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# Cleanup of litter continues

Winds blew trash  
out of landfill

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Heavy snowfall Monday hampered cleanup efforts in western Northville Township, where strong winds March 8 blew trash from the Arbor Hills landfill onto nearby roadways and neighboring properties.

Advanced Disposal, which owns the landfill at Six Mile and Napier in Salem Township, had between 15 and 20 workers out picking up trash Monday morning, but their work turned to snow removal shortly before noon, as the snow made it too difficult to see litter on the ground and too dangerous to



An Advanced Disposal worker picks up trash following the March 8 winds that blew litter from the Arbor Hills landfill.

JOE KOHN

retrieve it from snow-laden trees, company spokesman Joe Kohn said.

The March 8 windstorm, which felled trees and knocked

out electrical power to hundreds of thousands of households and businesses in the Detroit area, took significant amounts of lighter trash — paper, paper and

plastic bags, small boxes, pieces of cardboard and the like — from Arbor Hills and left it stuck in trees, fences and brush and lying in roadside ditches in both Salem and Northville townships.

Kohn said the snowfall made it difficult to estimate when cleanup would be complete, as litter was covered by snow, but added that Advanced would stay on the job.

“The bottom line is we’re going to stay at it until the job is done,” Kohn said Monday.

Cleanup started March 9, the day after the high winds, and Advanced made “a ton of progress” since then, Kohn said, including cleaning up Thayer Cemetery, the Thayer Corners Nature Area and in an Advanced-

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The great outdoors.

## How do you play?

We are starting a monthly recreation page and would like to include our readers and all of the fun things you do in your spare time. Please send us photos that you have taken or anecdotes of what you are doing to have fun in our large array of Wayne and Oakland county parks. Do you hike? Do you run? What activities do you participate in at the county parks?

Email your photos in jpg format and anecdotes to jmaliszews@hometownlife.com by 5 p.m. Friday, March 24. For more information, contact Joanne Maliszewski at 248-396-6620.



The Lace Museum of Detroit in Northville.

MARY SALMON

# Northville curator protects history of handmade lace

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Correspondent

When Mary Salmon of Northville looks at a piece of vintage handmade lace, she sees much more than carefully crafted, delicately beautiful geometric patterns spun from threads.

What she sees, instead, is much deeper: the souls of the age-old craftswomen who spent days and hours creating beautiful art, art that would last hundreds of years into the future and for which they would receive no credit.

“These women were brilliant; they were uneducated women who created incredible intelligent and articulate pieces of work which they would sell — without ever attaching their own names to their art,” said Salmon, owner and curator of The Lace Museum of Detroit, “It wasn’t like a Van Gogh or other pieces of art to which they could sign their names. They sold their work and it went out into history without them.”

It is her appreciation for those craftswomen and the lovely lace they made that led her to open the museum, one of only three lace museums in the nation, last November.

The 1,000-square-foot museum, on Main Street in downtown Northville, features 18th and 19th century handmade



Mary Salmon, owner and curator of The Lace Museum of Detroit, which is in Northville.

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FRED SHADKO

Kristen Romac is the Northville Township Police Officer of the Year.

# Romac is Northville Twp. Officer of Year

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Honoring Kristen Romac as the Police Officer of the Year capped the start of a new annual tradition for Northville Township as a full house of family, friends, colleagues and elected officials recognized officers and police employees March 9.

The hour-long ceremony coincided with the police department’s 50th anniversary and began with a posting of colors by the Police Honor Guard and the national anthem by Northville High School students. Public Safety Director Todd Mutchler also provided a history of law enforcement and its guiding principle of service.

“True heroes are not seeking attention for what they do,” Mutchler said, adding police “transform compassion into action” on behalf of others in need.

Officer Justin Norlock, who joined the township patrol division from the Dallas Police Department, spoke about the loss of police across the nation in 2016 and asked for a moment of silence in remembrance. The Dallas police lost five officers in an ambush on July 7, 2016. They were among the 142 officers across the nation who lost their lives in the line of duty last year. Twenty-three officers have died in the line of duty so far this year. “These brave souls remain in our brotherhood for eternity,” Norlock said.

The Northville Township Fire Department will honor its em-

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lace and linen, as well as lace-making tools, textiles and fashion, carefully chosen and amassed by Salmon throughout her 55 years.

The museum's permanent collection focuses on European and American lace and its influence on fashion and home décor during the 19th century. Bolts of linen and lace share space with individual textile pieces, Victorian and Edwardian-era fashion ensembles and table linens, as well as antique dressmaking tools, sewing machines and more. The museum also offers fine antique lace, as well as antique/vintage textiles, linens and clothing for purchase.

It is collection that has been meticulously curat-

ed with both the artisanal and historical value in mind.

"There is so much history in every piece. Handmade lace was a huge part of the economy in the past; it was very valuable," Salmon said. "Lace was so valuable and exquisite that it would be smuggled in and out of countries."

Lace was particularly popular with men in the United States as a status symbol in colonial times and proudly worn by early statesman such as George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and Alexander Hamilton, she said, adding, "It was a statement of your station in life."

According to Salmon, lace began to fall out of favor around the time of the Civil War

"It was a more serious time and lace began to be considered pretentious by some," she said. In

addition, the Industrial Revolution introduced machine-made lace and lace fell out of fashion as it became more accessible.

Overseas, however, handmade lace continued to be favored by European nobility and aristocracy.

Salmon recalls seeing portraits of historical figures in lesson books and as a child being drawn to their lace cravats.

"I may have been the only child in my school to have noticed the details on the clothing when we learned history," she said with a laugh.

Growing up in a Polish-Irish family in the Detroit area, Salmon said she was surrounded by beautiful lace in her own home, as well as the homes of her aunts.

"I was always fascinated by the intricate design. The fact that it was made by hand from pieces of thread just amazed me," Salmon said.

Her fascination with lace followed her through college, where she earned both bachelor's and master's degrees in political science. It continued through law school and as she raised her four, now-grown



An example of antique lace at The Lace Museum of Detroit.

children.

"I spent time in Ireland and London and other parts of Europe and was able to learn so much about the art of making lace. I remember going to Versailles and seeing the portraits of kings and queens, all wearing gorgeous lace," said Salmon, who works as representative for disabled Americans in the federal court system.

She began attending auctions in Boston and other cities on the east coast of the United States, purchasing handmade lace and linen pieces, as well as antique lace clothing, keeping some pieces for herself and selling others.

Serving as a merchant of lace, it soon became apparent that she was keeping more than she was selling. Friends began teasing her that she should open a museum.

"I would go to these big shows out east and find things that I just couldn't part with," she said. She also harbored a desire to share her collection with others and draw attention to an art form that is "all but dead."

Salmon said the museum has had a positive response from the public since opening, with many visitors expressing a shared admiration for the almost-extinct art form.

Salmon recently

learned that she and the museum goers are not alone in their admiration; it is also shared by certain reigning royalty "across the pond."

Just last month, Salmon received a handwritten note from Queen Elizabeth II's Lady-in-Waiting Philippa de Pass, indicating that the queen shares Salmon's enthusiasm for handmade lace. The note, written on Windsor Castle stationery, included well-wishes for the museum and the queen's appreciation "for all that I have done for handmade lace," Salmon said, "It was so beautifully written and such a lovely gesture."

Salmon said she is hopeful that an upcoming exhibit on the Civil War and another featuring antique equestrian habits will inspire increased interest in the historical pieces, drawing even more visitors to the museum.

She also has another objective.

"I just want respect for these old souls and for their incredible work. They did this work and just let it go out into the world. It is not signed or dated, but it is a piece of themselves that they left behind. That has value in and of itself," she said.

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owned buffer parcel on the southeast corner of Six Mile and Napier.

Some areas had been visited two or three times by cleanup workers, he said, and workers had also been into subdivisions and picked up trash on private properties with owners' permission.

Some nearby Northville Township residents, however, said they weren't happy with the progress.

"I didn't get any real garbage in my yard, however, all along Six mile between Napier and Beck, there is a lot of

garbage that I see on my way to work," Dave Horan, who lives in the Steeplechase subdivision, north of Six Mile and east of Napier, wrote in a Monday email.

Just east of Napier, Horan added, there was still a lot of garbage stuck in trees. Horan said he knew of some township residents who were cleaning up their own yards.

Kohn said that workers had been using poles to grab trash stuck in trees until that became too risky because of Monday's snowfall. Trash that initially landed in trees sometimes falls to the ground later, he added, one of the reasons a second or third "pass" of

a given area by cleanup workers might be needed.

Tracey Birkenhauer, another nearby resident and the founder of Stop Arbor Hills, a group working to block any expansion of the landfill, said Monday that "they really haven't made a dent" with the cleanup.

"This is massive blight. This is pollution, this is blight, this is litter," Birkenhauer said.

A recent Michigan Department of Environmental Quality report said that Arbor Hills took in more waste, more than 6 million cubic yards, than any other landfill in the state during the 2016 fiscal year.

Larry Bean, a district

supervisor with the MDEQ's waste management and radiological protection division, said Monday he was satisfied with Advanced's cleanup. Many Michigan landfills experienced similar issues because of the high winds, Bean said.

Advanced concentrated its efforts first on public areas outside its property, Bean said, and worked its way back toward the landfill property. Much landfill trash, Kohn noted, was caught by a fence surrounding Arbor Hills, which had to be cleaned up.

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NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP POLICE  
Lt. Paul Tennies and Public Safety Director Todd Mutchler honor Officers Justin Norlock and Derek Snider.

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ployees at a ceremony at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 18, at township hall.

In addition to the Officer of the Year recognition, police honors included citations and commendations, as well as longevity awards.

In honoring Romac, Lt. Paul Tennies told her the award was given for "your performance; which includes a high quality of work, dedication to this community and foremost your effort to contribute beyond your area of responsibility."

Hired by the township in 2004, Romac started in the patrol and traffic divisions. By 2006, she joined the department's training staff as a defensive tactics instructor. When in 2007, the department purchased Tasers as a less lethal use of force option, Romac volunteered to be one of the first Taser instructors. "Over the last 10 years, Officer Romac has grown to be a lead instructor in these disciplines, and is recognized by her peers for her passion related to these fields when she instructs," Tennies said.

Her passion led her — on her own time — to serve as instructor in the use of force training at the Wayne County Regional Police Academy. In 2016, Romac recognized

the need to update the taser training program and, again on her own time, inventoried and upgraded department equipment and enhanced the training curriculum. She also volunteered to be a department instructor, was certified as a firearms instructor and became a Field Training Officer to work with new employees.

And still while serving as a patrol officer, Romac took on the task of updating the department's use of force policy. "In a time when the use of force by police officers has come under an immense amount of scrutiny, this is a significant and cumbersome project," Tennies said. "As a subject matter expert, Officer Romac is an invaluable asset to the Northville Township Police Department."

In other awards, the following officers were honored:

**Unit Citation:** Officers Mike Jackman, and detectives Jon Huerta, Dan Jones, Derek Snider and Paul Tennies.

**Commendation:** Officer Christopher Schwarzenberger, who received a Lifesaving Award from the MADD organization in 2016.

**Commendation:** Office Christopher Rowley

**Certificate of Merit:** Detectives Mike Burrough, Jon Huerta, Derek Snider and Paul Tennies

**Commendation:** Detective Jeremy Huston

**Commendation:** Dispatchers Sue DeGiorgio and Michael Galunas

**Department Citation:** Sgt. David Roberts and Officers Derek Snider and Kristen Romac

**Commendation:** Detectives Jon Huerta, Matt Mackenzie, Doug Scoggins and Paul Tennies

**Certificate of Merit:** Detective Carrie Czelada and Officer Ben Sellenraad

**Certificate of Merit:** Officer Patrick Reinke

**Certificate of Merit:** Detective Derek Snider

**Department of Citation:** Detectives Carrie Czelada, Jon Huerta, Matt Mackenzie and Paul Tennies

**Lifesaving:** Officers Justin Norlock and Derek Snider

**Longevity awards**

30 years: Reserve Capt. Dick O'Hare; 20 years: Officer Jim Beamish; 10 years: Reserve Sgt. David Chupac and Reserve Officer Bryan Yoakum; Five years: Reserve Officer James Salloum; One year: Officer Christopher Bachand and Dispatcher John McPherson. New employees are: Officer Jennifer Johnson, Dispatcher Broson Campbell, Reserve Officer Ryan Terrell, Reserve Officer Kevin Cornman and Reserve Officer Adam Micek.

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New Eagle Scouts Alex Braeseker, Conrad Landis, Joseph McCormick and Drew Lemke were honored at Troop 755's most recent Eagle Court of Honor.

# Northville, Novi scouts make Eagle

They've done everything else together, so when four Northville High School students earned scouting's highest rank, Eagle Scout, they naturally waited so they could be recognized together.

That happened at Boy Scout Troop 755's most recent Court of Honor, where the four boys – Joseph McCormick, Conrad Landis, Drew Lemke and Alex Braeseker – received the accolades.

The four have been in scouting and been friends since elementary school.

» **Joseph McCormick** – The Novi resident, son of Chris and Lisa McCormick, earned his Eagle June 27, 2016. For his service project, McCormick ran a used sports equipment drive for the Detroit Police Athletic League. With the help of fellow scout volunteers, he delivered fliers to area subdivisions asking for donations of used sports equipment. Two weeks later, they collected equipment, cleaned, sorted and organized it. "In total, we spent over 100 hours

and collected nearly 1,000 pieces of sports and recreation equipment such as hockey gear, baseball equipment, tennis racquets, bikes and balls of all sorts," McCormick said. Lastly, they delivered the sports equipment to the Detroit Police Athletic League.

» **Conrad Landis** – The Northville resident, son of Thomas and Renee Landis, earned his Eagle Jan. 17, 2016. Landis constructed a Nature Trail along the Rouge Rive at Mill Race Historical Village. The current trail was overgrown and needed to be widened by one foot and connected to the driveway. Landscape fabric was laid to make sure that vegetation would not obstruct the path. The path was then covered with coarse mulch. He had to raise funds and contact the necessary officials in order to secure the supplies and schedule appropriate times to work. He prepared the path and obtained necessary volunteers to complete the task on time.

» **Drew Lemke** – The

Novi resident, son of Duane and Dalia Lemke, earned his Eagle Dec. 19, 2016. For his project, he built a historically accurate "Victory Garden" at Mill Race Village. This project consisted of building and installing three raised beds, painting a picket fence around the garden's perimeter and mulching the area. With a great volunteer turnout, they completed the project in 150 hours. The Victory Garden is now open for anyone to visit at Mill Race Village.

» **Alex Braeseker** – The Novi resident, son of David and Lynn Braeseker, earned his Eagle Oct. 3, 2016. He worked with the Humane Society of Huron Valley for his Eagle project. The first part of the project was a supply drive for necessary items and goods for the organization. The second part was constructing two cat washroom benches for use of their new facility, The Little Lions, in Ann Arbor. This project was a total 194.5 hours with the help from family, friends and other scouts.

# Northville library seeks applicants for trustee

The Board of Trustees of the Northville District Library is seeking resident applicants for the position of library trustee to fill the remainder of a four-year term ending in December 2018 due to a vacancy. Information regarding trustee duties and the library board is available at the Information Desk.

The vacancy is due to Trustee Paul Snyder leaving the area. His term is set to expire Dec. 31, 2018.

Contact Library Director Julie Herrin no later than Friday, March 24, if interested. Herrin may be reached by phone at 248-349-3020 or email at [jherrin@northvillelibrary.org](mailto:jherrin@northvillelibrary.org).

## NORTHVILLE LIBRARY LINES

**Drop-In Super Saturday Storytime**

**Time/Date:** 11-11:30 a.m. Saturday, March 18  
**Details:** Join us for stories, music and movement all about dinosaurs. Best for children ages 2 – 4, but entire families are welcome. Just drop in!

**Foreign Film @ the Library: "A Man Called Ove"**

**Time/Date:** 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 27  
**Details:** Attend one of two screenings of this award-winning film. Ove, a grumpy but lovable man, hides a terrible personal loss beneath a cranky exterior. His clashes with noisy neighbors lead to unexpected friendship.

**Spirit of Detroit: Detroit's Urban Development**

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 29  
**Details:** Art historian and professor Deborah Lubera Kawski gives a virtual tour of Detroit's past, present and future urban development, from Augustus Woodward's civic plans to future plans like the Dequindre Cut and Packard Plant. Register.

**March is Reading Month**

**Time/Date:** Month of March  
**Details:** Kids, get hooked on books during March is Reading month. Celebrate all month by enjoying books and earning fun prizes. Open to all children preschool age through sixth grade. Details at the Information desk.

**Spring Storytimes**

**Time/Date:** Varied times  
**Details:** Go to [northvillelibrary.org](http://northvillelibrary.org) for details about registering for the spring sessions of TOT Storytime for 2s and 3s with Caregiver, and Storytime for 4s, 5s and Ks.

**Commercial Aviation Pioneers with Russell Doré**

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 28  
**Details:** The Wright brothers, Bill Boeing, and others helped America develop the ability to transport passengers through the air rather than by ship or train. Hear their stories and little known facts. Register.

**LEGO Day!**

**Time/Date:** 4:30-5 p.m. Wednesday, March 29  
**Details:** Kids in grades 1-5 make a fun hand-sized LEGO creation to be displayed in the youth area of the library. Limit 30 attendees. Register.

**Drop-In Spring Crafts for Kids**

**Time/Date:** 4-5 p.m. Tuesday, March 21  
**Details:** Make a cheerful sunshine rainbow wind catcher. All ages. Children ages 4 and younger please attend with a caregiver. Just drop in.

**High Cholesterol: Separating Truth and Myth**

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Monday, March 20  
**Details:** Dr. Eric Walford from the University of Michigan's Northville Health Center talks about the effects of high cholesterol and how to control it. Register online or in person, or call 248-349-3020.

**Magician Ben Spitzer's I LOVE BOOKS Show**

**Time/Date:** 4:15-5 p.m. Wednesday, March 22  
**Details:** Celebrate March is Reading Month with this hilarious magic show for all ages. 100 free tickets available at the Information Desk five five minutes prior to program.

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# Everyone is Irish on St. Patrick’s Day

Cead mile failte ronhet! One hundred thousand welcomes! Everyone is Irish on St. Patrick’s Day. A favorite holiday for many, St. Patrick’s Day (March 17) is really a week-long celebration here in metro Detroit.

St. Patrick’s Day, like many in years past, was a time to honor Ireland’s patron saint. It is said that St. Patrick drove all of the snakes, which were of tremendous population, from the Emerald Isle. In present time, the day is an excuse to drink a few stouts and eat beef stew or corned beef and cabbage.

Ireland is a country of limited resources and a peasant background. Economic factors dictated the use of inexpensive and simple food products. Ireland boasts fresh food from its bountiful supply of produce, livestock and fish. Onions, leeks, garlic, cabbage and carrots are some of the most common crops. Watercress and sorrel are used with the same frequency as iceberg lettuce in the United States.

Potatoes were brought to Ireland in the 1600s and the Irish were the only people in Europe to eat the tubers. On several visits to “the old sod,” I found the food to be top notch. The bacon is meaty — not all fat, lamb sweet and very fish-oriented, making it lighter. Irish salmon is some of the most coveted in the world. The cooking of Ireland is not



regionally driven as in most other countries. The only dish that changes from area to area is lamb stew. The base is lamb, onions and potatoes, but from there it changes from town to town with the variations being limitless. It’s really an experience to enjoy.

It’s a favorite time of year to see all of our Irish friends, as everyone, Irish or not, celebrates St. Patrick’s Day. This year, we’ll be celebrating at the Bistro with traditional fare beginning Friday, March 17, through Sunday, March 19. Corned Beef and Cabbage, Beef and Stout Stew, Pot Pie Filled with Chunks of Main Lobster in a Sherry Lobster Sauce with Pearl Onions and Fresh Peas, Irish Lamb Stew, Rainbow Trout with O’Brien Potatoes and, of course, Guinness on draft. Our specialty Irish dessert will be the Chocolate Guinness Cake. This is a favorite rich indulgence of many and I am happy to share the recipe for you to make for your loved ones at home. “Erin Go Bragh!”

Mary Brady is a certified executive chef by the American Culinary Federation and owner of Diamond Jim Brady’s Bistro, located in the Novi Town Center. You can reach her by email at [djbistro@aol.com](mailto:djbistro@aol.com).



## GUINNESS STOUT CHOCOLATE CAKE

- ¼ cup cocoa powder to dust baking pans
- ½ # butter
- 1 cup Guinness stout
- ¾ cup dark cocoa powder
- 1 tsp. salt
- 2 cups unbleached flour
- 2 cups granulated sugar
- 1½ teaspoon baking soda, sifted
- 2 extra-large eggs
- ½ cup sour cream

Heat oven to 350°F degrees. Lightly dust two greased spring form pans with cocoa powder. In a heavy saucepan heat butter, Guinness and cocoa powder until melted. Cool. Sift dry ingredients together, add the cooled butter mixture and beat for one minute on medium speed. Add eggs and sour cream and beat an additional two minutes on medium. Pour batter into pans and bake 25-30 minutes until a knife inserted into the middle comes out clean. Place pans on wire rack for 10 minutes then remove the sides and continue cooling. Frost (recipe below).

## CHOCOLATE FROSTING

- 1 cup butter, softened
- 3 cups confectioners sugar
- 2 tbs. milk
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1 cup semi sweet chips melted, cooled to room temperature

Beat all ingredients together other than chocolate until smooth. Stir in cooled chocolate.

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Grand openings

The Northville Chamber of Commerce will have two business grand openings and ribbon-cuttings. The first is Thursday, March 16, at Brain Balance Achievements Centers, 33743 Traditions Drive. The second is at 10 a.m. March 24 for Dear Prudence, 119 N. Center.

### State of the community

The Northville Chamber of Commerce will host the 2017 State of the Community Luncheon on Wednesday, April 19, at Schoolcraft College Vis-TaTech Center, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia. Registration and networking begins at 11:30 a.m. The buffet luncheon and programs runs from 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The cost is \$40 per person. Schoolcraft College is an-kind sponsor of the annual event.

Community updates will be presented by Mary Kay Gallagher, superintendent, Northville Public Schools; Robert Nix, supervisor, Northville Township; and Ken Roth, mayor, city of Northville. RSVP by April 4. Contact [lindseybutzin@northville.org](mailto:lindseybutzin@northville.org) or 248-349-7640, ext. 22. Provide advanced notice to the Northville Chamber of Commerce of any specific dietary requirements.

### New medical director

Huron Valley PACE (Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly) welcomes new medical director Dr. Terri Mack.

“Dr. Mack’s wealth of knowledge and experience are certain to make positive contributions to the well-being of aging people throughout our five-county region,” said Rick Bluhm, Huron Valley PACE executive director. “We look forward to her leadership and achievements in helping local seniors maintain their independence as long as possible.”

Mack will provide care to program participants in the Huron Valley PACE Clinic, located in the Adult Day Center at 2940 Ellsworth Road in Ypsilanti.

“Now in its third year of operation, Huron Valley PACE serves older adults so they can remain in their homes longer,” Bluhm said. “The PACE concept is part of the nationwide model of support that began in the early 1970s. Our clients, families and communities say they are extremely pleased with the outcomes delivered through this model, such as better health, increased security and long-term self-reliance. We know Dr. Mack will continue to foster these outcomes and offer top-quality assistance to seniors.”

Mack received her bachelor of arts with distinction in psychology from the University of Michigan. She went on to graduate from Wayne State University’s School of Medicine in 2003. Following graduation, she interned and completed her residency at the Detroit Medical Center. She finished fellowships in two programs at the University of Michigan: the Geriatric Medicine Fellowship Program and the Hospice and Palliative Care Medicine Fellowship Program.

Huron Valley PACE serves Washtenaw County, as well as parts of Monroe, Oakland, Wayne and Livingston counties. For more information about Huron Valley PACE and services provided, call 734-572-5777 or go to [www.HuronValleyPACE.org](http://www.HuronValleyPACE.org).

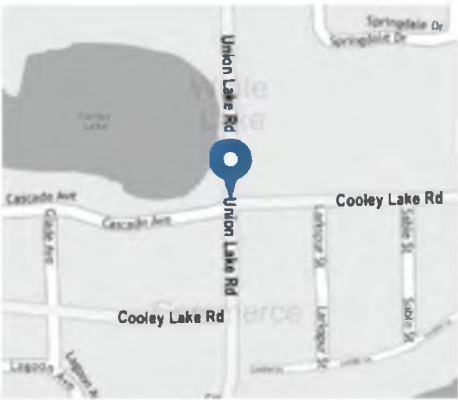


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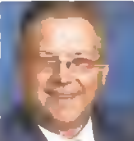


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# Mayor says Wixom still a leader

Wixom Mayor Kevin W. Hinkley delivered the ninth State of the City address last week before city residents, employees, local businesses and others, including state Sen. Mike Kowall from Michigan's 15th District.



Hinkley

Among the many things discussed in his address, Hinkley spoke of "staying the course," "investing with confidence" and "sustainability."

"We are extremely proud of the progress we are making together," Hinkley said. "We are determined that staying the course and investing in our community will sustain our community for years to come."

One of Hinkley's major focuses of the evening was addressing infrastructure — roads, water and sewer — while maintaining other assets and delivering sound existing services.

"We must remain positive; we must continue to strengthen our investment; we must be confident that as a result," Hinkley said. "Wixom, indeed, has a continued bright future. We can't afford to slow and we must finish what we started."

Hinkley also spoke of entrepreneurial growth within the city. Wixom saw 38 new businesses in 2016, with continued signs of growth.

Hinkley also told the crowd, "During the past year, Wixom has remained a leader in the delivery of city services and the development of partnerships that promote and expand the quality of life that residents and businesses experience here. Through all of our efforts, the city's future remains secure and prosperous. Residents' overwhelming support of the city's special millage last November has strengthened the city and provided it with resources that enable it to remain a leader in the delivery of city services."



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# Snowfall sledding day in Northville

Kristin Gifford begins to push her daughter Ellen's sled down the hill at Northville Township's Cass Benton Park. The Northville area got about four inches of snow March 13, which made for some decent late-winter sledding.

Katherine Gifford, 4, smiles as she begins to head down a hill at Northville's Cass Benton Park. Her mother Kristin was propelling the sled in the late-winter snowfall.

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The 22nd annual Novi Backyard, Pool & Spa Show returns Friday, March 24, through Sunday, March 26, to the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi.

Is it spring? Novi welcomes pool, spa show

The 22nd annual Novi Backyard, Pool & Spa Show returns Friday through Sunday, March 24-26, to the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi.

“New this year is the consumer education and showcase area that will display the best of backyard, pool and spa projects by Association of Pool & Spa Professionals-Michigan Chapter members,” said Richard Martin, president of APSP. “This expo is the one and only time per year homeowners can meet the best backyard, pool and spa professionals of Michigan in one location.”

APSP is the event sponsor and a nonprofit local trade association composed of member companies in the pool, spa and backyard living business.

Exhibitors will have a wide selection on display and showcase the latest trends and innovations to fit any space or budget for enhanced backyard living relaxation and fun. Hundreds of ideas, products and services are available from the major outdoor living environment categories, including inground and above ground pools, spas, swim spas, hot tubs, saunas, decks, patios, fencing, awnings, outdoor kitchens and living spaces, landscaping, water features, brick paving, decorative concrete, patio furniture and accessories.

Homeowners will find the information they need about building and buying a pool or spa at show exhibits. Experts are available with tips and advice on designing, building, purchasing, planning, maintenance, safety and landscaping.

“It’s time to get ready for summer and create the perfect backyard escape for swimming, exercising or entertaining your family and friends,” Martin said. “Start now at our show to design a new outdoor living space or renovate an existing backyard.”

Suburban Collection Showplace is located at 46100 Grand River Avenue, between Novi and Beck roads. Show hours are 3-9 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$8, \$4 for children ages 6-14 and children ages 5 and under admitted free. Discount coupons for \$2 off adult admission are available at show’s website. On-site parking is available for a fee. For information on APSP, go to [www.APSPmi.org](http://www.APSPmi.org). For show information, go to [www.NoviPoolShow.com](http://www.NoviPoolShow.com) or call 734-398-9700.

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Sealed Bids, signed by an a legally recognized agent, will be received by the, Clerks Department, Second Floor, Northville Township Hall, 44405 6 Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168 on or before 2:00 p.m., April 4, 2017, for construction of the Northville Township Police Headquarters Roof Renovation Project. The sealed envelope must be clearly marked “Northville Township Police Headquarters Roof Renovation Project”. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at this time.

Work to be done includes the removal and replacement of portions of the existing membrane roof. Also included under this project is coordination of the removal and replacement of the existing HVAC and plumbing roof top equipment. Bid documents may be obtained on or after March 14, 2017 via the Spicer Group engineering website, <http://www.spicergroup.com/> and click the Bidding Tab at the top. Hard copies of the drawings may be requested by contacting Hard copies of the drawings may be requested by contacting, Aaron Wosek, [aaron.wosek@spicergroup.com](mailto:aaron.wosek@spicergroup.com) 989-921-5552. A fee of \$55.00 including 2-day shipping expenses per set of drawings will be charged for hard copies of the drawings. Specifications are not included, but can be emails. No refunds will be given for returned documents. Each proposal shall be accompanied by a certified check, or Bid Bond by a recognized surety, in the amount of 5% of the total of the bid price. A proposal, once submitted, becomes the property of the Charter Township of Northville. In the sole discretion of the Charter Township of Northville, the Charter Township of Northville reserves the right to allow a bidder to reclaim submitted documents provided the documents are requested and retrieved no later than 48 hours prior to the scheduled bid opening.

The successful Bidder will be required to furnish satisfactory performance, maintenance, labor and material bonds in the amount of 100% of the bid price and satisfactory insurance coverage.

After the time of opening, no Bid may be withdrawn for a period of 90 days. The Charter Township of Northville reserves the right to accept any Bid, to reject any or all Bids, to waive irregularities and/or informalities in any Bid, and to make the award in any manner the Charter Township of Northville believes to be in its best interest.

Questions regarding the project shall be addressed via email or phone to Aaron Wosek, Engineer Project Manager with Spicer Group at [aaron.wosek@spicergroup.com](mailto:aaron.wosek@spicergroup.com) , Office: 989-921-5552. Questions will not be accepted within three (3) days of bid due date.

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CITY OF NOVI  
Pavement Repair/Rehabilitation within the  
Vistas of Novi Planned Unit Development  
Special Assessment District NO. 179

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Date: March 27, 2017  
Time: 7:00 p.m.

In the Council Chambers at the Novi City Hall  
45175 Ten Mile Road  
Novi, Michigan

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Novi City Council is considering the public improvement described below, to be financed by the establishment of a special assessment district. Subject to receiving comments and objections at public hearing, the Council has determined to proceed with the improvement. On March 27, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Novi City Hall, 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan, the City Council shall meet for the purpose of hearing comments and objections from interested persons regarding the proposed special assessment district known as Holmes Road, Hemingway Drive, and Brownstone Drive within the Vistas of Novi Planned Unit Development, Special Assessment District NO. 179, including comments and objections to the proposed project and to the proposed special assessment district consisting of the properties anticipated to be specially benefited by, and assessed for, the improvement.

The proposed improvement (“The Project”) includes repairs to and/or reconstruction of the base course of paving and utility infrastructure within the road right-of-way and the subsequent installation of the final wearing course of paving for the roadways consisting of approximately 895 lineal feet of Holmes Road, approximately 954 lineal feet of Hemmingway Drive and approximately 2060 lineal feet of Brownstone Drive located in Section 11 of the City which will provide a benefit to four hundred twenty-four (424) parcels which were included in the Vistas of Novi Planned Unit Development .

The estimated cost for the Project is \$1,055,303.38.

A copy of the Petition, and the plans and cost estimate for the proposed Project are on file at the City Clerk’s Offices, 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan, for public examination during normal business hours. If you are a property owner within the proposed special assessment district, you can contact the City Clerk’ Office to obtain a response form to document your support or disapproval of the proposed public improvement and special assessment district.

Appearance and protest at the hearing is required in order to appeal the matters to be considered at the hearing to the State Tax Tribunal. An owner or party in interest, or his or her agent, may appear in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment, or shall be permitted to file his or her appearance or protest by letter at or before the hearing and his or her personal appearance in such case shall not be required.

Courtney Hanson, City Clerk

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LENTEN CALENDAR

‘Turn to Jesus’

Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford, will have special midweek Lenten worship services at 7 p.m. each Wednesday through April 5. This year’s theme is “Turn to Jesus!” There will be free treats after the services. For more information, call 313-532-8655 or 734-968-3523.

St. Mary’s Fish Fry

St. Mary, Our Lady of Snows Catholic Church Knights of Columbus Council No. 7444 hosts a Friday fish fry for the next four weeks at the church, 1955 E Commerce St, Milford. The fry runs 5-7:30 p.m. Cost is \$10 adults; \$8 for seniors; \$7 for teens; \$4 for kids; children five and younger are free.

Knights of Columbus fry

Knight of Columbus hosts a Friday Fish Fry throughout the Lenten season March 17-April 7 at St Joseph Catholic Church, 30 S Lafayette St, South Lyon.

Holy Week services

Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford, announces its schedule for Holy Week. Maundy Thursday service is at 7 p.m. April 13. Good Friday services will be held at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. April 14. Easter Sunday service will be held at 9:30 a.m. April 16. A free Easter breakfast will be held from 8-9:15 a.m. All visitors will receive a free DVD “My Son, My Savior.” For more information, call 313-532-8655 or 734-968-3523.

Fish Fry

St. Mary Catholic Church in Wayne is hosting its Lenten Fish Frys. The weekly Fish Frys are 4-7 p.m. and run for seven weeks through Good Friday, April 14. Dinners are \$7 or \$10. Choose from fried or baked fish, shrimp dinner or mac and cheese. Each meal comes with french fries or baked potato, cole slaw, roll and lemonade, water or coffee. For an additional small charge, desserts and pop are available.

Resurrection Parish

If you knew you were going to die today, what would you do? How would that reality change you? Would you be more forgiving? More merciful? Attend a Lenten presentation at 7:30 p.m. March 16 by author Chris Stepien as he shares the inspiration for his latest book, “Dying to Be Happy Discovering the Truth About Life.”

Orthodox Christian services

The Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit (COCC) will hold the first in its annual series of Vespers services on the five Sundays of Orthodox Great Lent on March 5, Sunday of Orthodoxy, at 6 p.m. at St. Clement Ohridski Macedono-Bulgarian Orthodox Church, 19600 Ford Road, Dearborn..

Prince of Peace Lutheran

Members of the St. John Chrysostom Clergy Brotherhood and clergy from the host parish will conduct the service. The homilist will be the Rev. Gabriel Bilas of St. Mary Magdalene Orthodox Church, Fenton. The Orthodox Lenten Vespers Chorus, directed by Victoria Kopistiansky, will sing the responses. Youngsters age 7 through high school from parish church schools are encouraged

Lenten Fish Fry

American Legion Post 32, 9318 Newburgh Road, Livonia, will host its annual Lenten fish fry from 5-8 p.m. each Friday through April 29. Cod dinners are \$10 and perch will return. Baked items will be sold for \$1 each. The meals are open to the public.

St. Bellarmine Fish Fry

St. Robert Bellarmine Men’s Club will host fish frys each Friday during Lent with drive-thru service available. The dinners are available 4-7 p.m. each Friday. St. Robert’s is at the corner of West Chicago and Inkster roads in Redford.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Community leaders to talk up Northville area

Community leaders will talk about the Northville area's recent successes — and its future — Wednesday, April 19, during the 2017 State of the Community luncheon.

The event, organized by the Northville Chamber of Commerce, will be at Schoolcraft College's VisTaTech Center, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia.

The annual luncheon is an opportunity for residents and business people to hear from civic leaders, said Jody Humphries, the chamber's executive director. Speakers will include Northville Township Supervisor Robert Nix, Northville Mayor Ken Roth and Mary Kay Gallagher, Northville Public Schools superintendent.

The luncheon will begin at 11:30 a.m. with registration and networking opportunities, followed at 11:45 a.m. by lunch and the program. Tickets are \$40 a person for the buffet lunch; attendees with special dietary needs should inform the chamber ahead of time.

For more information or to make reservations, call Lindsey Butzin, the chamber's events director, at 248-349-7640 or email her at LindseyButzin@northville.org.

**Toast of the Town**

Novi will celebrate its business successes Friday, March 24, during the Toast of the Town awards gala and live auction, sponsored by the Novi Chamber of Commerce.

The 2017 edition of the annual event begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza Detroit-Novi, 27000 Karevich Drive, Novi. It



Robert Nix, Northville Township supervisor, looks to the screen behind him as he begins a multimedia presentation during last year's state of the community. This year's event is Wednesday, April 19, at the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College.

will include appetizers, an open bar, dinner, live music, the auction and a raffle.

Novi Mayor Bob Gatt will be the master of ceremonies and Dave Rozema, a pitcher for the 1984 World Series champion Detroit Tigers baseball team, will be on hand to mingle with guests.

Toast of the Town provides a networking opportunity and the chance to support the chamber and the Make-A-Wish Foundation, which will be given a portion of the proceeds.

The chamber will also be recognizing local businesses with awards for Community Builder, Best

Place to Work and Customer Service Excellence.

Tickets are \$95 a person; a table for eight is \$725. For more information about Toast of the Town or to buy tickets, go to [www.novichamber.com](http://www.novichamber.com) or call 248-349-3743.

**'Alice Jr.' in Novi**

The Mad Hatter, Tweedledee and Tweedledum will join Alice and, of course, the White Rabbit, on stage later this month in a production of "Alice in Wonderland Jr." at the Novi Civic Center.

The Novi Civic Theatre musical will be performed by 53 youth actors from Novi and sur-

rounding communities.

The show will be presented by the city's Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department. Advance tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased at [www.cityofnovi.org](http://www.cityofnovi.org). Tickets will also be available for \$12 each (cash only) at the door before each performance.

The show opens 7 p.m. Friday, March 24; further performances are 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. Saturday, March 25, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 26.

For more information about the Novi Civic Theatre, go to [www.cityofnovi.org](http://www.cityofnovi.org) or call 248-347-0400.

Novi High inducts National Honor Society members

At total of 77 students from Novi High School were inducted into membership of the National Honor Society in a ceremony held at the school March 8.

Members were selected by a Faculty Council for meeting high standards of scholarship, service, leadership and character.

Michael Jocz, Novi High School graduate of the class of 2012 and former member of Novi's National Honor Society, was the keynote speaker for the event. Jocz earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in mechanical engineering at the University of Michigan with a 3.96 GPA while also being a member for the past five years on the U-M football team. Jocz emphasized how the pillars of National Honor Society of scholarship, leadership, character and service are so important as students continue with their college education and career.

The new inductees join a group of 130 previous members of the organization at Novi High School.

"National Honor Society members are chosen for and then expected to continue their exemplary contributions to the school and community," said Barbara Clift, chapter adviser. "They are the leaders in the school who display honesty, integrity, compassion and scholarship."

The National Honor Society ranks as one of the oldest and most prestigious organizations for high school students. The Novi High School chapter has been active since 1968.

The following students were inducted:

Eaman Ahmad, Ajay Arora, Riley Balconi, Neeran Bari, Cameron Bennett, Morgan Besant, Prateek Bhola, Shivani Bongu, Leon Chen Eugenia Cho, Champa Danappanavar, Ashley David, Nisarg Dharia, Jamie Fu, Brad Gamm, Matt Gamm, Anne George, Sydney Grassmyer, Megan Harding, Alivia Hart, Melanie Howarth, Eun Hwang, Brendon Ireland, Aakash Jajoo, Ashley Jamison, Raveena Joshi, Yeojin Jung, Arun Kammanadiminti, Bella Khatib Shahidi, Matthew Kielb, Nandini Koneru, Nishant Kumar and Pearl Kurian.

Also inducted were:

Haejeong Lee, Jooho Lee, Seoyoon Lee, Andrew Li, Blake Maday, Gagandeep Mavi, Megan Medendorp, Cade Mirabitor, Advay Muchoor, Trey Mullins, Ben Nelson, Christopher Oshana, Brooke Osterkamp, Brianna Patel, Dev Patel, Dilan Patel, Jessica Paul, Narayan Prabhakar, John Prisby, Amanda Putti, Jannah Qaqish, Narayan Prabhakar, Sevanthi Rajenthiran, Madhu Rami Reddy, Bella Rallis, Sophie Rallis, Alyssa Sarlund, Eric Schulte, Sophie Shao, Brian Son, Dev Patel, Dilan Patel, Jessica Paul, Narayan Prabhakar, John Prisby, Amanda Putti, and Jannah Qaqish, Neha Surapaneni, HariPriya Suryadevara, Victoria Tan, Blaire Thibaudeau, Lahari Vavilala, Amy Wang, Jonathan Wang, Joyful Wang, Nav Warraich, Neil Warraich, Brennan White, Lauren Wilk, Alice Wou, Jessica Wu and Henry Xu.

Northville district's proposed AIDS/HIV unit to be reviewed

The Northville Public Schools Board of Education will host two public hearings for school parents and community members to comment on the district's proposed fifth-grade HIV/AIDS instructional unit and materials. The district previously provided the state-mandated HIV/AIDS instruction in third grade.

The recommended HIV/AIDS instructional unit for Northville fifth-graders focuses on defining HIV and AIDS; explaining that it is safe to be friends with someone living with HIV/AIDS; and describing the ways individuals can protect themselves from infection with a serious blood-borne communicable disease.

The unit also includes the video "AIDS: Facts for Kids," 2009 (10:16). The proposed curriculum, along with the unit materials and video, has been reviewed and approved by the appropriate teachers and elementary principals, along with the district's Health Advisory Board, composed of parents of children attending Northville schools, as well as district educators, a high school student, local clergy and community health professionals, as required by law. The materials and video has also been approved by the District Curriculum Council.

The next step in the curriculum review process is to offer parents and community members the opportunity to review and comment on the unit curriculum and materials, including the video, prior to Board of Education consideration during the preview opportunities and public hearings noted below:

» Tuesday, March 21: 6-6:30 p.m., with a preview opportunity 5:45-6 p.m. (prior to the Board Policy Subcommittee Meeting), at the Northville Public Schools Board of Education Office (Room 302), 501 W. Main Street, Northville.

» Tuesday, April 11: Board of Education meeting at 7 p.m. with a preview opportunity 6:30-6:45 p.m. at Hillside Middle School Forum, 775 N. Center Street, Northville

Following the second public hearing opportunity, the fifth-grade HIV/AIDS health unit and instructional materials recommendation will be brought forward for board consideration at the April 11 Board of Education meeting. If approved by the board, the new curriculum and materials will be used as part of the fifth-grade health lesson for students beginning this school year.

For questions about the curriculum and materials or the preview opportunities, contact Teresa Osterhoff at 248-344-3538 or OsterhTe@NorthvilleSchools.org.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
**CITY OF NORTHVILLE**  
**BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS**

The City of Northville Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing to receive public input on the following in regards to the City of Northville Zoning Ordinance:

- To make an interpretation on whether an "alley," as referenced in Section 26.02, is defined as having a "public road right of way."
- To consider two variance requests on premises zoned R-1B, First Density Residential District, at 217 W. Dunlap, Northville, Michigan, 48167, parcel number 48-002-01-0511-002. The applicant is seeking a variance to expand a non-conforming building (Section 22.01) that is currently located in the side yard setback and rear yard setback on the subject site. The second variance request is to permit construction of a chimney within the front yard setback by 1.83 feet from the requirements in Section 15.01.
- To consider two variance requests on premises zoned R-1B, First Density Residential District, at 222 West Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, parcel number 48-002-01-0487-000. The applicant is seeking two variances from Section 15.01 to construct a garage addition on the north side of the house. The first variance request is to permit construction of the garage one (1) foot into the required 8-foot side yard setback. The second variance is to permit the side yard setbacks to equal ten (10) feet instead of the required fifteen (15) feet. Therefore, a variance of five (5) feet is requested from Section 15.01.
- To consider two variance requests on premises zoned R-1B, First Density Residential District, at 975 N. Center St., Northville, Michigan, 48167, parcel number 48-22-34-331-013. The first variance request is from Section 18.04 to allow a detached garage (accessory building) to be used as habitable space. The second variance request is to permit a detached garage to be 9-feet taller than allowed by Section 18.04.

The public hearings will be held on Wednesday April 5, 2017, at 7:30 p.m. at the City of Northville Municipal Building, Council Chambers, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-449-9902. The purpose of the public hearings is to receive public comment on the Zoning Ordinance interpretation and variance requests. The variance applications are available for review at the City of Northville Building Department during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, local prevailing time. Written comments pertaining to the proposed variance request will also be received at the above address.

DOMINIC SILVESTRI, CHAIRPERSON  
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Sealed Bids, signed by an a legally recognized agent, will be received by the, Clerks Department, Second Floor, Northville Township Hall, 44405 6 Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168 on or before 2:00 p.m., April 4, 2017, for construction of the Northville Township Police Headquarters HVAC Renovation Project. The sealed envelope must be clearly marked "Northville Township Police Headquarters HVAC Renovation Project". Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at this time.

Work to be done includes the removal and replacement of existing HVAC systems including ductwork, piping, controls, and electrical work. Also included under this project is coordination of the removal and replacement of the existing membrane roof. Bid documents may be obtained on or after March 14, 2017 via the Spicer Group engineering website, <http://www.spicergroup.com/> and click the Bidding Tab at the top.

Hard copies of the drawings may be requested by contacting the engineer, Aaron Wosek, [aaron.wosek@spicergroup.com](mailto:aaron.wosek@spicergroup.com) 989-921-5552. A fee of \$55.00 including 2-day shipping expenses per set of drawings will be charged for hard copies of the drawings. Specifications are not included, but can be emails. No refunds will be given for returned documents.

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a certified check, or Bid Bond by a recognized surety, in the amount of 5% of the total of the bid price. A proposal, once submitted, becomes the property of the Charter Township of Northville. In the sole discretion of the Charter Township of Northville, the Charter Township of Northville reserves the right to allow a bidder to reclaim submitted documents provided the documents are requested and retrieved no later than 48 hours prior to the scheduled bid opening.

The successful Bidder will be required to furnish satisfactory performance, maintenance, labor and material bonds in the amount of 100% of the bid price and satisfactory insurance coverage. After the time of opening, no Bid may be withdrawn for a period of 90 days. The Charter Township of Northville reserves the right to accept any Bid, to reject any or all Bids, to waive irregularities and/or informalities in any Bid, and to make the award in any manner the Charter Township of Northville believes to be in its best interest.

Questions regarding the project shall be addressed via email or phone to Aaron Wosek, Engineer Project Manager with Spicer Group at [aaron.wosek@spicergroup.com](mailto:aaron.wosek@spicergroup.com) , Office: 989-921-5552. Questions will not be accepted within three (3) days of bid due date.

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The library at the SAY Detroit Play Center, a closed city recreation center that was restored and reopened through Mitch Albom's charitable organization.

# Local libraries pitch in for young Detroit readers

Visitors to an east-side Detroit recreation center will benefit from the donation of more than 2,000 books from the Neighborhood Library Association, an umbrella organization for six suburban library systems, including the Novi Public Library and the Northville District Library.

The NLA spread the word in member districts' communities and gathered new and gently used books for the SAY Detroit Play Center, a formerly closed city recreation center that was restored and re-

opened with private donations. The restoration project was the brainchild of Detroit Free Press columnist Mitch Albom, whose charitable organization is called SAY (Super All Year) Detroit.

"It was a pleasure for the six local libraries to support the cause and bring an opportunity for a lending library and a promotion of literacy to our neighboring county," Julie Farkas, director of the Novi Public Library, said in a press release. "This was a wonderful example of gently used

and new books being utilized in a very positive way to promote reading."

The Friends of the Novi Library joined the NLA's effort, quickly raising \$1,000 to buy new books, for teen-aged readers, for the Play Center.

The SAY Detroit Play Center opened in 2015 at the city's Lipke Recreation Center on Van Dyke. Designed for youths ages 8-18, the center combines facilities for academics, sports and music and dance and aims to give young people opportunities to have fun as well as

learn.

The center includes a football field that was partially funded by Detroit Lions quarterback Matthew Stafford, a digital learning center and a recording studio for young musicians.

The NLA — in addition to the Novi and Northville libraries, the group includes the Wixom, Walled Lake, Salem, South Lyon and Lyon Township library systems — plans to continue supporting the Play Center, with another book drive planned for later this year.

# Sibling rivalry focus of TPT's 'True West'

Northville's Tipping Point Theatre will stage "True West," a story about sibling rivalry, March 23 to April 23 at the theater, 361 E. Cady.

The play by Sam Shepard features Austin, who has come to stay at his mother's house while she's on vacation — to work on his latest movie script. Unfortunately, his estranged older brother, Lee, has shown up at the house, too. Tension between the brothers escalates as Lee tries to write and sell his own movie script to Austin's agent. They find themselves forced to cooperate in the creation of a story that will make or break both their lives. In the process, the brothers' roles as successful family man and nomadic drifter are somehow reversed, and each man finds himself admitting that he had always wished he were in the other's shoes.

"This play has a quality of tension that I find deliciously irresistible from start to finish. The characters have histories, secrets and jealousies that culminate in threatening and dangerous ways," director Hillary Sea Bard said. "'True West' is an edge-of-your seat, laugh-out-loud, and under-your-skin play. People will leave the theater questioning their own limits. And what better thing can art do but serve as a mirror to our own truths?"

Starring in "True



Kuhl Carlson

West" is James R. Kuhl as Austin and Ryan Carlson as Lee.

"True West" runs from March 23 through April 23, and the curtain rises at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, with matinees at 3 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. A matinee performance has been added at 3 p.m. Wednesday, April 12.

Tickets are \$22 for preview tickets, \$30 to \$40 adults and \$28 to \$33 students/senior citizens; reserved seating. For tickets or more information, call the box office at 248-347-0003.

A special "half-price" ticket performance will be held Thursday, March 30, sponsored by Monroe Bank & Trust.

"Monroe Bank & Trust is a proud sponsor of the performing arts across the communities we serve, including Bedford, Monroe, Downriver, Plymouth and more. We're excited to partner with Tipping Point for half-price tickets, taking the next step toward making theater more accessible to everyone," said Darren LaLonde, Monroe Bank & Trust community president of western Wayne County.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Submit letters to the editors by email to [jmaliszews@hometownlife.com](mailto:jmaliszews@hometownlife.com).

### Last vestige of bygone age

After a long fight to save Milford's 1871 railroad depot, we now face an insurmountable timing and resource barrier, and must give up the effort. The arrival of the railroad and depot in 1871 assured Milford's survival and prosperity into the 20th century, and was the second major economic revolution in Milford history — after the water power and mills, which created the town. The mills having long since been demolished, along with Henry Ford's carburetor plant, Milford will now lose the last major vestige of its industrial heritage. All of these historic structures could have been put to both cultural and economic benefit, as has been done in many creative local towns.

But now we look to the future. This will not be the last time a piece of Milford's "historic fabric" is unnecessarily threatened by development, which takes advantage of the attractive local atmosphere, but can also destroy it in the process! So we need to learn from our experience and make sure this never happens again. The fundamental issues we faced, and must avoid next time are:

Lack of early warning: The "Luxury Lofts" project, which led to the depot's demise, had been in planning by the village for about two years, and was already well-defined before it leaped onto the front page of the Milford Times in January 2016. The lack of early warning posed an almost-impossible timing challenge. Blame may be shared by a citizenry uninterested in local government (including the writer until recent years), and the steadfast unwillingness of government to widely publicize such major developments beyond the minimal visibility mandated by the state.

Lack of Village "ownership" and support: This historic depot was not widely recognized as an important community resource, despite its central role in Milford's economic survival and growth. The planning commission violated its

own Master Plan in both the approval of massive four-story buildings to make the developer's business case for him, and also in ignoring the Master Plan's Guiding Principle No. 9 — "Preserve and protect cultural resources and properties, structures, and neighborhoods having historical significance." This lack of community ownership led the search for a new site to become an exercise of serial proposal and rejection, rather than telling us upfront what site or sites would be acceptable. The result was inadequate time to complete the project after a site was finally approved.

We need some new development, but continued destruction of the historic elements of our village will erode the very resource its attractiveness and property values depend on, and only the developers will walk away with what they came here for. To keep Milford the village we now enjoy, historic preservation needs to be an integral part of development plans, which requires organized citizen vigilance and wide community ownership.

**Ralph Emmons**  
Milford

### In disbelief of Colbeck

Sen. Colbeck's article about broad based economic development left me shaking my head in disbelief. I'm so sick and damned tired of corporate welfare and the trickle down theory. It's never worked and why Republicans are so obsessed with it is beyond me. You guys, Republicans, just gave corporations a \$1.2 billion tax break that you swore would solve our economic problems and it didn't produce jack. Obama saving the auto industry did more for us than any wacky tax scheme.

Sen. Colbeck tossing around all these numbers sounds reasonable until you realize that we've been down this road before. Many times. And it always ends the same; huge corporate profits, negligible job growth and budget shortfalls. They get the gold mine, we get the shaft. Our Republicans are always robbing Peter to pay Paul; \$250 million from school aid, millions more from un-

employment insurance, slashing infrastructure budgets.

Colbeck boasts of a measly \$127 in electricity savings while I'm spending 10, 12 times that in millages, increased fees for registrations, licenses, permits and lost deductions. We simply cannot afford corporate welfare and Republican accounting practices anymore.

How about we research what Minnesota's billionaire Gov. Mark Dayton did and what Californians are doing now? Dayton, elected in 2011, inherited a \$6 billion deficit, unemployment over 7 percent and schools in decline. By 2015 he had one of the top economies in the nation: \$1.25 billion surplus, 3.7 percent unemployment rate, schools flourishing. Reducing corporate welfare, taxing the rich, raising the minimum wage and guaranteeing equal pay for women are just some of the policies he enacted.

Sen. Colbeck's business health insurance costs aren't entirely accurate either, corporate tax deductions (welfare) mean we're footing most of that cost, too. There has never been a successful, competition-based, for-profit healthcare system anywhere in the world. Ever. California has come to this conclusion and is taking the lead in creating a statewide single-payer system. In response to the upcoming Trumpcare debacle, several legislators and the California Nurses Association have introduced SB 562. The goal is, "to treat healthcare as a societal good and not as a commodity to inflate corporate profits." There's some seriously smart and determined people behind this so let's study what they're doing. If we want to make our lives better, we, the people, will have to point Lansing in a new direction.

**Mitch Dubanik**  
Livonia

### Again, GOP tries privatizing Medicare?

U.S. House Speaker Paul Ryan; Rep. Kevin Brady, chairman, Ways and Means Committee; and Rep. Tom Price, chairman, Budget Committee, who is now Secretary of Health and Hu-

man Services, are among Republican leaders in the U.S. House who support legislation to privatize Medicare by converting it to a "premium support" system. I urge your newspaper to editorialize against their efforts to change Medicare to a "voucher" plan that will raise the cost of health care for seniors.

Just because the Republican Party has majorities in the House and Senate and the President-elect, it is not a mandate to destroy Medicare with a "voucher" plan to pay outright subsidies to insurance companies who make big contributions to many members of Congress.

In April 2011, the Republican majority in the U.S. House of Representatives passed in a 2012 budget blueprint a proposal to replace traditional Medicare with vouchers. This ignited a firestorm of opposition from Congressional Democrats, America's seniors and the general public.

Back then, an analysis of the proposal by the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) concluded that turning Medicare over to private insurance plans would result in seniors paying twice as much for their care, would raise administrative costs and would not keep medical inflation as low as traditional Medicare has done.

It is astonishing that after the bashing delivered to Republicans on the "voucher" proposal in 2011 that they would be reviving it again.

**Ralph Henry**  
Ypsilanti

### GOP is Trott's only interest

Rep. David Trott has repeatedly voted to repeal the ACA since being elected in 2014. He has argued that the ACA needs to be eliminated because it has resulted in rising healthcare costs that have impacted middle-class families' budgets.

As soon as House Republicans put out a new plan this past week, Trott confirmed his support for it (or so his staffers tell me on the phone). This new plan would raise the costs of average enrollee in an individual plan by \$1,542 a year, according to Huffington Post. It gives large tax credits to the wealthiest Amer-

icans, while putting the burdens for maintaining coverage for preexisting conditions on the middle class and the poor.

Let's not beat around the bush. Trott is a liar. He was elected to represent the people of the 11th District but is only interested in supporting Washington Republicans.

**Christopher Fort**  
Northville

### Coast Guard poised to lose

Trump recently touted his plan to increase military spending by \$54 billion. He neglected to mention that one branch of our armed forces, the Coast Guard, will have a budget cut of over \$1 billion.

One of the many duties assigned to the Coast Guard is to patrol the Arctic region and also monitor Russia's aggressive actions in the area. Russia is building outposts there in its efforts to control all the oil and natural gas deposits in the Arctic. Naturally, they don't like to be under surveillance.

A third ice-breaker under construction would be shelved under Trump's plan. Russia has 40 of these ships.

It isn't much of a stretch to imagine someone from the Kremlin reaching out to a friendly face in the White House and asking for a favor. Remember, aides to Trump have been criticized and are still being investigated for ties with Russia.

If the above scenario seems hard to believe, think of that immortal phrase "If it walks like a duck, quacks like a duck and looks like a duck, it's a duck!"

**James Huddleston**  
Canton

### No vote must for ERA

A major battle is taking place in Nevada to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) that will impact our entire nation. ERA passed the Nevada Senate on March 1, 2017, and it is poised to pass the Democrat-controlled House (aka Assembly) — if we don't act. We must do all we can to keep the ERA from being ratified in Nevada. Although ERA has been dead for 40 years, Democrats may claim that it is a binding Constitutional amendment if it passes in

Nevada and two other states.

What is the ERA? The Equal Rights Amendment is a poorly worded amendment to the U.S. Constitution from the 1970s that would restrict all laws and practices that make any distinctions based on sex. ERA would create a society where gender cannot be defined or recognized but is "interchangeable."

Any law or program that benefits women would be overturned, including Social Security benefits for stay-at-home mothers and widows; workplace laws that provide special accommodations for pregnant women or women who do heavy manual work; exemptions for women from the military draft; gender designations for bathrooms and locker rooms; and programs that support women as mothers, such as alimony and WIC - Women, Infant and Children Food and Nutrition Services for low-income women and their children. In addition, ERA would overturn all restrictions for abortion under the rationale that restricting abortion is a form of sex discrimination. As a result, ERA would also harm unborn children.

ERA was originally ratified by 35 states in the 1970s with a specified seven-year time limit and a requirement of 38 ratifying states. ERA failed before the deadline. Supporters of ERA believe that if they can get three more states to ratify ERA, they then can get Congress to retroactively extend the time deadline and make it a binding Constitutional amendment. We cannot allow the opposition to flout the law. We must take the current effort to pass the ERA seriously.

What can you do? Please forward this information to your family and friends and educate everyone you know about the harm ERA would cause America. Anyone who becomes better informed on ERA naturally wants to stop this harmful amendment.

Please reach out to anyone you know in Nevada and encourage them to contact their state assembly district legislator to encourage them to vote no on the ERA.

**Joe Edwards**  
Novi



# W.L. Central dives into ‘Little Mermaid’

Walled Lake Central High School Performing Arts Department presents Disney’s “The Little Mermaid” March 17-19 and March 24-26 at Walled Lake Central High School (1600 Oakley Park Road, Walled Lake). Evening performances will begin at 7 p.m. and the Saturday and Sunday matinees will start at 2 p.m.

Tickets are available and can be purchased online through the secure Walled Lake Consolidated Schools’ ticket web-site, [www.wlcstickets.com](http://www.wlcstickets.com), or by calling 248-956-4980. Premium seating is available for \$20 for adults, \$16 for students and senior citizens. Reserved seating is available for \$17 for adults, \$14 for students and \$15 for senior citizens.

This year’s show includes more than 70 actors on stage, 30 musicians in the pit orchestra, 20 students working back stage and a large number of dedicated parent volunteers working around the clock to bring this production to life. Cast highlights include Emma Erfourth (Ariel), Christian Bashi (Eric), John Faubert (Sebastian), Annie Laster



Annie Laster (from left), Emma Erfourth, Christian Bashi and John Faubert.

(Flounder), Andrew Pype (Scuttle), Violet Wesenberg (Jetsam), Allie Claybaugh (Ursula), Jack Gibson (Triton), Maddie Strong (Flotsam), Scott McMillan (Grimsby), and Joshua Thomas (Chef Louis).

Based on the well-loved Disney cartoon classic of the young mermaid who wants nothing more than to walk around on land with humans, it will delight everyone with its outstanding musical numbers, exquisite

costumes and childhood joy. Timeless and well-known songs like “Part of Your World,” “Under the Sea,” “Poor Unfortunate Souls,” “Les Poissons” and “Kiss the Girl” will have audiences begging for more.

Families with young children are invited to attend a special event before the March 19 show for a special “Under the Sea” party. The party starts at 12:30 p.m. in the Walled Lake Central High School cafete-

ria. Party-goers will enjoy crafts, snacks, meet and greet with characters in the show, photo opportunity with Ariel on stage after the show and an under the sea dance party. All attending children need to be accompanied by an adult. Tickets are available on the ticket website ([www.wlcstickets.com](http://www.wlcstickets.com)) or by calling the box office at 248-956-4980.

Amanda V. Lenze, Walled Lake Central choir director and teacher, said, “Disney’s ‘The Little Mermaid’ is a spectacular show and one that we are so excited to share with our community. This show has been a new experience for many of our students and production staff due to the way the show needs to incorporate elaborate and imaginative costumes, set and even flying. Our students have worked incredibly hard to understand how the cartoon characters that we have seen as children can be brought to life on stage. This is a show that will have you laughing, awestruck and dancing in your seat all in one performance.”

For more information, go to [www.wlcstickets.com](http://www.wlcstickets.com) or call 248-956-4980.

## Walled Lake staff, programs get \$42,000 in grants

The Walled Lake Consolidated School District’s Foundation for Excellence recently awarded 35 grants totaling \$42,000 to staff and programs for grades K-12. Funds were allocated to faculty for qualifying grant requests within the areas of technology/instruction, literacy, leadership and community.

“Our faculty’s appreciation for this year’s grant awards is reflected best by one of our teacher’s jubilant exclamation of being ‘over the moon’ with the receipt of FFE funding,” said Michelle Bianco, FFE executive director. “The grant applications received speak to the tenacity of our WLCSD educators to provide educational opportunities, where funding is not available through traditional budgets or tax dollars.”

Grants awarded this school year included

funding for the procurement of iPad minis, hands-on exploration equipment for high school chemistry, establishment of an elementary school’s third-grade trade book library, furthering professional development, supporting a middle school’s participation in an international art project and additional innovative and/or creative educational opportunities.

“We will be using our 3-D printer for the needed design and manufacturing of parts, which was funded through a previous FFE grant, in implementing the drone technology afforded through this year’s grant award,” stated Bob Gutovz, Sarah Banks Middle School teacher.

The Foundation for Excellence, established in 1991 and a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization, has disbursed more than \$800,000 through its



Barb Agius, DFCU Financial (from left); Terri Mazer, Keith Elementary teacher and 2017 FFE Mini-Grant recipient; Dr. Marci Augenstein, Keith Elementary principal; and Michelle Bianco, FFE executive director.

grant program in support of the Walled Lake Consolidated School District’s K-12 students and faculty during its tenure. In total, more than 60,000 students have been impacted by the 560-plus grants awarded by the foundation. Funding for these grants is derived from direct community


and business support and the foundation’s fundraising.

The foundation’s signature fundraisers include an annual golf scramble, set for June 26 at Edgewood Country Club, and its 12th annual Tuition Expedition 50/50 Scholarship Raffle; grand prize drawing will


be held March 27. The FFE also receives district employee payroll donations, private and business sector contributions and honorariums and memorials to help sustain this grant program.

Go to the Foundation for Excellence’s website at [www.wlcsd.org](http://www.wlcsd.org).


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# New meatball restaurant opens in Birmingham

**Jay Grossman**  
hometownlife.com

Sam Abdelfatah looked at the restaurant scene around metro Detroit and realized something was missing. Nobody was selling meatballs.

“The meatball is a classic dish and I felt it was kind of overshadowed over the last 15 years,” he said. “I wanted to bring it back to the spotlight and take it to a different level.”

After doing some research, Abdelfatah opened Polpetta Meatball Café at 126 S. Old Woodward in downtown Birmingham. Kitchen knives, cleavers and meat grinders adorn the

dining room walls to give the storefront a butcher shop setting.

Located in a former Subway shop just south of Maple Road, the 1,400-square-foot storefront seats 26 customers. The menu at Polpetta has plenty of salads and some interesting side dishes, such as Carrots & Dirt (roasted carrot, toasted pumpernickel bread crumbs, goat cheese and balsamic reduction) and Israeli Cauliflower (roasted cauliflower, tahini sauce).

But it's the meatballs that are the true stars of the place.

Customers can order traditional favorites like gourmet chicken, beef

and vegetarian meatball sliders that sell for \$3.65 apiece — or three sliders for \$9.95. There's even the mouth-watering Balls in a Bowl that comes with homemade focaccia bread and is priced at \$7.95.

It's a comfort food, but it can also be healthy. Abdelfatah said the Italian meatballs are made with grass-fed beef, while the chicken is antibiotic-free. There are also vegetarian balls that are made of lentil, carrots, celery, onion, mushroom and pesto ricotta.

“Meatballs have become popular and trendy on both the east and west coast in the last few years,” said Abdelfatah, who also owns Brooklyn Pizza in Birmingham. “Polpetta is a place that has terrific food that's trendy, the feel of a New York restaurant and quick good service. It's a concept that works really well for busy office workers at lunchtime and young families for dinner.”

The restaurant, which opened for business last month, is planning a grand opening celebra-



Sam Abdelfatah has opened a meatball restaurant in downtown Birmingham.

tion March 19. An all-day fundraiser is planned for the day, with part of the profits being donated to Birmingham Public Schools.	Business hours are 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Pick-up orders can be made in	advance at <a href="http://www.polpettatogo.com">www.polpettatogo.com</a> .  <a href="mailto:jgrossman@hometownlife.com">jgrossman@hometownlife.com</a> 586-826-7030 Twitter: @BhmEccentric
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## CHEESEMAN



**THELMA RUTH** A resident of Brighton, former resident of Howell and Wixom, and native of Novi, died on March 7, 2017 at the age of 93. She was preceded in death by her husband, Homer W. Cheeseman, in 1993; and is survived by her daughters, Marilyn Cheeseman and Linda Lutze; her son, David (Janie) Cheeseman; grandchildren, Julie (Ezra) Salmon, Christine (Chuck) Schaeffer, and Jennifer (Patrick) Lapa; great-grandchildren, Magnus Salmon, Bradley and Daniel Schaeffer, William, Jacob, and Emily Lapa. She was also preceded in death by her brother, Homer (Geraldine) Kent and sister, Dorothy (Royal) Snow. A Funeral Service was held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home. Burial followed at Oakland Hills Cemetery, Novi. Memorials may be made in her name to the First Presbyterian Church of Howell. For further information, please phone 810-229-2905 or visit [LynchandSonsBrighton.com](http://LynchandSonsBrighton.com).

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**RICHARD** June 20, 1930 - March 1, 2017. Expressions of sympathy may be made to [obriensullivanfuneralhome.com](http://obriensullivanfuneralhome.com)

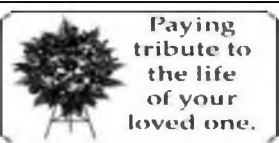
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## MINOCK



**ROBERT E.** a long time resident of Highland Township, native of Port Huron, and founder of Lakeside Window in White Lake Township, died on March 11, 2017 after a hard fought year-long battle with liver cancer. He was 73 years old. He is survived by Ann Marie Minock, his beloved wife of nearly fifty years; his son, Jason (Megan) Minock; his daughter, Elizabeth (Vaughn) Smith; grandchildren, Bryce and Paul Minock, Hayden and Hudson Smith; brother, Dennis (Pat) Minock of Port Huron; sisters and brothers-in-law, Sue Minock, Lillian (Rich) Walker, Russ (Jean) McDonnell, Bob (Mary) Bedford, Ed (the late Catherine) Garcia-McDonnell, Mike (Joni) McDonnell; extended family, Brian and Katie Salyers and Marie Slotnick, and many nieces, nephews and dear friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Warren and Lillian Minock; brother, Duane Minock; brother-in-law, Dan McDonnell. A Funeral Service was held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty St., Milford, on Wednesday, March 15, at 11 AM with The Rev. Tracie Little officiating. Memorials may be made in his name to Community Sharing in Highland or to St. Jude Episcopal Church in Fenton. For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit [www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com)



## SANDERS

**ROBERT E.** Of Bear Lake, MI. Faced the worst of times with strength and dignity, during his courageous battle with cancer as he passed away February 27, 2017 peacefully at home. Born June 17, 1946 the son of the late Joseph and Mary Sanders in Highland Park, MI. Robert was a Vietnam Veteran who honorably served in the U.S. Army. On December 5, 1987, Robert married Cathy J. Parks. He will be lovingly missed by his family and friends. Besides his family, his other love was fishing the Betsie River for steelhead. He tied his own spawn using a funny looking contraption he made himself. In retirement, he liked to “putter” in the pole barn and came up with interesting objects of yard art. When he couldn’t do that, he took up oil painting something he always wanted to try. Turns out he was quite good at painting. Robert was a devoted Red Wings fan and was a Jr. Red Wing in his youth. We will have great memories of his stories and quirky sense of humor. Robert was also preceded in death by his brothers, Dan and Joe. He is survived by his loving wife of 29 years, Cathy; children, Scott Sanders, Rob (Susan) Sanders, Sara Sanders (fiancée Michael Hoover), and Adam (Crystal) Rikli; 11 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren, with two on the way; and numerous nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held Saturday, June 17 at the Springdale Twp. Hall. Times to be announced. Contributions may be directed to the family. Arrangements by Jowett Family Funeral Homes & Cremation Service.

## WITT



**LULU MAE** age 100, of Brighton, formerly of Northville, passed away March 12, 2017. She was born January 30, 1917 in Salem, Michigan; daughter James Burr and Margaret Gladys (nee Whitmire) Lyke. She graduated from Northville High School; Class of 1936. Lu was united in marriage to Norman Witt on June 27, 1937; they spent 60 loving years devoted to each other until his death on November 28, 1997. Lu witnessed many changes in her 100 years; she attended a one room school house in the Northville area, used ration stamps, and supported her family members in the military. When she was in grade school she won a dictionary; this prize developed into a love of words. Lu worked as a cook at The Old Mill Restaurant and Bel-Nor Restaurant, both located in Northville. In her younger years she was an active member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Northville. Lu enjoyed traveling, bowling, playing bingo and cards. She also liked solving crossword puzzles. Lu was a great cook and an amazing baker; she was famous for her pies. She loved being with her family; she always hosted Christmas and coordinated family reunions for both the Witt's and the Lyke's. Lu is survived by her children, Margaret (Milton) Heidt, Edie (Al) Rasegan, and Fred (Kathy) Witt; her brother Richard Lyke; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, six brothers and sisters, and her grandson Keith Segrest. A funeral service was held Wednesday at Casterline Funeral Home of Northville. Lu was laid to rest at Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia. Contributions would be appreciated to Residential Hospice, 5440 Corporate Drive, Suite 400, Troy, Michigan 48098.

## NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP

### Trespassing at hospital

Four young adults ages 18 and 19, including one woman, were cited for trespassing at the vacant Northville Psychiatric Hospital on Seven Mile before 5 p.m. March 6.

An officer was dispatched to the hospital area based on a call that individuals were running from the Rocky's restaurant parking lot to the abandoned hospital property. While an officer patrolled the area on foot, another positioned a patrol car on Seven Mile ready for the four-

## AREA POLICE BRIEFS

some to head back from the hospital.

While on foot, one of the officers saw some of the suspects run from the main buildings and through the grass to cross Seven Mile, where they were detained. According to the police report, the suspects, from Milan and Ypsilanti, admitted they knew they were not allowed on the property, which has a no trespassing sign posted.

### Under the influence

A 51-year-old Ann Arbor woman was issued a citation for driving under the influence after she reportedly struck another vehicle at the Six Mile and Shel-

don intersection shortly before 9 p.m. March 7.

When police arrived, they said they saw the woman and a 33-year-old Northville man standing outside of their vehicles. The officer indicated he could smell a faint odor of intoxicants on the woman. The woman, who reportedly became frustrated as she searched for her auto insurance papers, told the officer that she didn't know how she hit the other car.

The officer asked if she had been drinking and the woman said she had one glass of wine. At the scene and later at the police department, the woman was given sobriety tests, leading to

the citation.

## NOVI

### Laptop stolen from BMW at Fountain Walk

A laptop computer, blank checks and work papers were among the things reported stolen March 8 from a car parked outside the Black Rock restaurant, in the Fountain Walk plaza at Novi Road and 12 Mile.

The theft occurred between just after 10 p.m. and about 11:30 p.m., according to a Novi Police Department report. A window on the BMW had been broken out, the report said.



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The fee Michigan motorists must pay as part of the state's no-fault auto insurance plan will rise \$10 per vehicle, to \$170, on July 1.

# Another hit for Michigan drivers: No-fault auto insurance fee hike

**Paul Egan**  
Detroit Free Press

The fee Michigan motorists must pay as part of the state's no-fault auto insurance plan will rise \$10 per vehicle, to \$170, on July 1, the Michigan Catastrophic Claims Association said Monday.

It's the latest in a series of extra costs to hit motorists this year: Effective Jan. 1, vehicle registration fees increased 20 percent and the state gas tax went up 7.3 cents per gallon, as part of a \$1.2 billion road funding deal.

"It's a lot of money,"

said Gertrude Dhans, 80, of Allen Park, who lives on a Social Security check of \$942 a month.

"It's ridiculous — I don't even drive the car that far," said Dhans, who drove a catering truck for 30 years and still has a chauffeur's license and a good driving record.

The 6.3-percent increase in the per-vehicle assessment insurance companies pay to the MCCA — which is passed on to motorists — is because of an increase in the estimated cost to pay existing Personal Injury Protection benefit claims covered under Michi-

gan's no-fault insurance system, the association said in a news release.

Michigan's system is unique in that it provides for unlimited, lifetime medical auto insurance benefits for catastrophic claims and the fee covers benefits that exceed \$550,000 per claim, the MCCA said. The association said of the \$170 fee, \$143.33 will go to pay anticipated new claims, \$26.27 to address a \$1.9 billion estimated deficit related to claims and 40 cents will cover administrative expenses.

The MCCA said it paid out \$1.1 billion — more than \$154 per insured car

— in 2016 for claim costs resulting from catastrophic injuries. The Coalition Protecting Auto No-Fault has waged a lengthy legal battle against the MCCA over access to the methods and calculations the MCCA uses to set its annual fee.

In August, the Michigan Court of Appeals ruled that the MCCA is not subject to Michigan's Freedom of Information Act.

The MCCA, whose board is dominated by insurance companies, says it releases adequate information about the rate-setting process.



# Mail carrier attacked by dogs in Northville

**Matt Helms**  
Detroit Free Press

A postal worker was attacked by dogs Sunday while she delivered packages to a residence in Northville Township, officials said.

“Her clothing was torn and she did sustain bite marks on her wrist, but she will back to work this

week,” U.S. Postal Service spokeswoman Elizabeth Najduch said.

Police did not release the name of the worker who was bitten about noon Sunday as she attempted to deliver a package to a home.

Northville Township Police Lt. Paul Tennies said a resident opened the door and two dogs came

out and made contact with the worker. Her clothes were torn and she suffered a puncture wound on the wrist.

Tennies said the worker was evaluated by a township paramedic and refused treatment. During the work week, she is mail carrier in Plymouth, but was working Sunday in Northville, when the

postal service delivers packages only, the postal service said.

Police impounded both dogs and put them in quarantine to test for rabies, Tennies said. He said the owner of the dogs was cited for two counts of having an unlicensed dog, two counts of having an animal that causes injury and two

counts of not keeping animals under control.

Neither dog was a pit bull or other so-called bully breed, Tennies said, but their breeds weren’t immediately available.

The postal service says letter carriers were attacked more than 6,500 times nationwide in 2015, the last year for which a count is available.

The USPS asks that postal customers to keep dogs in separate rooms with a closed door before opening the front door, because dogs sometimes bust through screen doors or plate-glass windows to go after strangers. The agency also suggests not allowing children to take mail directly from a carrier because some dogs might view the gesture as threatening to the children.

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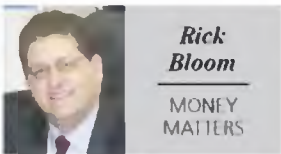
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# New job? Consider rolling over 401(k) to IRA

**Q. I recently started a new job, and I'm eligible to participate in their 401(k) plan immediately. So I have two questions. Should I consider transferring my previous 401(k) plan to my new plan? And, should I invest primarily in target-date funds since they seem to make the most sense? I heard that target-date funds automatically rebalance based on the target date I set for my retirement.**

A. The opportunity to roll over your previous 401(k) plan to an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) is something I generally advise people to do rather than transferring it into your new 401(k) plan. The primary reason is that it opens the door to more investment choices through an IRA than through their new 401(k) account. The options can range from plain vanilla mutual funds to individual bonds, Exchange-Traded Funds (ETFs), or even certifi-



cate of deposits (CDs) or individual stocks. I've seen improvements in company-sponsored 401(k)s over the past few years where company sponsors have added more asset class options that allow participants to construct a diversified portfolio so I hope more companies continue on the same path.

Despite these improvements, I still see plans that I consider subpar, meaning they do not have sufficient investment options from which to build a diversified portfolio. Although I generally prefer rolling over accounts to an IRA, there are challenges with this strategy. By rolling over their 401(k) accounts to an IRA, participants may become overwhelmed by the unlimited choices an IRA pro-

vides, which may be why some keep their plans at their former employer. Despite the fact that their former plan may have less than optimal investment options, they like the brevity of it. However, the advantages of rolling over a 401(k) to an IRA, such as having expanded investment options, make it a worthwhile decision.

Regarding target date funds, many employers have embraced and are adopting these types of mutual funds, which tend to invest based upon a specific time period. A target-date fund's goal is very simple: it automatically adjusts one's allocation between stocks, bonds and cash to become more conservative as a "target" date (generally near a participant's retirement year) approaches. In the early stages, the target's allocation is mostly aggressive, meaning it has more exposure to stocks and less exposure to bonds and cash but shifts to more conser-

vative investments as it nears the target date. The concept or strategy seems to make complete sense — if a participant has a long enough time before retirement, they should desire to have more exposure to growth, or stocks, and then as they approach retirement, want to lower their risk and reduce exposure to growth.

Target-date funds have become the default options in most 401(k) plans these days, which means when participants enroll and determine their contribute percentage, their contribution will be automatically invested in a target-date fund, if they failed to select an investment option. I do not have any specific problems with target-date funds being a default option, especially if participants forget to make a selection and/or do not know how to devise their own investment allocation. I know that many firms provide educational tools to help

participants understand investing and retirement, but there are times when people get confused and/or frustrated with the process. A target-date fund is not the worst choice. It is far better than having one's hard-earned money being saved in a money market fund earning practically nothing!

The biggest issue I have with target-date funds is that if left unchecked or unmanaged by the participant throughout one's working years, the fund can become too conservative as they approach actual retirement. I would be concerned that the account may not keep pace with one's spending if the account has more than 60% invested in bonds and cash. This may not be the only investment account in a person's overall retirement portfolio, but if it is, then it may not grow enough to keep pace with cost of living and/or other withdrawals one may need during their

lifetimes. My goal as an investment adviser is to help ensure that client's investment assets outlive them. Being too conservatively positioned may not be prudent, but every person has a different situation. If you have a \$3 million dollar portfolio and you only need \$100,000 each year to live, then you might be able to get away with a more conservative portfolio.

The bottom line is everyone needs to assess their own goals and objectives. A target-date fund should not be considered a fool-proof way to invest over the long-term, especially if its allocation adjustments do not correspond to your own needs.

Good luck!

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# Referee's family argues for tougher assault penalties

**Kathleen Gray**  
Detroit Free Press

Kyle Bieniewicz became a sports referee at age 12 because it's what his father loved to do.

But their shared passion turned to tragedy in 2014, when John Bieniewicz was punched by a player in a Livonia adult soccer league and died two days later. Now Kyle and his mother, Kristen Bieniewicz, want some good to come from the death.

"When someone is overly passionate about their kid fighting their way around the rules of the game, it gets taken out on us," Kyle Bieniewicz told the Senate Judi-

***"Referees are out on an island; there's nobody there to protect them. ... They've got a whistle. That's it."***

**KRISTEN BIENIEWICZ**, wife of slain referee John Bieniewicz

ciary Committee last week. "We screw up sometimes. We shouldn't have to worry about the fear of being attacked when we screw up."

The mother and son were testifying on two bills that would increase penalties for an assault against a referee, mak-

ing a simple assault a misdemeanor punishable by one year in jail instead of the current 93 days. An assault causing injury that requires medical attention would be a felony, carrying a maximum penalty of two years in prison, rising to five years for a serious impairment.

John Bieniewicz's attacker, Bassel Saad, was convicted of involuntary manslaughter and is serving 8-15 years in prison as part of a plea deal.

"The big difference between what is in place and what is being proposed is one key word — 'felony,'" Kristen Bieniewicz said. "That word

alone is able to help deter people and make them think twice about what they're doing and saying in the stands.

"Referees are out on an island; there's nobody there to protect them," she added. "It's not like they're packing a gun. They've got a whistle. That's it."

The committee voted 3-1 to move the bills to the full Senate for a vote, with the hope that they go further than they did in 2015, when bills passed the committee, but never got a vote in the Senate or House of Representatives.

"I really get the feeling that we're dealing with a much larger problem," said Sen. Steven Bieda, D-Warren. "Maybe there could be more signs posted or warnings

on tickets. There needs to be a mindset change here."

James Dworman, an attorney and sports official from West Bloomfield, said increasing penalties helped organizations like Mothers Against Drunk Driving hammer home the point that drunken driving is a costly crime.

"Years of exposure to the message, along with greatly enhanced penalties, have really curtailed that problem," he said, adding that discourse at sporting events and even in politics has deteriorated. "Unfortunately, we don't live in (an) Andy Griffith society. We live in the 'Jerry Springer' society."

But Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, who voted against the bills,

said they run counter to the state constitution, which guarantees equal protection for all under the law.

"There is a coarsening in society. People are getting divided by race, religion and now it will divide us based on occupation," he said. "How does this bill, carving out special protection for certain citizens, comply with our constitution?"

Michigan would join 23 other states that have laws regarding assaults on referees, according to the Wisconsin-based National Association of Sports Officials, which has been advocating for such laws since 1984.

The bills — SB 200-201 — now move to the full Senate for consideration.



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# Gander Mountain latest sports retailer to fail

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Outdoor goods company Gander Mountain is the latest retailer to falter under competition from online sellers, announcing that it has filed for bankruptcy protection and will close dozens of stores.

The St. Paul, Minn.-based chain says that it will begin shuttering 32 stores over the next several weeks. It filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection Friday in the face of dwindling store traffic and shelves stocked with more goods than it was able to sell.

None of the closings are slated for Michigan, where the chain has stores in Coldwater, Flint, Grand Rapids, Grandville, Kalamazoo, Lansing, Marquette, Novi, Port Huron, Saginaw, Taylor, Traverse City and Utica.



Gander Mountain has filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy.

“Despite aggressive actions to improve the efficiency of the company’s retail operations,” Gander Mountain said in a statement, “the underlying financial impact

from under performing stores and unproductive, excess inventory hampered efforts to create a sustainable path forward.”

Throughout the retail

sector, traditional stores, from big box chains to specialty shops, have struggled to entice shoppers through their doors as consumers increasingly do their buying online.

Last month, roughly 14 percent of retailers monitored by Moody’s Investors Service could be deemed “distressed.” And several chains have sought bankruptcy protection, including American Apparel, Wet Seal and The Limited.

But the sporting goods sector appears to be in particular peril, with e-commerce competitors often offering consumers more options for lower prices. There have been at least 10 other bankruptcies among sports chains with more than \$10 million in liabilities in the last year and a half, according to bankruptcy research source Reorg First Day.

Prior to Gander’s announcement, MC Sports was the most recent sports retailer to seek bankruptcy protection, saying last month that it would close 68 locations. That move that will wipe

out 1,300 jobs throughout the Midwest.

Others shutting their doors include Sports Authority, once the second biggest sports retail company in the U.S., which shuttered more than 400 locations when it liquidated last year. Golf equipment giant Golfsmith filed for bankruptcy protection in September and Sport Chalet, a southern California-based chain, closed in 2016 after being in business for 57 years.

Gander says that it “is in active discussions” with several potential buyers and anticipates having bids before an auction that is scheduled for some time in late April. The retailer plans to present the winning offer for its assets to the bankruptcy court at the start of the following month and is aiming for the deal to be finalized by May 15.



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Marie Lally is a South Lyon resident.



Attendees of the 2016 South Lyon Mom Prom. Mom Proms are held all over country, raising money for a variety of charities.

## Pull out old gowns for Mom Prom

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Plenty of women have an old prom or bridesmaid dress stashed in the back of their closet, maybe even a wedding dress.

The South Lyon Mom Prom gives women an opportunity to get dolled up in those clothes, enjoy a ladies night out with dancing and socializing while raising money for charity. This is the sixth year for South Lyon’s Mom Prom which will be held at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 22, at the River Bank Golf Course in Lyon Township.

“We had 45 women the first year and 80 last year. They wear formal outfits. Some scour the thrift stores for 70s and 80s looks — godawful colors, sequins and feathers,” local Mom Prom organizer Marie Lally said. “If their dress doesn’t fit anymore, they can wear a tank top under it.”

Disc jockey Tommy Buck provides music for dancing at the Mom Prom. There are also contests like biggest hair and tackiest dress. “We roll dice for the Prom Queen (title),” Lally said.

The event also has raffles with a variety of items donated for the fundraiser — gift cards from local businesses for products ranging from coffee and skin care supplies to a tattoo last year.

For the first five years, money raised at the event went to the 2Legit2Quit American Cancer Society Relay for Life team. “My mom got cancer and it was a way for our family to deal with and do something proactive,” Lally said.

This year, proceeds from the event will be divided between the relay team and the Blessings in a Backpack program in South Lyon. “I wanted to do something more local. This will make a big difference,” she said.

Last year, Mom Prom

raised \$5,000 and Lally is hoping for a bigger event this year with support for Blessings in a Backpack. “It helps feed children who get free or reduced lunches at school. The kids get meals for the weekend. If the family is struggling, the children still get food,” Lally said. “It started at Bartlett Elementary School. One mom volunteered. She would see kids sad when they were leaving school (on Fridays) — they wouldn’t get food on the weekend. That devastated her.”

The idea for Mom

Prom came from Canton resident Betsy Crapps who held the first event in 2006 at St. Thomas a’ Beckett Catholic Church. “I went to the Mom Prom in Canton with a friend three or four times. I decided to form a South Lyon Relay for Life team. I thought what not host a Mom Prom?”

There are now Mom Proms held all over country raising money for a variety of charities — the St. Vincent de Paul Society, the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, St. Jude Hospital, the United Way and local nonprofits such as suicide prevention programs.

The cost for Mom Prom is \$35 per person in advance and \$40 at the door. That covers admission, one raffle tickets and two drink tickets. A

cash bar is offered and pizza will be served later in the evening. Visit the South Lyon Mom Prom Facebook page to order

tickets using PayPal. Lally said those who want tickets but don’t have PayPal can message her to arrange for

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NHS 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](mailto:northvillesuco@yahoo.com)

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



The cast of Novi Middle School Theater Company will perform Meredith Willson's “The Music Man JR.” at 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 17.

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 Shipoopee 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 please call/email Lori Burkhardt at [lburkhardt@novischools.net](mailto:lburkhardt@novischools.net).

Preschool open house

Everbrook Academy, 26195 Beck Road, will hold an open house from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 18. For more information, call 248-349-3950 or go to [www.everbrookacademy.com](http://www.everbrookacademy.com).

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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.

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Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady Street. Memberships start at \$30.

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 on 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 \$25 and can be purchased on-line at the city of Wixom website.

Downtown First Friday

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Raise funds for veterans

The Fallen and Wounded Soldiers Fund, a Livonia, Michigan-based non-profit 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](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.

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# Artist, teachers use art to help foster change

Artist and teacher chooses projects that emphasize links among community

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Ophelia Chambliss of York, Pennsylvania, knew from the time she was in the fourth grade that she wanted to be an artist.

She was always checking books out of the library on how to draw and spent much of her spare time sketching. Growing up in Chicago's Cabrini-Green Homes, her family wasn't well off, so she used to draw on the backs of the supermarket fliers.

"When they started printing on both sides, I thought I was going to cry," she said.

She studied graphic design and earned a living painting store windows.

She has always viewed her art as a means to communicate and to advocate for social justice. Her goal with her art is to foster communication, to use art to tell stories that tie all of us together.

"Art opens doors," she said, reflecting a message she communicates through her teaching at Penn State, the York County Juvenile Detention Center and other locations. "It makes it easier for people to talk about difficult subjects."

In 2009, she was commissioned to install a project in Gettysburg, commemorating the African-American community that had thrived in the historic town and the black soldiers who fought for freedom. The monument stands in Recreation Park, the final resting place for many of those Buffalo Soldiers.

In February, she curated an exhibit featuring 12 African-American artists. Usually, the crowds for gallery shows during the event are overwhelmingly white. Her goal was to give the artists an opportunity to show their work and tell their stories. At the same time, she also hoped the exhibit would attract a diverse



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Ophelia Chambliss believes that "art opens doors." She is currently working on a project called Social Network. She drew portraits of a diverse group of people, using one continuous line.

audience.

She is currently working on a project called Social Network. She drew portraits of a diverse group of people, using one continuous line, symbolizing the connection between them. She plans to invite all of those depicted on the canvas to the opening with the idea that they will make connections and talk, a small thing that can bring a community together.

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## Q&A WITH OPHELIA CHAMBLISS

### What does it mean to you to be an American?

It means being a part of something that is big, something that has an unending potential for growth. It means having the hope that you are a part of a global initiative — that no matter where you start, there is a potential for greatness.

### What moment touched and motivated you to launch this effort?

It has given me the opportunity to address and express things I may not have had the opportunity to otherwise do. It creates the opportunity for a dialogue where one didn't exist before, increasing discourse and dialogue among races and changing the media perception of African-Americans in the public space. That's what motivates me. My motivation is to change the narrative of the media perception and how we are archived and remembered for future generations. Whether I'm meeting with the governor or with the kids at the (York County) Juvenile Detention Center, it's the same. It's about changing the narrative.

### What gives you hope or what concerns you?

What gives me hope is when I come across a young person who has a vision, and I can help develop young artists to achieve that vision. What gives me hope is that there are people in a position, whether it be public officials or stakeholders, and they're receptive and willing to make the effort to change things. People are listening. That gives me hope.

### What do you hope to accomplish through your efforts?

To change the narrative about African-Americans in our community and in our country. I just hope that people will have a new appreciation for each other. We all have our differences, but we all have the same goals. I was thinking about this while I was working on my Social Network project this morning. I hope people will learn something new about someone they never met before and find they have more commonalities than differences.



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BOYS SWIMMING

Murphy sets fly record; Novi fourth in D1

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It was another record-setting day for Camden Murphy and his Novi teammates Saturday at the MHSAA Division 1 Boys Swimming and Diving Finals at Oakland University.

Murphy, a senior, captured two individual events: the 200-yard individual medley (1:48.99) and 100-yard butterfly (46.63), where he set an all-class MHSAA record.

Birmingham Brother Rice nailed down its fourth consecutive team title with 238 points. Ann Arbor Skyline (212), Saline (202), Novi (196) and Holland West Ottawa (190) rounded out the top five.

Murphy, a University of Georgia signee, also teamed with Joey Berman, Daniel Chung, and Philip Billiu for an automatic All-America qualifying time of 1:32.74 in the 200 medley relay, taking runner-up honors to Brother Rice (1:31.72).

Rice also won the 400 freestyle relay (3:04.25), while Murphy, Alexander Yuan, Siddhardha Kareddy and Berman placed fifth with a school-record and



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Novi senior Camden Murphy set an MHSAA all-class record in the 100-yard butterfly (46.63).

All-America consideration time of 3:06.80. (Murphy’s lead-off split of 44.78 was also a school record and All-America consideration time in the 100 freestyle.)

“I did really well, but as a team, we also did really well,” said Murphy, who

was named Division 1 Swimmer of the Year. “It was really fun. It was really close this year. We definitely had a really good chance to get top three and, even though we got fourth, we really did well and it’s the highest we’ve ever placed.”

Novi’s 200 freestyle relay team Philip

Billiu, Maxwell Williams, Karedd and Yuan placed seventh with a school record and All-America consideration clocking of 1:26.26.

Berman, taking fourth in the 100 backstroke (51.35), added a new school record with an All-America consideration time of 50.62 in the prelims. He also placed seventh in the 200 freestyle (1:43.64).

Other Novi individual scorers were Kareddy, fifth, 100 butterfly, 50.52 (after going 50.34 in the prelims); Billiu, eighth, 100 backstroke, 52.96 and 12th, 50 freestyle, 21.72 (21.67 in the prelims); Williams, 12th, 100 backstroke, 52.06 (52.64 in the prelims); Max Robbins, 12th, 500 freestyle, 4:43.09; and Preston Harrell, 14th, 100 butterfly, 52.63.

Other state meet participants for Novi included Joel Kotyk, 20th, 200 IM (1:58.72); Brian Son, 200 IM, 2:00.95; Jack McClure, 18th, 1-meter diving (237.30 points); Yuan, 24th, 100 freestyle (48.31); Erik Halboth, 22nd, 100 backstroke (54.07); and Chung, 100 breaststroke (1:01.21).

“I was so proud of how hard our boys

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BOYS HOCKEY



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Brighton goalie Logan Neaton (right) smothers the puck against CC’s Zachary Sprys-Tellner.

Brighton goalie Neaton stymies CC title quest

Shamrocks fail to win fourth straight state championship in 5-2 defeat

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Novi Detroit Catholic Central was gunning for its 13th boys hockey state title, but Brighton goalie Logan Neaton unloaded the chamber.

The senior stood tall in net Saturday, making 31 saves as the Bulldogs earned their fourth MHSAA Division 1 state title in school history by unseating three-time defending champion Shamrocks, 5-2, at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth.

It was the third state finals meeting between the two state powers, with CC winning last year, 3-0, and Brighton in 2013, 2-1.

CC (22-8-1) was unable to dig itself out of an early hole as the Bulldogs (24-6-1) scored on two of their first three shots.

Just 52 seconds into the game, Brighton’s Keith Wikman scored from Spencer Gehres and Joey Martini. Gehres then followed with a rebound goal from Adam Conquest

and Brody White at 2:23 to make it 2-0.

“Obviously, they set the tone early, no question,” second-year CC coach Brandon Kaleniecki said. “We talked after the game if we could take back those first two minutes, it’s a little bit different hockey game. But they jumped us, they got the lead. I thought about halfway through the first (period), you could see we finally found our legs, found our game. Guys settled down, the nerves went away. And from that point on, I thought we were a pretty good team. When you spot a team like Brighton two goals and a goalie like Logan two and, eventually, three, you’re going to have to really pour it on to get that many back.”

Just 43 seconds into the second period, Conquest took advantage of a CC giveaway and, on a two-on-one, scored on a wrist shot between the circles for a short-handed goal. White and Martini assisted to make it a three-goal advantage.

CC got on the board at 6:01 of the same period, when

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“When we got that second one, we had faith we could get the third, but unfortunately they scored. You have to keep them off the board. When they got that fourth one, that was a killer blow for us.”

BRANDON KALENIECKI, second-year CC coach

BOYS BASKETBALL

Sub St. Nik delivers all the goods in Novi victory

Junior scores 15 points late to lead Wildcats by W.L. Northern

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Novi’s Nik Williams proved to be the ultimate “sixth man” in Monday’s boys basketball Class A regional semifinal at Walled Lake Northern.

The cat-quick 5-foot-9 junior guard, normally known more as a defensive stopper off the bench, poured in 15 points in the fourth quarter and two over-times as the Wildcats overcame Walled Lake Western and Delano Smith’s game-high 43 points in a spell-binding 72-71 triumph.

“My job was not to score at all,” Williams said. “My job was just to try my best and lock down on (Smith). He was an absolute monster and I did everything I could to try to lock him up and give my team a great chance to win.”

The stocky-built Williams did just that and more after 6-foot-4 senior center Jonny Davis was forced to the bench in the third quarter with a bloody nose.

The Wildcats (18-6), who trailed by as many as 11 points in the opening half, fought their way back with a 16-11 third-quarter run as Traveon Maddox Jr., who had just one first-half point, came alive with 10 of his 16.

Novi eventually took a 55-48 lead with exactly four minutes remaining in regulation after Williams scored off the break and was fouled, converting the and-one with the subsequent free throw.

But the Warriors (17-7) tied it at 55-55 with 36.5 seconds remaining in regulation on a Smith layup. Novi then had a pair of shots to win it in the final 18 seconds, but couldn’t convert.

The two teams remained deadlock at 60-60 after the first four-minute extra session, forcing another OT where Novi sprinted out to a 69-62 lead following a fast-break layup by Williams with the 6-foot-3 Smith bearing down on him with 1:19 left.

“I knew he was going to go for the block, so I just tried to pump fake and see if (Smith) jumps and bites for it and he did,” Williams said. “It is what it is. I had to make it.”

Smith, however, made two straight and-ones in the final 44 seconds to tie the game at 71-71 before Maddox went to the line with only 6.1 seconds left.

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BOYS BASKETBALL

# Novi’s district repeat sweet vs. ’Stangs

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Last year, Novi upset a one-loss Northville team in the Class A boys basketball district final.

So this year, it was the host Mustangs’ goal to return the favor against a Novi team that had beaten them twice during the regular season, 86-79 and 35-24.

But Novi sophomore guard Giovanni Miles wouldn’t have any part of that, scoring a game-high 22 points Friday as the Wildcats exited a raucous Northville gym with a 56-48 triumph and their second straight district trophy in hand.

Backed by a huge student section, Northville (13-10) led by as many as 11 points in the first half by duplicating a similar game plan that had worked in district wins over Novi Detroit Catholic Central and Plymouth.

“We expected them to come out hot because it was at home, district final, they wanted revenge from last year,” said Miles, who hit five 3-pointers on the night. “But we stayed as a team, stayed composed and we had a big shot by (Nik Williams) that sparked us back. And we kept their lead to five.”

Williams came off the bench to hit a triple with 2:27 remaining in the second quarter to cut the deficit to 27-21. Two free throws by junior guard Traveon Maddox Jr. (13 points) with only 6.7 seconds remaining made it 29-24 at intermission.

The script then flipped in the third quarter, as the 6-foot-1 Miles, who went 7-of-9 from the field on the night, nailed three triples, coupled with another from Maddox, to spark a 20-8 run.

Trailing after three, 44-37, Northville could get no closer than six the rest of the way.

“The second half we were a total different team,” Miles said. “And when the pressure is on the line, we break the wall down.”

Northville shot a blistering 12-of-21 from the field in the first half, led by senior guard Kevin Morrissey, who scored



Novi’s Alec Begeris (middle) is pressured by Northville’s Jack Burk (left) and Jett Porter.

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10 of his team-high 17 points, including four 3-pointers.

“We knew they were going to do that and they had been playing better basketball from when the last time we saw them, especially the previous two games coming into tonight,” Novi coach Brandon Sinawi said. “And this is their home building. They had a chip on their shoulder. We beat them twice already. We knew they were going to come with some thunder. And we talked about it, but our kids never wavered. Our huddles, they never wavered. No heads down, no frustration. They just continued to grind a little bit and get better. It kind of peaked in that third quarter for us.”

And Sinawi’s halftime theme certainly hit home.

“He said this is a game we want to play in,” Miles said.

“This is a game we’re going to remember the rest of our life. We wanted it back to back and we wanted it in their house. We wanted it for us and we wanted it for our seniors.”

While Northville wanted to establish a more deliberate style offensively, Novi decided to start double-teaming the Mustangs’ backcourt in the half court to speed things up.

“We wanted to play fast and we didn’t want them to play slow,” Sinawi said. “We were there the last time they played us when they held the ball. We wanted to make sure we picked up the tempo. We strategized and talked about it in practice these last couple of days just to make sure if they tried to slow it, we’d try and give a little pressure. A couple of errant passes helped us out.”

Senior center Jonny Davis

BOYS BASKETBALL

# Mustangs’ blue-collar effort chokes Plymouth

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Tourney time is crunch time.

And Class A district host Northville rose to the occasion March 8 in a 48-37 win over Plymouth, in what was a blue-collar effort by both squads.

Neither team shot the lights out, but there was no shortage of hustle plays all over the court.

“The first time we played them in December (a 59-56 loss), we really got beat on all the 50/50 balls,” said Mustangs senior guard Kevin Morrissey, who tallied 10 points, six rebounds and three steals. “So that was a big emphasis tonight, to get all the loose balls, shut them down and and get them one shot per possession.”

Extra energy also was generated by senior guard Jack Burke, who came off the bench to provide an emotional spark.

Burke missed virtually the entire season after sustaining a Lisfranc (foot) fracture in Northville’s football playoff game against Canton in November.

“Kevin is an energy guy, certainly Burke gives us a lift off the bench as well,” Northville head coach Todd Sander said. “But we expect so much of Kevin, he’s always guarding one of the other team’s best players.

“He helps get everyone in the right spots and defense has not been one of our strengths to date. But the guys are really buying in and playing great team defense.”

One of Plymouth’s top scoring threats, junior forward Tariq Woody, opened the game with a trey from the left corner to give the Wildcats a quick 3-0 lead.

But those would be Woody’s only points of the night, largely because of a defensive mindset led by Morrissey.

Also strong were seniors Jake Justice (20 points, nine



Northville’s Jake Justice (right) motors around the defense of Plymouth’s Anthony Crump.

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rebounds), Gustaf Tjernberg (13 points) — who Sander said has “really come on this week” — and Phil Jovanovski (five rebounds, three blocks).

“Plymouth always plays hard, they’re always very well-prepared,” Sander said. “Coach (Mike) Soukup does a great job. We were really able to clamp down on the defensive end and get to some of their shooters. But Plymouth always plays tough.”

Plymouth (9-12) was led by junior Anthony Crump (13 points) and freshman Connor Bush (11 points).

“We had some trouble scoring the ball, especially early,” Soukup said. “But good for them, they’ve been using that strategy all along to hold the ball a little bit and shorten the game for us.”

It was 37-32 with 4:10 left following a runner by Robb.

But Northville iced the win with proficient free-throw shooting. In the fourth alone, the Mustangs made 14-of-16 attempts.

“We shoot a lot of free throws every day in practice because we understand how important they are in finishing a game,” Morrissey said.

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BOYS BASKETBALL

# Salem unable to hold off Wildcats’ surges

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Novi’s penchant for going on potent offensive runs stung Salem in the Class A district semifinal March 8 at Northville.

The Wildcats got off to quick starts in each of the two halves and the hard-working Rocks just could not overcome those obstacles, as Novi rolled to a 55-41 victory.

“Coach (Brandon Sinawi) just wanted us to come out and play strong,” said Novi senior Alec Begeris, who launched two treys in the first 45 seconds of the game to give the Wildcats a lead they would never relinquish. “They weren’t going to lay down for us, no matter what happened in the regular season.

“So to come out and get an early lead like that really set the tone for the rest of the game. That really helped us out.”

Salem (7-14) still gave Novi (16-6) a run for the money during portions of the match-up.

The Rocks pulled to within 24-21 at halftime thanks to an 11-7 edge in the second quarter, spearheaded by senior Camren Barden’s triple and buckets by senior Kyle Winfrey (nine points) and junior Jordan Ingram.

But the Wildcats talked during halftime about making sure the Rocks didn’t get any closer and sophomore guard Giovanni Miles (12 points, eight rebounds) answered the bell — opening the third quarter with the first three baskets.

By the time 1:35 of the quarter had been played, it was a 32-21 lead following a slam dunk by junior Traveon Maddox Jr. (15 points) and another Begeris field goal. Begeris finished with 14 points.

“We wanted to get off to a good start, which we did,” Sinawi said. “And then we kind of, in a way, stopped playing hard. And to their credit, they continued to play hard and they got back to within three at the half.

“We talked about what we wanted to do against their de-

added eight points, while the two other starters, Trendon Hankerson and Alec Bageris, both added five for the Wildcats..

“They’re really skilled,” Northville coach Todd Sander said.. “I thought we were a little tired, a little worn down from the week. There were a couple of possessions early in the second half where they got three or four possessions every trip. We struggled rebounding the ball, which had not been the case, and that led to some extra possessions. We did a nice job, for the most part, taking away Maddox and containing Hankerson as best you can, but somebody else stepped up and it was Giovanni tonight. He was the difference.”

Miles scored 10 of his 22 in the third quarter as Novi went from 11 down in the first half to ahead by as much as 10 in the third.

“It’s his best game I’ve seen him play and he saved it for the right time,” Sinawi said. “They didn’t have an answer for him. He hit big shot after big shot and, even when they spread the floor, he was making layups down there and making the right cuts, making the right reads and he made some free throws down the stretch, too.”

Miles, however, deflected the praise as the Wildcats made 19-of-39 shots from the floor (48.7 percent).

“Everybody makes big plays in big games, so my teammates found me and I just decided to make sure I knocked the shot down,” he said.

Senior guard Jake Justice, Northville’s leading scorer, added 14 points, while Swedish exchange student Gustaf Tjernberg contributed nine.

The Mustangs finished 20-of-46 (43.4 percent) from the floor.

“We made some shots early,” Sander said. “(Novi) were a little bit colder. They’re really good and, once they get going, they can hard to stop.

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Vying for a rebound are (from left) Salem seniors Kyle Winfrey, Jeff Whalen and Novi sophomore Giovanni Miles.

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fense, but really we spent a lot of time just talking about matching the energy they brought against us and not backing down and keep fighting.”

Sinawi gave credit to his team for that, especially Miles, who “came out and scored six in a row to get us started in that quarter. He was the catalyst to get us going in that second half.”

Veteran Salem coach Bob Brodie said his team competed all game long, as it has all season. Unfortunately, it was a struggle to stop the Wildcats once they got into run-and-gun mode.

“They shoot the ball very well and they score in transition,” Brodie said. “We had a hard time just finding players up and down the floor and we told them they were going to make runs.”

Salem did have a brief spurt midway through the third, when Barden (12 points) drained a triple and a long deuce from the left corner to make it a 36-28 game.

Any hopes of a comeback were dashed when Novi then went on a 12-4 run to end the quarter.

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# WILDCATS

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The 6-4 junior guard split his free throws to put Novi ahead 72-71. Smith then came down and fired up a jumper from his favorite spot on the right wing, but his shot missed the mark as the buzzer sounded.

“This game was all for the seniors,” said Williams, who made a pair of clutch 3-pointers down the stretch. “I didn’t want them to play their last game. Our team didn’t want to play their last game.”

Sophomore guard Giovanni Miles paced Novi’s scoring attack with 19 points, while senior forward Alec Bageris and junior guard Trendon Hankerson chipped in nine.

But it was Williams’ unexpected offense that changed the course of the game.

“He comes in with an opportunity to make plays for us,” Novi coach Brandon Sinawi said. “And really he did it with his defense, which is what we kept him in the game for. And then he hit some big shots. That 3-pointer and the layups down in the overtimes. He’s one of those kids where we can say, ‘Hey, go defend and go play.’ And he just does it. He’s done it for us time and time again this year, especially late.”

In addition to Smith’s 43-point effort, Michigan State football signee Cody White added 14. They were the only two Western players to score in double figures.

“You tell me he’s going to score 43 and we’re going to win?,” Sinawi said of Smith, who went 12-of-24 from the floor including six 3-pointers. “I’ll take that a thousand times. He’s a special talent and we knew he was the guy we had to stop. He had 17 at the half. We tried to make a couple of adjustments. We put Williams on him, but he wouldn’t go away. And he’d hit big shot after big shot, for and-1 and and-1. Forty-three is a special number, but we’ll take the final score.”

Maddox, Novi’s top scorer this season, scored 15 of his 16 in the second half after the Wildcats trailed 34-27 at intermission.

“In the locker room, I challenged him,” Sinawi said. “I said, ‘Hey, look, do you want to end your season with a one hanging up there or do you actually want to play?’ We challenged him offensively and defensively and he told me, ‘Coach, I got you,’ which is what he always tells me. And when he does that, I have a feeling he’ll do something special. He had the winning free throw. I’d like to have a couple of more free throws, but we’ll take the one he got us.”

Williams was on Western’s radar prior to the clash and he did most of the damage over the final 16 minutes.

“That was our scouting report, that he was an excellent sixth man coming off the bench,” Western coach Dennis Butcher said. “He really did a nice job of guarding Delano, first of all, getting him out of rhythm. And more importantly, man, did he hit some shots and make some things happen. He leaked out on a few plays that we just didn’t react to it.”

Despite the loss, Butcher marveled at the high level of play demonstrated by both teams.

“It’s one of the better high school games I’ve been involved with in 25 years,” he said. “I’ve coached over 300 games-plus in my life ... it was good, it really was a good game. Great individual efforts. Opportunities for both teams to win it on multiple occasions in regulation and both overtimes. And, unfortunately, there’s got to be a winner and there’s got to be a loser. We could still be playing and there is still going to be a winner and a loser.”

And for Novi’s sixth man, he proved to be a difference maker on both ends of the court.

“Great defense leads to offense, so that’s the old saying,” Williams said.

With the win, the Wildcats moved into Wednesday’s regional final at Northern West Bloomfield (15-8) also advanced Monday with a 59-51 triumph over Howell.

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

# Novi's tournament run ends in regional setback

Wildcats can't overcome Western in 48-42 defeat

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Novi's magic carpet ride in the girls basketball Class A state tournament is over. The Wildcats' dreams were dashed March 7, courtesy of Walled Lake Western, 48-42, in the regional semifinals at North Farmington. The Warriors' potent guard combo of junior Janara Flowers and sophomore Kailee Ford combined for 38 points, off-setting another stellar performance by Novi junior guard Ellie Mackay, who surpassed the 1,000-point barrier with a game-high 26. A 22-11 halftime deficit proved to be too much to overcome for Novi, which finished its season at 17-7. The Wildcats were unable to duplicate their surprise run in last week's Salem district. "I just told them a week ago nobody thought we would be here, but unfortunately we didn't play a good first half," Novi coach Bill Kelp said. "I don't know what the rebounds were, but I know it wasn't in our favor." Flowers made three 3-pointers in the opening half, while Ford added another as Western (19-4) led 10-7 after one quarter and 22-11 at halftime. "I think that (Ford) bucket right before the half made it (a) nine- to 11-(point lead)," Kelp said. "And that was on an offensive board." An Indiana State commit,



Novi's Julia Lalain (left) is defended by Western's Jordan Walczyk.

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Flowers finished with a team-high 22 points, while Ford added 16. "A lot of that has to do their speed, their two guards," Kelp said. "We struggled to stop them. And when they get a lead like that, they can really spread it out and take some time off the clock. We just didn't play well the first half. We only had 11 points. We were standing around offensively

and we weren't rebounding defensively. And they shot very well." While Western led 33-24 after three quarters and appeared to have the game under control, the Wildcats answered with a late run, getting a spark from junior forward Julia Lalain, who finished with nine second-half points. Things really got interesting when Mackay nailed three

straight free throws to trim the deficit to 40-37 with only 1:17 to go after being fouled attempting a shot beyond the arc. But the Warriors held on by making 8-of-11 free throws during the final 1:01 and Novi simply couldn't get over the hump. "I think when we got it to three or four, we dribbled it out of bounds," Kelp said. "And we had a couple of open looks

from the corner that we didn't hit." Western was able to survive without going to its bench, as all five starters logged an even 32 minutes apiece. "We were able to control the tempo in the first part," Western coach Skip Stevenson said. "Janara hit a couple of deep bombs and Kailee Ford, obviously, took the ball to the hole very nice. And our big kids kept the ball alive on the rebounds. And we did the best we could with Ellie. When she gets to the free-throw line, it's automatic." Mackay, who went into the game with 996 career points, scored had nine of her team's 11 first-half points. She also went 12-of-12 from the foul line. And despite outscoring Western over the final two quarters, 31-26, the damage had been done in the first half. "We started off pretty slow and let them get a good lead and that hurt us in the end," said Mackay, who joined former Wildcats standout Kerri McMahan (St. Louis University) in the 1,000-point club. "This team had so much potential, but we couldn't have gotten here without our two seniors, Bailey Baumbick and Cara Ninkovich. They meant a lot to this team and they really led us this year." Western was 14-of-41 from the field (34.1 percent), while Novi was 12-of-42 (28.5 percent). But the Warriors won the 3-point battle, 7-2. "You've got to give them credit," Kelp said. "They hit seven threes."

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BOYS SWIMMING

# Mustangs, CC shine at state meet

Northville earns eighth place, while Shamrocks take 11th in Division 1

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Moving up four places from the year ago, Northville broke four school records en route to a top 10 finish in Saturday's MHSAA Division 1 boys swimming and diving state finals at Oakland University. Birmingham Brother Rice (238 points) held off stiff challenges from Ann Arbor Skyline (212), Saline (202) and Novi (196) to garner its fourth straight state crown. (See related story.) Northville, 12th in 2016, placed eighth this year with 105 points. "We set a goal coming in here of getting over 100 points and we finished with 105," Northville coach Rich Bennetts said. "There were six teams at this meet that were just really good teams. Then there was a group of about six teams behind them that we fell into, so somewhere between seventh and 12th was where I figured we would could finish and we got eighth." Junior Kirk Maibach spearheaded Northville's effort, taking all-state honors (top eight) with fourth in both the 50 and 100 freestyles with varsity record times of 20.92 and 46.25, respectively. Maibach's 50 clocking was an All-America consideration time, while his prelim time in the 100 freestyle was 46.02. He also teamed with Arthur Greenlee, Nikolai Arton and Cameron Heaven for sixth in the 200 medley relay with a varsity record and All-America consideration time of 1:34.81.

*"We set a goal coming in here of getting over 100 points and we finished with 105."*

**RICH BENNETTS**, Northville coach

The Mustangs' 200 freestyle relay team, consisting of the same foursome, placed ninth (1:27.05). "My favorite was watching our 200 free relay go from 15th on Friday and come back to win the consolation heat today," Bennetts said. "That was fun. That was Northville. That's what we have to get back to and we saw some of the pieces that can do it out here today." Northville's other all-stater was sophomore Travis Nitkiewicz, who set a school record with fifth in the 100 breaststroke (57.85). Other scorers for the Mustangs included Arton, 10th, 100 breaststroke, 58.38 (58.18 in the prelims); Travis Nitkiewicz, 10th, 200 individual medley, 1:54.26; and Trevor Degroot, 16th, 500 freestyle, 4:49.37 (4:47.41 in the prelims). Other finishers for the Mustangs included Jason Nitkiewicz, 28th, 100 butterfly (53.57), and 38th, 200 freestyle (1:47.92); Degroot, 29th, 200 freestyle (1:46.56); and Thomas Rys, 33rd, diving (122.20 points). "At the end of the day, you take your hat off to Brother Rice," Bennetts said. "They had to work a little harder for it this year because Skyline was right on their heels, but they found a way. Saline lost 20 points on the diving board prior to the meet and still found their way into the mix and Novi found a way to get out of here with a trophy, so good for them, too. We have been up there before, many times. We will be again. People can forget about us, make fun of us, whatever. It's fine.

We know what we have to do to get better. It's not a secret. We got a lot out of this team this season, but we have to get better." **Shamrocks 11th** Novi Detroit Catholic Central's Jonathan Lee, a junior, placed third in the 100 breaststroke (56.45) and 13th in the 200 IM (1:55.69) as the Shamrocks finished 11th overall with 99 points. Lee also teamed with Chris Barron, Charlie Walsh and Tommy Wiaduck for eighth in the 200 medley relay in 1:36.21 (after going 1:35.41 in the prelims). The Shamrocks' 400 freestyle relay team of Wiaduck, Conor Brownell, Bennett Loniewski and Dan Vela placed ninth (3:11.55). CC's 200 freestyle relay team of Wiaduck, Brownell, Logan Mills and Vela also added a point in 16th (1:28.71). Other individual point scorers for CC included David DeBaacker, 10th, 1-meter diving, 376.40 points; Wiaduck, 11th, 100 freestyle, 47.49 (47.51 in the prelims); and Loniewski, 15th, 500 freestyle, 4:48.70. Other state meet prelim participants for CC included Barron, 17th, 100 backstroke (53.88); Walsh, 18th, 200 IM (1:57.66) and 34th, 100 butterfly (54.41); Brendon Connelly, 23rd, diving (144.05 points); Loniewski, 24th, 200 freestyle (1:45.96); Vela, 29th, 500 freestyle (4:53.87) and 35th, 200 freestyle (1:47.17); and Brownell, 39th, 200 freestyle (1:49.38).

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BOYS BASKETBALL

# Burke's timely return helps spur Mustangs

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The crack in his foot sustained Oct. 28 in Northville's football playoff loss to Canton frustrated Mustangs senior quarterback Jack Burke to no end. Burke's team was out with a 55-29 loss to the Chiefs and there was little he could do to help after being sidelined with what was later diagnosed as a Lisfranc fracture. But in the next couple of weeks, Burke the basketball guard realized the injury probably ended hopes of finishing out his high school career in that sport. Yet there he was four months later, wearing No. 5 and helping the Mustangs get past Novi Detroit Catholic Central and then Plymouth, the latter in the Class A district boys basketball semifinal at Northville. "It was really important, to come back for the playoffs was really important to me," Burke said following the victory that advanced Northville into the district title game against Novi. "Just to get back out on the court, play high school sports one last time." He was all smiles during his time on the floor March 8, when he was one of the first reserves summoned by head coach Todd Sander. After one flurry of activity near the Northville student section, at one end of the court, Burke turned his head toward the bleachers and wore a big grin before getting back into the play as it shifted in the opposite direction. "A bunch of my friends are in the front row, so I like talking with them," Burke said about the fun exchange. If Sander noticed his player's brief distraction, he certainly gave Burke a pass on that one. After all, Burke worked his way through months of painful physical therapy just to get back out on the court for practice, let alone actual high-stakes game competition. He needed to dedicate his energy to strengthening the arch in his foot, essential for the kind of basic movements basketball players need to make. "We thought he was done in November," Sander said. "And then he healed a lot faster. When he started coming around three weeks ago, a month ago, we all saw his energy, his positive attitude, his work ethic.



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Northville senior Jack Burke looks to pass against Plymouth. Burke's return from a lengthy absence due to injury gave the Mustangs a spark in the district tourney.

"He brings it, but it's contagious and that's the best part. I think that's, if not the most important, it's one of the most important factors of our run this week."

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Of course, as calendar flipped from November to December and then to January and February, Burke must have worried that he wouldn't get the chance to suit up for his team before the season's conclusion. Those worries, though, didn't stop his determination to make it back. "I was rehabbing all (February) getting ready," Burke said. "I got my walking boot off Feb. 1, so I wasn't sure if I was going to be able to make it, but I rehabbed and started running last week and it felt good." After the team's wins over the Shamrocks and Wildcats, there remained some unavoidable pain and discomfort — but not enough to keep him from playing and enjoying being part of his team again. "I feel pretty good. It's a little sore after games, but I feel good," Burke said. Burke knows high school sports are special and don't last forever. It's why he cherishes the moment now more than ever before, simply because he nearly had it taken away from him. "I like having fun on the court and I think that shows with my teammates," he said. "I just bring some energy."

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# MURPHY

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fought to bring home a state meet trophy on Saturday," said Novi coach Brent Pohlonski, who was named MISCA Division 1 Coach of the Year. "Going into the finals, we knew there were six great teams fighting it out for four trophies. Our swimmers didn't back down and went faster or moved up in almost every event. After so many heart-breaking disappointments over the past few years, I was so happy to see our boys get the rewards they deserve. This was one of those special

seasons that you never want to end." One of the highlights of Friday's prelims was the 100 butterfly battle between Murphy and Rice's individual standout Alex Margherio, who figured in three first-place finishes for the state champs. Murphy won a close race in an all-class state record 47.36, while Margherio's time was 47.92. In Saturday's rematch, it was Murphy winning in 46.63, his season best, while Margherio was clocked in 47.51. "I always do a lot better when I'm being pressed at swim meets," Murphy said. "The whole experience was great, having the whole team

surround me. Their support meant a lot and seeing all the alumni come and a lot of people that didn't make it to states being in the stands was really great." Murphy now heads to the National Club Swimming Association Junior Nationals, a long course meet through Saturday, in Orlando, Fla., where he'll swim four events: the 50, 100 and 200 butterfly, along with the 200 IM. He'll also swim on a Kingfish Aquatic Club relay team along with Max Chen (Troy), Patrick Olmsted (Rice) and Drew Panzl (Brighton).

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BOYS HOCKEY

# Shamrocks blank Grandville in D1 semifinal, 5-0

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Novi Detroit Catholic Central and Grandville are familiar tourney foes, having met in the boys hockey state semifinals in three of the past four years.

CC, the three-time defending state champion, continued its success over the Bulldogs in the postseason Friday, winning 5-0 in the MHSAA Division 1 state semifinals at USA Hockey Arena.

"This is a rivalry built on a lot of respect," CC coach Brandon Kaleniecki said.

Jack Chartier scored for the Shamrocks just five minutes into the first period, on an assist by Dylan Montie.

Grandville (19-11) out-shot CC in the first period, 11-5.

Rylan Clemons pushed the Shamrocks' lead to 2-0 three minutes into the second period, scoring on a pass from John Zielinski.

Clemons scored his second goal early in the third period on a power play to give the Shamrocks plenty of cushion.

Michael Considine scored

with 5:13 remaining in the game on a second power play, closely followed by Brendan West's goal less than 30 seconds later when Grandville was at full strength.

West added two assists in the game.

"Our goalie (Sean Finstrom) played an awesome first period, when we were really slow," Kaleniecki said. "He gave us a chance in the first. To come out of that period ahead, 1-0, we probably didn't deserve to have a lead, no doubt. So that goes to him. In the second and third period, we started to turn the wheel a little bit. We started getting pucks in behind them and forced them to play down low. We were able to generate a lot of opportunities off of that."

Finstrom, a senior, made 28 saves.

"Everything was just coming pretty easily," he said. "The boys played good in front and, especially in the last two periods, we got some pucks in the net. Everything settled down for us and the nerves went away. It showed how we can play."



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Catholic Central's Nicco Bifano (right) creates traffic in front of Grandville goalie Alexander Whitman.

BOYS HOCKEY

# Brighton spoils Northville's postseason run

**Bill Khan**  
Livingston Daily

With about a month left in the season, Sam Brennan wasn't making the impact expected of a player in his third year with Brighton's boys hockey program.

It certainly didn't help that his slow start to the season was followed up by two months on the shelf with a broken collarbone.

But with the season winding down and the games becoming more important, Brennan has become a force for the Bulldogs, who went on to win the state title Saturday vs. Detroit Catholic Central, 5-2.

His third goal of the season 3:22 into the game jump-started third-ranked Brighton's 5-0 victory Friday over fourth-ranked Northville in the state MHSAA Division 1 state semifinals at USA Hockey Arena.

"We haven't won anything yet," Brighton goalie Logan Neaton said. "There's still a lot of work to be done."

Brennan's goal was the only scoring damage done during the first two periods. Mathew Kahra scored two of Brighton's three third-period goals to clinch the Bulldogs' fifth trip to the state finals in the last six seasons.

He came into the game with only two goals, both coming in a 4-3 loss Feb. 18 to Hartland.

But there's a reason he's been a varsity player in one of the state's top programs since his freshman year. It showed on the first goal, as he carried the puck from the Brighton blue to just inside the Northville line, dropping a pass for Spencer Gehres.

Brennan continued charging to the net, where he was able to knock in a rebound of a Gehres shot on the backhand.

"I've always been taught if I can go up in the rush, and I know I've got guys covering for me, to go," Brennan said. "I like trying to score goals."

Points of any kind were hard for Brennan to come by early in the season.



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Brighton's Tim Erkkila (left) tries to check Northville's Nick Bonofiglio as he heads toward the Bulldogs' net.



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Northville's Daniel McKee (left) grimaces as he takes a high-stick from Brighton's Brody White during Friday's Division 1 semifinal.

He was scoreless in his first five games, sustaining a broken collarbone against Detroit U-D Jesuit in the fifth game.

After missing two months, he had an assist in his first game back Feb. 3, was shut out along with the entire Brighton team against Grosse Pointe South the next day, then put together a scoring streak

that reached nine games with his goal against Northville. He also assisted on Brighton's second goal.

"A lot of times, I've been focused on doing the simple things and not trying to do too much," Brennan said. "It's ended up working out well for me. At the beginning of the year, I was trying to do too much. I wasn't playing as well

and wasn't having as much fun."

Brennan dished the puck to Kahra down low for Brighton's second goal just 41 seconds into the third period on the power play.

Defenseman Tim Erkkila scored at 8:33, Kahra at 11:22 and Gehres at 16:16 to make the game a rout.

Neaton made 24 saves, extending his shutout streak to 135 minutes, 47 seconds. He beat the Nos. 1 and 4 teams in Division 1 in the process.

Meanwhile, Northville senior goalie Brett made 24 saves in his final game.

Northville (22-7-1) beat Brighton, 3-2, on Feb. 10.

"I don't necessarily think anything was different about them," Northville coach Clint Robert said. "It's Brighton. We know what we're going to get. They play the same way. They've been playing the same way since coach Moggach has been there. We got some bounces last game. They had a couple guys out. I thought they played their game and we couldn't get pucks to the net."

The Mustangs couldn't capitalize on the power play, going 0-of-5.

"They were just really aggressive," Northville forward Alex Iafrate said. "They were smart with it, too. They took away our passing options. We ended up coughing the puck up."

Making their first state semifinal appearance since 2004, Northville hopes it can parlay another state tourney run going into the 2017-18 season.

"The bar's been set," Robert said. "Obviously, the toughest part is you don't really want to think about next season as much because you're with these guys now. These are the guys you love and the guys you battle with. That's kind of what hurts the most. Maybe we can do it next year and I'd like to do it next year, but I'd like to have done it this year for these seniors."

BOYS HOCKEY

# CC's big third period yields 6-2 triumph

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It was a long day and night for Novi Detroit Catholic Central's boys hockey team, but the Shamrocks remained alive and well in the MHSAA Division 1 state tournament.

A power outage earlier March 8 at Flint's Iceland Arena forced CC and quarterfinal opponent, the Bay City Wolves, to a nearby venue in Burton.

And after a 90-minute delayed start time from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., three-time defending state champion CC took care of business by scoring four unanswered goals in the final period for 6-2 victory over the unified team from Bay City Central and Western high schools.

After switching sites, the Crystal Field House Ice Arena also experienced difficulties, after losing power as well earlier in the day, wreaking havoc with ice surface conditions through the first two periods.

"There were almost puddles in certain areas and the puck was sticking all over," CC coach Brandon Kaleniecki said. "Fortunately, by the third (period), it started to get sorted out."

After redo of the ice surface a couple of extra times, the Shamrocks took off, getting a pair of third-period goals from Brendan West and one each from Zachary Sprys-Tellner (power play) and Nicco Bifano.

CC out-shot the Wolves in the opening period, 14-1, but Bay City goaltender Griffin Kwaiser, who finished with 39 saves, kept it to a one-goal deficit.

John Zielinski and Jared Lee also scored for the Shamrocks, who trailed at one point late in the second period, 2-1, after the Wolves (19-10) got goals from Alec Bailey and Thomas Kayner.

"That appeared to jolt us awake as we responded the very next shift to finish the period and again at the start of the third to take the lead," Kaleniecki said. "We needed that response. It was a big response from some of our best players and the guys we count on. From there, we really took a stranglehold on the game."

Michael Considine also collected two assists as CC out-shot Bay City, 45-12. Shamrocks goaltender Joe Pernecky had a relatively quiet night with 10 saves.

"I certainly wish we would have grabbed hold of it earlier in the game, but their goalie played well and they competed really hard around their net to limit our second-chance opportunities," Kaleniecki said. "Then they took advantage of a couple chances and, sure enough, it's 2-1 them with a minute left in the second period. Fortunately, we responded immediately and took control of the game at that point."



# Distance medley takes seventh

JENNY PAWELCZYK

The FNL Track Club's 4,000-meter women's distance medley relay team of (from left) Abby Inch (Farmington), Olivia Harp (Northville), Cayla Eckenroth (Northville) and Emily Lauzon (Livonia Stevenson) placed seventh (12:45.3) in the Michigan Indoor Track Series state meet held Feb. 25 at Aquinas College in Grand Rapids.

The FNL foursome of Maggie Pawelczyk (Wyandotte), Gabby Feltz (Wyandotte), Lauzon and Eckenroth also placed fourth in the 3,200 relay (9:51.17). Eckenroth overcame a collision with an errant runner on the track to finish the anchor leg. In the women's individual 1,600, Northville's Ana Barrott took fourth in 5:01.04, while Eckenroth set a career personal best 5:10.14 to finish ninth.



PREP GYMNASTICS

# Two Northville performers earn all-state honors

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Northville's gymnastics season came to a close Saturday with a pair of all-state performers at the MHSA Individual Finals at Plymouth High School.

The Mustangs' Erin McCallum took seventh in the Division 1 all-around (36.450) while earning top 10 finishes by tying for seventh in both the balance beam (9.2) and floor exercise (9.2), as well as a ninth in the vault (9.175). The junior also added a 14th on the uneven parallel bars (8.65).

Sophomore Mackenzie Willson, making her first finals appearance, also earned all-state by placing 10th in the Division 1 beam (9.1).

Meanwhile, senior Rachel Robitaille tied for 19th (8.425) and freshman Maria Scavnicky placed 22nd (8.25) in the Division 1 uneven bars.

Brighton's Courtney Casper was the all-around Division 1 champion with 37.975, which included wins on vault (9.7), uneven bars (9.65) and floor exercise (9.775). Rockford's Nicole Coughlin took the beam (9.5).

In Division 2, Northville junior Grace Jankowski took



Northville's state meet contingent consisted of (from left) Maria Scavnicky, Mackenzie Willson, Grace Jankowski, Rachel Robitaille and Erin McCallum.

19th in the all-around (34.05) highlighted by 16th on beam (8.75). Her other places included tied for 24th on vault (8.7) and uneven bars (8.3), along with 41st on floor (8.3).

Farmington's Elisa Bills was the Division 1 all-around champion with 37.55, including wins on vault (9.575), beam (9.4) and floor exercise (9.525). Livonia Blue's Jessica Weak

won the uneven bars (9.325).

**Team finals**  
On Friday, the Mustangs overcame a shaky start by posting the third highest beam

score to wind up ninth in the MHSA team finals, also held at Plymouth.

Rockford/Sparta led the 13-team field by capturing its third straight championship with 145.300 points.

Rounding out the top 10 were Canton (144.775), Brighton (143.250), Farmington (143.025), Plymouth (141.850), Ada Forest Hills (141.650), Howell (140.950), Port Huron Unified (140.900), Northville (140.750) and Livonia Blue (139.950) as only 1.1 points separated places five through 10.

The Mustangs, making their first team finals appearance since 2010 under coach Erin McWatt, were led by McCallum, who placed sixth on vault (9.275) and eighth on floor (9.275). Willson was sixth on beam (9.375), while Scavnicky took 13th on bars (8.625).

Northville finished the year as Kensington Lakes Activities Association champion, along with Kensington Division co-champion Canton. The Mustangs, who posted a 10-1 regular season record, were also regional runner-up to Canton.

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BOYS HOCKEY

# Northville glides into final four with 6-2 win

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When Northville goaltender Brett Miller surveys the ice in front of him, he can't help but be impressed.

"Our defense did a good job keeping shots to the outside, so they weren't too difficult," Miller said. "The shots were pretty even. We had a couple of good chances that we were able to get off. It definitely gives me confidence when a team gets up early."

The Mustangs scored three goals within a 73-second span during the opening period and that was more than enough as they booked their first trip to the MHSA Division 1 state semifinals since 2004 with a 6-2 victory over Macomb Dakota in the quarterfinals March 8 at the Dearborn Ice Skating Center's Kilpatrick Arena.

The last time Northville made to the final four was when current Mustangs assistant coach Jimmy Gates was the starting goaltender.

"It's great, it's the second time in our 20-year history," Northville coach Clint Robert said. "I feel like we've had a solid team, a solid program, just been in a tough region here and there. We're in a tough region now and our goal was to get here and do some more, but we're not done."

Two of Northville's four first-period goals came via the power play.

Jack Sargent scored unassisted on the man advantage at 7:33, followed by Nick Bonofiglio's goal from Luke Skillman and, yes, Miller at 8:12.

"I didn't know, but I'll take it," Miller said of the rare assist.

Danny Scorzo made it 3-0 just 34 seconds later on another power-play goal from Devin Laba and that's when Dakota starting goalie Jack Mastronardi was pulled in favor of Aaron Reardon.

"We've been working on our power play the last week-and-a-half in practice and it was good to see that hard work pay off," Robert said. "We wanted to take a lot of shots and get bodies to the net. We were able to do that and we were fortunate to get a couple in, so we'll take it. It doesn't happen every day."

Dakota (15-11-2), coming off a wild 7-6 regional final win over University of Detroit-

Jesuit, got a power-play goal Connor Fredrick from Alex Porzondek at 12:37 to cut the deficit to 3-1.

Daniel McKee, however, gave Northville a three-goal cushion again at 14:19, with Shane Bryans and Ty Kilar drawing the assists.

Staked to that 4-1 first-period lead, Miller remained true to his fundamentals.

"You just got to keep track of the puck, do the basics and keep the puck out of the net," he said.

Dakota's Luke Dacey tried to make a game of it just 53 seconds into the second period, when he scored from Alecks Ristic and Tyler Domzalski.

But the Mustangs answered with McKee notching his second of the night from Bonofiglio and Kilar at 10:56, followed by Nate Czarnota's goal at 14:26 from Scorzo to make it 6-2 after two periods.

"It was a pretty physical game," Miller said. "It was a lot different than our game against Cranbrook. I think we only had one penalty there. We just kept it simple, we came out hard and we were able to get an early lead."

Northville out-shot the Cougars over the first two periods, 30-15, before clamping down defensively in the third.

"We wanted to get ugly," Robert said. "We want to get pucks to the net. We want to get gritty. We wanted to play strong defensively. We used this as an example that third period. Our goal was locking out. We were mad they got two shots. Our goal was zero shots and our guys were ticked on the bench when they got their first shot. We let them get two, so we've got to work on that."

The third period was relatively quiet, except for a constant parade of players going to the penalty box.

Dakota had a total of 13 on the night, while Northville finished with 11.

"That (3-0 deficit) put us behind the eight-ball right away," Dakota first-year coach Jim Andonoff said. "We were a little tentative and I think they caught us off-guard. I think we were a little nervous in the room. I think we settled down and, once that all went away, I think we picked up the game a little bit and then we got into penalty trouble."

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The Mustangs celebrate a goal by Jack Sargent during the first period.



Catholic Central's Brendan West (right) scores a wraparound goal against Brighton's Logan Neaton.

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Brendan West scored on a wraparound, a power-play goal from Zachary Sprys-Tellner to trim the deficit to 3-1.

The Shamrocks carried the play in the second period, out-shooting Brighton, 14-3, but still trailed by two goals.

Just 44 seconds into the third, CC made it a game, cutting the deficit to 3-2 on West's second goal, from Michael Considine and Jared Lee.

"We knew they were going to have a push coming out for the third," Neaton said. "We came out a little flat-footed, playing a little too defensive. But as soon it turned it into a one-goal game, our seniors really picked it up."

Despite being out-shot in the second period, 13-3, Brighton regrouped for the third as Conquest fired a shot from the point that Gehres re-directed at waist level to make it 4-2 at 5:16.

"When we got that second one, we had faith we could get the third, but unfortunately they scored," Kaleniecki said. "You have to keep them off the board. When they got that fourth one, that was a killer blow for us. We threw all kinds of pucks at them, but we just couldn't get another one past them."

CC out-shot the Bulldogs in the final quarter, 13-7, but it was too little, too late.

"It was tough to see that one go in, but the game plan didn't change," West said of Brighton's fourth goal. "We still tried to make their D-men go wide, chip pucks, pass it in deep, go get it. I thought we played a hell of a game. Their goalie is unreal. It's hard to get pucks past him."

In a last-ditch attempt, the Shamrocks pulled goalie Sean Finstrom (15 saves) with just over two minutes to play and Brighton's Mr. Hockey candidate Jake Crespi scored on an empty-netter with 1:08 remaining to seal the win.

"The players win games, they win championships and, obviously, they sacrifice a lot," Brighton coach Paul Moggach said. "They make the sacrifices, they put the time in. They do the things that are needed and that's why their



CC's Brendan West (right) controls the puck on the glass against Brighton's Brody White.



Catholic Central's Dylan Montie (left) and Brighton's Sam Brennan battle for a loose puck.

state champions."

Neaton was the difference-maker throughout Brighton's championship run as he allowed just four goals in six games.

"They got a great goalie and one line that can absolutely fly," said West, who had two of those four tourney goals against Neaton. "Tough team to play against. They have good defensemen as well. Tough team."

Afterward, Neaton deflected the praise to his teammates.

"Our defensemen stepped up so much throughout all of the postseason, keeping everything to the outside, which made it easier tracking everything," he said. "Made my life easier throughout the playoffs."

West, who was the Shamrocks' point leader this season, was an offensive catalyst throughout the tourney run.

"He played phenomenal down the stretch," Kaleniecki said. "I'm sure he had multiple points every single playoff

game. He really amped his game up and it was fun to watch. It's unfortunate it's not in a winning effort."

Only five players returned from CC's state championship team of a year ago.

"What I was truly proud of was the progress they made from day one in the season to where we finished," Kaleniecki said. "For us to fall a couple of goals short of a state championship, it's unfortunate, but we're reminded we played the toughest schedule we could possibly play. We were right there and that's the fun part about it not knowing if it's going to go your way or not. I would have loved to see them finish it off, so they could look at that. But we reminded them we improved a great deal this year. It was a great experience to be part of this game."

The Shamrocks lose 15 seniors to graduation.

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## Try tapping these resources to find a job

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Navigating today's job market is a daunting task. With so many apps and websites out there, it can be difficult to know where to turn for help when you're searching for a new position. And choosing the right resource is only half the battle. You must also use it the right way.

Here are a few proven resources to help you land your dream job.

### Job boards

Online job boards are a great place to start your job search, says Beth Griffiths, a recruiting expert with Zest Education, a Birmingham, England-based recruitment agency. These sites usually allow you to search for jobs based on your preferences. You can also receive email alerts of new job postings based on those preferences so you never miss an opportunity.

### College and alumni associations

One of the most overlooked job seeker resources is your college alumni office, says Carlota Zimmerman, success strategist, Huffington Post contributor and keynote speaker. "The diploma is only



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one reason you went to college," Zimmerman says. "Your alumni association is the true pay off. Most job seekers [don't know] how to put their alumni associations to work for them. Besides the data bank, many alumni associations nowadays offer free résumé and career coaching."

Local alumni events are also a great place to network and make connections, says Robin Sendrow, founder of Job-Sparker, a New York-based career counseling website.

### Social media

While it's usually not a good idea to send friend requests to recruiters or potential employers, Facebook and other social media platforms are emerging as a reputable resource for job seekers. Facebook recently announced it is adding a feature that will allow you to apply to a position directly through a company's Facebook page, says Moréa Pollet, a marketing specialist at Piedmont Avenue Consulting.

Twitter is also a great resource. Follow companies, job forums and industry leaders and join their conversations. Most companies don't get a lot of engagement from followers, so it's likely that your retweet, favorite or reply will be noticed. It's a great way to get on a company's radar.

### Networking

"When it comes to finding a job, community has always been the job seeker's best tool," says Susan Joyce, owner and operator of Job-Hunt.org. "Your connections can provide you with information, introductions and advice that help you land a job. Now, thanks to technology and the internet, job seekers' networks are bigger than ever."

Begin by attending industry-specific engagements so you're meeting people in fields directly related to your areas of interest. A happy hour event offers a relaxed atmosphere that lends itself to the small talk necessary to start building a bigger network.

Networking doesn't always have to be done in person, though. Online professional networking is important too. While it may seem easier than meeting face-to-face, only a small segment of the population uses the online resource correctly, says Sendrow. She suggests using professional

networking platforms to build connections with headhunters, specifically.

"Ask your friends and trusted former colleagues how they found their new job," Sendrow says. "If they worked with a headhunter or recruiter, ask if they can introduce you through LinkedIn. Even if there isn't an opportunity immediately, it will help you get on their list if a good fit comes up in the future."

### Career coaches

Professional career coaches can also be useful to help you determine your next career step. "Career coaches will help you figure out the best path for your career and life and how to go about achieving that," says Brittany Gunter, a content marketer and career coach at Faction, Inc. In addition to helping you craft and word-smith your résumé and cover letter, career coaches can help you understand why you want your dream job, Gunter says. This is important because it helps ensure the job you're applying for is the right one for you.

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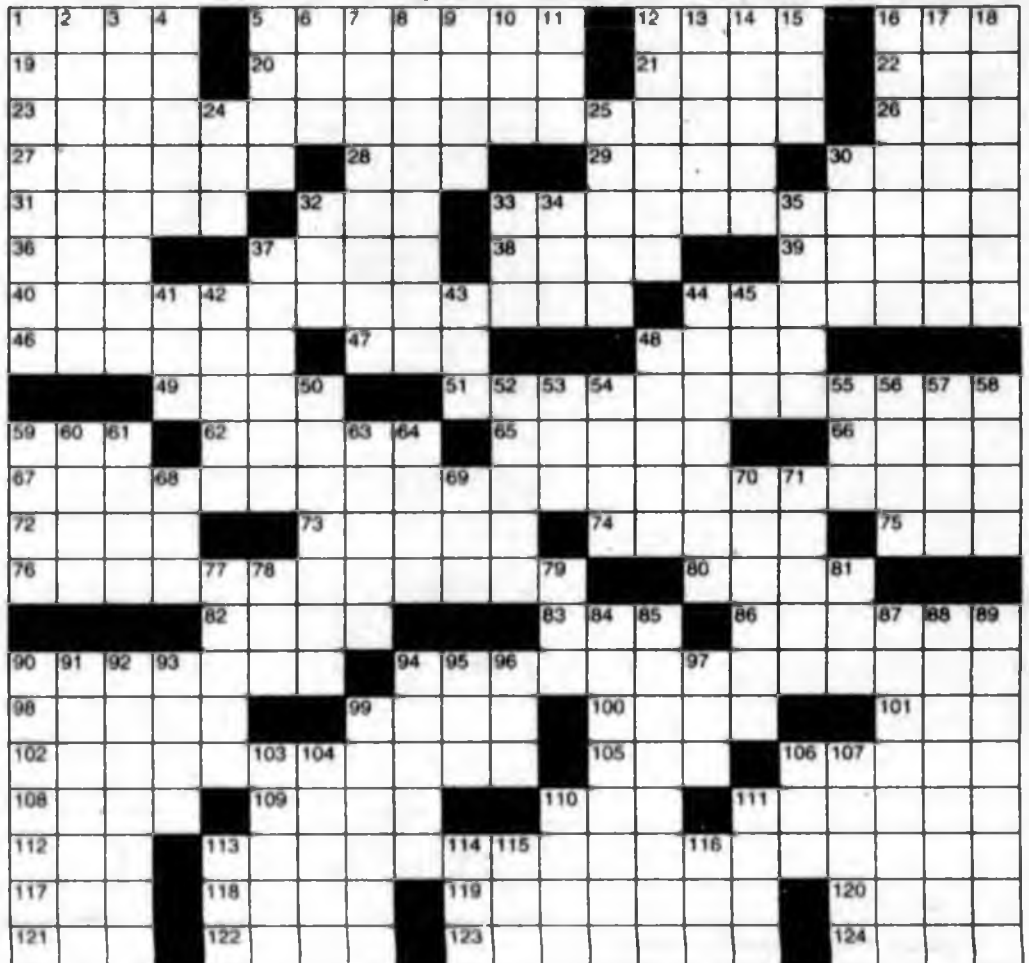
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Goof (up)  
5 Gland near a kidney  
12 NASCAR units  
16 ER skill  
19 Vocal quality  
20 On the dot  
21 Jai —  
22 "... boy — girl?"  
23 "This shop sells every fruity frozen dessert"  
26 Ryan of films  
27 Hot peppers  
28 Bank charge  
29 In — (bored)  
30 Three or four  
31 Segway inventor  
32 Bronco's gp  
33 "John Brown's Body" poet's wages?  
36 Mexico Mrs.  
37 Long cut  
38 TV's Swenson  
39 Lofly nest  
40 Flying disc that toy spaniels love to fetch?  
44 Was a blowhard
- 46 Big name among cello virtuosos  
47 Label for Elton John  
48 Bric-a — (trinkets)  
49 Ship's trail  
51 Thorough search of an Apple computer?  
59 Pierre's "here"  
62 Virile type  
65 Inferior to  
66 Mixed in with  
67 Lots of sun-dried brick  
70 Hot peppers surrounding an empty space?  
72 Former Navaho foe  
73 Toy with Dean  
74 Massive mammal, for short  
75 K'ung Fu — (Confucius)  
76 Political group turns against one of its own members?  
80 This, in Argentina  
82 Dinghy pair  
83 — polio (the masses)  
86 Some electric cars
- 90 Early-flowering leguminous trees  
94 Flemish painter being violent?  
98 Love, in Paris  
99 Slacken  
100 Beard, e.g.  
101 Ming of basketball  
102 "The Zoo Story" playwright with red hair?  
105 — Alma  
106 "— de Lune"  
108 Momentous time periods  
109 Omanis, e.g.  
110 D.C. ballplayer  
111 Milano of "Charmed"  
112 Was idle  
113 Enter a sea between  
114 Sibers and Alaska?  
117 Broke bread  
118 Years on and  
119 Put in place  
120 Tony winner  
121 Danson of "Dad"  
122 Player's fee
- 123 Multinied ship of 1839  
124 Mem. of the upper house  
**DOWN**  
1 Is loyal to  
2 Romeo type  
3 Closeness  
4 Norman Vincent —  
5 Big goons  
6 ER figures  
7 Assert again  
8 Drawing from many styles  
9 Aswan  
10 Obsolete animal  
11 Astral feline  
12 Noted locale of tar pits  
13 Alaskan language  
14 Singer LuPone  
15 She's part of the fam  
16 Solace  
17 Early baby, informally  
18 Pollen-count plant  
24 15-Down, e.g.  
25 Scope  
30 Tennis zingers  
32 '80s sitcom  
33 Highchair neckwear  
34 Atlanta-to-Charlotte dir.  
35 Racial rights gp.  
37 Twisted and turned  
41 "... goes it?"  
42 Largest city of Nebraska  
43 Walton of Wal-Mart  
44 Chocolate treat  
45 Sturdy wood  
48 Kiosk, e.g.  
50 Stage hams  
52 Nuna's home  
53 Co. honcho  
54 Hazy image  
55 Rally yell  
56 Skip over  
57 Boxes for recycling  
58 Ax feature  
59 "It's my turn!"  
60 — rug (dance)  
61 Cake froster  
63 Helps illicitly  
64 Approaching  
68 Pres. before DDE  
69 White —  
70 GM security service  
71 Clan symbol  
77 "... one to talk!"  
78 Severe  
79 The lady  
81 Nile slitherer  
84 Away for an extended break  
85 Cry after catching someone in the act  
87 Save for later  
88 "Little Birds" author  
89 Warehouse charges  
90 Directs fury toward  
91 Dubai, e.g.  
92 Gave away  
93 Peeters  
94 Shul head  
95 Spend  
96 Stinging flier  
97 Brazilian port city, in brief  
98 Pass by  
103 Expose by blabbing  
104 "... you clever!"  
106 The Indians, on sports tickers  
107 U-shaped instruments  
110 Tense denial  
111 Undercover?  
113 Viking realm  
114 Intel org.  
115 Senator Kaine  
116 Hellenic "H"



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

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7	9	8	6	4	9	5	2	1
2	4	1	5	8	6	9	7	3
5	9	6	1	7	2	8	4	3
8	2	9	4	1	6	3	7	5
3	1	7	9	8	5	4	6	2
6	5	4	7	2	3	1	8	9
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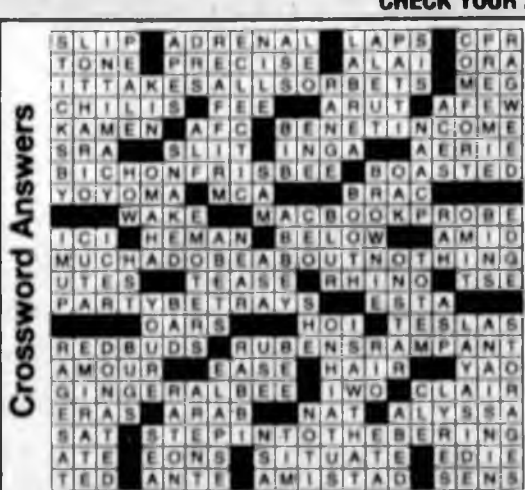
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A T A O O D O G G P R O Z D S S W N B  
B O P K S S W N E B K M K O F M I W E  
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T A P F C N T L O U T D O O R S T E H B  
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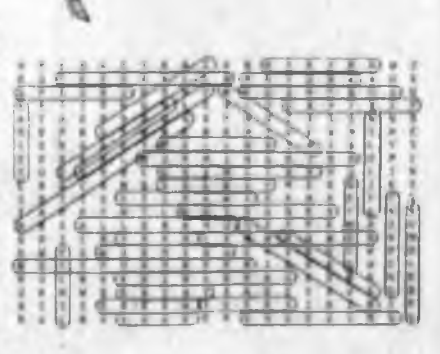
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## Car Report

### HONDA PILOT IS WINNING IN THE LARGE-SUV DERBY BECAUSE IT BRINGS THE BRAND'S DISTINCTIVE DNA TO THE SEGMENT



By Dale Buss

I've always had a thing for the Honda Pilot, back to when the first version was introduced 15 years ago. A large, seven-seat SUV was such an un-Honda-like idea, I thought.

But when Pilot first hit the streets, I appreciated it as a very successful execution because it was so Honda-like: understated design, high functionality, great driveability like all of the brand's vehicles – and delivery on its *raison d'être* of big human and cargo capacity.

Fast forward to today, after a few iterations of Honda Pilot have come along including an all-new version a couple of years ago. Still sharing its platform with the Acura MDX as well as the Odyssey minivan and even the Accord sedan, Pilot remains one of my favorite vehicles in the



Pilot covers a lot of possibilities.

category.

And I am not alone. Sales of Pilot in 2017 so far were about 15 percent below year-earlier levels through February, but its largest SUV remains Honda's second-best-seller, in deep second place after the CR-V, a best-seller among utility vehicles. So many mid-size and compact utility vehicle nameplates have become available these days that highly capable and even fuel-efficient larger SUVs like Pilot are suffering a bit.

When Honda redesigned Pilot for 2016, the company made a lot of improvements to a platform that was pretty good in the first place. It enhanced exterior styling with more creases and other lines that

further reduced the original boxiness of Pilot and made it a more appealing form. Critics say this softer form is more reminiscent of a minivan than a hulking SUV, but it's an improvement nonetheless. Honda also lengthened and lowered the entire platform to further emphasize the streamlined look.

But Honda focused much of its attention in this third-generation Pilot on the interior. It's more modern than before, and more spacious, and offers much more visibility thanks to the lower beltline and the generous sunroofs. Honda also added extra leg room and head room in the third row, which made it more accommodating for passengers of all sizes. Honda also took maximum practical advantage of all the nooks and crannies in the vehicle with new spaces for personal belongings.

A new 8-inch touchscreen interface brings Pilot up to date in the crucial arena of connectivity and digital controls. There also are softer and improved materials all around and noise reduction via additional acoustic materials.

The addition of the top-of-the-line Elite model of Pilot for the new version was a brilliant stroke, something that helps elevate the



The 2017 Honda Pilot.

entire nameplate.

The Elite version comes loaded with all-wheel drive, leather, navigation, heated and ventilated front seats, heated second-row captain's chairs, two sunroofs, a Blu-ray rear-seat entertainment system with HDMI and RCA inputs, and Honda's full complement of driver-assist features: forward-collision warning with automatic emergency braking, lane-keeping assist, adaptive cruise control, blind-spot monitors and automatic high beams.

All versions of the new Pilot benefit from the fact that Honda improved ride and handling thanks to a stiffer structure made with more high-strength steel and a weight reduction of about 250 pounds. Although the performance isn't worthy of a luxury SUV, it's very reassuringly Honda-like: controlled,

steady, smooth and lending you a clear sense of control of a vehicle that after all is one of the largest mainstream utility vehicles now. There also are new transmissions and 30 extra horsepower to help with the effort.

Every Pilot comes equipped with a 3.5-liter V6 that's good for 280 horsepower and 262 pound-feet of torque. Front-wheel drive is standard, but there's an all-wheel drive optional system that not only sends power front and back but also between left and right wheels for improved handling.

Fuel economy is EPA-estimated at 22 mpg combined, with 19 in the city and an impressive 27 mpg on the highway. Leave it to Honda – whose DNA, after all, is engines – to provide mileage that impressive in a vehicle as large as Pilot is.

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- \* Spacious master bath with updated granite and double sinks
- \* Full finished walkout with bedroom and full bath

MLS 217017433 248.684.1065 \$259,900



## E. Commerce Street - Historical Home!

- \* Four bedrooms, two bathrooms, on almost an acre
- \* Updated kitchen with granite counters and center island with built in stove
- \* Many updates throughout
- \* Home built in 1882, short walk to Downtown Milford

MLS 217014711 248.684.1065 \$339,000



## Sloane - Beautiful and Inviting Cape Cod Condo!

- \* Three bedrooms, three and half bathrooms, with lake views
- \* First floor master suite with lake view, ceiling fan and walk in closet
- \* Granite kitchen with cabinet lighting, opening to great room
- \* First floor laundry and finished two car garage

MLS 217012996 248.684.1065 \$219,000



## Woodcock Way - Delightful Cape Cod with Lake Privileges!

- \* Three bedrooms, two and half bathrooms, located in golf course community
- \* Spacious kitchen with eat at counter and hardwood floors
- \* First floor master suite with amazing views
- \* First floor laundry

MLS 217018330 248.684.1065 \$234,900



## Glen Hatt Drive - Charming & Delightful!

- \* Four bedrooms, two and half bathrooms
- \* Dining room with hardwood flooring and ceiling fan
- \* Master suite with huge walk in closet, full bath and jetted tub
- \* First floor laundry & Mud room

MLS 217009895 248.684.1065 \$220,000



## White Lake Road - Spectacular Split Ranch!

- \* Four bedrooms, two and half bathrooms, with open floor plan
- \* Spacious kitchen with island, snack bar and ceramic backsplash
- \* Private Master suite with walk in organizer closet
- \* Situated on a large beautiful lot

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## Buckhorn Lake Road - Highlands Best Kept Secret!

- \* Four bedrooms, three and half bathrooms on 10.55 acres, that allows horses
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## Denali Valley - Immediate Occupancy!

- \* Three bedrooms, two and half bathrooms, beautiful Cape Cod
- \* Custom crafted elevation, hardwood floors on first floor with custom built mantels
- \* Granite kitchen with tile back splash and stainless steel appliances
- \* Granite in master bath and main bath

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## Forest Ridge - Gorgeous Home in Desirable Forest Ridge!

- \* Five bedrooms, four full baths, two half baths on 2.8 Acres
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- \* Second floor laundry
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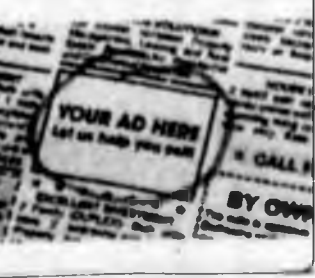
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