged candy, bread, fudge and more will be available at the seventh annual Christmas Cookie Walk set for Saturday, Dec. 10, at Meadowbrook Congregational Church, 21355 Meadowbrook Road between Eight Mile and Nine Mile roads in Novi. Admission is free.

Cookies are \$9 per pound with other items priced individually. Each participant will receive a box (or as many boxes as needed) and gloves to walk among tables laden with trays of holiday cookies and other delights.

Doors open at 9 a.m., but entry numbers will be distributed starting at 8:30 a.m. Participants are encouraged to arrive early to avoid the rush. Free coffee and cookie samples will be served. The church's sanctuary will be open for viewing. Proceeds from the event support church missions.

For more information, contact the church office at 248-348-7757 or www.mbccc.org.

Village plan includes housing

Property developers receive zoning OK

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With Meijer out of the picture, a proposed development at Five Mile and Beck will literally be a village with a variety of housing, retail, movie theater, perhaps a grocery and community public spaces in an urban, contemporary setting.

"We kind of switched gears," said Howard Fingerroot, a managing partner of Pinnacle Homes, which will provide the large residential component.

Developers REDICO of Southfield had initially planned to have a Meijer as the anchor

for the proposed Village at Northville, on the former Scott Prison property on northwest corner of Beck and Five Mile, abutting the Northville Township community park. But strong and loud community opposition and a less than unanimous vote among township trustees led REDICO to alter its plans.

The concept plan and planned unit development zoning for Village at Northville was approved Tuesday, Nov. 29. The approvals carried conditions that must be met. But the approval also knocks over a near final hurdle in the anticipated sale of the property to REDICO. The approval allows township Supervisor Bob Nix and Clerk



See VILLAGE, Page A4 A conceptual plan for the Village at Northville.



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Marv Gans (left) and Ken Brock put many hours into restoring this circa-1850s barn now located at Thayer's Corner Nature Area.

Longtime sports director, township trustee Gans dies

'Dynamo for community' known for drive, vision

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Marvin Gans, a longtime athletic director and coach at Schoolcraft College and a "dynamo" in bringing athletic events and opportunities for recreation to western Wayne County, died Friday following a brief illness. He was 84.

Gans, known to everyone as Marv, was also a 20-year Northville Township trustee and had served the township in different capacities for decades. He had just been elected in November to a sixth term on the Board of Trustees.

"Marv was very special to this community. He devoted much of his last 40 years to public service for our township, as planning commissioner and trustee," township Treasurer Margie Banner said. "He was more than that, however. He spent years with other volunteers fundraising for parks and recreation to improve ameni-



SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE
Marvin Gans (right) and physical education instructor Jack Washka in October 1968 at the groundbreaking of the Schoolcraft athletic complex.

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New Maybury chief brings experience to 'hidden gem'

Sincock led Northville parks department for 19 years

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Traci Sincock is bringing years of experience in Northville parks and recreation to another level — the state level.

Sincock, who lives in Plymouth, is the new supervisor at Maybury State Park in Northville Township, having taken over in August from Nikki Van Bloem.



The director of Northville Parks and Recreation for 19 years, and most recently the Northville Chamber of Commerce events coordinator, Sincock is well-known in the area.

Moving to Maybury was a little like coming home for Sincock.

"Our department did a lot of programming here at the park," Sincock said of Northville Parks and Recreation, a program that serves both Northville and Northville Township. "Maybury was a big park we could come to to run different activities."

Maybury is a 944-acre park of meadows, forest land and rolling hills south of Eight Mile and west of Beck, home to a variety of wildlife and wildflowers. It is the only state park in Wayne County, aside from two parks in Detroit, the William G. Milliken and Belle Isle state parks.

Sincock said Maybury fits well with other, locally run recreation facilities.

"We're really a community park, we just happen to be state-managed," she said. "It's just a wonderful asset to have that really complements all the facilities in this area."

Maybury features biking and hiking trails, horseback riding, snowshoeing and cross country skiing, baseball and soccer fields and playgrounds and is a favorite of runners and mountain bikers. It is also home to Maybury Farm, a working farm and educational site run by the Northville Community Foundation.

Scott Pratt, chief of southern field operations for the Michigan Department of Natural

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Jennifer Shea, manager of the Student Heart Check Program, CMN Beaumont, accepts a donation to the Children's Miracle Network at Beaumont Children's in support of the Student Heart Check Program, from Northville Township Firefighters.

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Northville firefighters donate to Student Heart Check

\$5,000 supports Beaumont program

The Student Heart Check Program, Children's Miracle Network initiative of Beaumont Children's, accepted Nov. 30 a donation of \$5,000 from the Northville Township Firefighters Charity Fund. The donation will support the Student Heart Check program that has screened almost 14,000 students since it began in 2007.

In June 2016, Beaumont's team of physicians and cardiology assistants screened 376 students at Northville High School. The free student heart screening included a medical history, blood



Northville Firefighters join Beaumont in instructing students on proper CPR techniques

pressure check, an electrocardiogram or ECG and a "quick-look" echocardiogram, an ultrasound image of the heart. The team

was also joined by Northville Township firefighters to provide the students, parents and siblings with training on hands-only CPR.

NORTHVILLE LIBRARY LINES

Drop-In Saturday Storytime

Time/Date: 11-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 10
Details: Join a wintry wonderland of stories, music and movement. Best for children ages 2-4, but entire families are welcome. Drop in.

Between the Lines Book Discussion

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 12
Details: Enjoy a lively discussion of Colin Campbell's "Free Days with George: Learning Life's Little Lessons from One Very Big Dog" about a marketing executive and surfer, and his life with his Newfoundland dog George. Nonfiction. Drop in.

Planet D Nonet Concert

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 14
Details: Enjoy the swing, blues, space-age jazz and classic American songs from this swing band founded by drummer RJ Spangler and trumpeter James O'Donnell. This concert will be held at Northville Township Hall at 44405 Six Mile Road. Register online or in person or call 248-349-3020.

Kidz Time

Time/Date: 4:30-5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 15
Details: Fun after-school program for first-graders, second-graders and third-graders featuring stories, games and crafts about winter stories and activities. Limit 20. Register.

Little Me Storytime for Babies & Little Ones

Time/Date: 10:30-11:15 a.m. Friday, Dec. 16
Details: Age 10 months to two years, along with parents and caregivers can enjoy music, simple stories and playtime with Miss Dorie. Infants and older children also welcome to attend. Drop in.

Teen Yoga Time

Time/Date: 1-2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17
Details: Teens in grades 6-12 can join a free yoga class with certified Anusara yoga instructor Julie August from Body Language Fitness & Yoga Center. Dress comfortably. No experience necessary' beginners welcome. Bring your own mat or towel. Registration required.

Foreign Film @ the Library

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 19
Details: Enjoy this well-reviewed French film "Gasoline & Microbe" about two teenage boys who befriend each other and embark on a road trip across France in a vehicle they built themselves. Just drop in.

MILL RACE MATTERS

Mill Race Historical Village is at 215 Griswold St., north of Main near Ford Field. 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; visit www.millracenorthville.org for details.

Upcoming events

Yuletide Tea: Dec. 10. Sold out.
Clara Ford Tea: Ticket sales begin Dec. 10 for the Clara Ford Tea, which will run from 1-3:30 p.m. Feb. 18. No sales before this date. Any tickets not sold on this date are available in the office at 9 a.m. Dec. 12.
Lecture Series: When Amelia Came to Michigan: 7 p.m. Jan. 25. New School Church at Mill Race Village. No fee. Donations accepted.

General information

Website: www.millracenorthville.org
Volunteers: The Northville Historical Society at Mill Race Village accepts volunteers in many different areas and especially needs Sunday store clerks and help with fundraising teas.
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Donations: Physical donations accepted from 9 a.m. to noon Tuesdays.
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Santa pulls Cash for College winning ticket

Pam McCaskill, the mother of a Northville High School freshman, is the winner of the Northville Education Foundation's Cash for College raffle.

The raffle tickets were sold from late August until just before downtown Northville's Holiday Lighted Parade on Nov. 18. The winning ticket was drawn later that evening by Santa Claus in the town square.

At \$75 each, 470 tickets were sold during the campaign. Because fewer than 667 tickets were sold, the prize reverted to a 50/50 drawing, allowing the foundation to give away \$17,625. The prize is to be used toward current college tuition, future college tuition or to pay off existing student loans.

McCaskill is planning to place the funds into an existing 529 college savings plan already set up in her daughter's name.

McCaskill said she and her family were beyond excited and quite surprised as she never wins raffles she enters. And the timing could not have been more perfect. McCaskill and her family recently made the decision to use much of the savings they set aside for her daughter's college to help cover the expenses of a life-saving medical procedure for a family member. "It was as if someone was looking out for us," McCaskill said.

"The Board of Directors and I are excited that the raffle raised as much as it did in its first year and expect it to increase next year," said Jennifer Roosenberg, foundation executive director. "It's also nice to see the winnings go to a family who recently made a sacrifice to help a loved one. By placing it into the 529 plan, the prize will have an opportunity to grow over the next few years before Pam's daughter begins college."

Proceeds from the raffle benefit Northville Educational Foundation and the many programs it supports in the Northville Public Schools that help enrich the education of Northville's over 7,300 students in all 10 schools.

"We appreciate everyone who purchased a raffle ticket. The proceeds from this fundraiser will greatly impact the programs we have committed to supporting in the district this year," Roosenberg said.



And the Cash for College winner is Pam McCaskill.

GANS

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ties for the youth of our township."

"He's going to be sorely missed," said Jack Washka, a physical education teacher at Schoolcraft who worked with Gans. "He was a great dynamo for the community and everyone around him."

"He was very positive. Very committed to his community," said Suzie Johnson, director of senior services for Northville and Northville Township. "He always had this vision ... and he was just extraordinary in bringing it together and bringing it to fruition."

Gans began at Schoolcraft in 1964 as the school's first athletic director and head of the physical education department. He also coached soccer and men's basketball and worked at the school in other capacities during his career, including assistant dean of arts and sciences. He retired in 2002 as the assistant dean of continuing education services.

In the 1960s, Gans designed Schoolcraft's physical education complex, still in use today, which led to consulting work on other athletic facilities, said a son, Russell Gans.

Brad Emons, a veteran *Observer & Eccentric* sports journalist who worked closely with Gans, said Gans brought several major athletic events to Schoolcraft over the years, including boxing tournaments, the largest youth soccer tournament in the country at the time and a basketball game that pitted the junior national team from the then-Soviet Union against an Amateur Athletic Union team that featured Earvin "Magic" Johnson, then a high school senior.

"He was just a pioneer as far as building community sports," Emons said.



Northville Township Trustee Marv Gans, Northville High School athletic director Bryan Masi and Northville Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher open the school's artificial turf field.



Northville Township Trustee Marv Gans and Treasurer Marjorie Banner collaborated on the construction effort to bring a new picnic structure to Thayer's Corner.

said. "He was really a go-getter."

Gans grew up in New York City, his son said, and his extended family helped raise him in a small apartment after his mother died when he was 11.

He was offered football scholarship to Ohio State University, but instead attended Hunter College in New York, earning a degree in physical education.

Gans earned a master's in physical education from the University of Michigan and, in 1971,

said.

His father was also an avid reader, he said, and especially enjoyed espionage novels.

Gans was instrumental in establishing the township's Thayer's Corner Nature Area, on which he worked with Banner, the township treasurer. Last year, that work won him the Michigan State Fair Senior Citizen of the Year award and, this year, he was honored with the Keep Michigan Beautiful president's award.

By state law, the Northville Township board has 45 days to appoint someone to replace Gans; if that is not done, Gov. Rick Snyder has the option of naming a replacement.

In addition to his son Russell, Gans is survived by his wife of 60 years, Erica "Rikki" Gans, whom he met at Hunter; another son, Derek; a daughter, Jennifer Hoyle; and four grandchildren.

Private funeral services were planned. Memorial contributions can be made to Thayer's Corner Nature Area.

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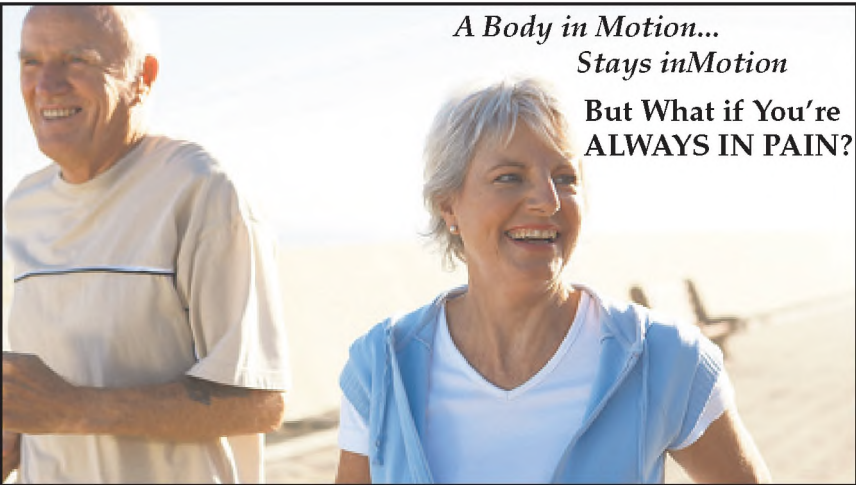
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Sue Hillebrand to finalize the PUD agreement following an attorney review. A PUD is a negotiated agreement that allows some flexibility of development and design.

Northville Township purchased the former prison property from the state for \$1 in 2012 on the condition that it be sold for development by Dec. 30 or used for a public purpose. The township will receive a large portion of the sale proceeds, earmarked for demolition and environmental cleanup at the former Northville Psychiatric Hospital on Seven Mile, which the township also owns. Approximately 40 percent of the sale proceeds will go to the state, according to township officials.

While a residential component was “incidental” to the original REDICO plans for the property, removing the Meijer or any other big box retailer, changed the development's focus. “Residential (now) needed to be a key part of this,” said Brian Wenzel of Atwell Hick civil engineering. “I don't think it can be one type of residential.”

The concept plan includes 111 single-family lots with a minimum 6,000-square-foot lots; 66 townhomes; 190 lofts, with some of them designed as work-live units. Though small — compared to typical Northville Township residential properties — the single-family lot size “is fairly typical of an urban development,” Wenzel said.

When the Meijer plan was nixed, the development was left with a need for a certain amount of density to make it profitable for developers, he added. But one of the included conditions of approval was that the single-family homes would be a maximum 3,400 square feet because of setbacks and the reduced lot sizes.

The town homes would include one- or two-car garages with four-to-eight units per building. They would also be located closer to the development's commercial space and frames the village's open space. “These might attract some commercial or office traffic,” Wenzel said.

The proposed lofts that will be on the

northeast corner of the development will offer 190 units of one-and-two bedrooms. Wenzel said the lofts would be built in the “podium” style with first floor parking and retail.

The development also would include some 92,000 square feet of retail, excluding the loft space. The Village at Northville also would include a central residential common area — a landscaped urban park of about 1.35 acres. It will be an area defined with trees and measure 530 feet long and 110 feet wide. Roads around the park would be closed and opened for pedestrian traffic.

Wenzel suggested a comparison to Plymouth's popular Kellogg Park, which is 1.15 acres, the city of Northville's park at .34-acres and Shain Park in Birmingham at 2.25 acres. Walkways will be connected to the park. “I don't want this to just be a park for the residents,” trustee MIndy Hermann said.

Following the decision to remove Meijer from the development plan, Fingeroot said developers and planners involved with the project had to make a quick turnaround for a new plan, which still requires some fine tuning and conceptual drawings of the residential units.

In response to a question from Treasurer Marjorie Banner about maintenance responsibilities, Fingeroot said the residential developments will have homeowners associations and managers assigned to certain portions of the development to address maintenance and other responsibilities.

The proposed development also sets off the need for road improvements along Beck and Five Mile. Township officials hope that the improvements made by the developer — such as aligning the Village of Northville Beck Road entrance with Technology Drive — will serve as leverage to obtain grants to make additional traffic improvements in the area, Nix said.

Meanwhile, Fingeroot said he has plans to meet with Wayne County officials regarding a traffic light on Five Mile at Home Depot, which is on the Plymouth Township side of the road.

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SINCOCK

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Resources' parks and recreation division, said Maybury is a “hidden gem” for recreation opportunities and that Sincock is the right person to bring more people to it.

“One of her tasks is to drive people to this beautiful park,” Pratt said. “Her community engagement is just top-notch. The knows the community and is able to get the word out.”

For nearly 50 years, Maybury was a sanitarium for people with tuberculosis, opening in the days before antibiotics and closing in 1969, when medical advances made it obsolete.

As a sanitarium, operating under the concepts that TB sufferers would benefit from fresh air, recreation and time away from the often-unsanitary conditions in the city — and that TB should be contained to limit the spread of the disease — it was a largely self-sufficient community that included a hospital, farm, dormitories and power plant.

The site has been a state park since 1975 and, Sincock said, some of the picnic shelters and playground equipment date back that far. Part of her mission, she said, is to maintain and improve the facilities with a limited budget, while at the same time honoring the park's history.

“We have to preserve the beautiful, rich history that has always been part of the park,” Sincock said.

When starting out at Maybury, Sincock found herself surprised at how much the staff there can do with limited resources. During the unseasonably warm weather in October and November, for example, the park was busy, she said, and just one ranger was responsible for keeping trails open, cleaning restrooms, emptying trash, writing violations (for park goers who didn't have a state Recreation Passport) and more.

Maybury is open year-round and,



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Traci Sincock is supervisor of Maybury State Park in Northville Township. She is former director of Northville Parks and Recreation.

during peak season, in the warmer months, Sincock manages two rangers and eight support workers. There were about 468,000 visits to the park during the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30.

Sincock's favorite part of Maybury? She calls it the “Seven Mile Loop,” generally in the park's southeast corner, in the area of Seven Mile and Beck. She remembers it well for a snowshoeing, uh, adventure she had a few winters ago when her dog Luke ran after a squirrel.

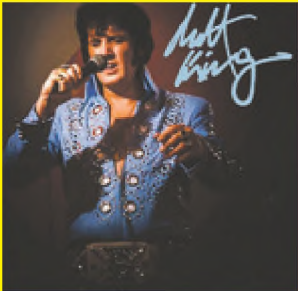
“It's kind of tucked up there,” she said of the area. “Most people don't go up there.”

Sincock worked for Northville Parks and Recreation for 26 years, retiring in late 2010, and for the chamber for more than five years. Her husband Paul Sincock is city manager in Plymouth.

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Northville Jazz @ The Point kicks off Dec. 2

Catching live music in downtown Northville can be challenging, but a new five-show jazz series at the Tipping Point Theatre should help cure those blues, organizers say.

Jazz @ The Point is the second series at the TPT produced by 2 Stones Events following the successful Kittens & Crooners earlier this year. Three of those four show sold out and the fourth was just shy of a full house.

“That series did so well that we decided to add a fifth show to this new series,” said Whitney McClellan-Stone, president of 2SE. “And while Kittens & Crooners focused on jazz vocalists and standards, we’ve expanded to include bebop, jump blues, Latin jazz and swing.”

Jazz @ The Point kicks off with a special holiday show Wednesday, Dec. 21, featuring Aguanko’s Latin Jazz Christmas in Havana, followed by four Saturday shows: Nicole New Quartet (Jan. 7); Ben Sharkey (March 11); Hughes/Smith Quintet (May 6); and The Millionaires (July 8).

“This venue, which only seats between 105 and 120, is perfect for live jazz,” said McClellan-Stone, whose company has been booking the musicians for Northville’s annual Arts & Acts for many years. “The acoustics are great, there are no bad seats or obstructed views and, unlike a typical bar or club, there are no distracting televisions or people talking loudly.”

Jazz @ The Point shows are all about a great night out featuring live jazz.

“The musicians bring their ‘A’ game,” McClellan-Stone said. “They know everyone’s eyes and ears are directly focused on the performance. Short of having them play in your living room, you’re not going to get a more intimate setting.”

Each event includes a wine-tasting and appetizers at 7 p.m., followed by a two-set concert 8-10 p.m.

Unlike Kittens & Crooners, there will be no alcohol for sale for Jazz @ The Point due to licensing and insurance costs. McClellan-Stone said that a survey taken by attendees of the first series indicated that alcohol was not a key factor for the vast majority of them; quality live music was the main reason.

“There’s no doubt that 2 Stones Events knows great music and brings top-notch entertainment to everything they produce,” said James Kuhl, the TPT’s artistic director.

Good for Northville

Surveys also showed that 25 percent of those who went to the first series had never before been to the Tipping Point, which has been a destination for live theater for 10 years in Northville. But programs like this aren’t just bringing new people through the TPT’s doors — they’re bringing new people to downtown Northville, said Dan Ferrara, TPT development director.

“It was only natural to expand into live music to continue to provide our community with quality opportunities for entertainment close to home,” Ferrara said. “Sometimes, you hear people say there’s not much to do in Northville after dark. I hope they start looking to Tipping Point and a few of the restaurants in town that are really trying hard to bring nightlife entertainment year-round.”

Once again, Financial Architects Inc., based in Farmington Hills, is on board as the series’ presenting sponsor. “Jazz @ The Pointe is a great opportunity to show our passion for live music, the community and the

chance to share the experience with our valued clients,” said Chris Cousins of Financial Architects Inc.

Cousins’ firm, McClellan-Stone noted, formed a partnership with 2SE that is crucial to Jazz @ The Point and helps keep the level of musicianship presented very high.

Tickets, now on sale, are \$30 per show. TPT season-ticket holders get a 10-percent discount; anyone purchasing the entire five-show series before Dec. 21 also receives a 10-percent discount. Purchases can be made by phone (248-347-003); at the box office (361 E. Cady Street, Northville) between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 6:30-10 p.m. Friday; or online at <http://tinyurl.com/jf927yz>.

Aguanko – Dec. 21

Aguanko’s first recording, “Elemental,” released in 2013, was on the Jazzweek national charts for 32 weeks. Its second release, “Invisible” from 2015, was on the charts for 20 weeks. The latest release, “Latin Jazz Christmas in Havana,” creatively turns Christmas standards into traditional Cuban music jewels.

Conga player and composer Alberto Nacif and the superlative musicians who make up the sizzling Latin jazz septet Aguanko are working on a new Latin jazz recording which will be available in spring 2017. This recording will feature the core group, along



The Hughes-Smith Quintet will perform May 6.

with guest artists from the incredibly rich Detroit and Ann Arbor area jazz scene, performing original music that will further the trajectory of this exciting group.

These tasteful musicians’ interpretation of Alberto Nacif’s original music is evocative, sensual and true to its Cuban roots. Aguanko has received local and national attention and its live concerts have dazzled capacity crowds at the multiple venues where the group has performed. It also offers educational lecture-demonstrations and instructional seminars.

Nicole New Quartet – Jan. 7

The 28-year-old Detroit is a passionate and provocative singer, alluring crowds with her sensitivity and soulfulness as one of Detroit’s premier bandleaders.

Her eclectic style of singing, drawing from her early influences of performing jazz, pop, opera and musical theater, has transformed into a sound all her own. She is making a lasting impression at performance venues all over Michigan and beyond, wowing fans with her rich tone and rhythmic phrasing, in venues such as The Jazz Cafe at Music Hall, Cliff Bell’s, London Chop House, Steinway Jazz Cafe and, most recently, with the Midland Symphony.

“I like music that moves me, taking songs we all know and love, giving them new life and perhaps new meaning,” she said.

Ben Sharkey – March 8

With performances that have been viewed more than five million times on YouTube alone,

Ben Sharkey has been delighting fans worldwide with his romantic style and velvet vocals on old swing and jazz standards that would make Ol’ Blue Eyes himself green with envy. Sharkey’s original compositions bear his soul and tug at the listener’s heart strings.

His striking good looks and impassioned music makes him a creative tour de force. Although often compared to contemporaries like Michael Bublé, Sharkey is actually more closely comparable to Mel Torme and Harry Connick Jr. with his intimate interpretations of jazz classics and ability to make them sound fresh and new. His elegant renditions of the music of Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Bobby Darin (along with many others) are both powerful and personal. His original music (available on iTunes) is heartfelt and instantly catching.

Hughes/Smith Quintet – May 6

Modern bebop from Detroit featuring Jimmy Smith on trumpet, James Hughes on saxophones, Phil Kelly on piano, Takashi Iio on bass and Nate Winn on drums. They play original tunes with purpose. Each member of the band is a full-time professional musician in the Detroit scene. Smith and Hughes have been freelancing for the past 18 years, always the sidemen, never the leaders — until now.

They were running unique but parallel paths in the music business and found themselves on the same gigs in fall 2012. Both wanted to record their original tunes and share their music, when it dawned on them: collaborate! So they agreed to share the burden of getting something started from the ground up and within a month they were rehearsing for an album, “From Here On Out” (2013), and released their second, “Ever Up & Onward,” in 2015.

The Millionaires – July 8

The Millionaires are a Detroit-based band, specializing in swing, jump blues, rhythm and blues and Latin jazz. The immediate origin of the band can be traced to the mid-1990s and a rehearsal-only project that eventually became a performing group known as The Magnificent Seven. By the end of the decade, the band had recorded its “Keep A Dollar In Your Pocket” release and settled into its new persona as The Millionaires.

In truth, however, the die was cast long before, by the many generations of great Detroit-area musicians, bands and orchestras that had one thing in common: their love for playing dance music.

Today, The Millionaires remain dedicated to that cause, dedicated to playing live music that swings and jumps, that gets fingers snapping and toes tapping — in short, dance music!

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Life Choices can be a life saver for seniors

There is no doubt we are all living longer. In the old days, someone living into their 80s or 90s was unheard of; today, it's almost becoming the norm. I always remind people that age is a privilege, but I do realize that age also brings certain challenges. One of those challenges many people face is how to maintain their independence and deal with the day-to-day challenges we all face. Dealing with these challenges is more than a financial issue; it is also a resource issue as to where to you go to obtain assistance.

Obviously, from a financial standpoint, if you have the resources, there is no problem. For the majority of people, though, finances remain a problem. One alternative that many people have chosen is to purchase a long-term care policy. Unfortunately, many people find it is difficult to actually collect benefits under a long-term care policy and that there has been a disturbing trend over the last few years where many companies have substantially increased their premiums to a point that it became unaffordable. The long-



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

term care issue is one of the more difficult issues I have to contend with. After all, it's more than a financial issue; it is also a resource issue. In other words, when a senior needs assistance, where do they go even if they have the money? Because there are no easy solutions, it requires people to explore a variety of options. One option I recently became aware of that I believe many people should explore is the relatively new Life Choices Plan, through the Evangelical Homes of Michigan.

The Life Choices Plan is geared for seniors who want to stay at home and remain independent. Through this program, Life Choices provides its clients with an array of services and support, all geared to helping the senior maintain their independence and remain at home. Under this program, clients have a team of experts to assist them in their individual needs. Not only do they act as a lifestyle coach, but in

addition, they also serve as a personal advocate, something that I can attest is much needed. One of the other benefits of this program is the fact that since seniors would have their own team, it dramatically reduces the chance they will be subject to senior abuse, a problem many seniors are now facing and a problem that is growing throughout the country.

Seniors who want to stay in their house and maintain their independence face many challenges, including such things as ensuring they are eating and exercising properly, have reliable transportation to the doctor and are taking their medications as prescribed. The Life Choices Plan addresses these needs and also makes provisions for those who eventually may require assisted living.

I believe the Life Choices Plan is something people should consider. Like everything else, it comes at a cost. The Life Choices Plan requires a significant upfront fee, as well as a monthly fee. However, if your goal is to maintain your independence and at the same time have a

variety of health and wellness services, this is a program for those in southeast Michigan that deserves consideration.

I should also mention another benefit to this program and that is peace of mind — not only peace of mind for the senior knowing they will have a whole team of experts dedicated to their well-being, but also peace of mind for their loved ones. They can rest easy knowing their loved one is being properly cared for.

For seniors who want to maintain their independence in their home and at the same time know their needs are going to be taken care of, I recommend looking at the Life Choices Plan. Its website is www.lifechoicesathome.org. Its toll-free number is 866-979-9109. This program is not for everyone, but you may find that it fits your needs and, in many situations, will provide you with much better services than a long-term care policy would at a much more affordable cost.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is bloomassetmanagement.com.



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
The Novi Concert Band has holiday performances scheduled for Dec. 8 at the Novi Public Library and Dec. 11 at the Novi Civic Center.

Concert band scheduled for holiday concerts

The Novi Concert Band will perform a pair of holiday concerts this week that will benefit the band going forward. The first concert takes place 7-8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8, at the Novi Public Library, while the second one is set for 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, at the Novi Civic Center.

Admission to the concerts is free; donations are welcome.

After the Sunday performance, band members will meet and have dinner with concertgoers at Tony Sacco's Coal Oven Pizza on Grand River in Novi. Band members will have fliers available at both performances and diners presenting a flier Sunday at Tony Sacco's will have a portion of the proceeds from their bills be donated to the band.

Main Street Bank appoints SBA lending exec

Main Street Bank, which has a loan center in Northville, announced that Beth Ann Arroyo has been appointed as vice president of SBA lending.

Arroyo will be responsible for growing the bank's SBA loan portfolio, in addition to overseeing further de-

velopment of the SBA lending team.

Arroyo holds a bachelor's degree in public affairs with a minor in finance from Wayne State University and a master of science in management from Walsh College. A Michigan native, Arroyo and her husband live in Ma-

comb Township. Both are involved as guardians of the Detroit Jazz Festival and are active with the Belle Isle Conservancy, Detroit Institute of Arts and Gleaners Community Food Bank.

She can be reached at 248-530-5797 or barroyo@msbmi.com.



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JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Gale Ford whispers a suggestion to Santa Claus during the Novi Rotary senior holiday party. Ford did not divulge what she was asking of Santa.



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Novi Middle School student Drew Goethem serves lunch to a pair of seniors during the Novi Rotary holiday party.



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
The Novi Middle School choral group performs for a group of senior guests during the Novi Rotary holiday party.

Novi Rotary hosts holiday party for seniors

Local seniors kicked off the holiday season with a party in their honor Dec. 1.

About 120 seniors attended the party at Novi Middle School, an annual celebration thrown by the Rotary Club, the school and the Novi fire and police departments.

The event featured caroling, music, lunch and door prizes for area seniors.



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Novi Middle School students join in on some caroling during the Novi Rotary senior holiday party.



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Guests of the Novi Rotary holiday party at Novi Middle School applaud the school's choral groups during the Dec. 1 party.

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Tickets are limited and cost \$35 (\$18 tax-deductible) or \$30 for

Northville Historical Society members (\$15 tax-deductible). Tickets will be available Dec. 10 at the society's Finnish Holiday Tea, 12:30-4 p.m. at the Mead General Store.

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DENNY "CHIEF" age 65, passed away December 4, 2016. He was born February 16, 1951, son of the late Robert and Florence (Sam Watts) Buell. Denny is survived by his loving wife of 41 years, Joan; his children: Keri (John) Rogers, Markus Buell, and April Chambers; two grandchildren: Vanessa, and Rebecca and one great-grandchild, Timothy. He is also survived by his siblings: Diane Goodale, Terry (Bobbi) Watts, Trisha Race, Tim Buell, and Chris (Jim) Schuller. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

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PATRICIA JEAN Age 82, resident of South Lyon, passed away on December 2, 2016. She was born October 3, 1934 in Corsica, Pennsylvania the daughter of Elmer and Nancy (nee Postlethwaite) Pifer. She was united in marriage to Richard "Dick" A. Niess on June 23, 1957 in State College, PA. They were married for 40 years before his death in 1997. Patricia graduated from Penn State University in 1956 summa cum laude with a degree in Home Economics. She would be the first to tell you that the degree included 24 credits of chemistry. She spent a semester at Merrill Palmer Institute in Detroit. Upon graduation she worked for the County Extension service. After their marriage, they relocated to Ohio where she started work in a pre-school. Dick's work took them to Lincoln, Illinois and eventually to several locations in Michigan. Once in Michigan, Pat returned to nursing school and became an LPN and dedicated her 25 year nursing career to skilled nursing care facilities. Her patients and their families adored her. During her career, Pat was an active volunteer case manager with Crossroads of Michigan and Detroit Literacy Network. Pat was very talented with fiber arts, she was an accomplished seamstress, knitter, and crocheter. Following retirement, Pat remained involved in her two churches, Grosse Pointe Congregational Church and then transferred to First Presbyterian Church of South Lyon in 2011. She loved her churches and was very active in Sunday school, choir, vacation bible school, bible study and prayer group. Her faith was deeply important to her and particularly believed in the power of prayer. As well, as an avid Penn State Football Fan, she could be found every fall watching her beloved Nittany Lions with a nice craft beer in hand. In addition to her parents and husband, Pat was preceded in death by an infant daughter, beloved aunts, and her brother, James Pifer. Pat is survived by her daughters Diane (Jeff) Wilson and Barbara (Todd May) Niess-May and her grandchildren Alexander Wilson, Carmen Wilson, Justin May, Andrew May and Simon Harris. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, December 10 at 11 a.m. The service will be held at First Presbyterian Church, 205 E Lake St, South Lyon, MI 48178. A luncheon will follow. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts are encouraged to the First Presbyterian Church of South Lyon.

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LAWRENCE LEONARD Born January 30, 1944 to Leonard and Anna Osiecki. Larry grew up in Hamtramck, Michigan, and attended Cass Tech before graduating from Hamtramck High School. Afterward, Larry enlisted in the navy as an electrician's mate and was stationed in Key West, Florida on the USS Powers, a navy destroyer. He served two years before being medically discharged from the navy, and then enrolled at Western Michigan University where he earned a bachelor's degree in accounting in 1966. While at Western, Larry became a member of the Delta Sigma Phi fraternity. In 1968 he met Maureen Agnes Burns on a blind date. They were married in April 1970, and in 1972 moved to their home in Northville, Michigan. Larry and Maureen welcomed their first child, Lawrence Leonard Osiecki II - affectionately called "Larry O" - in March 1973. In November 1974 their second child, Matthew Joseph Osiecki, was born. For the next 20 years Larry dedicated his life to raising his boys. He coached little league soccer and baseball. Larry loved the outdoors, and was happiest when sailing or canoeing on Swann Harbor Lake; riding his bike around Northville, the Detroit river front, the many parks of Oakland County, or Mackinac Island; or golfing with friends and his sons. In 2001, Larry O married Lisa Johnson. Larry's first grandchild and namesake - Lawrence Leonard Osiecki III, known as Tripp - arrived in May 2006. Two years later, Larry's second grandson, Reid Sidney Osiecki, was born. In March 2008, Matthew married Theresa Sywak. Then in May 2012, Matt and Terri welcomed Alexandria Grey Osiecki, Larry's third grandchild. Larry loved being a grandfather, and together with Maureen, they orchestrated many adventures and traditions for their grandchildren. Larry faced many physical hardships during his adult life. However, he continued to fully live his life despite these limitations. He approached every day head on with a courage and spirit that amazed those who knew him. Larry will lovingly be remembered for his competitive spirit, his sense of humor and quick (unforgettable) laugh, and his unwavering commitment to his family and friends. Larry left his earthly home on November 28, 2016 and we're sure he's kicked backed somewhere sipping on a rum and coke.

RYBA

CINDY JO a resident of Milford, native of Dearborn, and former secretary with Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn and Baker Elementary School in Milford, died on November 29, 2016 after a courageous battle with early onset Alzheimer's disease. She was 63 years old. She was preceded in death by her husband, Bill Ryba, in 2006, and is survived by her daughters, Emily (Rob) Hamilton and Katie (Lee) Dreps; grandchildren, Drake and Ellie Hamilton and Jensen Dreps; father, Tommy Thomas; sisters, Catherine (Michael) O'Hare and Marcia (William) Poikey; brother, Thomas Thomas; lifelong friends, Bob and Betty Jones, dear friend, Lindsay Cotter, and much extended family and many other dear friends. She was preceded in death by her mother, Delores Thomas. A Memorial Service will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty St., Milford, on Saturday, December 17, at 1 p.m., with gathering from 12 Noon until the time of service. In lieu of flowers, memorials are encouraged to her tribute page with the Alzheimer's Association at www.alz.org For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

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Don't want a second dump?

If you do not want a second dump on the border of Northville, please attend the Dec. 14 Washtenaw County Solid Waste Planning Committee (SWPC) meeting at 5:30 p.m. at Scio Township Hall, 827 N. Zeeb Road, Ann Arbor.

This committee has the authority to either include or exclude a new or expanded dump in Scio Township. The Stop Arbor Hills team has been attending these meetings since February. The committee is close to making its final decision. This will be the last meeting of the year, so please plan to attend to make your voice heard. You do not need to speak, but you can. Don't worry if you are late. Many people come in long after the meeting has started and it is no problem.

On Feb. 9, 2015, Advanced Disposal requested an amendment to the Washtenaw County solid waste plan so it could expand. Advanced suspended its request on Aug. 29, 2016, but Washtenaw County is still updating its solid waste plan. This plan can include language that would allow Advanced Disposal - owner of Arbor Hills Landfill in Salem Township - to site a new landfill without seating a new Solid Waste Planning Committee. Our goal is to prevent them from doing that.

Contact salemtownshippedump@gmail.com if you need a ride or more information. Several car pools leave from Steeplechase. We need you!

Tracey Birkenhauer
Northville Township

Recount a waste

As a Wayne County commissioner representing Livonia and Northville, I am outraged about the upcoming recount and its cost of this to the taxpayer.

The Secretary of State has predicted that this recount will cost taxpayers more than \$5 million statewide. There is absolutely no indication there has been voter fraud of any kind. As the former city clerk in Livonia, I can attest to the high integrity of the Michigan voting system. In my opinion, this recount is a political stunt, meant to cause chaos and discord as a newly elected president makes plans to take office in January.

That being said, Wayne County has just been released from a consent agreement with the state of Michigan because of severe financial difficulties and there finally is a budget surplus for the first time in many years.

It has come to my attention that the state of Michigan will only reimburse Wayne County \$125 per precinct to hold this time-consuming recall. The total cost of this will be much more than that for the county. The Wayne County Election Division is not able to report the price of this process at this time, but with over 1,600 precincts, the cost will be significant. This process has been forced upon the state so quickly there has not been time to even calculate the cost.

The money used for this political stunt could be used for roads, bridges, seniors/veterans services, etc. The Michigan Court of Appeals and the Michigan Supreme Court need to stop this madness and save our tax money! Where is the outrage from the Democratic Party?

Terry Marecki
Wayne County commissioner
District 9, Livonia

Six Mile: Focus on public safety

The Wayne County Road Commission must be proactive regarding public safety on Six Mile Road, between the newly constructed road from Haggerty to Northville roads in Northville Township.

I have been a staunch advocate regarding restricting commercial truck traffic, lowering the speed limits and especially identifying our school zones. I request that Wayne County and Northville Township take the following recommendations under consideration.

» Six Mile is a county road that borders subdivisions, schools, nursing home and our police department. We have no commercial businesses on Six Mile requiring 36- to 40-foot trucks for delivery of products.

» The previous speed on Six Mile was 45 mph. Studies should be conducted to lower the speed limits. The newly reconstructed Six Mile, between Haggerty Road and Northville Road and just past Cross Road, is a two-lane road for eastbound and westbound traffic. A new center lane for left-hand turns has been built. Also, lanes entering a subdivision have been built for right-hand turns into the subdivisions.

» No passing will be allowed due to the design of the road. Therefore, the right hand lanes must read "Right Turn Only." The middle lane must read "Left Turn Only"; passing is prohibited.

» Several reasons necessitate the speed limit on Six Mile to be lowered to 35 mph. In case of a vehicle breakdown, there is no place to pull over due to the curbs. Traffic is very heavy on Six Mile during the morning and evening rush hours. We have three schools on or adjacent to Six Mile, between Haggerty and Northville. They are Northville Christian Community Grade School, Winchester Elementary School and Meads Mill Middle School. These areas must be identified as a School Zone, lowering speeds down to 25 mph. There are traffic lights at Winchester Road, adjacent to the police station; Bradner Road, adjacent to Meads Mill Middle School; and Northville Road. None of these lights has a turning arrow or pedestrian crossing lights. With the amount of vehicle traffic predicted and Wayne County classifying Six Mile Road as a Primary Truck Route, it is imperative that turn signals be installed and pedestrian crossing lanes and signals be installed.

» Before reconstruction of Six Mile, vehicles had been passing cars making a left-hand turn on the right-hand side of the road. This was an extremely dangerous situation. Now with the middle lane built, we must place signs reading, "Right hand turn only" for vehicles entering their subdivisions. Safety is of primary concern because any vehicle not adhering to the sign and passing on the right will hit the curb at the other side of the subdivision's entrance, creating a potential serious accident or damage to one's vehicle.

» With heavy one-lane traffic going east and west, it is imperative for turn signals at Winchester, Bradner and Northville roads due to one lane of traffic moving in each direction. Vehicles must have time to make their left-hand turns in safety and not rush through yellow or red lights.

» It is time to create safe zones for our school children. A flashing yellow light should be placed warning drivers to lower their speed in the school zones. Normal speed through these areas is 25 mph. A good example would be the amount of school buses going to and from the schools. It is not uncommon to see six to 10 school buses backed up on Bradner Road, attempting to turn onto Six Mile Road. The curve on Six Mile at Franklin Road, which carries a lot of traffic to and from Meads Mill Middle School, must indicate sharp curve, poor visibility, No Passing Allowed.

» A sidewalk had been built on the north side of Six Mile, previous to the re-construction of Six Mile. With the heavy traffic predicted on Six Mile, it should be obvious to public safety officials that pedestrians need crossing lights at designated areas so our residents can cross Six Mile safely. The sidewalk was built as a bicycle route and walking area for all the residents bordering Six Mile. It had been, and will be, almost impossible for pedestrians to cross Six Mile in safety due to the heavy volume of traffic predicted and speed limit currently planned.

» Enforcement of the designated truck route to and from the Arbor Hills Landfill at Napier Road and Six Mile by garbage trucks and double-bottom concrete/ashphalt trailers to the concrete recycling area off of Chubb Road and Six Mile in Salem Township. Washtenaw County needs enforcement and the violators be warned by our public safety. These trucks are going through the heart of Northville Township and need Wayne County's enforcement. The lack of weights and measure enforcement officers is unacceptable if Wayne County refuses to change the designation of Six Mile from a Primary Truck "A" truck route to a Residential Community County Road.

Cooperation between the Wayne County Road Commission, Wayne County commissioner for Northville Township and township trustees working together with our 28 subdivision homeowner associations bordering Six Mile, is required. I hope my suggestions are taken under consideration by our Wayne County officials who are in control of Six Mile Road. We need more community involvement.

Ronald J. Pawlak
Northville Township

No need for toll roads

The Michigan Senate adopted an S-2 Substitute for SB 627 that would allow the unrestricted use of toll roads and bridges with no legislative oversight or control.

It would authorize any level of government to set up a Public Private Partnership for almost any purpose, including rebuilding or repairing a road or bridge. That PPP could impose user fees enforced by manual or electronic means.

Michigan is blessedly free of toll roads and has only three toll bridges, each of which was authorized by specific actions of the legislature. SB 627 S-2 has absolutely no provisions for any legislative oversight.

The governor's office made it clear in their testimony in the first hearing on Dec. 9, 2015, that SB 627 was to have the widest possible effects with the fewest possible restrictions. This means non-elected bureaucrats could establish

toll roads and bridges that both the public and the Legislature opposed - but which they could not stop.

I was the National Motorists Association representative that testified in the first hearing.

I was the NMA person that worked with OOIDA and PIRGIM to help kill HB 4961 in 2010 that had similar unrestricted provisions to establish toll roads and bridges with no legislative oversight.

I was the NMA person that testified against HB 4925 in 2014, which would have allowed toll roads. My testimony was picked up by the media and the publicity got that bill immediately withdrawn.

We do not need toll roads in Michigan to double-tax our residents and Pure Michigan visitors.

James C. Walker
life member, National Motorists Association
board member and executive director, National Motorists Association Foundation
Ann Arbor

Turning right

I would like to make a couple of comments on Mr. Dubanik's rant in your Dec. 1st edition of the Northville Record.

First I find it almost humorous that after eight years he still wants to blame Bush for the mess in the Middle East. He has obviously forgotten the support Obama/Clinton gave to the Muslim Brotherhood terrorists in Egypt (a country still recovering from that mistake), the abandonment of Libya/ Benghazi, and the failure to stand up to Syria.

Second to think that the Trump Cabinet will be a bunch of filthy rich people is a joke when you consider the DNC is supported by many billionaires (e.g. Soros, Buffett, Oprah, Bloomberg, etc.), and the fact that Obama's and Clinton's total assets increased significantly in this eight-year administration and that most of Obama's Cabinet are multimillionaires.

The fact is that most people in most states were tired of the government sticking their nose into every aspect of our life - and we are turning right.

Ernie McLaughlin
Northville

Why change pension system?

State Senate leaders have publicly stated they are going to attempt to pass SB 102 before the end of the year, which would move all new school hires into a defined contribution, 401(k) style retirement plan. While this would totally change the retirement plan for new hires, it could destabilize the system for current employees and retirees as well.

The question that comes to mind is, why do anything when the system is not broken. Many changes have happened over the years to stabilize the system, so why change it now?

In addition, State Budget Experts are saying the bill will cost taxpayers an extra \$24 billion over the next twenty plus years. In 2017 alone, closing the pension system would cost an additional \$1.2 billion.

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If you have a problem with this picture, you need to contact your state legislator ASAP. The lame duck session ends in just a few weeks.

Karen B. Zyczynski
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NEWS BRIEFS

Walled Lake Central makes blankets

Several groups at Walled Lake Central have gotten together to plan a fleece blanket-making event from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dec. 10 at Walled Lake Central High School.

Blankets will go toward Fleece & Thank You (fleeceandthankyou.org), which provides blankets with video messages to children in the hospital, and Hope Warming

Shelter, which provides blankets for the homeless.

This event is open to the entire Walled Lake community with students, staff and family members from around the district encouraged to attend and to participate in the blanket making.

The event will feature a DJ and surprise guests. The groups have submitted their application to see if they can break a world record. Last year, the event produced more

than 300 blankets; this year's goal is 1,000 blankets.

For more information, contact Judy Evola at judyevola@wlcsd.org.

Turnaround award

Turnarounds & Workouts, a Beard Group publication tracking distressed businesses in the U.S. and Canada, has recognized Conway MacKenzie as a 2016 Outstanding Turnaround Firm. This marks the 15th time the firm has earned

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Young volunteers tackle canine cemetery project

LeAnne Rogers
hometownlife.com

The call for volunteers Saturday to help remove dying trees at the Michigan War Dog Memorial and Cemetery has been canceled.

“It’s a done deal. About 10 guys came out the day after Thanksgiving and took care of it,” cemetery president Phil Weitlauf said. “A couple of young guys — football players — were looking for some community service. They were a godsend. The rest of us are in our 60s. I couldn’t believe the work they did.”

There were five-foot tall cherry trees that needed to be removed from the cemetery, located at 25805 Milford Road. Volunteers removed the trees and split 18 cords of wood, Weitlauf said.

Looking ahead, Weitlauf said there will be a

dedication of a new Vietnam Canine Wall at the cemetery in May 2017. The granite wall is being prepared and could actually be placed in January. Weitlauf said the names of Vietnam military dogs were obtained from the Department of Defense.

“The wall is all black granite. It will have all the names of the dogs and their tattoo numbers on it. At the end of the war in Vietnam, they left all the dogs behind — 3,800 dogs,” Weitlauf said. “It will be exciting. It is the only wall in the country like it and it will be here in South Lyon.”

The wall cost \$40,000. Thanks to tremendous support from the community, Weitlauf said, \$45,000 was raised in 10 weeks.

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Teenage volunteers recently removed dying trees at the Michigan War Dog Memorial.

FILE PHOTO

Farmington Hills police seek information on missing woman

Gina Damron
Detroit Free Press

Farmington Hills police are seeking information on the whereabouts of a 28-year-old woman who has been reported missing.

Danielle Stislicki was last seen leaving work at about 5 p.m. Friday in the area of 10 Mile and Telegraph in Southfield, Farmington Hills police Lt. Jeff King said. He said she was seen driving her vehicle, which was found at Independence Green Apartments in Farmington Hills, where she lived.

King said there is “no evidence found at this time to lead us to believe that foul play is involved, but the investigation continues.”

He said Stislicki is described as someone who maintains contact with family and friends and for her to not be in touch is out of character.

“Our concern is for the welfare and safe return of Danielle at this time,” he said.

Stislicki, whose place of employment was not released by police, was



Stislicki

last seen wearing jeans, burgundy boots, a black zip-up shirt and a blue Eddie Bauer coat, according to a news release from the Farmington Hills Police Department. Police said she is 5 feet, 5 inches, 123 pounds.

Anyone with information on Stislicki’s whereabouts is asked to contact Farmington Hills police at 248-871-2610.

‘Inappropriate contact’ leads to assault charge against doctor

Dr. Eliezer Monge, a physician with an office in downtown Farmington, has been charged with assault and battery after having inappropriate and unwanted contact with a female patient, Farmington Public Safety officials said in a statement Monday morning.

The allegations against Monge were reported to the Farmington Public Safety Department in July by the victim, who told investigators that Monge inappropriately touched her and kissed her during a medical exam.

The victim, an 18-year-old Farmington resident, told police Monge met her in the exam room and had her lay on her back on the examination table, at which time he began to

touch her in such a way that made her feel very uncomfortable. The victim and Monge were the only people in the exam room. According to police, Monge then reached out his hand to assist the woman to a sitting position at which time she reported that he leaned in and attempted to kiss her on the lips.

The victim told police she immediately turned her head sideways to avoid the kiss, at which time she said Monge kissed her on the side of her neck with an open mouth. The victim stated that she became panicked and immediately left the office without checking out.

Investigators interviewed Monge, who denied the victim’s claims.

A DNA sample from the victim’s neck was obtained to be compared with a known DNA sample from Monge. The samples were sent to the Michigan State Police Crime Lab, which confirmed the DNA recovered from the victim’s neck matched that of Monge.

The case was presented to the Oakland County Prosecutor’s Office and a warrant was issued charging Monge with assault and battery, a misdemeanor punishable by 93 days in jail or \$500 fine. Monge was arraigned Dec. 2 before Magistrate Matthew Friedrich of the 47th District Court, who ordered a \$2,500 personal bond and no contact with the victim.

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Tree-lighting ushers in holiday season

Brad Kadrich
hometownlife.com

Farmington Hills resident Joy Gradin thinks the Farmington community is “bursting with charm.”

On Saturday, she was out with hundreds of others enjoying the annual Lighted Parade, along Grand River Avenue, that kicked off the holiday season in the community.

She said the parade is one benefit of a community she has seen “grow and blossom around me.”

“It’s something to do and it doesn’t have anything to do with shopping,” Gradin said of the slow walk through downtown Farmington. It’s part of the charm.”

The charm, plus a visit from everyone’s favorite elf, followed at the tree-lighting ceremony at the Governor Warner Mansion, where Santa Claus brought the magic to help light the tree to the roars of a couple of hundred people. The Farmington Community Chorus regaled the crowd with Christmas carols and the Salvation Army provided some music from the porch of the mansion.

Farmington Mayor Pro Tem Steve Schneeman and Farmington Hills Mayor Ken Massey welcomed the crowd and did the one order of business — awarding the “best float” award to the Riley Skate Park float.

“Your float showed a lot of creativity, a lot of craftsmanship,” Schneeman told the winners.

Saturday marked the annual Holly Days celebration, which featured specials at the farmers market, showing of holiday movies at the Civic Theater (which raised some canned and boxed goods for the Salvation Army).

The tree-lighting,



Steve Segraves is director of the Farmington Community Chorus. Members will perform their holiday concert Friday, Dec. 16, and Saturday, Dec. 17, at the Costick Center in Farmington Hills. Both performances are at 8 pm. Buy tickets at www.farmingtonchorus.com/tickets.htm.

sponsored by the Farmington Jaycees and the Salvation Army, capped off a day-long event Massey hailed as a unifying event for the two cities.

“What makes this event so powerful is you,” Massey told the crowd. “We may be two cities with two governments, but this event is part of what makes us one community.”

Michael and Marie Gould recently moved to Farmington and attended Saturday’s parade with their young son, Miles, 3, and Marie’s dad Mike. Marie said the family took part in the event because “we wanted to celebrate the start of the holidays.”

“We’re really excited to have a really nice family atmosphere,” Marie Gould said. “We can’t wait not only for the parade, but for the ice skating at Riley Park.”

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Northville Garden Club's Julie Mantay helps organize the club's Greensmart at Mill Race Village. The club had wreaths ready for those who ordered them for the holiday season that day.



Kathy Galarneau (left) and Sue Woodsum help organize the Northville Garden Club's Greensmart at Mill Race Village. The club was filling orders Nov. 14 for wreaths for the holiday season and the sale of the wreaths is one of its main fundraiser over the year.



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The Holocaust Memorial Center Zekelman Family Campus will host its final Sunday tour of "Holocaust by Bullets, Yahad-In Unum — 10 Years of Investigations" at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11. The exhibit, which opened at the museum in June, runs through Friday, Dec. 30. The special docent-led tour will be followed by a presentation from a Holocaust survivor.

Based on 10 years of research and investigation by the French organization Yahad-In Unum and its founder, the Rev. Patrick Desbois, the exhibit chronicles the lesser-known side of the Holocaust through eyewitness testimonies, photographs and maps.

Known as "Holocaust by Bullets," the systematic killing of all Jews and Roma started before the creation of concentration camps and took place throughout the former Soviet Union from 1942-44, continuing until the end of World War II. The form of genocide detailed by the exhibit is unlike any other study of genocidal activity ever conducted and presented.

In "Holocaust by Bullets," which is available in both English and Spanish, visitors follow YIU's identification of the dehumanizing steps that took place almost systematically for every mass killing throughout Eastern Europe. Along with the installation, extended video of eyewitness testimonies is available.

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SUGAR RUSH A NEW SWEET TREAT

Maria Taylor
Correspondent

Farmington's new retro candy store is tucked away at the back of the Village Mall. But it's not hard to find if you follow your nose. "We could smell the sugar from the Civic (Theatre)," Farmington resident Karla Aren said. She stopped in Saturday, along with her husband and teenage daughter, after hearing about the new store — Sugar Rush — on the Grow Farmington Facebook page. Aren left the store with Red Hots, Lemonheads and Ice Cubes. "My boyfriend used to get me these all the time, with a Big Gulp," she said. "This is great — we need a little candy store in Farmington."

Colin Ayres is the owner of Sugar Rush. "We specialize in old-fashioned candy," he said. Look around the store and it's a haven of throw-back treats. Squirrels, Mary Janes, Cow Tales, Bit-O-Honey, Chuckles. Iridescent gumballs, shimmering pink, purple and yellow behind glass cases. (They're really popular for weddings, Ayres said.) Looking for a sugar high? There's cotton candy and a Pixy Stix maker. And, for chocolate lovers, there are Bun Bars and Lindt truffles.

Sugar Rush in Farmington is Ayres' third candy store location. The first one opened 17 years ago, in downtown Clawson.

For Ayers, who lives in Warren, it was a case of being in the right place at the right time. "I was out in Berkley, having lunch with a friend, and we saw an open storefront," Ayres said. The two started talking about what they'd open if they had that space. She mentioned a coffee shop. Ayres said that was great, but there ought to be something for the kids, too — like a candy counter with toys and treats.

When they got back to his friend's house, there in the mailbox was a catalog for novelty toys. Ayres said it was like a sign. "I said, 'I'm going to open it — I'm doing it,'" he said.

And open it he did. True to his inspiration, the Clawson store stocked a mix of old-fashioned candy and retro novelty toys. "It was a blast," he said. "At that time, there were no other candy stores (in the area). We grew up with them and then they kind of disappeared."



Sugar Rush owner Colin Ayres helps customers Michelle and Alex Clarke.



Sugar Rush specializes in old-fashioned candy.

The store in Clawson lasted about 3½ years. After that, he moved it to St. Clair Shores, working on and off in various management positions between times. But St. Clair Shores wasn't an idea location, he said, because it wasn't in a downtown. So when he was in Farmington visiting a friend and saw a "for rent" sign at the Village Mall, he called the number and leased the space.

Sugar Rush opened the Saturday after Thanks-

giving. Since then, Ayres said he's had a steady stream of visitors. "I'm already getting the same amount of people here as I did in St. Clair, when I spent \$1,000 on advertising," he said. He chalks that up to being in a downtown with lots of people walking by.

Alex and Michelle Clarke of Farmington Hills dropped in and bought a whole box of Chuckles minis — they're only 25 cents each — and a Charleston Chew bar. "They're hard to find in

strawberry and chocolate," Michelle said.

Perusing the store, Alex noticed some Warhead-flavored candy canes. Ayres said sour candy is a real hit with today's younger crowd. "There ought to be a Warhead Challenge, like the Ice Bucket Challenge," he said, with a laugh. He said he gets a lot of teenage foot traffic from PLUS Skateboarding and he thinks they'll like the new candy he's ordered: Toxic Waste, which he said tastes "like Warheads, but worse."

For those who like their candy sweet, not sour, Ayres said his top sellers are classic candy dots (the store's logo) and Nik-L-Nips, the wax bottles filled with fruity syrup. Black licorice is also really popular, he said — and not just among the older crowd. "I had a girl come in, maybe 18 or 20 years old, who's been in Europe a couple years," he said. "She learned to like black licorice because it's very prominent over there."

Ayers keeps a notebook on the counter, next to the orange buckets on hand for candy collecting. If there's a specific candy you're looking for, you can write it down with your name and number and he'll order it for you.

"If everybody likes it, I'll carry it," he said. That was the case with Idaho Spuds in Clawson, where folks couldn't get enough of the cocoa-flavored, chocolate- and coconut-coated marshmallow candies.

Those might show up in Farmington, too, because Ayers is planning to bring in a bunch of

regional specialties, like Cherry Mash (cherry fondant covered in chocolate and crushed nuts) and Valomilk (chocolate cup with marshmallow cream).

In the middle of the room is a big dispenser with little candies like Tootsie Rolls. Everything in it is eight pieces for a quarter. That way, Ayers said, kids can come in and get a treat with their pocket change.

But make no mistake, he said: No matter your age, you're always a kid when you're in a candy shop. "People always say the kids love this the most. I say, 'Don't kid yourselves. The adults love it just as much,'" he said. "You can't come in and not have fun. It's just a fun business."

Sugar Rush is located at the back of the Village Mall at 33335 Grand River, by the parking lot on the Farmington Road side. It's open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday and Monday throughout the holiday season, with hours changing in January.

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CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 18.278

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF NOVI ZONING ORDINANCE AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS: ARTICLE 2, "DEFINITIONS" SECTION 2.2, "DEFINITIONS;" ARTICLE 3, "ZONING DISTRICTS," SECTION 3.1.11, "B-2 COMMUNITY BUSINESS DISTRICT;" ARTICLE 3, "ZONING DISTRICTS," SECTION 3.1.12 "B-3 GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT;" ARTICLE 3, "ZONING DISTRICTS," SECTION 3.1.18 "I-1 LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT;" ARTICLE 3, "ZONING DISTRICTS," SECTION 3.6.2 "NOTE TO DISTRICT STANDARDS;" ARTICLE 3 "ZONING DISTRICTS," SECTION 3.32 "GENERAL EXCEPTIONS;" ARTICLE 4 "USE STANDARDS," SECTION 4.46 "PET BOARDING FACILITIES;" AND ARTICLE 7 "ADMINISTRATION, APPEALS, AND ENFORCEMENT," SECTION 7.4 "PLOT PLAN" IN ORDER TO FIX INCONSISTENCIES AND ANACHRONISMS, AND TO AMEND NOVI'S PET BOARDING ORDINANCE.

The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, November 28th, 2016 and the provisions of the ordinance shall become effective seven (7) days after its publication. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., prevailing local time.

Cortney Hanson, City Clerk

Published: December 8, 2016

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 18.276

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE NOVI CITY COUNCIL HAS ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 18.276 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 97-18 AS AMENDED, THE CITY OF NOVI ZONING ORDINANCE, AT ARTICLE 3, "ZONING DISTRICTS," SECTION 3.1.25, "TC TOWN CENTER DISTRICT;" SECTION 3.1.26, "TC-1 TOWN CENTER DISTRICTS," AND SECTION 3.27, "TC AND TC-1 TOWN CENTER DISTRICT REQUIRED CONDITIONS;" ARTICLE 4, "USE STANDARDS," SECTION 4.82, "RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS;" AND ARTICLE 5, "SITE STANDARDS," SECTION 5.15 "EXTERIOR BUILDING WALL FAÇADE MATERIALS," IN ORDER TO INCORPORATE RECOMMENDATIONS PROVIDED IN TOWN CENTER AREA STUDY TO FACILITATE THE DEVELOPMENT OF EXISTING AND VACANT PARCELS INTO A VIABLE AND ACTIVE "TOWN CENTER" AREA.

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SYNOPSIS November 29, 2016 – SPECIAL MEETING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: Tuesday, November 29, 2016
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
PLACE: 44405 Six Mile Road

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Nix called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Robert R. Nix II, Supervisor
Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk
Marjorie F. Banner, Treasurer
Mary Gans, Trustee
Symantha Heath, Trustee
Mindy Herrmann, Trustee
Fred Shadko, Trustee

ABSENT:

1. Redico Development P.U.D., Concept Plan and Agreement – Approved the Development PUD zoning, approved the concept plan subject to the conditions of the Planning Commission and amendments and conditions as approved by the Board of Trustees. The Supervisor and Clerk were authorized to finalize the PUD Agreement after review by outside counsel and all of the necessary closing documents. .

2. Brief Public Comments: Numerous residents had questions and comments for the Board of Trustees and the Redico Team regarding the proposed development of the former Scott Prison Property. Three residents addressed the Board regarding ordinances and/or whether or not the township prohibits bow hunting in residential areas.

3. ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 9:33 p.m.
A draft of the minutes will be available December 9, 2016.

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

Published: December 8, 2016

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Beaumont Hospital opens renovated cardiac lab

Lifesaving care for heart patients is now closer for those living or working in and around Farmington Hills since Beaumont Hospital-Farmington Hills opened its renovated Cardiac Catheterization Lab on Nov. 21.

“With advanced technology and redesigned space in our Cath Lab, our outstanding interventional cardiologists and cardiac care staff stand ready 24/7 to save lives by restoring blood flow in people with heart blockages,” said Connie O’Malley, president, Beaumont-Farmington Hills.

The hospital’s Cath Lab was taken out of service Oct. 15 to install

an advanced imaging system that significantly reduces radiation exposure and to renovate the space for both function and aesthetics. Regulatory agencies, including the city of Farmington Hills fire marshal and the Oakland County Health Department, have approved the renovated Cath Lab for safety and effectiveness, allowing the hospital to meet accreditation for Cardiovascular Excellence guidelines.

The Cath Lab team provides emergency percutaneous coronary intervention procedures for those experiencing heart attacks or angioplasty on an elective basis for those with cardiovascular symptoms. Performing these interventions locally eliminates treatment delays and allows patients to be treated closer to home.

“We are very pleased

to have recruited Maher Rabah, D.O., a remarkable interventional cardiologist to lead our Cath Lab as medical director. Dr. Rabah has 29 years of experience with the heart programs at the Beaumont hospitals in Troy and Royal Oak and has an amazing portfolio of clinical results,” said David P. Gowman, D.O., cardiology chief and director of the Cardiology Fellowship training program at Beaumont-Farmington Hills. “He has performed thousands of angioplasty and stenting procedures. Now, he is performing those same lifesaving procedures here in Farmington Hills.”

Cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death in the United States, causing 600,000 deaths annually. PCI is considered one of the most effective, primary treatments for narrowed

or blocked heart arteries or heart attacks. Percutaneous means “through the skin.” The procedure is done by inserting a thin flexible tube, or catheter, through the skin in the upper thigh or arm that is threaded through a blood vessel to the affected heart artery. A balloon at the top of the catheter is inflated to open the narrowed artery, restoring blood flow to the heart muscle to help minimize damage to heart function.

According to data from the National Registry of Myocardial Infarction, patients who were transferred to another facility for emergency angioplasty with a door-to-reperfusion time of 2.5-3 hours have a 60-percent increase in risk-adjusted mortality, compared with a door-to-reperfusion time of less than 90 minutes. The program at Beaumont-Farmington Hills allows

patients who reside locally the chance to be treated within the 90-minute window of opportunity, greatly increasing their chances of survival.

“Time is muscle and muscle is life,” Rabah said.

An angioplasty procedure usually takes about 90 minutes to perform. Most patients stay one night in the hospital.

“After angioplasty, we spend a lot of time educating our patients and their families on the importance of leading a heart-healthy lifestyle and helping them achieve their goals,” said Heather Glover, RN, manager, Cardiology Services, Beaumont-Farmington Hills. “Our outpatient Cardiac Rehabilitation program is top-notch and includes monitored exercise and assistance with lifestyle changes, such as a heart-healthy diet, smoking cessation,

weight loss and stress management. Cardiac Rehab is essential for people to regain their quality of life.”


Beaumont Health offers elective and emergency PCI at six of its eight hospitals, including Dearborn, Farmington Hills, Royal Oak, Trenton, Troy and Wayne.

In addition to renovating its Cardiac Cath Lab, Beaumont-Farmington Hills is undergoing an enormous transformation at an estimated cost of \$160 million. The expansion project represents a significant investment in the 51-year-old hospital, and is Beaumont Health’s largest capital project since forming its new eight-hospital system in 2014. While Beaumont Health is funding \$150 million of the project, it is relying on support from the community for the remaining \$10 million.

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Interventional cardiologist Dr. Maher Rabah leads a highly-trained care team in the newly renovated Cardiac Catheterization Lab at Beaumont Hospital-Farmington Hills. From left, Deepa Chenian, R.N.; Dr. Rabah; Dr. David Coulter, cardiology fellow; and John Hand, cardiovascular technician.

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PREP WRESTLING

Catholic Central enters season loaded again

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If there are any holes in Novi Detroit Catholic Central's wrestling lineup, it may take a while to find them.

The Shamrocks are coming off a banner year, highlighted by five individual state champions, along with two other state placers and another state qualifier.

All seven return, with the most notable loss to graduation being Aaron Rehfeldt, who placed seventh at the state finals at 130 pounds.

The only thing that eluded CC last year was an MHSAA Division 1 team state championship, as Davison derailed the Shamrocks (16-6) in the state semifinals, 29-25.

CC coach Mitch Hancock, now in his 10th season, hopes his team will be ready come the end of February, when the MHSAA team state finals switch from Battle Creek to Mount Pleasant.

The Shamrocks, ranked No.



Catholic Central's returning individual state champions include (from left) Kevon Davenport, Cameron Amine, Nick Jenkins, Ty Morland and Ben Kamali.

1, opened their season Wednesday at home against No. 5 Grandville in a school assembly match.

"We're very excited about the 2016-17 wrestling season," Hancock said. "Our guys have

put in a great deal of work this past summer and fall in preparing for this season. We have a fantastic senior class, with great leadership, character and work ethic."

Area Wrestler of the Year

Tyler Morland, a senior, was the state champion last year at 171 pounds and posted a 45-1 record.

Morland, a linebacker on the state runner-up CC football team, injured his knee early in

the season and missed the remainder of the year. He will be brought back slowly and the number of matches he'll wrestle will be closely monitored by Hancock.

Meanwhile, the other four state champions who return are senior heavyweight Nick Jenkins (39-10); junior Ben Kamali (20-1), who will move from 103 to 119-125; sophomore Kevon Davenport (47-3), who goes from 119 to 130-135; and sophomore Cameron Amine (39-9), who moves from 125 to 140-145.

Also returning are sixth-place state finishers Jackson Ross (37-13), a senior who will stay at 215, and junior Stone Moscovic (29-15), who goes from 112 to 125-130. State qualifier Aiden Wagh (31-18), a junior, will bump up from 140 to

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BOYS BASKETBALL



Novi's Traveon Maddox (right) averaged 16.5 points per game last year.

JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

CAN NOVI CAPITALIZE ON STRONG 2015-16 FINISH?

Brad Emons
hometownlife.com

Novi's 2015-16 boys basketball season proved to be a roller-coaster ride of sorts.

The Wildcats were expected to contend in the KLAA Central Division, but a season-ending knee injury in early February to senior point guard Kevin Hankerson, a Wisconsin-Green Bay signee, didn't help matters.

Mired in a 7-9 start and failing to make the KLAA playoffs, the Wildcats seemed down and out before resurrecting themselves by winning their final four regular-season games then going on to beat host Salem, Novi Detroit Catholic Central and rival Northville (which at the time was 21-1) to claim the Class A district title.

INSIDE
Boys basketball team capsules, B2

Novi's tourney run ended with a regional semifinal loss to Walled Lake Central, but the Wildcats proved they could hang with some of the area's best teams and do it with some up-and-coming talent.

Expectations should be high again this season, although Novi lost two of its big men, Naji Ozeir and Jay Duarte, to graduation.

Traveon Maddox, a 6-foot-4 junior guard, improved as the season wore on and finished averaging 16.5 points, 6.5 rebounds, 3.0 assists and 2.6 steals per game en route to first team All-Area honors.

The Wildcats also return sophomore

point guard Trendon Hankerson, along with starting forwards Johnny Davis and Alec Bargeris, both seniors.

Meanwhile, Giovanni Miles, who got considerable playing time as a freshman at guard, also returns.

Novi coach Brandon Sinawi hopes his Wildcats can build off last year's strong finish. The Wildcats open their season Friday at home against Rochester.

"We will be tested each and every game," the third-year coach said. "We've got a very difficult non-conference schedule, not to mention a tough road through our division with so many well-coached teams. This year will be a highly competitive one for us. The challenge for us will be to bring the focus

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PREP ATHLETICS

Inquiry put out to join KLAA for 2018-19

Remaining 14 schools are hoping for others to apply

Brad Emons
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After the defection of 10 schools earlier this fall, the remaining 14 high schools from the Kensington Lakes Activities Association are open to the idea of adding new members.

Current KLAA president Keith McDonald, Livonia Churchill High principal, said an effort is underway to explore and possibly increase the number of schools in the KLAA for the 2018-19 school year.

Applications from interested high schools will be accepted through Dec. 15 by the KLAA, which was formed in 2008-09 when the Western Lakes Activities Association and Kensington Valley Conference merged.

"I think it makes more sense to have an even number, whatever that number is, but in the end an even number of schools makes scheduling a lot easier with divisions, cross-overs and everything else," McDonald said.

The criteria the KLAA will consider for potential applicants include enrollment, geography, number of athletic and activity offerings, quality of athletic programs and quality and quantity of facilities.

In 2017-18, the KLAA will shrink from 24 schools to 14, with the remaining schools being Churchill, Livonia Franklin, Livonia Stevenson, Westland John Glenn, Wayne Memorial, Canton, Salem, Plymouth, Northville, Novi, Brighton, Howell, Hartland and Grand Blanc.

The invitation to join the KLAA for the 2018-19 school year was put in motion when nine KLAA members bolted to form their own league, which is expected to be named this month. The schools pulling out were Milford, Lakeland, South Lyon, South Lyon East, Walled Lake Northern, Walled Lake Central, Walled Lake Western, Waterford Mott and Waterford Kettering.

The 10th school to leave the KLAA, Pinckney, has been accepted join the 12-school Southeastern Conference in 2017-18.

"We put it out there," McDonald said. "People talk and I don't know if there's active recruiting of teams. If a team wants to come, they'll come or at least apply. I don't think it's necessarily in our best interest to raid three or four schools from a different league and create a problem for that

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Franklin Road upstages Class A Vikings, 37-17

Tom Morelli
Correspondent

If practice makes perfect, then the authors of Webster's Dictionary may want to use Chanelle Lochrie as their textbook definition.

While most high school kids spend their summer working, learning how to drive or deciding on whom they want to ask to the homecoming dance, Lochrie was in the gym with her AAU team, the Dearborn Hype, looking for ways to improve her shooting prowess.

A sophomore player in her second year on the varsity at Novi Franklin Road Christian, Lochrie put on a clinic Friday during the team's 37-17 win over host Walled Lake Central.

"I tried to work on shooting, because last year my main job was just to drive to the basket," the 5-foot-9 Lochrie said. "I never took shots. This year, I'm trying to work on that so I won't be a one-purpose player and do everything on the court."

You don't need to be book smart to figure out that those extra hours in the gym paid off well for Lochrie, who finished with eight points on 2-of-4

from 3-point range and 2-of-3 from the free-throw line.

Even with the Warriors (2-0) up by a wide margin toward the end of the game, Lochrie played with just as much determination as if it had just begun. After taking the ball past center court, Lochrie made a beeline toward the wing before driving the lane and drawing contact with three defenders in her path.

That's the sort of moxie Franklin Road coach Tiffany Butler is looking for in her back court, with Lochrie stepping in to run the point alongside senior guard Danielle Fusco.

"A lot has fallen on Chanelle to be the point guard and run the team," said Butler, who lost last year's starting point guard, Hannah Rayburn, to graduation. "Danielle and Chanelle are showing good chemistry and they know how to get the ball inside and can hit the open shot. Chanelle is running the floor and that's her job now. It's her second game doing it, so she's still making a few mistakes, but I think she's doing a great job so far and I know she's only going to get better."

Despite the massive difference in school size, Class D Franklin Road was never over-matched in any aspect against Class A Central, jumping out to a 6-0 lead to begin the contest.

A triple by the Vikings' Maria Teodoro at 5:10 cut the deficit in half, before the Warriors went on a 7-0 spurt to finish the first quarter.

Senior center Daria Boboc split a pair at the charity stripe, followed by a dish of an inbound pass from Fusco to power forward Reagan Mumford, who sank one from beyond the arc.

With 1:15 left, Franklin Road extended its lead to double digits on a Fusco triple that came courtesy of Lochrie.

Fusco scored a team high 10 points, knocking home 2-of-7 triples to go along with a stellar 4-of-5 free throws.

Lochrie talked about the chemistry she and Fusco have developed from playing with one another.

"I've been playing with Danielle for three years now and we know each other well," Lochrie said. "We know where we want the ball and what each other does best. We're really great friends, especially on the

court. We just try to keep each other up and encourage each other. If one of us gets down, the other one is always there to pick her up and help her. We keep each other accountable and talk to know where we are on the floor and keep our spacing better."

Fouls became a burden on both teams rather quickly, with Central (0-1) committing its seventh team foul with 35 seconds left in the first quarter and the Warriors earning a penalty in the opening minute of the ensuing quarter.

With most of the quarter being spent at the free-throw line, Franklin Road managed to take a 20-12 lead at halftime.

The Warriors piled on their defense in the third quarter, holding the Vikings to just two points, which came on a pull-up jumper by Teodoro just shy of the midway point. Franklin Road managed to score just six, before stringing together an 11-3 performance in the final quarter.

"What we've been really focusing on is our defense and that's our biggest deal," Butler said. "With what I saw tonight, we held them to five points in the second half. We're working

on different schemes on defense and I just really liked what I saw from them tonight."

As a whole, Central struggled to get shots to fall, finishing 8-of-34 on field goals.

A rather young roster looking to improve upon last season's 2-19 finish is going to be a challenge early, according to Vikings coach Robert Schopf.

"We've got a young group of kids. We have three sophomores and two freshmen on an 11-player roster with one senior," Schopf said. "We're young, we are inexperienced and we have a hard time scoring. We were tickled to death with holding Franklin Road to 37 points. One of our goals is to hold them under 10 points a quarter and we met that goal tonight."

Central made only 7-of-25 free throws.

The Warriors also had an off-night shooting from the field (9-of-30), but were much more precise in hitting their targets at the charity stripe (9-of-16).

"We want to play some bigger schools and tougher competition to see how we match up against them," Butler said.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Dearborn surprises Mustangs in opener

Brad Emons
hometownlife.com

Northville couldn't hold a five-point lead heading into the final quarter Nov. 29 as host Dearborn stormed back for a season-opening 50-49 girls basketball victory over last year's Class A quarterfinalists.

The Pioneers led 24-19 at halftime before Northville rallied with a 19-9 third-quarter run to go up 38-33.

But Dearborn regrouped to outscore the Mustangs 17-11 in the fourth to pull out the victory. The Pioneers got a late free throw to break a 49-49 deadlock and Northville misfired on a 3-point attempt on its final possession.

Nasreen Kobeissi led Dear-

born with 17 points, including 11-of-13 from the foul line. Isabelle Clark chipped in 15.

Junior guard Roan Haines paced Northville with 13 points, while senior forward Jessica Moorman and senior center Brook Adams contributed 12 and 11, respectively.

Starting junior guard Kendall Dillon and Adams both fouled out.

Dearborn was 17-of-24 from the free-throw line (70.8 percent), while Northville was 18-of-25 (72 percent).

It was a disappointing loss for the Mustangs, who had four returning starts off last year's school-record 21-4 season.

"They won their district last year and they had some experienced players back," North-

ville coach Todd Gudith said of the Pioneers. "We were kind of fighting from behind all night and we got into foul trouble. We just got flat outworked and, quite frankly, got humbled. I think maybe this will be good for us down the road and get this out of our system now. We certainly weren't as strong defensively as I thought we should have been."

FRANKLIN ROAD 52, HURON VALLEY 30: Samantha Golchuk scored a game-high 23 points and broke the career 1,000th-point barrier in the process Nov. 29, but it wasn't enough as Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (0-1) dropped its season opener at Novi Franklin Road Christian (1-0).

The senior guard scored all nine of Huron Valley's points in the second quarter and also added nine steals.

Daria Boboc, a 6-foot-2 senior center, scored 16 points and grabbed 11 rebounds to power the Warriors, who led 23-14 at halftime and 41-20 after three quarters. Chanelle Lochrie also added 13 points.

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and energy every game that I know our guys can bring. Either way, it's a fun group of guys to be around and I'm looking forward to a good year."

Northville reloads

Northville (21-2) is coming off a record-setting season, but the Mustangs lost three key players to graduation including area Player of Year Justin Zimbo, who averaged 16.5 points per game; forward Justin Gibbons, who averaged 15.5 points and 7.5 rebounds per game, and forward Nick Wilds, who averaged 9.0 points and 7.5 rebounds.

The Mustangs suffered a big setback when returning starting guard Jack Burke, a senior, was lost for the season after undergoing foot surgery. Burke, Northville's starting quarterback, was injured in the Mustangs' first-round football playoff game.

All is not lost, however, as third-year starting guard Kevin Morrissey returns, along with sixth man Jake Justice. Both seniors will start in the back court, while Swedish exchange student Gustaf Tjernberg, a 6-5 senior, also shows immense promise.

"Our team is excited about the upcoming season," Northville ninth-year coach Todd Sander said. "After graduating most of our scoring and starting lineup, we are anxious to see who will step up and embrace this opportunity. Multiple positions are up for grabs and this only adds to the intensity and competition at every practice, which is wonderful to see. We have a skilled solid core returning and moving up from the JV team and Gustaf has been a pleasant surprise. He fits in nicely and helps fill some our size void."

Northville, which finished 10-0 last year in the KLAACentral Division, expects to contend again. The Mustangs opened their season Tuesday at home against Saline before traveling Friday to Dearborn Fordson.

"The beginning of every new season is always a time of tremendous anticipation," Sander said. "Our goals start the same every year: win the division, win the conference and win districts. For this to happen, in addition to competing every day, we need to execute on both ends of the floor on game day. We always stress five players working as one on offense and on de-

fense."

Shamrocks ready

Novi Detroit Catholic Central (11-10) returns its top two scorers from a year ago in 5-10 senior guard Gio Genrich (12.4 points), who shot 37.5 percent from 3-point range last year (36-of-96), and 6-5, 225-pound senior forward C.J. Baird, who averaged 11 points while shooting 50 percent from the field.

The Shamrocks, however, suffered a huge blow when Austin Brown, who got considerable playing time last year as a freshman, broke his leg in CC's Division 1 football state semifinal game against Romeo.

CC opened its season Tuesday at home against Farmington and will play Sterling Heights Stevenson on Sunday at the University of Detroit's Calihan Hall.

"We will have two sophomores playing for us this year in Mike Harding and Davis Lukomski," CC 11th-year coach Bill Dyer said. "We also have three seniors in C.J. Baird, Gio Genrich and Jack Morris that have been with us for three years. Our seniors need to lead by example on and off the floor for us to reach a higher level. I have a lot of faith in them. They're great students and better kids."

Warriors rebuilding

Second-year Novi Franklin Road Christian coach Matt Mikel lost four key players to graduation, including guard Austin Hearn, a 1,000-point scorer, along with 6-6 Joshua Bause, who averaged 15 rebounds per game.

The Warriors (17-6), coming off a Class D district championship, will be led by senior guard Maxwell Holleman.

Makenzy Blacker, a 6-3 freshman, also shows promise, along with freshman point guard Rahmon Scruggs and two transfers, sophomore guard Lucas Scarchilli (North Farmington) and junior guard Christian Banks (Southfield).

The Warriors will play again in the Blue Division of the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference, which features Class C power Southfield Christian.

Franklin Road opened its season this week with road games at Dearborn Henry Ford Academy (Tuesday) and Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard (Friday).

"We're pretty athletic and quick on our feet," Mikel said. "We'll be playing up-tempo games with this group for the next couple of years."

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Northville's senior class includes (from left) Gustaf Tjernberg, Phil Jovanovski, Colin Latta, Jake Justice, Justin Simeon, Michael Gunder and Kevin Morrissey.

BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM CAPSULES

NOVI

Head coach: Brandon Sinawi, third season.

League: KLAACentral Division.

Titles won last year: Class A district.

Last year's record: 14-10.

Notable losses to graduation: Naji Ozeir (second team All-Area), Kam Hankerson, Jay Duarte.

Leading returnees: Traveon Maddox, Jr. G (first team All-Area), Alec Bagens, 6-4 Sr. F; Trendon Hankerson, 6-2 Jr. G; Jivanni Miles, 6-3 Soph. G; Jonny Davis, 6-4 Sr. F.

Promising newcomers: Osiris Atisso, 6-5 Soph. F; Jett Porter, 6-1 Soph. F; Johnathon Bean, 5-8 Jr. G.

Sinawi's 2016-17 outlook: "Our team this year is returning kids that bring a lot of varsity experience. Though we lost guard Kam Hankerson (Wisconsin-Green Bay) and big men Jay Duarte and Naji Ozeir, we bring back five players that logged a lot of minutes last year for us. This year's group is probably the most competitive group of players, top to bottom, that I've had a chance to coach. The key for us will be to continue to build on the team chemistry we had this summer and work together on accomplishing our team goals."

NORTHVILLE

Head coach: Todd Sander, ninth season.

League: KLAACentral Division.

Titles won last year: KLAACentral.

Last year's record: 21-2.

Notable losses to graduation: Justin Zimbo (Area Player of the Year), Justin Gibbons (first team All-Area), Nick Wilds (second team All-Area).

Leading returnees: Jake Justice, 6-2 Sr. G; Kevin Morrissey, 6-0 Sr. G; Robert Johnson III, 5-11 Soph. G; Colin Latta, 6-1 Sr. G; Michael Gunder, 6-2 Sr. F; Phil Jovanovski, 6-4 Sr. F.

Promising newcomers: Gustaf Tjernberg, 6-5 Sr. F (exchange student from Sweden); Niko Barach, 5-11 Jr. G; Mark Grimes, 6-2 Jr. F; Sriram Papulu, 6-1 Jr. G; Brandon Stevens, 6-0 Jr. G; Tyler Troyer, 6-2 Jr. F; Justin Simeon, 6-2 Sr. F.

Sander's 2016-17 outlook: "Both Jake (Justice) and Kevin (Morrissey) logged significant minutes last year and we will lean heavily on them this year. Jake was last year's sixth man and Kevin is a third-year starter on the varsity. We expect each of them — Johnson, Latta, Gunder and Jovanovski — to take steps forward this season. They worked hard this off-season and there is a tremendous opportunity available to each of them to contribute on game day. Gustaf (Tjernberg) is extremely athletic and a welcome addition to our team."

DETROIT CATHOLIC CENTRAL

Head coach: Bill Dyer, 11th season.

League: Catholic League (Central Division).

Last year's record: 11-10.

Notable losses to graduation: Tyler Laurentius, Tom Smulsky.

Leading returnees: C.J. Baird, 6-5 Sr. F (second team All-Area); Gio Genrich, 5-10 Sr. G; Jack Morris, 6-3 Sr. F; Matt Harding, 6-0 Sr. F; Brandon Recto, 5-10 Sr. G; Josh Gutowsky, 6-3 Sr. F.

Promising newcomers: A.J. Abdelnour, 5-11 Jr. G; Mike Harding, 6-5 Soph. F; Davis Lukomski, 6-6 Soph. F.

Dyer's 2016-17 outlook: "We have a really solid core of kids back this year. They have great team chemistry and they want to compete. The don't seem to be afraid of hard work in practice. We haven't picked an entire squad yet because football hasn't finished. That's not new for us. We've actually only started on time two out of the last 11 years. The players on our team want to have a great year and they're willing to work to accomplish that goal."

FRANKLIN ROAD CHRISTIAN

Head coach: Matt Mikel, second season.

League: Michigan Independent Athletic Conference (Blue Division).

Titles won last year: Class D district.

Last year's record: 17-6.

Notable losses to graduation: Austin Hearn (first team All-Area), Joshua Bause (second team All-Area), Joshua Betcher, Gavin Harris, Rahsaan Scruggs.

Leading returnees: Max Holleman, 6-0 Sr. G; Josh Beck, 6-3 Sr. F; Nick Suchecky, 5-10 Sr. G.

Promising newcomers: Mackenzy Blackwell, 6-3 Jr. G-F; Rahmon Scruggs, 5-10 Fr. PG; Lucas Scarchilli, 5-8 Soph. G (transfer from North Farmington); Christian Banks, 5-11 Jr. G (transfer from Southfield); Nike Schinzing, 5-11 Soph. G; Joshua Lynn, 6-4 Soph. F-C.

Mikel's 2016-17 outlook: "I think it's a promising one. We have the three returning seniors who all contributed important minutes to last season's success. They all saw the floor every game, so there's experience there. And with our young talent mixed with a little bit of that experience, I think we can surprise a few people this season. I like their quickness and athletic ability."



Catholic Central's returnees include (top, from left) C.J. Baird, Jack Morris and Josh Gutowsky and (bottom, from left) Gio Genrich and Matt Harding.



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Novi junior point guard Trendon Hankerson (left) returns after starting as a sophomore.

PREP WRESTLING

10th annual Schoenheide tourney set

Northville to host teams in memory of former wrestler

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Twelve wrestling teams will vie Saturday, Dec. 10, for bragging rights at Northville High School in the 10th annual Todd Schoenheide Memorial Challenge.

Among the competing teams are the host Mustangs, Novi, Plymouth, South Lyon East, Wayne Memorial, Dearborn, Dearborn Edsel Ford, St. Clair Shores Lakeview, Melvindale, Detroit Mumford and Caro.

Action begins at 9 a.m. with the preliminary rounds, featuring three pools of four teams each, leading up to the championship round.

The tournament is hosted annually by the Northville wrestling squad in memory of their fallen teammate Todd Schoenheide, who was killed by a drunken driver April 10, 2005, at age 17 following his junior wrestling season. Schoenheide, an avid cyclist, was returning from a Sunday afternoon ride to Ann Arbor with friends when he was struck at the intersection of Plymouth-Ann Arbor and Gottfredson roads.

“He was the embodiment of the true athletic spirit with a dedication to excellence,” said former Novi coach Steve Minier, a 2004 Northville High graduate. “Todd was an extremely resilient young man and had a way of wearing a smile even when others couldn’t. I was blessed to know him during my time at Northville and can honestly say that he had a smile that endured anything. When wrestling practice became grueling, Todd was always there, wearing a smile, a smile that never faltered and a spirit that never faded. His spirit lives on today as we honor him at this tournament.”

Proceeds from the tourney will go to the Todd Schoenheide Memorial Scholarship, presented each spring to a Northville High senior who shares one of Schoenheide’s passions of either football, scouting or wrestling.



The 10th annual Todd Schoenheide Memorial Challenge wrestling tourney will be Saturday, Dec. 10, at Northville High.

“Having a wrestling tournament and a scholarship in Todd’s memory is a wonderful tribute. His classmates and teammates have long since graduated, but they all were affected by his death.”

DALE SCHOENHEIDE, Todd’s father

“Having a wrestling tournament and a scholarship in Todd’s memory is a wonderful tribute,” said Dale Schoenheide, Todd’s father. “His classmates and teammates have long since graduated, but they all were affected by his death. By remembering Todd, we are reminded that his life was cut short by a drunk driver.

With the holidays almost here, it’s an important reminder for all drivers.

“I think it’s pretty amazing that the team has chosen to remember Todd. It’s a wonderful tribute to the caring, fun-loving person he was. He died doing one of his favorite activities because of a drunk driver. I’ll always wonder what

might have been.” Admission is \$5 at the door. Concessions will be available throughout the event. “I believe this tournament is a great way for Northville wrestling to start the season,” first-year Mustangs varsity coach Tyler Schneider said. “We are looking strong this year and we should have a good showing at our home tournament. Northville wrestling has shown a lot of improvement since the last season and I believe it will show when it comes time to step on the mat.”

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BOYS BOWLING

Shamrocks post high scores at two opening invites

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Novi Detroit Catholic Central opened its 2016-17 boys bowling season last weekend with some noteworthy performances, starting Saturday in the Farmington Invitational at Drakeshire Lanes, followed by the L’Anse Creuse Singles Invitational at Imperial Lanes in Clinton Township. Junior Andrew Lack ad-

vanced to the quarterfinals and finished 10th out of a varsity field of 103 at the L’Anse Creuse tourney. He averaged 211 in the four-game qualifying with an 843 series, including high games of 255 and 268, while advancing to the championship round. Lack captured his first match in the elimination round with a clutch strike to win by a single pin, but was ousted in the next round after scoring

198-221. Other CC varsity bowlers recording high games included Sean Ebben (247), Jaden Thomas (222) and Ben Ward (222). Meanwhile, freshman Tyler Jackson finished third overall in the JV bracket, losing a heartbreaking playoff semifinal with scores of 191-194. He averaged 191 over 11 regular and playoff rounds, highlighted by high games of 220, 234,

237 and 222. Teammate Billy Compton contributed a 225 game. At the Farmington Invitational, CC finished 12th overall as a team as senior Joe Jessop earned second high game honors with a personal best 275. Other high scorers for CC included Lack (244) and senior Nahan Geddes (211).

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WRESTLING

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152-160. Also returning are two other starters from a year ago, senior Davis Rastigue and sophomore Rhett Newton, as the Shamrocks are set to defend their Rocket Duals, Observerland Invitational, Catholic League, district and regional tourney titles. “Our motto for this year is to ‘keep climbing,’” Hancock said. “We understand that through the failures, challenges and successes, we must continue to work towards our goal of winning a state championship. Our guys are hungry, healthy and humble and are looking forward to representing Catholic Central on the mats.”

Novi optimistic

Second-year Novi coach Joel Smith lost state qualifier Willy Jackson, a 135-pounder who finished 30-17, to graduation, along with Cooper Smith, Neil Haakenson and Brent George. The Wildcats, who placed third in the KLAA Central Division and 18th in the KLAA tournament last year, will be led by senior Lincoln Cleary (160), junior Chase Sparling (189), junior Eric Wright (152) and senior Travis Dome (125). Other leading returnees include senior Chris Silva



Among Novi’s top returnees are (from left) Lincoln Cleary, Chase Sparling, Eric Wright and Travis Dome.

(112), senior Corey Grassmyer (171-189), sophomore Matt George (135), sophomore Ryan Heur (140) and senior Zach Meyers (285). Smith is carrying 26 wrestlers entering the season double-dual opener at Farmington before heading Saturday to Northville for the 10th annual Schoenheide Tournament. “The numbers are growing and you’re always encouraged when you have more kids, because competition breeds competition,” Smith said. “We’re a young squad with only a few seniors. We’ve developed a relationship with football and wrestling where

we’ll try and grow both programs. And I’m excited about that.” **Mustangs’ outlook** Tyler Schneider, an assistant last season, takes over the coaching duties from Anthony Munoz, who stepped down after just one season as the Mustangs placed fifth in the KLAA Central and finished 23rd overall in the KLAA tourney. The most notable loss to graduation off last year’s 6-19 squad was 135-pounder Noah Burrell. Among the leading returnees for Schneider are juniors

Adam Lewis (112) and Joseph Nagy (125), along with senior Conrad Landis (145). Among the Mustangs’ promising newcomers will be freshmen Grant Gattoni (103), Brandon Liu (103) and Nick Gattoni (135). “We are looking promising for the upcoming years in our lower weights with the young group of wrestlers coming on board this year,” Schneider said. “With the addition to some strong newcomers, we also have strong potential from our returners.”

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BOYS HOCKEY

Mustangs complete weekend T.C. sweep

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Jack Sargent notched two goals and added one assist Saturday as Northville completed its weekend road trip with a 4-1 non-conference boys hockey victory over host Traverse City West at Howe Arena.

The Mustangs, who improved to 3-2 overall, gave up the first goal when the Titans’ Christian Julian scored at 3:53 of the opening period.

But Northville scored four unanswered goals, starting with Sargent, who tied it at 5:52 of the first off an assist from Nick Williams.

The Mustangs added two more goals in the second period as Sargent scored short-handed during a five-on-three West power play at 9:31, followed by Scorzo’s goal at 11:58 from Sargent.

Scorzo’s second goal, off an assist from Jimmy Dales with only 5:05 remaining in the third period, put the game away for the Mustangs, who outshot West, 31-20. Northville goalie Brett Miller made 18 saves against the Titans, who slipped to 2-2 overall.

“We were 1-2 and not getting much puck luck in our first few games,” Northville coach Clint Robert said. “We came out and kind of came together as a team. We were moving our feet. We were doing a nice job with penalty kills but, most importantly, I thought our team kind of came together. It was really the perfect time to have this trip. And we look forward to carrying this momentum into this week’s practice.”

DETROIT CC 2, ST. MARY’S 2 (OT): Bryce Kallen’s power-play goal with 9:15 remaining in regulation ended Orchard Lake St. Mary’s (1-3-1, 0-2-1) force overtime and eventually gain a tie with host Novi Detroit Catholic Central (3-3-1, 3-1-1) in a Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League North Division game Saturday at USA Hockey Arena. The Eagles took a 1-0 lead at 4:56 of the first period on Nick Cloud’s goal from Ian Rush and Griffen Sanom. But the Shamrocks answered on Zachary Sprys-Tellner’s goal from Brendan West and Greg McQuad at 1:35 of the final period, followed by Nicco Zervos goal from Jared Lee at 2:14 to make it 2-1. Kallen then scored the equalizer from Jack Clark and Bradley Ruppel at 7:45 of the third. CC goalie Joe Pernacky made 16 saves, while St. Mary’s Tanner Beals had 30.

NOVI 2, SALEM 2: In a KLAA Central Division game Saturday at Western Michigan University’s Lawson Arena, the Rocks (1-3-1, 1-0-1) and the Wildcats (3-1-1, 1-1-1) settled for a draw. Novi jumped out to a 1-0 lead at 1:12 of the first period on David DeNova’s unassisted goal before Salem’s Joey Driscoll tied it at 7:12 of the same period, also unassisted. After a scoreless second period, Salem’s Colin Goleniak scored from Marty Mills at 5:32 of the third to make it 2-1, but Novi answered on Mitchell Grinshpun’s goal at 13:45 from Nathan Graff. Novi goalie Manny Legace Jr. made 27 saves, while Tristan Rehling stopped 22 shots for the Rocks. **NORTHVILLE 5, BAY AREA 4 (OT):** Alex Iafraite’s three goals did the trick Friday as the Mustangs (2-2) earned an overtime victory over Bay Area Reps at Traverse City’s Center Ice Arena. Iafraite scored the game-winning goal 1:20 into the eight-minute OT off an assist from Nick Williams. Iafraite also had a second-period power-play goal as the two teams were deadlocked at 4-4 heading into the third.

Devin Laba and Dan Scorzo both added their first varsity goal for the Mustangs, who outshot the Trojans by a whopping 59-17 margin. Shane Bryant chipped in two assists, while Ty Kilar, Joe Tobon and Scorzo added one apiece. Bay Area Reps, made up players from five surrounding Traverse City counties, got 54 saves from goalie Sam Randall.

Zach Bancampennolle notched a goal and assist, while Gavin Duffing, Hayden Thomas and Jack Bradley scored the other Bay Area goals. Northville goalie Collin Smith made 13 saves to earn his first varsity win.

DETROIT CC 2, ST. MARY’S 0: Goalie Joe Pernacky stopped all 28 shots Friday as Novi Detroit Catholic Central (3-3, 3-1) earned the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League North Division win at Orchard Lake St. Mary’s (1-3, 0-2).

Ryland Clemons got CC on the board with only eight seconds left in the first period on an unassisted goal, while Zachary Sprys-Tellner scored with 2:06 remaining in the second period from assists by Brendan West and Spencer Kimball.

Tanner Beals made 26 saves in goal for the Eagles. **PLYMOUTH 2, NOVI 0:** Goalie Brendan Olepa turned away all 21 shots to lead Plymouth (3-0, 2-0 KLAA South) past Novi (3-1, 1-1 KLAA Central) in a Kensington Conference crossover Nov. 30 at Canton’s Arctic Edge Arena.

Jack Chumley scored Plymouth’s first goal just 17 seconds into the opening period, assisted by Tim Baldwin and C.J. Mullinax, while Jack VanDenBuergey added a short-handed goal, assisted by Nick Yankee, at 5:01 of the second period.

“It was well-played by both teams and at a pretty good pace,” Plymouth coach Gerry Vento said. “Neither team was giving up much defensively but, fortunately, we were able to capitalize on a few of our chances. It was one of those games that required a total team effort and excellent goaltending, which we got from Olepa.”

Novi goalie Manny Legace stopped made 24 saves. Plymouth went 0-of-6 on the power play, while Novi was 0-of-3.

“I was really happy to see how we responded in the third really by only allowing six shots against while protecting a 2-0 lead,” Vento said. “Novi is well-coached and skilled, so to shut them down on the scoreboard is no small task.”

DETROIT CC 4, TRENTON 1: Brendan West scored a pair of goals in the first period Nov. 30 as host Novi Detroit Catholic Central (2-3, 2-1 MIHL North) snapped a three-game losing streak with a Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League crossover victory over the Trojans (2-3, 1-2-0-1 MIHL South) at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth.

West scored just 57 seconds into the game off an assist from Mitch Morris and added an unassisted short-handed goal at 5:50 of the same period to make it 2-0.

CC’s John Zielsinski then made it 3-0 at 7:03 of the same period, assisted by Nicco Zervos and Rylan Clemons.

Trenton’s Kenny Styles scored at 9:24 of the opening period from Sheldon Clark and Kyle Lucas to cut the deficit to 3-1.

After a scoreless second period, CC’s Carter Korpi scored at 9:19 to put the game out of reach, with Clemons and Charter assisting.

CC got 15 saves from goaltender Joe Pernacky. Trenton got 11 saves from Anthony Lemerand and 17 by Joe Saint Angelo.

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BOYS SWIMMING

Novi dominates at Fenton Relays

Wildcats post winning performances in six events

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Senior Joey Berman figured in four first-place finishes Saturday as the Novi boys swimming and diving team got off to a roaring start to its 2016-17 season by capturing the 16-team Fenton Relays. The Wildcats took firsts in six of the 12 events in the all-relay format to score 396 points. Lake Orion (344), Fenton (316), Howell (268) and Bay City Western (256) rounded out the top five.

In the meet's opening event, Novi captured first in the 400-yard medley (3:47.12) as Berman earned an MHSAA Division 1 state cut by with his 100 backstroke leg time of 54.49. He was joined by Daniel Chung, Preston Harrell, and Max Robbins.

Meanwhile, the Wildcats' quartet of Philip Billiu, Siddhardha Kareddy, Brian Son and Berman earned a state cut and set a new pool record in the 400 freestyle relay (3:18.64).

Novi also finished the meet with a win in the 200 medley relay as Berman, Chung, Kareddy and Billiu earned a D1 state qualifying time of 1:41.08.



The Novi boys swimming and diving team celebrates after capturing the Fenton Relays.

JULIE KOTYK

Other winners for the Wildcats included the 200 freestyle relay, 1:31.43 (Billiu, Kareddy, Brian Son, Joel Kotyk); 400 individual medley relay, 4:01.71 (Berman, Chung, Harrell, Robbins) and 200 breaststroke

relay, 2:02.81 (Chung, Seung Jae You, Colin Quinn, Joel Kotyk).

Novi was second in the 200 backstroke relay (1:47.56), 800 freestyle relay (7:54.50) and 200 butterfly relay (1:44.46).

It also placed third in the 850 crescendo relay (8:35.27) and 8 by 50 freestyle relay (3:19.55).

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USA HOCKEY

First-place Chicago skates past U18 squad, 4-1

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On Saturday night, during the National Team Development Programs' annual Teddy Bear Toss at USA Hockey Arena, the NTDP U18 squad gave the Chicago Steel all it could handle and then some – for two periods.

The U18s carried the play for much of the first two periods against the USHL's best team, outshooting the Steel, 22-12, while hitting a couple of goal posts. And when U18 defenseman Tyler Inamoto scored at 18:56 of the second period to tie the game at 1-1, the teddy bears came raining down from the stands onto the ice surface.

Then Chicago showed why it is the best team in the USHL with three unanswered goals in the third period to defeat the U.S., 4-1, breaking the U18 team's four-game winning streak while raising its record to a league-best 16-4-1-1.

The Steel scored three goals in a span of 1:39 to break the 1-1 tie. Second star Jack Badini scored the game-winning goal at 5:43 of the third period, wristing a hard shot from the



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David Farrance (right) of the U.S. NTDP Under-18 team tries to move Chicago player Marc Johnstone away from his goal.

left circle by U.S. goaltender Adam Scheel. Thirty-five seconds later, Derek Daschke scored from the high slot to give Chicago a 3-1 lead. First

star Tyler Gratton completed the scoring at 7:22 to give the Steel a three-goal cushion.

The U.S. outshot Chicago, 31-23.

The U18 squad (now 11-13-0-2) returns home Thursday, hosting the Cedar Rapids RoughRiders at 7 p.m. at USA Hockey Arena.

KLAA

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league. If there are schools that want to come and there are conversations, we'll be happy to have conversations with them."

McDonald said an ideal number going forward would be 16 schools divided into two divisions of eight.

"Just the set-up of the divisions and the amount of travel, that would change quite drastically for a number of schools," he said. "At this point I don't know if there's a Plan B. We're going to look right now at applications and what interest comes by Dec. 15 and then we'll make a decision from there for 2018-19 and make it a better league than what we have."

Travel concerns, discrepancy in enrollments and strength of certain athletic programs, driven primarily by football, factored in the defection of the 10 KLAA members and will continue to play a part in any possible expansion going forward in 2018-19.

The KLAA's largest school, Grand Blanc (enrollment 2,630), is located 55 miles northwest of the association's most southern member, Wayne Memorial (1,717 students).

Two schools rumored to be interested in joining the KLAA are Saline (1,923 students) of the Southeastern

Conference and Belleville (1,678 students) from the Western Wayne Athletic Conference.

"I have not received contact from either of those two schools," McDonald said. "At this point, I haven't received any contact from any school. Actually, anybody interested has to notify me by Dec. 15. And then on Dec. 15, any school that has notified us will receive an application packet and that would be due by Jan. 30."

If the KLAA decides to expand beyond its 14 members, an announcement could be made as early as March 15, 2017, with a confirmation to follow April 15, 2017.

Meanwhile, the remaining 14 KLAA member schools will be forced to juggle schedules and look at possible divisional realignments for the 2017-18 school year. Currently, the KLAA has four divisions, with six schools in the South and Central divisions of the Kensington Conference and the West and North divisions of the Lakes Conference.

"We could do something based on your last four years (performance), your enrollment, a strength of schedule, strength of program ... where the most competitive teams are playing against each other," McDonald said. "That's a possibility where we could be in different divisions based on what sport."

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BOYS HOCKEY

South Lyon is blitzed by Spartans

Stevenson's outburst in final period ices Lions

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Livonia Stevenson was proof positive Friday night of the old adage: "It's not how you start, but how you finish."

The host Spartans were tied 1-1 after one period against South Lyon Unified and led 3-1 after two before exploding for six goals during the final period en route to a 9-1 KLAA Central Division boys hockey win at Edgar Arena.

Teo Gomulka and Justin Alton both notched a hat trick in the victory, while Jack Williamson's goal, assisted by Cody Ciesliga and Morgan Gray, ended the game with 1:14 remaining on the eight-goal mercy rule as the Spartans improved to 4-1 overall and 2-0 in the Central.

Gomulka, a third-year varsity player and member of last year's MHSAA Division 1 state runner-up team, notched his first hat trick as a Spartan. All three of the senior's goals occurred during the final period.

"We weren't playing our game," Gomulka said, referring to the opening period. "We got our heads in it. We came back, we played Spartan hockey and we got the 'W.' Spartan hockey is hard-nosed, hard on pucks, we do everything right, we do our systems and win. It's the little things. We practice the details and it showed today."

South Lyon (1-1-1, 0-1) took a head contact penalty just 2:04 into the first period. Just five seconds into the Stevenson power play, Alton scored off an assist from Alex Walkuski.

But after South Lyon took another penalty only 43 seconds later, Stevenson had a five-on-three power play for 58 seconds, but it backfired when Brett Cook knifed in and scored an unassisted short-handed goal at the 4:50 mark to make it 1-1.

Junior defenseman Connor Jakacki stuffed home a rebound 6:23 into the second period to give Stevenson the lead for keeps, 2-1. Julian Decina and Easton Schlatterbeck drew the assists.

Stevenson peppered SLU senior goalie Jared Paugh with an unofficial total of 49 shots.

Eckenroth Ball State-bound



Northville cross country and track standout Cayla Eckenroth (seated) recently signed an NCAA letter of intent with Ball State University. The senior was runner-up this fall in the KLAA Kensington Conference cross country meet, eighth at the regional and 31st at the MHSAA Division 1 state finals. She ran a season-best 18:21.1 at the Ann Arbor Running Co. Legends Classic. During her junior track season, Eckenroth was a member of Northville's fourth-place 3,200 relay team at the Division 1 state finals, while placing 12th in the individually in the 3,200 run (11:03.22). She was also conference runner-up. Eckenroth also posted a season-best 10:55.52 at the Golden Triangle Meet in Saline. She was also a two-time all-state runner in cross country, finishing 11th as a sophomore and 22nd as a freshman. She was also regional runner-up and conference champ during her sophomore year. On hand for the signing were (from left) Elaine Kapp, Noah Eckenroth, Greg Eckenroth, Amy Eckenroth, Emily Eckenroth and Joseph Kapp.

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Discover new career inspiration and growth

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Whether you feel stuck in a rut at work or are just looking for challenges to help you grow professionally, you're not alone — but it is up to you to take the first step toward revitalizing your career.

"Whatever you do, don't let yourself become stagnant," says Gayle Katz, a marketing professional and author of the "Grounded Girl's Guide" e-books. "If you're unhappy, uninspired or not challenged, make a thoughtful change. Ultimately, that will propel you further faster so you can be engaged and excited each day, have purpose and know you're on your way to accomplishing your dreams."

Consider these five tips to help you with your career development.

1. Accept responsibility by taking control of your career. "It isn't the job of your boss or your HR department or your company to have you be inspired — it is your job," says Ben Brooks, CEO of Pilot, a tech startup that helps managers retain their best talent. "In reality, we have a lot more flexibility in our jobs than we realize. Balance doing things on your own with involving your manager, and



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do both to optimize your job to be more inspiring."

2. Research solutions and involve people who can help. You still don't have to embark on your journey alone. If you're feeling stuck, identify the right person to approach within your company, keeping in mind that it isn't necessarily your boss.

"Schedule time with that person in order to start a discussion about how you can begin the process of learning or how you can continue to grow," Katz says. "Make sure to bring the ideas that you researched. Ask them for their thoughts and feedback. Make sure to come away from the

meeting with specific topics you can consider learning."

3. Brainstorm ways to integrate your passions into your work. Bianca Jackson, a career happiness expert, recommends thinking about how you can solve a company problem related to your own interests. "For example, if you're a Snapchat expert, you can help the marketing department include Snapchat in their social media strategy," she says.

4. Pursue learning opportunities whenever possible. You should never stop learning. Take this time to stretch yourself professionally.

"Think what would make you better at your job or give you a more nuanced perspective. Then, look for opportunities to invest in yourself and gain the skills that will help you get a deeper connection to your work," says Martha Schmitz, a senior adviser at Mentat, an organization that hires, manages and mentors candidates and employees. "By challenging your brain to learn something new in one area, you may feel reinvigorated in all aspects of your job as you figure out ways to apply your new learning."

5. Remind yourself why you chose your job in the first place.

Once you identify the reasons, you can try to integrate elements of that initial passion into your current responsibilities.

Erin Jump Fry, CEO of the Indianapolis-based bakery Fancy Fortune Cookies, says that when you get bogged down in the more mundane tasks, it can be easy to lose sight of what makes you passionate about your business — a problem she has experienced herself.

"That's when I remind myself to return to my earlier days with the company, when I spent much more of my time on creative tasks," she says. "When I actively participate in generating marketing ideas, I find the enthusiasm to implement them. When I get personally involved in styling our photos, that fires me up about our branding. When I take time to work on new product ideas, I notice I become much more engaged with promoting them on our social media sites. Stay connected creatively to your job and what it was that attracted you to do it in the first place."

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34 Citi Field MLB team
37 Clothed very shabbily
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39 Fleecy beast
42 Lose vigor
43 Not difficult
44 HEIGHTEN
48 Grows older
50 Daisy cousin
51 California's Point —
52 Was of use to
56 See 29-Down
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58 "Nothing — it seems"
60 FALL
65 Suffix with host
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69 Actress Ortiz or Gasteyer
70 Ghost shout
71 Marketing space in a newspaper, e.g.
74 "Li'l ol' me?"
75 STEAL
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81 Lead-in to history
82 E.T.'s human friend
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90 Holiday song
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95 "Aloha Oe" instruments, for short
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101 See 103-Down
102 Mint-family herbs
104 Gets more narrow
107 CHANGE
110 "... — mouse?"
111 Davis of "Hot Stuff"
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113 Eventual oak
114 ERASE
122 Proper noun in an atlas
123 Ripped thoroughly
124 Huge-scale
125 Person on both sides of an issue
126 Treats with malice
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18 Moral failure
19 Pithy remark
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30 Suffix with czar
31 LAX info
32 Madras "Mr."
33 Female sib
34 Turner of an insurrection
35 "Tall" story
36 Mil. officers
40 Rtd. relative
41 Physicist
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44 Funny Foxx
45 English noble
46 Special time
47 Strikes (out)
48 Headly drinks
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52 Actor Driver
53 "No" from a higher-up
54 Italian wine area
55 Luge surface
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56 Ariel, e.g.
57 Large elliptical fish
59 Not volatile
61 Flying British mil. branch
62 Ridesharing app
63 Stir
64 Curly's bud
65 Ferrari who founded Ferrari
66 Riverbed deposit
67 "Keep it in"
72 Secluded valley
73 Arm of Israel
76 "— dixit (unproven assertion)"
78 Cat cry
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80 Alley —
83 Gave
84 Kind of blue
85 Of the region just north of the Antarctic Circle
87 Female gametes
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89 Antarctic penguin
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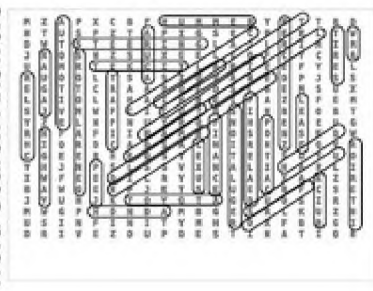
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Car Report

BRANDS ACCELERATING INTO THE FUTURE: FORD WITH MOBILITY FOCUS, NISSAN WITH SERVICE CONNECTIVITY



By Dale Buss

Ford, its new mobility strategy is more than just featuring a new float in the America's Thanksgiving Day Parade in Detroit, as it did this year.

And for Nissan, a new global service-connectivity strategy is attempting to move beyond a relatively passive platform that really hasn't advantaged the company's dealers all that much, despite the massive amounts of maintenance and condition data that are generated by every Nissan and Infiniti it has sold for the last several years.

Each company, like all its rivals, is addressing the challenges and opportunities that are being created by the rapid digitization of the automobile, which ranges from new uses for "telematics" systems to new definitions of the very nature of automotive transportation.

Ford, for instance, has been preparing for a different future for a couple of years now, since CEO Mark Fields abruptly pivoted toward self-driving as more of a growth engine for the company than as an afterthought.

This evolution is given more urgency by the fact that, after seven years of significant increases, it looks as though the US auto market finally has leveled off, likely the precursor to at least a gradual sales decline over the next few years.

So dramatic has the transformation in his viewpoint and priorities been that, at the Los Angeles Auto Show, it was Fields—not Elon Musk or the chief of a Japanese, German or Korean automaker—casting a vision of a future of "smart cities" full of mobility innovations.

And Fields said he wants Ford to provide the tools for a utopia where illegal parking is unknown, where eco-friendly bicycles help commuters get from parking lots to their final work destinations, where software and vehicle-to-vehicle communications help commuters avoid the choking traffic situations of today's rush hours.

"We really are on the cusp of a mobility revolution," Fields said at the show last month. "From our vantage point, cities carry the biggest rewards and risks."

It wasn't that long ago Fields began describing a Ford Motor Co. that just as easily could be renamed Ford Mobility Co., a company whose traditional business of building and selling vehicles for individual consumers and businesses is gradually supplanted by one in which services that accomplish sustainable mobility goals—through ride-sharing, new apps and other solutions—make up just as important a part.

For example, earlier this year Ford bought Chariot, a crowd-sourced shuttle service that operates in California and soon will expand across the globe. Ford also has incentivized employees to come up with electric-powered bicycles as part of an urban-mobility future. And Fields has said that Ford plans to launch its own self-driving vehicle by 2025.

"Working together with cities is good for our business," he said in L.A. "We'll see substantial revenue opportunity in providing mobility solutions to millions of commuters in the US and the growing work force in several major cities globally."



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Car Report

TV ADVERTISING FOR AUTO DEALERS THIS SEASON POINTS TO CONTINUING POWER OF THE MEDIUM TO MOVE METAL



By Dale Buss

From “December to Remember” to “Happy Honda Days,” this month has become a crucial period for auto dealers in metro Detroit and nationwide. And they still rely on television advertising – both at the brand level and the regional dealership-group level – to make the most of it.

If you’ve got any doubts that television advertising retains a crucial role in feeding the automotive marketing funnel, just turn on the TV for a few minutes this Christmas season. Inundation with

holiday-themed brand and regional dealer ads for Audi, Honda, Toyota, Jeep, Ford, Chevrolet, Cadillac and others will ensue.

Just as auto brands face a big need and opportunity to move the metal now in what has become a hugely important December each year, it seems they may be rediscovering the role that television advertising can play in encouraging actual car sales as well as in creating brand awareness and impressions.

Much of the former role has been parceled out to digital advertising over the past decade, but campaigns like Lexus’ annual “December to Remember,” as well as some new data from the Video Advertising Bureau (VAB), suggest that many auto marketers are giving a closer look to the capabilities of TV.

“The truth is that TV and digital work

together very well,” Sean Cunningham, president and CEO of the VAB, told me. “TV has done a good job of fueling digital, which does an especially good job with dealer offerings. But too much of the attribution for success has been assumed to be digital. Now we’re seeing more awareness that it was the wrong division of labor.”

Consider the deluge of TV advertising for the crucial holiday promotion season that has emerged for the auto industry over the past several years, for the first time turning the period into a fertile sales period after it pretty



much had been deadsville for most of the industry’s history.

“There was \$161 million spent on Black Friday on automotive advertising on TV alone,” Cunningham noted. “And the reason is that the industry knows right now is the period when they have to move those vehicles, an inordinate volume of units. And when you need to mobilize customers en masse, in a tight timeframe between now and the end of the year, they understand that TV is going to light up their online instruments and fill dealer showrooms with traffic.”

“Start Your Engines,” a new study by the VAB that surveyed active auto shoppers in November, found that TV carried the most influence of all media throughout their decision process. It turned out that millennials were twice as likely to become aware of their local car dealership via TV (56 percent) than the next leading means, online search (26 percent), while 25- to 54-year-olds were 74 percent more likely, 53 percent TV versus 30 percent search.

And when it came to deciding to take a test drive, 40 percent of millennials and adults 25-54 cited TV as their primary motivator.

“These findings fly in the face of several automakers’ recent requirements that 50 percent of local advertising go to digital media, said Evelyn Skukovich, VAB’s vice president of strategic research and insights.

“TV ads are pointing people to dealers

and putting them in cars. And most often it’s TV ads that direct people to auto web sites, which is consistent with the catalyst role that TV plays in social media.”

Indeed, more than half of shoppers visited an automaker’s site after seeing a TV ad in the VAB study, versus fewer than 30 percent for online search. This held true across demographics by a significant margin. Similarly, one in three were prompted to look up more information online after seeing a TV ad.

In the discovery phase, millennials cited TV at 47 percent and online search at 45 percent, while 25-to-54-year-old cited search at 46 percent and TV at 42 percent. Among both groups, TV held an advantage of 2-to-1 over social media and more than 3-to-1 over online video and magazines. The numbers were consistent across gender and demographics, with fully 57 percent saying they’re in discovery until a month before they buy.

“In terms of discovery and consideration,” Skukovich told me, “people will be surprised to know how much TV ads have impact in terms of pushing them to the dealership and getting them in the car. The majority of people believe that online search is the big driver, but that’s not necessarily the case.

Skukovich concluded: “A lot of brands that went away from TV are coming back to TV advertising, realizing its power.”

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Stunning Ranch!

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