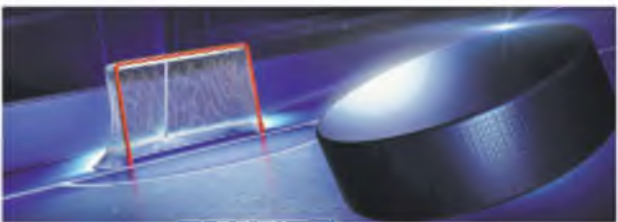


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Learn about benefits of art therapy

Designer, art therapist and cancer survivor Carol Cranston will discuss the benefits of art therapy at the 1:30 p.m. meeting of the Northville Woman's Club on Friday, Feb. 17, at First United Methodist Church of Northville, which is located at 777 W. Eight Mile Road.

A graduate of the Kendall School of Design in Grand Rapids, Cranston spent 25 years in different aspects of interior design before returning to college at Wayne State University and receiving her master's degree in art therapy.

She now works as an art therapist helping cancer patients and seniors use the creative process to help resolve conflicts and problems, develop interpersonal skills, manage behaviors, reduce stress, increase self-esteem and achieve insight for personal growth.

For more information about the Northville Woman's Club, contact Maryann Cotterill at 248-344-8235.

New or expanded landfills not in Washtenaw County plans

Washtenaw County announced Feb. 8 that it will not include a new or expanded landfill in its solid waste plan update.

"As you know, Advanced Disposal has rescinded its request for the consideration of an expansion of the Arbor Hills Landfill," said Bryan Weinert, chair of the Washtenaw County Solid Waste Management Planning Committee.

This committee was tasked with updating Washtenaw County's solid waste plan that is about 20 years old. Part of that process includes identifying what types of solid waste disposal facilities, including landfills, are allowed

in the county.

"Let me emphasize that if Washtenaw County receives any future requests for expansion of or new construction related to the Arbor Hills Landfill — or any proposed landfill — such a proposal would require a reopening of the county's approved Solid Waste Management Plan, to consider amending various portions of the plan. If the plan was reopened, then a future Solid Waste Planning Committee would be looking at facility descriptions, authorized and unauthorized disposal area types and

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Residents were relieved to hear that Washtenaw County does not plan to include any new or expanded landfills in its updated solid waste plan.



Stephanie Wolff (left) and Veronica Coker bag up bars of soap, each labeled with a national trafficking hotline number, that are destined for area hotels and motels.

Local activists fight against human trafficking

Matt Jachman
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It's not easy to walk into a motel and talk to people there about modern-day slavery.

It can be unnerving, even dangerous, but also an empowering way to help find victims of human trafficking and possibly change their lives, Veronica Coker says.

Coker, of NorthRidge Church in Plymouth Township, has been on several anti-trafficking outreach events sponsored by Save Our Adolescents from Prostitution, or SOAP, which sends volunteers to hotels and motels to raise employees' awareness about human trafficking, show them photographs of missing persons and offer tips on spotting victims.

The group also offers hotels and motels bars of soap, labeled with a message for victims and a hotline number they can call for help.

She was making a difference during an outreach last month, Coker said, when employees at two places visited by her team identified people on a missing persons flier. Information like that is relayed to law enforcement.

"I've been given this great opportunity to help lead this



Melanie Buckley labels bars of soap with red stickers on which is printed a message that is designed to reach out to human trafficking victims.

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Coffee and newspapers: Best deals on the planet

Whether you grab a cup on the go, juggling steaming hot deliciousness in one hand and a smart phone in the other, or sit down at your kitchen table with your favorite mug and a printed version, coffee and newspapers have a long-held symbiotic relationship.

In the current landscape, both represent traditions in transition.

Few can say that the coffee industry has not undergone some meteoric changes over the past several years. If you venture into some of the area's top independent coffee shops and order a manually brewed coffee, you are looking at an investment of just over \$2 on average. Whether enjoying a cup of hand-crafted coffee at Plymouth's Espresso Elavado or Birmingham's Commonwealth, a subscriber to the Observer & Eccentric would pay just 98 cents per edition for the twice-weekly newspapers to enjoy with their cup of Joe. The brews and the news both represent quality and require a good amount of labor to produce.

The National Coffee Association lists 10 steps that coffee has to go through before finally getting poured into your favorite mug at home. If you talk to specialty coffee professionals, they will tell you the number of hands that touch the coffee process is between 14-20 by the time that latte with a velvety Rosetta finds its way into those environmentally pleasing biodegradable to-go cups.

Similarly, our team of writers, editors, photographers and copy editors is responsible for filling every inch of the 14-16 pages that make up the eight individual newspapers we published in Sunday's news cycle. Seventy-five unique local stories graced those pages, with each page representing the work of some



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Novi senior ladies sing together



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A sextet of senior singers consisting of (counter-clockwise, from upper left) Kathy Retich, Pat Harrison, Marianne Kendra, Blanche Wilkinson, Audrey Bolstrum and Eunice Prior sing “You Are My Sunshine” while practicing tunes Feb. 6 at the Novi Senior Center’s Meadowbrook Activity Center.



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Kathy Retich leads a group of women in singing “You Are My Sunshine” at the Novi Senior Center’s Meadowbrook Activity Center. The singer had gathered in the activity center’s hall for what they thought was going to be a large-scale group sing-along. Instead it was just the six of them, so they worked on some tunes anyway.

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12 individuals by the time it reaches our subscribers’ hands.

Yes, you are correct

I have taken many phone calls lately about how we are not the local newspaper we used to be. When I return those calls, my message is — quite frankly — yes, you are correct.

We employ a different — and smaller — staff, juggling the demands of digital journalism and print newspapers. With a combined 200 years of professional journalism experience, we’re tasked with reporting and illustrating compelling stories that reflect the communities in which you live. In our mobile society, those stories extend beyond the boundaries of our cities and townships.

Are readers seeing more stories in their local editions that originate outside of the indi-

vidual community? Absolutely. In many cases, the main feature on our front page will span many editions. These are stories vetted in the planning process to appeal to a wider audience.

Still about quality

When President Donald Trump’s executive order to limit immigration and travel from seven mostly Muslim nations became a national story, we did not bury our heads in the sand and pretend it did not affect readers in our communities. Staff photographer Junfu Han was at Metro Airport covering the rally next to all the other large news organizations. He found local residents and, with reporter Darrel Clem, we published one of the more balanced accounts you will read on the subject. And it was rightly the lead story on the front page of most of our print newspapers.

Northville/Novi reporter Matt Jachman approached a piece on sex trafficking that was

front page in our Sunday papers with the attention to details and thoroughness that he has become known for over the years. The message from local members of Love Runs is clear that this modern-day version of slavery is relevant to all of our communities.

When Apple hired a 21-year-old area resident to join its cyber security team, veteran O&E reporter Jay Grossman told the story brilliantly. It is a story that we can all relate to and appeals to readers beyond Bloomfield Hills, where Deven Kishore grew up, to communities such as Westland, Farmington and Canton.

And when Catholic Central’s storied football coach Tom Mach decided he was going to retire, longtime high school sports guru Brad Emons was the first on the story. It is a story that extends beyond sports itself and beyond the Novi community. Mach’s accomplishments rank him as the third winningest coach in Michi-

gan high school football history, behind local legends Al Fracassa and John Herrington, and that story ran Sunday in all of our sports sections.

On average, I pay \$20 for an eight-ounce bag of coffee beans. I used to pay far less for a 16-ounce bag of beans, but I purchase the more expensive beans with the comfort of knowing I’m getting great quality and a relatively great deal while supporting a local business. The same holds true for our subscribers. The O&E still delivers more quality local news from its veteran staff than any other source.

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siting criteria language.”

The committee has confirmed it will have a draft plan prepared following its March 8 meeting. The solid waste planning process has taken more than a year; it still needs to go through a 90-day public comment period and community and board of commission approvals before it can be presented to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality for final review and approval.

“Although I know that the conversations and terminology of the committee and its consultant can sometimes be confusing and troubling if misunderstood, please be assured that the current draft of the updated Solid Waste Management Plan for Washtenaw County does not allow for the expansion of an existing landfill OR construction of a new landfill within our county. Period,” Weinert said.

About 40 Northville and Salem township residents breathed a collective sigh of relief as they heard this announcement. The general feeling was cautious optimism.

“Yes, I’m happy to hear this news,” said Ben Bawcum, a Napier Road resident who is opposed to landfill expansion. “As long as Advanced Disposal owns all of that land across the street from my house, I will be very concerned.”

The president of Stop Arbor Hills environmental nonprofit corporation said it’s a shallow victory because there



Northville Township Treasurer Marjorie Banner and Trustee Fred Shadko were among residents who attended the Washtenaw Solid Waste Committee meeting.

was a massive vertical expansion of the landfill in 2009 under the county’s current solid waste plan that also does not include siting criteria for a new or expanded landfill.

“I went to the Arbor Hills Landfill’s website today and it says they have capacity until 2030,” Tracey Birkenhauer said

to the committee. She reminded the committee that some counties specifically exclude landfill expansions in their solid waste plans. “I didn’t hear that language exactly in what you said. I would say the language could be ‘any sort of increase in capacity past what it is today, that is specifically excluded in

the plan.’ That’s the type of strong language that we’re looking for.”

“Until we see something like that, we’re still gonna be scared,” she said.

Arbor Hills, which is located in Salem Township, just over the western border of Northville Township, has been a source of irritation to

nearby homeowners. In addition, to proposed expansion plans, residents have been angry and concerned about noxious odors, potential contamination and truck traffic due to the landfill, which is owned by Advanced Disposal.

Residents, including members of Stop Arbor Hills, have faithfully

attended meetings in Washtenaw County to monitor progress of the proposed solid waste plan, as well as to advocate against landfill expansion or the citing of a new one along Six Mile and Napier roads. The Northville Township Board of Trustees last year adopted a resolution opposing expansion.

Brighton
company sued
for alleged fast
food wage theft

Laura Colvin
Livingston Daily

A Livingston County company used various policies to avoid paying employees for time worked, a federal lawsuit alleges.

A complaint filed in U.S District Court in Detroit claims Brighton-based Sundance Inc., which owns more than 170 Taco Bell locations in Michigan and five other states, willfully violated the Fair Labor Standards Act with regard to misclassification, overtime and wage theft.

“Numerous lawsuits citing similar violations of the FLSA have been filed against Taco Bell franchises throughout the country going back 15 years or more,” said attorney Megan Bonanni, co-counsel for four Michigan workers who brought the lawsuit, in a press release.

Jolene Flanagan and Travis Pietrykowski, of China, Mich., Michelle Wilkins of Shelby Twp. and Denise Wood of Casco worked at various Metro-Detroit Taco Bell locations are named in the suit and are seeking back pay and other damages. The lawsuit was filed in October.

Court documents state Sundance did not pay employees for all hours worked; misclassified employees as exempt — thus not entitled to overtime pay — and did not pay hourly employees overtime when weekly totals exceeded 40 hours.

However, in a court filing, Sundance denied any wrongdoing and stated the company does not believe any employees are entitled to recover any relief under the Fair Labor Standards Act.

“The plaintiffs reported that they and other hourly workers at these Taco Bell outlets were regularly instructed by managers to clock out and continue working,” said Jennifer MacManus, co-counsel for the workers.

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The Novi Middle School Theatre Company will stage the “Music Man JR.”

Novi Middle School stages ‘Music Man JR.’

Students will dance the Shipooipi and revel in the excitement of the Wells Fargo Wagon coming to town when the Novi Middle School Theater Company performs Meredith Willson’s “The Music Man JR,” at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17, at the school, 49000 11 Mile Road,

The musical tells the story of charismatic con man, Harold Hill, who galvanizes a stodgy, entertainment-starved Iowa town at the turn of the 20th century. Intending to fleece River City’s citizens with a false scheme to organize a boys’ band, Hill’s plans hit a sour note when he falls for Marian, the town librarian.

With book, music and lyrics by Meredith Willson and story by Meredith Willson and Franklin Lacey, “The Music Man JR.” is based on “The Music Man,” which won eight Tony Awards, including Best Musical, Author, Composer and Lyricist. The musical was turned into a 1962 film starring Robert Preston as Harold Hill and Shirley Jones as Marian Paroo. The film has since been selected for preservation in the United States National Film Registry by the Library of Congress.

“The Music Man JR.” is a beautiful story about how music can transform a person and a community. In a similar manner, the students have worked together to present their unique interpretation of this show. Throughout the rehearsal process, each student will have contributed something and learned something, leaving this team and each individual in it forever changed for the better,” said Drew Cohen, president of Music Theatre International.

Tickets are \$7 and may be purchased by contacting the Novi Middle School main office. For more information, call/email Lori Burkhardt at lburkhardt@novischools.net.

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Rebuilding Together: St. James seeks residents

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This annual project provides homeowners in need with repairs such as handicap ramps, painting, plumbing, carpentry, roofing, window replacement and repair, electrical repairs, yard clean-up and restoration. The materials and labor are free to homeowners.

St. James has been involved with the Rebuilding Together of Oakland County event for 12 years.

This year, the St. James event date is Saturday, April 22. Bob Harmer and Brent Ash-



St. James Catholic Church volunteers have participating in Rebuilding Together for 12 years.

by are co-chairs for the St. James project. If a homeowner is

interested in becoming a candidate for help, they may call Pam Coles at St.

James at 248-347-7778, go to <http://www.rebuildingtogether->

oaklandcounty.org or call RTOC at 248-432-6551.

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Drop-In Super Saturday Storytime

Time/Date: 11-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 18
Details: Make the most of your weekend with this fun storytime featuring stories, music and wiggles. Best for children ages 2-4, but entire families are welcome. Join us this Saturday for stories about birthdays. No registration required.

African American Art at the DIA


Time/Date: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21
Details: Attend this photographic presentation to enhance your awareness of the creative contributions of African Americans from the 19th century through present day. This talk provides a lens to examine issues of race, gender, politics and culture. Register online or in person or call 248.349.3020.

Jigsaw Puzzle Challenge

Time/Date: 10:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25
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Electronic Music Production with DJ Mike Huckaby

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 28
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Hand & Stone Spa opens in Northville Park Place

Joanne Maliszewski
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Let's face it, Americans don't necessarily live the healthiest lifestyles, especially with long work hours and the stress of living busy lives.

"Our bodies are not designed for that," said Sumit Bansal, who is opening the Hand & Stone Massage and Facial Spa on Traditions Drive in Northville Park Place. "We need to shut down our brain's energy for at least an hour."

The new spa will have a soft opening this weekend, with an actual public opening Monday, Feb. 18. It is Bansal's second such spa, with the first located in Troy. "In this room, you are all by yourself. It is all about you," said Bansal's wife Monica, a business analyst for Volkswagen of America.

The spa, a franchise with at least 300 stores across the U.S., offers various types of massage, including Swedish, deep tissue — you name it. The stone in the spa's name is about hot stone massage. Stones are heated to a certain temperature and rubbed on the body. "It brings a much higher level of relaxation to the body," Bansal said.

Also to be offered are a variety of facials, including peels and microderm abrasion, for example. "What we offer used to be called luxury spas. I make these affordable and bring them to the masses," Bansal said.

The young entrepreneur — he owns 12 Great Clips throughout the metro area — said he makes spa services affordable through a membership that does not require a contract. The membership allows customers to have either a facial or massage for \$60



Hand & Stone Massage and Facial Spa in Northville Park Place will have a soft opening for friends and family this weekend.

per month. "Very few businesses combine services for a massage and facial," Bansal said. "This is not a contract. You are with us only as long as you wish."

"It is this way that we are able to give it to customers much cheaper," he added.

Bansal, who has a master's degree in computer engineering from Wayne State University, worked for Dassault Systemes and began his entrepreneurial career with his first Great Clips in Troy. "I loved that job, but I wanted to do something on my own." Prior to that, he started buying homes for rental, but wasn't wild about it. "I was looking for a cash-based business. We opened the first Great Clips and it was a rock star."

The second Great Clips was also successful, but the third store was tougher. At that

point, Bansal slowed down and concentrated on doing what was needed to make it a winner.

"Every store for me is my baby," Bansal said. "My biggest goal is to form a good team."

That philosophy drives Bansal. He believes that employees make a successful business. "The biggest key is happy employees," he said. "I want employees to feel this, too, is their business. Forty-percent of the people have been with me for 10 years."

Bansal and his wife, Troy residents who have two children, chose to open the second spa in Northville because of his affection for the area. "It is a booming place," he said. "I believe Northville will embrace this place (the spa). I love this town!"

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Sumit Bansal (center), owner of Hand & Stone, with staff members (from left) Jocelyn Husava, Sarah Carroll, Jozy Dufrin and Hannah Frugia.

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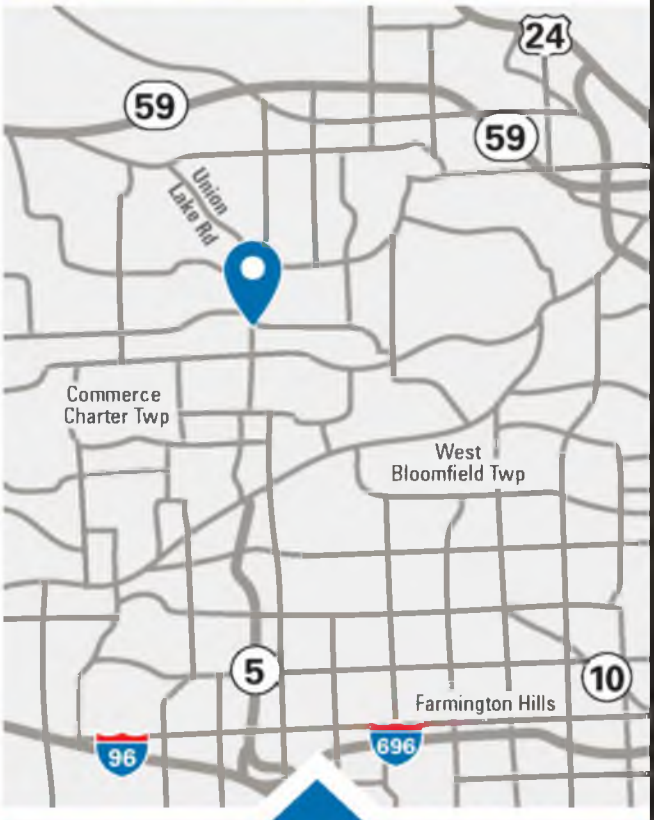
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Evaluation of concern

The Feb. 9 Novi News front page article on the evaluation of Superintendent Dr. Matthews by our Novi school board left out some important details. As stated in the article, Dr. Matthews received a score of 2.72 out of 4, which barely places him in the “effective” category (2.70-3.39). Obviously, there are some areas in which Dr. Matthews did poorly to bring his score so close to the “minimally effective” category (2.00-2.69). Here are a few statements from Dr. Matthews’ evaluation by our school board that are of concern

» “Isn’t discreet with personnel. At times lacks confidentiality and holds grudges.”

» “Not enthusiastic. Appears to be looking for career change.”

» “Self-improvement: Only completes the minimal requirements.”

» “Exhibits self-control, but may display anger if provoked.”

Any Novi citizen can obtain a copy of Dr. Matthews’ evaluation by our school board by sending a request to smatthews@novi.schools.net.

Daniel Dubay
Novi

Keep eye on Briarpointe Plaza

Briarpointe Plaza, the shopping center at the corner of Beck and 10 Mile, has been mismanaged since it opened in the early ‘90s. It has rarely had every unit occupied. Neighbors in the nearby Briarwood Village have complained of trash and litter blowing onto their lawns and shrubs. As recently as 2010, when

other developers were trying to get another strip mall on a nearby corner, those developers said that the high rents and lack of care occurring at Briarpointe were the reasons for that strip mall not succeeding.

Now, it appears that the Briarpointe owners have lost one of their largest tenants. With all the new subdivisions coming to the nearby areas, they feel that they can solve their vacancy problem by adding an additional building and allowing fast food franchises and drive-throughs on their property. They want to tear out the dedicated woodlands on the corner and build a new drug store for CVS on that spot, an eyesore in the making which everyone could see. This could also open up the last remaining residential corner on the south to rezoning for a 7-Eleven or a gas station, much to the chagrin of Broadmour Park residents.

We have in Novi a mayor and city council who favor businesses to the extreme. They have repeatedly granted unnecessary tax breaks to businesses and developers, which resident taxpayers then subsidize.

Briarpointe Plaza was built on land which was originally zoned residential. A long legal battle waged by residents and a city wide referendum on zoning resulted Dec. 13, 1990, in a consent judgement arranged by the Oakland County Circuit Court, between the city and the developer. That judgement preserved the woods on the corner and limited the total square commercial footage to an amount sustainable by nearby subdivisions. Now, the

owners want the community to solve problems caused by their lack of management. They would remove still more trees from Novi and make the corner ugly and the commercial area fast food-oriented. They want to renegotiate the compromise deal which the citizens fought for.

Concerned residents in nearby subdivisions should watch the agendas of the Novi Planning Commission and city council and look for notices of hearings in the Novi News. If concerns are not expressed to them, the mayor, council and planning commission will claim that nobody cares what happens to that corner.

John A. Kuenzel
Novi

Normalizing hate

Carol Maynard (Letters, 2 Feb.) may not personally hate immigrants, the disabled, people of color or the millions who marched the day after Inauguration and at dozens of airports the weekend after that.

And yet, the person Ms. Maynard voted for, and many of his closest advisors, are a very different story. The events of the past few weeks — things the president advocated for and promised before the election, but which “reasonable” people assumed to be campaign rhetoric — are driven by strongly negative impulses. Beliefs that inner cities are burned-out, poverty riddled war zones; that “criminal aliens” regularly commit countless violent crimes even as “bad dudes” pour across the border hoping to kill decent Americans; but most of all, that America can be made great again only

if Americans embrace fear and accept that only a “strong leader” can save us.

Ms. Maynard doesn’t hate, she just cannot yet see that her vote helped normalize hatred in others — hatred of others. She could have ignored a pink handmade sign carried by a friendly, kind-hearted social worker, maybe even said that though she does not agree with Colleen Crossey’s opinion, she supports her right to express it. Instead, she pretends the sign is explicitly aimed at her, stoking an outrage that comes across as fake, perhaps to suppress Ms. Crossey’s willingness to speak her mind in the future. This is how our culture is coarsening.

Herb Helzer
Northville

Media does matter

We U.S. citizens are living in surreal times under an autocracy led by an egotistic, emotionally stunted con artist who is the puppet of a racist, disgusting “adviser” and supported by a cowardly Congress. The first few weeks have been chaotic, laws have been broken, serious mistakes might have proved disastrous. The Nov. 8, 2016, presidential election was stolen from Hillary Clinton with the help of the Russian government, plus Mr. Comey of the FBI.

Opponents of this new regime will continue to protest in the streets in order to restore democracy. Citizens will contact senators and representatives. A major problem is how do individuals receive true news and information when the powerful in D.C. and certain media outlets

offer “alternative” facts, fake news and lies.

Media matters. We must be aware of the major networks, plus the people they hire. As an example, NBC and MSNBC have made some questionable choices recently. One can find fault with some aspects of Facebook, yet I find such sites as Moveon.org, Buzz, Proud Democrat, YouTube and even “Saturday Night Live!” helpful in encouraging persons to form grassroots efforts to hold officials accountable. patriotic people post reasonable ideas and possible solutions in restoring democracy.

I suggest citizens read reputable newspapers and magazines: The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Nation, The New Yorker. All are available online. We should be familiar with the more conservative views. too.

Have hope, be vigilant and active. Start now to help restore democracy in the 2018 elections.

Hannah Provence
Donigan
Commerce Township

Speak up, contact legislators

As a proud, former Michiganiaan, raised in Oakland County, it is distressing to hear what is happening today. Italian author Umberto Eco was a man who understood the influences and results of fascism. He wrote that fascism was not a concrete political system, but a collection of behaviors that, taken together, forged something incomprehensible. “Fascism was a fuzzy totalitarianism,” he wrote. “A collage of different philosophical and political ideas, a

beehive of contradictions.”

In 1995, Eco made a visionary prediction. “There is in our future a TV or Internet populism, in which the emotional response of a selected group of citizens can be presented and accepted as the Voice of the People.” I would appear that is exactly where we are now. The president’s fascism is new. It’s a reality-TV kind of fascism. Typically American, designed to entertain and fed by the Internet. The president is its prophet.

One need not look any further than to see the rapid rise of xenophobia in our country, how it has completely polarized its citizens.

Whatever can we do about this vile movement?

You can find your congressional representative and your senator online. But be patient, as their boxes may be filled temporarily due to the overwhelming response to what is occurring today. It seems to me that this may be the only way to practice democracy in action today.

Dennis Kostecki
Former Michiganiaan
Sausalito, Calif.

Looking for Trott

Where’s David Trott? District 11 U.S. representative, David Trott, has not had a town hall meeting since April 9, 2015. Many have called his office asking for one, to no avail. Even during his week off during February, he has none scheduled.

Wonder why he is avoiding his constituents? Is there anyone out there that can get us a meeting? Where’s David Trott?

Pam Westerhold
Northville



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BOXING CLUB CAN SPREAD THE ‘LOVE’

Helps underprivileged youngsters learn discipline and self-empowerment

COURTNEY CROWDER
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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.

Walking into the Des Moines Police Boxing Club feels like stepping into a pugilism-themed snow globe that’s been shaken up and left upside down.

The small gym is abuzz with the thud of landing blows and the ear-splitting beeps of the countdown clock keeping time. One group of students in the back completes calisthenics circuits while a pair punch bags nearby. By the ring, a coach teaches a student the finer art of shadowboxing as he watches a handful of other kids prep their gloves.

But what may seem like chaos is controlled under the watchful eye of Senior Police Officer John Saunders.

“I expect more from these kids than what they expect of themselves,” said Saunders, 52. “I’m pretty demanding, so if these kids can deal with me, they can definitely deal with what they face out beyond these walls.”

Founded in 2008, the club has a goal: to “keep kids off the street,” said Saunders, who has been in charge since the founding. The club is free for kids ages 10-18 who aren’t gang-affiliated and haven’t been in the juvenile justice system.

“We have someone from every ethnic group,” Saunders said. “What race you are, what gender, what religion, it matters not. I want everyone who comes in here to feel like they are part of our family.”

For Saunders, who isn’t married and doesn’t have children, these kids *are* his family, he stressed.

“The club was founded to give kids an alternative to running the neighborhood and to keep their minds occupied, but, to me, it goes way beyond that,” he said. “I check on their grades. If they get into trouble, I go follow up and see what’s going on.”



Senior Police Officer John Saunders is head coach of the Des Moines Police Boxing Club.

He paused: “I try to be more than their boxing coach.”

While club members can participate in amateur fights, Saunders’ goal is simpler: He wants his students to graduate from high school.

“I don’t care what they decide to do, I just want them to be successful,” he said. “And I think the boxing club can help give them the discipline and the drive to do just that.”

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Q&A WITH JOHN SAUNDERS

What does it mean to you to be an American?
It means everything to me. America is the greatest country in the world, so that just kind of speaks for itself.

What moment motivated you to become part of this effort?
I can’t think of one moment, but basically just wanting to help people and help these kids. A lot of these kids don’t have any guidance, and a lot of these kids are lost, so if the boxing club can provide some guidance for these kids and some direction, especially for kids who don’t necessarily have direction, then we’ve served our purpose.

What gives you hope?
What gives me hope are these kids. I can’t say enough about these kids. They carry the traits that as a community we should have: They are kind kids, respectful kids, loving kids, (and) a lot of times they are concerned more about me or others than they are about themselves. Those are the kind of traits that we need to get back to as a community.

What concerns you?
What concerns me is the amount of violence that we see. ... I just want people to become more caring, more loving, more giving, and I think if we get back to those traits, I think we will be able to turn this situation (with the violence in our city) around.

What do you hope to accomplish through your efforts?
Well, first and foremost, I want these kids to be good kids. I want these kids to be successful kids. I want these kids to be able to graduate high school. I want these kids to, beyond that, be successful in whatever they do. I don’t care what it is, I just want them to be successful at it, and I have no doubt and the boxing club has no doubt that that’s going to happen.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Northville High School
All Night Party
“Words of Wisdom” for seniors are available for just \$5 each. Go to www.northvillesanp.com to place orders. And while you're there, be sure to also grab a Senior All Night Party ticket (\$50) for your senior.

Held at NHS the evening following graduation (June 4), the Senior All Night Party provides a safe, chaperoned way for new graduates to celebrate this milestone with their classmates. The themed party provides food, entertainment and activities with the main hallway, cafeteria and gyms transformed to

reflect the year's theme. As always, the Northville community will be invited to walk through just prior to graduation June 4.
2017-18 registration
Student registration meetings kick off the registration process. It is important students attend these presentations

to receive critical information. Because these meetings are held during seminar in the NHS Auditorium, which for many students is blended, we are asking for cooperation from both parents and students to ensure that students attend the appropriate registration meeting times.
» Junior presentation: 7:45 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23
» Sophomore presentation: 7:45 a.m. Monday, Feb. 27
» Freshman presentation: 7:45 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15
» Sophomore/Junior parent night presentation: 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 23

Novi. The speakers are 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

p.m. Saturday, March 11, at Schoolcraft's VisTa Tech Center. Tickets are \$50 each and includes funny money for betting. Horse sponsorship is \$25. Call 248-344-8458 or go to <http://www.nightfornorthville.com/index.html> for more information.

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@ctyof-novi.org or go to cityfnovi.org.

Forbidden Art

Forbidden Art, a collection of images of artwork created by concentration camp prisoners while imprisoned by the Nazis during World War II will be on display at the Wixom Public Library from March 20 through April 6. The exhibition is made up of 20 large color photos of drawings and sculptures made by inmates of the Auschwitz, Buchenwald, and Ravensbrück concentration camps. Each photograph is accompanied by a historical commentary and narrative account as to why the piece was created.
The exhibit opens with an almost-black-tie reception at the Wixom Community Center the evening of Sunday, March 19. The reception will open with author, historian and distinguished lecturer Teresa Wontor-Cichy of the Auschwitz Birkenau State Museum of Poland, who will deliver her powerfully emotional interpretation of the art and artists featured in this exhibit. Following the introduction, guests will mingle while enjoying music, wine and a wide variety of elegant appetizers provided by local sponsors. Guests will also be treated to a private group 45-minute viewing of the exhibit. Tickets for the reception are \$20 prior to March 1 and \$25 thereafter and can be purchased online at the city of Wixom website.

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.
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.

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BASTIEN

DANIEL, JR. March 3, 1999 - January 11, 2017. Expressions of sympathy may be made to obriensullivanfuneralhome.com.

COSTELLO



BRIGITTE HALL Age 82, died on Saturday, February 11, 2017 in Milford, Michigan. She was born on February 2, 1935 in Switzerland to Johan and Bertha (Preisig) Hug. Brigitte came from Switzerland in the late 1950's. She spoke 6 languages had a college degree from Switzerland and was an office secretary for many years at various places. She loved to read and swim, enjoyed traveling the world and horse racing especially the Kentucky Derby. She is survived by her son Mark (Sheila) Hall and daughter Melissa (Matt) Schroeder both of North Carolina, grandchildren; Elizabeth, Madison, Cailyn, J.D. and Megan and sister Lydia Hug of Switzerland. Also surviving are her step-daughters, Karen Costello Wilder (wife, Rosemary), Amy McClanahan (Tony), close friend Barbara Demarco. She was preceded in death by her husband Fergus Costello on January 14, 2017 and brother, Hans Hug. Visitation will be Friday, February 17, 2017 from 11a.m.-2 p.m. at MacDonald's Funeral Home, Howell (517-546-2800) with Graveside services following at Mt. Olivet Catholic Cemetery at 2:30 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Please sign the family's online guestbook at macdonaldsfuneralhome.com

GILLIS

DENNIS A. Age 74, passed away February 8, 2017. He was born February 24, 1942 in Detroit, son of the late Andrew and Albina Gillis. He was a proud Navy veteran, serving during the Vietnam war. He was a founding and active member of the South Lyon American Legion Post 338. Dennis loved nature and was an avid outdoorsman. He is survived by his sons: Devin Gillis, and Loren Gillis; his grandchildren; his brother, Kenneth Gillis, his brother-in-law, Bill Juodawikis and many nieces, nephews and friends. Dennis was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Judith in 2014; and his sister, Mary Ann Juodawikis. A funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, February 18 at 11:00a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 830 S. Lafayette, South Lyon. A luncheon will be held following the funeral Mass at the South Lyon VFW Post 1224 from 12:00-5:00p.m.
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HARPSTER

VICTORIA June 8, 1928 - Jan. 14, 2017 Expressions of sympathy may be made at obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

KOTSCHITSCH



ELIZABETH age 88, passed away February 11, 2017. She was born February 26, 1928 in Yugoslavia. She loved to cook, bake, and can vegetables. She enjoyed gardening and planted flowers every Spring. Elizabeth is survived by her son, Frank (Laurie) Koates; her daughter-in-law, Laura Kotschitsch; her granddaughter, Kellie (Erik) Falcon and her great-grandchildren: Greta, Oscar, Henry, Edith Rose, and Lewis. Elizabeth was preceded in death by her son, Steve Kotschitsch. Services will be held privately.
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LeVASSEUR



ROBERT J., DDS of Waterford; February 13, 2017, after a long battle with cancer; age 79; Loving husband of the late Maureen; Beloved father of the late Brian LeVasseur, Beth (Michael) Miller, Dr. Patrick (Suzanne) LeVasseur, and Dr. Mary McMahon; Dear brother of Audrey (Howard) Dennis and Dornis LeVasseur; Dear grandfather of Devon (Alex) Handy, Teagan, Kailey, Kieran, Grant, Luke, Alec, Raymond and the late Rose; Great-grandfather of Hank; Also cherished by many nieces, nephews, dear friends and colleagues. Dr. LeVasseur practiced dentistry in White Lake for 44 years and served as a Clinical Instructor at the University of Detroit. He also served in the United States Army. Funeral Services will be held Saturday, February 18, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at the RIVERSIDE CHAPEL, Simpson-Modetz Funeral Home, 5630 Pontiac Lake Road, Waterford. The family will receive friends at the funeral home Thursday from 3 to 8 p.m. and Friday from 5 to 8 p.m. Memorials may be made to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. Online guest book www.modetzfuneralhomes.com

SNYDER



DICK age 73, of South Lyon, formerly a longtime resident of Northville, went home to be with Jesus his Savior February 8, 2017. He was born April 18, 1943; son of Clyde and Letha (nee Adams) Snyder. He graduated from Lincoln Park High School; Class of 1961. While in high school, Dick was a tremendous athlete; he was on the Varsity Football, Basketball, and Baseball Teams. Dick was united in marriage to Marilyn J. Roy on June 21, 1962; they spent 54 loving years together. Dick worked as a District Sales Manager for National Steel Corporation. He retired in 2002 after working with the company for almost 40 years. He was a member of the Lincoln Park High School Alumni Association. Dick was a huge sports fan; he loved U of M Football and had Red Wing season tickets for 20 years. He also loved watching his daughter play on the Northville High School Girls Soccer Team. Dick was an avid golfer; he played on many golf leagues throughout the years and was a member of Plum Hollow Country Club. He enjoyed listening to 50's and 60's rock and roll; one of his favorites was Johnny Mathis. He also enjoyed fishing and ice fishing. Dick was still in contact with many lifelong friends; he enjoyed getting together with them as well as attending reunions. He loved his family and adored his daughters, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Dick had a personal relationship with Jesus; he had trusted Jesus Christ for his salvation. Dick is survived by his beloved wife, Marilyn J. Snyder; his daughters, Lori (Robert) Beatty, Amy (Gary) Nabozny, and Angie (Alex) Gue; his grandchildren, Jeffrey (Katie) Burdess, Alissa Burdess, Emily Burdess, Jessica Nabozny, Isabella Gue, Beckett Gue, Alexia Nabozny, Grace Gue, and Lanie Gue; and his great-grandchildren, Madeline Burdess and Mason Burdess. He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers. A Funeral Service was held Friday, February 10, 2017 at Oakland Hills Community Church in Farmington Hills. Pastor Ralph A. Rebandt, II officiated the service. Mr. Snyder was laid to rest in South Lyon Cemetery. Memorial contributions to Oakland Hills Community Church, 37150 W. 8 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48335 would be appreciated. Share online condolences at www.casteriinefuneralhome.com

STEMPEK



DONALD R. JR age 59, February 10, 2017. Beloved husband of Kathleen; loving father of Christopher (Kimberly), Jessica (Robert) Roesner, and Rebecca (Adam Koerber) Stempek; proud grandfather of Hunter and Lucas Roesner and baby-to-be grandson; dear son of the late Donald Sr.(surviving, Marjorie); brother to Kendall, Randall Sr. (Leslie), Lawrence, and Renee (Dean) Rabish; uncle to several nieces and nephews. Services were held in South Lyon, MI. Memorial donations to Don's Medical Fundraiser at (<https://www.gofundme.com/gd-dons-medical-fundraiser>) or Gift of Life are appreciated.
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VAN DEN BRANDEN



PAUL JOSEPH 92 of Center Line/South Lyon peacefully went on to eternity on Saturday February 11,2017, after living a very healthy and fulfilling life. Paul was born on June 18, 1924 in Detroit, Michigan and was raised in Center Line, Michigan. Paul met and married his sweetheart Maureen (Barry) in 1947. Paul and Maureen raised seven children together and shared 55 yrs. of marriage. Paul attended University of Detroit and received a degree in Civil Engineering after serving in the U.S. Army as master sergeant in the 188th infantry, headquarters division. Paul was a man of many talents. He obtained his master builders license and went on to build the 4 homes he raised his family in. Paul served as city manager of the city of Center Line for a total of 20 yrs. Paul went on to serve as director of Public Services for the city of Warren for 10 yrs. Following his retirement, Paul worked with his son, Mark in the insurance business. He continued to work till the age of 80 as an engineering consultant for AEW. At the age of 80 he fell in love with Leona Vandewiele and married. Together they brought a total of 12 children together into the new expanded family. Paul was preceded in death by his wife Maureen. He is survived by his wife Leona Van Den Branden, daughter Sheila Grant (Tom), Mary Shuts (Mike), Mark Van Den Branden (Rose), Lauren Semar (Carl), Brigid Trowbridge (John), Deanna Stark (Dave), Tim Van Den Branden (Connie), 16 grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. Also surviving are his two sisters Leona Spencer and Paula Spencer. Visitation at the Ford Funeral Home, 26560 Van Dyke (South of 11 Mile Road or the I-695 expressway), Center Line, Wednesday, February 15, 2017 from 2-8 p.m. Instate St Mary, Our Lady Queen of Families Catholic Church (St. Clement site), 25320 van Dyke (North of 10 Mile Road), Center Line, Thursday, February 16, 2107 from 9:30 a.m. until time of mass 10 a.m. with Fr. Lawrence Zurawski presiding. Interment St Clement Cemetery, Center Line. Memorial contributions may be made to the Center Line Lions Club. A Memorial mass is also being celebrated by Father Stan Tokarski on Friday February 17, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church 830 South Lafayette, South Lyon, MI 48178



Blood drive
Northville High School Student Congress will be hosting a blood drive from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, March 16, at NHS. Those interested in donating blood, can fill out the form and return it to the main office by Friday, March 3. For more information, contact Student Congress at northvillestuco@yahoo.com.

Freshman night

The freshman information and activities night will be held Monday, March 13, at the high school. The evening begins 6-7 p.m. with administrators and counselors presenting information about freshman orientation, graduation requirements curriculum, registration, block scheduling, building safety and athletics. The activities fair follows 7-8 p.m., when students can meet with coaches/sponsors and learn more about clubs, activities and athletic programs.

Novi HS Talent Show

Novi High School's seventh annual International Talent Show will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, March 17, in the Novi High School auditorium. All proceeds this year will be donated to Save the Children, an organization committed to helping children in crisis in 120 countries around the world. Last year, more than 300 people attended the event, which raised almost \$1,500 donated to Amnesty International.
The show will feature Novi High School students performing in acts representing various countries. Some of the many acts include dances, soloists, instrumentals and more. Following the performances, a food court will be set up where attendees can sample international foods.

The production was organized by Novi High School's IB Diploma candidates. This event is part of their CAS (creativity, activity, and service) requirement for earning the IB diploma. The students planned all aspects of the show, from recruiting to advertising, ticket and program preparation and emcee duties. In addition, many of the IB students are performing in the show under the direction of their staff coordinator Barbara Clift.
Tickets are \$7 per person and can be purchased at the door.

Leader Dogs orientation

Leader Dogs for the Blind will hosts a Breeding Stock Host Orientation program to introduce interested individuals to its Breeding Stock Host volunteer opportunity 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, at its Canine Development Center, 1039 Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. For more information, go to <http://bit.ly/2jxRGZy> or call 888-777-5332.

Evenings in the garden

MSU Tollgate Farm and Education Center is the setting for a new season of Evenings in the Garden classes. Speakers will be sharing their wisdom and experience 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursdays at Tollgate, 12 Mile and Meadowbrook roads, in

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 runs through Saturday, 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.

Blood drives

Michigan Blood offers the following drives:
Feb. 17 — Beaumont Hospital-Royal Oak, Classroom 2, 3601 W. 13 Mile Road, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Any healthy person 17 or older (or 16 with parental consent) who weighs at least 112 pounds may be eligible to donate, although females age 18 and under must weigh 120 pounds or more.

Blood donors should bring photo ID. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are preferred. Donors can schedule an appointment by calling 866-MIBLOOD or at www.miblood.org.

Michigan Blood is the primary provider of blood and blood products for more than 60 hospitals in Michigan, including Beaumont Health and Henry Ford Health System.

Donations given outside of Michigan Blood do not have direct local impact. Michigan Blood is currently in urgent need of O-negative blood donations.

Downtown First Friday

Celebrate the First Friday of the month 5-9 p.m. Friday, March 3, with the retailers and restaurants of downtown Northville. Many stores stay open late and feature refreshments, new merchandise, sales and visits from local artists. For more information, go to <http://www.enjoynorthville.com>.

After Business Hours

Join the monthly networking event of the Northville Chamber of Commerce, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22, at WOK Asian Bistro, 144 Mary Alexander Court. RSVP by Feb. 21 to jerijohnson@northville.org.

A Night for Northville

Enjoy delicious hors d'oeuvres from Schoolcraft's Culinary artists, video horse racing, \$1,000 prize raffle, silent auction and cash bar all to benefit Northville Educational Foundation. The fun takes place 7-11

NORTHVILLE CHAMBER CALENDAR

The Northville Chamber of Commerce offers a variety of events and activities for members and events for the community. The chamber is at 195 S. Main, Northville. For more information, contact the chamber at 248-349-7640. To RSVP chamber events, contact Lindsey Butzin at lindseybutzin@northville.org.

February

After Business Hours: 5:30-7:30 p.m. Feb. 22, at the WOK Asian Bistro, 144 Mary Alexander Court.

March

Rise & Shine Morning Mixer: 8-9 a.m. March 8, at the Aisin, 15300 Centennial Drive

Northville Business

Showcase: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 18, at Northville High School. 45700 W. Six Mile Road

After Business Hours: 5:30-7:30 p.m., March 22 at Union Mortgage, 640 Griswold Street, Suite 100.

Save the dates

April 19: State of the Northville Community Luncheon, Vista Tech

Center

May 26-27: 30th annual Flower Sale, downtown

June 12: Chamber Golf Outing, Northville Hills

June 24: Craft Beer Festival, Millennium Park

July 25: Grub Crawl

Sept. 15-17: Northville Heritage Festival

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Two townships may reopen fire station

Matt Jachman
hometownlife.com

Plymouth Township officials are looking at ways to permanently reopen Fire Station No. 2, which was closed nearly five years ago as a result of layoffs in the Plymouth Township Fire Department.

Supervisor Kurt Heise said Tuesday that he is pursuing two avenues to reopen the station: Budget adjustments that would allow the hiring of up to six firefighters and a possible partnership with Northville Township, where officials are “very interested” in sharing the station.

“The goal is to fully reopen Station 2 so we can perform emergency runs out of that facility,” Heise said.

Heise, a former state representative, pledged during his campaign last year to reopen the station



The Plymouth Township Fire Department's Station No. 2 is on Wilcox Road. It was closed as an around-the-clock township fire station in 2012.

if elected. Station No. 2 is on Wilcox Road, in the northeast corner of the city, and was closed March 1, 2012, immediately after six firefighters were laid off due to

budget cuts.

Fire Chief Dan Phillips told the Board of Trustees last week that it would take at least six additional firefighters to reopen Station No. 2.

“That would not be optimal use. That would get the station open,” Phillips said. The township currently has 18 full-time firefighter-paramedics, plus the chief and the fire inspector.

Six new hires would cost approximately \$523,000 for the first year, Phillips said.

Heise said that while a budget adjustment and a new eligibility list of firefighter candidates are planned, officials in Plymouth and Northville townships are having “a very preliminary exploratory discussion about the feasibility of jointly sharing Station 2.”

Heise told board members last week: “We just want to talk about it.”

The Northville Township Fire Department, which operates out of a single station on Six Mile, used Plymouth Township's Station No. 2 tem-

porarily last spring and summer during a major construction project on Six Mile. The move helped the department maintain service in, and reportedly improve response times to, that township's southeast corner.

Northville public safety officials could not immediately be reached Tuesday for comment on the talks.

Heise said it's possible that the township will both hire additional firefighters and pursue an agreement to share Station No. 2 with Northville Township.

“I think we owe it to the community to look at all the options that are available,” he said.

Phillips said reopening Station No. 2 would lead to improved firefighting and emergency medical service, particularly in the Lake Pointe subdivision and the Inde-

pendence Village senior living facility. It would also allow firefighters assigned to Station Nos. 1 and 3 to provide better service to the areas nearer to those stations, because they would not be relied on as much for runs to northeast Plymouth Township.

Station No. 1 is on Haggerty, north of Ann Arbor Road, near township hall; Station No. 3 is on Beck, at North Territorial.

Heise said Station No. 2 is currently used for training and for storing backup equipment, but that he doesn't count that as being “open.”

“I don't define success by whether or not the lights are on,” but by the ability to provide emergency services, Heise said.

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See what's in the future plans for downtown Northville

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Surveys conducted last year drew some 1,100 responses about Northville's downtown. Now, the Northville Downtown Development Authority wants to show residents and business owners a draft of a new strategic plan to further improve, develop and redevelop the district.

“(That number of responses) is pretty good out of a town with a 6,000

population,” said Lori Ward, DDA executive director.

Ward is hoping for a similar response to a town meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, at the Northville Community Center, 303 W. Main. The meeting will highlight a draft of the proposed 2017 downtown strategic plan that's been

in the works since last year. The draft will detail community and stakeholder input, as well as data collection, retail and residential market studies.

“This is not an informational meeting. We want dialogue. We will talk about the recommendations and we want ideas and feedback,” Ward said.

In March 2016, the Northville City Council approved hiring Beckett and Raeder/Land USA for \$58,900 to help complete the strategic plan. Beckett and Raeder was

hired in 2005 to complete the previous plan, which was finished 10 years ago.

Since the former plan was completed, the DDA has spent its time on completing recommended capital improvements in the downtown. “We did a lot of multimillion-dollar improvements,” Ward said.

The new plan is expected to include consideration of new residential components, a move that is likely to meet with approval by younger generations who are clamoring to live in a

downtown, Ward added.

Downtown Northville has ranked a 98-percent walkability score because most daily needs — gym, grocery, dry cleaning, shopping and restaurants — are within walking distance. The plan includes potential types of downtown housing, as well.

The plan is also expected address supply, demand and market gaps in downtown Northville. It will include an inventory and analysis of the findings.

Redevelopment of vacant properties or those on the market will be discussed, as will a recommendation to possibly expand the DDA, whose boundaries are Dunlap Street to the north, Cady Street to the south, Wing Street to the west and Griswold Road to the east.

The current district boundaries, however, do not include areas such as the Old Village School on Main or Northville Downs, both properties with a focus on sale and redevelopment. A number of areas of potential

redevelopment either about the downtown district or are close, Ward said.

Other potential redevelopment projects could include the former Foundry Flash and the post office area.

“Our study area is larger than the DDA district,” Ward said. “We have included area ripe for redevelopment.”

The new plan is expected to address the economic landscape and demographics, such as increased diversity. In addition to consultants' work, the process includes a number of subcommittees, such as design, parking and marketing mix, including business retention and special events.

Amenities, such as parks, theaters and other entertainment and activities, are considered because they bring consumers into the downtown. The plan will also include information on how its recommendations will be completed, as well as costs, a time line and who will be involved, Ward said.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – PUBLIC HEARING

March 15, 2017 – 7:00 P.M.

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) has scheduled a public hearing for Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at the Northville Township Municipal Office Building, located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI. The ZBA will consider a variance request to Chapter 170, Article 21, Lighting Standards (LED luminaires - color temperature) for the Northville Township Police Department, located at 41600 Six Mile Road.

Written comments regarding these requests will be received by the ZBA at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168. The meeting will begin at 7:00 P.M.

Paul Slatin, Chair
Zoning Board of Appeals
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OFFICE CLOSING


The Charter Township of Northville Administrative Offices will be closed on Monday, February 20, 2017 in observance of Presidents' Day.

The offices will reopen at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 21, 2017.


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2017 BOARD OF REVIEW
WAYNE AND OAKLAND COUNTIES

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Review of the City of Northville, Wayne and Oakland Counties, will meet at the City Hall, 215 West Main Street, for the purpose of reviewing and adjusting the 2017 Assessment Rolls of the City of Northville on the following dates:

TUESDAY,	MARCH 7, 2017:	1:00 p.m. Administrative Meeting
MONDAY,	MARCH 13, 2017:	1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY,	MARCH 15, 2017:	1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Unless otherwise specified the dates above are for Public Hearings

Pursuant to Act 165 of 1971 and based on the proposed changes to assessed value for 2017, the Wayne and Oakland County Equalization Departments have set the following tentative equalization factors relative to the 2017 Real and Personal Property Assessments: **WAYNE COUNTY** - Commercial Real 1.00; Industrial Real 1.00; Residential Real 1.00; All Personal Property 1.00. **OAKLAND COUNTY** - Commercial Real 1.00; Industrial Real 1.00; Residential Real 1.00; All Personal Property 1.00.

Mail-in Petitions must be received by March 14, 2017 before 5:00 p.m. ALL TAXPAYERS wishing to petition their property's taxable value or assessment in person with the Board of Review will be seen by **APPOINTMENT ONLY. To ensure every appeal is heard it is requested that appointments be scheduled prior to Tuesday, March 7, 2017.** Please contact the City of Northville Tax Department at (248) 449-9901 for an appointment or with any questions you may have regarding your 2017 taxable or assessed value.

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Varsity dance team places in national competition

The Northville High School varsity competitive dance team represented its school in true showmanship at the UDA National Dance Championship at the ESPN Wide World of Sports in Orlando the weekend of Feb. 4. This was a first-time experience for the NHS varsity dance team that was formed in 2009.

The team placed fifth in the nation for its medium varsity jazz routine and 10th for medium varsity hip hop.

According to coach Sarah Benish, the teams Northville competed against were multi-year attendees that have placed in the top 10 on numerous occasions.

“So to come into this event as a ‘newbie’ and finish as well as we did, is really quite impressive,” she said. “Going into this event, we were hopeful that our jazz routine ‘Lean On Me’ would make it to the qualifying rounds to finals, as they had finished strong regionally at several area UDA competitions.”

The team was ecstatic when it was announced that both the hip hop and jazz routines were in the finals. Northville has officially put itself on the map at the national level, being placed as one of the top five teams in the nation.

Benish is a Northville High School graduate who has coached the varsity team for the past five years. She has 20 years of teaching experience, during which she has choreographed numerous dances that have won many overall awards at both the regional and national levels.

Varsity and JV dance teams were created to give students the opportunity to dance at a competitive level representing Northville High School, Benish said.

The varsity team competed at three regionals before heading to nationals. The team’s jazz routine has had numerous first-place finishes over the past two seasons and has also won several best choreography awards. Benish said that without parent involvement through the



Members of the Northville varsity competitive dance team include (sitting, from left) Amelia Sons, Molly Johnson, Julia Gessert, Nicole Dougan, Alysse Hanpeter, Sophia Lack, Lily Sheppard and Brynn Webber and (back, from left) Morgan Mahlebashian, Jamie Desai, Coach Sarah Benish, Lauren Yakima, Nicolette Orlando, Sonia Petrucci and Anna Koppin.

booster clubs over the years, it would have been very difficult to make this nationals trip finally come true.

This season, the dance team also performed at the Northville High School homecoming parade and pep rally, as well as numerous boys and girls basketball games. The team also held a dance clinic to give younger dancers in the community the opportunity to learn a dance routine they performed at the season end’s showcase. The showcase featured routines that varsity and JV performed throughout the season and also highlighted solos from the graduating seniors.

The booster club and

coach have put a strong emphasis on the importance of developing well-rounded athletes and leaders that give back to the community. Both the varsity and JV teams have volunteered this season at the Wicked and Kona Runs in Plymouth and also collected mittens, hats and scarves for the Northville Civic Concern.

Northville High School junior varsity coach Katy Pop had a successful season with her group of dancers. New to the program this year was the addition of the Northville Middle School dance team, made up of dancers from both Hillside and Meads Mill middle schools.

Following the impres-

sive finish at nationals, Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher notified the varsity team that it will be honored at an upcoming board meeting for its athleticism and achievements at the UDA National Dance Championship.

Northville’s performances from the UDA National Dance Championship will air at 10 a.m.

(hip hop) and 11 a.m. (jazz) Saturday, April 8, on ESPN.

Team members include: seniors Nicolette Orlando (captain), Jamie Desai, Nicole Dougan, Alysse Hanpeter and Morgan Mahlebashian; juniors Julia Gessert (co-captain), Sonia Petrucci (co-captain), Lily Sheppard (co-captain), Molly Johnson and Ame-

lia Sons; sophomores Brynn Webber and Lauren Yakima; and freshmen Anna Koppin and Sophia Lack.

Team members also dance at area dance studios, including Angie Hahn’s Academy of Dance, Gayle’s Dance Phase, Noretta Dunworth School of Dance, Piazza Dance Co. and Performers Edge.


DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Proposed Flood Hazard Determinations for the City of Northville, Wayne County, Michigan, and Case No. 16-05-6404P. The Department of Homeland Security’s Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) solicits technical information or comments on proposed flood hazard determinations for the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), and where applicable, the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report for your community. These flood hazard determinations may include the addition or modification of Base Flood Elevations, base flood depths, Special Flood Hazard Area boundaries or zone designations, or the regulatory floodway. The FIRM and, if applicable, the FIS report have been revised to reflect these flood hazard determinations through issuance of a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR), in accordance with Title 44, Part 65 of the Code of Federal Regulations. These determinations are the basis for the floodplain management measures that your community is required to adopt or show evidence of having in effect to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program. For more information on the proposed flood hazard determinations and information on the statutory 90-day period provided for appeals, please visit FEMA’s website at www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/fhm/bfe, or call the FEMA Map Information eXchange (FMIX) toll free at 1-877-FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627).

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS



Police Ballistic Vests

The Charter Township of Northville will receive sealed bids for **NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP POLICE BALLISTIC VESTS** according to the specifications of the Charter Township of Northville. A copy of the requirements and specifications may be obtained from the Northville Townships Clerk’s Department or on the Northville Township website: <http://www.twp.northville.mi.us> located under the “In the Spotlight” section on the home page.

Sealed proposals will be received until **3:00 P.M.** prevailing Eastern Standard Time, **Thursday, February 23, 2017** at which time bids will be opened and read. Proposals shall be addressed as follows and delivered to:

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Texas-style barbecue joint comes to Novi

Matt Jachman
hometownlife.com

Jay Roney spent 25 years as an information technology professional, but when he got caught in a downsizing about a year ago, he decided to change course.

Roney and his wife Michelle last month opened a Dickey's Barbecue Pit franchise on Grand River, the first in Novi and the ninth in Michigan.

Dickey's, based in Dallas and the largest barbecue franchise operation in the country, offers Texas-style slow-cooked barbecue in a fast-casual atmosphere.

"There's been a great response from the community," Jay Roney said by phone last week. "Everybody seems to be very excited that we're here."

The new Dickey's is on Grand River, east of Wixom Road. Roney said it offers diners a change from the fast-food restaurants that dominate the immediate area.

"Dickey's definitely brings a unique combination of fresh, tasty food and that quick dining experience that people seem to be looking for these days," Roney said.

Laura Rea Dickey, chief executive officers of Dickey's Barbecue Restaurants Inc., congratulated the Roneys in a press release.

"Dickey's is growing rapidly nationwide and



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Jay Roney, owner and operator of Novi's Dickey's Barbecue Pit, serves up some slow-roasted brisket to a lunchtime crowd. Dickey's, a Dallas-based chain, opened up its ninth Michigan location at 48975 Grand River. The restaurant specializes in slow-smoked pork, chicken and beef brisket.

we are proud to continue that expansion by opening our ninth location in Michigan," she said. (The closest Dickey's is on Five Mile, east of Sheldon, in Plymouth Township.)

Wanting to be his own boss and leaning toward the restaurant business, in which he had worked

earlier in life, Roney began researching his options about a year ago and settled on Dickey's. A visit to company headquarters in Dallas solidified his decision.

Later, he spent a month at Dickey's Barbecue University, where he received training in both



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Dickey's Barbecue Pit restaurant at 48975 Grand River in Novi.

its meats in-house, in a hardwood-fueled smoker (usually hickory at Roney's place), for optimal tenderness. In addition to the brisket, chicken, ribs, sausage and more, there are sides like mac and cheese, barbecue beans, slaw and potato salad.

Dickey's also offers catering for events small and large.

Roney worked in the restaurant business in college, as a bartender and a waiter, and enjoyed it. That was a factor, he said, in deciding last year

what kind of business to venture into.

"It's a different breed of people that tend to work in the restaurant business," he said. "High energy, a lot of fun, typically. People who enjoy life."

The Novi Dickey's is at 48975 Grand River and is open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. seven days a week. The phone number is 248-923-1227.

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Author to deliver talk on importance of reading

I am the parent of three sons. I made a lot of mistakes as a parent. One of the most important lessons that I learned as a parent is that there was a lot that I did not know. But, I discovered, there are people who can help me learn.

In my role as superintendent, I believe that it is important for me to connect people who know a lot about things that matter to our parents. One such occasion will happen 7-8:45 p.m. Wednesday, April 19.

That day, the Novi Public Library and the Novi Community School District are collaborating to bring Dr. Nell Duke to our district to talk with parents. Duke will be present to discuss her book "Beyond Bedtime Stories: A Parent's Guide to Promoting Reading, Writing, and Other Literacy Skills from Birth to Five."

Literacy – the ability to read and write – are critical skills for our students to learn. While formal education does



not start until kindergarten, there is a lot that parents can do to help their daughters and sons come to school prepared to develop their literacy skills. Duke will provide real concrete examples that parents can use to support the development of these important skills.

Working together, the school district and parents can form an incredible partnership that can support our students and help them develop the skills they will need to find success in school and beyond. Developing these skills is critically important and helps in many ways.

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higher math scores than their peers. Amazing — math scores improve if you read!

Students who read increase their vocabulary. Word knowledge helps students learn and understand. As students come to know and understand words, they have the ability to learn and understand the content of their classes. Reading is one of the keys to helping students do well in school.

The National Assessment of Educational Progress also reports that the scores of students on this national test improve based on the number of pages that a student reads each day. The act of reading every day improves their performance.

Scoring well on assessments, while important, is clearly not the most important outcome of developing strong literacy skills. Literacy skills provide our children the skills that they need to participate fully as a citizen in our com-

munities. Literacy skills help our students develop the ability to think critically, communicate clearly, analyze arguments and participate in our democracy.

I would encourage any parent to come April 19 and listen to Duke. Her book, "Beyond Bedtime

Stories: A Parent's Guide to Promoting Reading, Writing, and Other Literacy Skills from Birth to Five," is available at the Novi Public Library. I would encourage you to check out and read this book and then come listen to her. She will present and answer ques-

tions in the Novi Middle School Auditorium that evening.

I look forward to seeing you there.

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

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT 18.284 FOR A RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF NOVI ZONING ORDINANCE AT ARTICLE 3. ZONING DISTRICTS. SECTION 3.20. OST REQUIRED CONDITIONS; AND ARTICLE 3. ZONING DISTRICTS. SECTION 3.14. L-1 REQUIRED CONDITIONS; TO ALLOW ABOVE GROUND STORAGE TANK; AND ARTICLE 3. ZONING DISTRICTS. SECTION 3.18. OSC REQUIRED CONDITIONS; TO ALLOW OUTDOOR DISPLAYS IN CONNECTION WITH A PERMITTED GENERAL HOSPITAL USE.**

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing. The proposed text amendment is available for examination and review at the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Any written comments must be received by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, March 8, 2017.

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The Northville Township 2017 Board of Review will conduct hearings on the following dates for appeals from citizens, regarding the 2017 assessment, at the Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road. All appeals are by appointment. **Starting Friday, February 24, 2017 please call (248) 348-5811 to schedule an appointment. Letters of appeal must be received by 12:00 noon on March 18, 2017. Postmarks are not accepted.**

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Village Oaks Elementary School students line up next to the supplies they'll use to create smoothies with pedal power.

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Village Oaks Elementary School student Bianca Spencer pedals a "smoothie bike" at the school Feb. 7. Students at the school's lunch hours got to pedal the bike to create yogurt and fruit smoothies to enjoy. The treats, made by connecting the blender's blades with the force created by the bikers, were part of an effort by Chefs2Schools to provide some nutritious fun for the kids. Novi school district chef Donna O'Malley (right) oversaw the yummy creations.



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BOYS BASKETBALL

Novi stymies Mustangs' slowdown tactics, 35-24

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Two boys basketball teams met Friday night with a completely different idea about what the posted speed limit should be.

Host Novi wanted to go 70 mph, while Northville came out with a surprise plan to make it an orange barrel 25 mph game after losing the first meeting Jan. 20 between two rivals, 86-79.

But although Mustangs' stall tactics had their share of moments, the result didn't change

as the host Wildcats came through with a 35-24 victory on senior night.

"You look at the score the first quarter, I've never seen a 0-0 score," said Novi coach Brandon Sinawi, whose team improved to 12-4 overall and finished as KLAA Central Division champ at 10-0. "It's a first time for it. I'll add that to my playbook in terms of me coaching. We knew something was up, obviously. We thought that they might hold the ball. We've hung 89 (points) a couple of times this year and at their place we had 86 and we thought

they might try a different scheme ... we were up to the challenge tonight."

Novi had only three possessions during the opening quarter and missed two shots, while Northville had only one shot and turned it over once.

The scoreless deadlock finally ended with 6:34 left in the second quarter, on Traveon Maddox Jr.'s basket from inside the key.

And shortly after Sinawi went to his bench to insert speedy 5-foot-9 junior guard



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Novi's Trendon Hankerson tries to get a shot off between two Northville defenders.

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PREP FOOTBALL



Catholic Central's Tom Mach is calling it quits after 41 varsity seasons.

MACH CALLS IT A CAREER

Longtime Catholic Central football coach retires after 41 years, 370 victories

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Tom Mach said it was the right time. And so one of the three coaching giants of high school football in the state of Michigan decided last week to step down after 41 seasons at Detroit Catholic Central High School in Novi.

The 69-year-old Mach, who ranks third all time in the Michigan High School Athletic Association with a 370-97 record to go along with 10 state championships, said he had contemplat-

ed retirement for the past three years.

"You just get a little tired and I think also 41 years is a lot of time to be involved in a contest where there's a lot of expectations," Mach said. "So you're constantly dealing with this life the whole year and thinking about it the whole year. And as you get older, it does wear a little on you doing the various things over and over again, even though we have a great situation here at Catholic Central with great kids and great people and everything else. Each year, it seemed to be getting harder, harder

and harder. Competition is getting harder, coaches in the state coach better. Everything was leading to the fact that I'd like to take a break."

Under Mach, however, the Shamrocks never got tired of winning.

He ranks third, behind only former Birmingham Brother Rice coach Al Fracassa (430-117-7) and current Farmington Hills Harrison coach John Herrington (425-104-1), among state coaches in victories.

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BOYS HOCKEY

Northville topples top-ranked Brighton

Mustangs move up to No. 4 in state rankings

Tom Morelli
Correspondent

In life, there's a small list of natural phenomena that just can't be explained.

Since the calendar flipped to 2017, Northville (15-5-1 overall, 8-2-0 KLAA Central) has been on a 10-1 streak, earning it the No. 4 spot in the latest Michigan High School Hockey Coaches Association Division 1 poll.

The Mustangs have faced a murderer's row of elite competition along the way, beating the likes of Lake Orion (No. 7 in Division 1), Livonia Churchill (No. 4 in Division 2) and both Calumet and Houghton (Nos. 3 and 7 in Division 3).

But perhaps its most impressive victory came Friday when Northville pulled off a 3-2 upset over Brighton, the top-ranked team in Division 1.

To add to the mystique, it was the first loss in the conference for the Bulldogs (17-4-0, 9-1-0), who had just clinched the KLAA Central title.

"Brighton is a great team and we know that they're going to come with speed and block shots," Northville coach Clint Robert said. "It's been a big game that we've had circled on the calendar and it was important to our boys. We were committed to playing simple - getting pucks out, blocking shots, getting to the net and using our speed and I thought we did all those things well."

Senior forward Nick Bonofiglio got things rolling for the Mustangs in the first period by firing a one-timer off the face-off draw from linemate Ty Kilar with 1:07 remaining.

"I just pull it back and try

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Mustangs get job done vs. Wildcats

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After losing its season opener by a point to Dearborn, the Northville girls basketball express hasn't been stopped.

The Mustangs, despite second-half foul trouble, made it 15 wins in a row Friday with a hard-fought 50-41 win at rival Novi.

Novi (12-4, 7-3) led 14-9 after one quarter and 24-23 at halftime before Northville forged ahead with a 12-7 third-quarter run.

"We really didn't help ourselves offensively in the first half," Northville coach Todd Gudith said. "We struggled to score, especially around the rim. A lot of that is a credit to Novi's defense. They're the most aggressive team that we face all season, so we knew we'd have our hands fall. And anytime you play Novi, you know you're in for a battle."

The end of the third quarter proved pivotal after Novi's Cara Ninkovich split a pair of free throws with 1:21 left to pull the Wildcats even at 31-31.

With the Mustangs' top player, senior forward Jessica Moorman, going to the bench with her fourth foul on the play, Bryce Quick made a short shot with 45 seconds left. Roan Haines then scored with her opposite hand as time ran out to end the quarter, giving Northville a 35-31 cushion.

"It wasn't what we drew up in the timeout, but we'll take the result," Gudith said of Haines' third-quarter buzzer-beater. "But that's a huge momentum-lifter. It kind of deflates them defensively. They did a nice job on the play and sometimes you just get lucky."

Northville was inbounding the ball with 3.4 seconds when



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Northville's Bryce Quick (middle) tries to keep a rebound away from Novi's Julia Lalain (left).



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Novi's Anna Biberstein (left) fouls Northville's Brook Adams.

Haines got hung up on the baseline coming out of a timeout.

"We really messed it up off the (chalk) board," Haines said. "We just knew we had to get a shot off and I just threw it up. I love playing to my left every time."

In the pivotal fourth quarter, Northville held Novi a bay despite going scoreless for a three-minute stretch. Two

free throws by Moorman with 1:51 left made it a nine-point cushion, 45-36, and the Wildcats simply ran out of time for a late comeback.

"We knew they were going to come out strong," Haines said of the Wildcats. "They wanted revenge after last time (a 55-44 Northville win Jan. 20). We just wanted to keep our composure, keep playing our game, work better on help-side (defense), because they were going hard to the rim, and not try and foul as much."

Northville, after making only 6-of-22 first-half shots, made a concerted effort get the ball inside to open the second half.

"We had a little bit of a height advantage there," Gudith said. "But foul trouble got us. We had to sit Brook (Adams) for a little bit, then we had to sit Jess (Moorman) for a while. Credit to our kids on the floor. They were able to kind of weather a couple of runs by Novi to pull ahead."

The 6-foot Moorman, who went 6-of-6 at the line in the

fourth quarter, finished with a team-high 11 points. Haines added nine points, while Adams and Quick contributed eight and seven, respectively.

"Our post players have been doing great this season, Bryce (Quick) and Brook (Adams), and we knew we could feed them inside and they would go up strong and draw the fouls," Haines said.

Meanwhile, Novi's offense proved to be a two-player attack with junior point guard Ellie Mackay leading all scorers with 21 points and Ninkovich, a senior forward, contributing 12.

But the Wildcats shot only 14-of-50 from the floor (28 percent), while missing several chip shots inside.

"I think that was the story of the first game, too, but the first game we had a slow start," Novi coach Bill Kelp said. "And the other thing is is that they got the offensive boards. They extended the possessions and we had to play defense longer in a hot gym. They're long and that's the one thing we can't match up with, is that length."

Northville connected on 18-of-30 free throws (60 percent), while Novi was 16-of-22, with Mackay going 10-of-11.

"We're scrappers and we're going to play hard," Kelp said. "And that's what I'm proud of. I'm really proud of the girls. Northville is just a very, very good team. They've got a lot of depth. They can bring in ball-handler after ball-handler, but I still think the biggest thing is the length they have is what gets us the most."

The Kensington Lakes Activities Association playoffs were scheduled to begin Tuesday.

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NOVI

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Nik Williams in favor of 6-4 senior center Jonny Davis, some of the gridlock began to loosen up.

Williams hit an all-important three with 5:14 left in the half to make it 5-2 and Trendon Hankerson added four free throws in a row to push the lead to 9-2, after Northville finally got its first hoop from senior Jake Justice with 5:30 left.

Justice, who led all scorers with 17 points, then made a shot at the halftime buzzer to pull the Mustangs to within five, 9-4. But it wasn't a good quarter for the Mustangs in the possession-valued game as they committed four costly turnovers while trying to milk the clock.

During the third quarter, two triples by Williams, another three by Alec Bageris and a basket by Hankerson increased Novi's advantage to 20-7.

And by the time the fourth quarter rolled around, Northville had to open things up and was unable to play catch-up, despite outscoring the Wildcats, 17-15.

"We thought it was going to go up and down and play like they normally play," Williams said. "But when they started stalling the ball for, like, the first minute, it was, like, 'Are we going to have to play defense?' That was about it. So we just locked down and played defense and got the victory."

Sophomore guard Giovanni Miles led Novi with 10 points, while Williams added nine.

"We knew we had Nik to come in and defend," Sinawi said. "On the perimeter, he's even a tough kid to back down and he did a great job for us defensively."

Northville (9-7, 5-5) used seven players and went to the foul line only seven times. It took only nine shots through three quarters before going 6-of-15 in the fourth.

"Novi is so explosive," Northville coach Todd Sander said. "We wanted to slow the tempo and play some defense by playing offense. The guys really bought in. We liked where we were at the end of the (first) quarter. We got the last shot and the right look. Credit them, they made shots. (Williams), you've got to give somebody some open looks with Novi and he stepped up and hit them."

Williams took only three shots and made all three from beyond the arc.

"He's a special kid," Sinawi said. "All he knows is how to play. And sometimes for us, we just need a guy that comes in and just doesn't really have to think, just goes out there and plays and he did that tonight. He's done it all season for us and that's what is special about our team. We've got different guys that can step up on different nights and tonight was just his night."

Williams gave the Wildcats a much-needed lift when it seemed the game was in a hold-ing pattern.

"I'm usually a bench player who comes in and provides a lot of energy," he said. "Tonight was just a night where I had to dig down deep and do my best for the team, for our seniors. It was very difficult. We had to do hard defense, then switch, but I just thank God we won, won our division and we're 10-0."

Novi made 17-of-22 free throws and 7-of-18 shots from the floor, while only committing four turnovers.

"We accepted the challenge and our kids didn't waver," Sinawi said. "They didn't get frustrated, they didn't get down and they knew the time was going to come where they were going to have to come out and play us. We were patient; we preached it."

Although the stall tactics seemed like an experiment, Sander said it might prove beneficial when the KLAA playoffs and the state tourney kick off.

"It's something we wanted to look at," he said. "We got a lot of tournament games coming up and it's a good time to see exactly what we're made of and what our strengths are and what our weaknesses are in a situation like this."

Sander had no regrets in regards to implementing the slowdown, but he would have tweaked a few things if he had to do it all over again.

"We could have been a little more efficient getting the ball out of traps," he said, "but I have no complaints about guys and their effort or about anything that they did tonight."

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BOYS BASKETBALL

U-D Jesuit wraps up first place against CC

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University of Detroit-Jesuit wrapped up first place in the Catholic League's Central Division with a convincing 61-43 boys basketball victory Friday over visiting Novi Detroit Catholic Central.

Illinois-Chicago-bound Greg Eboigbodin, a 6-foot-9 senior center, led the state-ranked Cubs (12-3, 6-1) with 15 points.

Julian Dozier and Elijah Collins chipped in 11 and nine, respectively, as U-D led 31-16 at halftime and 47-27 after three quarters.

Catholic Central (10-5, 4-4) got a team-high 11 points from sophomore forward Davis Lukomski, while seniors C.J. Baird and Gio Genrich added seven apiece.

CC beat U-D Jesuit in an earlier meeting Jan. 24, 52-51.

LIGGETT 67, FRANKLIN ROAD 47: Anthony George poured in a game-high 30 points and Jackson Waikowiak added 25 Friday to lead Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett (7-7, 4-4) to a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division win over Novi Franklin Road Christian (2-13, 0-9).

The Warriors, unable to overcome a 31-15 halftime deficit, got 20 points from senior Rahmon Scruggs and 11 from freshman Mackenzy Blackwell.

Liggett was 8-of-18 from the foul line, while Franklin Road was 2-of-4.

DETROIT CC 75, GABRIEL RICHARD 43: Eleven different players scored Feb. 7 as host Novi Detroit Catholic Central (10-4) rolled to a victory over Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard (4-10) in an inter-sec-tional match-up of Catholic League foes.

Senior forward C.J. Baird led the Shamrocks with 15 points, while sophomore forward Davis Lukomski added 11 as CC bounced back from its 71-50 Central Division setback Feb. 3 against Warren DeLaSalle.

CC, which led 38-24 at halftime and 57-39 after three quarters, also got nine points apiece from A.J. Abdenour and Brandon Recto, along with eight from Christian Girgis.

The Fighting Irish (4-10) got a game-high 18 points from Andrew Kendzicky.

CC was 7-of-15 from the foul line, while Richard was 7-of-13.

NORTHVILLE 63, SOUTH LYON EAST 34: Senior guard Jake Justice scored 21 points and grabbed seven rebounds in just three quarters Feb. 7 as the host Mustangs (9-6, 5-4) cruised to a KLAA Central Division triumph over South Lyon East (3-12, 0-9).

Eleven of 13 Northville players scored as Colin Latta and Gustaf Tjernberg added eight and six, respectively.

Northville led 27-18 at halftime before going on a 17-8 third-quarter run, sparked by Justice's 10 points.

"Our guys did a nice job of competing in all phases tonight and it's always fun when everyone can get into the action," said Northville coach Todd Sander, whose team made 12-of-16 free throws.

DeMani Martin scored a team-high 12 points for the Cougars, who went 6-of-15 from the foul line.

INTER-CITY 67, FRANKLIN ROAD 47: Nate Perco scored 19 points and Cameron Hunter chipped in 17 as Allen Park Inter-City Baptist (3-11, 2-7) turned back Novi Franklin Road Christian (2-12, 0-8) in a MIAC Blue Division game Feb. 7.

Rahmon Scruggs scored a game-high 20 and Maxwell Holleman added 13 for the Warriors, who couldn't overcome a 28-11 halftime deficit.

Inter-City made 15-of-22 free throws, while Franklin Road hit just 11-of-24.

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Mustangs get past stingy East, clinch KLAA Division Central title

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It was yet another typical Northville girls basketball victory.

But this one took on added meaning as the Mustangs wrapped up their second straight KLAA Central Division title outright with a 39-26 win Feb. 7 over stubborn South Lyon East.

Northville, which improved to 14-1 overall and 9-0 in the Central, led by only two at half-time, 22-20, but ramped up its defense by holding the host Cougars to only six second-half points on 3-of-18 shooting.

"The biggest thing we talked about is just not stopping the drive, but also rotating over on the kids that were going back door on us," Northville coach Todd Gudith said. "And just really crowding them because, they like to shoot 3-point shots."

East (6-9, 4-5) was very good in the opening half, getting seven points from junior Mackenzie Mallory and six from freshman Lucy Cronin as the Cougars traded baskets with the Mustangs.

"East is capable of doing that," Gudith said. "They beat Novi early in the year and you can see why. They played a great first half against us. They were beating us back door and we weren't doing a good job defensively with our communication and our rotation. It was certainly a close game at half because of that."

But things quickly flipped in the third quarter as East went scoreless for more than seven minutes before Abby Jones made a layup to cut the deficit to 28-22.

"We had some good spacing on the kids were moving it, moving together and I think our possessions were longer. We made them play defense longer, but things changed then," East coach Rob Leadley said. "I think we only had four or five turnovers the first half and we had 10 or 11 in the second half. You can't turn it over against a team like that. There's a reason why they only have one loss and are ranked 11th in the state or something. They're a good team."

Despite some shaky free-throw shooting (6-of-16), Northville put it away by outscoring the Cougars 11-4 in the fourth quarter.

It was the Mustangs' length inside that bothered East the most.



DAWN PETZ
South Lyon East's Rachel Warnanauckas (left) drives on Northville defender Jasmin Prince.

PREP SKIING



Northville's Elise Daniel competes in the Mt. Brighton High School Skiing Association meet Feb. 9.

JEFF DANIEL

South Lyon boys Mt. Brighton champs

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The South Lyon United boys emerged as the overall winner for the Mt. Brighton High School Skiing Association 2017 season.

Based on the regular season standings, as well as the divisional race Feb. 9, SLU finished first, with Brighton and Novi Detroit Catholic Central second and third, respectively.

In the divisional meet at Mt. Brighton, the host Bulldogs took first with 35 points, followed by South Lyon (84) and CC (105).

Top finishers for South Lyon in slalom included Brendan Clancy (third, 39.28), Jake Roush (seventh, 31.04), Evan Leslie (12th, 43.12) and Joe Hughes (14th, 43.58).

CC's leaders included Sawyer Reed (fifth, 40.46); Blake Rickert (10th, 41.54), Shane Moir (13th, 43.20) and Conrad

Clancy leads the way with victory in giant slalom event and third place in slalom

Crowley (18th, 44.28).

Northville, ninth overall in slalom, was led by Sam Stevens (25th, 47.26) followed by David Moore (38th, 53.94) and Kyle Morris (40th, 56.37).

Clancy (33.29) captured giant slalom, followed by Dominic Santoni (ninth, 34.43), Roush (14th, 35.13) and Ryan Francis (24th, 36.86).

CC's top four GS scorers included Rickert (11th, 34.96), Reed (13th, 35.07), Ernst (15th, 35.27) and Mori (20th, 36.04).

Northville, eighth as a team in the GS, was led by Stevens (25th, 37.0), Harrison Zoltowski (31st, 37.48), Morris (39.16) and Ben McHugh (47th, 41.22).

Birmingham girls first

The MBHSSA girls overall champion was Birmingham,

taking giant slalom in 33.72.

Aulicino led SLU in GS (ninth, 36.88) followed by Paulsen (22nd, 39.35), Bidwell (23rd, 39.37) and Auner (24th, 39.70).

Northville's top GS finishers included Gruschow (17th, 38.87), Daniel (18th, 38.95), Meghan Davis (29th, 41.62) and Serena Wang (33rd, 41.96).

"Well this was a race day, cold temps and fast skiing," Northville first-year coach Kyle Moir said. "Overall, I think every athlete gave it their best and we had some good combined results. There were a few DQs, but that was based on pushing the envelope, which is what ski racing is all about. I would like to congratulate Elise Daniel for qualifying to SEMSL championship (Feb. 21) based on her slalom result. This is a great achievement."

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PREP SKIING

Lakeland boys are champs

Eagles place first at Alpine Valley

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White Lake Lakeland continued its winnings ways Feb. 9 by capturing the 10-school Southeast Michigan Ski League Alpine Valley Division championship for the second straight year.

The Eagles, who also won the regular season with a 9-0 record, scored 28 points, followed by Novi (25), Hartland (23), Walled Lake Northern (22), Birmingham Brother Rice (22), Milford (18), West Bloomfield (16), Walled Lake Central (14), Orchard Lake St. Mary's (12) and Walled Lake Western (10).

In slalom, Lakeland scored 18 points, led by sophomore Tommy McCarthy, second; senior captain Brennan Holton, fourth; junior Drew Massey, fifth; and junior Dillon Massey, seventh. Freshman Zach Massey also finished strong with 10th place overall, giving Lakeland five of the top 10 places.

"The boys were so strong in slalom on very tough courses that a lot of other teams lost top skiers in," Lakeland coach Sue Swiberg said. "The depth of this team was stunning, even though our top slalom skier went down on his second run. It was teamwork coming to a peak for the year."

In the afternoon giant slalom, Lakeland scored 30 points, led by freshman James Wenzloff, who took first and the gold medal, followed by Dillon Massey (eighth), Holton (ninth) and McCarthy (12th).

Novi point scorers in slalom included Ross O'Donnell (third), Jack Grove (sixth), Nate Wood (eighth) and Mitch Goodman (18th).

Grove led the Wildcats with sixth in GS, followed by Goodman (11th), O'Donnell (15th) and Wood (26th).

Milford's top slalom finishers included junior Nolan Bailey (12th), senior co-captain Alex Staman (14th), freshman Blake Kerwin (15th) and Logan Wozniak (29th).

In GS, Bailey was fourth, followed by Kerwin (18th), Staman (19th) and Wozniak (47th).

Milford girls fourth

In the SEMSL Alpine Valley Division girls meet Feb. 9, Birmingham Marian defeated Livonia Ladywood-Bloomfield Hills Academy of Sacred Heart for first place in the tiebreaker after the teams both scored 26 points, also based on the dual meet season.

Rounding out the field was Walled Lake Northern (24), Milford (23), Lakeland (20), Walled Lake Central (19), Novi (13), Walled Lake Western (11) and Hartland (10).

Milford's top finishers in slalom included junior captain Morgan Watts (third), senior co-captain Jordan Misaros (seventh), sophomore Sierra Staman (47th) and sophomore Whitney Malkowski (50th).

Watts was division champion in GS, followed by sophomore Alex Youngblood (ninth), Misaros (11th) and Staman (26th).

Top four finishers for Lakeland in slalom were sophomore Katie White (15th), sophomore Olivia Racine (17th), freshman Angela Salmeto (18th) and sophomore Jade Schanen (27th).

In GS, the Eagles were led by White (eighth), senior captain Ashley Wigton (13th), Racine (17th) and junior Sarah Armstrong (27th).

Novi's four scorers in the slalom were Julia Braeuner (20th), Hanna McBride (26th), Sophie Krueger (39th) and Eyda Gu (40th).

Ashley Jamison led Novi with 20th in GS, followed by Lauren Wheat (40th), Braeuner (47th) and McBride (49th).

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BOYS HOCKEY ROUNDUP

Shamrocks complete weekend sweep with shutout

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Carter Korpi scored twice Saturday as host Novi Detroit Catholic Central posted a 4-0 non-league boys hockey victory over Grandville at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth.

The second-ranked Shamrocks, winners of six of their last seven, improved to 15-6-1 overall while holding the Bulldogs to nine shots on goal.

After a scoreless opening period, Korpi got CC on the board at 9:03 of the second period, assisted by Spencer Kimball and Zachary Sprys-Tellner.

Kory McCullough made it 2-0 at 13:44 of the same period, assisted by Sprys-Tellner and

Mitch Morris.

Korpi then added a power-play goal at 7:10 of the third from Rylan Clemmons and Morris to give CC a three-goal cushion. Michael Considine capped the scoring at 12:00, from Jared Lee and Brendan West.

CC goalie Sean Finstrom made nine saves to earn the shutout, while Alex Whitmore had 26 saves for the Bulldogs (10-8).

NORTHVILLE 3, SALEM 1: The Mustangs (16-5-1, 9-2 KLA Central) overcame a 1-0 first-period deficit Saturday to beat the host Rocks (10-9-1, 5-5-1 KLA South) in a Kensington Conference crossover at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Joey Driscoll got Salem on the board with 19 seconds remaining in the opening period, assisted by Colin Goleniak and Matthew Schaumburger.

Northville's Danny Scorzo tied it just 45 seconds into the second period, with assists to Nick Bonofiglio and Daniel McKee.

Luke Skillman then scored what proved to be the game-winner with 5:21 left in the third, assisted by Ty Kilar and Bonofiglio.

Nick Bogenhagen's even-strength goal from Shane Bryans and Skillman put the game away with 2:28 remaining.

"After a bit of a hangover after the first period from our game the night before, I thought the boys dug down deep and really started to play well the last two periods," Northville coach Clint Robert said. "Luke Skillman turned 18 today, had the game-winner and also got a big cut over his eye. I was say that was a pretty cool birthday for him."

Northville goalie Brett Miller made 29 saves, while Salem's Matt Visel and Tristan Rehling combined for 25.

DETROIT CC 3, STEVENSON 1: Livonia Stevenson (13-9) got on the board first, but Novi Detroit Catholic Central scored (14-6-1) scored three unanswered goals to earn a non-league victory Friday at USA Hockey's Olympic Rink in Plymouth.

The five-time defending state champion Shamrocks fell behind 1-0 at 3:11 of the opening period on Kyle Lynch's power-play goal from Logan Dunham and Connor Jakacki.

CC's Spencer Kimball tied it at 11:12 of the same period, with Ethan Ervin drawing the assist.

The Shamrocks took the lead for keeps, 2-1, at 13:33 of the second period on Brendan West's goal from Michael Considine.

Zachary Sprys-Tellner added an empty-netter with only 40 seconds remaining to seal the win.

CC goalie Sean Finstrom made 16 saves, while Will Traggie made 18 stops for Stevenson, ranked No. 5 in Division 2.

CANTON 4, NOVI 3 (OT): Paul Maurer's goal with 2:48 left in overtime Friday gave the host Chiefs (5-13-1, 1-9 KLA South) a Kensington Conference crossover victory over the Wildcats (9-11-2, 5-5-2) at the Arctic Edge.

Hugo Fonovic and David Gunnis both added a goal and assist, while Brendan Kacic scored the game-tying goal with only 37 seconds left in regulation.

Novi's Zach Perlich finished with a hat trick, while Evan Chippa and David DeNova both added two assists. Cam Czapski also drew an assist.

BRIGHTON 7, NOVI 2: Will Jentz, Drew Daavettie and Adam Conquest each scored a pair of goals Feb. 7, leading the top-ranked Bulldogs (18-4, 10-0) to a KLA Central Division win over visiting Wildcats (9-10-2, 5-4-2) at the Kensington Valley Ice House.

The Bulldogs handed injury-riddled Novi its fifth straight loss.

Jake Crespi also added a goal and two assists, while Sam Brennan collected three assists for the Bulldogs, who led 1-0 after one period and 5-2 after two. Keith Wikman chipped in two assists.

Novi got a short-handed goal and one assist from Zach Perlich, while Ryan Fonda had the other goal. Nathan Graff also drew an assist.

Logan Neaton went all the way goal for the Bulldogs, while Manny Legace Jr. was in net for Novi.

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HOCKEY

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to rip it as hard as I can," Bonofiglio said. "I have three or four goals just off that face-off and the goalies haven't been in the right position and have been leaving the high left side open."

Brighton answered in the second period, scoring two goals in a four-minute span.

With the man advantage, senior forward Ben Peterson worked the puck behind the net before centering a pass in front for Spencer Gehres at the 15:06 mark.

The next came at 11:18, as

junior defenseman Brody White began the charge from the defensive zone, passing the puck to senior forward Jake Crespi. As he skated past into Northville territory, Crespi made a cross-ice pass to Peterson for the finish over goaltender Brett Miller.

The Mustangs were able to tie it at 2-2 halfway through the period on a rebound shot by junior forward Devin Laba.

The closing minutes turned out to be the most compelling, with Brighton being down a skater due to a cross-checking call.

Northville managed to convert the power-play opportunity with just two seconds left in the penalty, courtesy of Bono-

figlio going stick-side against goaltender Logan Neaton to score his second game-winner in as many games. Earning assists were junior forward Jimmy Dales and Kilar.

"Bonofiglio is a power forward and reminds me of (Brendan) Shanahan a little bit with a good shot," Robert said. "We've been trying to convince Bonofiglio that, if he hits the net, he's going to score. He's been hitting the net and scoring a lot and he's been huge for us. It's not just on the offensive side - he does a nice job on the defensive side, too, by blocking shots. He's a solid, all-around player for us."

Despite regaining their lead, it was anything but

smooth skating for the Mustangs in the waning moments, as a cross-checking call, coupled with Brighton pulling its goalie, made it a six-on-four for the final 1:36.

The Bulldogs put together one last drive in the final 10 seconds, but a shot from between the face-off circles bounced off the post to help preserve Northville's win.

"I think it was an up-and-down game and Northville played really well and deserved the win this game," Brighton coach Paul Moggach said. "We battled, but it wasn't enough tonight."

Miller had 24 stops to his credit, compared to a 19-save performance by Neaton.

BOYS SWIMMING

Novi senior Murphy breaks another record

Wildcats top Stevenson to cap 11-0 dual season

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Another meet, another record for Novi's Camden Murphy. The senior eclipsed Livonia Stevenson's pool record in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 52.42 as the Wildcats capped an 11-0 dual meet season with a 112-74 win Feb. 9 over the host Spartans.

Murphy, who signed with the University of Georgia, also won the 200 freestyle (1:43.28) and



Murphy

Berman, Alexander Yuan and Siddhardha Kareddy were clocked in 1:31.28, while the 400 freestyle relay quartet of Philip Billiu, Berman, Maxwell Williams and Murphy also won

helped the KLAACentral Division champion Wildcats to a pair of relay victories.

The 200 freestyle relay team of Murphy, Joey Berman, Alexander Yuan and Siddhardha Kareddy were clocked in 1:31.28, while the 400 freestyle relay quartet of Philip Billiu, Berman, Maxwell Williams and Murphy also won

in 3:21.40.

Billiu added individual wins in the 50 freestyle (22.79) and 100 butterfly (55.53), while teammate Jack McClure took the 1-meter diving (194.24 points).

Stevenson (4-2, 2-2) got individual wins from Adam Goeddeke, 100 freestyle (49.93); Benjamin Rojewski, 500 freestyle (4:59.75); and Nolan O'Dowd and Hans Anderson, who tied in the 100 breaststroke (1:06.03 each).

The Spartans' other win came in the 200 medley relay as Parker Wasielewski, O'Dowd, Connor Beck and Goeddkke were clocked in 1:41.77.

DUAL MEET RESULTS NOVI 112, LIVONIA STEVENSON 74 Feb. 9 at Stevenson

200-yard medley relay: 1. Stevenson (Parker Wasielewski, Nolan O'Dowd, Connor Beck, Adam Goeddeke), 1:41.77; 2. Novi (Phillip Billiu, Daniel Chung, Siddhardha Kareddy, Maxwell Williams), 1:42.36; 3. Novi (Erik Halboth, Alexander Yuan, Preston Harrel, Minjae Kim), 1:45.84.

200 freestyle: 1. Murphy (N), 1:43.28; 2. Benjamin Rojewski (LS), 1:48.86; 3. Brian Son (N), 1:54.53.

200 individual medley: 1. Joey Berman (N), 2:03.04; 2. Yuan (N), 2:04.61; 3. Kim (N), 2:11.44.

50 freestyle: 1. Billiu (N), 22.79; 2. Goeddeke (LS), 23.05; 3. Kareddy (N), 23.28.

1-meter diving: 1. Jack McClure (N), 194.24

points; 2. Benjamin Wicks (N), 152.93; 3. Victor Huang (LS), 138.83.

100 butterfly: 1. Billiu (N), 55.53; 2. Son (N), 55.60; 3. Williams (N), 58.87.

100 freestyle: 1. Goeddeke (LS), 49.93; 2. Berman (N), 50.28; 3. Wasielewski (LS), 1:50.63.

500 freestyle: 1. Rojewski (LS), 4:59.75; 2. Benjamin LaPorte (LS), 5:05.25; 3. Harrell (N), 5:07.90.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Novi (Murphy, Berman, Yuan, Kareddy), 1:31.28; 2. Stevenson (Beck, Gabe Curtis, Luke Santi, Goeddeke), 1:33.67; 3. Novi (Joel Kotyk, Son, Max Robbins, Stephen Sittari), 1:35.99.

100 backstroke: 1. Murphy (N), 52.42 (pool record); 2. Wasielewski (LS), 56.36; 3. Bryan Reppenhausen (LS), 58.89.

100 breaststroke: 1. (tie) O'Dowd (LS) and Hans Anderson (LS), 1:06.03; 3. Yuan (N), 1:06.13.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Novi (Billiu, Berman, Williams, Murphy), 3:21.40; 2. Stevenson (Curtis, Santi, Rojewski, Wasielewski), 3:29.55; 3. Novi (Son, Robbins, Kotyk, Kim), 3:31.64.

Dual meet records: Novi, 11-0 overall, 4-0 KLAACentral Division (clinched title); Stevenson, 4-2 overall, 2-7 KLAACentral.

PREP TENNIS

Novi's Hanson nets Hall of Fame honor

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To say Novi High's Jim Hanson is an ambassador for the sport of tennis would be a gross understatement.

Hanson, who was among four recently inducted into 2017 Michigan High School Tennis Coaches Association Hall of Fame, has not only demonstrated longevity, but immense success as well during the past 47 years, as he has coached a total of 71 boys and girls teams.

On hand for the induction ceremony Feb. 3 at the Troy Marriott were a contingent Hanson's current and former players, along with assistant coaches Dan Lowes and Chris Hayward.

"It was a very, very special for me receive that," said Hanson, a Northville resident. "Having all the kids there at the banquet that night really made for a very special evening."

Also in attendance was one of Hanson's biggest supporters in Novi athletic director Brian Gordon.

"Jim is entering his 47th season of coaching high school tennis," Gordon said. "He constantly serves as a mentor to our entire coaching staff, along with myself as the athletic director. It always impresses me in how a person can do what he's done for so long and always keep in mind the integrity of what he is trying to accomplish in terms of what educational athletics should look like. He has made the difference in so many lives, thousands of kids that have wandered through his classroom or wandered across the tennis courts (for) nearly a half-century, (that) is remarkable. I could not be more honored to be affiliated, associated with the man. He's one of



Former and current Novi tennis players turned out for Jim Hanson's induction ceremony.

the best coaches I've ever seen."

Hanson continues to put together an impressive coaching resume.

In 14 boys seasons at Livonia Clarenceville and the last 23 (and counting) at Novi, Hanson has compiled a 288-139-10 dual match record.

His Novi boys teams have captured two MHSAA Division 1 state championships (2014 and '15) and placed runner-up twice (2012 and '13). The Wildcats have qualified for 15 state finals while achieving 10 top five finishes to go along with eight regional crowns.

Also with the boys, he has been named MHSTeCA Coach of the Year twice (2002 and '12) and Regional Coach of the Year nine times. His Novi boys have also earned MHSTeCA academic all-state honors 18 consecutive years, with a cumulative grade-point average of 3.72.

Meanwhile, his overall girls dual match record, including his first two seasons at Clarenceville (1973-74) is 296-103-12 and includes 15 state finals appearances and five top five

finishes, along with five regional crowns.

In 2006, Hanson was named MHSTeCA Girls Coach of the Year and has been Regional Coach of the Year for girls 10 times. The Novi girls have also been academic all-state 17 straight season with a 3.77 G.P.A.

Hanson has been a regional tournament manager 24 times (13 boys and 11 girls), along with running 31 invitationals. He has served two times on the MHSAA tennis committees (2011 and '12) and is a frequent attendee at the Detroit Tennis Workshops.

In 2006, he was honored as the Michigan High School Coaches Association Coach of the Year.

When he started coaching boys tennis in 1970 at Clarenceville, Hanson probably never imagined he'd be joining the likes of the inaugural MHSTeCA Hall of Fame class of 1986, which included Bob Wood (Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett), who started the tennis coaches organization, Jerry and Jean Hoxie (Hamtramck), and Dwayne "Tiger" Teusink (Holland)

"When I was growing up, they were the big coaches around, so this is pretty special," Hanson said.

Hanson is a graduate of Central Michigan University and completed his master's in chemistry from Eastern Michigan University. He has also coached football, basketball and golf at the high school level. He taught both A.P. chemistry and earth science at both Clarenceville and Novi.

He took over the Novi girls tennis program in 1984 and later the boys program in 1995.

"He's really meant a lot to this school and everything he's done," Gordon said. "The one thing that's been consistent at this school is who you're going to play in tennis, who the coach is. And he's brought this program to when it was a farming community, with wire tennis nets, to where it is now, a state contender with a state-of-the-art facility. But the one thing that has never changed is Jim Hanson."

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BOYS SWIMMING

Rocks sink against Northville

Nitkiewicz wins two races in division finale

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Northville wrapped up its regular season boys swimming and diving season Feb. 9 at home with a 103-75 dual meet triumph over Salem.

The Mustangs, who finished 9-2 overall and 3-1 in the KLAACentral Division, were sparked by Travis Nitkiewicz, who swept the 200- and 500-yard freestyles in 1:50.25 and 4:57.51, respectively.

Other individual first-place finishers for the Mustangs were Trevor Degroot, 200 individual medley (2:04.87); Thomas Rys, 1-meter diving (181.45 points); and Kirk Maibach, 100 freestyle (48.81).

Northville's 200 medley relay team of Arthur Greenlee, Nikolai Arton, Jason Nitkiewicz and Kirk Maibach was first (1:40.53) as was its 200 freestyle relay team of Kirk Maibach, Arton, Cameron Heaven and Craig Maibach (1:32.72).

"We did about what I would expect for the last dual meet of the season, which wasn't much," said Northville coach Rich Bennetts, who got one-two-three sweeps in the 200 IM, diving and 100 freestyle. "We did have a couple of guys like Travis Nitkiewicz, Craig Maibach and Michael Alameddine, who had some nice swims. Now we just have to pick the (Kensington) conference team, rest them up and see what we have in two weeks. Hopefully, we will stay healthy and positive and swim fast when we need to."

Eugene Li paced Salem (2-4, 0-4) with victories in the 50 freestyle (22.11) and 100 butterfly (55.24). The Rocks also got wins from Phillip Collingwood (100 backstroke, 1:02.77) and Henry Zhou (400 breaststroke, 1:15.9).

Salem's 400 freestyle relay team of Li, Nathan Budnick, Stephan Freitag and Collingwood also took first (3:26.6).

DUAL MEET RESULTS NORTHVILLE 103, SALEM 75 Feb. 9 at Northville

200-yard medley relay: 1. Northville (Arthur Greenlee, Nikolai Arton, Jason Nitkiewicz, Kirk Maibach), 1:40.53; 3. Northville (Orion Shi, Haotian Jiang, John Duan, Jacob Grimmer), 1:47.18.

200 freestyle: 1. Travis Nitkiewicz (N), 1:50.25; 2. Taiyo Ichikawa (N), 1:53.33.

200 individual medley: 1. Trevor Degroot (N), 2:04.87; 2. J. Nitkiewicz (N), 2:05.28; 3. David Alameddine (N), 2:13.4.

50 freestyle: 1. Eugene Li (S), 22.11; 2. Greenlee (N), 23.23; 3. Craig Maibach (N), 23.69.

1-meter diving: 1. Thomas Rys (N), 181.45 points; 2. Pranav Kateri (N), 160.30; 3. Nolan Thaxton (N), 146.55.

100 butterfly: 1. Li (S), 55.24; 2. Degroot (N), 56.54; 3. Ali Pazooki (N), 58.99.

100 freestyle: 1. K. Maibach (N), 48.81; 2. Cameron Heaven (N), 51.86; 3. C. Maibach (N), 52.15.

500 freestyle: 1. Travis Nitkiewicz (N), 4:57.51; 2. Ichikawa (N), 5:06.83.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Northville (K. Maibach, Arton, Heaven, C. Maibach), 1:32.72; 2. Northville (Jiang, Degroot, J. Nitkiewicz, Ichikawa), 1:36.07.

100 backstroke: 1. Phillip Collingwood (S), 1:02.77.

100 breaststroke: 1. Henry Zhou (S), 1:15.9.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Salem (Li, Nathan Budnick, Stephan Freitag, Collingwood), 3:26.63.

Dual meet records: Northville, 9-2 overall, 3-1 KLAACentral Division; Salem, 2-4 overall, 0-4 KLAACentral.

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YOUTH HOCKEY

MAHA ruling ices Compuware girls squads

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A year ago, players from Compuware's girls hockey Tier 1 team sat in the front row at a press conference announcing the 2017 International Ice Hockey Federation Women's World Championship.

But when those games are played March 31 through April 7 at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth, the Compuware team won't even exist anymore — except for postseason awards banquets — thanks to a recent reduction of Tier 1 (AAA) girls programs for 2017-18, announced by Michigan Amateur Hockey Association.

MAHA awarded Tier 1 status for next season to four organizations — Honeybaked, Little Caesars, Belle Tire and West Michigan Elite (Meijer AAA) — but shut out the Compuware girls program.

Compuware's Tier 1 boys program is good to go for 2017-18, also playing at USA Hockey Arena. There are eight boys Tier 1 programs slated for next season.

"They had to shrink the top level to help grow the girls hockey (at lower levels)," said Mike Henry, USA Hockey Arena's director of youth hockey. "MAHA had a tough decision and they selected four great organizations. It's unfortunate Compuware didn't get one. But the four they did award are well-deserving of it."

At the root of MAHA's decision, Henry explained, is the desire to comply with USA

Hockey's "20-percent rule" recommendation, where no more than one-fifth of all girls players play at the Tier 1 level (19U, 16U, 14U).

The goal is for the younger levels to be more balanced and competitive and ensure girls don't burn out too quickly on the sport.

"It's the right thing to grow hockey," Henry said. "It's going to get (equal) competition. So instead of seeing games that are 10-0, 11-0, 12-0, you're going to push even competition."

"You're going to see the Tier 1 levels be more competitive in the scores and (at) the Tier 2 levels, there will be more competition that will, hopefully, retain girls in the game and make other girls who haven't tried hockey be more interested in playing."

Jean Laxton, MAHA vice president for girls/women's hockey, said the change is designed to "maintain a high standard of play at Tier 1 and prevent the dilution of Tier 1 hockey. We also hope that it will increase the growth and competition of Tier 2 teams and offer more opportunities for girls to have age-appropriate training, where they can develop by playing at the right competitive level."

Partnership

Henry said Compuware still had the chance to field Tier 2 teams, but instead opted to steer younger girls to Livonia Hockey Association's program at Eddie Edgar Arena. He added that Compuware and the LHA have successfully been partnering this season

at the Tier 2 level.

"Compuware decided that if we field a Tier 2, we'd be competing with Livonia, our partner," Henry said. "So we're encouraging our (Tier 1) girls to either go try out for one of the other four organizations and, if you don't make it, go to Livonia (for Tier 2)."

"Compuware is going to continue to support girls hockey — by helping our Livonia partner."

USA Hockey Arena will continue to house a recreation program for girls and boys, as well as a learn to play program (for girls only).

"But as they elevate through the ranks, we're going to suggest they move on to Livonia," Henry said.

About 70 girls are being displaced due to the MAHA ruling, including Livonia's Katie Nowak, a goalie for the Compuware 12U team.

Her dad, Jim Nowak, also assistant coach for his daughter's team, said the MAHA ruling to downsize at the Tier 1 level is somewhat of a head-scratcher.

"While I understand MAHA and USA Hockey's direction in why they decided this, it's still hard to see how this will improve girls/women's hockey in Michigan," Nowak said. "They are basically taking 68 girls that play hockey at Compuware and making them find new teams. Some definitely will move on to other teams, but they will definitely lose some girls to the game entirely, especially at the older ages."

"I have heard this comment from girls, not just on the 12U team, but older girls on the

12-19U teams. Growth of hockey interest starts at a much younger age."

Nowak, meanwhile, is optimistic that his daughter will find a way to keep going down the hockey path.

"Katie will have to compete for new teams and earn her spot on those teams," Nowak said. "Not a bad thing at all, just saw a different path at Compuware and (that's) why we came to Compuware in the first place."

"Her growth and development cannot be tied to one team or one path."

Still a big deal

Henry scoffed at the notion that it was poor timing for Compuware's top girls teams to effectively lose a spot at the table right before the very international women's tournament they helped promote (at the February 2016 press conference) takes place.

"I don't think it's unfortunate timing, because Compuware is still going to support the event. All girls hockey in Michigan is going to have the opportunity to be around this event," Henry said about the 2017 IIHF Women's World Cup. "So it's more ... the event is bigger than Compuware and USA Hockey Arena. The event's Michigan."

"To have such a big event come to the state, it doesn't matter where the girls play, they're going to get a chance to experience it. It doesn't matter if you're from Compuware, Livonia, Honeybaked, Belle Tire, everyone's going to get to come to USA Hockey Arena to experience it."

PREP WRESTLING



Catholic Central's Dane Flynn (right) decisioned Plymouth's Ethan Shulaw in the 189-pound finals, 7-3.

Shamrocks qualify 14 for individual regional tourney

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It was a dominating week, to say the least, for the Novi Detroit Catholic Central wrestling team.

The host Shamrocks captured their MHSAA Division 1 team district Feb. 8 with an 83-0 win over Walled Lake Western.

On Saturday, top-ranked CC captured 10 of the 14 weight classes at the Livonia Churchill individual district while advancing 14 to the upcoming Saline regional (Feb. 18).

"I'm excited. I thought the guys wrestled well," CC coach Mitch Hancock said. "Anytime you have 14 finalists, that's a good thing. I thought we could have scored more points in our semifinal match-ups. I think those guys were a little tentative in those match-ups. But I thought we opened it up a little bit in the finals and did a nice job."

CC's five defending state champions all won district titles: Nick Jenkins (285), Ben Kamali (112), Kevin Davenport (130), Cam Amine (145) and Ty Morland (171).

The Shamrocks also got individual titles from Devon Johnsen (103), Derek Gilcher (119), Stone Moscovic (125), Dane Flynn (189) and Jackson Ross (215).

Two of those championship finals pitted CC wrestlers one another as Kamali decisioned teammate Rhett Newton, 11-5, while Morland pinned Easton Turner in 41 seconds.

"I thought Rhett Newton is a really good wrestler and he wrestled Ben Kamali, a return-

ing state champ, and did a really nice job," Hancock said. "The third period, the match got away from (Newton) a little bit, but I liked his intensity and liked the way he wrestled."

CC wrestlers captured the first seven weight classes before Canton's Justin Winnie edged Dearborn Fordson's Hamze Mrech, 7-5, in the 135-pound final.

At 140, Livonia Stevenson's Tarik Alcodray decisioned CC's Joe Urso, 3-0, while Livonia Franklin's Nathan Atienza, a returning state champ, ran his record to 51-1 in the 152-pound final by pinning CC's Aiden Wagh in 5:02.

Novi senior Lincoln Cleary (160) also came home with a title after a hard-fought 2-0 decision against Canton's Christopher Little, raising his record to 31-9.

"It's good to see Lincoln Cleary finally come out with district championship," Novi sixth-year coach Joel Smith said. "He's worked real hard, proud of the kid and he's come a long way. He won the Lakeland tournament, he was runner-up at Observerland. He didn't wrestle at Walled Lake Northern, but he's had a nice season this year, so it's good to see him come out with a championship today. He works hard."

Novi's other three regional qualifiers were third-place finisher Matt George (135) and fourth-place finishers Corey Grassmeyer (171) and Chase Sparling (189).

"It's been a few years since Novi has had four regional qualifiers and I'm proud of all four of these guys today,"

Smith said. "They did a nice job."

Northville freshman Nicholas Gattoni (130) also made it through with a fourth-place finish. He is 32-21 on the year.

Franklin, which hosted the meet, had three others reach the finals in addition to Atienza. The Patriots will send eight to the Saline regional.

MHSAA DIVISION 1 INDIVIDUAL DISTRICT TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS Feb. 11 at Livonia Churchill

215 pounds: Jackson Ross (Novi Detroit Catholic Central) decisioned Emmanuel Willie (Livonia Franklin), 5-2; **third place:** Tyler Whiteside (Livonia Stevenson) dec. Parker Novak (Stevenson), 2-1 (2 overtimes).

285: Nick Jenkins (Detroit CC) p. Zach Lohrmann (Plymouth), 1:14; **third:** Jake Swirpie (Franklin) dec. Devin Visnav (Franklin), 6-5.

103: Devon Johnsen (Detroit CC) dec. Aaron Garcia (Dearborn), 6-0; **third:** Mojahid Ahmed (Dearborn) won by technical fall over Russ Rusnell (Franklin), 19-4.

112: Ben Kamali (Detroit CC) dec. Rhett Newton (Detroit CC), 11-4; **third:** Aseel Almudhala (Dearborn Fordson) dec. Tyler Campbell (Plymouth), 6-2.

119: Derek Gilcher (Detroit CC) dec. Tarik Shallot (Dearborn Heights Crestwood), 7-4; **third:** Ethan Englehart (Churchill) won by injury default over Esam Kasen (Hamtramck).

125: Stone Moscovic (Detroit CC) dec. Josh Mussen (Churchill), 6-4; **third:** Akash Rai (Salem) pinned Waleed Othman (Fordson), 1:45.

130: Kevon Davenport (Detroit CC) p. Johnny DiPonio (Franklin), 2:34; **third:** Ali Alsayadi (Fordson) won by major dec. over Nicholas Gattoni (Northville), 12-2.

135: Justin Winnie (Canton) dec. Hamze Mrech (Fordson), 7-5; **third:** Matt George (Novi) won by injury def. over Tyler Knop (Salem).

140: Tarik Alcodray (Stevenson) dec. Joe Urso (Detroit CC), 3-0; **third:** Marino DiPonio (Franklin) dec. Zack Dehnke (Canton), 13-7.

145: Cam Amine (Detroit CC) p. Jacob Johnson (Franklin), 0:27; **third:** Dylan Slowik (Canton) dec. Vincent Savaya (Walled Lake Western), 6-0.

152: Nathan Atienza (Franklin) p. Aiden Wagh (Detroit CC), 5:02; **third:** Bruce Hasitt (Salem) p. Calvin Vos (Plymouth), 2:01.

160: Lincoln Cleary (Novi) dec. Christopher Little (Canton), 2-0; **third:** Ali Makki (Fordson) p. Joey Ahren (Plymouth), 1:41.

171: Ty Morland (Detroit CC) p. Easton Turner (Detroit CC), 0:41; **third:** Amir Naser (Fordson) p. Corey Grassmeyer (Novi), 1:34.

189: Dane Flynn (Detroit CC) dec. Ethan Shulaw (Plymouth), 7-3; **third:** Mohamed Zahwi (Fordson) dec. Chase Sparling (Novi), 11-4.

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MACH

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CC journey

Mach took over CC's program in 1976 from Dave Woodcock following an assistant coaching stint at Southgate Aquinas.

Mach, who also taught health and physical education at CC for 34 years before retiring in 2009, was the first coach in MHSAA history to three-peat in Division 1 (2001-03). He also won 20 regional, 12 district, 21 division and 17 Catholic League championships.

"I think the thing that I'll remember about him the most is his attention to detail and that he's a faith-based coach and man," said CC athletic director Aaron Babicz, who also played for Mach. "And I really feel he's a shining example of what educational athletics is all about. He's old school, he loves what he does and he believes in the process and built his program on statements like, 'The wham never loses yardage.' I don't know another coach that would make his team believe in a fullback dive play, but he definitely did it for 41 years. He's just a great man and mentor before anything else and that's what I'll remember the most about him."

Mach's final game came Nov. 26 at Detroit's Ford Field, when the Shamrocks fell to Detroit Cass Tech in the Division 1 state finals, 49-20, ending a 13-game winning streak.

Mach said he is not looking back and plans to enjoy his retirement, spending more time at his cottage up north.

Moving on

"I'll try to get there as much as I can," he said. "I just felt like this was a time that I was ready to go. It's like when you have any job, you kind of get that feeling inside. Your internal clock kind of tells you that you're not doing as good a job as you used to and you don't want to lower your output of work because you've been doing it a long time. I just felt it was my time."

Early Wednesday morning, CC senior defensive end Jackson Ross heard the news following a team wrestling meeting and Mass. He immediately went down to Mach's office to shake his hand.

"I just told him how thankful I am for him," Ross said. "It was an honor playing under him. I know so many other guys feel that way. He's really a legend around this school. All throughout the day today, guys have been coming up to me, 'Did you hear? Did you hear?' and I said, 'I heard' and everyone was a little solemn, but we all just respect him and respect him so much and what he's done for this school. It's truly been an honor playing for him."

Ross, who plans to play football at Hope College, said Mach will make a lasting impact on his career.

"The stuff he says, I still think about today, 'Dare to be great' and 'The magic is in the believing,' that kind of stuff," Ross said. "It sticks with you with whatever you're doing, whether it be football, work, wrestling, school, anything. You can apply that to any part of your life. We're really going to miss him."

Player reaction

CC senior tight end Jack Morris, who will play next year at Saginaw Valley State, will also take away fond memories of his coach.

"The thing I'm going to remember most is, really, his sayings," Morris said. "They're really unique and I think that anyone who has played for coach Mach really knows what I'm talking about. I say that because he gives sayings to every team and there's a theme. Really, it stays with you the rest of your life. I'll just miss the way he coaches, the way he got fired up during the big games, stuff like that. It's sad to see he left, but I know he's happy and he enjoyed every single year that he was here."

Mach, who became a member of both the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame and Detroit Catholic League Hall of Fame, attended Sacred Heart Seminary in Detroit and entertained thoughts of going into the priesthood during his high school days.

He played football at Wayne State University and graduated with a degree in

"I just felt like this was a time that I was ready to go. ... I just felt it was my time."

TOM MACH
retiring Catholic Central football coach

sociology. He served in the U.S. Army and took a job at Aquinas as the track head coach and football assistant coach under Dick Comar. Mach was responsible for the defensive backs. He later became Comar's defensive coordinator and went on to earn his teaching certificate, getting his first teaching position at Aquinas.

The interview

Mach's had two brothers attend CC and, when the vacant football job opened up, he decided to apply.

"I knew Catholic Central was at the top of the heap," Mach said. "I knew about CC."

Before he applied for the position, Mach said he wrote a book on football planning and his philosophy of coaching football. He was given a 20-page interview form, but "I had all the information and the interview went well."

Mach thought he was a long shot, but CC decided to go with a 26-year-old virtual unknown.

"I said, 'Yikes,'" Mach said. "I didn't believe I had a chance to actually get the job, because I wanted the experience to interview with a real good school and one that had a reputation for being good in sports and thought that would do me well for the future. They happened to like me and liked what I had to say and offered me (the job)."

And for 41 years, he kept Catholic Central football at the pinnacle.

"I guess we knew the day was coming, I don't think we knew when that was going to be," Babicz said. "He always jokes about it, but I think in his heart it was time, even though we're not sure what he's going to do. He's a grandpa and a great husband. I think he'll still be around the program and the school because he loves it. I think we knew it was coming and don't think we knew when."

Moving forward

Mach said he doesn't fish and hasn't played much golf, but he plans to stay active. He might fire back up his motorcycle, continue to jog and boat during the summer.

"I used to play racquetball a lot, things like that," he said. "The coaching job takes a lot of that away from you, because you don't have time to do something. I used to golf, but you can't do that because it's four hours out of your day. By the time you get back, you've wasted six or seven hours. You don't actually have time to relax or do a lot of stuff."

And even though he's now officially retired as a football coach, he's been serving as a coach recently in another unofficial capacity.

"My wife (Lynn) is happy. I don't know if she'll continue to be happy," he said with a laugh. "I think we took a trial run. She just got a new knee. They have to declare somebody as a coach, so she told them I was going to be her coach. She got home from the hospital and I've been helping her work out and everything on her knee. And I said, 'Well, it's been three weeks of constant work together and we're still married,' so I think it's a good sign."

Babicz said the search will begin immediately for Mach's replacement. Mach's two sons, Mike and Joe, have served most recently as his assistant coaches.

"I can definitely tell you that we want to get it right," Babicz said. "We're going to do the best that we can to make sure we find someone that carries on the legacy of coach Mach. We just want to celebrate him right now and make sure we do that. Someone who gives 41 years to this place — or any place, any school, any program — I think you owe it to them to celebrate what they've done. We're getting our ducks in a row and we're going to put a process together, post the job late next week or the week after and take our time and get it right."

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PREP GYMNASTICS

Northville places first at Coldwater

Mustangs record second best score of the season

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Junior Erin McCallum took all-around honors Saturday as the Northville gymnastics posted its second highest team score of the season by winning the seventh annual Coldwater Invitational.

The Mustangs placed first in the 12-team field with 143.325 points, while Jackson Lumen Christi and Plymouth took second and third with a 139.275 and 139.000, respectively. Northville's 'B' team placed seventh (127.100).

McCallum captured the floor exercise with a personal best 9.5, along with the vault. She also placed third on the uneven parallel bars and finished with an overall first-place total of 36.30.

Sophomore Mackenzie Willson was first on the balance beam with a personal best of 9.675, while junior Grace Janowski was runner-up on the uneven bars with 8.8.

On Monday, Northville honored senior co-captains Neha Vallabhaneni and Emma Cemalovic, along with fellow senior Rachel Robitaille, as the Mustangs edged Livonia Blue, 144-775-144.375, to gain a piece of the KLAA Kensington Division crown with Canton in a meet held at Churchill High School.

The Mustangs, who finished 9-1 overall, posted a season-high score led by McCallum,



Northville senior Emma Cemalovic performs on the balance beam.

who scored a career-high 36.975 in the all-around.

Other top performers for the Mustangs included sophomore Lora Haupt, vault (career-best 9.25); Jankowski, uneven bars (8.9); freshman Maria Scavnick, beam (9.1); and Willson,

floor exercise (9.15).

The Mustangs begin the postseason at 9 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, at White Lake Lakeland at the KLAA championship.

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5 post-retirement careers to consider

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Some workers picture retirement as a time to take that dream vacation, spend more time with family or pick up a new hobby. Others look at retirement as a time to pursue a second career. They may seek out a role that's a scaled back version of their current job, or they may choose to start fresh. Either way, many types of jobs are a good fit for mature workers and can provide fulfillment, enrichment – and a paycheck.

Here are five career options to consider for workers nearing retirement:

1. Résumé writer

Jessica Holbrook Hernandez, president and CEO of Great Résumés Fast, says mature workers who want to make an impact after retirement should consider becoming résumé writers. "The career experience that you've gained, years of leadership and industry expertise are a great combination for an executive résumé writer," she says. "If you love to write, you should consider looking into certification as a résumé writer. There are many different certification organizations and even online training programs that can turn good writers into great résumé writers. Help-



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ing others pursue their own career dreams is a wonderful way to make an impact post-retirement."

2. Teacher

Another great way for mature workers to use their experience – and give back to the community – is through teaching or mentoring. "Sometimes, a person may teach or work at a university. In other cases, a person may actually teach in a prison, helping inmates to further their education," says Angela Copeland, a career

coach and owner of Cope-land Coaching. While some additional schooling may be required, it's a meaningful and rewarding way to spend one's retirement.

3. Virtual assistant

Computer-savvy mature workers may want to consider a career in virtual assisting, or conducting administrative, clerical or other requested tasks for clients remotely. "They can work for an agency or can run their own virtual assistant practice if they wish

to go into business for themselves," says Holly Kile, author of "Virtual Team Builder for Coaches" and founder of HJK Global Solutions. "Virtual assisting offers flexibility in work hours and the ability to work from home or on the road for those who travel, making it an ideal choice for someone nearing traditional retirement age."

4. Blogger

Just because you're not a mom or a foodie doesn't mean you can't blog – anyone who

can tell a good story can find an audience. "If you have some skills as a writer, [blogging] makes a great career option, as it allows you to make your own schedule and write about what you know and enjoy," suggests Susan Joyce, owner and operator of Job-Hunt.org, the guide for a smarter, safer job search. "If your blog is successful, this can even lead to writing or editing opportunities with other publications."

5. Entrepreneur

Entrepreneurship can seem risky for those just starting their career, but workers nearing retirement may be more comfortable taking a risk and following a passion. "It's never too late to pursue a business idea of your own," Joyce says. "Like blogging, being an entrepreneur allows you to work how and when you work best. This flexibility is great for retirees looking for a change. Whether your business idea leads you to 'Shark Tank' or Etsy, entrepreneurship can be a fun, rewarding option for mature workers."

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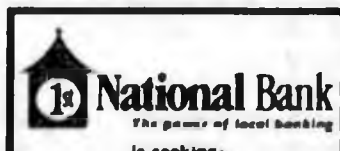
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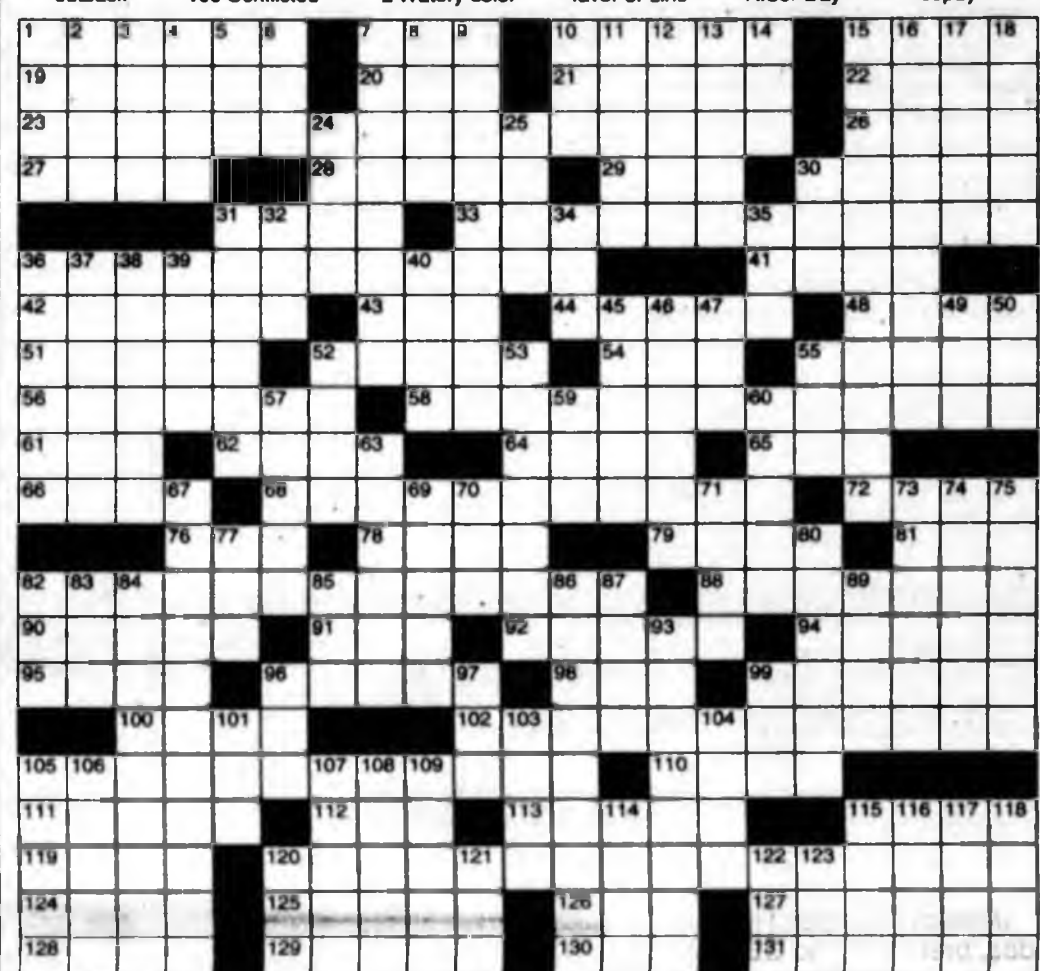
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 - 92 Pricy hotel offering
 - 94 Pact of the U.S., Can.
 - 95 University of Kentucky's arena
 - 96 Some aria singers
 - 98 Vintage auto
 - 99 Adept
 - 100 Conflicted
 - 102 Arbitrary security inspection
 - 105 Collection for the Red Cross, say
 - 110 Shrewd
 - 111 Kano cousin
 - 112 Water, in
 - 113 Tweaks text
 - 115 Unbox, e.g.
 - 119 Napoleonic exile locale
 - 120 2014 Kentucky Derby winner
 - 124 Permanent, e.g.
 - 125 From Tehran or Tabriz
 - 126 Elegant shade tree
 - 127 1991 horror film sequel subtitled "The Awakening"
 - 128 "Rent" actor
 - 129 Patis base
 - 130 South Korea's Kim — jung
 - 131 Tech giant whose name can precede nine words in this puzzle
 - 3 Abatement
 - 4 Frilly green
 - 5 Rugged truck, in brief
 - 6 With
 - 64-Across, snookums or sweetie, say
 - 7 Real nice
 - 8 "— it" (outfield call)
 - 9 Extra entryway for bed weather
 - 10 Physicist's work unit
 - 11 Diametrically opposite
 - 12 Sun Valley's state
 - 13 Romero or Franck
 - 14 "Help me!"
 - 15 Parts of many rock songs
 - 16 Eight-sided
 - 17 Stan's pal in old films
 - 18 Drops
 - 24 — à terre
 - 25 Kitchen wrap
 - 30 Genre of rock
 - 31 Coagulated
 - 32 Fam. member
 - 34 High- — graphics
 - 35 Suffix with favor or zinc
 - 36 Mountainop melodies
 - 37 Societal breakdown
 - 38 Tyro, slangily
 - 39 "The Spy Who Loved Me" actor
 - 40 Getting the job done
 - 48 Brochure or blurb, maybe
 - 46 Settle from the bench
 - 47 Terminus
 - 48 Stein drink
 - 50 Too glo
 - 52 Skye, e.g.
 - 53 Babysitters, e.g.
 - 55 "Krazy —"
 - 57 Cuban patriot
 - 58 José
 - 59 Terril
 - 60 Less naive
 - 63 Most frigid
 - 67 Compact SUV model
 - 69 "— a Nightingale"
 - 70 Singer Chris
 - 71 Basketball's Bryant
 - 73 Select
 - 74 Like Latvia or Lithuania
 - 75 Sword cover
 - 77 Duplicious
 - 80 Actor Hal
 - 82 Mo. with Arbor Day
 - 83 Reed of rock
 - 84 Held off
 - 86 Flyers' gp.
 - 88 Blushed
 - 89 Hurried
 - 90 "Sharknado" actress Reid
 - 93 Occurred gradually
 - 96 House past
 - 97 Mysore "Mr."
 - 99 Ending of enzymes
 - 101 Los del — ("Macarena" duo)
 - 103 Chevy debut of 2004
 - 104 Plateau's kin
 - 106 Rock fissure
 - 108 Shout out, colloquially
 - 107 Hanker
 - 108 — Lama
 - 109 Devastates
 - 114 Visiting
 - 115 Black-and-white cookie
 - 116 Atari classic
 - 117 Jannings of "Quo Vadis"
 - 118 "Sd" actress
 - 119 Campbell
 - 120 U.S. org. with moles
 - 121 Archaic
 - 122 Machine part
 - 123 Op. with a copy
- DOWN**
- 1 Attic sights
 - 2 Watery color



For assistance or suggestions on the Puzzle Corner, contact Steve McClellan at (517) 702-4247 or smcclellan@michigan.com. Want more puzzles? Check out the "Just Right Crossword Puzzles" books at QuillDriverBooks.com

SUDOKU

	9	5	7			2	1	
				1				
6					9			5
		2						9
	6			4			7	
8						3		
7			8					3
				9				
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Here's How It Works:
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

8	6	7	1	9	4	5	2	3
4	2	5	7	6	3	9	8	1
3	9	1	2	8	6	4	7	5
1	5	3	9	2	6	4	7	8
2	7	8	4	5	1	9	6	3
6	4	9	8	7	1	2	3	5
5	8	4	6	2	7	1	9	3
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9	1	2	4	8	7	5	6	3

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.



Car Report

LINCOLN AMPLIFIES ITS GRAMMY RELATIONSHIP AS NEW CONTINENTAL LEADS BRAND TO BEST U.S. SALES IN 9 YEARS



By Dale Buss

Lincoln has been ramping up its marketing partnership with the Grammy awards for four years now, but this year the Ford-owned, mid-revival luxury brand is taking the relationship to a new level, with a collaboration by blues singer and guitar virtuoso Gary Clark Jr.

At the same time, Lincoln has been amping up its sales performance: A few years after the start of a brand-revival effort and the beginning of a complete overhaul of its product line, Lincoln ended 2016 with a 10-percent gain in U.S. sales over 2015, and its highest total in nine years. Meanwhile, the overall U.S. luxury market gained only 1 percent in sales last year.

The leading edge of the revival now is the all-new flagship Lincoln Continental, with sales up 18 percent in December compared with the year earlier, and outselling the Audi A6 and Lexus GS.

On Sunday night, Clark will star in a new 60-second TV commercial that will air twice during the Grammys telecast on CBS as well as once during the red-carpet pre-show, plugging his guitar into a one-of-a-kind amplifier whose design by Revel was inspired by the new 2017 Lincoln Continental.

The ad will focus on the results of another Lincoln partnership: with Revel, the premium auto brand



Gary Clark Jr. and the all-new 2017 Lincoln Continental.

owned by Harman, which worked with the automaker to custom-build the amplifier outfitted with 12 Revel speakers and design cues from the new Continental flagship sedan, including the grille design and the back-lit LED Lincoln logo.

I talked with Andy Georgescu, Lincoln communications manager, about the growth of the revived Lincoln brand and its association with music and the Grammys.

Q: Review where the brand is now. Why does Lincoln keep gaining momentum?

Andy Georgescu: For sure Lincoln is a brand with a great deal of momentum and we're seeing it in the marketplace. We were one of the fastest-growing luxury automotive brands in 2016. The luxury industry was flat to slightly down and we were up almost 10 percent; that's a pretty big swing versus where the industry is.

Now we've successfully launched MKZ, MKC, MKX, and last year we launched a freshening of MKZ adding a 400-horsepower, 3-liter power train, which I really think was a surprise to many people. Lincoln hasn't been known previously for our performance [vehicles.] It's new and advanced technology when you think about horsepower per displacement. It's a pretty significant advance in technology.

And we're just coming off the midst of the launch of our flagship sedan, Continental, with sales outpacing expectations. So we're really pleased with where we're at. Customer response has been overwhelmingly positive.

Q: Describe the reception for Continental. Is there any hope of a car that big and expensive moving Lincoln down in the age cohort?

Georgescu: We've already dropped our average age pretty



Matthew McConaughey enjoys the back of the Lincoln Continental.

significantly. We're significantly younger than we were when we started this chapter in the Lincoln journey. Continental is seeing a breadth of customers. You're seeing both a drop in age and also perhaps more important is you're seeing an increase in household incomes, education levels and what they're trading in. This is one of the mature demographics, a customer in their mid-fifties who's a high-achieving professional. And so far we're well on our way to meeting those expectations. We're seeing some Mercedes, Lexus, and Cadillac trade-ins high on the list of luxury trade-ins.

Q: What is the importance of the Grammys as a "tentpole" event for Lincoln, as Cadillac also has with the Oscars and Audi with the Emmys? Are these growing in importance in the luxury channel?

Georgescu: They are critically important for our brand for a number

of reasons. Music is a passion. And also the media type: live events in a world of video on demand and all kinds of playback. We are looking for a balance. That's not to say that we don't embrace other ways of consumers digesting content but this is one of the tentpole events that is live and that people will watch throughout, and we can launch exciting content that will be consumed in the moment. That feels like something that is in demand for customers.

This isn't cacophony but a seamless integration of a piece of music that partners with the brand with a brilliant Grammy-winning musician who's going to play at the event. This is the kind of content that customers can really celebrate in advertising because it fits so nicely into why they're really there. We like to call the Grammys our Super Bowl, and it's an association that we're very proud of.

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