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Northville Club talks women of Civil War

“Not just a Man’s War: Michigan Women in the Civil War” will be the topic of the upcoming meeting of the Northville Woman’s Club that is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Friday, March 3, at First United Methodist Church of Northville, which is located at 777 W. Eight Mile Road.

Susan Hubbard of the Michigan Women’s Hall of Fame will share the heroic stories of Michigan women who served their country during the Civil War by keeping the home fires burning, fighting slavery, aiding the wounded and fighting on the front line.

Highlights will include the stories of Sojourner Truth, Sarah Emma Edmonds and Annie Etheridge.

The program coincides with the national celebration of Women’s History Month in March.

For more information about the Northville Woman’s Club, contact Mary Ann Cotterill at 248-344-8235.

Residents push for town hall

Constituents call for meeting with Trott

Matt Jachman
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A local congressman drew criticism Thursday as constituents alarmed by the policies of a new administration continued to call attention to their campaign to meet with him in person to voice their concerns.

More than 200 people packed a room at the Novi Public Library on Thursday evening for the event, billed as a David Trott town hall without David Trott. Trott, a second-term Republican from Birmingham, was part of a congressional delegation visiting India during this week’s recess, a member of his staff confirmed.

Organizers accused Trott of ducking constituents who might disagree with him on President



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The audience applauds a speaker during Thursday’s standing-room-only town hall at the Novi Public Library. Organizers said they want U.S. Rep. David Trott, R-Birmingham, to meet in person with constituents.

Donald Trump’s agenda. A new crackdown on immigrants who are in the country illegally and the planned repeal of the Affordable Care Act were the most-discussed issues Thursday.

Trott should be having “vibrant dialogue” with a “well-informed and engaged” citizenry, said one of the speakers, attorney John Janiszewski.

“Constituents deserve much

better,” Janiszewski told the crowd. “We deserve to have individual opportunities to air our grievances.”

Janiszewski, an assistant Michigan attorney general, emphasized he was speaking on his on behalf and not representing his office.

He rejected the idea, promoted by Trump, that people packing town halls across the country are paid activists and refuted the comment earlier in the week by Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., that “winners make policy and losers go home.”

“I can assure you, we are not all losers,” Janiszewski said. “We are simply citizens who ask to be engaged.”

Trott should face the public and explain where he stands on Trump’s policies and serve “as a check on executive overreach,” Janiszewski said.

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Khadega Mohammed (left) and Julia Wicker of Canton were among protesters recently at Detroit Metro Airport.

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She’s a single mom raising four boys, working six days a week in a job that probably doesn’t pay all that much. In her spare time, she takes classes at Oakland Community College.

Sitting in a booth at a Tim Hortons off Square Lake Road in Bloomfield Township, you’d have a tough time picking her out from any other customer. Except she feels different.

She feels like America is making her an outcast.

Rafa is a Muslim refugee from Syria. She left an upper middle class suburb of Damascus four years ago after the bombs began to fall. She is afraid to give her full name, because even though she is in the U.S. legally, having been granted political asylum, her two oldest children are still waiting for their paperwork to get finalized.

Like any other parent, she is worried something bad will happen. She wonders how far President Donald Trump will go with his immigration reform policies. She worries about the stigma these policies are



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Protesters, including Hussam Saleh, 6, of Canton, initially protested President Trump’s travel ban, which has now been slowed by the courts.

placing on legal refugees like herself.

“It was not an easy process,” Rafa said about gaining political asylum. “Where are we supposed to go if we’re told to leave here? Going back to Syria is like a death

Local man supports temporary ban on all travel to U.S.

Sharon Dargay
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Terry Olexsy’s biggest beef about immigrants is assimilation.

The Highland Township man says newcomers should learn English, venture out of their ethnic enclaves and become citizens if they plan to stay in the country.

He wants them to enter the United States legally and says policy-makers should take a cue from Ellis Island as they consider tightening



Olexsy

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Refugees to U.S., Michigan: Some facts

Matt Jachman
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Public attention has turned more intently to the world's refugees, particularly those settling in or heading to the U.S., since President Donald Trump last month announced a moratorium on travel into the country by people from seven countries in which the majority of the population is Muslim.

Enforcement of the so-called "travel ban" — applying to people from Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen — was later blocked by the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals, but a revised order is expected from the White House this week.

Meanwhile, using federal and state government sources, we looked at refugees arriving in recent years in Michigan to find where they came from, what kind of process they went through, how they're being helped, how much it costs and how many are here.

Who is a refugee?

According to the Department of Homeland Security, refugee status is a legal status that can be granted to people who have been persecuted or fear they will be persecuted because of race, religion, nationality, politics or membership in a particular group. Applicants must be of "humanitarian concern" to the U.S., show that they were persecuted or fear persecution due to race, religion, nationality, political opinion or membership in a certain group before being given refugee status. They also must be found admissible to the U.S. and cannot be settled in another country.

An asylum-seeker is a refugee who has already traveled to the U.S. and is applying for asylum at a

port of entry.

Application and screening

Refugees seeking resettlement in the U.S. must get a referral, usually from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees or sometimes from a U.S. embassy or a non-governmental organization in which employees have been trained to handle refugee referrals. In some cases, such as those of people who seek to be reunited with close relatives who are already refugees in the U.S., refugees can apply for resettlement without a referral.

Refugees trying to get into the U.S. are processed by the Department of State, which funds nine resettlement support centers around the world.

Applicants' registration is the first of a multi-step process that includes interviews with state department and Homeland Security personnel, security checks by several federal departments, including the FBI, the Department of Defense and intelligence agencies, fingerprint collection and screenings, a cultural orientation class and a medical check. Resettlement applicants are rejected if they do not pass the security and medical screenings.

Refugees' travel to the U.S. is booked through the International Organization for Migration, which provides loans to cover airfare. According to a state department spokesman, the average IOM loan is \$1,100 and the average monthly loan payment is \$85. Loan repayments, the spokesman said, are funneled back into the program to help other refugees.

There were officially 84,995 refugees admitted to the U.S. in the 2016



Taosif Alam of Farmington Hills protested Jan. 29 at Detroit Metro Airport.

fiscal year, according to the state department.

Help in Michigan

Refugees in Michigan find places to live through resettlement agencies such as the U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants and Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan; those agencies are eligible for state department resettlement grants of \$2,075 per refugee for their costs, the department spokesman said.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services provides refugees with temporary financial assistance, with the goal of having them

become self-sufficient. In addition, social service agencies, often faith-based groups, help refugees with finding employment, getting health care, providing education for their children and other needs.

Adult refugees without children in Michigan are entitled to cash assistance and medical assistance for up to eight months and the average payments are \$306 a month in cash assistance and \$54 a month in medical assistance for an individual, said Bob Wheaton, the MDHHS communications manager.

Children and adults

with children are eligible for other types of state assistance, such as Bridge cards for food purchases, that are also available to the general public if they meet eligibility criteria, Wheaton said.

The MDHHS refugee program, including cash assistance, health screenings and administrative costs, are completely reimbursed by the federal government, Wheaton said. That reimbursement totaled \$18 million for the last fiscal year, he said.

By the numbers

Over the last five fiscal years — 2012

through 2016 — 19,632 refugees from around the world have resettled in Michigan, according to state department figures provided to MDHHS. Many were from some of the countries included in Trump's travel ban, but there were also refugees from Afghanistan, Burma, Nepal, the Ukraine, Zaire and many other countries.

Of those, 7,057 were processed by agencies based in Oakland County and 1,222 by agencies based in Wayne County; Wheaton notes that an agency in one county might find a home for a refugee in another county, so the number of refugees processed in a county doesn't correspond to the number who found homes in that county.

For the 2016 fiscal year, three resettlement agencies — U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants, Samaritas and Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan — reported placing 333 refugees in Oakland County and 1,295 in Wayne County, MDHHS figures show.

In the same fiscal year, there were 2,848 refugees resettled in Michigan from six of the seven countries named in the travel ban: Syria (1,388), Somalia (275), Iran (9), Iraq (1,119), Sudan (55) and Yemen (2), according to MDHHS. That number is just over 65 percent of the 4,350 refugees placed in Michigan that year. There were none listed from Libya.

Of those 4,350 refugees, just over 52 percent were male and nearly 48 percent were female. Nearly 48 percent were under age 18, while almost 51 percent were ages 18-65 and 1.5 percent were 65 or older.

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Getting good teachers in right jobs is critical

For me, one extraordinarily notable thing happened at the Academy Awards show Sunday, Feb. 26. And if you watched the broadcast, it's not what you might think.

When Mahershala Ali won for Best Supporting Actor, he began his remarks by thanking his teachers.

Here was a man who had risen to the top of his profession, who was being recognized for his outstanding performance and who, instead of focusing on himself, took time to say thank you to teachers who had influenced his life. I was thrilled!



Steve Matthews
SUPER TALK

We spend a lot of time in our district on hiring. We believe that it is one of the most important jobs that we have. Getting the right people in the right jobs makes a difference.

This is especially true when we hire teachers. Over the last several years in our district, we have put in place a rigorous and robust hiring process. Carol Diglio, our assistant superintendent for human resources, has

taken the time to think through and think about the kind of process that we need to find and hire the best available teachers.

It takes time. It can be frustrating. But in the end, it is so important.

Teachers, because of the time they spend each day with the children who sit before them in their classrooms, come to know and understand our children. Teachers learn how to motivate and encourage. Teachers learn when to push and when to pull back.

In a classroom with 20 or 25 or 28 students, teachers know that one size does not fit all.

Teachers know that every child who sits before them is unique and needs to be treated with respect and care.

If teaching was only about presenting concepts and ideas and facts to students, truthfully, we would not need teachers. Concepts and ideas and facts can be presented so much more expeditiously and economically through technology.

While content is important, knowing how to present the information and how to engage students is just as important. Knowing how to connect what a student is learning in class to that student's life outside of

the classroom requires a teacher to know his or her students. Teachers who make a difference communicate to their students that the students are important.

Having teachers who communicate that they care about their students as much as they care about their subject makes all the difference in the life of a 9- or 12- or 17-year-old student. Ask anyone who has had a great teacher. Years later, adults will remember how teachers made them feel good, not only about the subject they were learning but, more importantly, about themselves.

When Mahershala Ali took the time to say thank you to the teachers he had throughout his life, I was appreciative of the gesture. Teachers make a difference – every day. To hear that acknowledged in such a public fashion was gratifying.

I hope the teachers in Novi were listening, because what he said is true. Teachers make a difference.

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Residential redevelopment a pleasant surprise

Ken Kilpatrick
Guest Columnist

I passed the rotting red Victorian — barely visible behind the thicket of overgrown trees and brush that threatened to subsume it back into the earth — so often and for so long that it came as a shock one day to find it razed.

The Victorian to which I refer was the homestead that stood for decades, abandoned, on its Seven Mile lot, sandwiched between Northville Woods Apartments to the east and Chase Bank to the west. I knew it would eventually be displaced by new development, my guess something commercial, but was at first incredulous that Pulte Homes saw the site as an attractive setting for a subdivision.

Who would want to live so close to busy Seven Mile, I wondered, or put up with the decidedly annoying all-night lighting emanating from both Chase and, beyond it, Highland Lakes Shopping Center?

I toured this residential development recently, dubbed The Enclave, with 55 lots all staked out waiting for the arrival of building packages and contractors. Priority was obviously given to the model, now complete — the very attractive two story façade of which would be appealing to a wide swath of home buyers.

Surprisingly, the subdivision completely loses the feel of the commercial district in which it is sited as soon as one enters. The brick wall Pulte is erecting along the development's frontage with Seven Mile, combined with a very eye-pleasing naturalized fence of staggered 6- to 8-foot spruce and pine along the border with Chase, buffer the area from noise and light most would consider anathema to a peaceful residential existence. The property also has the benefit of backing up to dense woods, which further isolates it from the busyness.

On the other side of Northville Woods Apartments lies half-occupied Northville Plaza. I am one of those Northville residents long-established enough to remember when that strip mall housed Farmer Jack's, a grocery store I frequented. That presently empty retail space may well find itself resurrected when consumer demographics change such that 55 new houses pop up within walking distance.

I am no fan of vacant retail space — especially in Northville. If the mall comes back, I will know who to credit: the possibility thinkers who said "why not?" when considering the challenge of carving out residential territory in what is essentially strip mall row,



The new model at The Enclave on Seven Mile.

not to mention township planners, who wisely avoided compounding excess retail space with more of the same.

The Enclave will offer four different models, ranging in size from 2,500 to 3,000 square feet, and commensurately varying in price from \$439,000 to \$459,000. The single-family residences will each boast four bedrooms, per Pulte agent Jennifer Eckardt. This writer also noted extensive use of such traditional elements as compound crown molding, wainscoting and sculpted hardwood floors, eclectically paired with the contemporary touch of ubiquitous recessed ceiling lighting.

Pulte hosted The Enclave's grand opening over the weekend of Feb. 25-26. Though only the model is presently up and running, future Enclave homeowners are, of course, able to lock in on pre-construction pur-



An interior shot of the new Pulte Homes model at The Enclave.

chases. Eckardt estimates the completion date of the entire complex to be sometime in

2018.
Ken Kilpatrick is a resident of Northville and sometimes

offers his observations about local happenings in the Northville Record.

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Novi Police Department seeks accreditation

A team of assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., will be in Novi March 12-13 to hear public comment and examine all aspects of the Novi Police Department's policy and procedures, management, operations and support services.

The voluntary verification process will move the Novi Police

Department a step closer to receiving national accreditation.

"CALEA accreditation is the gold standard in law enforcement and we welcome the assessment to ensure we meet their state-of-the-art standards," Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police David E. Molloy said. "Hearing from the public is a key part of the process and we encourage feedback as we work

toward our goal of being one of the elite law enforcement agencies in the country."

As part of the assessment, agency personnel and members of the community are invited to offer comments at a public information session at 4 p.m. March 13 in the city council chambers at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 10 Mile Road.

Community members

also can provide comments by calling 248-347-0517 1-3 p.m. March 13. Telephone comments, as well as those made at the public information session, are limited to 10 minutes. A copy of the standards is available at the Novi Police Department. The local contact is Sgt. Kevin Rhea at 248-347-0572.

Written comments can be mailed to the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement, Inc., 13575 Heathcote Boulevard, Suite 320, Gainesville, VA 20155.

The Novi Police Department has to comply with 421 standards in order to gain accredited status. Accreditation lasts for four years, during which the agency must submit annual reports showing continued compliance.

For more information about CALEA, go to calea.org or email calea@calea.org. For more information about the Novi Police Department, go to cityofnovi.org.

NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE §67-31

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Charter Township of Northville Board of Trustees approved the amendment of Ordinance §67-31 (Domestic Violence) at their Regular Meeting on Thursday, February 16, 2017, at 7:00 P.M. at the Northville Township Hall located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168. This amendment was introduced at the Board of Trustee meeting of January 19, 2017. The amendment includes the addition of paragraph (B) *An individual who assaults or assaults and batters his or her spouse or former spouse, an individual with whom he or she has or has had a dating relationship, an individual with whom he or she has had a child in common, or a resident or former resident of his or her household, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 93 days or a fine of not more than \$500.00, or both.* A copy of the full Ordinance and amendment can be viewed during normal business hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Office of the Township Clerk, Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville Michigan 48168. Sue A. Hillebrand, M.M.C. Clerk

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Northville’s Papa Vino’s, two others, bid addio

Matt Jachman
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Three Papa Vino’s Italian Kitchen restaurants, including the one on Haggerty near Six Mile in Northville Township, closed their doors as of Feb. 20.

The move disappointed regular patrons and meant the loss of about 100 jobs and leaves the Detroit area without a Papa Vino’s. The brand is owned by Quality Dining Inc., based in Mishawaka, Ind.

Company president John Firth said all three locations opened at about the same time 20 years ago and that planning, obtaining new leases and making capital investments for another 20-year cycle proved to be too much.

“It boils down to, we just had to get those stars and any number of other stars aligned for all three or it would work for none,” Firth said. It would not be accurate, Firth added, to say the locations weren’t performing up to expectations.

The other two closed restaurants were in Troy and Pontiac. Sunday, Feb. 19, was the last day the restaurants were open, Firth said.

He said keeping any of the area restaurants open would have required keeping all three open in order to take advantage of economies of scale. Quality Dining still owns a Papa Vino’s in Mishawaka and another in St. Joseph, Mich., and a Spageddies Italian Kitchen in Lafayette, Ind. The company also operates 45 Chili’s and 158 Burger King franchises in various states.

Leases of less than 20 years, Firth said, wouldn’t have been feasible because of the capital investment required at the locations.

Livonia resident



The now-closed Papa Vino’s on Haggerty, near Six Mile.

JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Bridget Carbott said she and family members frequented the Papa Vino’s on Haggerty and that she’s disappointed in the abrupt closing.

“I just don’t understand why it closed,” she wrote in an email. “It never seemed like it was under-performing.”

Carbott said she’d been there for many family celebrations, date nights with her husband and get-togethers with friends and enjoyed “great pasta, a glass of wine and conversation without all the distraction of 30 large-screen TVs.”

The area restaurant scene, she said, is still hurting from the loss of other eateries, like Champ’s Americana on Haggerty, north of Seven Mile, and the Max & Erma’s at Laurel Park Place.

“There are so many

people in our community like us, empty-nesters that eat out frequently during the week,” she wrote. “It’s a shame, our favorites are disappearing quickly and leaving too many empty spaces and memories behind.”

Firth said the company has heard from upset Papa Vino’s regulars.

“We’ve got a lot of very disappointed customers,” he said. “We had a long and positive experience in the market and regret that we now have some disappointed customers, but there was just no other alternative.”

Firth said he wouldn’t rule out returning Papa Vino’s to the area. “But it’s not on the drawing board for the near term,” he said.

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The Papa Vino’s Italian Kitchen Restaurant on Haggerty in Northville Township, and two others in the Detroit area, closed abruptly Feb. 20.

Checking for unclaimed assets always a good idea

Every year or so, I write a column about unclaimed property. I thought it would be a good idea to do one of those columns now.

There are literally tens of billions of dollars of assets that owners have forgotten about that have been turned over to the government. These include things such as bank accounts, payroll checks, dividends and contents from safe deposit boxes. For example, when a bank account has no activity for a year or more, banks are required to turn that money over to the state. Another example is where a company sends a dividend check to a shareholder and the check is never cashed. These assets are turned over to the state until they are claimed by the rightful owner. In many situations, the money is never claimed.

You may ask why someone wouldn’t reclaim their assets. The simple answer is, they either forgot that they own the asset or the individual died and the family either forgot or did not know about the asset. Every state has an unclaimed property division that allows people to reclaim those assets. Every year or so, it makes sense for everyone to check to see if there were any assets forgotten about that the state has taken control over.

It would be nice if there was one place you could look and it would tell you if there were any assets from anywhere in



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

the country that you have lost, but there is no national registry. Some states have joined with other states to combine their registries; unfortunately, Michigan is not one of them. If you have always been a resident of Michigan, then the only place you probably need to look is the state of Michigan’s registry. If you have lived in other states, you must review those registries individually as well. You can check the Michigan registry online by going to www.michigan.gov and clicking on “unclaimed property.” Another good site to check is www.missingmoney.com.

If you find there are assets you are entitled to, there is generally no statute of limitation and the procedure to reclaim your assets is not complicated. Typically, all you need to do is to complete a form and submit it to the state. However, if the unclaimed property is for a loved one who has died, it becomes a little more complicated. You have to show that you are the appropriate beneficiary. In some situations, you may have to open a probate to reclaim those assets.

There are many companies that offer services to search and help you reclaim your assets. However, these companies are not inexpensive in the fact that they

charge a substantial percentage of the assets they reclaim. The majority of people, particularly those who have only lived in one state, can do the search themselves and save a substantial amount in fees.

Unfortunately, not all unclaimed assets will be turned over to the state. For example, there are billions of dollars in life insurance policies that have never been claimed and the proceeds from those policies have not been turned over to the state. Searching for lost life insurance policies is a little more difficult; in those cases, there is not a national registry, so you must contact every company individually. There is, however, a service that you can use. MIB Inc. (www.mib.com) offers a service for \$75. It will search life insurance applications for you from 420 life insurance companies from January 1996 to the present.

If you haven’t checked the Michigan database, you should. In addition, you should also check the database for any state that you have previously lived in. It only takes a couple of minutes and you may be surprised, your name may show up. After all, it’s your money and it looks better in your pocket than it does the state’s pocket!


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Northville High choir visits Amerman Elementary

Northville High's a capella singing group Backbeat performs Feb. 23 at Amerman Elementary (above). The school's all-female a capella group Treble Makers sang as well for an afternoon gathering in the school's multi-purpose room.



Amerman Elementary School students have some fun with the antics of Northville High's a capella singing group Backbeat during its Feb. 23 visit (right).

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Director named

The Learning Experience®, an Academy of Early Education for children six weeks to 6 years old, has announced that its Northville center



Kerley

16635 Ridge Road, has officially named Northville native Melissa Kerley as its center director. Kerley joined The Learning Experience in early May and, during her tenure, the center has seen tremendous growth in student enrollment, attributed to her key focus of striving for the highest quality and industry benchmark-setting standards that The Learning Experience provides nationwide.

Additionally, Kerley has contributed to increase the center's involvement in community activities, the introduction of a referral program for parents, as well as offering new students a trial week at The Learning Experience to get a first-hand experience.

"Melissa embodies both the academic degrees and the personality traits that combined, create an ideal center director," said Katie Schulz, owner and business manager of The Learning Experience in Northville. "I look forward to working with her hand-in-hand as we continue to impact the future of Northville, one child at a time."

With 13 years of early childhood education experience, Kerley said she was thrilled to take on the role as the new center director.

Promoted

ITC Holdings Corp. has announced that Amy M. Perlman of South Lyon was promoted to vice president and controller for ITC Holdings Corp. She will be responsible for the company's

accounting, financial reporting, tax and related functions. Perlman previously served as director and assistant controller at ITC, responsible for external reporting, general ledger accounting and business processes, technical accounting policy and



Perlman

research and SOX Compliance. Perlman holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Michigan and is a certified public accountant.

Prior to joining ITC, Perlman spent 10 years at Ally Financial (formerly GMAC) serving in a number of leadership roles including senior finance director and accounting director. She began her career in audit services at PricewaterhouseCoopers.

Northville company participates

Vision Computer Solutions of Northville participated in National Entrepreneurship Week, a week-long series of activities that celebrates the efforts and impact of entrepreneurs and small-to-mid-sized businesses in February. Throughout the week, there were variety of opportunities for entrepreneurs to get involved, including a live broadcast of the National Entrepreneurship Week kickoff in New York City, informative webcasts and a Twitter chat.

The official National Entrepreneurship Week website, www.entrepreneurshipweek.com, features free articles and downloadable resources on topics like business technology, branding and best practices – all designed to help eager entrepreneurs launch a business and to enable established small businesses to grow and thrive.



Find out how maple syrup is made with a tour at Maybury Farm.

Maple syrup tours at Maybury Farm

You can learn how maple syrup is made at Maybury Farm this weekend. Tours are 1 p.m., 1:45 p.m., 2:30 p.m. and 3:15 p.m. each Saturday and Sunday during March.

The tour begins with a wagon ride out to the Sugar Bush. Once you arrive, you will head into the woods, where you will learn about the maple tree, how to tap it and then collect the sap. You may even get a chance to taste the sap straight from the tree.

The wagon will then take you back to the Sugar Shack, where you will watch and learn how the sap is converted into delicious maple syrup, how syrup is graded and also how to try making maple syrup at home.

Once your tour is finished, you are invited to warm up in the Maybury Farm Welcome Center, where hot drinks and snacks are available to enjoy next to the toasty wood stove. Pure Michigan

maple syrup is available for purchase and we offer free recipes for you to try with your maple syrup at home. This is a fun and educational experience for all ages and a great farm tour to enjoy with your family!

The tours are held through March 26. This event is popular each year and space is limited, so arrive early to reserve your spot To schedule a private farm tour for groups of 15 or more, call 248-374-0200.

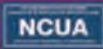


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Broad-based economic programs can also help state’s residents

Most of us become upset when we learn of government policies that pick winners and losers, especially when it comes to economic development incentives.

The most famous example is the now-extinct Michigan Film Incentive Program, which siphoned our tax dollars off to the Golden State. But there are still plenty of such policies lurking around in our government and, for every one we remove, it seems two or three new ones appear in its place.

You may recall the \$10 billion Mega Credits program or the \$11 million Data Center program that gave preferential treatment to select companies, when many of our long-standing businesses weren’t taxed by the same set of rules.

Now, similar programs are being proposed and are beginning to move in the new legislative year.

The focus of all of these incentive programs is to lower the total cost of doing business so employers can expand into new locations, purchase new equipment, hire new employees and be able to more fairly



Patrick Colbeck
GUEST COLUMNIST

compete with firms overseas.

That is a laudable goal. Even more laudable, though, would be to promote policies that lower the cost of living for all of the citizens of our state. In other words, we need to adopt policies that promote what I like to refer to as “broad-based economic development.”

What would such policies look like?

Let’s start by examining the costs of doing business. Typical expense line items for businesses would include taxes, electricity and health care.

It turns out that everyday citizens also pay for taxes, electricity and health care.

What if we were to lower the total cost of doing business by adopting policies that lower taxes, lower the cost of artificially high health care and lower the costs of monopolistic utility rates? Not only would we encourage the growth of businesses, more importantly, we would also lighten the fi-

nanacial load upon our families.

How would a broad-based economic development policy replace something like the \$11 million per year Data Center program? Let’s look at how much money Data Center companies spend on electricity. Data Centers have high electricity demands. Electricity is required to power up computers and cool them down. A typical data center has electric bills of \$9.5 million per year. If the state were to adopt policies such as real electric choice, we could reduce the cost of electricity by more than 10 percent across the state. That would result in potential savings of \$54.5 million per year for the data centers eligible for the incentive program, but it also would result in an average annual electricity cost savings of \$127 for every family in the state.

Let’s look at how much money the Data Center would spend on health care for its employees. A minimum of 400 jobs must be created for the Data Center program to continue past 2022. The cost of for 400 employees is roughly \$7.3 million per year. A savings of 20 percent on health care costs would save it over \$1.4 million

per year. These same reductions in health care expenses would save the average family in Michigan \$3,628 per year.

In summary, a broad-based economic development strategy would have yielded \$55.9 million in savings for the Data Center industry. Even if this estimate is off four-fold, data centers would still see more savings via a broad-based incentive program than a state program that picks winners and losers. Furthermore, the state’s Data Center program saved Michigan families \$0. A broad-based economic development strategy would have saved Michigan families more than \$3,755 per year.

So we could grow our state’s economy via targeted tax incentives to favored businesses or we could adopt policies that not only would help businesses, but also families struggling to make ends meet. It is my hope that we start pursuing economic development policies that help us all.

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

ENGAGEMENT



Gutmann-Putnam

Barbara Jane Gutmann, daughter Kirk Gutmann of Northville and Mary Gutmann of Fort Wayne, Ind., and Nicholas Putman, son of Michael and Susan Putman of Northville, announce their engagement.

The couple met through student council at Hillside Middle School. Both were graduates of Northville High School in 2009. The bride-to-be is a graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor of science degree in nursing. She is currently a radiology nurse at University Hospitals in Cleveland, Ohio.

The prospective groom also is a graduate of Michigan State University, where he received a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering. He also has acquired a master of science degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Michigan. He is a project engineer at Rockwell Automation in Mayfield Heights, Ohio.

A spring 2018 wedding is planned. The couple will live in Orange Village, Ohio, with their two golden-doodles Lola and Coach, following the wedding.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Senseless death

My journey is like most other immigrants from India. I came to the U.S. as a legal immigrant in 1980, obtained my undergraduate degree, was hired at Ford Motor Co. and had a successful career there for 25 years. I bought a home in Novi, where I raised two kids with my husband of 36 years. And in May 1985, I proudly became an American citizen. No two ways about it, I am a symbol of living the American dream.

More important than my personal successes are the friendships I made during this journey. Never in all my years in America did I feel like an “other,” an “outsider” or an immigrant. I became a thread in the American fabric — e pluribus unum!

However, during the 2016 presidential election, I felt like I was being tweezed out the fabric. My race and color became a reason to categorize me as an “other.” And on Feb. 24, 2017, in a bar in Kansas, a young man, who comes from the city where I was born, was gunned down for the very same reason: for being brown.

I urge my fellow Americans, my neighbors, to reflect on their own ancestry and the rich history of immigration of this great country and remember that our dreams and goals are the same — of a safe and loving community for all of us to thrive in. A senseless death, apparently a hate crime, should offend us all.

Ratna Rao
Novi

Enemies to founding principles

The Democratic Party has morphed into the Communist Party/Socialist Party. When I was young, the Communist Party and/or the Socialist Party usually had a candidate for president every four years. The last time that happened was 1984.

Beginning in 1988, the Communist Party has supported every single person running for president representing the Democratic Party. Why do you think that is? Notice the rhetoric of making “the world a better place,” as opposed to making the United States of America a stronger, more secure land of the free.

If you take the time to compare the 1960 Communist Party platform to the current Democratic platform of today, you will find an amazing degree of similarity. They have invented the terms globalism and

populism which is simply “code” for communism and patriotism. They use emotional appeals to “income inequality” as a cover to the communist/socialist’s desire to redistribute wealth. They use the subject of immigration in such a way as to ignore the nearly one million good and “legal” immigrants that we gladly accept every year. Their elected “leaders” have blatantly provided cover for the bad “illegal” immigrants that were allowed to illegally flow across the border and provided illegal sanctuary cities that protected criminals that have hurt and murdered Americans. Their fiscal policies have doubled the national debt under POTUS No. 44. The first 43 presidents accumulated \$10 trillion of debt. Obama single-handedly doubled that in one single presidency to \$20 trillion. Every single person working today now owes \$160,000 as their portion of the national debt. What this means is that we have indebted our children and grandchildren for our out-of-control spending. This is patently immoral by anyone’s standards.

If you take the time to see the false narrative and the appeal to emotion at the expense of facts, you should be able to understand the true motives behind their actions. It has nothing to do with “kindness” and everything to do with obtaining and controlling power.

The simple truth is that if you vote on the Democratic Party side of the ballot, you are an enemy to the principles upon which our great country was founded.

Bob Cushman
Northville Township

Response to letters

I would like to briefly comment on two letters from your Feb. 23, 2017, edition.

First, Mr. Lawrence claims that President Trump signed an executive order to roll back an Obama gun control rule for the mentally impaired on Social Security. This is incorrect. The fact is that the U.S. Congress, in bipartisan action, repealed this redundant and intrusive rule approved by Obama. Even the ACLU opposed this rule. His letter is a prime example of the “fake news” which the left is so adept at. I hope my letter will set the record straight.

Second, Mr. Breslin’s letter on diversity was interesting in pointing out that our country was built by immigrants and I suspect all of the friends he cited came to the U.S.

legally. We still welcome to our country about a million legal immigrants a year. It is the illegal alien we should worry about. There is a difference between a legal immigrant and an illegal alien.

Ernie McLaughlin
Northville

Civil debate part of history

Seriously? Republicans had to struggle through eight years with a president who announced that he was going to “fundamentally change this country!” Now the Democrats are protesting an agenda to create jobs, improve public education, increase GDP, do away with the regulations that are sinking industries and I could go on. They all will benefit and won’t be protesting about that. And as far as the media is concerned (your paper included), don’t you recall weeks of front page articles about the Tea Party! It’s too bad civilized debates on both sides are now a part of history.

Gail Ward
Novi

Long four years

What Donald Trump fails to understand is that we don’t need to be paid to march, protest or attend town hall meetings. Anyone who would be foolish enough to offer pay to demonstrators would be wasting their money as we gladly do it for free.

The disrespect shown to women, immigrants, transgender and to Muslims is something I feel compelled to resist and protest. Neither am I willing to pay billions for a wall. I don’t wish to see millions denied health care, let’s fix the ACA, not trash it. I care about women’s health care. I support Planned Parenthood and pray that we can save it from the wrath of Pence and Ryan.

Mr. Trump can expect to see much more of this kind of rejection of his policies as long as he continues to insult and denigrate a large segment of the population. Yes, we will continue to march, protest and attend town halls and whatever else it takes. It’s going to be a long four years.

Jane Breslin
Northville

Looking foolish

I hope that the “Indivisible” Northville movement will not forget about the “silent majority” in the state of Michigan who voted for Donald Trump and expect him to keep his campaign promises. And we can see that he is trying to do this

against all odds and opposition from the Democratic Party and the media/press.

When President Obama won in 2012, I was extremely disappointed and afraid for the future of this country, but I never considered forming a movement to plan protests and demonstrations against him. I just gracefully accepted the fact that he won the election. Movements like this that undermine the presidency serve only to make this country look foolish. In elections, sometimes you win and sometimes you lose.

Move on people and support our new president in his efforts to keep Americans safe and bring jobs back to America. All good stuff.

Carol Maynard
Northville

No coincidences

As predicted, news outlets that have dared to print or air facts that are considered detrimental to the administration, are now banned from White House briefings. Evidently, Breitbart News will be the go-to outlet for the true (alternative) facts.

During Trump’s sermon to the Conservative Political Action Conference, he swore to crack down on “fake news” and it appears the above action is his solution. He also told the like-minded attendees that he embraced Hillary Clinton’s “basket of deplorables.” The raucous crowd responded with that worn out phrase “lock her up.” The only thing that surprised me about that conference was the lack of white sheets on display.

Our new Attorney General Jeff Sessions overturned an order that phased out private prisons. These for-profit institutions are owned by Wall Street and are paid (by us), according to the number of inmates behind bars.

At the same time as Sessions’ actions, Homeland Security released a memo that says all undocumented immigrants are subject to arrest and deportation. However, most would held until after judicial hearings. Once the current internment camps are full (11 million Illegals?) where would all these people be held? Just go back to Sessions’ actions and you have the answer. There are no coincidences.

James Huddleston
Canton

Letter is “ripe with errors”

It’s a pretty good thing that “Mitch O’Connell” nipped this one in the bud, eh, Gerald (Maxey)?

Had Andrew Puzder managed to get through and be confirmed as secretary of labor, you would have been fit to be tied. As it turns out, you’re fit to be tied that he didn’t succeed. You’re quite the fence-sitter, Gerald.

Please, read carefully those mentally entertaining thoughts you put into writing before submitting them for approval.

Your letter to the editor is ripe with errors, yet the editor saw fit to publish it anyway. Wonder why?

Vincent Ziegler
Farmington Hills

Believe for better days ahead

I read with interest Feb. 23 Letters to Editor. Of the seven printed, four were of a clearly political nature and tilting left in their attacks against David Trott, our congressman. Being new to the area, this is my first foray into the public dialogue and confess little knowledge of local issues.

I defer to the assorted writers’ collective judgment pertaining to lack of accessibility to the congressman and would agree that his staff rectify this immediately. He is indeed the congressman of all in his district and a local town hall certainly is in order.

As to the substance of the aforementioned letters, I would like to bring some clarity to some misinformation expressed in those letters on several subjects:

Muslim ban In Trump’s executive order: This is a false narrative. The EO only mentions Syria. It does, however, reference several previous public laws and statutes including ones signed by President Obama in which our former president isolated seven Muslim nations for targeting. Why? Because as failing or failed nation-states, none of the seven had reliable records to document who may be trying to enter the United States from these countries. Since Obama was the author of isolating the seven countries, why wasn’t he accused of bigotry and the creator of a Muslim ban? Answer: Because he is not a bigot and he did not institute a Muslim ban. The same can be said of President Trump! So please stop this disinformation.

Betsy DeVos as secretary of education: Her appointment is not anti-public school. Our public schools have a permanent place in the fabric of our nation’s education system and we honor our teachers. However, the public school system should not have a monop-

oly on public education dollars. American families are increasingly demanding choice and no one should be more empowered to direct their hard-earned tax dollars than the parents of our school children.

Economics 101 teaches us that competition breeds excellence and fiscal restraint, whereas monopoly breeds complacency and fiscal mismanagement. The public education monopoly has been to the detriment of our children. Our test scores compared to other first-world nations makes this quite clear.

The NEA is about power before children. It is about power before having a great vision for our public schools. And if this offends some readers, consider this quote from the NEA’s top then-retiring lawyer, Bob Chanin, speaking at their annual meeting in July, 2009: “Despite what some among us would like to believe it is not because of our creative ideas. It is not because of the merit of our positions. It is not because we care about children and it is not because we have a vision of a great public school for every child. NEA and its affiliates are effective advocates because we have power.”

Competition will by nature improve our nation’s schools. Concentration of power by a flawed humanity, regardless of how well-intentioned, breeds corruption. Let’s return power to the parents and allow choice in education to benefit our children.

Gerrymandering: It was conceived by Elbridge Gerry, the Democratic governor of Massachusetts in the early 1800s. He developed this despicably brilliant tactic to advance his party’s representation in the state Senate and it has been practiced with equal fervor by both parties ever since. Looking at gerrymandered maps can make one’s head spin. Sadly, this has become a fixture of governance and likely to remain for the foreseeable future. The Democrats love it in Illinois and apparently hate it here in Michigan.

Let’s believe for better days ahead and respect our differences without hatred and bitterness. Let’s engage our opinions with clarity of thought and facts, not projections of disinformation from a lazy media. After all, as one editorial letter writer stated so well, “I think we are most blessed to have our friends and their diversity. I love ‘em all.”

Me, too.

Joe Edwards
Novi

Send calendar items to
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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.

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 northvillesuco@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.

Early Childhood Programs

Northville Public Schools has begun enrollment for 2017-18 with a three-step process.
Step one — View our “New” Online Curriculum & Registration Informational Webinars at <http://earlychildhood.northvilleschools.org>
Step two — Attend a “New” Pre-K Parent Night Open House (PRE-K ONLY): A Pre-K Parent Night Open

House will be held 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, at each of our four Pre-K locations: Main Street, Thornton Creek, Ridge Wood and Winchester. Open houses are intended for potential new families to visit classrooms and meet Early Childhood staff. It is not a night intended for children to attend.
Step three — Submit a Program Request Form: Forms will be available on the website beginning March 8. Submit a Program Request Form if you are interested in enrolling your child in any of our programs:
» For 2-year-olds — parent/child
» For 3-year-olds — half-day pre-K
» For 4-year-olds — pre-K PLUS and School Day
» Full-day pre-K
» Kids’ Club — elementary before and after-school program
» Club Mid — middle school after-school program
» Summer — full-day pre-K Summer Camp and Summer Kids’ Club

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.

‘The Music Man JR.’

Novi will dance the Shipooi and revel in the excitement of the Wells Fargo Wagon coming to town when students from Novi Middle School Theater Company perform Meredith Willson’s “The Music Man JR.” at 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 17.
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.
Novi Middle School is located at 49000 11 Mile Road. Tickets are \$7 and may be purchased by contacting Novi Middle School, main office. For more information, call/ email Lori Burkhardt at lburkhardt@novischools.net.
“The Music Man JR.” is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International.

‘Alice’ at the Marquis

Journey through Wonderland with Alice as she follows the white rabbit and other curious friends as the Marquis Theatre presents “Alice in Wonderland.” Come see this fun, interactive musical with lots of singing and dancing. Tickets for all performances are \$9. For more information, call the Marquis Theatre at 248-349-8110, go to www.northvillemarquistheatre.com, email marquistheatre@sbcglobal.net or go to Facebook at [facebook.com/MarquisTheatreNorthvilleMI](https://www.facebook.com/MarquisTheatreNorthvilleMI).
Show times and dates: 2:30 p.m. Saturday, March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and May 6; 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9, 23, 30 and May 7; 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 4, and Thursday and Friday, April 6-7.

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 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

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.northvilleart.org, by calling 248-344-0497 or at the Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady Street. Memberships start at \$30.

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>.

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 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.
EMS Classic Car, The Automotive Easel and the Motor City Hot Rod and Racing Expo are also supporters of SOS at the Expo. This year’s SOS at the Expo lineup includes: Kimberly Matte, international model, actress and spokesperson for Sound of the Soul, who will host the fundraising event; Ron Carley, renowned Abraham Lincoln impersonator and personality; Ed Syrocki of EMS Classic Car Care, who is one of Michigan’s leading experts in classic and antique car care; and Sarah Storme (a.k.a. Miss High Performance) from Dragons Performance, who will sign autographs and pose for photographs.
Anyone who makes a minimum donation of \$10 to the FWSF at the Motor City Hot Rod and Racing Expo will be entered into a drawing to win a classic car audio system donated by Sound of the Soul. For more information on the Fallen and Wounded Soldiers Fund, go to <http://fwsf.org>. For more information on Sound of the Soul Classic Car Audio, go to <http://soundofthesoul.net>.

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Milford firefighters pay tribute to Savage

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Milford firefighters stationed a firetruck outside their department Monday in memory of Ron Savage, Fox 2 News anchor and a paid-on-call firefighter who died Saturday after participating in a training session.

An American flag fluttered in the wind as it hung from the rig's extended ladder over Huron Street, a reminder that Milford firefighters had lost one of their own. The front of the truck, decorated with flowers and firefighting gear, had been turned into a makeshift memorial.

"Ron was a dedicated member of the Milford Fire Department since 2014 and this loss will truly be felt," Milford Fire Chief Thomas Moore wrote in an email to the Milford Times. "Our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife Mitzi and son Ronald Jr., as well as to his Fox 2 family. Ron's generosity and his dedication to many community causes touched many. Rest in peace, Ron Savage."

Savage, who was 63, suffered a cardiac arrest, according to WJBK-TV (Channel 2).

The Milford resident was an Emmy Award-winning journalist and weekend co-anchor who also produced the newscast's "Michigan's Most Wanted" segments, which highlighted unsolved crimes.

During his 25-year firefighting career, he earned two citations for outstanding performance above and beyond the call of duty.

He served in two fire departments while living in North Carolina, from 1992-99, then attended fire academy in Michigan and worked with



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The front of the fire truck is decorated with flowers and gear as a memorial to Ron Savage, a Milford firefighter and Fox 2 News weekend co-anchor who died last weekend.



Savage

Walled Lake's fire department from 1999-2000, according to Brighton Area Fire Authority Chief Michael O'Brian.

He spent 13 years as a paid-on-call firefighter in Brighton.

"Ron had a unique schedule because of TV, his primary employment," O'Brian said. "He'd help with training of new firefighters. He'd help with public education events. Because of his schedule, he was

available during the day and went on a lot of calls for us."

O'Brian said Savage was promoted to sergeant during his tenure with the Brighton department. He was a "first line supervisor," responsible for the rig and crew while responding to an emergency.

"Ron was an asset to the organization, both emergency runs and non-emergency," O'Brian said. "He had a caring

heart."

According to Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Savage was a lector at St. Mary Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church, volunteered with Crime Stoppers, The Humane Society, the Autism Society of Michigan, Mothers Against Drunk Driving and the American Lung Association.

Visitation is 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, March 2, at St. Mary Our Lady of the Snows Catholic

Church, 1955 E. Commerce Road., Milford. Mass will be celebrated at the church at 4 p.m. Thursday.

Memorials may be made in his name to The Ronnie Savage College Education Fund, with checks payable to Ronnie Savage, c/o Lynch & Sons, 404 E. Liberty St., Milford, MI 48381.

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ALSPAUGH

JON MICHAEL 57, of Waldoboro, Maine, died January 22, 2017. Jon was born in Lansing, Michigan on January 4, 1960 to Richard and Mary Ann (Sweeney) Alspaugh. Jon was in the US Army from 1979-1984 and was a member of the 2nd Ranger Battalion. He was a graduate of the US Army's Infantry, Airborne, and Ranger schools. He was also a graduate of Central Michigan University with a Bachelor's Degree in Biology. Jon was a lifelong fisherman, who also enjoyed hunting, paddling, camping and hiking. He passed on his love of the outdoors to his children. At the time of his death Jon was the Environmental Compliance Manager for the City of Rockland. Jon is survived by his wife Erica, of Waldoboro, daughter Emily (John) Bougher of Columbus, Ohio, son, Jacob (Emily) Alspaugh of Urbana, Ohio, son David Patterson of Columbus, Ohio, son Andrew Alspaugh of Urbana, Ohio, and grandchildren Eliana and Samuel. He is also survived by sister Carol Tuz, brother Richard (Kerry) Alspaugh, sister Sharon (Frank) Bustamante, sister Mary Kay Alspaugh, sister Martha (David) Wilson and many nieces and nephews. There will be a memorial for Jon Saturday, March 4 at 11 a.m. with family visitation at 10 a.m. at Oak Grove Mennonite Church, 1525 Mennonite Church Rd in West Liberty. Hall's of Waldoboro has care of the arrangements. To extend online condolences, please visit www.hallfuneralhomes.com

FUGA

ALBERT Age 97, died February 22, 2017. Beloved husband of Mary. Dear father of Carolyn Meeker (Dale), Lorraine Kruslensky, Peter Fuga and Linda Richards. Loving grandfather of nine and great-grandfather of six. Memorial mass will be held 10:00a.m., Saturday, March 4, 2017 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 2575 W. El Campo Grande Ave., Las Vegas NV. 89031

GIESA



CHERYL ANN Age 57, of Northville, passed away on February 13, 2017 after a courageous fight against cancer. She was born on February 12, 1960 in Dearborn; daughter of Richard and Patricia (nee Schwab) Cywinski. Cheryl was married to Patrick L. Giesa on September 25, 1999; lovingly devoted to each other for 17 years. Cheryl was a Technical Instructor and successful computer training salesperson for many years before returning to Madonna University to become a Social Worker. Her job as a social worker at Judson Center was focused around her true passion of helping children in need. She enjoyed swimming, hiking, and mountain biking in the warmer months and continued her love of nature in the winter months through cross country skiing, and snowshoeing. She also enjoyed aerobics and reading. Cheryl was known as a great baker; baking bread is a challenge however she never disappointed the taste testers. Being with her grandchildren was the most important aspect of her life; she loved making crafts with them, celebrating birthdays and holidays, and having sleepovers. Cheryl is survived by her loving husband Patrick L. Giesa; her parents, Richard and Patricia Cywinski; her step-children, Elli (Brian) Osborn and John (Melanie) Giesa; her siblings, Carole (Patrick) Karbon, Cynthia (David) Hutton, and Michael Cywinski; and her grandchildren, Kaiya, Brandon, Blake, Natalie, and Owen. She was also loved by many nieces and nephews. A time of gathering will be held Sunday, March 19 from 4p.m. until 6p.m. with a Memorial Service beginning at 6p.m. at Casterline Funeral Home, 122 West Dunlap, Northville. Memorial contributions would be appreciated to the Judson Center, 4410 West 13 Mile, Royal Oak, MI 48073, ATTN: Development. Share condolences at www.casterlinefuneralhome.com

TENO

TERRY C. age 59, passed away February 16, 2017. He was born December 2, 1957 in Flint, beloved son of Michael and Darlene Teno. He was a graduate of South Lyon High School, class of 1976. In high school, Terry was a successful track athlete. Following graduation, he attended Ferris State on a track scholarship. Terry was a gifted musician and loved playing his guitar, especially with family and friends. He is survived by his beloved wife, Iris; his loving parents, Michael and Darlene Teno; his brother, Troy (Jeanie) Teno; his nieces and nephews: Trystan, Jacob, Zaq, Mikaela, Tiffany, Sheldon, and Karma; his great niece and nephews: Abe, Jojo, and Henryk. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Tony and James. Terry was preceded in death by his brothers and sister: Timothy, Tobin, and Tamara. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, March 1 from 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. A Funeral Service will be held on Thursday, March 2 at 10:00 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of South Lyon, 60820 Marjorie Ann St., South Lyon. Terry will be laid to rest in South Lyon Cemetery. www.phillipsfuneral.com



New condominium? Answers you need to common questions

Q: I just bought my condo from the developer and there is a water leak, I assume from the unit above, coming through the ceiling of my unit and into my bedroom. Who is responsible?

A: This is a highly fact-dependent question, which would require an analysis of specifics, including where the water is actually coming from. Speaking in very general terms, first, I would contact your developer and, hopefully you have a warranty on your unit and/or the common elements around your unit. Next, I would notify the association and ask it to ascertain the origin of the leak. Also, if it is from the unit above your unit, notify the owner of that unit. You should have a condominium-wise lawyer look at your condominium documents, as well as your warranty, to give you the best advice.

Q: I am on the board of our condominium association and a question has arisen about whether the association has a responsibility to deal with a basement leak in two adjoining units. The board doesn't want to spend the money to look into it. What do you think?

A: The association has a general responsibility to maintain, repair and replace those areas of the condominium development as required by the condominium documents. It doesn't matter



Robert Meisner

whether the complaint is from one or more unit owners for the association to take action if the problem is within its jurisdiction. The board cannot ignore its responsibilities because it doesn't want to spend the money or even if it doesn't have the money, as the association generally has the ability through its board of directors to raise the money through assessments to properly do its job.

Q: I'm considering buying a condominium unit. Are my monthly assessments the only thing I have to worry about paying in addition to my mortgage?

A: New condominium co-owners are often surprised by the fact that additional or special assessments may be levied in addition to the regular monthly assessment. As a matter of trying to remain competitive in the real estate market, boards of directors may attempt to keep regular assessments artificially low, knowing that the association's accounts will have to be supplemented from time to time with additional assessments. In addition, and depending on the particular provisions in the association's governing documents, you will likely be individually

responsible for maintenance, repair and/or replacement of most items appurtenant to your unit and perhaps even some "limited common elements" such as a balcony or patio.

That being said, keep in mind that part of the advantage of living in a condominium is the per-unit savings that comes with economies of scale, which many well-managed condominiums are able to realize. And a certain portion of your regular assessment should be going to reserve accounts that are earmarked for future repair and replacement needs, whereas an owner of a single-family residence tends not to be as vigilant in planning for a rainy day. Hopefully, your association will have an experienced manager, CPA and reserve study provider that will help your association plan for the future and realize the best value for your assessment payments.

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Teen DIY Steampunk Goggles

Time/Date: 6-7 p.m. Monday, March 6
Details: For teens grades 6-12, learn how to make your own set of steampunk goggles. Supplies included. Limit 30. Register online or call 248-349-3020.

Singers of Big Bands with Stuart Johnson

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 8
Details: Emerging from being merely window dressing to contributing to the band's overall success, girl singers of the big band era became the stars of the era. Enjoy their stories and music. Register online or in person or call 248-349-3020

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Time/Date: 6-8 p.m. Thursday, March 9
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Time/Date: Noon to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 11
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Tween Event: Howell Nature Center's Wildlife Rehabilitation Program

Time/Date: 4:15-5:15 p.m. Tuesday, March 14
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HEART-SHAPED GLASSES SHOW LOVE

Tara Ijai gets suspicious looks but chooses to see things in a positive light

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Each week, this series will introduce you to an exceptional American who is making a difference to unite, rather than divide, our communities. To read more about the American profiled here and more average Americans doing exceptional things, visit onenation.usatoday.com.

Tara Ijai was 28 when she converted to Islam and chose to wear a hijab, a head covering worn by Muslim women.

Two months later, on Sept. 11, 2001, her faith made her a target.

Ijai's father called her in Arizona and asked her not to wear her hijab. He was afraid someone might hurt her.

But Ijai told him, "I chose this. I believe in this."

Fourteen years later, she walked into a restaurant in Los Angeles. She was there with her mother and sister for a shopping weekend. A television was tuned to the news, about the terrorist attack in San Bernardino, California.

Ijai, wearing her hijab, could feel people looking at her.

"Are they afraid of me?" she thought.

Later, Ijai called her brother, Brad Boulrice, in Texas.

When they hung up, Ijai's phone buzzed. Boulrice had sent her a picture of a guinea pig wearing heart-shaped glasses, with a caption: "I can't see all the haters with my love glasses on."

Ijai bought herself a pair of heart-shaped sunglasses.

When people complimented her glasses, she explained them:

"These are my love glasses. I choose to see the world with love." She bought more and gave them away, ordered more and sold some so she could buy still more.

She called her Facebook page and website "Love Glasses Revolution." She sells heart-shaped glasses and donates a portion of the proceeds to nonprofit groups.

Last Halloween, Ijai was in the parking lot of a grocery store in Scottsdale when a car slowed down. A man leaned



Tara Ijai is a Muslim woman who started wearing heart-shaped glasses as a way of reminding herself to see the love, not the hate.

out of the open window.

"Hey!" he yelled at her. "Nice costume." When she didn't respond, he pulled closer and yelled again. "Hey, nice costume!"

Ijai looked at him through her heart-shaped glasses.

"Hey, thanks!" she said, and then held up one hand in a peace sign.

Because she can't see the haters with her love glasses on.

Tara Ijai

Location: Phoenix

Age: 43

Profession: Founder, Love Glasses Revolution; mother of two

Mission: To encourage people to see the world with love

More info: www.loveglassesrevolution.com

Q&A WITH TARA IJAI

What does it mean to you to be an American?

"It's what makes me me. It's what makes it OK to be me. You can be you. I can be me. We can all be American."

What moment touched and motivated you to launch this effort?

She pushed on her first pair of heart-shaped glasses. "I realized I had a choice. I had a choice how I wanted to show up in the world. And I had a choice of how I wanted to see the world. I would see the world with love."

After that, it wasn't one single moment but countless interactions with people after she began wearing her heart-shaped glasses that prompted her to launch Love Glasses Revolution. People wanted to do something. Ijai has reveled in the stories and pictures people who bought glasses send to her. They sign up to be love advocates and advocate for equality. "We decided love is just bigger," Ijai said.

What gives you hope?

How many people ask, "How can I see things differently? How can I get involved?" How many people are wearing love glasses?

"All of a sudden people were in Ireland wearing love glasses, in Australia, Canada, all over. We have a team of doctors in Colorado who were wearing love glasses after a woman's hip surgery." People of all races, of all religions.

And how when she shows up at marches and demonstrations with a 12-foot banner that says, "Love for all," people flock to it and push them to the front of the group. At an immigration march in Tempe, instead of "Down with Trump," they chanted, "Love for all." "That's the thing that makes me so excited, that we can actually change the message," Ijai said. "We can make a difference."

What do you hope to accomplish through your efforts?

She hopes people will focus on what makes us the same instead of our differences. So she will keep showing up, wearing her hijab. "I know it changes the narrative. They want me to be scary. They want me to be foreign. They want me to be different," she said.

"I'm just going to keep showing up in love."

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Retail sales don’t celebrate Presidents’ Day

You may have noticed that we recently “celebrated” Presidents’ Day — not because of brilliant and enthusiastic educational, social and cultural commemorations that you participated in, but because the newspaper and TV was riddled with Presidents’ Day advertisements for furniture, cars, department stores and the like. We were supposed to celebrate with great vigor the accomplishments of all of our presidents, like Franklin Pierce, James Buchanan, Warren Harding and Benjamin Harrison. Yippee!

The holiday was intended to commemorate the singular, historic accomplishments of George Washington. Feb. 22 (not the third Monday of February) is Washington’s true birthday. After he was given to the ages, the country began to celebrate his birthday as an unofficial holiday. In 1879, Feb. 22 became an



official federal holiday. That Washington should receive special recognition was once a self-evident truth. He played a leading role in the skirmish that set off the French and Indian War. That war led to enormous debt for the British Empire, which led to the British imposing taxation without representation. The British policy was a leading spark to the American Revolution. Washington then led the Continental Army against the British. Through a series of amazing logistical and strategic actions, he wore down the finest military on the planet and gained independence for America. In a masterstroke, he retired from public service. Anxious to return home to Mt.

Vernon, he allowed the seed of freedom to sprout. Several years later, he was called back to service to preside over the Constitutional Convention. His presence was indispensable to its success and the ratification of the Constitution. Not content to let Washington leave the field again, he was the only person unanimously elected (twice) as president. As the first president, he created many of the traditions and initiated many policies that dominate even today. He refused the major trappings of royalty and understood his role as a president of a republic. After his second term, he voluntarily retired. This act of relinquishing power was unparalleled in modern history. His nemesis, King George III, then declared him the “greatest character of the age.” For once, the king was right. There was a time

when Washington’s accomplishments were recognized each year. Now we are lucky if we learn about them in third grade or high school. Although there are many reasons for this denigration, it was all but assured by the ruining of his holiday. Prodded by commercial and labor interests, President Richard Nixon issued an executive order setting Washington’s birthday as the third Monday in February. (One must wonder about the separation of powers issue presented by this order, but that is for another article.) Soon, businesses and the popular culture transformed the day to Presidents’ Day. Technically, the federal holiday remains Washington’s — but realistically, it celebrates nothing. The gutting of the holiday has consequences. Like a religious liturgical calendar — which renews the faith of followers — America

needs a civic calendar. This calendar should make us pause in the hustle and bustle of the day to give thanks and remembrance for our blessings. We still have the calendar (Presidents’ Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Veterans Day), but it has become so cheapened by money and three-day weekends that it is worthless. In his first inaugural address, Washington explained that “the preservation of the sacred fire of liberty and the destiny of the republican model of government are justly considered, perhaps, as deeply, as finally, staked on the experiment entrusted to the hands of the American people.” As the heirs of that experiment, we must maintain that sacred fire of liberty. Accordingly, we should discard the pretense of Presidents’ Day and renew Washington’s birthday.

Washington’s importance is why he holds a prominent position in Patriot Week, co-founded by me and my then-10-year-old daughter Leah. Patriot Week is renewing our civic calendar by celebrating the First Principles, Founding Fathers and other patriots, vital documents and speeches and flags that make America the greatest nation in world history. Anchored by the key dates of Sept. 11 and Sept. 17 (Constitution Day), Patriot Week renews America’s spirit and has captures the imagination and support of citizens across the nation. Let us answer the challenge of freedom by vigorously celebrating Washington’s birthday and Patriot Week.

Michael Warren is an Oakland County Circuit Court judge, co-founder of Patriot Week (PatriotWeek.org) and author of “America’s Survival Guide” (AmericasSurvivalGuide.com).

Northville couple quit jobs to start travel firm

Frank Witsil
Detroit Free Press

Husband and wife entrepreneurs Jim and Julie Welsh quit successful jobs in finance to create their own. They now have their own company, Amaze Travel. It’s an agency that, in the age of name-your-price online travel agencies, caters to people seeking luxury — and personal — experiences.

“We like to throw in extra touches that make for special moments that you wouldn’t be able to make a reservation for,” Julie Welsh, 38, said. “No two trips are the same.”

Last year, the Welches had the entire Louvre in Paris closed down for three hours so their clients — a couple — could go on a private, romantic tour of the museum, a former home of French kings. The cost for that rare and unusual experience: \$15,000-\$20,000. That’s not including the rest of the vacation.

But, not every trip experience they set up is that glamorous — or that expensive.

For clients vacationing in London during the winter holidays, the Welches had a Christmas tree set up in their room.

“We just love to have clients be happy, even if it’s not the most exotic trip,” said Jim Welsh, 37. “Client happiness is a big thing for us.”

The Welches don’t charge their clients directly. They make their money through sales commissions with the companies providing travel and accommodations.

For now, the business is run out of their Northville home, and there are no other employees. They earn less, but they enjoy their jobs more, they said. And, in the 2½ years they have been operating, the couple said, they’ve grown to about 300 clients and about \$1 million a year in sales. They hope within the next five to 10 years to have 10 times the annual sales, and move into an office and hire eight to 12 employees.

“The cool things about being an entrepreneur are that we get to grow our business,” Jim Welsh said. “Every day we work, we’re growing our business and we get to build it the way we want.”

In a conversation edited for clarity and brevity, the couple talked about their business; travel agencies in the age of the Internet and, now, a government crackdown on immigration; and what it takes to be entrepreneurs.



Husband and wife entrepreneurs Julie and Jim Welsh own Amaze Travel.

some serious conversations about what our own company would be like if we took that leap. We came up with three criteria: We wanted to make sure we had knowledge of the industry we were going into. We wanted to make sure there was an opportunity or niche we could fill, and we really wanted to wake up every day and enjoy what we did. We were fortunate enough to have traveled a lot in our lives, separately and together. We discovered through the surge of online travel agencies and do-it-yourself travel agents that there was a niche for more concierge services in travel.

Q: So what does your company actually do?

Julie: (Laughter.) I would call it a relationship business. That’s because we focus on getting to know our clients, their personalities, their styles and what’s going to appeal to them. And on the other side of the coin, we focus on our relationship with our industry connections and getting to know their products, services and locations.

Q: But, isn’t that just what a travel agency is supposed to do?

Julie: I agree. That’s what a travel agency should be. But, what we were finding is if you are doing travel yourself, the online information is not only overwhelming, but extremely subjective. It’s a risk. We really try to personalize and customize.

Q: What is the profile of your customer?

Jim: In general, we serve executives. We

serve families. It’s the type of people who crave the concierge service we can provide, and also the expertise we can provide. They want someone to handle the details for them because, frankly, they want the peace of mind the trip is going to be taken care of. They get to save the time and effort of going through the information themselves. No two trips are alike.

Q: How did you go from working for firms to opening your own travel agency?

Jim: We’ve been fortunate to travel a lot in our lives and we saw how the travel agents would work with us — or with our families — to set up trips, so that’s what gave us an indication to see what was possible in this space. Inspired by that, we saw there was this opportunity to provide this service.

Q: There wasn’t a eureka moment?

Julie: No. It wasn’t overnight. But, it’s kind of the dream. We had these great finance careers and that gave us all the confidence in the world that we could run a business. It’s like that question: If you could win the lottery, what would you do? It’s hard, until you are in that situation and you try to define your passion, you don’t think about it.

Q: So who is ahead on the country count?

Jim: I might be slightly ahead on Julie.

Julie: I think I’m around 26? 23? I don’t know.

Jim: I think Julie is at 23, and I’m at 26 or 27.

Q: Do you keep score?

Jim: It’s hard for either one of us to get ahead now because we travel so much together. But we do sometimes travel separately.

Q: What qualifies someone to be a luxury travel expert?

Julie: It’s not regulated like the CPA or bar exam. Anybody can technically call themselves a travel adviser. I did go through a certification process because in my finance world, I’m used to having credentials after my

name. But, in reality what makes you a luxury travel expert is your first-hand experience, and your relationships on the ground. And also having that high-touch sense of service.

Q: How much did you invest to start your business?

Julie: Not much.

Jim: We are all self-financed. The start-up costs are not tremendously high. I would estimate them to be \$30,000 to \$40,000.

Q: What is the future of travel?

Julie: It’s all about service, the generations, especially that are coming up, they want personal experiences. People want to experience places that are local. They want to spend a month there, not a four-day weekend. So, what they want to do is to go, and feel like they have actually experienced the place, not just checked off the major sites and taken their photos.

Q: Do you have any sense that this new immigration situation from the president’s executive orders will affect your business?

Jim: It’s a great question and we stay on top of current events, whatever the issues of the day are. We have partners throughout the world we can reach out to. It’s probably too early to tell. There is a lot of wait-and-see.

Q: What advice do you have for other entrepreneurs?

Julie: The hardest work, the most effort you should put in is when you are developing your business profile. That is the time to do your due diligence. Once you have that set, that is your guiding light. As soon as you open the doors, people are going to want to give you advice, and you are going to want to follow it, and you are going to want to try everything. But, you need to ask yourself, “Does this follow my initial profile and vision?” If it doesn’t, then you are working against yourself.

NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS
OF THE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO
ORDINANCE §53-9(F)

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Charter Township of Northville Board of Trustees will be considering adoption of the proposed amendment to Ordinance §53-9(F) (Animals General Regulations) at their Regular Meeting on Thursday, March 16, 2017, at 7:00 P.M. at the Northville Township Hall located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168. This amendment was introduced at the Board of Trustee meeting of February 16, 2017. The proposed ordinance amendment:

F. Every animal shall be confined upon the premises of its owner except when the animal is leashed and otherwise under the reasonable control of the owner except as allowed by this chapter.

1)

No dog shall be permitted at any time to be on a public highway or street, or in a public park, public building, sidewalk, any other public place, common area of any residential development of in any place to which the public is generally invited, except when restrained by or under the reasonable control of the owner thereof, or when confined in a shipping receptacle or vehicle, or when on the premises of a duly-authorized dog training facility or dog park.

2)

It shall be unlawful for any owner of an animal to allow or permit the animal to run at large, or to enter onto the private property of another without the express permission of the landowner or occupant of the private property.

3)

Owner shall be defined as the person who owns the dog or any person having the care, custody or control of the dog at the time of offense.

4)

The penalty for the first violation of § 53-9(F) shall be a municipal civil infraction with a fine of \$150.00 plus costs as assessed by the court. Any subsequent violation shall be a misdemeanor punishable by up to 90 days in jail and/or up to a \$500.00 fine plus costs as assessed by the court.

A copy of the full Ordinance and amendment can be viewed during normal business hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Office of the Township Clerk, Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville Michigan 48168.

Sue A. Hillebrand, M.M.C.
Clerk

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Remove obstacles to unlock potential

Moving offices last fall wasn't an easy transition. Despite cinderblock walls, utilitarian tile and a boxy metal desk, the office held great appeal to my students and me, and I overlooked its lack of style — personal items couldn't even brighten the dour aesthetic — because of its location in a nexus of student traffic and adjacent to the journalism classrooms.

There was always a hum of activity (the journalism department is located in a dormitory housing the cafeteria), and with my door, ever open, students stopped in on their way to class or when headed to dinner, weekends, too.

That energy was invigorating, as was developing relationships with students, especially those



too shy to ask questions in class, many of whom I'd invite in as they walked past. These one-on-one sessions helped more than a few improve their grades, not to mention boost their confidence.

A short walk ... miles away

Since September, though, I'm ensconced in a shared space in a building home to the medical school and office of the registrar, among other departments. The walk to class is no more than three minutes, but it's seemingly miles from the former atmosphere to

which I, and my students, had grown accustomed. It's worlds away, too, from those organic connections so important to student and teacher success.

What's also missing is that spark in the air from students rushing between classes or meeting their pals for a meal. The corridor in which my office sits is eerily quiet, and with most office doors closed, even when occupied, the character is monastic at best, unwelcoming at worst.

Still, my open door policy remains. While current students have yet to drop by, a handful from past semesters make their way to catch up. And some, like Jake, are looking for a comfortable place to have lunch. Which he did last week, paying me a com-

pliment saying few instructors are as welcoming.

Please, come In

My open door last Wednesday afternoon was also what a random freshman needed. Desperate to add a class before the 5 p.m. deadline, and after pacing the hallway, he asked about my courses. We decided the workload would be too great, yet he remained interested in the course content, and eagerly shared a story about a writing award he won in high school. We also spoke about his post-graduation plans.

That I was on deadline for my evening class mattered little because his spirits improved as we spoke. My obligation, of course, is to the 60-odd students enrolled in my

classes. And shame on me for prepping at the 11th hour. But when students call, they require immediate attention.

Glad my door was open

I'm curious, then, about closed doors in academia and the workplace and what message they send to students or young employees? Colleagues I queried about their door policies, some of which have paper-covered windows, explained needing uninterrupted time to write or conduct research, and not wanting to make eye contact with passers-by, as well as being introverted or wanting privacy to do a few yoga poses. I interpreted the responses as not very student-centric. Perception is reality.

Closed doors aren't the only barriers young adults face. A former student emailed me recently with an update about her internship. Beyond sharing what she's working on, her note mentioned interactions with her supervisors. Although sitting less than 10 feet from one another, they communicate almost exclusively via email she said.

To teach — in a classroom or the workplace — is a privilege, and only with barriers of any kind removed can we unlock great potential.

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Danielle Kovachevich is a certified etiquette instructor for Bluestone Executive Communications in Birmingham.

The gift of hope is best to give anyone at any time

"Hope springs eternal," said one philosopher. And another said, "The greatest virtues are faith, hope and love." Yet another said, "Hope depends on faith and the outcome of both is love." While hope is a small word, it is a big antidote for despair. The importance of hope, in recovery from despair, is independent of the source of the suffering. Pain is pain. Hope is essential to any recovery. Without hope there is despair. Despair is the submission to loss. It is giving up. It is concluding there is no way out. It is despondency and accomplishes nothing. It is suicide of the soul.

Hope, on the other hand, requires faith in optimism and in one's self. And, hope usually requires interaction with another person. Despairing people can usually not discover hope on their own. They need another person, able to enter their world of despair, and offer them a deal. The deal, psychologically, is a "working alliance."

This is a technical term usually reserved for the positive relationship developed between a psychotherapist and a patient. But it can occur between any two people wherein one has hope to offer to the other in a realistic manner. This "working alliance" amounts to two or more people agreeing to be optimistic in their combined efforts to deal with, overcome or put up with and tolerate a major personal distress. Some people are trained professional "therapists" who can offer hope. Some are ordinary people with an extraordinary life experience or natural endowment of resilience, so as to be



able to offer hope to others. Hope motivates one to act with the belief that there will be a positive outcome from optimism, hard work and perseverance.

Hope differs from a wish. Wishing for a solution to a life problem is a passive event. It can be done in solitude and does not always come true. Hope, on the other hand, is an active event and implies a willingness to work toward a solution or an ability to tolerate seemingly insurmountable problems known as suffering.

So, I encourage hope. If you are struggling with trauma or despair from any source, find another person, group, cause or organization with which to establish a working alliance pursuant to an optimistic overcoming of sorrow. Join up with another in any small or big way and reap the benefits of hope which are movement onward and forward, despite the cost.

Len McCulloch is a diplomate of the American Psychotherapy Association and is credentialed in Traumatic Stress, Mental Health, Brain Injury, Social Work, and Addictions. He is a psychotherapist of 40 years and author of "Our Mental Health," a monthly column syndicated in Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. His 250-plus publications to date have been archived over the past 15 years at the Farmington Library. McCulloch can be reached for a courtesy phone consultation at 248-474-2763, ext. 222.

Meet a real-life Miss Manners

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Poise, polish and presence — those are the keys to climbing the corporate ladder.

And the best way to climb those steps is by working with a certified etiquette instructor like Birmingham's Danielle Kovachevich. Pardon the cliché, but Kovachevich is a real-life Miss Manners.

"Contrary to popular belief, office etiquette is not extinct," Kovachevich said. "It has only evolved."

The former school teacher is certified in etiquette instruction by The Etiquette Institute of St. Louis. She joined Bluestone Executive Communications last December. The Birmingham-based company specializes in helping corporate leaders deliver a message with impact.

"We often work with the CEO, the CFO, the company president or other very high-level executives," Bluestone president Christina McKenna said. "Companies also bring us in to work with the entire organization, helping to cultivate a culture of excellence. We've worked with top executives at General Motors, Magna, La-Z-Boy and Shinola."

Here's what Kovachevich has to say about good manners in the workplace:

Q: Where do you start with a client?

Kovachevich: It depends on whether we're doing a group training to elevate the culture across an entire department or organization or

one-on-one coaching to help one executive fine-tune his or her "professional brand." For groups, we ask the supervisor what they think is working and what is not. With individuals, we ask their professional goals and what they see as the behavioral obstacles to those goals. They're not always the best at identifying their liabilities, but it's a starting point.

Q: How much does it cost for these services?

Kovachevich: I'm not prepared to talk about pricing here ... that wouldn't be polite, would it? But I can tell you this: When our clients add up all the money they spend getting key meetings, preparing for key meetings, flying to key meetings and actually meeting, they realize they cannot afford to blow it once they're in the room. They quickly see our programs pay for themselves.

Q: What about online etiquette?

Kovachevich: This is a huge issue and our biggest area of interest right now. The work world is increasingly digital, but digital communication is very easily misunderstood and that can lead to all sorts of hurt feelings and other trouble. One of our highest demand programs is Email Etiquette. Email is not new, but we're getting worse, not better, at using it effectively. We've becoming increasingly casual on our communication and that doesn't always read well on a screen. Brevity is fine, so long as the tone is friendly and profes-

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Bluestone president

sional.

Q: Any advice on using cellphones in the office?

Kovachevich: What we're finding is that people tend to be too casual with their cellphones, when they need to keep it more professional. Being on a cellphone, especially during a meeting, is sending a message to co-workers and supervisors that your work isn't important to you. Put it away and make the people and job a priority.

Q: What's the most common faux pas?

Kovachevich: The most common misstep is putting oneself before others. Manners are a sensitivity and awareness of how we make people feel. Etiquette is not about being perfect or uptight. It simply defines the rules and guidelines of how we should handle social and professional situations. So long as we're being kind, respectful and considerate, we're usually on solid ground.

But if you're looking for one specific example, here's one that's especially relevant in the Michigan winter. While it's OK to wipe your nose at the table, step away from the table if you need to blow

your nose. Also, if you must sneeze or cough, do so into the crook of your arm, not your hand, which your dining partner will likely have to shake at the end of the meal.

Q: Is it ever OK to be rude to someone?

Kovachevich: Never! I think you take the higher road — ultimately what can someone say when you come back with a kind remark? I think it's definitely OK to be direct in a situation, but there's always a way to handle it with grace and class that serves you and the people around you.

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CITY OF NOVI
NOTICE OF MEETING
OF BOARD OF REVIEW

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Review shall convene for the Organizational Meeting at 9:00 a.m. EST, Tuesday, March 7, 2017 in the Novi Assessing Department at 45175 Ten Mile Road for the purpose of reviewing and correcting the assessment roll.

Notice is further given that the second session of the Board of Review will meet for the purpose of hearing and considering assessment appeals in the Novi City Council Chambers at 45175 Ten Mile Road on March 13, 14 and 15, 2017.

All appearances before the Board will be by appointment only.

If you or your representatives want to appear in person, the appointment must be made on or before 5:00 p.m. EST, Friday, March 10, 2017. Appearances before the Board of Review are limited to five (5) minutes or less. Petitions are available at the Assessor's Office or at www.cityofnovi.org

NO APPOINTMENTS WILL BE GIVEN UNTIL A PETITION IS RECEIVED BY THE ASSESSING DEPARTMENT.

Letters of protest will be accepted on or before 5:00 p.m. EST, Tuesday, March 14, 2017. Postmarks will not be considered. When submitting a letter of protest for the Board of Review consideration, you must attach a completed petition along with any supporting information.

All agents protesting values on property, other than their own, MUST HAVE written authorization from each property owner they are representing.

Persons on fixed or limited income may be eligible for a reduction in property taxes due to poverty. Applications are available at the Assessing Department, or at www.cityofnovi.org

BOARD OF REVIEW SCHEDULE
Monday, March 13, 2017 - 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Council Chambers
Tuesday, March 14, 2017 - 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Council Chambers
Wednesday, March 15, 2017 - 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Council Chambers
Located in the Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road Novi, MI 48375

Any questions should be directed to the Assessing Department at (248) 347-0485.

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No students hurt as hit-run driver plows into bus

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High school students riding a Northville Public Schools bus were unhurt Feb. 22 when a car struck the bus on Eight Mile at Richmond Drive in Novi. The driver of the car drove off after

the accident, said Sgt. Patrick Fanning of the Novi Police Department. Witnesses were not able to describe the driver or provide a license plate number, Fanning said. The car was described as possibly a gray Chrysler 300. The crash occurred just before 7

a.m., Fanning said. The bus driver had stopped on southbound Richmond and was preparing to turn onto Eight Mile when the car, westbound on Eight Mile, briefly left the roadway and struck the left front end of the bus, he said. The car continued westward, Fanning said. The bus, which was carrying about

30 high school-age students, sustained minor front-end damage, Fanning said. It was driveable, Fanning said, and was inspected by an NPS mechanic. Police sent a bulletin sent to area departments advising officers to be on the lookout for the car, which is expected to have front-end damage.

Michigan DEQ permits awaited for local road project

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There is currently no start date set for the reconstruction of the Napier and 10 Mile intersection, which will include a roundabout.

The project had been announced for spring, but currently is in a holding pattern waiting for state environmental approval of work.

“Right now, the necessary permits for this project from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality are snagged, so we do not have a start date until those issues are resolved,” said Cindy Dingell, spokesperson for the Road Commission for Oakland County.

At issue are wetlands in the area that would be impacted by the construction. Dingell noted the MDEQ also has necessary permits held up for the Maple Road project from Haggerty to Drake.

“On a good note, the RCOC has closed the deal with the church located on the southeast side of Napier and 10 Mile, so that issue is resolved as far as purchasing necessary additional property,” Dingell said.

The scope of the pro-



The intersection of 10 Mile and Napier roads.

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ject, which calls for paving the currently gravel Napier from Nine Mile to north of 10 Mile and reconstruction of the Napier and 10 Mile intersection with a roundabout, remains unchanged. Napier is the dividing line between Lyon Township and Novi. The \$5 million in project costs are being shared by the RCOC,

Lyon Township and Novi.

The project also includes a significant reduction of a hill on 10 Mile to improve sight distance and enhance safety. As a temporary measure, flashing lights have been installed to alert drivers to the intersection.

“Oakland County has kind of taken the project

over. They are just informing us about what is happening. The start time was supposed to be in May with three or four months to completion before school opens,” Lyon Township Supervisor John Dolan said. “It will be close.”

Reducing the hill should improve sight lines at the intersection,

Dolan said, along with constructing the township’s fourth roundabout. “Oakland County swears by roundabouts. I think if they are small enough, roundabouts control traffic pretty well,” Dolan said. “There’s no (traffic) light there now. People are moving fast. There should be no more T-bone

bad accidents. There’s definitely a learning curve with roundabouts, no doubt.”

The RCOC cites statistics showing roundabouts reduce the types of traffic crashes where people are seriously injured or killed 78-82 percent compared to conventional intersections, where traffic stops with traffic signals. There are less conflicts points with roundabouts versus a traffic signal, according to Dingell.

About 18,500 vehicles pass through the intersection currently. Dingell commented earlier that the roundabout will accommodate future traffic as the area continues to grow. Paving Napier is expected to increase the amount of traffic on the road. In addition, Lyon Township is on track to be the fastest residential housing growth in southeast Michigan for a third year in 2017.

Currently, the township has three roundabouts: Grand River/Lyon Center Drive; Lyon Center East/Grand River; and New Hudson Drive/Pontiac Trail.

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With tax cut bill dead, lawmakers push other bills to ease burden

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A cut to the individual income tax from 4.25% to 3.9% may have died in the state House of Representatives on Thursday on a 52-55 vote, but other lawmakers introduced a number of bills last week that would lower the tax burden on Michigan residents.

The bills would remove the increases in vehicle registration fees that were passed last year to help pay for road improvements; increase the personal exemption on state income taxes from \$4,000 to \$6,000, and establish tax credits for people who make improvements to their homes, making them more accessible.

All the bills were introduced by Democrats, who are at a distinct disadvantage because Republicans hold a 63-47 majority. But both Republicans and Democrats have introduced several bills already this year

that would eliminate the income tax on pensions that was approved by the Legislature in 2011. After the defeat of the income tax cut last week, it’s uncertain what direction future tax proposals will take.

Another bill introduced last week is a familiar plea to modify the fireworks law that was passed in 2012, allowing individuals to set off commercial-grade fireworks. The law has been changed to limit the explosions to the 10 federal holidays, as well as the day before and after the holiday.

But every year, local communities plead with their legislators to change the law even further and allow them to set more stringent guidelines. The resulting bills have not gotten a vote in the Legislature.

Bills introduced last week:

House bills

HB 4251: Remove increases in vehicle reg-



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Rep. Robert Kosowski, D-Westland, has sponsored a bill to give veterans a waiver of public transit fees.

istration fees. Sponsor: Rep. Scott Dianda, R-Calumet.

HB 4252-4253: Accelerate the phase-in of removing the sales and use taxes on the difference for a trade-in vehicle. Sponsors: Reps. Bronna Kahle, R-Clinton, Michael Webber, R-Rochester Hills.

HB 4254: Provide for per-pupil funding formula based on the greater of current year or prior year pupil count. Sponsor: Rep. Abdullah Hammoud, D-Dearborn.

HB 4255-4256: Require the reduction of air pollution emission standards during certain months and restrict emission standards during thermal inversions. Sponsors: Reps. Abdullah Hammoud, D-Dearborn, Stephanie Chang, D-Detroit.

HB 4257: Require containment of petroleum coke piles. Sponsor: Rep. Stephanie Chang, D-Detroit.

HB 4258: Require an air pollution impact student and consideration of cumulative pollution levels before issuing air quality permits. Sponsor: Rep. Stephanie Chang, D-Detroit.

HB 4259: Provide for the auditor general to have authority to gain confidential or electronic data. Sponsor: Rep. Joseph Graves, R-Linden.

HB 4260: Specify youth sports’ training programs to have written clearance form regarding concussions and length of time before a return to athletic activity. Sponsor: Rep. Sheldon Neeley, D-Flint.

HB 4261: Allow sports betting in Michigan.

Sponsor: Rep. Robert Kosowski, D-Westland.

HB 4262: Provide for a waiver of fees for public transit for veterans with ID cards. Sponsor: Rep. Robert Kosowski, D-Westland.

HB 4263: Revise experience requirements and waive examination fees for electrician licenses for veterans. Sponsor: Rep. Robert Kosowski, D-Westland.

HB 4264: Increase the personal exemption on income taxes from \$4,000 to \$6,000. Sponsor: Rep. Tim Greimel, D-Auburn Hills.

HB 4265 and SB 170: Establish a five-foot clearance distance that a driver of a vehicle must maintain when passing a bicyclist. Sponsors: Rep. Holly Hughes, R-White River Township, Sen. Margaret O’Brien, R-Portage.

HB 4266: Authorize zoning and growth management policies to household agricultural in residential zones. Sponsor: Rep. Tim Kelly, R-Saginaw Township.

HB 4267: Provide for and allocate additional revenue to be deposited in the automation fund in county general funds. Sponsor: Rep. Tim Kelly, R-Saginaw Township.

HB 4268: Allow active duty members of the military to carry a concealed weapon even if there is a personal protection order against the individual. Sponsor: Rep. Tim Kelly, R-Saginaw Township.

HB 4269: Provide for ambulance and emergency medical personnel to be present at high school sporting events. Sponsor: Rep. Jewell Jones, D-

Inkster.

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MHSAA DIVISION 1 TEAM STATE FINALS

Shamrocks claim sixth team crown

Catholic Central caps 31-1 dream season with title

Tom Lang
Detroit Free Press

Earlier in the week, Davison coach Roy Hall said Novi Detroit Catholic Central's lineup looked great on paper. The Shamrocks looked even better on the wrestling mat Saturday at Central Michigan University's McGuirk Arena. CC won its sixth Division 1 team state championship since the dual format was instituted 30 seasons ago, with a 35-22 victory over the Cardinals, who beat CC in last year's semifinals. CC won three straight titles in 2012-14. "I'm so absolutely proud of our group of kids and the coaching staff and our community, our students for showing up here, sharing the brotherhood," Shamrocks coach Mitch Hancock said. "It's a remarkable moment for our guys. A

special, special moment. "I've got to tell you, that hurt," Hancock said about losing to Davison last year. "But we didn't do our best and compete and our guys is year used that as motivation and they did a remarkable job. It's been a whole year of motivation." Davison (26-4) got off to a solid start, when Brenden Mcrill earned a tech fall over Connor Curnutte at 189 pounds, before Jackson Ross put CC ahead with a pin at 215 in 1:43. The Shamrocks then won four of the next six matches to build a lead. "Jackson Ross did a fantastic job, (Benyamin) Kamali did his job (at 112)," Hancock said. "How about Derek Gilcher being down 4-1 and kept building back (to win, 9-8, at 119)? And Aidan Wagh sealed the deal there at 145 (with a 7-3 victory). The guys wrestled really, really tough all week-



Catholic Central 215-pounder Jackson Ross celebrates after pinning Davison's Colton Cunningham.

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SCOTT CONFER

BOYS SWIMMING



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Novi's Camden Murphy established a new conference record in the 100-yard butterfly.

Novi wears first-ever Kensington crown

Murphy spurs Wildcats to title; Northville takes second place

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For the first time in school history Novi swimmers, divers and coaches took the customary victory dip following their conquest of the KLAA Kensington Conference meet. The host Wildcats, getting another sterling performance from senior Camden Murphy, captured the team title Saturday with 997 points to unseat defending champion Northville, which took runner-up honors with 895. Rounding out the 10-team field were Livonia Stevenson (578.5), Canton (565.5), South Lyon Unified (491), Salem (365), Plymouth (295), Livonia Churchill (275), Westland John Glenn (134) and Wayne Memorial (125). "This was a tough weekend for us, actually," Novi coach Brent Pohlonski said. "We got guys who are training for state meet, who haven't done that before. And trying to swim fast at this meet, when you're training for the state meet and have never done it before, it takes some experience. We had a lot of guys tapering for the state meet who didn't light it up the way we usually do here."



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See NOVI, Page B3 Northville's Kirk Maibach (top) was a conference double-winner in the 50- and 100-yard freestyles.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Baird scores 28 to lift Shamrocks by Cowboys

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C.J. Baird's academic prowess might be unmatched, but the 6-foot-5 senior forward from Novi Detroit Catholic Central is proving he's not too shabby on the basketball court as well. Baird turned in a sizzling first half with 18 points and finished with a game-high 28 as the Shamrocks tuned up for the upcoming Class A district tourney with a come-from-behind 77-70 boys basketball win Friday at home over Detroit Western International. Baird, who carries a 4.75 grade-point average, has already been accepted into Indiana University's Kelley School of Business and is awaiting word on getting into Michigan's Ross School of Business, which is his first choice. "Right now, I'm not 100-percent decided," Baird said. "I want to study at Michigan, that's what I'm hoping to do. That's my goal for the future." Baird, however, has some unfinished business on the high school hardwood as CC improved to 12-6. The Shamrocks had one regular season game remaining before a first-round state tournament opener Monday, March 6, at Northville. "It is winding down and I'm trying to make the most of it and see what we can do from here," Baird said. Western International (7-10), two years removed from a 26-0 Class A state title run and a quarterfinal appearance last year, built a double-digit first-half lead before the Shamrocks closed it to 39-33. CC then outscored the Cowboys 20-11 in the third quarter and took the lead for keeps,



Baird

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BOYS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Northville takes a bite out of Bulldogs, 62-44

Novi waylaid by Howell in KLAA consolation game

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Senior guard Kevin Morrissey's game-high 22 points sparked Northville to a 62-44 KLAA consolation bracket boys basketball victory Friday at home over Brighton.

The 6-foot senior guard got help from 6-4 senior forward Phil Jovanovski, who finished with 16 points as the Mustangs improved to 11-8.

Northville led 32-22 at halftime on a 3-pointer by Morrissey at the buzzer and extended its advantage to 57-38 after three quarters.

Northville senior guard Jack Burke, who underwent foot surgery following his football season, made his first appearance of the season in the fourth quarter for the Mustangs.

"We were really unselfish tonight and shared the ball," Northville coach Todd Sander said. "Niko Barach, Mark Grimes and Robert Johnson gave us a lift to end the half on both sides of



Catholic Central's Brandon Recto (left) goes up for the left-handed shot against Carlson's Tyler Koons.

the ball."

Dalton Porth and Andrew Gilpin combined for six 3-pointers and 18 points for Brighton, which slipped to 5-14.

HOWELL 64, NOVI 59: Trailing 55-44 with only four minutes to play, the visiting Highlanders (13-6) ended the game on a 20-4 run Friday to stun the Wildcats (13-6) in a KLAA consolation bracket match-up.

Dan Zolinski was one of four Howell players in double figures with 15 points. Josh Palo added 11, while Jonathan Shields and Jacob Latham contributed 10 apiece.

Howell made a total of eight 3-pointers, including four in the decisive fourth quarter. The KLAA West Division champs also made 10-of-13 free throws.

Trendon Hankerson paced Novi with 13 points, while Alec Bagers and Travon Maddox Jr. added 12 and 10, respectively.

Novi, the KLAA Central Division champion, was only 1-of-3 from the foul line and connected on 8-of-27 3-pointers.

"Credit Howell, they played hard," said Novi coach Brandon Sinawi, whose team was outscored 36-23 in the second half. "But we did not come to play. There's no excuse for lack of effort. We'll learn from it."

PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN 82, FRANKLIN ROAD 55: Matt Malcolm poured in a game-high 23 points to spark Plymouth Christian Academy (12-7, 7-5) to a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division win Friday over host Novi Franklin Road Christian (2-16, 0-12).

Max Okolo and James Fadden chipped in 15 and 11 points, respectively, for the Eagles, who led 39-21 at halftime and 53-31 after three quarters.

Maxwell Holleman and Rahmon Scruggs scored 15 and 14 points, respectively, for the Warriors, who dropped their eighth straight. PCA made 11-of-16 free throws, while the Warriors connected on 11-of-18.

DETROIT CC 73, CARLSON 71: Three-pointers were raining all over the court Feb. 27 as host Novi Detroit Catholic Central (11-6) outgunned Gibraltar Carlson (11-6) in a non-league encounter.

The Shamrocks were led by senior forward C.J. Baird's team-high 24 points. Sophomore forward Davis Lukowski added 20, including six of CC's 11 triples, while A.J. Abdelnour chipped in eight points.

Using a zone defense the entire night,

Carlson battled back from a 24-17 first-quarter deficit while getting a game-high 25 points from Tyler Koons, who made four of his team's nine 3-pointers.

Three other Marauders scored in double figures: John Lazarski (18), Jaylyn Franklin (11) and Lance Nitzkorske (10).

Both teams finished 10-of-12 from the free-throw line.

NORTHVILLE 51, PINCKNEY 46: The senior backcourt of Jake Justice and Kevin Morrissey combined for 28 points as the Mustangs (10-8) earned a hard-fought KLAA consolation round victory Feb. 21 over the host Pirates (10-7).

Justice finished with 16 points, while Morrissey added 12 for the Mustangs, who started the game on an 11-0 run before Pinckney cut it to 14-13 after one quarter. The Pirates went up 29-22 at halftime before the Mustangs regrouped in the second half thanks to an 18-8 third-quarter run.

"A win is a win, but we have a lot of things we need to clean up in the next few games," Northville coach Todd Sander said. "I was proud of how we responded in the second half. We really challenged them at halftime and they came back and improved in the second half."

Sweedish exchange student Gustaf Tjernberg chipped in eight points off the bench for Northville, which connected on 7-of-10 free throws.

"It was nice to see Gus get back in action and he was a factor on both ends of the court," Sander said.

Kolton Pavicek and Kyle O'Donohue both scored 14 points, while Connor Chynoweth dished out six assists for Pinckney. The Pirates were 8-of-10 from the foul line.

OAKLAND CHRISTIAN 70, FRANKLIN ROAD 61: Senior Joshua Beck's double-double went in vain Feb. 21 as Novi Franklin Road Christian (2-15, 0-11) fell to host Auburn Hills Oakland Christian (12-5, 7-4) in an MIAC Blue Division game.

Beck finished with 19 points and 13 rebounds, while sophomore Jake Schinzing added 10 points as the Warriors were unable to overcome a 34-29 halftime deficit.

Bred Miller and Ryder Patterson paced the Lancers with 17 and 14 points, respectively.

Oakland Christian made 29-of-42 free throws (69 percent), while the Warriors hit 20-of-25 (80 percent).

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GIRLS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Novi wins district opener

Boboc leads Franklin Road past PCA

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Novi broke open a close game by outscoring Plymouth 30-11 in the second half Monday en route to a first-round 51-29 Class A district girls basketball victory over Plymouth at Salem High School.

The Wildcats, who improved to 15-6, got 18 points, 10 rebounds and two assists from junior point guard Ellie Mackay.

Cara Ninkovich chipped in 14 points, six rebounds and two assists, while junior Julia Lalain finished with 12 points and six boards for the Wildcats.

Chantal LeDoux scored a team-high 13 points for Plymouth (9-12), which trailed by only three at halftime, 21-18.

"The first half was everything you expected, two teams battling in the state tournament like every possession mattered," Plymouth coach Ryan Ballard said. "Unfortunately, the second half was a different story. We got punched in the mouth and chose not to compete. Novi made us pay for it."

FRANKLIN ROAD 39, PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN 22: Dana Bobec's 17 points, 11 rebounds and five blocks proved to be the difference Friday as host Novi Franklin Road Christian (16-4, 6-2) rolled to a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division win over Plymouth Christian (10-10, 3-5).

Senior guard Danielle Fusco added eight points for the Warriors, who jumped out to a 17-2 first-quarter advantage and never looked back. Franklin Road made 4-of-6 free throws.

Robin Albert scored six points for the Eagles, who went 6-of-10 from the foul line.

Northville trailed 24-18 at halftime and 33-28 after three quarters before storming back for the victory.

"We switched up, got a little more speed on the floor and our pressure got to them a little bit," Northville coach Todd Gudith said. "We were able to have them cough up the ball, which enabled us to rally back."

Ashley Watson and Mo Brady led the Captains with 10 points apiece.

Both teams struggled at the foul line, with Northville going 11-of-21 (52.3 percent), while Kettering was 3-of-9 (33 percent).

The Mustangs, meanwhile, ended a modest two-game losing streak.

"After we dropped out last two games, it's nice to get that last win of the regular season and finish undefeated at home for the year," Gudith said. "It's kind of a good feeling going into districts."

HOWELL 42, NOVI 31: In the regular season finale Feb. 23, the host Wildcats (14-6) fell to the Highlanders (17-3) in a KLAA consolation round encounter.

Junior guard Ellie Mackay scored 16 points, while Julia Lalain added seven points and six rebounds for Novi, which trailed 23-13 at halftime and 34-25 after three quarters.

Anna Biberstein and Cara Ninkovich also combined for 13 rebounds.

Kaylee Wendell led Howell with 14 points, while Alexis Miller and Leah Weslock chipped in 11 points and eight rebounds apiece.

FRANKLIN ROAD 53, LUTHERAN NORTHWEST 28: Sophomore Chanelle Lochrie scored 15 points and dished out four assists as Novi Franklin Road Christian (15-4, 5-2) coasted to a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division triumph Feb. 21 over visiting Rochester Hills Lutheran North (8-10, 3-4).

Rachel Baused also posted a double-double with 11 points and 10 rebounds, while Reagan chipped in 10 points and five boards.

Kaily Grulke paced the Crusaders with 11 points.

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Catholic Central's C.J. Baird goes in for the layup during a game against Carlson.

DAVE DONOHER

SHAMROCKS

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51-50, on a banker by Josh Gutowsky with 1:55 remaining in the same quarter.

"I think our defensive intensity is what really brought us back," Baird said. "Coach (Bill Baird) in the locker room was telling us 39 points was too much in the first half. It was unacceptable and we held them to 11 in the third quarter. That really made the difference and turned us around. We got some turnovers, got some easy baskets out of it. That's been our game, especially in the second half. It's been really helping us coming out in the second half."

CC went up by as many as 11 in the final quarter and held on despite some anxious moments in the final few minutes.

"We played really great in the third quarter," Dyer said. "We made a lot of shots and played with a little more energy and hustled a lot harder."

Baird, meanwhile, carried CC offensively in the first half, scoring 18 of his team's 33 points.

"The thing that was good was coach (Dyer) told me go inside-out and I got a couple of layups early," he said. "I got a good three and I was feeling it. I kept getting to open spots. And A.J. (Abdelnour) kept feeding me the ball right in the middle of the key, right at that elbow, and I was feeling good that first half. It really got everybody else spread out in that second half, too. When there was a little bit of attention on me, we got the ball ahead and got some easy buckets, so it really worked out in the end."

Abdelnour, a junior guard, contributed 17 points, while senior forward Jack Morris, who was active all night on

the boards, finished with 13 points. The Shamrocks also shot well from the foul line, going 20-of-24 (83.3 percent).

"We had a tough loss with (Dearborn) Divine Child (Feb. 18 league playoffs), but we had a nice win the other day (73-71 over Gibraltar Carlson) and another close game tonight and we're looking forward to what the next two weeks brings," Dyer said.

Trey Jackson paced the Cowboys with 15 points, while Loren Bowman added 14, with 13 of those coming in the opening half. Ravon Simpson chipped in 10.

"I thought defensively, we quit on plays," said Western coach Derrick McDowell, whose team was outscored in the second half, 44-31. "I think when stuff started to go bad, we don't have enough leadership to weather the storm. Just all of a sudden, it collapses all at once and we have to regroup. And we got too far down to re-

group and come back."

Western International started the game with four underclassmen, including a freshman point guard.

"It's been a struggle because we've got a lot of new guys," McDowell said. "We've got to learn how to win. We're good enough to win, but we don't know how to win. It becomes frustrating. Confidence-wise, it wavers."

Meanwhile, Dyer will take the victory over a Western team that might be better than its record indicates due to a murderous Detroit Public School League and non-league schedule.

"They're a year removed from a state championship," he said. "They're not bad, they're still pretty good. They're very athletic and they can shoot the ball a little bit. They played above the rim today."

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Novi's Cara Ninkovich (left) makes a pass during the district win over Plymouth.

BOYS HOCKEY

Northville rolls in pre-regional, 7-2

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State-ranked Northville is off and running in the MHSAA Division 1 boys hockey state tournament as 13 different players registered at least a point Monday in a 7-2 pre-regional victory over New Boston Huron-Belleville at the Dearborn Ice Skating Center.

The Mustangs, who improved to 20-6-1, led 3-2 after two periods before scoring four unanswered goals in the final period to earn a spot in Wednesday's regional semifinal against Monroe.

Daniel McKee sparked the Mustangs, who outshot New Boston-Belleville, 47-16, with two goals and one assist. Devon Laba and Nick Bonofiglio both added a goal and assist.

Other Northville goal scorers included Shane Bryans, Noah Eckerle and Jack Sargent.

Joe Tobon collected two assists, while Alex Iafrate, Ty Kilar, Easton Rea, Danny Scorzo, Nate Czarnota and Luke Skillman had one each.

Giovanni Buscemi and Joey Comillo scored for New Boston-Belleville (20-5-1), while goalie Ryan Mann made 40 saves.

Northville goaltender Brett Miller recorded 14 saves.

DETROIT CC 8, NORTH-HARRISON



Northville's Josh Mitchell (left) and Joe Tobon (right) try to squeeze out Plymouth's Christian Mullenax.

MICHAEL VASILNEK

O: Rylan Clemons and Mitch Morris both tallied two goals and one assist as three-time defending Division 1 state champion Novi Detroit Catholic Central (18-7-1) took just two periods to mercy the Farmington Hills Flyers (9-17) in the pre-regional game at the Farmington Hills Ice Arena.

Ethan Ervin and Zachary Sprys-Tellner contributed a goal and assist apiece, while Michael Considine scored the other CC goal.

Nicco Zervos and Brendan West both collected two assists, while Kory McCul-

lough had one for CC, which jumped out to a 5-0 first-period lead before putting it away with three second-period goals.

CC goalie Sean Finstrom had to make only six saves to post the shutout, while Colin Woods had 23 saves for the Flyers.

The Shamrocks faced South Lyon Unified in the regional semifinal Wednesday at the Farmington Hills Ice Arena.

NORTHVILLE 3, STONEY CREEK 2: The Mustangs (19-6-1) scored all three goals in the opening period and made them stand up in a non-conference victory Saturday over host Rochester Stoney Creek

(9-14-1) at the Onyx.

The Mustangs, who ended the regular season 19-6-1, built a 3-0 lead as Jack Sargent scored twice, at 5:08 (from Ty Kilar) and 8:13 (unassisted), followed by Nick Bonofiglio's goal at 11:43 from Luke Skillman and Nick Bogenhagen.

Stoney Creek (9-13-1) cut the deficit to 3-1 on Nick Schena's unassisted short-handed goal at 13:50.

The Cougars' Evan Lazarevich closed it to 3-2 at 11:24 of the second from Ryan Maselli and victory Sicilia, but Northville goalies Brett Miller and Collin Smith, who

split time in goal, combined for 20-of-22 saves to preserve the victory.

DeLaSALLE 3, NOVI 1: On Saturday, Gregory Pine collected two goals and one assist to lead host Warren DeLaSalle (16-9-1) to a non-league win over the Wildcats (10-13-2) in the regular-season finale for both teams at Mount Clemens Ice Arena.

Pine scored at 13:27 of the second period to break a scoreless deadlock with assists going to Austin Scott and Ethan Harrington.

With only 1:45 remaining in regulation, Novi's David DeNeva tied it on a power-

play goal from Louis Wolff.

But the Pilots' Thomas Hernandez answered with just 46 seconds from Pin and Matthew Peltó to score the game-winner. Pine added another goal with only five seconds remaining from Ollie Bezick.

Novi goalie Mariny Legace Jr. made 27 saves, while Brandon Compton had 20 for DeLaSalle.

NORTHVILLE 4: PLYMOUTH 1: Junior Danny Scorzo collected two goals and one assist Feb. 22 as the Mustangs (18-6-1) turned the tables on the Wildcats (14-10-1) in a rematch to earn a victory at Novi Ice Arena.

It was only four days earlier that Plymouth snapped Northville's seven-game unbeaten string with 4-2 win.

State-ranked Northville (No. 4 in Division 1), which improved to 17-6-1, jumped out to a 2-0 first-period lead on goals by Easton Ray at 1:13 (from Joe Tobon and Noah Eckerle) and Scorzo at 8:12 (from Jimmy Dales and Ty Kilar).

Plymouth, ranked No. 7 in Division 2, cut the deficit to 2-1 at 7:02 of the second period on Thomas Casari's goal from Luke Kaledas.

But the Mustangs put it away on Scorzo's second of the game at 10:02 of the same period, assisted by Jack Sargent and Dales.

Nate Czarnota then scored at 1:07 of the third from Scorzo to make it a three-goal cushion that the Wildcats were unable to recover from.

Northville goalie Brett Miller played 34 minutes making 21 saves, while Collin Smith also played a period and stopped six shots.

DETROIT CC 10, GROSSE POINTE NORTH 2: Dylan Montie and Rylan Clemons both collected five points as three-time defending MHSAA Division 1 state champion Novi Detroit Catholic Central (17-7-1) finished the regular season with a bang with a mercy-rule win Friday over host Grosse Pointe North (6-17-1) at East Side Hockey Ice Arena in Detroit.

Montie and Clemons both finished with one goal and four assists, while other multiple point producers for the Shamrocks included Mitch Morris (two goals, one assist), Zachary Sprys-Tellner and Michael Considine (two goals each), Austin Roell and Brendan West (one goal, one assist each), Nicco Zervos (three assists).

Other assists went to Jared Lee, Ryan Hausman, Korey McCullough and Jack Chartier as CC enjoyed a 49-11 shot advantage.

Paul Lucchesi and Marko Tomovski both scored a goal, while Austin Albrecht assisted on both, during the opening period for the Norseman, who gave up five goals in the second and one in the third. The game ended at 13:55 left on Morris' goal.

Julia McLellan (39 saves) went all the way in goal for North, while Sean Finstrom and Joe Pernecky split time in net for CC, combining for nine saves.

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But the University of Georgia-bound Murphy, one of the nation's top junior swimmers, made the most of his one and only Kensington Conference meet after opting to train strictly with his Waterford Kingfish Aquatic club team during his first three high school years.

Medley champs

Murphy teamed with Joey Berman, Daniel Chung and Phillip Billiu for a meet record and All-America consideration time of 1:35.22 in the 200-yard medley relay.

The senior also posted an All-America consideration time by winning the 200 individual medley (1:50.83) as well as his specialty, the 100 butterfly, when he clocked a meet and All-America time of 48.62 after going 48.62 in Friday's prelims.

And to top the afternoon off, Murphy teamed with Berman, Siddharda Kareddy and Alexander Yuan for a victory in the 400 freestyle relay (3:11.07). Meanwhile, Berman added a victory in the 100 backstroke (52.08).

"We held our own, I'm so happy for the guys," Pohlonski said. "We didn't really light it up and have big, huge drops like we normally do. It wasn't pretty, but we got it done. We had some great moments, a whole bunch of them. Our relays were great today. We knew that was going to be the key and Camden was amazing, as always. Joey (Berman) was great. Max Robbins going 4:48 in the 500 (freestyle) as a freshman, that's just amazing."

Critical points

With the top 18 places scoring, every point was crucial for the Wildcats.

"A lot of it was just guys stepping up and getting a point here and a point there," Pohlonski said. "Colin Quinn won the 'B' heat in the 100 breaststroke (1:03.38). Daniel Shim winning the 'C' heat of the butterfly (57.56). It's just things like that, guys you don't normally hear much about that really did it. It was all around and the team did great, but we didn't come out with as many (Division 1) state cuts as we were hoping to



The Novi boys swim team won its first Kensington Conference crown.

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get."

Northville tried to make a charge in Friday's prelims, but came up short.

"We're just not good enough, that's all it comes down to," Northville coach Rich Bennetts said. "I can't fault the effort from the kids. We threw everything we had at (Novi). I think we were down 160, according to the seeds coming in, and we took a big chunk of that out on Friday, but we have a lot of things that need to change in the program if we want to get as good as these guys. Losing sucks. When you lose, you make excuses, but I'm not going to make excuses. They're better than we are. We have to make a commitment to training and try to get better than where we're at now."

Double-winner

The Mustangs were led by Kirk Maibach, who swept the 50 and 100 freestyles with times of 21.69 and 47.25, respectively.

"He's a talented kid," Bennetts said. "He was challenged this year. It was interesting when the psyche sheets came out that they didn't decide to put their top level guys in it. And I think he kind of took that as motivation. He went out and did his job and won his two events. We expect big

things from him at state meet and, hopefully, he goes faster."

Northville's Travis Nitkiewicz set a conference record by winning the 100 breaststroke (58.30), while teammate Nikolai Arton was runner-up (59.21). Nitkiewicz was also runner-up to Murphy in the 200 IM (1:55.67).

"Good talented kids," Bennetts said of his 100 breaststroke duo. "Travis Nitkiewicz works his butt off. You don't realize that when you're in front of everyone, but that kid went 1:55 as a sophomore in the 200 IM. Nine times out of 10, that's going to win this league meet. That kid is good and, if he keeps working hard, he's going to be special."

KLAA KENSINGTON CONFERENCE BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING MEET

Feb. 24-25 at Novi H.S.

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Novi, 997 points; 2. Northville, 895; 3. Livonia Stevenson, 578.5; 4. Canton, 565.5; 5. South Lyon Unified, 491; 6. Salem, 365; 7. Plymouth, 295; 8. Livonia Churchill, 275; 9. Westland John Glenn, 134; 10. Wayne Memorial, 125.

FINAL HEAT RESULTS
200-yard medley relay: 1. Novi (Joey Berman, Daniel Chung, Camden Murphy, Phillip Bil-

liu), 1:35.22 (meet record); 2. Northville (Arthur Greenlee, Nikolai Arton, Kirk Maibach, Cameron Heaven), 1:36.45; 3. South Lyon (Logan Boals, Brandon Bell, Max Kempisty, Christian Etnyre), 1:37.96; 4. Salem, 1:40.36; 5. Stevenson, 1:40.36; 6. Canton, 1:42.06; 7. Churchill, 1:50.41; 8. Plymouth, 1:52.61.

200 freestyle: 1. Daniel Mullen (Canton), 1:42.86; 2. Benjamin Rojewski (LS), 1:42.94; 3. Berman (Novi), 1:43.91; 4. Max Robbins (Novi), 1:45.52; 5. Max Kempisty (SLU), 1:45.56; 6. Jason Nitkiewicz (N'ville), 1:45.96; 7. Derek Goderis (Canton), 1:46.04; 8. Trevor Degroot (N'ville), 1:49.15.

200 individual medley: 1. Murphy (Novi), 1:50.88 (meet record); 2. Travis Nitkiewicz (N'ville), 1:55.67; 2. Joel Kotyk (Novi), 2:01.23; 4. Brian Son (Novi), 2:01.48; 5. Kevin Taylor (LC), 2:02.05; 6. Isaac Fong (Canton), 2:01.10; 7. Erik Halboth (Novi), 2:02.48; 8. Adam Carozza (Novi), 2:03.48.

50 freestyle: 1. K. Maibach (N'ville), 21.69; 2. Billiu (Novi), 21.75; 3. Parker Wasielewski (LS), 22.05; 4. Adam Goeddeke (LS), 22.11; 5. Bell (SLU), 22.26; 6. Kyle Amick (Canton), 22.39; 7. Greenlee (N'ville), 22.44; 8. Alexander Yuan (Novi),

22.67.

1-meter diving: 1. Jordan Groves (Ply.), 393.30 points; 2. Patrick Holton (LC), 332.25; 3. Jack McClure (Novi), 321.75; 4. Benjamin Kirchoff (Ply.), 299.65; 5. Thomas Rys (N'ville), 291.50; 6. Charles Carey (Canton), 273.70; 7. Jack LeFevre (SLU), 271.75; 8. Tobias Artman-Chance (Canton), 260.65.

100 butterfly: 1. Murphy (Novi), 48.12 (meet record); 2. Siddhardha Kareddy (Novi), 50.80; 3. Boals (SLU), 53.12; 4. Kempisty (SLU), 53.36; 5. J. Nitkiewicz (N'ville), 53.38; 6. Nathan Budnick (Salem), 53.95; 7. Preston Harrell (Novi), 54.16; 8. Tristen Shao (Canton), 55.20.

100 freestyle: 1. K. Maibach (N'ville), 47.25; 2. Goeddeke (LS), 47.96; 3. Billiu (Novi), 48.02; 4. Amick (Canton), 48.07; 5. Goderis (Canton), 48.51; 6. Yuan (Novi), 48.70; 7. Budnick (Salem), 50.68; 8. Heaven (N'ville), 50.71.

500 freestyle: 1. Benjamin Rojewski (LS), 4:38.36 (set meet record 4:36.49 in prelims); 2. Mullen (Canton), 4:48.68; 3. Robbins (Novi), 4:48.92; 4. Degroot (N'ville), 4:51.99; 5. Etnyre (SLU), 4:54.90; 6. Benjamin LaPorte (LS), 4:58.38; 7. Taiyo Ichikawa (N'ville), 5:00.98; 8. Nolan O'Dowd (LS), 5:43.55.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Stevenson (Goeddeke,

Luke Santi, Connor Beck, Wasielewski), 1:27.60; 2. Novi (Billiu, Maxwell Williams, Kareddy, Yuan), 1:27.63; 3. Northville (K. Maibach, Greenlee, Craig Maibach, Arton), 1:27.86; 4. Canton, 1:28.68; 5. Plymouth, 1:31.73; 6. Salem, 1:31.80; 7. South Lyon, 1:32.40; 8. Churchill, 1:33.39.

100 backstroke: 1. Berman (Novi), 52.08; 2. Williams (Novi), 53.23; 3. Boals (SLU), 54.08; 4. Eugene Li (Salem), 54.50; 5. Shao (Canton), 54.89; 6. Greenlee (N'ville), 54.90; 7. Halboth (Novi), 54.92; 8. Bryan Reppenhagen (LS), 55.58.

100 breaststroke: 1. T. Nitkiewicz (N'ville), 58.30 (meet record); 2. Arton (N'ville), 59.21; 3. Bell (SLU), 59.79; 4. Chung (Novi), 1:01.44; 5. Haotian Jiang (N'ville), 1:02.30; 6. Hans Anderson (LS), 1:02.70; 7. Kotyk (Novi), 1:03.52; 8. Roman Grossi (N'ville), 1:03.69.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Novi (Berman, Kareddy, Yuan, Murphy), 3:11.07; 2. Stevenson (Goeddeke, Santi, Rojewski, Wasielewski), 3:13.25; 3. Canton (Amick, Shao, Mullen, Goderis), 3:13.52; 4. Northville, 3:17.48; 5. South Lyon, 3:19.52; 6. Salem, 3:21.73; 7. Churchill, 3:26.70; 8. Plymouth, 3:27.01.

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PREP WRESTLING

CC's senior duo can grapple with best

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Although their stellar high school wrestling careers are winding down, this is only the beginning for Novi Detroit Catholic Central's dynamic senior duo of Ty Morland and Nick Jenkins.

One chapter is coming to a close, but another chapter will be written as Morland heads to Northwestern and Jenkins goes to Central Michigan.

Morland and Jenkins, two of the team's elder statesmen, are among five returning CC state champions who will defend their individual state crowns beginning Thursday at The Palace of Auburn Hills.

Morland, 33-0 this season, looks to win his second straight crown at 171 pounds, while Jenkins, who is 42-1, hopes to repeat in the heavyweight division (285 pounds).

CC's other three defending champions are Ben Kamali (103), Kevon Davenport (119) and Cameron Amine (125).

Morland, who also placed third at 171 during his sophomore season, is 105-3 the past three seasons while taking on all comers, including some of the best from Illinois and Ohio.

"Any state champ is going to have a target on their back, state placer or whatever it might be," Morland said. "It doesn't change anything for me."

A starting linebacker on CC's 13-1 state runner-up football team, Morland suffered a knee injury late in the season and missed the entire state playoffs. But he has been able to bounce back and enjoy an undefeated season despite wearing a knee brace.

"It's not restricting me in any way," he said. "It hasn't affected my wrestling."

Jenkins, who also played football, took sixth during his sophomore season before winning the coveted 285-pound crown last year with 3-2 win in



Catholic Central senior Ty Morland (top) is going after his second straight 171-pound individual state title.



Catholic Central senior Nick Jenkins aims to defend his 285-pound Division 1 individual state title.

the semifinals over Temperance Bedford's Tim Stevens, followed by a 5-1 victory over Ali Wahab of Dearborn Heights Crestwood (who came in at 60-0) in the final.

During the past three

years, Jenkins is 125-28. "Every year when you have a returning state champ, you have a target on your back," Jenkins said. "I try and not focus on that a lot. I focus getting to my offense, doing

my things right, not so much the target." Morland got an early start in the sport as a youth. "I was actually the first one in my family to wrestle full time," Morland

said. "I started when I was 7 or 8 and wrestled at a bunch of clubs when I was younger, then started at CC."

Jenkins, meanwhile, only got a taste of it in middle school.

"I wrestled for about a month in eighth grade," he said. "Coming into high school, I was hoping to play college football, but as my high school career went on, wrestling was just the right fit. I liked it (originally), but it was a little harder than I thought. It took me until my sophomore year to buy into and really love the sport."

As a two-way football lineman, the 6-foot, 270-pound Jenkins knows the two sports have some similarities, but remain distinctly different.

"It's just the physicality and conditioning," Jenkins said. "You have to be in so much better shape just for a six-minute match than you do for a 48-minute game. There's no real breaks during a

match. You just have to keep going, going and going for six, even sometimes seven or eight minutes. In football, you get a lot more breaks."

Morland couldn't agree more.

"There's a big difference," he said. "You think being just six minutes would not make it as tough length-wise, but it's a different kind of conditioning, for sure."

While Jenkins plans to continue is mat career at CMU, Morland can't wait to explore the next chapter in his wrestling career in Evanston, Ill.

"I'm excited to get there, for sure," he said. "They're Big Ten. It's the best wrestling conference in the country. The next two recruiting classes are going to be one of the best in the country, for sure. There's some really good guys at my weight and the weight above and below me."

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Detroit Catholic Central celebrates after winning the MHSAA Division 1 wrestling team state title in Mount Pleasant.

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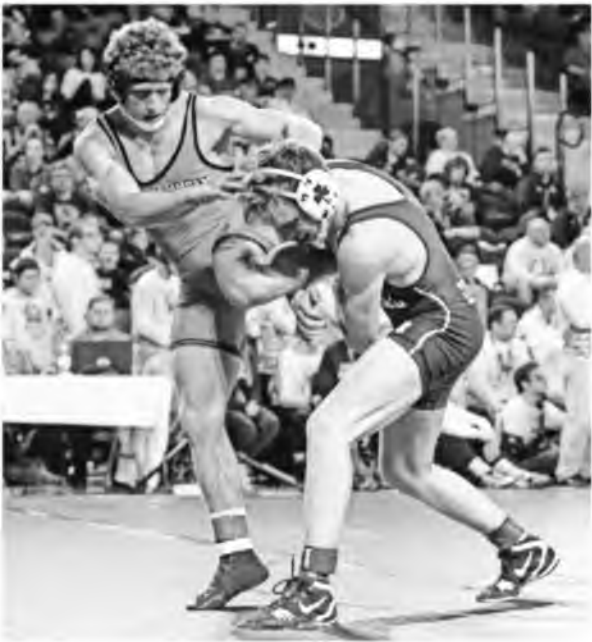
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end. To beat a good Brighton team like that (in Friday's quarterfinals) and a darn good-coached Hartland team, then a Roy Hall-coached team like that, I'm very proud of our guys."

Wagh's win gave CC (31-1) a 29-16 edge, though Davison still had a chance to win the championship mathematically. Three-point victories in the next two weight classes kept the Cardinals in the hunt and trailing by seven with one match remaining.

CC senior and defending state champ Tyler Morland then erased all doubts by finishing off the contest with a pin in 30 seconds at 171 for the final score.

"I just wanted to finish out my career with the Shamrocks, ending it



Catholic Central's Rory Cox (right) won his 160-pound quarterfinal match against Brighton's Jake Soop, 2-1.

the right way," said Morland, who is undefeated. "My goal is to pin every

time I go out there, but it was cool just to finish it the way we did. It was a

lot of fun."

Morland, who will wrestle next year at Northwestern, said going last is not hard on him, even if it means waiting two hours in the rotation.

"I wouldn't have wanted it any other way, as a senior," he said, "because if it came down to my match, I wouldn't want it to be on anybody but myself."

"That's a great team we just wrestled," Hall said of CC. "Our kids wrestled wonderful this morning (in the semifinal win over Macomb Dakota) to put us in this situation. They are very disappointed, but I think one day they'll realize they put themselves in that great opportunity. We were outgunned a little bit, but I thought or kids fought hard."

"Heck yeah, they are tough to beat on paper (with 14 state qualifiers). They're impossible on paper and they look great

as a team. And next year, our guys are going to be back."

Earlier in the day, CC ousted defending state champion Hartland, 54-10, after downing Brighton in Friday's quarterfinal, 55-3.

CC outscored its six state tournament opponents by an impressive combined total of 380-35.

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DUAL MEET SUMMARIES
CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL (Feb. 24)
DETROIT CC 35, DAVISON 22
189 pounds: Brenden McRill (D) won by technical fall over Connor Currutte, 28-13; **215:** Jackson Ross (CC) pinned Colton Cunningham, 1:43; **285:** Nick Jenkins (CC) decisioned Aaron Gilmore, 3-1; **103:** Andrew Chambal (D) won by major dec. over Devon Johnson, 9-1; **112:** Ben Kamali (CC) dec. Steve Garty, 13-7; **119:** Derek Gilcher (CC) dec. Jaron Wilson, 9-8; **125:** A.J. Facundo (D) dec. Stone Moscovic, 7-3; **130:** Kevon Davenport (CC) p. Marc Shaeffer, 3:00; **135:** Jay Nivison (D) won by major dec. over Joe Urso, 13-5; **140:** Cameron Amine (CC) won by tech. fall over Greyson Robert, 20-3; **145:** Aidan Wagh (CC) dec. Ryan Schlak, 7-3; **152:** Brian Case (D) dec. Brendin Yatooma, 3-1; **160:** Cal Stefanko (D) dec. Rory Cox, 7-4; **171:** Ty Morland (CC) p. Trevor McGowan, 0:30.

Final dual meet records: Detroit CC, 31-1 overall; Davison, 26-4 overall.

SEMIFINAL MATCH (Feb. 24)
DETROIT CC 54, HARTLAND 10
125 pounds: Stone Moscovic (CC) won by major dec. over Carter Hanks, 9-1; **130:** Kevon Davenport (CC) p. Josh Latham, 0:48; **135:** Joe Urso (CC) dec. Hayden Culver, 8-2; **140:** Cameron Amine (CC) p. Nik Masters, 0:34; **145:** Aidan Wagh (CC) p. Tanner Culver, 3:22; **152:** River Shettler (H) dec. Brendin Yatooma, 7-5; **160:** Joey Livingston (H) won by major dec. over Rory Cox, 9-1; **171:** Easton Turner (CC) won by major dec. over Reece Anguish, 15-6; **189:** Ty Morland (CC) won by major dec. over Andrew Spisz, 12-1; **215:** Jackson Ross (CC) p. Jon Hartman, 2:53; **285:** Nick Jenkins (CC) p. David Durville, 1:29; **103:** Wyatt Nault (H) dec. Devon Johnson, 8-7; **112:** Ben Kamali (CC) p. Corey Cavanaugh, 10-0; **119:** Derek Gilcher (CC) dec. Kyle Kantolia, 7-1.

Dual match records: Detroit CC, 30-1 overall; Hartland, 33-4 overall.

QUARTERFINAL MATCH (Feb. 23)
DETROIT CC 55, BRIGHTON 3
160 pounds: Rory Cox (CC) dec. Jake Soop, 2-1; **171:** Ty Morland (CC) p. Jack Iretton, 0:58; **189:** Connor Currutte (CC) dec. Greyson Stevens, 4-2; **215:** Jackson Ross (CC) won by major dec. over Eric Halonen, 14-6; **285:** Nick Jenkins (CC) p. Colby Ford, 1:03; **103:** Devon Johnson (CC) dec. Ben Manly, 10-3; **112:** Rhett Newton (CC) p. Logan Kehres, 3:25; **119:** Ben Kamali (CC) won by tech. fall over Eddie Homrock, 26-11; **125:** Stone Moscovic (CC) dec. Seth Soto, 3-0; **135:** Joe Urso (CC) won by major dec. over Dave Donabedian, 10-0; **140:** Cameron Amine (CC) dec. Lee Grabowski, 5-1; **145:** Harley Berne (B) dec. Brody Burke, 6-1; **152:** Brendin Yatooma (CC) dec. Nick Bleise, 5-0.

Dual match records: Detroit CC, 29-1 overall; Brighton, 16-9 overall.

JUNIOR GYMNASTICS

Northville’s Jaroh proving he can be elite

15-year-old heading to New Jersey meet

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You could say elite junior gymnast Michael Jaroh has already graduated from the school of hard knocks.

And the 15-year-old Northville High freshman would be the first to admit he’s paid a steep price when it comes to injuries, but that’s not going to deter him in any way, shape or form.

The Level 10 gymnast, who trains at the Michigan Elite Gymnastics Academy in Novi, will compete Saturday in the Elite Team Cup, which brings together the top junior gymnasts from around the country at the Prudential Center in Newark, N.J.

Jaroh is the only gymnast from Michigan on the six-member Region 5 team, which also includes Indiana, Illinois, Ohio and Kentucky.

Each of the nine regional squads will be paired with an elite men’s senior gymnast.

“It’s going to be fun having one of the senior guys on the team, because he help us and guide us through it,” Jaroh said. “It will be a cool experience.”

Jaroh will compete in his signature event, the pommel horse, along with the parallel bars.

“I’m feeling pretty good and I’m pretty confident I’ll do good on my team, but I’m still not 100-percent healed, so it’s going to be tough,” Jaroh said. “I’m going to have to fight through some pain.”

As an 11-, 12- and 13-year-old, Jaroh was ranked as high as No. 2 nationally and spent time training with the National Junior Development Team at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo.

But in 2015, his season was cut short by a knee injury. And In February 2015, at a meet in Las Vegas, he fell on his head



JESSICA JAROH

Northville’s Michael Jaroh will compete on the pommel horse March 4 at the Elite Team Cup in Newark, N.J.

and suffered a concussion. Just this past January, at the Windy City meet in Chicago, Jaroh popped out a vertebrae.

“I think we’re right on schedule, but I think the injuries set us back a little bit on the competition and preparation,” said Jaroh’s coach, Juha Tanskanen of Michigan Elite Gymnastics Academy. “But the strength that he’s going to bring to the team on the pommel horse and parallel bars ... those injuries have not limited him on those events as much as some

of the other events that he was not potentially competing in. We’re in a pretty safe situation on that.”

Michael’s twin sister Jessica was also a competitive gymnast, but had to give the sport up after suffering a fractured back and two broken ankles. But Michael will have nothing to do being on the PUP (physically unable to perform) list.

“If I had listened to my head, we’d still be playing baseball or soccer,” Michael’s mother, Cindy Jaroh, said with a

laugh. “But he’s passionate about it. He is very committed. He never complains. He hopes to be in the Olympics. He’d like to make it in 2020, but realistically 2024 is what he was shooting for.”

Jaroh admits he’s always had a high motor while growing up.

“Me and my friends would always rough-house, play around,” he said. “We were always outside. We were always active. We would never sit inside and watch TV, we’d always be outside

playing football, soccer.”

After taking up the sport of gymnastics at age 6, the others eventually took a back seat.

“It’s much different than any other sport,” he said. “I really like that because it challenged me more than any other sports. It was hard and I enjoyed it a lot.”

And Jaroh’s gymnastics talent might be in the genes. His father Ron was a competitive gymnast at Cuyahoga (Ohio) Community College, while Cindy’s brother-in-law competed at Eastern

Michigan University. “Michael’s extremely competitive, so I knew he’d be a great athlete,” Cindy said. “When I knew he had potential as a gymnast ... right away because he was one of best little guys.”

Tanskanen believes the 5-foot-6, 130-pound Jaroh not only has drive to overcome all obstacles, but also the talent.

“He’s been pretty determined since a young age,” the coach said. “He never was a kid that wanted you to do play stuff or play around, so he’s always been very focused and determined on his training. He knows why he’s training and he knows what his own goals are. He’s definitely staying on the goal all the time. Obviously, injuries happen like any other sports, but those are just temporary setbacks. But he seems to be able to handle those as well and understands and that it’s part of the deal, part of being a high level athlete.”

Jaroh has been training under Tanskanen for seven years and the bond continues to grow.

“He’s like a second dad to me, because he’s taught me so much,” Jaroh said. “He’s been with me pretty much the whole time, the whole journey. He wants me to succeed as much as I want to succeed, so it’s a pretty deep connection.”

Tanskanen believes Jaroh has the all the right attributes to succeed at the men’s senior national level some day, injuries aside.

“Right now, we’re talking about a kid who just turned 15 and he’s well in the mix with the best athletes of that age in the country,” Tanskanen said. “I don’t see a limit where he can go. He can go all the way to the Olympic team in the future if he stays healthy and keeps the same mindset — and I don’t see that mindset changing. He’s so deep into it that I don’t see him being off that mentality towards training. If he just stays healthy and has a couple of years of good training, he can go all the way.”

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BOYS BASKETBALL

John Glenn senior Parker does in Novi

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Westland John Glenn’s strapping, but agile 6-foot-6 senior center Daijon Parker proved Feb. 21 he can bring not only the thunder, but the lightning as well.

The Saginaw Valley State football signee, who plays left tackle and defensive end, scored a season-high 25 points in fueling the Rockets to 64-61 Kensington Conference semifinal tourney win over host Novi, which had its 10-game winning streak snapped.

“Playing physical, rebounding the ball, playing strong, sealing my man,” Parker said of his game mindset. “I knew they couldn’t have anybody that could handle me and guard me down there.”

That was particularly true in the first half, as Parker scored 17 of his 25 as Glenn led, 35-31.

“He really put the team on his shoulders and really carried us,” Glenn coach Rod Watts said. “He really did a good job of passing out of the double team and really being patient. He’s just really come along from three years ago. He’s just gotten better and better and I just think his best basketball is ahead of him, but he’s going on to play football. We loved to have him one more year.”

Novi (13-5), the KLAA Central Division champ,



Parker

sixth sense when he was surrounded by two, sometimes even three, defenders.

“They played good against me,” he said. “They sent double teams a lot and I was finding the open man. We work on that a lot, so that wasn’t anything new to me.”

Novi got a sterling offensive performance from junior guard Traevon Maddox Jr., who scored a team-high 24 points, including four long triples.

“They kept coming back,” Watts said of the Wildcats. “(Maddox) ... great player. He was knocking down some deep ones. They’re a well-coached team. They went undefeated in their division (KLAA Central) and there’s a reason why we were playing them on this side to go to the championship.”

Glenn (16-2) opened a 49-41 lead late in the third quarter after Parker converted a three-point play.

“We did a better job the second half against the big fellow (Parker), but he hurt us in the first half,” Novi coach Brandon Sinawi said. “He got rebounds, kept plays

paid even more attention to Parker in the second half and held him to eight points, but he had a

alive for them. They’re a talented team, no question.”

But Novi wouldn’t go away, pulling to within two, 58-56, with only 1:32 left on a basket by Tendon Hankerson.

The Rockets were able to hold on as senior guard Kijuan Chandler made 5-of-6 free throws down the stretch.

And after going 5-of-9 from the line during the first half, Glenn made 12-of-15 over the final two quarters.

“Chandler, Parker and even (Frankie) Braxton were very clutch,” Watts said. “All the guys were clutch at the free-throw line the second half, when we really needed them. We couldn’t knock them down that first quarter and then the guys finally settled in and started knocking them down.”

Things really got interesting after Maddox banked in a triple with 36 seconds to go to pull Novi to within three, 62-59.

At the 27-second mark, the Wildcats thought they earned possession of the ball on what appeared to be a mid-court Glenn turnover. But after the three officials huddled for a conference, the call was overruled because Glenn had signaled for a timeout prior to the ball going out of bounds

“I don’t know how they determined when the timeout was called and when they had posses-

sion,” Sinawi said. “I think it was an incorrect call. It was a big moment for us, but you can’t do anything about that now.”

In addition to Maddox’s 24 points, Alec Bageris chipped in 14, while Giovanni Miles and Hankerson added 10 and eight, respectively.

“The kids battled and I really think the biggest thing that caused not being able to get over the hurdle was rebounding,” Sinawi said. “I don’t know what the totals were, but we got beat off the glass, big time. It just wasn’t in one quarter or one half, it was the whole game and it gave them a lot of second-chance opportunities and four-point cushion that they pretty much had for the whole second half.”

It’s no coincidence that Parker wears jersey No. 13. There’s nothing unlucky about the fact that he tries to emulate Indiana Pacers all-star Paul George.

“When the double teams come at practice, we have a drill to pass it out,” he said. “I’m a good passer. I want to play point guard one day.”

Parker was the only Rocket in double figures, while Chandler, Khalil Wright and Frankie Braxton each added nine. Christian Agnew, who had 39 in a 91-71 home victory Dec. 16 over Novi, contributed eight.

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PREP BOWLING

Area teams come up empty at regionals

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It turned out to be a frustrating two days for three area bowling squads that competed last Friday at the MHSAA Division 1 regional tournament at Canton’s Super Bowl.

Belleville placed first in the boys field with a total of 4,101 pins based on six Baker games and three regular games. Also headed to the Division 1 team state finals Friday at Sterling Lanes in Sterling Heights are regional runner-up Salem (4,038) and third-place finisher Wayne Memorial (3,994).

Missing the cut were Novi Detroit Catholic Central, seventh (3,769); Novi, 11th (3,414); and Northville, 14th (3,166).

Westland John Glenn’s Matt Essa captured the individual boys singles title with a six-game total of 1,308, including a high game of 257.

Nathan Geddes paced Catholic Central in 22nd with 1,129 (214 high game), followed by Joe Jessop (37th), Andrew Lack (50th), Sean Ebben (51st), Chintan Maheshwari (54th) and Alex Roelant (63rd).

Novi’s top placer was Peter Koomen in

36th with 1,054 (212 high game), followed by Steve Davis (44th), Jeff Kilikevicius (tied for 66th) and Chris Fisher (71st).

Nathan Colosimo led Northville in 34th with 1,059 (186 high game). Other Mustangs finishers were Payton Korhumel (39th), Connor Eadeh (58th), T.J. Newman (74th) and Zack Gaiski (75th).

Girls regional

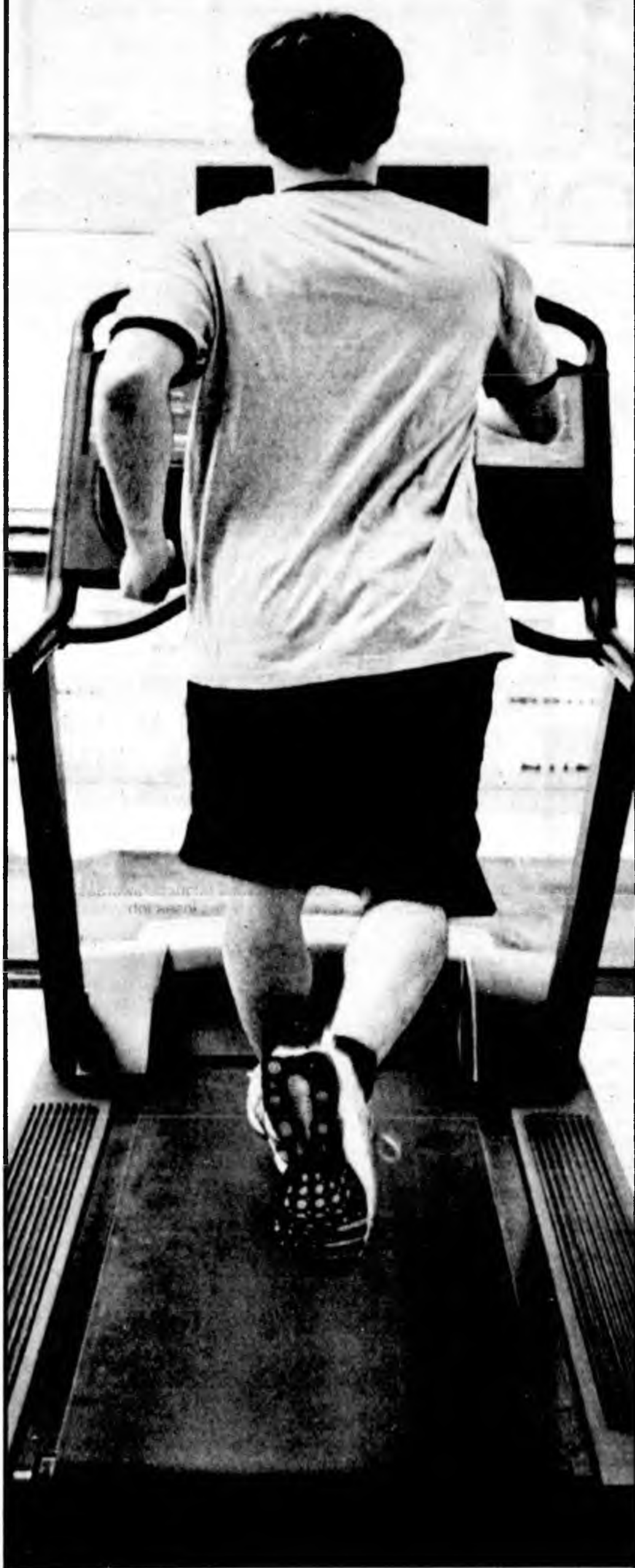
Champion Farmington Hills Harrison (3,512), Belleville (3,353) and Salem (3,320) all advanced to the Division 1 team state finals, while Novi and Northville finished 10th and 12th, respectively, with 2,840 and 2,540.

Novi’s top scorer was Allison Prahin in 22nd with a 943 six-game set (192 high game). Other Wildcats finishers were Angelina Chiu (39th), Madison Murphy (tied for 44th), Sydney Bernot (50th) and Mariss Huth (58th).

Kathleen Keiberger led Northville in 46th with 829 (167 high game), followed by teammates Delany Compeau (51st), Katie Craig (53rd), Kaitlyn McGuirk (62nd) and Piper Kwasnik (63rd).

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42 Title for Tuck
44 Big bird that doesn't fly
47 Honeybunch
48 They may be sprinkled on sauteed spinach

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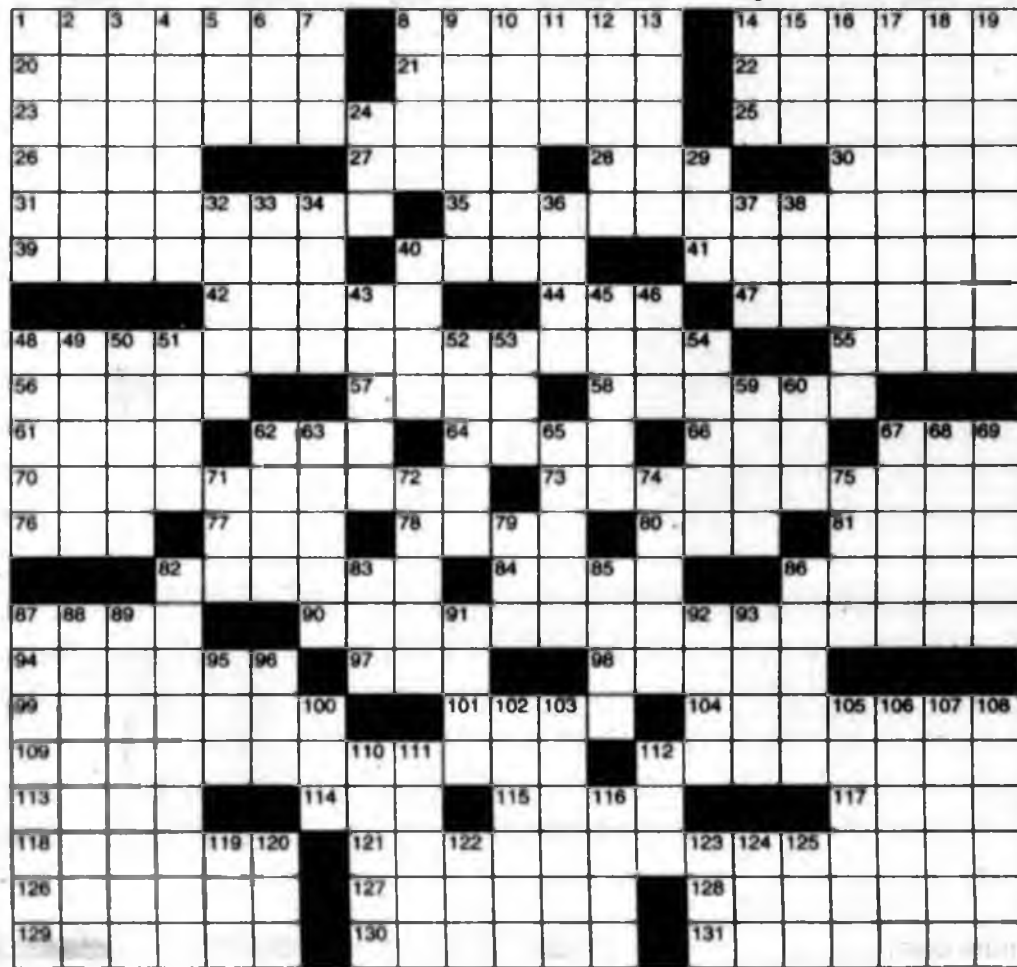
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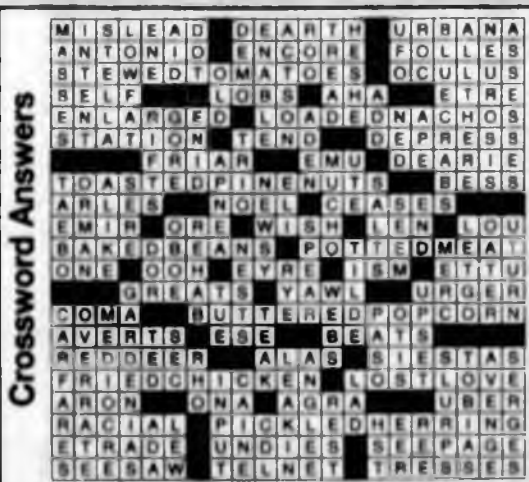
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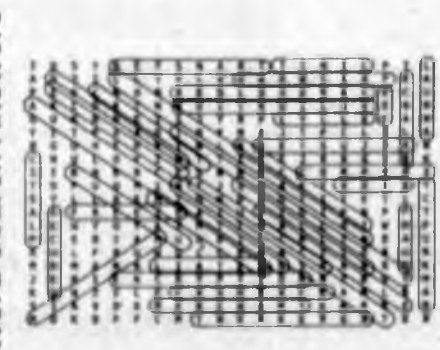
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COMPACT BUT CAPABLE, HYUNDAI'S SANTA FE SPORT IS SUPERCHARGING THE BRAND'S SUCCESSFUL CATCH-UP EFFORTS IN SUVs



By Dale Buss

As Hyundai sales grew in the United States several years ago, one of the company's biggest concerns was that the evolution of its model lineup

was sedan-heavy. And the mega-shift by American consumers toward sport-utility vehicles and crossovers was still in its relatively early stages.

Sure, Hyundai has taken some lumps in terms of sales and market share because of that imbalance. But over the last few years, Hyundai has addressed this challenge head-in by fielding an SUV and crossover lineup that has expanded to three vehicles: Tucson, Santa Fe and the smaller Santa Fe Sport.

In fact, as Hyundai set a record for 2016 sales, it reported that the SUV/CUV segment "led the charge," with sales up four percent for December and 41 percent for the year. Combined sales of Santa Fe and Santa



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Fe Sport were up 14 percent for the month, making it the best Santa Fe December ever, while also achieving double-digit growth on the year.

My experiences with Santa Fe Sport made it easy to understand why Americans have gravitated to the latest Hyundai offering, even as the number of SUV and crossover models available from so many other brands have proliferated as well.

Santa Fe Sport proved versatile as I put it through a variety of uses, ranging from quick trips and local errands to a couple-day trek to northern Michigan on one of the last snowy weekends of this more-than-temperate winter. Its all-wheel-drive capabilities came as advertised.

In fact, one feature that I appreciated the most during that trip was Sport's panoramic sunroof, which — added to the substantial "green-

house" provided by the vehicle in total — provided plenty of opportunity to enjoy the ever-changing landscape of Michigan.

The 2017 version of Santa Fe Sport has refreshed styling in the front and rear along with numerous updates of features, including a height adjustment for the power passenger seat, a larger five-inch standard display and an available seven-inch touchscreen with Android Auto.

Newly offered safety features, according to Edmunds.com, include adaptive headlights with automatic high beams, an electronic parking brake, a 360-degree parking camera, lane-departure warning and adaptive cruise control with automatic emergency braking.

Automakers are introducing new automated-safety features all



The 2017 Santa Fe Sport has been a great entry for Hyundai.

the time, but I found that Santa Fe Sport's adaptive cruise control came in especially handy on a long trek north on Interstate 75 — and back again. The slow-down and speed-up transitions when adjusting for traffic ahead of me were markedly smooth, for example, helping give me confidence to rely heavily on the system for a matter of days. It never let me down.

Sport seats five, while the larger Santa Fe seats seven. But cargo capacity was plenty for jamming all

sorts of stuff for a long trip. The four-cylinder, 2.0-liter, turbocharged engine in the Sport I drove — the more powerful of its two powertrain options — generated a robust 240 horsepower and pushed right through some challenging northern Michigan terrain.

And like all Hyundai vehicles, the handling of Santa Fe Sport was right in the health middle: responsive, not stiff. Right in the mainstream where Hyundai needs to stay in order to continue its SUV-powered surge.

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