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Stay green all winter

“Your Indoor Garden: Keeping it Green All Winter” is the topic of the Northville Woman’s Club meeting at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 27, at First United Methodist Church of Northville, 777 W. Eight Mile.

Florida native and Northville resident Kelly Green, owner of Southern Green, will discuss transforming and enhancing living spaces through the use of indoor plants.

After spending 30 years in public education, Green opened Southern Green in 2015. She provides unique greenery and live plant arrangements to Starring the Gallery in downtown Northville and Tootie and Tallulah’s in Berkley.

She also offers custom arrangements and provides consultation to plant lovers wherever they are.

For more information about the club, contact Maryann Cotterill at 248-344-8235.



Green

‘Grow or die;’ Northville Lions Club seeks new members

Joanne Maliszewski
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Northville Lions Club members are hoping fellow residents will see their way to joining their efforts to serve the blind and hearing-impaired in the area, as well as ensuring international understanding and peace, among myriad humanitarian causes.

The club has eight members; four are inactive and the remaining four are incredibly active, managing the annual Peace Poster Contest for middle school children and the annual White Cane Week drive to provide

vide glasses and hearing aid devices for local residents in need.

The club also supports local agencies, such as the Penrickton Center for the Blind and Multiply Handicapped Children, Leader Dog School for the Blind and Eversight, which maintains an eye-bank for restoring sight through transplantation.

But club members are at a crossroads. They simply need more members to maintain the club. Member Kevin Clark has simple words to describe the club’s situation: “Grow or die.” In addition to Clark and his wife Linda, the club is manned by

Anthony Heckemeyer — with Leader Dog Henry — and president Barbara Morgan, a former Livonia teacher and a club charter member.

“I was already a Lion in those days. But I could never make the meetings (in the Livonia area), so I looked for another club and we decided Northville was it,” Morgan said.

Heckemeyer and his late wife Phyllis joined in 1997, while the Clarks joined in 2000. The club in Northville was started in 1995.

The four active members are in desperate need of more members. That’s why they will host an open house 6-8 p.m. Tuesday,

Feb. 7, at the Northville District Library in Conference Room A. Light refreshments will be available.

“We are the presence of the international club locally,” Heckemeyer said.

The club is all about community service, though few in the Northville-Novi area may know much about what the Lions do. Here’s a sample of local accomplishments:

» Sponsored the annual Peace Poster contest for sixth-grade Northville students for more than a decade. Last year,

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Locals enjoy trip to inauguration

Brad Kadrich
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Will Govan of New Hudson wasn’t planning on attending President Donald Trump’s inauguration last week.

But tickets became available at the last minute, so Govan and some family members were on their way to Washington, D.C., to witness the swearing in of the nation’s 45th president.

Govan said being able to see multiple generations of presidents and other governing officials in one place was “an honor in and of itself.” But getting to see the inauguration and hear the new president speak was great.

“I really appreciated President Trump’s inauguration speech, as it really seemed to speak directly to the people,” Govan said. “The message was clear: He will be putting America first and working for all the people.”

Carol Maynard, a retired teacher from Northville, couldn’t get to Washington, D.C., for the ceremony, but did attend an inauguration party sponsored by the Macomb and Oakland Republican parties. (She and a friend did take photos standing next to a cardboard cutout of the new president — “That’s as close as we got,”



Stevie, Will and Dean Govan of New Hudson got last-minute tickets to the inauguration.

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Women put government on notice with D.C. march

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People from the Detroit area joined hundreds of thousands from across the country Saturday in putting a new administration, and the entire Washington, D.C., establishment, on notice.

The Women’s March on Washington, which drew a record crowd for an inaugural protest, was more than a reaction to the election of Donald Trump, who was sworn in Friday as president. It was about, participants say, standing up for equality for women and girls, for racial and ethnic groups and immigrants and for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people.

Yet while individual marchers were motivated by different causes — working for educational opportunity, defending abortion rights, protecting the environment, supporting the Affordable Care Act and more — rejecting many of the things Trump said on the campaign trail, and since winning the pre-



Paula Neys of Northville (from left), Peggy McMichael of Northville, Amber Smith of Ann Arbor and Vicki Dwelley of Northville take a moment outside the Smithsonian during Saturday’s Women’s March on Washington.

sidency, was a unifying theme.

“I find Trump to be a bad example for my sons and a threat to my daughters,” said

Susan Greenlee, a nurse-midwife from Northville who helped organize a busload of marchers.

“I don’t think he’s taking us

into a more civilized future,” but one that is “barbaric” and “rude,” Greenlee added.

Greenlee and others who went to Washington say the event was exhilarating and awe-inspiring.

“It was a wonderful experience for me” as an expression “of solidarity and hope for the future,” said Colleen Crossey of Novi, a community volunteer.

“I just didn’t really understand how powerful this would be,” said Catherine Keyes, a Westland activist who traveled on a chartered bus with more than 50 other marchers. “I got off the bus and I was just literally in tears already.”

We talked to several people who marched Saturday. Here are their stories.

‘Very powerful experience’

When Deborah Burke, a Detroit who teaches psychology at Schoolcraft College in Livonia, learned about plans for the march in the days after Trump’s

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she said.)

Maynard called Trump's inaugural address "eloquent" and was glad to hear him address issues such as trade immigration and violence.

"Trump's message is 'America First,'" Maynard said. "He will be the biggest change agent in the history of the United States. He will do just fine if people give him a chance."

Like many locals who actually made the trip to D.C. for the inauguration festivities, Govan said people — even those who oppose Trump — should realize Trump "is the president now ... regardless of your political views. I encourage you to at least give him a chance."

Wayne County Com-

missioner Terry Marecki was part of a group of some 30 people from Livonia who went down for the many festivities related to the inauguration. They couldn't get tickets to the actual ceremony, but had plenty of fun anyway.

The group hit the GOP party Jan. 19 and then the Michigan ball Friday night.

"We had an awesome time and we thought the entire weekend went well," Marecki said. "There were many protesters, some were peaceful and some were foul and disgusting. There were a ton of people at the festivities."

Which begets the question, what about the controversy over the size of the inauguration crowd? Marecki's reaction was fairly common: "Who cares?"

"I have no idea if Trump had more or less



The Livonia contingent gathers for a group photo at one of the inaugural balls.

attendees than Obama and, frankly, who (cares)?" Marecki said. "In my opinion, this is another way the press is trying to make Trump less legitimate. I can't imagine there is one Trump supporter out there who cares how big the crowd was."

Marecki believes Trump was elected because he put a voice to the frustrated voters tired of politics as usual.

"We have voted for someone who loves the United States, loves the people of the U.S. and will listen to the people of this county," she said. "During the campaign, he verbalized the frustration many of the voters in this country have felt the past years. There will be many people praying for him and praying he leads this county in the right direction the next four years."

Christine Wofford of Canton is one of them. She met her brother in Washington, D.C., and the pair went to the swearing in, inauguration concert and a ball. She believes Trump will "be a wonderful president" and "have many people praying for his success."

Wofford went to Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle, where John F. Kennedy's funeral



Jim Williams of Troy and Carole Layne of Livonia stop for a photo during the Freedom Ball held at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center.



Christine Wofford of Canton lights a candle for President Donald Trump at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle.



Wayne County Commissioner Terry Marecki, former Sen. Norm Coleman of Minnesota, Livonia City Council President Kathleen McIntyre and Livonia planning commission Chair Charlie Mahoney.

nonetheless it gave her a "sense of pride" to be involved.

She believes Trump will be an effective leader.

"President Trump will, hopefully, live true to his promises and bring back American jobs to our people," Layne said. "I am going to remain optimistic and give support, just as I would to anyone else elected to be our president."

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Roland Hwang, Secretary
Northville Public Schools,
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Walled Lake district rewards diversity efforts

The Walled Lake School District recognized second-grader Hayden House and third-grade teacher Meagen Granberry, both at Mary Helen Guest Elementary School, as Friend of Diversity Award recipients.

They were recognized Jan. 16 at the district's Martin Luther King Jr. celebration at Walled Lake Northern High School with more than 400 people in attendance. "Walled Lake Schools continues to build a culture around taking action for social justice. I am proud that our 2017 Friend of Diversity Award recipients, Hayden House and Meagen Granberry, who are making significant contributions toward bringing social justice projects to our students, staff, community and for those less fortunate," said Kenneth Gutman, Walled Lake superintendent. "These two individuals, one a young student and the other an accomplished educator, exemplify what it means to be an upstander. Bystanders are on the sidelines watching while upstanders take



Kenneth Gutman (from left), Walled Lake superintendent; Meagan Granberry, 2017 Friend of Diversity Award recipient; Michelle Fiebke-Lang, Mary Helen Guest Elementary School principal; Hayden House, 2017 Friend of Diversity Award recipient; and Christopher Titus, WLCSD Board of Education president.

decisive action that benefits others. We are proud of the intentional choices Hayden and Meagan are making to reach out to others with positive and impressive initiatives." Hayden was nominated by teacher Kathy Murray, who said, "Hayden organized a food drive, volunteered at a women and children's shelter in Detroit and plans fundraisers to help others. It is very rare that a student as young as Hayden is selected to receive the Friend of Diversity Award — he is unique in the sense that

he began doing community service work to help those in need when he was in kindergarten." Murray shared in her nomination that when Hayden was in kindergarten, he became inspired when he attended the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration and he heard a middle school student speak about his work to help homeless people in Detroit. As a 5-year-old, Hayden asked his mom if there were ways that he could help people, too. Hayden then organized a food drive at his school

where almost 500 pounds of food was collected for a local food bank. He also volunteered at a women and children's shelter in Detroit, where he ate, played games and made crafts with the children. "I am very proud of Hayden for the work that he has done to make the world a better place and he is inspiring others at our school to do the same," said Michelle Fiebke-Lang, Hayden's principal. "Hayden is a young person who has truly made a difference by the compassion and caring that he has shown

for those in need in the Detroit area and around the world." Granberry was nominated by Fiebke-Lang, who said, "Meagen has been instrumental in creating and implementing programs to bring diversity and social justice awareness to our students and the community. "Granberry has worked tirelessly in all areas of her life as an advocate for diversity and social justice. At her school, Meagen has been instrumental in creating and implementing school-wide programs to bring diversity awareness to the students of Mary Helen Guest. Meagen has a deep understanding of what it means to be a teacher for social justice and she integrates social justice and diversity topics throughout the curriculum for her third grade students," Fiebke-Lang said. She is a long-standing member of the district's Social Justice Committee. She has invested a lot of time in working on the district's social justice

initiatives and she is eager to share her passion for this work with others. Granberry is one of the lead authors of the four social justice training modules that were written for the school district during the past year and she has co-presented the module that she wrote on "Small Changes to Integrate Social Justice Topics in the Classroom" several times for both teachers and administrators. Fiebke-Lang said in her nomination for Granberry that "I have no doubt that Meagen's daily interactions with both students and staff have planted the seeds of peace deep in the soil of our community. "Meagan has done so much over the years to help children and adults who are facing the challenges of poverty, hunger and injustice. Meagen is a warm and caring person, and a talented and dynamic educator who has truly gone above and beyond the call of duty to make our diversity initiatives in the Walled Lake Schools very successful," Fiebke-Lang added.

LIONS

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more students entered the contest from Northville than any other Lions Club in Michigan and one of the posters won a Merit Award at the international contest level.

- » Supporter of the annual Christmas party for multiply handicapped students at Cooke school
- » Collects used eyeglasses for recycling.

Clark has also compiled a list of the benefits of joining the club:

- » Working with a diverse group of people for a common cause
- » Involvement with organizations locally and around the state of Michigan

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- » Assisting young people with guidance and direction
- » Gain valuable skills
- » Learn to be a leader while leading a respected organization
- » Make an impact on people's lives
- » Network with business people in the community
- » Energize your life while working for a good cause
- » Be part of something bigger than yourself
- » Become part of Lions International with 1.4 million members

The Lions International is also working to stop measles through vaccinations around the world, an effort also

The four active members are in desperate need of more members. That's why they will host an open house 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7, at the Northville District Library in Conference Room A. Light refreshments will be available.

undertaken by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. According to the Lions Clubs International Foundation, some 400 people worldwide die each day from measles. Most deaths occur in non-vaccinated children ages 5 and younger.

While it isn't easy with four active members to maintain the club, they have accomplished service projects and raised

money. "We used to do a lot more," Clark said, referring to the Penrickton Center for Blind Children in Taylor. Members have also visited Eversight Michigan, which provides corneas. "From a tour standpoint, that was very important to show us the process (of obtaining and providing corneas for the blind)," Clark said.

Morgan has traveled

to Lima, Peru, where the Lions supports an elementary school. Eyeglasses collected by club members are sent to the school, "We had ophthalmologists and optometrists with us," she said.

With Henry by his side, Hekemeyer knows full well the importance of the Lions Clubs. Henry is his second Leader Dog. His first, Quido, died in 2011. Hekemeyer traveled to a state corrections facility in Iowa — where inmates train dogs — to meet with Henry's trainer and to begin work with his Leader Dog.

The Northville Lions Club is hoping for 10-20 new members to swell the ranks and to help create a stronger presence in the Northville

area.

"We are totally community-based," Hekemeyer said.

To become a Lions member, you must be of legal age and have good moral character. Membership is by invitation, so contact the Northville Lions or attend the membership drive.

The Northville Lions meet at 5:30 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month at Cassel's Restaurant, 43003 W. Seven Mile Road. For additional information, contact Anthony Hekemeyer at 248-349-0282 or at Northville-Lions@gmail.com

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victory, “Every cell in my body told me that Schoolcraft needed to send a bus of students,” she said.

Burke organized that trip, which left from Schoolcraft with a round-trip fare of \$100 per participant. There were students and non-students, men and women and even a family on the bus, she said. Burke traveled with her mother, Ruth Rehberg.

She talked to fellow marchers about why they were making the trip.

“The big umbrella was equality, really, and justice,” she said. “Nobody really said that they have a strong dislike for our new president. For my bus, at least, it was not about that.”

Burke and Rehberg were too far from the stage to hear the rally speakers, but heard cheering that began with people in front of the stage and traveled in waves through the massive crowd in and around the National Mall.

“You could just feel it and you could hear it and it would just hit you like a blast,” she said.

Schoolcraft student Christian Sullivan of Livonia was able to hear the speakers and performers. “Everybody went up there, they told a story about what was important to them,” he said. “Everybody was full of energy.”

Later, after marching to 12th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, near the White House, Burke and her mother sat in bleachers, set up for Trump’s inaugural parade, watching fellow marchers pass.

“It was amazing, just watching all these people,” she said. “Just a very powerful experience.”

Burke said the march will be a starting point for increased activism. “I think there are going to

be so many opportunities moving forward,” she said.

‘Beyond a Trump thing’

Crossey, who has a background as a social worker, traveled to the capital by car with a friend.

“It was really a moving and inspiring event and it encouraged women to know their power and that they can make a difference in their government and in their lives,” she said.

They were close enough to the stage to hear speakers and performers; Crossey said she was particularly inspired by filmmaker Michael Moore, who encouraged participants to contact their elected representatives daily regarding issues of concern.

“I like that he had an action-focused message,” Crossey said.

Crossey said she was heartened by the demonstrations held Saturday in cities around the world.

“This went beyond a Trump thing,” she said. “This became a demonstration to fight back against the hostile environment for families and for women.”

‘You must be involved’

Keyes traveled on a bus with longtime friend Julie Harrison of Milford.

“When we heard about this, we just decided, well this is our chance,” she said.

Keyes said showing support for women’s health care and the protection of the rights of gay, lesbian and bisexual people were prime issues for her. She also wanted stand up for the futures of her three granddaughters, she said.

“I don’t have the luxury of being silent, so that’s what really motivated me,” she said. Her protest sign read, “We rise.”

Since the election,

Keyes said, she’s spoken with friends who were scared and wondered, “Are we going to go backwards?”

“This election has proved that you can no longer be the armchair quarterback ... after the election,” she said. “It proves that you must be involved.”

Like Crossey, Keyes was inspired by Moore’s speech and also by the anti-Trump rap poem performed by actress Ashley Judd.

“Hopefully, they’re on notice that we’re not taking this lying down,” she said.

Though the march was a reaction to Trump’s win, Keyes said the movement it has sparked is an inclusive one for anyone concerned about its issues.

“We don’t want anybody to feel left behind,” she said.

‘People are watching’

For Jeannine Donigan-Hales, a moment of spontaneity illustrated Saturday’s events.

Donigan-Hales and her daughter Madison were exiting the Metro station at Washington’s L’Enfant Plaza on Saturday morning, part of a huge crowd on its way to the march, when someone behind them began singing a Woody Guthrie protest hymn.

“All of a sudden, the crowd broke out in ‘This Land Is Your Land’ and it was all ages and races and genders,” said Donigan-Hales, of Farmington. “They were just all singing. It was very moving.”

Donigan-Hales, a teacher, said she joined the march because, as a union member and a citizen, “I wanted my voice to be heard.” Education, she said, is a primary issue for her.

Madison, a high school sophomore, is sympathetic to the LGBT community and supports marriage equality, her mother said. “She’s very compassionate.”

The event was “amazing” and “inspiring” for both, Donigan-Hales said.

Donigan-Hales said she and her family respect the peaceful transfer of power to a Trump administration, but that marchers have put the new president on notice.

“People want to give him a chance, but he’s got to know that people are watching,” she said.

Bridges, not walls

Smiles along the march route was the start of building bridges, instead of walls, for Michelle Dillon and her mother, Marianne Campagna.

The pair spotted at least two Trump supporters during the event, Dillon said, identifiable as fans of the president by articles of clothing. They were perhaps observing instead of marching, she said.

“They didn’t look happy, but when we walked by them and we smiled, they smiled back,” Dillon said. “That might be the start of communication between severely divided people.”

Dillon, of Salem Township, and her mother were at the march in support of immigrant rights.

“I don’t want them to feel like they’re not welcome in the U.S. or that they will be profiled,” Dillon said. Campagna, born in China to a German woman and a Chinese man and raised in Brazil, is herself an immigrant.

Dillon also said she marched in reaction to some of the remarks Trump has made about women. “That disrespect, I’m completely against,” she said. “I don’t think it’s something we should ignore.”

She was awed, she said, that so many people, motivated by many different issues, made their voices heard.

“I was proud of our country, really proud of our country at that point,” she said. “I felt



DEBORAH BURKE
Deborah Burke and her mother Ruth Rehberg stand among the protesters Saturday outside the U.S. Capitol building.



Julie Harrison (left) of Milford and Catherine Keyes of Westland, friends since they were 6 years old, attended the Women’s March together.



DEBORAH BURKE
A participant displays a Donald Trump puppet wearing a “pussyhat” — the hat is a reference to lewd remarks made by Trump — Saturday during the Women’s March on Washington.

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School board preserves the core of democracy

On Jan. 12, the Novi Community School District officially welcomed Kathy Hood to the Board of Education. As most know, Hood, along with incumbent Bobbie Murphy, was elected to serve on the Novi Community School District Board of Education in last November's election. On Jan. 12, Hood and Murphy were sworn in and publicly accepted their roles as school board members.

That this occurred in January was fitting, because January is School Board Recognition Month. It is an exciting and challenging time in public education. The work of school board



Steve Matthews
SUPER TALK

members is oft times misunderstood and often overlooked. In Novi, our school board members focus on establishing the vision and mission for our district and then work to develop, implement and maintain policies that will support living into that vision.

The stated vision of our district is to develop each student's potential with a world-class education. To help us accomplish that vision, our mission statement calls

for us to work in partnership with parents and the community to ensure that all students develop the knowledge, skills and character necessary to achieve their highest potential and to be productive members of an ever-changing society.

Our Board of Education members, working with the superintendent, focus on ensuring that the resources of our district support the work needed to achieve our vision and mission.

The Board of Education approved a 2016-17 budget of \$82 million. These funds support our staff, our facilities and our programs. The Novi Community School Dis-

trict Board of Education has worked hard over the past several years to ensure that our district has the financial resources needed to create and maintain a high-quality school district for our students.

Our budget supports more than 420 teachers, more than 30 bus drivers, more than 150 support staff and 31 administrators. This budget supports our facilities and provides educational resources for the approximately 6,500 students who come to school every day.

The Novi Community School District Board of Education also works to develop policies that

focus the time and energy of district employees on creating and maintaining educational opportunities for our students. This often thankless job provides a framework for the district to move forward and ensure that we keep our focus on meeting the needs of our students.

If you have a chance I would encourage you to thank the following members of the Novi Community School District Board of Education for their service to our community and to our students: Bobbie Murphy, president; Ann Glubzinski, vice president; Willy Mena, secretary; Paul Cook, treasurer;

Tracey Stevenson, trustee; Dennis O'Connor, trustee; and Kathy Hood, trustee.

Our school board and the hundreds like it across the state preserve the core of our democracy — public education. They ensure that decisions on school programming are made by people we've elected to represent our community's values, culture and circumstances.

Steve M. Matthews, Ed.D., is superintendent of the Novi Community School District. He can be reached at smatthews@novischools.net.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVERS

Honors

Baldwin Wallace University

Kathryn Kariniemi of White Lake, a graduate of International Academy West who is majoring in neuroscience psychology and French, has been named to the dean's list for the fall 2016 semester.

Davenport University

Terri Hupp of Milford and Paul Ogden of Highland were named to the dean's list for the fall 2016 semester.

Ohio Wesleyan University

Troy Jones of Commerce Township has been named to the 2016 fall semester dean's list.

Miami University

Named to the fall 2016 dean's list are Novi residents Wesley Guenther, Bradley Kozinski, Megan Paul and Jena Drago. Northville residents named to the university dean's list are Madison Galdes and Amelia Albanelli. John Breuch of Novi and Anastasia Darragh of Northville have been named to the president's list, which includes students ranked in the top 3 percent of undergraduate students within each division for first semester 2016-17.

Admitted

Clay Purvis of Commerce Township has been admitted to Cornell College.

Eight Mile Road could see additional work this year

David Veselenak
hometownlife.com

Motorists who decried the condition of the left-turn lane on Eight Mile, west of Farmington Road, may see some relief this year.

After Wayne County discovered the road between Farmington and Newburgh was in worse condition than originally thought, some work along the thoroughfare was not completed when workers moved to Seven Mile, namely the left-turn lane near the Northridge Commons Shopping Center. That left many motorists and public officials upset at the condition the road was left in.

Now, Wayne County has said it plans on revisiting the stretch of roadway this year and do some work along that turn lane before the end of the year.

"Wayne County Department of Public Services is in the process of exploring all options to address preventative maintenance on the center turn lane, with the goal of having work done by the conclusion of the 2017 construction season," the county said in a statement. "Of course, the Roads Maintenance Division will continue to monitor and provide emergency maintenance for this section of Eight Mile Road as it does for all of Wayne County's Roads."



FILE PHOTO

A pothole in the left-turn lane on Eight Mile. Wayne County says work to improve that lane will come later this year.

Terry Marecki, the Republican county commissioner who represents Northville, Northville Township and most of Livonia, said she received several inquiries from residents about the condition of the road after work wrapped up on the road last fall.

She said several factors, including calls from local officials and an article questioning the road's condition in the Observer & Eccentric in November, made it clear the road needed to be improved.

"We are going to take care of this," she said. "I really expect some good things to come out of that road."

While Eight Mile lies on the border of Wayne and Oakland counties, the stretch of the road between Farmington and Meadowbrook is under control of Wayne County.

Oakland County maintains the road east of Farmington to Grand River. Concrete patching took place along Eight Mile and Seven Mile in 2016, a \$3.5 million project.

Marecki said an expected cost could total around \$700,000 to make the repairs. She said it's possible the city of Livonia could also kick in a small amount in addition to help improve the road.

Todd Zilincik, Livonia's city engineer, said it's not a guarantee that the city would help with some of the cost, but if it were to, it would pitch in no more than \$50,000.

"We're trying to help out the best we can," he said. "Not a lot, but at least it'll help out."

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NORTHVILLE LIBRARY LINES

Phil Hale Trio Jazz Concert

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 30
Details: Enjoy an evening of jazz with keyboarder Phil Hale and his talented group. Register online or in person or call 248-349-3020.

Drop-In Morning Storytime

Time/Date: 10:15-11:15 a.m. each Thursday, Feb. 2 through March 2
Details: Storytime fun for toddlers and preschoolers. All ages welcome to attend. Caregivers must accompany children 3 and younger. Just drop in!

Conquering Your Paper Mountain

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 6
Details: Professional organizer Soo Porter presents an informative workshop on how to organize your important papers. Register.

Grow Your Business with Email & Social Media

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8
Details: Entrepreneurs and small business owners can get tips on how to grow your business by using email and social media more effectively.

Learn how to get your messages opened, read, and shared, by Candy Jones-Guerin, Constant Contact presenter. Register.

Tween Event: Snack Cake Critters

Time/Date: 4:15-5 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 14
Details: Just for Tweens ages 9-12. Make crazy fun edible critters from snack cakes! Limit 30. Registration begins February 1.

Kidz Time for grades 1-3

Time/Date: 4:30-5:15 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16
Details: Fun after-school program featuring stories, games and crafts about Russia. Register the first day of each month.

Between the Lines Adult Book Discussion

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 13
Details: Join us for a lively discussion of Margot Lee Shetterly's "Hidden Figures: The American Dream and the Untold Story of the Black Women Mathematicians Who Helped Win the Space Race." Just drop in.



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KRISTEN YAQUINTO

Fox Run's music study group hosts a presentation each month about a different composer or genre of music. Pictured are (front, from left) Margaret Hirozawa, Bill Wilson and Paula Eisenstadt; (middle, from left) George Smith, Arnetta Whitehouse, Geri Forster and Jane Vandragt; and (back, from left) Shirley Sirotkin and Jean Maggid.

Beethoven, bluegrass at Fox Run

Among the dozens of interesting resident-run clubs at Fox Run, one of the most popular is the music study group. George Smith and Dan Braude started the club in 2011. The group of like-minded music lovers gets together once a month to explore a different composer, genre or musical trend.

The members of the group range from talented musicians, including a former concert pianist, to people who don't play a note but simply enjoy music.

Smith says he falls into the latter category.

His mother was an accomplished pianist and violinist, so Smith grew up with music in the household and developed a love for it early on.

"I am not a musician, but I know a lot about music," Smith said. "To me, music is one of the proofs that there is a God. A few years ago, it occurred to me, 'Why don't we have a music group here at Fox Run?'"

Smith decided to fill the void by starting a music study group. The very first program focused on Beethoven's "Symphony No. 6."

Over the years, the

group has put on more than 100 presentations on topics ranging from Broadway music to the works of German composer Johannes Brahms, from Italian music to the music of Appalachia and from folk songs to opera.

One interesting program explored "unfinished masterpieces," including the notable "Unfinished Symphony" by Austrian composer Franz Schubert.

Smith has also developed a couple of programs on Russian composer Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov, Smith's current favorite musician.

Any Fox Run resident interested in presenting can develop a program for the group. The meetings run at least an hour and begin with an introduction about that day's music. The group then listens to the music. Afterward, they discuss it and attendees can ask questions of the presenter.

"Bill Wilson did a very interesting one on the music of the concentration camps," Smith said. "There were very skilled musicians interred there and they would organize music groups."

‘Sexy Laundry’ at Tipping Point

Tipping Point Theatre continues its 2016-17 season with a Michigan premiere of "Sexy Laundry" by Michele Riml through Feb. 26.

Henry and Alice are a middle-aged couple who are tired with busy careers, children and a routine life that excludes romance. Alice believes the fire has gone out of their 25-year-marriage and wants to rekindle the magic that brought them together. Is there hope?

Armed with a "Sex for Dummies" manual, Alice rents a hotel room in hope that the book's exercises will help them become romantically connected again. Henry and

Alice's touching and hilarious rediscovery of themselves gives us some insight into their struggles as they attempt to put the spice back into their marriage.

The curtain rises on the show, which contains adult content, at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, with matinees at 3 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Special matinee performances have been added at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 1 and 15. Please note the show contains adult content. The theater is at 361 E. Cady St. in Northville.

"The best part of this production is the fact that it is a relationship

play. It's poignant and very funny, too. It allows us to see a couple struggling in a real way and trying to fix it," director Beth Torrey said. "People should come and see this because it is a great date night. This is a play that men and women can relate to. It's going to be fun and silly, but also will tug at your heartstrings. It's the best of all worlds!"

Tickets are \$30 to \$40 for adults, \$28 to \$33 for students and senior citizens and \$22 for the two preview shows.

For tickets or more information, call the box office at 248-347-0003.



Judge Kurtis Wilder (left) administers the oath to the Conference of Western Wayne's officers for 2017, who were named Jan. 13. Taking the oath are Northville Township Supervisor Bob Nix II, Dearborn Mayor Jack O'Reilly and Romulus Mayor LeRoy Burcroff. At right is Westland Mayor Bill Wild, chairman emeritus.

Nix gets Western Wayne leadership post

The Conference of Western Wayne, an association of the chief elected officials from 18 communities in western Wayne County, picked its leadership team for 2017 earlier this month.

Dearborn Mayor Jack O'Reilly will lead the group, while Mayor LeRoy Burcroff of Romulus will be vice chairman, Northville Township Supervisor Robert Nix II the secretary and Belleville Mayor Kerreen Conley the treasurer.

Westland Mayor Bill Wild, chairman for 2016, is now chairman emeritus.

The CWW met Jan. 13 at Northville City Hall and the new officers

were sworn in by Judge Kurtis Wilder of the Michigan Court of Appeals.

"I am truly grateful to serve the 18 communities in western Wayne County that make up this organization," O'Reilly said in a press release. "Our board meets monthly to discuss issues such as state and federal legislation, county issues, transportation, public safety, substance use prevention and community and economic development."

The CWW is a bipartisan group whose members share information and discuss mutual issues and ways to improve the quality of life for the nearly 700,000

residents who live in the region. The CWW communities are Belleville, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inkster, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth, Romulus, Wayne and Westland, plus Canton, Huron, Northville, Plymouth, Redford, Sumpter and Van Buren townships.

Despite the diversity of size, economic development and population density, these communities have been working to enhance the region for more than 37 years.

"It is vital that we continue to collaborate in order to create the best solutions possible to the challenges we face," O'Reilly said.



"Sexy Laundry" stars Sandra Birch and Dave Davies.

City of Northville

Notice of Public Hearing

Wayne County

Community Development

Block Grant Funds PY2017

Notice is hereby given that the City of Northville City Council will hold a public hearing on the use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds. The Hearing will be held on Monday, February 6th, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Northville City Hall Chambers, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan 48167 for the purpose of hearing public comments on Program Year 2017 application in the approximate amount of \$25,471 to fund eligible projects. All interested citizens are requested to attend the Hearing. Comments will also be received in writing or in person at Northville City Hall until Monday, February 6th, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.

Proposed uses include:	Total Estimated Allocation – Wayne County	\$25,471
Public Services- Senior services	\$	3,821
Rehab Publicly Residential	\$	19,103
General Program Administration	\$	2,547

Arrangements to reasonably accommodate special needs, including handicap accessibility or interpreter, will be made upon receiving 72-hour advance notice. Contact Sherry Necelis, Housing Director, at 248.349.8030 for special services

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CITY OF NOVI

NOTICE OF PROVISION OF THE

SNOW EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in accordance with Chapter 33, Article III, Division 5 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Novi, Michigan, a snow emergency shall be deemed to exist whenever: (1) freezing rain, sleet or four (4) or more inches of snow has been forecasted for the area by a newspaper circulated in the city, or by a radio or television station with a normal operating range covering the city; or (2) freezing rain or sleet has fallen or four (4) or more inches of snow have accumulated in the city.

Whenever any vehicle without an operator is found parked or left in violation of any provision of this Division, the Director of the Department of Public Services, or his designee, or the Police Department may immediately remove the vehicle or cause the vehicle to be removed to a place of safekeeping at the expense of the registered owner of the vehicle.

Failure to comply with the requirements set forth in Chapter 33, Article III, Division 5 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Novi, Michigan may also result in the prosecution for same, and liability to the extent of the penalty therein provided.

Victor Cardenas, Assistant City Manager
Interim Public Services Director

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SYNOPSIS

JANUARY 19, 2017 – REGULAR MEETING

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: Thursday, January 19, 2017

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 Richard Allen, Trustee
Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk Symantha Heath, Trustee
Marjorie F. Banner, Treasurer Fred Shadko, Trustee
Mindy Herrmann, Trustee

ABSENT:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

1. Agenda:

A. Regular Agenda and the Consent Agenda items: Approved

2. Appointments, Presentations, Resolutions & Announcements: None

3. Public Hearing: None

4. Brief Public Comments: One resident addressed the Board.

5. New Business:

A. Mill Ridge Planned Unit Development – AAC – Approved w/ conditions.

B. Five Mile Road Booster Station Improvement Bid – Approved

C. Five Mile Road Booster Station Improvements – Construction, Engineering and Administrative Services – Approved

D. Professional Services – Beck Road Water District – Storage analysis – Approved

E. Professional Services – Police Facility Parking Lot – Design – Approved

F. Public Safety – Vehicle Purchases – Approved

G. S.E.M.C.O.G. Annual dues – Approved

6. Unfinished Business: None

7. Ordinances:

A. Amendment to 53-9 – Animal General Regulations – No action taken, sent back to the Township Prosecutor for further review

B. Amendment to 67-31 – Domestic Violence – Introduced

8. Check Registry:

A. In the amount of \$2,852,738.47 for the period of 12/3/16 to 1/6/17 – Approved

9. Board Communication & Reports:

A. Robert R. Nix, II, Sue Hillebrand, Marjorie Banner, Richard Allen, Symantha Heath, Fred Shadko, and Chip Snider

10. Any other business for the Board of Trustees: None

11. ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

A draft of the minutes will be available January 31, 2017.

Respectfully submitted:

Sue A. Hillebrand, M.M.C.

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CITY OF NOVI

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Zoning Board of Appeals for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on **February 14, 2017 at 7:00PM** in the **Council Chambers** of the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider:

PZ16-0058 (SIGNWORKS OF MICHIGAN, INC.) 44000 GRAND RIVER AVE. north of Grand River Ave and west of Novi Road. parcel # 50-22-15-402-002. The applicant is requesting a variance from the City of Novi Code of Ordinance; Section 28-5(3) to allow installation of two 170 square foot wall signs. This property is zoned I-2 (GENERAL INDUSTRIAL).

PZ16-0063 (ALLIED SIGNS, INC.) 26150 TOWN CENTER DRIVE. north of Eleven Mile Road and east of Town Center Drive. Parcel # 50-22-14-376-018. The applicant is requesting a variance from the City of Novi Code of Ordinance; Section 28-5(2), to allow one 22 square foot ground sign and code section 28-5(2) to allow one additional wall sign at 23.81 square foot. This property is zoned OSC (OFFICE SERVICE COMMERCIAL)

PZ16-0064 (DAN DEMPSEY) 43641 NINE MILE ROAD. south of Nine Mile Road and west of Novi Road. Parcel # 50-22-34-226-001. The applicant is requesting a variance from the City of Novi Zoning Ordinance Section 4.19 to allow the installation of an oversized accessory building in the front yard. This property is zoned R-3 (ONE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL).

PZ17-0001 (4 TECH SIGNS) 46077 GRAND RIVER AVE. south of Grand River Ave and east of Beck Road. Parcel # 50-22-16-451-044. The applicant is requesting a variance from the City of Novi Code of Ordinance; Section 28-15 to allow a nonconforming ground pole sign to be used for changeable copy. This property is zoned I-1 (LIGHT INDUSTRIAL).

PZ17-0002 (LOCKARD CONSTRUCTION) NO ADDRESS. north of Eleven Mile Road and east of Town Center Drive. Parcel # 50-22-14-376-017. The applicant is requesting a variance from the City of Novi Zoning Ordinance; Section 4.12.2.i.a to reduce the required outdoor recreation play area. This property is zoned OSC (OFFICE SERVICE COMMERCIAL).

PZ17-0003 (NOVI TOWN CENTER PLAZA, LLC) 26150 NOVI ROAD. north of Grand River Avenue and east of Novi Road. Parcels # 50-22-14-351-057 & 50-22-14-351-058. The applicant is requesting a variance from the City of Novi Zoning Ordinance; Section 3.1.25 to allow parking setback reductions from 7.5 feet, south to 7.8 feet, and east to 10.4 feet. This property is zoned TC (TOWN CENTER).

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Tom+Chee goes Hollywood

Local restaurant Tom+Chee — with locations in Northville and Canton — will be featured in an all-new “Shark Tank” episode Feb. 3. The episode will include updates on the restaurant’s business journey, its growing group of franchisees and counsel from Shark Barbara Corcoran.

“We’re honored to be featured as part of the Feb. 3 “Shark Tank” episode,” said local Tom+Chee owners Paul, Sheryl, Jim and Sue Cox. “We’re so proud to be a part of this growing company and really enjoyed being able to meet Barbara and hear her advice for small business owners like ourselves. We are thankful for the continued support of the show, Tom+Chee’s founders and our loyal customers here in Northville, Troy and Canton.”

Northville was the first store opened in June 2014. The fast-casual restaurant originally started as a food tent in Cincinnati, but Tom+Chee has enjoyed explosive growth since the founders first pitched their business on ABC’s “Shark Tank” in May 2013. The Tom+Chee franchise is rapidly growing and currently has 99 stores under contract in 20 states, including Ohio, Michigan, Colorado, Texas and Tennessee.

The episode will air at 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3, on ABC. It will also feature new “Shark Tank” competitors during the hour-long show.

Northville resident appointed

RE/MAX of Southeastern Michigan, the No. 1 real-estate brand in metro Detroit, announced the appointment of Jeanette Schneider as vice president of management services. Schneider returns to southeast Michigan after working with RE/MAX Regional Services in Georgia, Tennessee, Kentucky and southern Ohio. In her new role, Schneider will oversee multiple training and key management functional areas, as well as marketing for the region.

“We are thrilled to have Jeanette rejoin RE/MAX of Southeastern Michigan,” said Magnus Sublett, owner and chief executive officer.

“Our region continues to grow and expand. The time was right for Jeanette to join our leadership team. She will be an integral part of our efforts moving forward.”

Most recently, Schneider served as senior vice president of broker and agent development for RE/MAX Regional Services. Headquartered in Alpharetta, Ga., RE/MAX Regional Services includes RE/MAX of Georgia, RE/MAX of Kentucky, RE/MAX of Tennessee and RE/MAX of Southern Ohio. Within this role, Schneider was responsible for creating and implementing development courses for the membership, including the CARES Coaching Certification Program for 250 franchisees. She also served as company spokesperson for each region.

Prior to her role with RE/MAX Regional Services, Schneider served as vice president of RE/MAX of Southeastern Michigan. During that time, Schneider significantly grew RE/MAX’s presence in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and Monroe counties.

Schneider has been recognized by Crain’s Detroit Business magazine as a “40 under 40” recipient. She is a graduate of Leadership Oakland and a certified residential broker. Schneider also holds a bachelor of science degree in business administration from Central Michigan University.

“I am very excited to return to RE/MAX of Southeastern Michigan,” Schneider said. “I have a strong history with this region and am pleased to see its recent growth and success. This is a great time for RE/MAX in metro Detroit.”



Schneider

Local doctor first in United States to offer stem cell procedure

You may have thought at one time or another, “If I could just turn back time” and now, in a medical breakthrough, it has become a reality to stop the clock and store your healthy cells.

With more than 35 years experience, board-certified plastic surgeon Dr. Michael J. Schenden, owner of Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery practice in Troy, has been tapped to be the first plastic surgeon in the United States to be offering the Forever Labs Stem Cell Collection procedure.

“It is very gratifying to be able to help people of all ages be prepared for future advances in medical science and I am honored to have been selected to be the first in my profession to be trained on stem cell collection,” Schenden said. “This is cutting-edge medicine at the forefront of science and technology that will now be made available to his patients and the community at large.”

Forever Labs was born under the premise the best time to plant a tree is 25 years ago; the second best time is today. As a scientist, Mark Katakowski, Ph.D., 41, spent years in various Michigan-based medical labs testing and using bone marrow stem cells to rejuvenate older animals by treatment of disease.

“Time and time again, I experienced the power of stem cells on the animals and I knew that I wanted to store my own stem cells for future use. It became evident that everyone can benefit from this procedure,” Katakowski said.

He shared his vision with Steven Clausnitzer, 39, an entrepreneurial colleague and friend, and the two together founded Forever Labs, Inc., based in Ann Arbor. Clausnitzer is CEO and Katakowski is president. Both preserved their stem cells before forming the company. “To know that I have access to my own youthful biology now is priceless. It’s pretty



Dr. Michael J. Schenden performs the stem cell collection procedure on patient Justin Critchfield, 31, of Oakland County.

amazing because, in many ways, I am no longer aging,” Clausnitzer said.

Schenden explained that the procedure is being performed in his company’s outpatient facility, located on the 11th floor of the Columbia Center, where he and his medical team execute plastic, reconstructive and aesthetic surgeries daily. He mentioned that the stem cell collection usually takes 15-30 minutes, uses local anesthetic and that the surgical technique includes aspiration of bone marrow from the pelvis at the lower back. Patients have reported a brief five- to

10-second pressure-like sensation. It is low-risk and they can immediately continue with their daily routines.

Dedicating his life to helping people feel more confident and beautiful, both physically and mentally, Schenden sees this now as a natural fit for his medical practice since it has the ability to help patients be proactive – both to fight disease and for age rejuvenation in their future. Forever Labs mentioned that once the stem cells are collected by the physician, they are stored at an FDA-compliant Biorepository run by Fisher BioServices in Franklin,

Mass.

An open house is set for Thursday, Jan. 26, “New Year, New Procedure, New Spa,” at Schenden’s practice, 201 W. Big Beaver, Suite 1130, in Troy. At 6 p.m., Katakowski will be giving a demonstration outlining the benefits of having access to your own, young-adult stem cells and also share his personal experience. In addition, Schenden will also explain the Forever Labs stem cell collection procedure. Anyone who attends the Jan. 26 open house and decides they would like the procedure will receive a complimentary year of stem cell storage.

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COOPER

BARBARA ANN of Milford, passed away on January 20, 2017 at the age of 80. Barbara is survived by her children, Laura (Mark) Luke, Sheryl Carter, Stephen (Tish) Cooper; grandchildren, Sarah, Erin (Tony), Dan (Johanna), Allison (George); great-grandchildren, Emily, Lucas, Carter, Jillian, Elliot, and Wesley; siblings, Dorothy (John) Phillips and Thomas (Debbie) Vickers; as well as extended family and friends. A Memorial Gathering will take place at Ridgewood Clubhouse in Ridgewood mobile home community on Tuesday, January 24, 2017 from 1-4 p.m. Memorials to American Lung Association and American Heart Association. For further information, phone Lynch & Sons, Milford 248.684.6645 or visit LynchFuneralDirectors.com

GLATFELTER

RUTH MARY Age 86, of Pittsford, Michigan, passed away Monday, January 16, 2017, at Hillsdale Hospital. She was born June 30, 1930 in Detroit, MI to Edward and Anna Henry. She married Robert E. Glatfelter on June 28, 1952, he preceded her in death on December 19, 2011. She then moved from New Port Richey, Florida, to be with her daughter and son-in-law in Pittsford, MI. She loved being on the farm and with her dog Dixie. She leaves behind three children, Arthur Glatfelter of Adamstown, MA, Keith (Vince) Glatfelter of Orlando, FL and Diane (Mike) Priest of Pittsford, MI, three grandchildren, Joshua, Alex and Anne. At her request cremation has taken place and no services will be held. Offer your condolences online at: www.PurseFuneralHome.com

HARRINGTON

VIRGINIA ODA age 77 of Northville, passed away after a five year battle with Alzheimer’s Disease. Born to Elmore & Frances Wilson on July 16, 1939. Survived by her loving husband John Harrington. Proud mother of Neil Harrington. Dear sister of Herb (Ann) Wilson. Also survived by her beloved dachshund Zack. Virginia taught Art for over 20 years for the Wayne-Westland School System. A private burial service will be held at Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville. Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice.

KRESIN

PATRICIA MARY Pat taught in the Livonia School District, sold real estate for Earl Keim, and owned the Atrium Gallery in Northville. An avid golfer, she belonged to Meadowbrook Country Club. She died on January 16, 2017 in Florida, and is survived by her son, Scott Kresin, and daughter, Leslie (Kresin) Offidani.

MANZELLA

ANTHONY, JR. February 17, 1932 - January 2, 2017. Expressions of sympathy may be made at obriensullivanfuneralhome.com.

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PATRICIA December 15, 1930 - January 1, 2017. Expressions of sympathy may be made at obriensullivanfuneral.com



Open house

St. Matthew Lutheran School will host a preschool/kindergarten open house for the 2017-18 school year 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 4, at the school, 2040 Commerce Road, Walled Lake. Cirque Amongus will be on hand to teach and lead children through a circuit of age-appropriate circus skills. To reserve your spot in the circus, contact 248-624-7677 or admissions@st-matthew.org. Go to www.stmatthewlutheranschool.com

Evenings in the garden

MSU Tollgate Farm and Education Center is the setting for a new season of Evenings in the Garden classes. Three renowned speakers will be sharing their wisdom and experience 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursdays at Tollgate, 12 Mile and Meadowbrook roads, in Novi. The speakers are Janet Macunovich on Jan. 26, Dr. Tony Reznicek on March 2 and Dr. Norm Lownds on March 30.

The cost of each class is \$20 and supports further adult education programming at MSU Tollgate. To find more information and to register, go to <http://tollgate.msu.edu/events/evenings-in-the-garden>.

The classes are for novice and seasoned gardeners, homeowners, landscapers and outdoor enthusiasts. This educational series is an opportunity to get out of the house, meet others who are suffering from cabin fever and start planning for spring gardening

Annual exhibition

The Northville Art House presents the 11th annual member exhibition, featuring original works in all mediums, including painting, drawing, photography, sculpture, jewelry, clay and mixed media. The exhibition showcases the talents of more than 60 member artists of the Northville Art House, as well as recognizes the people who support the growth and creativity of the arts in the community.

The exhibition opens with a reception 6-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3. The exhibition runs through Sat-

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

urday, March 25, during Art House hours, noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday.

Become a member today to be considered for future Northville Art House member exhibitions and events, as well as other exciting benefits. Applications are available online at www.northvillearthouse.org, by calling 248-344-0497 or at the Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady Street. Memberships start at \$30.

Valentine Mad Hatter Luncheon

Enjoy a feast of sweets (and some nutritious foods, too). Guests may choose to dress with an Alice in Wonderland theme. Don’t be late for this most important date! This program is sponsored in partnership with Waltonwood at Twelve Oaks. The event for adults ages 55 and older is from noon to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 14. Cost is \$7 for Novi residents, \$9 for non-residents. Ticket deadline is Feb. 7 or until sold out

The event is at Meadowbrook Activity Center, 25075 Meadowbrook Road. To purchase tickets, visit the Older Adult Services office, inside the Novi Civic Center, 45175 10 Mile Road, or the Meadowbrook Activity Center.

Honorary Irishman Luncheon

Join friends to share the shenanigans and malarkey of a St. Patrick’s Day luncheon. Enjoy Celtic tunes and a festive meal — and that’s not blarney! This program is sponsored in partnership with Maple Manor Rehab. The event for adults ages 55 and older is from noon to 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 15, at Meadowbrook Activity Center, 25075 Meadowbrook Road.

The cost is \$7.50 for Novi residents, \$9 for non-residents. The ticket deadline is March 9 or until sold out.

To purchase tickets, visit the Older Adult Services office, inside the Novi Civic Center, 45175 10 Mile Road, or the Meadowbrook Activity Center.

For more information about Older Adult Services programs, contact Judy Klein, recreation programmer for Older Adult Services at 248-347-0414, jklein@cityofnovi.org or go to cityofnovi.org.

Raise funds for veterans

The Fallen and Wounded Soldiers Fund, a Livonia, Michigan-based nonprofit organization dedicated to helping our military heroes and their families, will receive funds from this year’s SOS at the EXPO, which is sponsored by Sound of the Soul Classic Car Audio of Sterling Heights. The fundraising event kicked off in December 2016 and continues through the event’s culmination at the 2017 Motor City Hot Rod and Racing Expo, presented by Soaring Eagle Hotel and Casino, March 25-26 at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi. For further information regarding donations, go to http://www.fwsf.org/upcoming_events.html.

EMS Classic Car, The Automotive Easel and the Motor City Hot Rod and Racing Expo are also supporters of SOS at the EXPO. This year’s SOS at the EXPO line-up includes: Kimberly Matte, international model, actress and spokesperson for Sound of the Soul, who will host the fundraising event; Ron Carley, renowned Abraham Lincoln impersonator and personality; Ed Syrocki of EMS Classic Car Care, who is one of Michigan’s leading experts in classic and antique car care; and Sarah Storme (a.k.a. Miss High Performance) from Dragons Performance, who will sign autographs and pose for photographs.

Anyone who makes a minimum donation of \$10 to the FWSF at the Motor City Hot Rod and Racing Expo will be entered into a drawing to win a classic car audio system donated by Sound of the Soul. For more information on the Fallen and Wounded Soldiers Fund, go to <http://fwsf.org>. For more information on Sound of the Soul Classic Car Audio, go to <http://soundofthesoul.net>.

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PROMOTING ELECTION DAY HEALING

Seeing a loss of civility, pastor organizes service to foster reconciliation

JOHN BOYLE
USA TODAY NETWORK

Each week, this series will introduce you to an exceptional American who unites, rather than divides, our communities. To read more about the American profiled here and more average Americans doing exceptional things, visit onenation.usa-today.com.

Among the casualties of the 2016 election, civility—even among Christians—topped the list.

And that deeply bothered the Rev. Rennie Salata, who acknowledged that he found it difficult at times to embody Christ’s admonition to love your enemies and bless those who persecute you.

“Jesus does this in a way I only aspire to do,” said Salata, the pastor of Acton United Methodist Church in Candler, North Carolina. “He’s able to love his enemies while at the same time confronting them where they’re supporting injustice or oppression, and I admit I have not figured out how to do that.”

But he also refused to give up.

As a small step toward reconciliation and healing, Salata, with the help of several other pastors, organized an Election Day Communion service that was open to anyone.

About 40 people attended that evening.

Church member Diana Corbin attended the special service, describing it as “very moving” and sorely needed.

“We need to put our faith in God and believe that he will take care of us, regardless of who is in office,” said Corbin, 66.

A native of Louisiana who grew up outside of Knoxville, Tennessee, Salata, 32, earned his divinity degree from Duke University and was ordained in 2015.

His approach involves a “subtle determination” to reach his flock, as Salata puts it. The idea is to hash out different perspectives, and then journey to understand what God is inviting them to see.

“Perhaps it might be neither of the positions that’s being offered but a third way, really, that God is calling us into,” said Salata, who came to Acton in July



ANGELA WILHELM/USA TODAY NETWORK

The Rev. Rennie Salata is pastor of Acton United Methodist Church in Candler, N.C.

2015 with his wife, Lauren.

He plans to extend that reach to include the Islamic community by bringing in a speaker from that group later this year. With other pastors, Salata also plans to organize a “pilgrimage of reconciliation,” the idea being “to put ourselves physically in different context than what we’re used to” and get out into parts of the community we’re not familiar with.

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The Rev. Rennie Salata

Location: Candler, North Carolina

Age: 32

Profession: Pastor

Mission: Community reconciliation and healing

Q&A WITH THE REV. RENNIE SALATA

What does it mean to you to be an American?

For me, being an American is being part of something that is larger than an individual or even a national interest; it’s being part of a larger experiment of democracy. One where even in a country where the majority of the people voted for one candidate, the other candidate who has been declared the winner by our democratic process is going to peacefully transition into power. That’s rare and maybe even unprecedented around the world.

What moment touched and motivated you to take part in this effort?

There wasn’t any one specific event or statement or altercation that motivated us having this service. But ... as the election season wore on and things became more and more vitriolic and tense and heated, and more and more families were being at odds with one another because of the election options, it seemed like it was even more appropriate to have a time when we could come together and pray and share communion and really remember what it is that unites us.

What gives you hope?

First and foremost, as a Christian and as a pastor, my hope is in Jesus Christ. ... But what gives me hope in the immediate, and perhaps in a concrete way, is the ways in which I’ve seen members of my congregation who are on diametrically opposed ends of the political spectrum really respect and support one another in the midst of the outcome of the election.

What did you hope to accomplish with that effort?

I hoped and I think we were successful in accomplishing the beginning of dialogue and also an opportunity for people to really look around and find some points of unity in the midst of such division. I hope that this will be a stepping-off point for my congregation and for this community. ... I’d like to explore the possibility of having some public dialogue with a member of the Muslim faith, maybe even in concert with a member of the Jewish community. I’ve also talked with a another pastor about the possibility of doing a sort of reconciliation pilgrimage where we travel to different sites ... and just put ourselves in places where those we may not normally interact with live.



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Science Alive visits Novi school



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Parkview kindergartner Emily Qian gets an up-close look at a giant South American marine toad Jan. 18 during a visit to the school by Science Alive.

JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Science Alive's William Neill drapes an eight-foot-long Burmese python around the neck of Callan Fryatt, a Parkview Elementary kindergartner, during a Jan. 18 visit to the school. Neill brought a variety of reptiles and animals to the classroom for an up-close, hands-on visit, including a giant South American marine toad, an armadillo, a chinchilla and a turtle.



High school students give coats to homeless

At St. Aloysius Church in Detroit on a blistering cold Saturday morning earlier this month, a line of homeless people started to gather at 6:30 a.m. in the hopes that they would be one of the 100 people to receive a coat that was made by the Empowerment Plan.

Earlier that morning, at 5 a.m., four students began loading a truck with the Empowerment Plan coats in the extremely cold weather as they began to prepare for a long day at St. Aloysius.

These four students undertook a year-long project that culminated in distributing the coats to the homeless people of Detroit (the unique coats also transform into sleeping bags).

The student group consisted of four individuals — Caitlin Parsons and Supreet Nirman, who attend Mercy High School in Farmington Hills, along with Dylan Parsons and Zachary Peurach, both of whom attend Detroit Catholic Central High School in Novi.

"To see how the people reacted when they were able to get one of the coats that would keep them warm brought many of them to tears," Parsons said. "It was very emotional and made everything worthwhile."

The Empowerment Plan (www.empowermentplan.org) was founded by Veronika Scott about five years ago and is a nonprofit whose mission is to help build a better life for those who have become trapped in the cycle of homelessness. The organization actually hires homeless parents from local shelters to become full-time seamstresses so that they can earn a stable income, find secure housing and gain back their independence for themselves and their families.

The individuals they hire are trained to manufacture a coat that transforms into a sleeping bag at night and a carrying bag when not in use. The coats are distributed to homeless people living on the streets at no cost. The organization believes in giving second chances to those who want it and providing warmth to those who need it.

The purpose of the students' project began almost a year ago, when the four students came up with the idea to raise awareness about the Empowerment Plan and its objectives. The students raised funds through donations to help the Empowerment Plan's mission. After the four students visited the facilities where the coats are made and heard some of the workers' stories, they developed a strategy that involved several methods to create awareness and raise funds to help.

The students raised more than \$10,000 toward the cost of manufacturing the coats.

In order to raise the \$10,000, the students created their own GoFundMe webpage, wrote letters to Michigan businesses, did fundraisers and went door-to-door to local companies and businesses. The students also displayed the coat at Tre Sorelle in downtown Farmington during Founders Festival as a way to create awareness and inform people about the Empowerment Plan.

"While distributing the coats and seeing the gratitude from many of the homeless firsthand, this had an immense impact on me and the other students, which was an amazing feeling," Peurach said.

NOTICE CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT PTSLU17-0001

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the representative for **FELDMAN CHEVROLET OF NOVI** is requesting a **Temporary Special Land Use Permit** in accordance with 7.6.2 of the Novi Zoning Ordinance for temporary on site storage containers and materials at **42050 GRAND RIVER AVENUE**, for parcel 50-22-23-226-023 for a twelve month period. The property is zoned **B-3 (GENERAL BUSINESS)** and the use is contrary to 3.23.1.H of the Novi Zoning Ordinance.

A public hearing can be requested by any property owner whose property is located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for a temporary special land use permit.

A public hearing will be held at **02:00PM** on **FEBRUARY 9, 2017** at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road in the **MAYORS CONFERENCE ROOM**. All written comments should be directed to Monica Dreslinski and must be received prior to **FEBRUARY 8, 2017 at 3PM**.

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New barbecue restaurant opens



Dickey's Barbecue Pit restaurant is at 48995 Grand River Ave.

JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

John Heider, owner and operator of Dickey's Barbecue Pit in Novi, serves up some slow-roasted brisket to a lunch time crowd Jan. 20. Dickey's, a Dallas-based chain, opened its ninth Michigan location at 48995 Grand River Ave. The restaurant specializes in slow-roasted pork, chicken and beef brisket sandwiches.



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‘Walk for Warmth’ for heating assistance

Jennifer Eberbach
Livingston Daily

Single father Dale Fracassi said he was “desperate for help” when he got behind on his DTE gas and electricity bills a couple of winters ago. “At one point, they shut it off and I had to borrow money because I wasn’t going to have my daughter, who was 3 at the time, there if she didn’t have what she needs,” Fracassi said. The landscaper from Green Oak Township was struggling financially in large part due to mounting hospital bills after he was diagnosed with lymphoma. He said he was unable to work full time during his health crisis, which included surgeries and chemotherapy treatments.

As winter 2015 began, he found himself behind on bills once more and he worried that his heat would be shut off and he and his daughter would be left in the cold.

“My daughter needed a stable house and, if you don’t have power and you don’t have heat, that’s not stable,” he said.

Fracassi reached out for help from the Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency, a non-profit social services agency. The organization covered his DTE bills with funds from its emergency utility assistance program, which assists qualifying residents from the two counties when their utilities are shut off or about to be shut off.

OLHSA also helped Fracassi pay his rent. “Honestly, if it wasn’t for them, I’d be homeless,” he said.

Now cancer-free, Fracassi said he plans to walk in this year’s Livingston County “Walk for Warmth” fundraiser to show support and appreciation.

Walkers support the cause

There’s two upcoming events, one in Oakland County, the other in Liv-



Green Oak Township resident Dale Fracassi appreciates the help he got from the Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency in keeping his electricity and heat on while battling cancer. The organization’s annual Walk for Warmth fundraiser provides funds for those facing challenges to meet their heating and electric bills.

ngston. Anyone can show up, donate and walk in either event. Oakland County’s “Walk for Warmth” begins at 8 a.m. Feb. 4 at Great Lakes Crossing Outlets in Auburn Hills. Livingston County’s “Walk for Warmth,” begins at 8:30 a.m. Feb. 18 at the Hartland Educational Support Service Center, 9525 E. Highland Road, in Hartland Township.

Walkers travel an indoor loop through the hallways and can walk as much or as little as they want. The event will also feature areas for dancing, Jazzercise, children’s activities, refreshments and more.

Teams and individuals can preregister at www.olhsa.org/walk4warmth and solicit donations and track fundraising progress online.

People can continue to donate to the cause after the event, usually through the end of March.

Annual “Walk for Warmth” fundraisers held in Livingston and Oakland counties raise the majority of money that funds the organization’s emergency utility

assistance program.

Last year, the organization surpassed its fundraising goal for Livingston County, raising \$95,685. All of those funds are spent on keeping county residents’ heat and electricity on, OLHSA Assistant Director for Communications Ashley Yocum said.

In 2016, 240 families and 648 individuals received assistance; 41 percent were children, 31 percent were single-parent families and 24 percent were disabled. Yocum said her agency is still assisting more people with funds raised in 2016.

People in need of utility assistance are encouraged to call OLHSA at 517-292-2969 to schedule an appointment to see if they qualify for the program.

“To qualify for the funds, we use 200 percent of the national poverty level,” Josh Reetz, welcome center services manager for the organization, said.

For a family of four, 200 percent of the national poverty level is \$48,600 a year. It is \$23,760 for an individual living alone.

He said the agency provides utility assistance all year round, but it is particularly critical to keep the heat on in the winter months. “There is a big need in our Livingston County community to take people out of their crisis situations, not just when they are behind on electric or gas, but also propane. ... October through March is really the crisis period.”



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Your proposal will be accepted **NO LATER THAN 1:00PM, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2017 TO: NORTHVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION-ROOM 307, 501 WEST MAIN STREET, NORTHVILLE, MI 48167.** Oral, telephone, fax or electronic mail bids are invalid and will not receive consideration.

All bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 1:00 P.M., February 10, 2017 at the Northville Board of Education-Room 104, 501 West Main Street, Northville, MI 48167.

A pre-bid walk through is scheduled for Wednesday January 25, 2017 beginning at 2:00 pm beginning at Northville High School main entrance lobby, 45700 Six Mile Road, Northville MI. This meeting is not mandatory but highly recommended, Bidders will be expected to have visited the site as a condition of their bid.

All contracts to be entered into by the Northville Public Schools must and will comply with the equal opportunity laws of the State of Michigan.

All bids must be submitted on the forms provided in the bid packet.

All bidders must provide familial disclosure in compliance with MCL 380.1267 and attach this information to the bid proposal. The bid proposal will be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner or any employee of the bidder and any member of the Northville Public Schools, Board of Education or the Northville Public Schools, Superintendent. The District will not accept a bid proposal that does not include this sworn and notarized disclosure statement.

Proposals must include a Treasury listed bid bond or certified check made payable to Northville Public Schools for not less than five percent (5%) of the contract for each proposal over \$23,417 and must be submitted on the bid proposal form furnished with the specifications. All proposals shall remain firm for a period of sixty (60) days.

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, either in whole or in part; to award contract to other than the low bidder; to waive any irregularities and/or informalities; and in general to make awards in any manner deemed to be in the best interests of the owner.

Roland Hwang, Secretary
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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Inspired Northville wins for teammate Beason

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The Northville girls basketball team played with heavy hearts Friday night, wearing ribbons in honor of freshman teammate Tara Beason, who lost her mother earlier in the week to a heart attack at age 51.

The Mustangs, who attended the visitation earlier in the day for Deborah Beason, then went out and played an inspired game to beat a good Novi team, 55-44.

Wearing the ribbons inscribed with the initials "D.B." and "12" (Tara's number), Northville jumped out to a 15-2 first-quarter lead and never let the Wildcats get closer than three points the rest of the way to improve to 10-1 overall and 5-0 in the KLAA Central Division.

"It was certainly emotionally a tough week for our kids," Northville coach Todd Gudith said. "Our girls did a nice job with Tara and trying to keep her in good spirits last week. We have a really tight-knit team, really mature team and we knew that they would be able to kind of handle this under tough circumstances."

It was a game filled with whistles from start to finish with a total of 51 fouls called, including 36 between the



Novi's Ellie Mackay (left) and Bailey Baumbick combine to put the pressure on Northville's Jasmin Prince.

two teams in the second half alone. Junior guard Roan Haines was Northville's top scorer with 17 points, including 13-of-17 from the free-throw

line. As a team, Northville made 26-of-37 (70.2 percent), including 15-of-21 in the final quarter. "It's was physical," Gudith said. "No-

vi is in your face all the time. There's a lot of bumping and shoving that goes on, but that's part of the rivalry and you just got to be able to handle it. Good thing for us we were able to hit some foul shots, especially in the fourth quarter."

With starting point guard Kendall Dillon out for the fourth straight game with an ankle injury, the Mustangs shared the ball-handling duties among four players to help break Novi's press.

"With Kendall out, we knew that there was a chance they were going to press us," Gudith said. "Part of it was, I think, to just slow us down because we're a team that thrives on transition and pushing the ball up the floor. So it wasn't so much that they were trying to trap and shake the ball loose, it was more like just try and sell us out a little bit and us play a five-on-five game."

Freshman guard Ellie Thallman (10 points), senior forward Jessica Moor-man (eight points), junior guard Jasmin Prince and Haines all chipped in bring-ing the ball up.

"Thallman gave us a little bit of a lift," Gudith said. "With Kendall being out, it's kind of point guard by commit-tee. And that's just how we're going to have to play until we potentially get her

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BOYS BASKETBALL



Novi's Jett Porter (middle) tries to get between Northville's Justin Simeon (left) and Jake Justice.

Novi's Bageris burns rival

Senior scores 27 points to lead Wildcats over Northville, 86-79

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Inauguration Day turned into Alec Bageris Night as the 6-foot-3 senior forward from Novi played like he could have taken the oath of office himself.

Scoring a career-high 27 points, Bageris was never better in a Novi

basketball uniform as he helped or-chestrate an 86-79 win Friday over host Northville.

Pardon the pun, but Bageris proved to be the Trump card as Novi im-proved to 7-4 overall while retaining first place all alone in the KLAA Central Division with a 5-0 record.

"It meant a lot to me to do it in a rivalry game, honestly, against North-

ville," Bageris said. "They're a cross-town rival and to do it on their floor was pretty special. It was a pretty special night for me."

How special? Bageris scored 15 first-half points to stake the Wildcats to a 37-32 half-time lead and then added six straight

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PREP WRESTLING

Shamrocks top Davison, show who's top-ranked

Catholic Central posts 32-22 victory over No. 2 Cardinals

Carlos Monarrez
Detroit Free Press

Novi Detroit Catholic Central's top-ranked wrestling team scored three pins and got bonus points from four of its five returning state cham-pions Jan. 19 in a 32-22 victory over host and second-ranked Davison.

Two state champs — Kevon Da-venport at 135 pounds and Tyler Morland at 171 — joined Conner Curnutte at 189 to win by fall for CC.

In front of a packed crowd at Davison Middle School, CC bolted to a 17-6 lead after six matches. Davi-son fought back with a win from Brian Case at 152 and a major deci-sion by Cal Stefanko at 160 to close the gap to 17-13.

But Morland and Curnutte fol-lowed with consecutive pins to bump CC's lead to 29-13. Morland pinned Trevor McGowan in 31 seconds and Curnutte pinned Brian Schaffer at 1:41 of the first period.

"A win's a win," CC coach Mitch Hancock said. "I don't like to say that too much, but you come into an opposing gym like this that's loud and crowded. We lost too many close matches. We've got to find a way to win those matches. And we will by the state tournament and we've proved that."

CC clinched the dual at heavy-weight with returning champ Nick Jenkins' 3-1 overtime win against Arron Gilmore for a 32-16 lead with two matches left. This came after Davison defending state champ Brenden McRill bumped up from 189 to 215 to score a victory over second-ranked Jackson Ross.

Davison won the last two matches of the night at 103 and 112 by Andrew Chambal and Steven Garty, respec-tively.

That left Davison coach Roy Hall doing a lot of math in his head when he sized up how far back his squad was from CC.

"Ten points behind with about six

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BOYS BASKETBALL

Wildcats hang on to defeat Stevenson, 67-65

Novi now in sole possession of first place of KLAA Central Division


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There were plenty of chances to go around Jan. 17 as host Novi knocked Livonia Stevenson from the ranks of the unbeaten with a 67-65 boys basketball win.

Novi, which improved to 6-4 overall while taking over sole possession of first place in the KLAA Central Division with a 4-0 record, missed six straight free throws in the final 44 seconds, including three straight front ends of a one-and-one while trying to protect a 66-61 lead.

Stevenson (8-0, 3-1), meanwhile, went 4-of-21 from the field during the final quarter, including three misses in the final 11 seconds, capped by Devin Dunn's desperation heave from half-court at the buzzer.

"I would say we panicked a little bit, but that was one of the closest games we've been in since Wayne," said Novi junior point guard Trendon


Hankerson

Hankerson, who scored 14 points and dished out five assists. "But we've definitely got to step up, we've got to improve our percentage at the free-throw line. The whole game we did well, but coming down the stretch it got a little harry, yes."

Novi, which led 36-32 at halftime, was outscored 22-16 in the third quarter and trailed 54-52 following pair of triples from Jeremiah Eason (13 points) entering the fourth.

The Spartans then took a 57-52 lead with 7:19 remaining in the game on an acrobatic rebound put-back by senior Ian Knoph (17 points), but the Wildcats answered with a 14-4 run as senior forward Alec Bageris (16 points, eight rebounds) nailed a pair of triples.

And when Nick Williams scored with 2:32 left to put Novi ahead 66-61, it appeared the Wildcats would close it out,

only to have Knoph make a basket followed by two free throws by Nader Kandalaft (11 points) with only 21 seconds remaining to pull the Spartans within one, 66-65.

"We drew up a lot of stuff," Stevenson coach Kareem Smart said. "We were getting shots and sometimes they just don't fall in, so we just need to play better in the first three quarters, so we won't have that type of situation in the fourth quarter."

After Stevenson missed twice to potentially take the lead, Novi's Jiovanni Miles stopped the bleeding by splitting a pair of foul shots with four seconds left to give the Wildcats a two-point lead.

"No question that we found ourselves in a position where we were comfortable, but a team that can shoot the three as well as they can and get to the basket and score ... it was some gut-wrenching moments there," Novi coach Brandon Sinawi said. "But our kids hung tough and made plays at

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BRANDON SINAWI, Novi coach

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Dunn also chipped in 10 points for the Spartans, who shot only 23-of-64 from the floor (35.9 percent) and made 12-of-21 free throws (57.1 percent).

"I wouldn't say we were tired, but I'd say we were sluggish," Smart said. "We've been sluggish for the past couple of days. But not to take anything away from Novi. In the fourth quarter, when they had to have shots, balls and rebounds, they played. So that's just us to have to be more ready and prepared."

Novi was 10-of-21 from the

foul line (47.6 percent), but made up for it by shooting 27-of-52 from the floor (51.9 percent).

Traveon Maddox Jr. was Novi's top scorer with 17 points, while Hankerson scored 10 of his 14 in the third quarter.

"It was tough coming down the stretch, because it was a close game in the third quarter and in the fourth quarter," Hankerson said. "But we had to get some buckets because we were up and then we went down a little bit, so I just knew my team had to get some points. I had to come down and I had to make it happen for us."

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Northville's Jessica Moorman Left) meets Novi's Cara Ninkovich under the basket.

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Novi junior guard Ellie Mackay scored a game-high 25 points, including 15-of-16 from the foul line, to go along with pair of 3-pointers and two other baskets. The Wildcats' next highest scorer was sophomore Lauren Calhoun, with seven.

"We knew their offense runs through Ellie and we just knew we had to keep her in check and hope nobody else got hot for them," said Gudith, whose team led 27-18 at halftime and 36-28 after three quarters.

Novi (8-3, 3-2) made 25-of-33 free throws (75.7 percent), but went only 8-of-42 from the field (19 percent). The Wildcats went 0-of-11 during both the first and fourth quarters.

"That's what happens when you stand around offensively,"

Novi coach Bill Kelp said. "We didn't run the offense in the first quarter, for sure. When they pack in that defense with those big kids, we just stood on the perimeter, took one shot — one and done."

To make matters worse, Novi's top interior player Julia Lalain, a junior, picked up three first-half fouls.

"And we were trying to get her out," Kelp said after Lalain had picked up her second foul. "She's the strongest kid we have inside the post. And, yeah, it hurts what we're trying to do."

Northville made 15-of-31 shots from the floor (48.3 percent) as 6-foot seniors Brook Adams (eight points), Bryce Quick and Moorman made their presence known on both ends of the court.

"That's the strength of Northville; they're athletic and their tall," Kelp said. "They've got the long arms and, when

we did get into the paint, they usually blocked it."

Six points was as close as the Wildcats could get in the final quarter.

"I think that's partly because we get down and have to pick up," Kelp said of the 13-point first-quarter deficit. "And it was hot in that gym and we got tired. We got worn down."

For Northville, it was a roller-coaster of the week. Gudith said Tara Beason dressed for the game Jan. 17 at home against South Lyon East three days after her mother's death. She was not there Friday night, but her teammates were with her in spirit.

"Everybody kind of took their mind off when they were playing and I think that kind of helped everybody," Gudith said.

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BOYS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Southfield Christian handles Franklin Road

Catholic Central falls; Northville cruises

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Novi Franklin Road boys basketball coach Matt Mikel may have summed it up best Friday after facing state-ranked Southfield Christian.

"They have all the guns and they don't run out of ammo," Mikel said following an 83-41 Michigan Independent Athletic Conference setback to the host Eagles, who improved to 6-2 overall and 5-0 in the Blue Division.

Bryce Washington and Harold Beverly led Southfield Christian with 26 and 24 points, respectively, while Brock Washington chipped in 13.

Franklin Road (1-8, 0-5), which fell behind 51-26 at the half, got 15 points from Maxwell Holleman and 12 from Rahmon Scruggs.

The Warriors were 14-of-22 from the foul line (63.6 percent), while Southfield Christian was 7-of-17 (41.1 percent).

got nine points from senior guard Gio Genrich.

Luke Gutowsky added eight, while Matt Harding and A.J. Abdelhour chipped in seven apiece.

CC's leading scorer, senior forward C.J. Baird, did not score a point.

DeLaSalle was 7-of-12 from the foul line, while CC was 5-of-8.

NORTHVILLE 62, SOUTH LYON EAST 38: Ten different players made the score ledger Jan. 17 as the Mustangs (6-4, 2-2) romped to a KLAA Central victory at South Lyon East.

Senior guard Jake Justice paced the Mustangs with 13 points, while senior guard Kevin Morrissey added 11.

Gustaf Tjernberg and Brandon Stevens both added eight as Northville led 33-18 at halftime and 48-26 after three quarters. The Mustangs were 1-of-6 from the foul line.

"We did a nice job of shaking off Friday and took care of business," Northville coach Todd Sander said. "We were able to push the tempo on defense, which led to some easy looks for us (Morrissey) stepped up and finally asserted his will, which was encouraging."

South Lyon East (2-7, 0-4), which dropped its seventh straight, got a team-best 12 points from Zack Gulettis-Stafford.

East was 8-of-13 from the foul line.

INTER-CITY 45, FRANKLIN ROAD 42: Mason Howell scored a game-high 16 points, propelling Allen Park Inter-City Baptist (1-6, 1-3) to a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division win Jan. 17 at Novi Franklin Road Christian (1-7, 0-4).

The Warriors, who trailed 19-15 at halftime before outscoring the Chargers 17-12 to take 32-31 lead heading in the fourth, got 13 points from Rahmon Scruggs and 12 from Maxwell Holleman.

Franklin Road was 9-of-11 from the foul line, while Inter-City was 6-of-12.

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GIRLS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Bause leads Franklin Road to easy victory

Novi tops Stevenson; Northville rolls past East

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Rachel Bause's 19 points and nine rebounds propelled Novi Franklin Road Christian to a lopsided 72-14 non-league girls basketball victory Friday over visiting Detroit Public Safety Academy.

The Warriors, who led 38-11 at halftime before outscoring the Eagles 16-0 in the third quarter, improved to 8-2 overall.

Other top performers for Franklin Road included Danielle Fusco (16 points, six assists), Daria Boboc (14 points, seven rebounds) and Reagan Mumford (10 points, four rebounds).

The loss dropped Detroit Public Safety to 1-7 overall.

NOVI 49, STEVENSON 41: Livonia Stevenson (6-3, 2-2) held Novi's top scorer Ellie Mackay in check, but the Spartans got burned by two others Jan. 17 in a KLAA Central Division setback to the visiting Wildcats (8-2, 3-1).

Cara Ninkovich and Julia Lalain led the way with 16 and 13 points, respectively, to pace Novi.

Ninkovich also had six rebounds and two assists, while Lalain grabbed nine boards. Bailey Baumback contributed nine points, six rebounds and two assists.

Grace Lamerson led the Spartans with 12 points,

five rebounds, four steals and three blocks, while Diane Senkowski chipped in nine points and four steals.

"We played our hearts again, defensively," Stevenson coach Karen Anger said. "We kept their leading scorer Ellie Mackay to just four points, one layup and two free throws. So I am proud of them for that, because she usually scores at least 20."

Novi led 30-24 at halftime and 41-29 after three quarters.

NORTHVILLE 46, SOUTH LYON EAST 37: Senior forward Jessica Moorman paced a balanced scoring attack with nine points Jan. 17 as the Mustangs (9-1, 4-0) got past South Lyon East (4-5, 2-2) in a KLAA Central Division encounter.

Juniors Roan Haines and Jasmin Prince chipped in eight and seven points, respectively, for the Mustangs, who led 25-11 at halftime and 40-20 after three quarters.

"I thought we did a nice job of executing the first three quarters and a nice job defensively," said Northville coach Todd Gudith, whose team made 14-of-23 free throws (60.8 percent).

Freshman Lucy Cronin and senior Abby Jones paced the Cougars with 12 and 11 points, respectively.

East went 9-of-13 from the foul line (69.2 percent).

INTER-CITY 51, FRANKLIN ROAD 43: Kallie McElroy's game-high 21 points powered Allen Park Inter-City Baptist (5-3, 3-1) to a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division win Jan. 17 over visiting Novi Franklin Road Christian (7-2, 2-1).

Mikayla Thompson chipped in 14 points for the Chargers, who led 21-19 at halftime and 37-28 after three quarters. Inter-City made 19-of-33 free throws (57.5 percent).

Chanelle Lochrie scored 12 points, while Danielle Fusco added 11 points and three assists in a losing cause.

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PREP BOWLING

Lakeland boys, girls sweep Kettering

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High games by Zach McCoy and Michael Curtis catapulted White Lake Lakeland to an 18-12 boys bowling win Sunday over Waterford Kettering in a KLAA North Division match at Waterford's Wonderland Lanes.

The Eagles (4-5, 3-4) won both Baker games to take a 10-0 lead, but Kettering clawed back to win the first regular game, 1,070-890, before Lakeland won the second, 886-847.

McCoy and Curtis led the way with scores of 203 and 202, respectively, followed by Jon Barnes (190, 181), Aaron Lenz (183) and Nick Kotsonas (170).

The loss dropped Kettering to 6-3 overall and 5-2 in the KLAA North.

On Friday, Grand Blanc (4-5, 3-3) defeated the Eagles in a division match at Wonderland Lanes, 16-14, despite falling behind 10-0 after the Baker sets.

Grand Blanc won both regular games, including 862-851

in the second, to seal the victory with three straight strikes.

Top individual bowlers for Lakeland included Lenz (224), McCoy (197, 201), Barnes (189), Curtis (176) and Adam Oliver (176).

Eagles girls win

In the girls match Sunday, Lakeland (7-2, 4-2) rolled to a 22-8 win over Kettering (3-6, 2-5) as Jenny Pelc led the way with games of 171 and 225, while Taylor McBride added 192.

Lakeland captured the first Baker by 44 pins, but lost the second by 12. The Eagles went on to win both regular games, 772-748 and 824-693.

Also competing for the Eagles were Amber Robertson, Daina Schippers, Alex Lenz and Riley Bristow.

On Friday, the Lakeland girls won both Baker games and both regular games by a 307-pin margin while cruising to a 23-7 KLAA North win over Grand Blanc (4-5, 3-3) at Wonderland Lanes

McBride led the way with games of 224 and 234 followed by Lenz (214, 169), Pelc (174, 214) and Schippes (193).

Shamrocks fall

University of Detroit-Jesuit jumped out to a 10-0 Baker lead and captured four of five individual matches Jan. 19 en route to a 21-9 Catholic League triumph over Novi Detroit Catholic Central (1-2) at Drakeshire Lanes in Farmington Hills.

The Cubs took both Baker games, 203-125 and 174-147, along with the first regular game, 946-845, behind individual high games from Nate Comerford (245) and Ryan Reid (202).

CC captured the second regular game, 979-845.

Among CC's individual match play winners were Andrew Lack (205, 234), Joe Jessop (202), Ben Ward (201) and Alex Roelant (179).

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OBSERVERLAND PREVIEW



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Although some schools are not competing at this year’s Observerland, the spotlight finals remain a highlight. In this photo from 2014, Plymouth’s Hussein Youssef (top) battles Livonia Stevenson’s Connor Vaughn in the championship bout at 171.

Fewer top teams going to the mat

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With some elite teams not attending Saturday’s Observerland Wrestling Tournament at Livonia Churchill, the competition could be more wide open than in previous seasons. But state powerhouse Novi Detroit Catholic Central — who won in 2016 with its Blue team — is scheduled to bring its White team to the 26th annual tournament, which begins 9 a.m. Saturday in the Churchill gymnasium.

The coveted “spotlight finals,” when the gym lights are turned down and all the attention is on one mat, will begin about 5 p.m.

Westland John Glenn won’t be there and Livonia Franklin will send only a junior varsity squad as only 15 high schools will be on hand at the Churchill-hosted event.

A key reason for some of the no-shows is about wanting to avoid competitive overexposure during the regular season, both for wrestlers and teams.

What once was a destination event each season for area teams now is becoming a redundancy, even an afterthought, for some teams.

“We wrestle a lot of them at the Wayne County tournament at the beginning of the year,” Rockets head coach Bill Polk said about skipping Observ-

erland this time around. “And then we see every one of them in an individual dual. We see them at Observerland and, a week later, we see them all in the KLAA meet.

“When you’re wrestling Observerland and you’re wrestling league back-to-back, it just doesn’t make any sense.”

Tradition is fading

Concurring was Franklin head coach David Chiola, who will use Observerland as a way for junior varsity wrestlers to gain some key experience.

“With county, KLAA and districts, it’s just too much of the same teams,” Chiola said. “We’ve asked them (Chargers) to invite other teams, but it looks like the same ones and many aren’t even varsity.

“I’m not sure the tournament is necessary anymore, at least not that late in the year.”

Also not attending will be Plymouth (winner in 2014) and Canton, although the Salem Rocks will be front and center to represent the Park.

“I see us being middle of the pack this year based on inexperience in the lineup,” said Salem head coach Jeremy Henderson, who wrestled for the Rocks at Observerland a decade ago. “I will have a couple guys contend for the finals, but we have a lot of first-year kids in the lineup.

“We graduated 10 seniors last year and a lot of kids are

stepping up from JV to varsity, so this is their first year (at Observerland). I want my kids to go out and wrestle tough. If we do that, we can be successful.”

Henderson said the KLAA’s loss of 10 teams in 2017-18 might turn out to be a positive for the future of the Observerland tourney.

“Ultimately, we go to this tournament because it is what we have always done,” Henderson said. “It is tradition, but we might change it in the future unless teams start coming back.

“The KLAA league change might be a good thing for this tournament, it just depends on how the cards fall.”

Polk emphasized that, all things being equal, he’d have the Rockets at Churchill on Saturday because he’s always valued Observerland.

“I love the Observerland tournament,” Polk said. “I’ve always enjoyed it, it’s right down the street from us. Churchill’s always done a great job hosting, the spotlight finals, it’s a big tournament for the area. So everybody gets into it.

“It’s a shame that it’s kind of turned into what it’s turned into. And it’s not necessarily Observerland’s fault, it’s what’s formed around Observerland.”

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Holding the fort



RENA LAVERTY

U.S. National Team Development Program Under-18 team goaltender goalie Dylan St. Cyr of Northville fights off a shot by Green Bay’s Josh Dunne at USA Hockey Arena on Jan. 14. Helping St. Cyr on the play are Phil Kemp (left) and Max Gildon. Team USA won, 4-2.

WRESTLING

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weeks to go,” he said. “If we win one match, give us three and take away three from them. What’s the differential now?”

“So those points, we’ll try to figure those out. Both teams will and we’ll make adjustments. And guys got to wrestle, too, man. If you’re out-classed, you can’t get pinned. If you’re supposed to win, you’ve got to win by eight, you’ve got to look for a fall. And those are what state championship teams do.”

The dual started off with a bang at 119, when Davison’s Jaron Wilson gave returning state champ Ben Kamali a run for his money early, tying the match at 2-2 with a near fall to start the second period. But Kamali quickly scored a reversal and almost pinned Wilson with seconds left in the

second period as he built a big lead on his way to an 11-3 win.

At 125, Davison’s AJ Facundo showed why he’s a two-time state champ. He toyed with CC’s Stone Moscovic, peeling off three quick take-downs in the first period. He followed that with a beautiful five-point move on a granby roll for a reversal and near fall. But Moscovic scored a moral victory with a late escape that kept Facundo’s 13-6 win to the minimum three-point decision.

At 130, CC’s Logan Sanom won, 5-4, when Raymond Cole couldn’t escape in the final seconds near the edge of the mat.

The Shamrocks took a commanding 13-3 lead with Davenport’s pin of Grayson Rohart at 135 pounds with 49 seconds left in the first period. Davenport is a returning champ and the top-ranked wrestler at 135.

At 140, Davison claimed its second win of the night with Ryan Schlak’s 5-3 victory over Joey Urso.



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CC’s Ben Kamali (top) takes control against Davison’s Jaron Wilson.

BAGERIS

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points in the third quarter to help Novi build a 12-point cushion.

Before it was all said and done, he made 11-of-13 shots from the floor, including a triple, to go along with 4-of-4 free throws, while also playing an active role on the boards.

“No really special feeling but, obviously, I was amped up just because of the rivalry game,” Bageris said. “I really didn’t need any extra motivation to come out and play hard. The biggest thing was I just wanted to play hard to-night, crash and get offensive rebounds, just hit shots when I’m open. My teammates did good job getting me the ball when I was open, but I was just lucky to knock them down.”

Both teams blistered the nets from the floor, with Novi going 31-of-59 (52.5 percent) and Northville hitting 31-of-57 (54.3 percent). And it was a clean game, with the two teams combining for only 15 turnovers.

Novi junior guard Traveon Maddox, Jr. also did his part, scoring 12 of his 24 in the final quarter to help thwart a Northville comeback bid.

Also scoring in double figures for the Wildcats were junior guard Trendon Hankerson (12 points) and sophomore guard Giovanni Miles (11 points). Senior center Jonny Davis chipped in eight.

Novi coach Brandon Sinawi called it “a quiet 27” for Bageris.

“And he does so many other things besides score at times for us, that’s why he’s always on the floor,” Sinawi said. “He’s had two really good games back to back and he is a difference-maker — and he’s cool, calm and collected. He’s a four-year football player and coming out here for us tonight ... he did it all tonight.”

Northville (6-5, 2-3) had balanced scoring as well, with senior guard Jake Justice, the team’s leading scorer, and senior forward Gustaf Tjernberg, a Swedish exchange student, both scoring 18 points.

Senior guard Kevin Mor-

“It meant a lot to me to do it in a rivalry game, honestly, against Northville. They’re a crosstown rival and to do it on their floor was pretty special.”

ALEC BAGERIS
Novi senior

rissey added 15, while junior forward Mark Grimes and sophomore guard Robert Johnson III both added 13.

Justice, who has been on a scoring tear of his own in recent games, made 8-of-20 shots from the floor.

“He’s been so good of late that he’s going to continue to draw a lot of attention the second time through in the division,” Sander said of his 6-foot-2 senior. “They defended him well. He had a good game and he plays a ton of minutes for us, so I think fatigue plays a little bit of a factor. But he gives it his all every night.”

But as well as Northville played offensively, it couldn’t match it on the defensive side.

“They’re loaded; they’re explosive,” Sander said of the Wildcats. “When they’re making triples, it makes them even harder to guard. We threw a lot of different looks at them and they seemed to have an answer for everything that we did.”

And Bageris hurt Northville with his signature shot.

“It’s called a floater,” he said. “I come in the lane and, as the defenders come off of me, I just try and pop it right over them off of one foot. That’s kind of my favorite shot my whole life and it was effective the whole night, so I was just thankful for that.”

The rematch is set for Friday, Feb. 10, at Novi and Sander is contemplating his next move.

“I’d say all options are on the table,” he said. “We have a lot of different defenses in, but they’re going to be even better in their own gym, absolutely. They’re on a little bit of a roll right now. It’s a very talented team.”

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Northville’s Kevin Morrissey (middle) tries to get a shot up while being guarded by Novi’s Traveon Maddox Jr. (right).

BOYS SWIMMING

Novi gets past two more state-ranked opponents

Wildcats (8-0) achieve three more state cuts

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Novi posted three more MHSAA Division 1 state meet qualifying times Jan. 19 en route to a double-dual meet boys swimming and diving victory over host Birmingham Groves, 111-75, and Rochester Adams, 117-69.

The Wildcats, ranked No. 4 in Division 1, improved to 8-0

overall while upending the host Falcons, ranked No. 3 in Division 2, and Adams, ranked No. 7 in Division 2.

“This was a great night for us,” Novi coach Brent Pohlonski said. “We swam really fast against two great teams. Our boys continue to amaze me each week. At a time when they should be fatigued from all of our training, they continue to put up best times and state cuts. It’s exciting to think about how fast we should be at the end of the season.”

Novi captured nine of the 12 events, highlighted by three new state cuts by first-place finishers Joey Berman in the 200-yard individual medley

(2:00.90) and Phillip Billiu in the 50 freestyle (21.97), along with Alexander Yuan, who took a second in the 100 freestyle (48.94).

Novi senior Camden Murphy continued his impressive season by figuring in four first-place finishes as he captured the 200 and 500 freestyles 1:42.68 and 4:42.86, respectively.

Murphy also teamed with Berman, Yuan and Billiu for first in the 200 medley relay (1:39.03), while the foursome of Berman, Kareddy, Brian Son and Murphy captured the 400 freestyle relay (3:16.31).

The Wildcats’ quartet of Billiu, Yuan, Minjae Kim and

Kareddy won the 200 freestyle relay (1:30.42).

Other Novi first-place individual finishers included Jack McClure in the 1-meter diving (186.40 points) and Kareddy in the 100 butterfly (51.74).

Groves got a win from Cal Cerny in the 100 freestyle (48.79), while Adams’ winners included Graham Miotke in the 100 backstroke (55.32) and Jorge Ramon in the 100 breaststroke (1:00.10).

The Wildcats return to action at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at home in a key KLAA Central Division meet against Northville, ranked No. 8 in Division 1.

TRI-MEET RESULTS

Jan. 19 at Birmingham Groves
TEAM SCORES: Novi 117, Rochester Adams 69; Novi 111, Groves 75.

FINAL EVENT RESULTS

200-yard medley relay: 1. Novi (Joey Berman, Alexander Yuan, Camden Murphy, Philip Billiu), 1:39.03; **200 freestyle:** 1. Murphy (N), 1:47.68; 4. Stedherga Kareddy (N), 1:47.72; **200 individual medley:** 1. Berman (N), 2:00.90; 3. Brian Son (N), 2:01.96; **50 freestyle:** 1. Billiu (N), 21.97; 3. Yuan (N), 22.76; **1-meter diving:** 1. Jack McClure (N), 186.40 points; 4. Benjamin Wicks (N), 131.65; 5. Jack Doak (N), 111.35; **100 butterfly:** 1. Kareddy (N), 51.74; 3. Preston Harrell (N), 54.59; 5. Son (N), 54.80; **100 freestyle:** 1. Cal Cerny (BG), 48.79; 2. Yuan (N), 48.94; **500 freestyle:** 1. Murphy (N), 4:42.86; 2. Berman (N), 4:55.36; 4. Adam Carozza (N), 4:04.65; **200 freestyle relay:** 1. Novi (Billiu, Yuan, Minjae Kim, Kareddy), 1:30.42; **100 backstroke:** 1. Graham Miotke (RA), 55.32; 2. Billiu (N), 55.55; 3. Maxwell Williams (N), 56.58; 5. Erik Halboth (N), 58.75; **100 breaststroke:** 1. Jorge Ramon (RA), 1:00.10; 4. Daniel Chung (N), 1:03.74; **400 freestyle relay:** 1. Novi (Berman, Kareddy, Son, Murphy), 3:16.31.

Novi’s dual meet record: 8-0 overall.

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BOYS SWIMMING

Shamrocks feel like a fish out of water

Homeless CC places first at EGR Invitational

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In his first year of coaching, Novi Detroit Catholic Central swimming and diving coach Shawn Kornoelje has seen his share of firsts, both bad and good.

Over winter break, the team learned that its practice pool at Farmington Hills Mercy High School would be shut down indefinitely.

This left the Shamrocks scrambling for pool time at the point in the season when most other teams were deep into their training with two practices a day.

“This is an all-new, once-in-a-career experience,” Kornoelje said. “I’m impressed with the support our team has received from the Catholic Central administration and other local swim clubs.”

With a shortage of pools in the area complicating the search, CC was fortunate to find a new practice home at South Lyon East High School and the South Lyon Aquatics Swim Club.

“This has been an unexpected challenge, but we all know, as Shamrocks, that nothing can stop us,” CC athletic director Aaron Babicz said. “I’m excited that we could create a new partnership and look forward to getting back to work and solidifying Detroit CC swim and dive as one the state’s premier programs.”

On Saturday, the Shamrocks successfully defended their East Grand Rapids Invitational title, scoring 585.5



MICHELLE MILLS

CC’s Bennett Loniewski took first in the 500 freestyle at the East Grand Rapids Invitational.

points, with the host Pioneers and Hudsonville finishing second and third, respectively.

Junior Jonathan Lee led the Shamrocks with first in the 200-yard individual medley (1:59.55) and 100 breaststroke (1:00.11), while sophomore Bennett Loniewski was first in the 500 freestyle with a state qualifying time of 4:53.66.

CC’s 200 freestyle relay team of Tommy Wiaduck, Conor Brownell, Charlie Walsh and Lee took second (1:31.77), while the 400 freestyle relay team of Brownell, Wiaduck, Lee and Dan Vela also was second (3:22.74).

David DeBacker was second in the 1-meter diving event (460.75 points), while Brendan Connolly was sixth (332.40).

“I’m very proud of how our team is persevering through the pool situation,” Kornoelje said. “I believe we have the chance to keep progress moving and keep our attitude and effort at a very high level. To come off a bus trip Friday, long day, then hotel stay and race with purpose was very motivating for me as a coach. The team really is coming together and at the right time.”

“This is an all-new, once-in-a-career experience. I’m impressed with the support our team has received from the Catholic Central administration and other local swim clubs.”

SHAWN KORNOELJE
Novi Detroit Catholic Central swim coach

BOYS SWIMMING

Northville’s depth sinks South Lyon Unified, 112-74

Mustangs pull away in final three races

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Northville pulled away by taking the first three places in the final three events to post a 112-74 KLAA Central Division boys swimming and diving victory Jan. 19 over host South Lyon Unified in a dual meet held at South Lyon East High School.

The Mustangs, who improved to 7-1 overall and 2-0 in the division, boasted four individual winners: Trevor Degroot, 200-yard freestyle (1:51.21); Kirk Maibach, 100 butterfly (53.98); Travis Nitkiewicz, 100 backstroke (58.36); and Nikolai Arton, 100 breaststroke (1:03.69).

Northville’s 400 freestyle relay team of Degroot, Cameron Heaven, Travis Nitkiewicz and Kirk Maibach also won in

3:42.62.

The Mustangs swept the 100 backstroke, 100 breaststroke and 400 freestyle relay to earn the victory.

Meanwhile, Max Kempisty figured in four wins for South Lyon, which slipped to 2-3 overall and 0-2 in the KLAA Central.

“They are a well-coached team,” Northville coach Rich Bennetts said of South Lyon. “We were not ready to swim at all tonight. Very poor performance. We sprinkled in a handful of really nice swims in the IM and the 100 free, which kept me from going completely crazy. But we were only up eight points after the 200 free relay and, fortunately for us, they ran out of guys. I’m not giving up on this team. We can be good. We haven’t shown it yet. Until we do, it’s nothing but talk. We have to start showing what we are capable of. We are running out of time and excuses.”

Kempisty won the 200 individual medley (2:04.62) and 100 butterfly (53.98). He also teamed with Logan Boals, Brandon Bell and Christian Etnyre for a victory in the 200 medley relay (1:41.57). The same foursome also captured the 200 freestyle relay (1:32.40).

Other individual winners for South Lyon included Boals, 50 freestyle (23.46); Jack Lefevre, 1-meter diving (189.35 points); and Etnyre, 500 freestyle (5:03.80).

“We do not have the depth to keep up with Northville, but we hung with them for most of the meet,” South Lyon coach John Burch said. “I’m very pleased overall with our effort in the meet. Logan Boals and James Perry both had exceptional meets and gained new Oakland County (meet) cuts.”

DUAL MEET RESULTS
NORTHVILLE 112, SOUTH LYON UNIFIED 74
Jan. 19 at South Lyon East
200-yard medley relay: 1. South Lyon (Logan

Boals, Brandon Bell, Max Kempisty, Christian Etnyre), 1:41.57; 2. Northville (Arthur Greenlee, Nikolai Arton, Jason Nitkiewicz, Craig Maibach), 1:42.91; 3. Northville (Ali Pazooki, Travis Nitkiewicz, John Duan, Cameron Heaven), 1:45.15.

200 freestyle: 1. Trevor Degroot (N), 1:51.21; 2. Etnyre (SLU), 1:52.01; 3. James Perry (SLU), 1:53.54.

200 individual medley: 1. Kempisty (SLU), 2:04.62; 2. J. Nitkiewicz (N), 2:05.05; 3. Pazooki (N), 2:09.78.

50 freestyle: 1. Boals (SLU), 23.46; 2. Greenlee (N), 23.58; 3. Brandon Bell (SLU), 23.81.

1-meter diving: 1. Jack Lefevre (SLU), 189.55 points; 2. Thomas Rys (N), 169.35; 3. Nolan Thaxton (N), 134.75.

100 butterfly: 1. Kirk Maibach (N), 53.98; 2. Boals (SLU), 54.49; 3. J. Nitkiewicz (N), 56.80.

100 freestyle: 1. Kempisty (SLU), 50.30; 2. T. Nitkiewicz (N), 51.17; 3. Heaven (N), 51.73.

500 freestyle: 1. Etnyre (SLU), 5:03.80; 2. Degroot (N), 5:05.77; 3. David Alameddine (N), 5:10.37.

200 freestyle relay: 1. South Lyon (Boals, Kempisty, Etnyre, Bell), 1:32.40; 2. Northville (Greenlee, Arton, Haotian Jiang, Degroot), 1:36.29; 3. Northville (Duan, Jacob Grimmer, Jimmy Huang, Taiyo Ichikawa), 1:36.95.

100 backstroke: 1. T. Nitkiewicz (N), 58.36; 2. Greenlee (N), 59.18; 3. Pazooki (N), 59.60.

100 breaststroke: 1. Arton (N), 1:03.69; 2. Jiang (N), 1:04.81; 3. Roman Grossi (N), 1:06.55.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Northville (Degroot, Heaven, T. Nitkiewicz, K. Maibach), 3:42.62; 2. Northville (Ichikawa, C. Maibach, J. Nitkiewicz, Grimmer), 3:34.95; 3. Northville (Nicholas Mouaikel, Alameddine, Kenta Kikumori, Orion Shi), 3:40.49.

Dual meet records: Northville, 7-1 overall, 0-2 KLAA Central Division; South Lyon, 2-3 overall, 0-2 KLAA Central.

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PREP SKIING

Goodman spearheads triumph for Novi boys squad

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Mitch Goodman led the way as the Novi boys team opened its Southeast Michigan Ski League season Wednesday by sweeping Birmingham Brother Rice, 35-37, and Milford, 31-43, at Alpine Valley.

Against Rice, Goodman took first in the slalom in 40.22 seconds, while Nate Wood was third in 45.44 as

Novi won, 16-20.

In the giant slalom, Goodman was runner-up (38.21) and Jack Grove fourth (38.36) in a 17-19 Rice win.

Against Milford, Goodman and Wood took first and third, respectively, in a 15-21 slalom victory, while Goodman and Grove were second and third in a 16-22 giant slalom win.

Goodman (ninth) and Ross O’Donnell (19th) were the top SEMSL overall finishers for Novi in the giant slalom, while

Goodman (third) and Grove (14th) took team honors in the slalom.

Meanwhile, the Novi girls fell to Birmingham Marian, 20-63, and Milford, 29-46, in SEMSL action.

In a 10-31 slalom loss to Marian, Novi’s top finishers included Ashley Jamison (fifth, 53.60) and Julia Braeuner (seventh, 59.53). They pair posted times of 44.76 and 46.03 to place sixth and seventh, respectively, in a

10-32 giant slalom loss.

In an 18-18 slalom tie against Milford, Jamison and Braeuner took fourth and seventh, respectively, while adding third and fourth in an 11-28 loss to the Mavericks.

Overall in the SEMSL giant slalom, Jamison was 27th and Braeuner 33rd. They finished 19th and 27th, respectively, in the slalom.

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BOYS SWIMMING

Northville second at Rock Kilgore Invitational

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Home isn’t always where the victories are, as the Salem varsity boys swimming and diving team recently found out.

The Rocks hosted the annual Rock Kilgore Invitational on Jan. 14 at the Charles E. Olson Natatorium, but finished sixth out of six teams with 108 points despite what Salem head coach Brandon Larkins called “plenty of good times and a lot of personal bests.”

Taking first place with 290 points was Saline, followed by Northville (239), Zeeland (197), Livonia Stevenson (180), Novi Detroit Catholic Central (153) and Salem.

“This meet really pushed our team and I would say it made us a stronger team,” Larkins said. “The boys have realized that they still have half of a season left and they have to work for what they want.”

Salem sophomore Eugene Li gave the Rocks something to cheer about. He finished first in a heat of the 200-yard IM with a time of 1:58.41 (a state cut performance).

Earning first for the Shamrocks were Jacob Skwirsk and Conor Brownell, both winning different heats of the 100 butterfly with respective times of 1:00.06 and 57.02.

Stevenson sophomore Benjamin Rojewski won a heat of the 500 freestyle, finishing with a state cut of 4:51.83.

Meanwhile, the Mustangs had plenty of success, both in individual events and relays.

Freshman Craig Maibach (50 free, 24.18), junior Orion Shi (100 free, 53.20), senior Taiyo Ichikawa (500 free, 5:15.83) and freshman Brian Ding (100 breaststroke, 1:08.65) took first in individual events.

Northville also won two heats of the 200 free relay and 400 free relay.

In the 200 free relay, wins were chalked up: Michael Alameddine, Roman Grossi, Connor Hart and Jimmy Huang, 1:40.92; and Shi, Jacob Grimmer, Ding and Ichikawa, 1:36.64.

Taking first in the 400 free relay were: Shi, Arthur Greenlee, Alameddine and Nicholas Mouaikel, 3:36.54; and Gabriel Trevino, Jonathan Kollen, Austin Mills and Connor Robertson, 3:17.21 (state cut).

PCEP Tri-Meet

Meanwhile, Jan. 5, Canton won the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Tri-Meet with 518 points, followed by Salem (494) and Plymouth (335).

Leading the way for the Chiefs with first-place finishes in individual events were junior Daniel Mullen (200 free, 1:45.86; 500 free, 4:54.13), senior Kyle Amick (50 free, 22.78) and junior Tristen Shao (100 back, 57.71).

Canton also captured the 200 and 400 free relays. In the former, Mullen, Amick and juniors Caleb Styles and Derek Goderis won with a time of 1:31.65. The quartet of Mullen, Amick, Goderis and Shao took the top spot in the latter, finishing in 3:20.53.

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PREP GYMNASTICS

Northville is runner-up at Holt Invitational

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Junior Erin McCallum earned a silver medal in the all-around as the injury-depleted Northville gymnastics team took runner-up honors in the Holt Invitational.

Brighton captured the team title with 143.60 points, while Northville and Linden-Fenton-Lake Fenton finished second and third with 141.725 and 140.925, respectively, in the 15-team field.

“Even though we (Northville) have experienced some bad luck with illnesses and injuries as of late, which contributed to five vacant lineup spots regularly filled by some of the strongest and most consistent athletes on this team, excellent depth came to their aid and the girls rallied to a fantastic finish,” coach Erin McWatt said.

McCallum’s all-around

score was 36.9, highlighted by second on vault (9.35) and floor exercise (9.475), along with third on the balance beam (9.175) and fifth on the uneven bars (8.725).

Meanwhile, senior Rachel Robitaille also added a silver medal on the uneven bars with 9.1.

Other top performers for the Mustangs included freshman Skyler Peppo, fourth, beam (career-high 9.1); freshman Maria Scavnicky, sixth, uneven bars (8.755); junior Grace Milligan, floor (8.9); freshman Maria Scavnicky, uneven bars (8.775); and sophomore Ellie Cotter, vault (8.725).

On Jan. 17, McCallum earned a high score of 9.35 on both vault and floor exercise as Northville edged host Livonia Red, 140.40-139.80, in a KLAA Kensington Division tri-meet at Churchill High School.

In addition to McCallum,

Robitaille scored a career-high 9.2 on the uneven parallel bars, while Peppo added a career-best 9.2 on balance beam.

With the win, Northville improved to 3-1 in the division, while Livonia Red fell to 1-1.

On Jan. 11, Northville opened the new year by defeating host Plymouth, 139.80-135.775, while Waterford was third with 117.325.

Top performers for the Mustangs included McCallum, vault (9.5); Robitaille, uneven bars (9.075); Mackenzie Willson, balance beam (9.4); and Emma Cemalovic, floor exercise (8.475).

The Mustangs return to action for a dual meet Thursday against host Huron Valley at Milford High School, followed Saturday by the Jeanne Caruss Memorial Invitational at Lakeland High School.

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KAREN MCCALLUM
Northville’s Erin McCallum (left) and Rachel Robitaille both came away with a silver medal at the Holt Invitational.

BOYS HOCKEY

Novi skates past Churchill, 4-3

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Senior goalie Manny Legace Jr. made 27 saves and Novi scored a pair of third-period goals Jan. 18 to edge Livonia Churchill, 4-3, in a Kensington Conference boys hockey cross-over at Novi Ice Arena.

“Total team effort last night by the boys,” said Novi coach Mark Vellucci, whose team improved to 9-5-2 overall and 5-3-1 in the KLAA Central Division. “We played hard all three periods. Each player contributed to the win. We had three different lines score our goals, which might have been the first time all season. Churchill’s top line was really good and we did a decent job of shutting them down.”

The Wildcats broke a 2-2 deadlock on Derek DuBois’ goal at 8:30 of the final period, assisted by Logan Londo, followed by Evan Chippa’s goal at 11:30, from Chris Martin and Ryan Fonda, to give Novi a two-goal cushion.

Churchill’s John Doyle cut the deficit to 4-3 with only 1:12 left off an assist from Tyler Haydu, but the Chargers (10-3, 5-3 KLAA South) couldn’t score

the equalizer.

Churchill opened the scoring at 4:08 of the first period on Haydu’s goal from Jordon Venegoni and Drew Broyles, but Novi’s Brandon Kour countered at 8:35, assisted by Anthony Luongo.

At 5:54 of the second period, Novi’s Zach Perpich made it 2-1, with assists going to Fonda and David DeNova.

Churchill tied it at 15:47 of the second on Venegoni’s goal from Doyle and Matt Gibbooney.

The Chargers got 24 saves from Broyles.

“On the back end, Joe Caselton had his best game of the season, too,” Vellucci said. “It was a much-needed win against a quality opponent. We have four very tough games coming up in the Public School Showcase and right after back in the Trenton Showcase. Good momentum going into next week.”

U-D JESUIT 4, NORTHVILLE 1: Lorenzo D’Agostini scored a pair of goals Saturday to lift University of Detroit-Jesuit (5-9-1) to a non-league win over the host Mustangs (10-5) at Novi Ice Arena.

The Cubs took a 1-0 lead at 3:52 of the opening period on Brendan Gumbel’s goal from Colin Houston and William Gilroy before Northville’s Danny Scorzo tied it up on a power-play goal at 6:40 of the second from Jack Sargent and Joe Tobon.

But U-D got an unassisted power-play goal from

D’Agostini at 10:58 of the second, followed by Ben Charboneau’s unassisted short-handed goal at 13:52 of the same period to take a 3-1 advantage.

U-D put it away at 4:12 of the third on D’Agostini’s second, from Maxim Denomme and Gumbel.

“Despite the score, I was happy with the boys’ effort tonight,” said Northville coach Clint Robert, whose team outshot the Cubs, 22-20. “U-D is a good, young team and well-coached. Puck luck wasn’t on our side and the boys could have packed it in down 4-1, but they kept battling.”

Brett Miller was in goal for the Mustangs.

DETROIT CC 2, U-D JESUIT 0: Goals by Greg McQuade and Mitch Morris carried Novi Detroit Catholic Central (9-5-1, 7-2-1 North Division) to a Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League triumph Friday over University of Detroit-Jesuit (4-9-1, 2-3-1) at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth.

McQuade’s goal came at 13:34 of the opening period on a power play, from Zachary Sprys-Teinrer and Brendan West.

After a scoreless second period, Morris put it away on a goal with only 4:20 left from Ethan Ervin.

CC goalie Joe Pernecky made 12 saves to post the shutout, while the Cubs’ Brendan Gilhooly made 24 saves.

NORTHVILLE 5, SOUTH LYON 3: Jack Sargent scored a pair of goals Jan. 18 as the state-ranked Mustangs (10-4, 5-2) skated their second KLAA Central Division win in three days over host South Lyon Unified (1-11-1, 0-8) at the Kensington Valley Ice House.

South Lyon took a 1-0 lead on Zach VanBoven’s unassisted goal at 6:38 into the opening period, but Sargent answered for the Mustangs (No. 5 in Division 1) with an even-strength goal at 12:05, from Easton Rea and Joe Tobon.

Northville then scored four straight goals in the second period to take a 5-1 lead: by Sanuda Gunaratne at 2:47 (from Danny Scorzo and Alex Iaffrate); Luke Skillman at 8:04 (from Ty Kilari); Nick Bogenhagen at 9:52 (from Rea); and Sargent on a power play at 11:23 (from Nick Williams and Tobon).

South Lyon’s Garrett Weyh broke the Northville barrage with a goal at 13:01 of the second and Jack Fredericks’ goal at 2:16 of the third made it a two-goal deficit.

Northville goalie Brett Miller made 22 saves, while Jared Paugh made 37 saves for South Lyon.

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USA HOCKEY

Thunder weather late rally by NTDP U17s

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There were stretches during Saturday night’s game where the U.S. NTDP Under-17 hockey team seemed to grab momentum against Bloomington.

It turned out those moments were few and far between, however, as the Thunder overcame an early 1-0 deficit to skate to a 3-2 United States Hockey League win before just under 1,000 at USA Hockey Arena.

Still, U17 head coach Danton Cole saw a lot to like from his team — except the outcome, of course.

“We really liked the battle level of the guys,” Cole said. “This is a tough year for them. It’s hard to fight through some of that stuff and I thought they did an outstanding job with that. We know the rest will come around, as long as you’re getting the effort and attitude.”

The Thunder broke a 1-1 tie late in the second and scored again early in the third for a 3-1 lead. That was enough of a cushion for the win, despite a late push by Team USA for the equalizer that never came.

Breaking a 1-1 tie with 1:43 to go in the middle period was Ethan Somoza, who jammed a loose puck under the pad of U17 goaltender Ryan Ullan.

Bloomington needed less than a minute in the third to make it a two-goal difference. Mitchell Mattson scored at 39 seconds, collecting a loose puck near the Team USA crease and sliding the puck into the net.

Team USA chipped into the deficit at 6:15 of the third period, when forward Jacob Tortora scored to make it a 3-2 game.

Both Tortora and linemate Jonathan Gruden crashed the net while defenseman Ty Emberson took a shot. Gruden — stationed in front — flicked the puck over to Tortora at the left post for the tap-in past Bloomington goalie Gabriel Mollot-Hill.

But the Thunder would not give the home team much the rest of the way, not even with an extra attacker during the final minute after NTDP head coach Danton Cole pulled Ullan.

Both teams wound up with 11 shots in the third; Bloomington enjoyed a 34-24 edge for the game.

was Gruden (Rochester).

“It was a good feeling, they (U17) have lots of skill and, obviously, a lot of work to do,” Tortora said about joining the younger NTDP team for a game. “But we did last year, too. I think they’ll get better as the year goes on.”

It took a while for the U17 team to get going, not registering a shot against Mollot-Hill until 13 minutes had elapsed in the opening period. During that stretch, the Thunder had several good scoring chances, but could not solve Ullan.

Breaking the scoreless tie at 15:52 was Weiss. He took a feed in the neutral zone from Tortora, then burst up the middle into the Bloomington end before snapping a shot between the circles that Mollot-Hill had no chance on.

Bloomington drew even at 1-1 at 7:32 of the middle period, when Sean Harrison chipped in a rebound.

All of the Thunder’s goals resulted from hard play around Ullan, who Cole praised for playing a strong game (31 saves).

“Ryan played a great game in net for us, he really battled hard,” Cole said. “He hasn’t played in a little while and he gave us a real good chance tonight.”

“They (Thunder) take the puck, they go hard to the net. That’s the way you got to play hockey. But I thought Ryan was outstanding.”

Star Wars Night

USA Hockey’s National Team Development Program will host its annual Star Wars Night on Saturday, Jan. 28, at USA Hockey Arena. The 7 p.m. game, which is sponsored locally by Hines Park Lincoln, will pit the U.S. National Under-17 Team against the Tri-City Storm of the United States Hockey League.

For the fourth time, Team USA will wear Star Wars inspired jerseys during this event. Previous designs included Darth Vader (2014), Han Solo (2015) and the iconic Stormtrooper (2016). This season’s look will feature a fan favorite from Star Wars: The Force Awakens.

The jerseys will be auctioned off online at the NHL Auctions page. Bidding will commence Thursday, Feb. 9. Proceeds will benefit C.S. Mott Children’s Hospital in Ann Arbor. Last year’s auction raised over \$7,300 for the hospital.

Among the festivities planned for Star Wars Night are appearances by characters represented by the 501st Legion & Rebel Legion costuming groups, as well as a ceremonial puck drop. The Under-17 Team will wear the specially designed jerseys throughout the game.

Tickets to the game are available at the USA Hockey Arena box office located at 14900 Beck Road in Plymouth by calling 734-453-8400. USA Hockey is also offering special tickets that when purchased, a portion goes directly back to the hospital.

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Novi Cats are champs



The Novi Cats, an eighth-grade boys basketball team, recently captured the FAAST Tournament at Plymouth High School. The Cats scored victories over Saline (38-23), Dexter-Stephens (46-21), Dexter (37-29) and Tecumseh (37-15). Team members, who all attend Novi Middle School, include (bottom row, from left) Landon Lodato, Tristan Whalen, Aiden Shires and Alex Vargas and (top row, from left) assistant coach Sean Whalen, Jahmari Amison, Devin Lacy, Tanner Samolin, Bryce Lubin, Gavin Parenti, Ben Dobos and head coach Nick Shires. Also on the team is assistant coach Charlie Shires.

Karkoski signs with Madonna



Northville High senior Lisa Karkoski recently committed to run track and cross country at Madonna University. Karkoski, who ran cross country four years for the Mustangs, finished 85th in the Wayne County Championship with a season-best time of 23 minutes, 50 seconds for 5,000 meters at Willow Metropark in New Boston. Her personal best was 23:22.3 at the Running Fit High School Coaching Legends Invitational in 2015 at Huron Meadows Metropark in Brighton.

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What to expect from a job search in the new year

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Whether you made a New Year's resolution to find a new job or are considering revisiting your options later this year, it may be hard to keep up with what is changing when it comes to the job-search process.

Here are some of the expectations employers will have for candidates – and job seekers will have for employers – in 2017.

Emotional Intelligence

Many employers have come to place a high value on emotional intelligence – the ability to identify one's own, and other people's, emotions – and that is likely to continue through 2017.

"Demonstrating high emotional intelligence will surpass experience in some cases," says Valerie Streif, senior adviser with The Mental, a San Francisco-based organization that hires, manages and mentors job candidates. "Due to the sensitive nature of society today, especially post-2016 elections, demonstrating a high level of emotional intelligence and empathy will be seen as crucial traits to have, and employees gifted with these talents will soar above the crowd."



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Social media

Pretty much everyone is on social media, and employers are getting better at using this as a tool for both connecting with and learning more about potential candidates. As a job seeker, make sure you check out a company's social media presence while applying – and don't forget to make sure yours is respectful and professional.

"Connecting with companies via social media not only allows easier access to their jobs, but also helps candidates get a better grasp of what working at the company is like, which helps with interview preparation," says Jason

Smith, senior vice president of KNF&T Staffing Resources. "Now more than ever there are smarter and more advanced tools available that make finding the right job easier, and candidates are jumping on these opportunities."

Better benefits

As employers are getting more competitive in their search for skilled workers, job seekers are able to use this to their advantage. In 2017, job seekers will continue to have more than just salary on their mind when comparing open positions.

"On a good note for job

seekers, salaries are expected to be a bit higher in the current year, and there very well could be more benefits and perks associated with any position you can find," says David Bakke, a career expert at Money Crashers. "If possible, try to negotiate a flex schedule, telecommuting options, or even a bit more paid time off if you can get yourself in the position of receiving a job offer."

Culture fit

Job seekers often seek a company where they think they will fit in with their co-workers and they will enjoy their time at the office. On the

flip side of that coin, companies also consider culture fit when deciding between candidates, and this is likely to continue this year. It is important to keep that in mind when interviewing, so you can highlight not only why you're a strong fit based on your skills, but also why you're a strong cultural fit.

More than just money

What factors you consider when evaluating a potential job opportunity are up to you, but it's worth noting that job seekers overall are increasingly looking for a fulfilling job with the potential to lead to a career.

"The shift will continue where job seekers are looking for two things: a challenging role that stretches them and the opportunity to grow their skills and career," says Ian Cook, head of workforce solutions at Visier Analytics. "Money always remains important as a baseline, but the key differentiators for job seekers will be related to how the work experience presents them with growth opportunities."

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- * Great home with lots of updates and charm
- * Master bedroom with walk in closet, and large pantry
- * Three car garage with loaded storage racks

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- * Four bedrooms, one and half bathrooms, on 2.5 acres
- * Great home with lots of updates and charm
- * Master bedroom with walk in closet, and large pantry
- * Three car garage with loaded storage racks

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Car Report

SOME AUTO CEOS COMING TO BELIEVE THAT PRESIDENT TRUMP MIGHT NOT BE SO BAD FOR THEIR INDUSTRY AFTER ALL



By Dale Buss

President Donald Trump and the U.S. auto industry seem closer to understanding one another after his first few days in office. Ford CEO Mark Fields was one of a handful of top-company CEOs who met with the new American leader on his fourth day in office, about business issues, and he came away saying he believes that Trump may be good for business and the auto industry.

"I come out with a lot of confidence that he is very serious about making the U.S. economy strong, and will have the policies on taxes, regulation and trade to drive that," Fields said after the meeting that he shared with Tesla CEO Elon Musk, fellow Michigan-based CEO Andrew Liveris, of Dow Chemical, and others.



Mark Fields

The meeting followed weeks during which Trump drove automotive CEOs nuts with all of his job-shaming and tweets about car production in

Mexico. Many of the captains of the industry spent the first few days of the North American International Auto Show in Detroit trying to out-promise one another about creating new jobs in the United States.

And when they weren't doing that, these execs were wringing their hands about whether the president understands international trade well enough not to ruin it.

ut some other auto leaders at NAIAS were sounding a far more sanguine view of the unfolding drama, figuring two things.

First, by tweeting his displeasure about car-making jobs in Mexico that he thinks should be in the United States, Trump basically was staking out a negotiating position that is ultimately designed to improve the North American Free Trade Agreement for his country, not to punish America's automakers.

And indeed, one of the first executive actions taken by Trump after he ascended to office was to put Mexico and Canada on notice that he wants to meet soon to renegotiate aspects of NAFTA, which on the campaign trail he repeatedly thumped as a "bad trade deal."

Second, the auto executives who are more optimistic believe that while Trump already has been pretty good for the car business as a whole, he'll likely prove even better now that he's actually in the White House.

Nissan CEO Carlos Ghosn is among the more optimistic group. When he mentioned Trump in remarks to the press at the Detroit show, the journalistic cognoscenti tittered with anticipatory glee that he'd ream Trump because many of his peers do, privately and publicly. But instead, Ghosn stunned them.

"Obviously whenever there is a new administration coming, particularly in the second-largest car market in the world, everyone is anxious and everyone is listening — that's predictable," Ghosn began. "Trump said America comes first, and, 'I want jobs in the U.S.' That makes a lot of sense [to] us — a lot of countries in the world want to promote [themselves] first."

Ghosn suggested that every auto company could adapt to new trade rules if they were uniformly enforced. For a long time, he said, "The rules have been NAFTA. And we all adapted to it." With Trump as president, he said, "It will be something else — fine, as long as the rules are the same for everyone."

And there was more. Ghosn had the temerity to imply that Trump's election already had juiced consumer confidence in America and to say that "the only thing that can be reasonably expected from the new administration is to maintain [high] consumer confidence. That's it. And by the way, [such sentiments are] very high in January ... It looks now like 2017 will be better than 2016 for U.S. auto sales, an expectation



At the heart of Ford's Mexico strategy is manufacture there of the Focus.

that would have been considered hopelessly optimistic just a few months ago.

Throw in the fact that Trump wants to cut corporate taxes, Ghosn said, and "all of this is going to go in the direction of boosting growth" and creating "great things for the industry."

Toyota board member Mark Hogan sounded a similarly optimistic note despite Trump's opening rhetoric. "I look forward to a more pro-business environment, including tax cuts and incentives for job creation," Hogan told me. "He's willing to work on rebuilding the U.S. manufacturing base so that we can become a pre-eminent exporter again."

And Hogan pooh-poohed the apparent worries of many of his peers that Trump somehow doesn't

understand the complexities of global supply chains and the importance of free trade. "He's an international businessman with properties all over the world. He's built an empire; you have to give him credit for that. He just struck a chord with the American people" with his stance on jobs in Mexico.

Hogan also believes that Trump — author of The Art of the Deal, after all — is simply pursuing his bent for setting up the opposition to eventually accept the concession that he actually wants.

"Trump is a preeminent negotiator," said Hogan, a former high-level General Motors executive and former CEO of megasupplier Magna. "So when he makes a statement publicly or privately, it's always designed to get an advantage."

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