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## Group travel fair on tap

Winter has arrived in full force, bringing cold temperatures and snow along with it. For those interested in getting away, discovering new and exciting locales and making new friends, the city of Novi Older Adult Services Division will host a group travel fair at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 23, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 10 Mile.

At the fair, a number of travel agencies will showcase their opportunities and answer questions. The fair is free of charge and includes refreshments and door prizes.

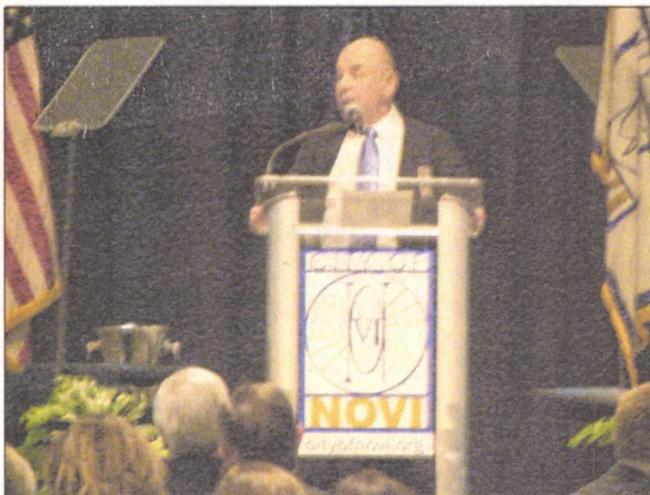
For more information about the Older Adult Services Travel Program and other upcoming events, visit [cityofnovi.org](http://cityofnovi.org), call 248-347-0414 or like city of Novi Boomers and Beyond on Facebook.

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# Mayor: It's a beautiful day in Novi



Novi Mayor Bob Gatt delivered the annual State of the City address, emphasizing hard work, community service and partnership. LONNIE HUHMAN

By Lonnie Huhman  
Staff Writer

With new developments – like the opening of the Cheesecake Factory – to continued great city services – like public safety looking out for the community – the state of Novi looks good and is only getting stronger.

In Novi it was a beautiful day – or, better yet, year – in the neighborhood in 2013. That was the message from Mayor Bob Gatt during the annual State of the City address, which took place Jan. 16 at Suburban Collection Showplace.

For Gatt, success starts with working together at the city level and throughout the rest of the community. He said he truly enjoys being the mayor and looks forward to more years ahead.

“Novi strives to always be a good neighbor,” Gatt told the crowd.

He began by thanking those who do the work behind the scenes, which isn't always known or acknowledged. Thanking the public service employees present for their hard work throughout the year, Gatt said they both help ensure the beauty of its land and safety of its roads year round.

Citing the homicide in Novi earlier in the week, Gatt said the public safety department is one of the best in solving cases and catching criminals. “Don't do a crime in Novi,” was his message. He commended Officer Steven Balog for his work in helping to apprehend the murder suspect of a Novi resident.

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Last year, volunteers from St. James helped re-side a home in Commerce as part of the Rebuilding Together program. This year, the group hopes to help someone in Novi.

## Church reaching out to local residents

By Lonnie Huhman  
Staff Writer

In 2013 they were in Commerce and Northville, but this year St. James Catholic Church is hoping to bring its part of a community service program, Rebuilding Together-Oakland County, to a homeowner in Novi.

“No matter what, we will go where we are needed, but it would be great if we could bring this helpful community service to a Novi homeowner,” St. James parishioner and Rebuilding Together volunteer Bob Harmer said.

The church is looking for potential

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Call Pam Coles at St. James at 248-347-7778, visit <http://www.rebuildingtogether-oaklandcounty.org/> or call RTOC at 248-432-6551.

clients in its search for this year's project (s). Last year, the group worked on two homes, doing some landscape/yard work and putting on new siding. It is reaching out to those who might be interested and fit the standards required for assistance.

Overall, RTOC brings volunteers and

communities together to provide free housing repair and neighborhood revitalization for low-income homeowners in Oakland County. St. James first teamed with Holy Family in 2006 to take on RTOC projects, but after two years took on its own and has been successful ever since.

The program helps low-income families and neighborhoods within the county in need of home rehabilitation. Through the support of community volunteers and donations, free home rehab is provided to homeowners who are elderly, disabled, or veterans and families with children to

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## City's 2014 goals: Nurture, operate, value, invest

By Lonnie Huhman  
Staff Writer

The city of Novi's goals and priorities are spelled out differently for 2014, but they're similar to last year's – deliver a good government product and make the community a great place to live and work.

This year's goals have been in development since fall and had full city council input at a special meeting Jan. 11. It highlights four strategic themes in its framework and was presented by City Manager Clay Pearson, with input from all city departments and community members.

“We're up here during this goal-setting session to represent the residents and this is one of the main times where we have, in a more open dialogue than a formal council meeting, to really voice those opinions of where we think residents want to be – not just a year from now but five, 10, 20 years from now,” council member Justin Fischer said.

Focusing on public services and vibrancy, each letter of the first word in the strategic framework document spells out “NOVI.”

Council member Andrew Mutch said this framework sets the tone for the future, near and

long term.

### Goal framework

“Nurture public services that residents want and value,” Pearson said of the first goal.

He said the city will do this by making “long-term strategic and sustainable investments in roads, pathways, water, sewer and provide for development, acquisition and rehabilitation of parks and public lands.”

In addition, the city wants to provide cultural resources and recreational opportunities for a growing and diverse population.

Mayor Pro Tem Dave Staudt said adding more park land and connecting local paths with

regional pathways should again be two goals in 2014. Council member Wayne Wrobel added that continued road improvements, with help from millage funding, should always be near the top of the list.

One short-term plan to accomplish this would be developing a plan for alternative transportation options in support of local business and Novi residents, while considering local as well as regional transit options. Council member Gwen Markham said improving transportation options was a common theme she heard while running

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ensure they live in warmth, safety and independence.

In 2013, RTOC rehabilitated 37 homes with the help of 1,400 volunteers.

Pam Coles, St. James Christian Service direc-

tor, said it has been an excellent way for the church to reach out and provide help in the community. But it can be a struggle finding someone in need and willing to come forward.

"It can be difficult sometimes to ask for help, especially if there is paperwork involved, but we want the community to know we are here

to help in any way," Coles said.

That includes helping with the paperwork. Another part of the re-

quirements is the client should be a homeowner. A neighbor, family member or friend can refer someone, but the client

must reach out directly themselves.

The church is hoping to have a project or two selected by early next

month.

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St. James Catholic Church members posed outside of a home they worked on in 2013. They hope to help someone in Novi this year.

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for council in 2013.

The second strategy is to operate a world-class and sustainable local government, which Novi prides itself on doing.

"Maintain an efficient and effective, fiscally-responsible local government which leverages communication, strategic

partnerships and skilled staff," Pearson said of how the city will achieve this.

The next strategy is to value and build a desirable and vibrant community for residents and businesses alike now and into the future. This goal is being partly met now from the evidence gleaned from the recent business survey, in which a majority of businesses stated in general they are

happy to be in Novi.

Pearson said this can further be done by encouraging "quality economic development to maximize city revenue and job growth, while protecting and enhancing natural areas, natural features and community character."

And the final goal is to invest properly in being a safe community at all times for all people through ensuring police,

fire and public services meet the needs of all residents, businesses and visitors at all times.

For Mayor Bob Gatt, this goal is always on top. "Public safety is a No. 1 priority," Gatt said.

The council was scheduled to formally adopt the framework at its meeting Jan. 21.

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## MAYOR

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Under fiscal stability, Novi officials continue to strive to be responsible fiscal stewards. Gatt said good planning and decision making have helped Novi levy one of the lowest millage rates in Oakland County. It's also looking to reduce taxes

while maintaining great services.

Taking pride in the fact that the community has become more diverse racially and culturally, Gatt said Novi is growing among all groups. This is evident in the events and arrivals of new business opportunities that have come from the community being viewed as respectful and open. The Sri

Venkateswara Temple and Cultural Center, which was opened in 2013, is a good example.

Another highlight was the bestowing of the Spirit of Giving award to a community member. This year it went to Varsity Lincoln owner Mike Stanford, who Gatt said is a shining example of what it means to give back through various causes.

Looking forward, Gatt emphasized being creative and having fun.

"As the mayor of the city of Novi, I thank you all for everything that you do as our neighbors," he said. "As Fred Rogers would say, 'Let's make the most of this beautiful day.'"

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# Friends honor Lisa Christensen with fundraiser

Popular local woman left behind legacy of caring

By **Linda Rose**  
Contributor

Last July, both the Northville and Novi communities were rocked by the tragic death of Lisa Christensen. She was killed by her estranged husband, who then took his own life, leaving two communities shocked and numerous family members, friends and the endless number of people Christensen touched through her involvement in local sports, reeling and searching for answers.

Those who knew Christensen still struggle six months later with the loss of a woman who was known as a charismatic leader, devoted mother and advocate for youth athletics. Those people are now planning a wine tasting and silent auction fundraiser in her honor Feb. 8.

“About 12 of us have joined together to keep Lisa’s memory alive and also support her children,” said Kim Yaggi, a Northville resident who is helping with the fundraiser. “I think it is worth noting that most of the group putting together the event did not know each other before this tragedy, but we all knew Lisa. She is the common thread that brought us together. We now support each other through our connection to her. Even after her death, Lisa is still bringing people together and is still a force for good. Lisa would have been the first person to step up and help, so we are keeping her legacy alive by doing what she would have done for others.”

A resident of Novi, Christensen had strong ties to both the Novi and Northville communities through her involvement in her children’s school activities, as well as youth sports. Christensen was the Northville Parks and Recreation Department’s director of youth basketball and was

## EVENT DETAILS

The fundraiser will be held 7-10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8 at Genitti’s Hole in the Wall in downtown Northville. Tickets are \$75 until Jan. 27, after which they will be \$100. The ticket includes wine tasting and appetizers. Silent auction items include Red Wings tickets; tickets to various University of Michigan and Michigan State University sporting events; a wine tasting trip to California; a U.S. Open golf experience package; a Major League Baseball All-Star Game package; jewelry; numerous gift baskets; and many other items. Tickets can be purchased by calling Genitti’s at 248-349-0522 or online at [www.conta.cc/1byUXIM](http://www.conta.cc/1byUXIM).

known for creating a program that had waiting lists every year and drew players from both communities. Funds from the charity

event will be used to support Christensen’s two teenage children, Mallory and Mitchell Weber. Mallory, who graduated from Northville High School in 2012, is currently a student-athlete at Penn State University, where she plays soccer. Mitchell is a sophomore at Northville High School and is also active in sports. Christensen’s mother, Jeanne Bowman, has taken on the role of caring for the children.

“Mallory played soccer for me for four years, which gave me the honor of getting to know Lisa, a parent who attended every game, both home and away,” said Eric Brucker, Northville High’s girls soccer coach. “I have coached for 18 years and Lisa was one of the most dedicated parents I’ve known. She was always there organizing concession sales, parent meetings or team parties. I wish there were more people in the world like Lisa. Compassion for others and passion for what she was doing – that was Lisa all the way.”

Brucker is a resident of Novi and coaches in Northville and says he saw first-hand how both areas were affected by Christensen’s death.

“This fundraiser is a chance for both communities to show support,” Brucker said. “It goes without saying that no child should have to experience what these kids have gone through. Both Mallory and Mitchell are exceptional young people and I see Lisa’s passion continuing in them.”

Yaggi believes that even as Christensen’s friends grieve, there is so much to be grateful for and lessons to learn.

“We see triumph over tragedy here,” Yaggi said. “Lisa’s mother, Jeanne, has taken on the role of parenting two teenagers with honor and grace. The outpouring of love from people who never even met Lisa, but want to show the children that they care, is a true testament to Lisa. This fundraiser will focus on those points – on tribute, not tragedy.”

# Students gather at library to dream on MLK Day

By **Lonnie Huhman**  
Staff Writer

A special story/activity time on Martin Luther King Jr. Day inspired a group of children to dream big, accept each other’s differences and serve the community.

For the second year in a row, the doors of the Novi Public Library were open Monday as it celebrated MLK Day through a variety of activities for all ages.

“We know the schools are out, so this is a way for us to reach out to the community and give them a fun, educational option for the day,” the library’s assistant director of public services Margi Karp-Opperer said. “This is another great way to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr.”

The day started with story time. Students in kindergarten through fourth grade

listened to stories about acceptance and valuing each other to hearing about the dreams of kids like them from around the world, to dreaming big no matter what. They also sang a song about peace and harmony.

At one point, Karp-Opperer asked the kids, “What’s one thing you could do nice today?”

“We could read a book to someone,” 7-year-old Kaci Sziraki said, “or invite someone new over to play.”

After story time, the kids went over to make dream catchers. It was a great day with a lot of laughs and smiles as the group worked together in shaping their projects.

Later on that day, author Jean Alicia Elster spoke about her 2014 Michigan Notable book, *The Colored Car*, which is a young adult historical fiction that takes place in



Kids and parents team up in a crafts session Monday at the Novi Public Library to commemorate MLK Day. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Detroit in the 1930s. She described an emotional and compelling look into how the joys of daily life and the legacy of slavery affected children of the 1930s. She also answered questions at the end of the evening and signed copies of her book.

“Her book has a far reaching message that will impact anyone who reads it,” Karp-Opperer said.

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# Home show at Novi’s Showplace

The Home Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan is sponsoring the Novi Home Improvement Show featuring the Michigan Kitchen and Bath Show, Jan. 24-26 at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi.

Anything and everything you need to improve your home can be found under one roof.

Browse exhibits in kitchen and bath interiors, windows and doors, flooring products, cabinetry and more. Talk to local home improvement specialists and designers.

Featured kitchen and bath exhibitors will showcase the latest trends. The Michigan chapter of the National Kitchen and Bath Association will be available to answer design questions.

Stop by to see Dr. Lori, celebrity antique appraiser, featured on Discovery Channel’s *Auction Kings*. She will be on hand to offer a free appraisal for show attendees.

At the show, enter to win

## DETAILS

**Event:** Novi Home Improvement Show

**Location:** Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi (Grand River Avenue between Beck and Taft roads)

**Dates:** Jan. 24-26

**Hours:** 2-9 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday

**Tickets:** Admission is \$9 (for ages 13 and up), \$8 for ages 55 and over and free for children ages 12 and under. Purchase advance tickets online at [novi-homeshow.com](http://novi-homeshow.com) and receive a one-year subscription to a popular women’s magazine such as *Better Homes & Gardens* or buy tickets at metro Detroit Home Depot stores for \$7.

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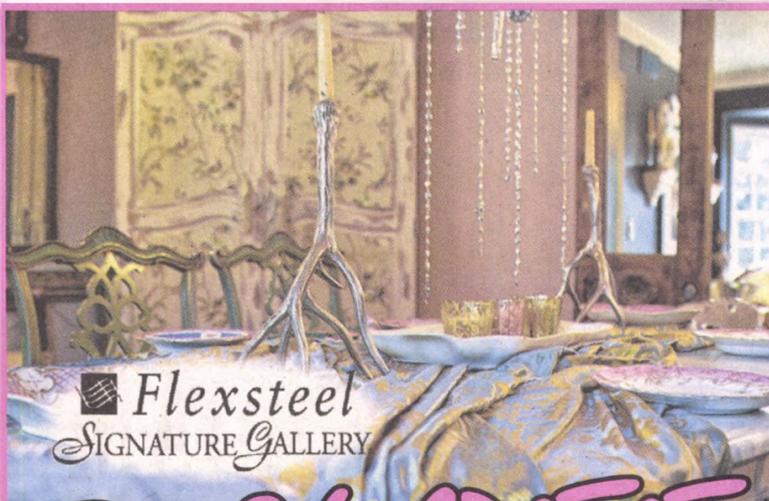
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## Future City: Students explore transportation needs

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

Urban planning might seem like something graduate students or college students would explore, but some local middle school students are getting a good head start on the subject.

Sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders will gather during the school day hours Monday, Jan. 27, for the Future City regional finals, focusing on science, technology, engineering and math. The event will be held at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi.

The regional finals, with about 600 middle schoolers, have a theme this year of "Tomorrow's Transit: Design a Way To Move People In and Around Your City."

"The goal is to get the kids interested in STEM subjects. We're trying to get young kids interested in engineering," said Allison Marrs, membership and Future City program manager for the Engineering Society of Detroit, based in Southfield.

The ESD manages the regional competition for Michigan. Berkley resident Marrs explained. This is the 21st year for national competition (www.futurecity.org) and the 19th year the ESD has

managed Michigan competition.

"The winner of that competition goes on to Washington, D.C.," for national competition, she said.

### Learning together

The teams in Novi will have at least three students and as many as 30, an entire class. The students learn teamwork and presentation skills.

"It just kind of builds a lot of life skills along the way, in addition to getting them interested in engineering," Marrs said.

The teams build a physical model of a city 150 years into the future.

"You would be very impressed with what the kids come up with," Marrs said. By exploring transportation issues, they're using civil engineering and other engineering fields.

"I'm so impressed with what they come up with," she said. "It forces them to do research and really go beyond the classroom."

Among participants Monday will be St. Valentine Catholic School of Redford. Eighth-graders were putting finishing touches on their model earlier this week, said Meghan Ciechanowski, eighth-grade teacher.

"They've been working on it since October,"



St. Valentine Catholic School in Redford will be among those with students participating in the regional finals Monday.

said Ciechanowski, an Eastpointe resident. St. Valentine will have 25 participants in eighth grade, including three presenters.

"They're really excited it's all coming together for the competition," the teacher said. This is her second year doing Future City, which goes back many years at St. Valentine, including a 2003 trip to the championship.

The students work with a teacher, usually in science, and the ESD recruits mentors who usually visit their teams

weekly with advice.

ESD judges, some 200, will look at the physical models and ask the students questions. Scoring will be based on presentation, following rules and more, with first-, second- and third-place winners. The first-place winner goes on to Washington, D.C., for nationals Feb. 15-18 during Engineers Week.

At nationals, there's a grand prize of \$7,500 for the team school or after-school STEM program, as well as a trip to U.S. Space Camp in Huntsville, Ala.

Competition in Michigan is split about 50-50 between boys and girls, with some teams made up of all-girl presenters, Marrs said. "That is another goal. The Engineering Society is really pushing girls to become interested."

The St. Valentine team has 15 girls and 10 boys. The students have used the computer and done extensive research, their teacher said. At St. Val's, they work with two volunteer mentors, a Redford Township staffer and a pro from Wade Trim.

"I would say they get a lot of research-based skills," Ciechanowski said. "It gives them a lot of skills in math and science. It's actually really cool to see all the different schools and models."

The teacher also cited collaboration and working toward goals. "I think they get a lot out of it," she said. Some St. Valentine students are inter-

ested in engineering careers.

"I can see that in the future for them," Ciechanowski said.

Marrs noted many businesses have engineering openings and that the Future City competition helps students even sooner than career years.

"I think it prepares them greatly for high school. It's really kind of a hands-on approach to learning," said Marrs, who has a communications background.

There are some 39 regions for Future City in the U.S., she said. The Jan. 27 regional event will feature about 19 schools and 26 teams. The students, teachers and mentors use SimCity software and consider safety, accessibility and sustainability in their work.

Teams use recycled materials at a total cost of less than \$100 per team.

In past years, a participant was chosen to meet President Barack Obama at a National Science Fair. "So they were very excited about that," Marrs said.

At St. Valentine, the transportation theme included instruction in how that has changed during students' lives.

"It's something they can relate to," Ciechanowski said. "I think they enjoy transportation as a theme. I think some of their ideas could be connected to real-world problems."

The Novi competition isn't open to the public, but many parents, mentors and teachers will attend.

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## SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE UPDATES

### Author Luxenberg visiting

Pageturners, Schoolcraft College's book discussion club, will host a special meet-the-author event featuring the author of *Annie's Ghosts: A Journey into a Family Secret*, the book selected for the 2013-14 Great Michigan Read project.

Detroit native and

associate editor of the *Washington Post*, Steve Luxenberg, will discuss *Annie's Ghosts*, what inspired the book and his insights into the writing process with students, faculty, staff and the community during his visit at 1:15 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 30, at the VisTaTech Center, main campus in Livonia.

For more information about Pageturners visit

<https://sites.google.com/site/scpageturners/>

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### Local schools

This year's schools from southeast Michigan include: Crescent Academy International, Canton; Jain Society of Greater Detroit, Farmington Hills; MacArthur K-8 University Academy, Southfield; Marshall Upper Elementary School, Westland; and St. Valentine.

## Hands on



Zelig Bellavoine, a Parkview Elementary School first-grader, checks out her heartbeat with a stethoscope during a Jan. 9 visit to the school by the Ann Arbor Hands on Museum. Students were introduced to a number of physical sciences and learned how things, in general, work. For example, after doing a set of jumping jacks, they would listen as their hearts worked harder to pump blood through their bodies.

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## NOVI SCHOOL BRIEFS

### Maximizing your gym membership

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To register, call 248-449-1206 or visit [www.novicommunityed.org](http://www.novicommunityed.org).

### Sustaining excellence

Community meetings for sustaining excellence in the Novi Community Schools will be held at 7 p.m. Jan. 23 and 27 and at 10 a.m. Jan. 27 at the Educational Services Building, 25345 Taft.

A Sustaining Excellence Committee has started discussing the future of the school district.

This committee is reviewing buildings and programs to identify needs and direction. The district would like to share with the community ideas that have been developed and get feedback.

Call 248-449-1204 for more information.

### Novi Community Education Preschool open house

The Novi Community Education Preschool will host an open house 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11. The open house gives the opportunity for prospective families to tour the classrooms, meet the staff and get familiar with the Creative Curriculum.

The Community Education Preschool Building (located behind Novi

Meadows Fifth Grade House, 25575 Taft), Community Education Building (25425 Taft) and Novi High School Preschool Room (enter at door 40 next to playground at 24062 Taft) will all be open for tours.

Students who will be age 3, 4 or 5 by Oct 1, are eligible to enroll. All-day classes (meet five days a week) and half-day classes (meet five, three or two days a week) are available.

Registration will begin March 13 for new students and March 11 for current families. The office is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Bring a copy of your child's birth certificate or passport. Class times and fees will be posted to the Novi Community Education Preschool website at <http://www.novi.k12.mi.us/communityed/preschool/> prior to the registration in March.

Day care is available before and after school for an additional fee at the Community Education Building, and can also accommodate students attending classes in the Preschool Education Building location.

For more information call the Novi Community Education Preschool office at 248-449-1713.

### St. Catherine open house

St. Catherine Academy will hold an open house 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 30. Visitors will meet students, hear first-hand from faculty and tour the state-of-the-art building.

The girls school is located at 28200 Napier Road in Wixom.

For additional information, contact Adora Ibrahim, director of admissions, at [admissions@saintcatherineacademy.org](mailto:admissions@saintcatherineacademy.org) or visit [www.saintcatherineacademy.org](http://www.saintcatherineacademy.org).

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

**BlackLight Dance for students**

The Dance Project is hosting the annual BlackLight Dance – a one-of-a-kind dance experience including demos and lessons for all the best dance moves (grade seven and up) – 8-11 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 25, at Novi Christian Community Center, 45301 W. 11 Mile.

Glow-in-the-dark bubbles and white attire “pop” at this event, attended annually by more than 350 students from more than 70 area private, public and home schools. A swing dance lesson for beginners will be given at 7:30 p.m. Snacks and beverages will be provided. Admission is \$5 per

person at the door. A dress code will be enforced. Proceeds benefit Novi’s Epic Events and The Dance Project, a nonprofit group with a mission of “changing the culture by promoting positive dancing” to area schools.

**Win the sugar game**

Renee Heigel, a board certified holistic health and nutrition practitioner, will offer a free seminar at the Better Health Market, 42875 Grand River, Novi, at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 25.

Heigel will discuss how to quit sugar cravings and give tips to help kick a sugar addiction while losing weight in this 60-minute talk with a Q&A at the end.

ON CAMPUS

**Davenport University**

Two Novi students, Patrick Carney and Mary-Grace Denton, have been named to the Dean’s List for the fall 2013 semester.

To make the Dean’s List, a student must maintain a minimum 3.5 grade-point average while enrolled in at least nine credits of regular coursework.

Three Novi students, Sonja Singer, Seidedra Wideman-Bradfield and John Wilde, have been named to the President’s List for the fall 2013 semester.

The President’s List recognizes Davenport University’s top students who excel with outstanding academic performance.

To make the President’s List, a student must maintain a minimum 3.8 grade-point average while enrolled in at least nine credits of regular coursework.

**Marquette University**

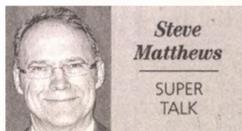
Amy Cauzillo of Novi has been named to the Dean’s List for the fall 2013 semester. She is pursuing a doctor of physical therapy degree.

**Michigan Technological University**

The Dean’s List for the 2013 fall semester includes seven students from Novi: Kevin Courtney, civil engineering; Cody Fackender, mechanical engineering technology; Melissa Hoffman, civil engineering; Lucia Li, chemical engineering; Mason Pew, sound design; Max Reed, geological engineering; and David Valo, mechanical engineering.

To be included, students must achieve grade-point averages of 3.5 or higher. Those earning straight A averages of 4.0 are indicated by asterisks.

# Novi uses ‘robust internal accountability system’



Steve Matthews  
SUPER TALK

Four months ago, the students in grades 3-8 were given the state MEAP assessment. Students in grade 9 were given the Social Studies MEAP assessment. We still have not been given the results.

Assessments are an important part of teaching and learning. They help us measure student growth. Assessments give us a perspective on whether students are learning the lessons that we are trying to teach. They give insight into the relative strengths or weaknesses of a student.

In Novi, we are attempting to create what we call a “robust internal accountability system.” We believe that parents want a system that gives them accurate information on the progress of their children. This robust internal accountability system has many components.

First, and foremost, is teacher feedback. Teachers are the best source of information on the performance of any student. Teachers see students every day. Teachers sit side by side with students, listen to students, watch students and, ultimately, see what students can and cannot do. We believe the best source of information on any individual student’s performance is the teacher.

We also believe that assessments that connect directly to the lessons being taught in a classroom are important. We have created a curriculum framework that guides teachers across the district. Teachers in the first,

fourth, seventh or ninth grade across the district understand what the expectations are and they know the direction students must travel over the course of the year. First grade is first grade in Novi, no matter what school or what classroom a child is in.

Teachers bend and shape the curriculum based on who is in their classroom. But teachers understand the expectation is that every student will grow and that every student will be challenged. To measure whether students are learning the curriculum, our teachers work together to create common classroom assessments. The common classroom assessments provide us with a good tool to measure student progress in learning the core curriculum expectations. Our curriculum guides us and our classroom assessments help measure growth.

These classroom assessments ensure that the expectations across the district are the same. A student in one building is held to the same standard as a student in another building. With a meaningful curriculum and quality classroom assessments, teachers have the tools they need to guide instruction and to assess student progress.

Another tool that we use in our district to measure student pro-

gress is the NWEA assessment. This computer-adapted assessment provides another tool for us to use in the fall and in the spring to measure student growth. The NWEA assessment provides a growth goal for each student. This allows us to examine the individual growth of each student.

The NWEA does not measure Novi’s curriculum. What it measures is how Novi students compare to a national sample and the growth each Novi student makes over the course of the year. It is another tool that we use to hold ourselves accountable.

Finally, we administer and use the state MEAP assessment. But the state MEAP assessment is perhaps the least valuable tool that we have at our disposal. Why? Because the results are not timely. It has been four months since we administered the MEAP and we still do not have results.

Over the course of the last four months, our teachers have been working with our students every day. They sit with them. They teach lessons. They assess their progress.

We have given the NWEA, which provides

feedback in a matter of hours instead of months later.

Our teachers know their students. They know their strengths and their weaknesses. Our teachers have designed lessons, changed lessons, created new lessons to address the unique challenges of their classroom.

At some point, we will receive our MEAP results. We will review the results but, by and large, they will not show us anything that we do not already know about our students.

Our teachers work hard over the course of the year teaching our students. During the course of the year, they will assess our students to make sure our students can demonstrate their learning. In Novi, we are committed to providing our students and their parents with timely information on the progress of their child. Our commitment is that every student will grow and that every student will be challenged.

Steve Matthews is superintendent of Novi Community Schools. He can be reached at 248-449-1204 or smatthews@novi.k12.mi.us.

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# Parolee arraigned in Novi woman's killing

Already had prior manslaughter offense

By Eric D. Lawrence  
Gannett Michigan



Schaufele Jones

A parolee with prior manslaughter and homicide convictions is now facing murder charges in the slaying of an elderly Novi woman, who was found stabbed and strangled in her condo Jan. 13.

Peter G. Jones, 46, was arraigned Jan. 15 on charges of first-degree premeditated murder and felony murder in the killing of 84-year-old Bernice Schaufele. She died of near strangulation

and a stab wound of the neck, according to the Oakland County Medical Examiner's Office.

During the arraignment, Novi Police Detective Randy Mince described the evidence that police had obtained during a search of his home — jewelry and a dish towel with dried blood, both matching items from Schaufele's

condominium. In addition, shoe impressions made at the condo matched the shoes that Jones was wearing.

Jones appeared via video before 52-1 District Judge Dennis Powers, who ordered Jones held without bail and entered a not-guilty plea on his behalf.

Asked whether he needed an attorney, Jones said: "I haven't been able to talk to people, my family. ... I have to talk to my family first. I don't know yet."

Powers, who authorized a court-appointed attorney for Jones, noted that in addition to a manslaughter conviction

in Michigan, Jones had a homicide conviction from 2000 in Florida.

According to online Michigan Department of Corrections records, Jones was paroled in May 2012 after serving six years for a manslaughter charge. His supervision was scheduled to end in May, records show.

Jones' criminal history includes convictions for robbery and dates to at least 1991.

After the arraignment, a group of Schaufele's relatives walked from the courtroom comforting one another and crying.

"This is just a horrific

crime by an animal on an 84-year-old lady. He shouldn't have been on the street," said Zoltan Lukacs, Schaufele's son-in-law. He noted that Schaufele was preparing to move to Charlotte, N.C., where Lukacs and his family live.

He said she was a wonderful mother and grandmother who had two daughters and three grandchildren.

"You wouldn't have had to steal from Bernice. She would have given you anything you wanted," Lukacs said.

Schaufele, who was described as a nice person by one of her neighbors, was found in her

condominium in the 20900 block of West Glen Haven Circle in the Country Place condominium complex near Eight Mile and Meadowbrook roads. Novi Public Safety Director/Police Chief David Molloy said Jones had lived with his mother and sister in an adjacent condominium for a number of months.

Jones was arrested after police saw him acting suspiciously near the crime scene and later found items from Schaufele's condominium during the search at his home.

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## NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

### Medical marijuana infraction

A man with a medical marijuana card was cited for improper transportation of marijuana Jan. 17.

Novi Police pulled over the driver after spotting him driving in both lanes near 12 Mile and Novi roads while reportedly making no attempt to signal or pick a lane. He told police he had a medical card and marijuana in the vehicle. A container of 4.4 grams was in the center console.

He was cited under state code MCL 750.474, which states a person shall not transport or possess usable marijuana in or upon a motor vehicle or any self-propelled vehicle designed for land travel unless the usable marijuana is one or more of the following: enclosed in a case that is carried in the trunk of the vehicle or in a case that is inaccessible from the interior of the vehicle, if the

vehicle in which the person is traveling does not have a trunk.

### Apple tablet stolen

A suspect made off with an iPad 2 tablet used by Global Cellular for its business at Twelve Oaks.

On Jan. 17, it was reported to Novi Police that an employee walked away for at least 10 minutes when the work tool, which the business said it used for its daily tasks, was taken. It is protected by a security app, so the thief would need a code in order to access it. However, it also needs to be accessed for it to be located.

The suspect was seen on security camera.

### Attempted jewelry theft

Two suspects were nabbed by store security at Nordstrom in Twelve Oaks.

The jewelry counter at the store reported a suspicious person and contacted security,

which then watched the female suspect by security camera. She was spotted taking merchandise and concealing it and later she and another woman attempted to bypass checkout points while leaving the store.

The police report stated they were stopped and it was revealed a bracelet, necklace and three pairs of earrings were taken.

### Purse stolen

A window of a Jeep Patriot was smashed by an unknown suspect and a purse was stolen at Life Time Fitness.

The incident happened Jan. 8. While inside for a yoga class, a woman had her purse stolen, which reportedly did not have anything of value inside it. There are no security cameras outside, so no suspect was identified. It appeared as if the suspect cleared all of the glass away so as to gain entrance by crawling through the window.

## Wixom police investigating non-fatal shooting in city

Wixom police were dispatched around 4:35 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 19, to the area of Fairbury Street, near Loon Lake Road, to investigate a non-fatal shooting.

One adult was transported to an area hospi-

tal with non life-threatening injuries. Another adult was taken into police custody.

A weapon was recovered from the scene.

Wixom officers were assisted by officers from the Walled Lake

Police Department and the Oakland County Sheriff's Office. The sheriff's forensic science laboratory is also assisting Wixom police and the case remains under investigation.

## Prosecutor says MacKenzie is illegally dismissing cases

Judge blames clerical error in his denial

By L.L. Brasier and John Wisely  
Gannett Michigan



Cooper MacKenzie

Oakland County Prosecutor Jessica Cooper is accusing Novi District Judge Brian MacKenzie of continuing to illegally dismiss cases, even as a higher court scrutinizes his work.

In a newly filed court document, Cooper cites two additional cases she says the judge mishandled. In November, Cooper asked Oakland County Circuit Judge Colleen O'Brien to review and correct MacKenzie's docket, arguing he dismissed several cases without prosecutors' approval, sealed files that should be public and created inaccurate transcripts.

O'Brien is expected to rule on Cooper's request in the next month.

MacKenzie has denied any wrongdoing and blames some of the problems on a clerical error that came to light after Cooper's complaint.

In her most recent filings, Cooper claims MacKenzie mishandled a domestic violence case in December by giving a break to a defendant, even though it was his second offense, and allowing him to postpone his sentencing, which is prohibited by law. She also said MacKenzie ignored a Michigan Supreme Court order by dismissing another case

and the opinion of the state's highest court.

In rejecting the Supreme Court's order, MacKenzie wrote, "It would appear the clerk that wrote the opinion distorted the facts."

The case was later reinstated after another appeal.

Cooper asked for an order mandating that MacKenzie "follow the law and discontinue this blatantly illegal conduct."

"In plain words, MacKenzie is blowing smoke because he has no legitimate answer to the complaint," she wrote.

MacKenzie's attorney John Lynch said in court filings that MacKenzie has been following the law and Cooper is citing only a fraction of the cases he has handled. MacKenzie presides over approximately 17,000 cases per year, he said.

"The prosecutor has failed to support her threadbare assertion that Judge MacKenzie has granted 'illegal judicial-dismissals of valid criminal convictions,'" Lynch said in his pleadings.

Cooper's office also has filed a complaint against MacKenzie's court reporter, Paul J. Ward, citing transcripts he created that incorrectly indicate prosecutors

were present in court when MacKenzie dismissed some of the cases in question.

Listing prosecutors as present when they were not "at a minimum calls into question the efficacy of the transcripts prepared by Mr. Ward, eroding, if not eviscerating, the trustworthiness of the official records of proceedings coming from Judge MacKenzie's courtroom," Chief Assistant Prosecutor Paul Walton wrote in a complaint to the state board that polices court reporters.

In December, the *Detroit Free Press* reported on MacKenzie's ties to local drug- and alcohol-testing facilities and interlock vendors. The judge's wife is the paid executive director of the Michigan Association of Drug Court Professionals, a nonprofit organization that receives thousands of dollars annually from the drug- and alcohol-testing companies. MacKenzie is that group's president, an unpaid position.

And his son worked for 16 months at Jail Alternative for Michigan Services, known as JAMS, the largest drug- and alcohol-testing company in metro Detroit.

MacKenzie has denied any conflict of interest, saying he receives no financial benefit from any facility and has been ordering testing for years.

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### CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 14-181.03

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE NOVI CITY COUNCIL HAS ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 14-181.03 TO AMEND THE CITY OF NOVI CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ADD CHAPTER 27.5, "REGISTRATION AND LICENSING," ARTICLE IV PAWNBROKERS, TO REQUIRE THE LICENSING OF PAWNBROKERS; TO REQUIRE THE CREATION AND MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS OF TRANSACTIONS; AND, TO REQUIRE THE TRANSMITTAL OF INFORMATION REGARDING TRANSACTIONS TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Saturday, January 11, 2014 and the provisions of the ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its adoption. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., prevailing local time.

Maryanne Cornelius, City Clerk

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Zoning Board of Appeals for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, February 11, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Council Chambers Novi Civic Center 45175 Ten Mile Road to consider:

**CASE NO. PZ13-0074 1316 EAST LAKE DR**  
The applicant is requesting variances to allow reduced south side yard setback of 6.01 ft., respectively to allow construction of a deck on the rear of an existing home. The property is located east of West Lake Dr. and north of South Lake Dr. in the R-4 Zoning District. CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 2400 requires minimum and aggregate side yard setbacks of 10 ft. and 25 ft. respectively.

**CASE NO. PZ13-0075 23965 NOVI ROAD (NEIL KING PHYSICAL THERAPY)**  
The applicant is requesting a variance from Section 28-7(11) of the Novi Sign Ordinance to allow vinyl type exterior window signs located on the south and east side of an office tenant suite. The property is located on west side of Novi Road, south of Grand River Ave. in the OS-1 Zoning District.

CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 28-7(11) allows business signs displayed through building glass area. Section 28-7(11) prohibits exterior window signage

**CASE NO. PZ14-0001 - 43251 CRESCENT BLVD (CHARLES SCHWAB)**  
The applicant is requesting a variance from CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 28-5(3) to allow a second wall sign of 60.8 sq. ft. located on the north side of a retail tenant suite. The property is located east of Novi Rd. and north of Grand River Ave. in the TC Zoning District.

CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 28-5(3) permits a single wall sign for each business storefront in the RC, Regional Center District.

**CASE NO. PZ14-0002 1319 EAST LAKE DR**  
The applicant is requesting variances from the CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 2400 to allow construction of a one-story addition on an existing non-conforming lot with a minimum side setback of 3.44 ft. and a reduced aggregate side setback of 15.42 ft. The property is located east of West Lake Dr. and north of South Lake Dr., in the R-4 Zoning District. CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 2400 requires that a structure within an R-4 zoning district have a minimum side setback of 10 ft., a minimum aggregate side setback of 25 ft.

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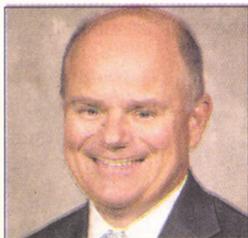
# Auto show chair talks about industry, event

By Jay Grossman  
Staff Writer

Bob Shuman, chairman of the 2014 North American International Auto Show, knows the auto industry will need to reach some lofty numbers to top the nearly 16 million vehicles sold in the U.S. last year.

He thinks it can be done. "The auto industry in North America had a great year - 16 million cars is a huge number," he said. "Two or three years ago, no one thought we'd be at this. But the auto companies are lean and they're ready. I think we're going to see some really strong sales in 2014."

Shuman, 52, with Shuman Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram in Walled Lake, is a third-generation car guy. His grandfather started out selling used cars on Fort Street. Shuman himself was an attorney for 11 years with the Bloomfield Hills law firm of Beier Howlett before he switched gears and joined the family



Shuman

business.

"My dad was ready to retire in 1997," he said. "I finally couldn't resist and came back. I grew up here as a kid and the thought of selling the place was too much to bear."

As for 2014, Shuman said now is the perfect time to lease or buy a car.

"We all have heavy inventories at this time of the year," he said. "It's a great time to buy a car and everyone has a good lease these days."

Part of his responsibilities as chairman includes traveling to auto shows around the world. Visiting those other places reinforced the importance of the Detroit

*"We all have heavy inventories at this time of the year. It's a great time to buy a car and everyone has a good lease these days."*

**BOB SHUMAN**  
chairman, 2014 North American International Auto Show

car show.

"Sometimes in Detroit we get a little down on ourselves," he said. "But when you talk to someone in France or China and you say you're with the North American International Auto Show, their eyes will light up and they'll tell you it's one of the best shows in the world."

Shuman spoke with the *Birmingham Eccentric* about the auto show:

**Q: How does the North American International Auto Show compare to other major auto shows around the**

**world?**

Shuman: NAIAS is one of the top three shows in the world. We pride ourselves on our media coverage.

Over 5,000 media members come from more than 60 countries to cover the best new vehicles being unveiled on the world stage in Detroit.

That is the primary reason the NAIAS is one of the most important venues for worldwide vehicle reveals. The media come because the intros are here. The auto-makers come because the media are here. There are a lot of other factors that go into that formula, like a hospitable city, and a world class convention center, but this is key when it comes to why our show is so critical to both media and automakers.

Then, of course, these fresh reveals are on display for all to see, including the nearly 800,000 people who will go through Cobo Center.

**Q: What are your responsibilities as the**

**show's chairman?**

Shuman: I act, along with our Executive Director, Rod Alberts, and the dealer members of the NAIAS Executive Committee, to keep the show true to its standing as an International Auto Show while trying to be as innovative as possible. Producing the show takes the combined effort of a great many highly talented individuals. We are not burdened by a large, lethargic Board of Directors. We're flexible, quick and decisive, and get the work done that leads to the producing the best show in the world.

**Q: What cars are in the 2014 show?**

Shuman: In terms of vehicle introductions, we know that these brands will be unveiling worldwide product introductions on the Detroit stage: Acura, Audi, Bentley, BMW, Cadillac, Chrysler, Chevrolet, Ford, GMC, Hyundai, Infiniti, Kia, Lexus, Mercedes-Benz, Nissan, Porsche, Subaru, Toyota, VW, Volvo.

In addition, there will be more than 500 vehicles on the show floor from virtually all categories including luxury, SUVs, CUVs, concepts, sports/performance, trucks, and alternative fuel vehicles. Remember, the auto show is the best entertainment venue for families and individuals, and is the best place on the planet to comparison shop.

**Q: Are there activities for the whole family?**

Shuman: Yes, always. I like to encourage people to really take their time and look deep into the exhibits to learn about the changing automotive landscape.

There is so much great new technology that goes into new vehicles today, and this is really the best place to learn about it all because it's here to stay. Same goes for safety and communications. You'll be amazed, entertained and educated.

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**AUTO SHOW CHARITY PREVIEW**



Tom and Yvette Dixon, of Plymouth, Bob and Pam MacKenzie, of Plymouth, Rich and Beth Turner, of Northville, Mark and Anne Houska, of Plymouth, and Tom and Debbie Meredith, of Northville, enjoying the Charity Preview. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

# GLITZ, GLAMOUR AT AUTO SHOW GALA

Area residents help raise \$4.8 million during North American International Auto Show Charity Preview

The indomitable spirit of Detroit is alive and well. Just ask the nearly 13,800 people who attended the North American International Auto Show Charity Preview last Friday.

NAIAS reported \$4.8 million was raised for nine children's charities during an evening of glamour and elegance. This year's event raised nearly \$1 million more than 2013 – and the highest amount raised since 2008.

"The evening was absolutely electric," NAIAS chairman Bob Shuman said.

Charities benefiting from the event include Boys and Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan, Boys and Girls Hope Detroit, The Children's Center, The Children's Hospital of Michigan Foundation, The Detroit Auto Dealers Association Charitable Foundation Fund, a fund of the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan, Detroit Institute of Children, Judson Center, March of Dimes Metro Detroit and Detroit PAL.

The black tie crowd enjoyed 4,400 bottles of champagne, 1,000 pounds of beef, 20,000 bottles of wine, 35,000 bottles of beer from the Detroit Beer Co., 1,200 pounds of shrimp and more.

The show is now open to the public through Sunday, Jan. 27.



Novi residents Jeff and Mary Golota have a good time checking out the Corvette Stingray at last week's charity gala. JULIE YOLLES



Cars and trucks weren't the only thing making their 2014 debut at Charity Preview. Julie Spivey introduced her new name. Novi residents Julie and David Spivey got married on Dec. 28. JULIE YOLLES



Jan and Jim Wills, at the Ford exhibit, are from Northville. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



White Lake residents Kristine and Domenic Milicia checked out the cars in style on Friday night. Kristine wore a Tadashi gown with Stuart Weitzman platforms. JULIE YOLLES



The Corvette Stingray, named Car of the Year, attracted the attention of Beth and Bill Bell of Novi. JULIE YOLLES



Matt and Cory Thurber are from Northville. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER





## RELIGION CALENDAR

**Brightmoor  
Christian Church**

**Location:** M-5 and 13 Mile, Novi  
**Contact:** 248-227-4420 or [www.brightmoorchurch.org](http://www.brightmoorchurch.org)  
**Celebrate Recovery**  
**Time/Dates:** 7 p.m. Mondays  
**Details:** Worship, teaching or testimony, and open-share recovery groups. Organizers offer the principles and tools to bring healing for the hurts, deliverance from life-controlling habits, and freedom from the hang-ups that keep us from developing strong and healthy relations with God and others. Enter at Door D on the south side of the building. No cost; free child care is available for children birth through fifth grade. Preregister.

**Church of  
the Holy Family**

**Location:** 24505 Meadowbrook Road  
**Contact:** 248-349-8847 or visit [holymfamilynovi.org](http://holymfamilynovi.org)  
**Mass Schedule**  
**Time/Day:** 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Friday; 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday; 4:30 p.m. Saturday; 6:30 p.m. Saturday (Spanish)  
**Holy days:** 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.  
**Reconciliation:** beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment  
**Priests:** the Rev. Bob LaCroix, pastor, and the Rev. Beto Espinoza, associate pastor  
**AA:** 8 p.m. Wednesdays

**Crosspointe  
Meadows Church**

**Location:** 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile  
**Contact:** 248-669-9400, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or

visit [www.crosspointe-meadows.org](http://www.crosspointe-meadows.org).  
**Sunday worship:** 11:15 a.m.  
**Bible study classes:** 10 a.m. for all ages  
**Details:** Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multisensory worship experience.

**Destiny Worship  
Center**

**Location:** Ridge Wood Elementary School, 49775 Six Mile, Northville  
**Contact:** [DestinyW3C@gmail.com](mailto:DestinyW3C@gmail.com) or visit [www.DW3C.org](http://www.DW3C.org).

**Emmanuel Lutheran  
Church**

**Location:** 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia  
**Web:** [www.emmanuel-livonia.org](http://www.emmanuel-livonia.org)  
**Contact:** 248-442-8822  
**Sunday worship:** 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.  
**Adult special needs worship:** 9:30 a.m.  
**Youth group:** 7 p.m. Wednesdays  
**Women's Coffee Break Bible Study Advent Study:** 10-11:30 a.m. Mondays; Christianity's Family Tree, Adam Hamilton  
**Adult Sunday School:** 9:30 a.m.; Paul: To Live In Christ  
**Men's Breakfast:** 7:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb 1; Commandments For Today

**Faith Community  
Presbyterian Church**

**Location:** 44400 W. 10 Mile  
**Contact:** 248-349-2345 or visit [www.faithcommunity-novi.org](http://www.faithcommunity-novi.org)

**Blanket day**

Jan. 19 at Novi's Meadowbrook Congregational Church was Blanket Day, a Sunday where the youth of the church put together blankets for patients at C.S. Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor. Meadowbrook Church Director of Christian Education Colleen Foster prepares the fabric to make blankets. LISA BARRY

**Sunday Worship:** 10 a.m.  
**Women's Bible Study:** 9:15-10:30 a.m. Saturdays; What's So Amazing About Grace? through March 22

**First Baptist Church  
of Northville**

**Location:** 217 N. Wing  
**Contact:** 248-348-1020

**Sunday Worship:** 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m.  
**Sunday School:** 9:30 a.m.  
**Ladies Bible Study:** 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays  
**Men's Bible Study:** 9 a.m. first Saturday of every month

**First Church of  
the Nazarene**

**Location:** 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile  
**Contact:** 248-348-7600 or visit [dfcnazarene.org](http://dfcnazarene.org)  
**Sunday Schedule:** 9:30 a.m. Classic worship service, Adult Bible Fellowship classes and Children's Sunday School; 11 a.m. Contemporary worship service with Kids Church, Teen Worship Service and Adult Bible Fellowship classes. Cafe is open from 9:15-11 a.m. Refreshments at 10:30 a.m.; 6 p.m. Evening Traditional Service  
**Tuesday:** 9:25 a.m. Women's Bible Study (Women of the Word) studying Luke  
**Thursday schedule:** 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group and Bible Study  
**Friday:** 9:30 a.m.; Sweet Fridays on the second and fourth Fridays - A Ministry for Moms of All Ages

**First Presbyterian  
Church of Northville**

**Location:** 200 E. Main  
**Contact:** 248-349-0911 or visit [www.fpcnorthville.org](http://www.fpcnorthville.org)  
**Sunday Worship:** 10 a.m.

**First Presbyterian  
Church**

**Location:** 205 E. Lake St. (corner of Wells and 10 Mile), South Lyon  
**Contact:** 248-437-2875

**First Presbyterian  
Church**

**Location:** 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington

**First United  
Methodist Church  
of Northville**

**Location:** 777 W. Eight Mile, Northville  
**Contact:** 248-349-1144 or [www.fumcnorthville.org](http://www.fumcnorthville.org)  
**Summer Sunday Worship (Memorial Day-Labor Day):** 8:30 and 10 a.m.  
**Summer Sunday School (Memorial Day-Labor Day):** 8:30 a.m. - Nursery; 10 a.m. - Nursery - sixth grade  
**Sunday Worship (September-May):** 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m.  
**Sunday School (September-May):** 8 a.m. Nursery; 9:15 a.m. Nursery 12th grade; 11 a.m. Nursery - sixth grade

**Good Shepherd  
Lutheran Church**

**Location:** 41415 Nine Mile, corner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi  
**Contact:** 248-349-0565  
**Sundays:** 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Study; 10 a.m. Worship

**Holy Cross  
Episcopal Church**

**Location:** 40700 W. 10 Mile  
**Contact:** 248-427-1175 or [holycrossnovi@gmail.com](mailto:holycrossnovi@gmail.com); visit [holyCROSSnovi.org](http://holyCROSSnovi.org)  
**Sunday Worship:** 7:45 and 10 a.m.  
**Sunday School and Nursery Care:** 10 a.m. worship service  
**Alzheimer's Support Group:** 10 a.m. second Saturday of month.

**Hope Lutheran  
Church**

**Location:** 39200 W. 12 Mile

(east of Haggerty), Farmington Hills

**Lakes Baptist  
Church**

**Location:** 309 Decker Road, Walled Lake

**Livonia Church  
of Christ**

**Location:** 15431 Merriman, Livonia  
**Contact:** 734-427-8743 or visit [www.livoniachurch.net](http://www.livoniachurch.net)  
**Sunday Worship:** 11 a.m.  
**Bible School:** Sunday 10 a.m.; Wednesday 7 p.m.

**Legacy Church**

(formerly First Baptist Church and Orchard Hills Baptist Church)

**Location:** 23455 Novi Road, Novi  
**Contact:** pastor Jon Hix, 248-349-5665 or visit [www.legacychurch.us](http://www.legacychurch.us)  
**Sunday School/Small Groups for all ages:** 9:45 a.m.  
**Worship Services:** 11 a.m.  
**Bible Study/Prayer:** Wednesday 7 p.m.

**Meadowbrook  
Congregational  
Church**

**Location:** 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between Eight Mile and Nine Mile  
**Contact:** the Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, senior minister, 248-348-7757, visit [mbccc.org](http://mbccc.org) or email to [office@mbccc.org](mailto:office@mbccc.org).  
**Sunday Worship:** 10 a.m.  
**Church School:** 10-11 a.m.  
**Fellowship Hour:** 11 a.m.  
**Merry Widows Luncheon:** 11:30 a.m. fourth Thursday of each month  
**Pilgrim Fellowship:** 6 p.m. Sundays

**Northville Christian  
Assembly**

**Location:** 41355 Six Mile  
**Contact:** 248-348-9030; [ncalife.org](http://ncalife.org)  
**Sundays:** 9-10 a.m. Sunday School for adults / youth / children; 9 a.m. Contemporary service in multipurpose gymnasium; 10:15 a.m.: Contemporary service in worship center; children's super church on the second level (208/210)  
**Wednesday Family Night:** 7 p.m.; Adult elective classes; junior and senior high ministries; children's programs, Nursery and Preschool Program on Sundays and Wednesdays Home of Northville Christian School (day care; preschool through eighth grade); call 248-348-9031.

**Novi-Northville  
Center for  
Jewish Life**

**Details:** Events, programs and activities for all ages throughout the year - children's programs, Sunday school, adult Jewish classes, youth clubs, holiday services and programs, community social events.  
**Contact:** Rabbi Avrohom & Leah Susskind at 248-790-6075 or [rabbini@novijewishcenter.com](mailto:rabbini@novijewishcenter.com); [www.novijewishcenter.com](http://www.novijewishcenter.com)

**Novi United  
Methodist Church**

**Location:** 41671 W. 10 Mile  
**Contact:** 248-349-2652 or visit [umcnovi.com](http://umcnovi.com)  
**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Novi-United-Methodist-Church/59782031433>  
**Sunday Worship:** 9:45 a.m.  
**Healing Service and Holy Communion:** 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of every month  
**Peace Vigil:** noon, first Sunday of every month in front of the

church. Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace.

**Oak Pointe Church**

**Location:** 50200 W. 10 Mile, Novi  
**Contact:** 248-912-0043  
**Web:** [www.oakpointe.org/lifegroups](http://www.oakpointe.org/lifegroups)  
**Worship Services:** 5:15 p.m. Saturday; 9:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m. Sunday

**ReNew Life Group Ministries:** 7 p.m. Monday (groups meet weekly)

**Women's Life Groups Ministries:** 7 p.m. Tuesday; 9:30 a.m. Wednesday

**Men's Life Groups Ministries:** 6 a.m. Friday; at the church and various locations

**Orchard Grove  
Community Church**

**Location:** 850 Ladd Road, Building C, Walled Lake  
**Web:** [www.orchardgrove.org](http://www.orchardgrove.org)  
**Contact:** Amanda Rehm at 248-926-6584 or [amanda.rehm@orchardgrove.org](mailto:amanda.rehm@orchardgrove.org).

**Our Saviour  
Apostolic  
Lutheran Church**

**Location:** 54899 Eight Mile, Northville  
**Contact:** 248-374-2268  
**Children 5-10 & Adult Sunday School:** 10 a.m.  
**Bible Study:** Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

**Orchard Grove  
Community Church**

**Location:** 850 Ladd Road, Walled Lake  
**Contact:** 248-926-6584; [www.orchardgrove.org](http://www.orchardgrove.org)

**Our Lady of Good  
Counsel Catholic  
Church**

**Location:** 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth Township  
**Contact:** 734-453-0326, Ext. 221

**Our Lady of Victory  
Catholic Church**

**Location:** 770 Thayer, Northville  
**Contact:** 248-349-2621 or [olvnorthville.org](http://olvnorthville.org)  
**Saturday Worship:** 5 p.m.  
**Sunday Worship:** 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.

**Our Shepherd  
Presbyterian Church**

**Location:** 1200 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth  
**Contact:** pastor Bill Burke at 734-927-0891  
**Wednesday Bible Study:** 7 p.m.  
**Sunday Bible Study:** 9:30 a.m.  
**Sunday Worship:** 10:30 a.m. with fellowship and food after service

**Our Savior Apostolic  
Lutheran Church**

**Location:** 54899 Eight Mile, Northville

**Pentecostals of Novi**

**Location:** Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile  
**Contact:** 248-697-8158 or visit [www.thepentecostalsofnovi.org](http://www.thepentecostalsofnovi.org)

**Plymouth St. John's  
Episcopal Church**

**Location:** 574 S. Sheldon in Plymouth  
**Contact:** 734-453-0190, Ext. 16, or visit [www.stjohnsplymouth.org](http://www.stjohnsplymouth.org)

**Praise Baptist  
Church**

**Location:** 45000 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth  
**Contact:** 734-748-3898

**St. James Catholic  
Church**

**Location:** 46325 10 Mile, Novi  
**Contact:** 248-347-7778  
**Pastor:** Monsignor John Kasza  
**Mass Schedule:** 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Tuesday; 7 p.m. Wednesday; 5 p.m. Saturday

**St. John Lutheran  
Church**

**Location:** 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills  
**Contact:** 248-474-0584 or visit [stjohn-lutheran.com](http://stjohn-lutheran.com)  
**Saturday Worship:** 5:30 p.m.  
**Sunday Worship:** 9, 11:15 a.m.  
**Sunday School:** 10:15 a.m.

**St. Paul's Lutheran  
Church**

**Location:** 201 Elm St., Northville  
**Contact:** 248-349-3140

**Unity of Farmington  
Hills**

**Location:** 32500 W. 13 Mile, Farmington  
**Contact:** 248-737-9191; [AdministrativeDirector@unityfh.com](mailto:AdministrativeDirector@unityfh.com)

# Passages

Obituaries, Memories &amp; Remembrances

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Deadline: Tuesday 9:45 a.m. for Thursday**BRENNAN,  
DIANALINE**

September 6, 1930 - January 7, 2014. [www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com](http://www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com)

**COLLINS, DONALD J.**  
May 17, 1927 - January 13, 2014  
[www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com](http://www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com)

**DONNELSON,  
LAWRENCE P.**

of Milford, St. Mary's and Landis Inc., died on January 14, 2014. Services were held.  
[LynchFuneralDirectors.com](http://LynchFuneralDirectors.com)

**GATES, GEORGE W.**

87, of Milford, MI, died peacefully on January 18, 2014. He was born in Detroit, MI, on October 15, 1926. George graduated from Catholic Central High School in 1943 and immediately enlisted in the U.S. Navy. He served aboard the U.S.S. New Jersey battleship until June 1946. George attended the University of Detroit from 1946-49. He married Betty Runstadler, the love of his life and devoted wife of 64 years, in 1949. George is survived by his wife and three children and a granddaughter, Victoria (Art) Lofton, of Huntington Beach, California, George Gates, Jr., of Highland, MI, Nancy (Ron) Pearson, of Bainbridge Island, Washington, and Marylynne Gates, of Phoenix, Arizona. Funeral Services were held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors in Milford, on Monday, January 20, 2014. For further information please phone, 248-684-6645 or visit [www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com).

**LYNCH & SONS**

Funeral Directors

**KASPEREK, HELEN**  
November 15, 1923 - January 14, 2014. [www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com](http://www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com)

**MIESELER,  
CHARLOTTE**  
January 28, 1920 - January 10, 2014. [www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com](http://www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com)

**PLETKOVIC, IRENE**  
January 17, 1926 - January 6, 2014. [www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com](http://www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com)

**SCHAUFELE,  
BERNICE IRENE**

January 13, 2014. Beloved wife of the late Ray. Dear mother of Sharon (Daniel Keskitalo) Schaufele and Kim (Zoltan) Lukacs. Proud grandmother of Brandon, Evan and Aaron. Sister of John Dickey and Jackie Guvevsky. Services were held with Rev. Stephen Perrine officiating. Interment at Our Lady of Hope Cemetery. Donations can be made to The Crime Victim Foundation P.O. Box 441, Jenison, MI 49429. On line sympathy message at [obriensullivanfuneralhome.com](http://obriensullivanfuneralhome.com)

**SKOWRONEK,  
DEBORAH**

Passed away January 18, 2014. Wife of Tom. Mother of Scott (Kate) and Jonathan. Grandmother of Abigail. Step-mother of Eric (Jessica) and David. Step-grandmother to Chris, Brendan, Grace and Logan. Special cousin to Carrie. Visitation Saturday 10 a.m. - 12 noon with a 12 noon Funeral Service at the Fisher Funeral Home in Redford. In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to the Disabled American Veterans.

**SPICER, GEORGE**

November 7, 1933 - January 11, 2014. [www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com](http://www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com)

**STOWELL, JOHN G.**  
Age 71, of Northville passed away January 17, 2014. Full obituary and online condolences at [casterlinefuneralhome.com](http://casterlinefuneralhome.com)

**TAGGART, JIM**

Age 79, passed away on January 8th, 2014. Full Obit and online condolences at [www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com](http://www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com)

**TRESSLER,  
BARBARA ANN ARMS**

A resident of Milford, passed away January 17, 2014, age 91. Wife of the late Charles Tressler. Survived by her daughters, Linda Dagenhardt and Tamara Tressler; grandchildren, Christina (Brad) Acker, Norman Dagenhardt, Timothy (Cindy) Tino, and Tracie (Tim) Arnold; Great-grandchildren, Mackenzie and Courtney Tino, and Alyshia, Ryan, Tyler, and Kyle Arnold; six nieces and a nephew; her best friends and cousins, Helen McGee, Dottie Sheffler, and Mary Jane McCall Jewett. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends. A commemoration of her life will be held at a later date for family and friends. Memorial donations may be made to the Oak Grove Cemetery Fund or Milford Methodist Church. For further information please contact, Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors, Milford, 248-684-6645 or visit [www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com).

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**VANDERVOORT,  
DOUGLAS**

55 years old, of Novi, Michigan passed away from melanoma cancer on January 16, 2014. Born to William and Virginia Vandervoort March 16, 1958, in Norwalk, CT, he grew up in Richfield, OH and went on to graduate with an Agricultural Engineering Degree from Ohio State University and later earned his Professional Engineering license. Doug married Patricia Freitag Vandervoort on November 23, 1985. Doug was a wonderful husband, fantastic, hands-on father, cherished son, loving brother, engaged uncle, and terrific friend. Doug put his heart into everything he did, whether he was tackling engineering problems at work or the "Must-do List" of fun activities on family vacations. Doug's love for the outdoors included running, mountain biking, water and snow skiing, sailing, swimming, hiking and gardening. He was also an avid woodworker and do-it-yourselfer. Doug is survived by his wife Patricia, son Christopher (Law Student at Northwestern University, Chicago, IL), and daughters Brianna and Katie (Junior and Freshman, respectively, at University of Michigan). A memorial gathering to celebrate Doug's life will be held this Saturday, January 25th, from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. at The Michigan Union, 530 S. State Street, Ann Arbor, Michigan, 48109. Hors d'Oeuvres will be served and guests will be invited to share their remembrances. Guests are encouraged to bring photographs. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a memorial fund for Doug's children's college educations. Checks may be made out to "Doug Vandervoort Memorial Trust Fund".



# Top dogs



The Michigan Winter Dog Classic show was held last week at Novi's Suburban Collection Showplace.



Jenna Curtis of Indianapolis grooms English setter Teller during the Michigan Winter Dog Classic held at Novi's Suburban Collection Showplace. The four-day event featured hundreds of dogs and their owners, all competing for best of breed and best of show. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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**HOLY SPIRIT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL**  
www.hsrrc.net  
at the corner of Winans Lake & Musch Rd.  
810-231-9199  
Fr. John Rocus, Pastor  
Weekend Liturgies Saturday 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.  
Please visit our Shrine of Tunn Display and Book & Gift Shop

## Milford

**CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Preschool, Pre-K & Kdg. - Mo. Synod  
620 General Motors Rd., Milford  
Church office: (248) 684-0895  
Sunday Services: 8:30 am & 11am  
Bible Study & Sunday School @ 9:45 am  
Rev. Martin Dressler

## Novi

**BRIGHTMOOR CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
40800 W. 13 Mile Road, Novi  
on the corner of M-5 & W 13  
Sundays 9:15a & 11:15a  
www.brightmoorc.org  
something for the entire family

**HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
24505 Meadowbrook Rd., Novi, MI 48375  
Saturday: 4:30 p.m. (English) & 6:30 p.m. (Spanish)  
Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.  
Fr. Bob LaCroix, Pastor  
Fr. Beto Espinoza, Associate  
Parish Office: 349-8847 • www.holyfamilynovi.org

## Walled Lake

**CROSSPOINT COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
1850 S. Commerce Rd.  
Walled Lake, MI 48390  
Sunday Services: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.  
Wednesday Evening: 7 p.m. All Ages  
Rev. Kenneth Warren - 586-531-2021  
www.cpccnow.com

**FIRST BAPTIST OF MILFORD**  
VISITORS WELCOME!  
133 Detroit St., Milford • 248-684-5695  
Pastor: Steve Swayze  
Sunday School (all ages) 9:45 a.m. • Sunday Worship - 11 a.m.  
Young Adults Dinner/Bible Study, Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesdays: 6:45-8:15 p.m.  
Awards: 3 yrs old thru 6th grade and Youth Group for 7th grade and older  
Website: milfordbaptist.org

**FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
44400 W. 10 Mile, Novi, 248-349-2345  
1/2 mile west of Novi Rd.  
www.faithcommunity-novi.org  
WORSHIP AND SUNDAY SCHOOL - 10 AM  
"Children, Youth and Adult Ministries"

**HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL**  
40700 W. Ten Mile Rd. • 248-427-1175  
Sunday Worship 7:45 am & 10 am  
Healing Service Wednesday 11:45 am  
Rev. Ann Webber, Rector  
holycrossnovi@gmail.com

## Whitmore Lake

**FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH**  
10774 Nine Mile Road  
Rev. M. Lee Taylor • 449-2582  
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.  
Worship, 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening, 7:00 p.m.

**MILFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Pastor Bryant Anderson  
238 N. Main Street, Milford MI (248) 684-2805  
www.milfordpc.org  
Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday School age 3 thru 5th grade @ 10 a.m.  
Youth Group 10 am - Grades 6-12  
A heritage of area worship since 1836

**MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
21355 Meadowbrook Rd. in Novi at 8 1/2 Mile  
248-348-7757 • www.mbc.org  
Sunday Worship 10 a.m.  
Rev. Arthur Ritter, Senior Minister

**OAK POINTE CHURCH**  
50200 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi  
Saturday Worship 5:15 p.m.,  
Sunday 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.  
Casual, contemporary service  
Phone (248) 912-0043  
www.oakpointe.org

## Highland

**HIGHLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
660 W. Livingston Rd. • Highland, MI 48357  
248.887.1311 • www.myhuncm.com  
Sunday Worship: 9:30 & 11 a.m.  
Kids Church: 9:30 & 11 a.m.  
MS & HS Youth: 11 a.m.  
MS Youth Night Wednesday 6:30-8 p.m.  
Grief Share Monday 6:30 p.m.

**Milford United Methodist Church**  
1200 Atlantic St., Milford, MI 48381  
Sunday Worship: 8:30 am and 10:30 am, 6 pm  
Children's Church: 10:30 am  
Groups for Children, Youth and Adults  
248-684-2798  
www.milfordumc.net

**ST. JAMES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH NOVI**  
46325 10 Mile Rd. • Novi, MI 48374  
Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday 8, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m.  
Msgr John Kasza, Pastor  
Parish Office: 347-7778

**NOVI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
41671 W Ten Mile Road • Novi, MI 48375  
Sunday Worship 9:45 a.m.  
Rev. James M. Smith, Pastor  
248-349-2652  
www.umcnovi.com  
"Loving God, loving each other and living our core values"

## South Lyon

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
205 E. Lake (10 Mile) 248.437.2875  
Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.  
Children's Church for Grades K thru 5th  
Nursery Care Provided  
Mid-Week Study Thursday 7:00 p.m.  
Rev. Michael Horlocker, Pastor  
www.pcfirstplyon.org

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## OUR VIEWS

# Thank school board members for all they do

Being a school board member has got to be one of the most thankless jobs.

Paid nominally, if at all, these elected officials put in countless hours of tedious work reviewing bids, contracts and other proposals so they can come to a consensus in making decisions in the best interest of the school district they represent.

Holding down day jobs to support their families – usually in fields unrelated to education – they meet in the evening to conduct school district business and sacrifice time they could be spending with their loved ones.



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They attend musical concerts, athletic events, science fairs and school fundraisers to show their support at all of the buildings, not just the ones their children or grandchildren may attend.

Some spend hundreds or thousands of dollars of their money on political signs and/or literature to get elected. Once in office, many donate back to the school district they

represent any pay they may get for attending meetings or pass up reimbursement for classes or conferences they attend in order to learn how to do their job better.

While serving, they face tough decisions such as which schools to close, which programs to cut, which services to privatize. No matter how they vote, they inevitably make a group of people mad and are subjected to

critical comments made publicly at meetings and in the press. It is impossible for them to please everyone with the difficult decisions they are elected to make.

Often, they have to set aside their personal preferences and vote for the greater good.

So then, why would anyone want to run for school board? Because they believe in public education, one of the

cornerstones of American society. Their reward comes in June, when they get to hand

out diplomas to another class of students, sending them off full of promise for the future.

Maybe that's why January is School Board Recognition Month, a time when communities across Michigan acknowledge the efforts of their local school board members. From June to June is a long time to go without any encouragement – especially for a mostly volunteer job that

requires so much commitment.

Take the time to send an email or write a note or card to the members of your Novi school board, thanking them for serving. Members are Dennis O'Connor, president; Bobbie Murphy, vice president; Shari Lebo, secretary; Ann Glubzinski, treasurer; and Trustees George Kortlandt, Jason Manar and Tracey Cadwell.

Their emails and addresses are available online at <http://www.novi.k12.mi.us/district/boe/>.

Being a school board member is a tough job, but someone has to do it. Let's thank those who are willing to do it.

## LETTERS TO EDITOR

### Challenges anti-gun writer

In a recent letter, Ms. Donigan submits: "The U.S. has become the land of the fearful where violence and killing are rampant." She further submits that: "Laws based upon racial and ethnic biases have allowed a cowboy mentality of the Wild West to flourish."

Specifically, what are you speaking of, Ms. Donigan? Exactly what laws are based upon racial and/or ethnic biases? Anything? Remotely?

You wrote: "Various types of guns are poorly regulated and are easily accessible." Clue everyone in on how this is possible, given all the current regulations. You've no basis for this statement. Your declarations are erroneous, without facts and you submit them fully aware that they are without merit.

The situations you've cited will not end. These criminal acts were perpetrated by individuals whose sole purpose were to extirpate anyone in their path toward revenge and/or notoriety. None of them held a valid license to possess a firearm.

The only worry someone bent upon destroying life with a gun is someone with equal or superior firepower nearby to take him/her out immediately and decisively. Most of the facilities you cited, legal weapons were prohibited and the perpetrator knew well the killing spree could continue without interruption.

You conclude: "When will citizens get involved to pressure representatives and other leaders to make changes to prevent needless deaths? When will reason and sanity prevail?"

Quite a conundrum, Ms. Donigan. You want to deprive not only the bad people to carry weapons, but law-abiding people, too. What are law-abiding people to do when faced with the foe, armed and ready to configure their existence? Gather all of your like-minded progressive associates and write all the letters you and they desire. Submit them to whosoever you may believe may listen and give a hoot. Few, if any, will respond.

Vincent Ziegler  
Farmington Hills

### Privatize programs

Let's privatize health insurance. Start with Medicare. Average annu-

### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. Letters should be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content. Submit letters via the following formats. Letters must be received by 9 a.m. Monday for Thursday's print edition.

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al spending per beneficiary is about \$10,000. Give every senior that \$10,000 to deposit into their Health Savings Account managed by the Medicare Bank.

The bank, in size and cost, would be a shadow of the former Medicare bureaucracy and a productive member of the financial community.

More than 49 million new customers would have insurance companies salivating. A senior already spending \$4,000 or more annually for Part B, D and a Medigap policy would have \$14,000-plus to buy insurance of their choice.

Do the same thing with Medicaid. Privatizing it would also solve the doctor shortage due to low pay and bureaucratic hassles.

In lieu of paying for "Obamacare," employers contribute to an HSA the employee uses to buy coverage that meets their needs, not what government dictates. Change jobs? Take your insurance and HSA with you.

With millions of consumers capitalized, making health care choices and the industry competing for customers, lower cost and improved service is a given and government won't have their noses in our wallets and examination rooms.

Jack Belisle  
South Lyon

### Consider research

A recent letter from Scott Julian, Ph.D., warned that published scientific research on child outcomes of same-sex parents was not all of the same quality and that inappropriate methodolo-

gies could lead to erroneous conclusions.

His point that it is important to consider author biases and methodological appropriateness has wide applicability. Readers and policy makers must carefully consider the best that academic research has to offer to support stands on such issues parenting outcomes.

Unfortunately, Dr. Julian has presented an inaccurate assessment of the research he cites, reinforcing the imperative that readers must come to their own conclusions. Simply having a Ph.D. does not make one an expert in all fields nor render one immune from personal bias.

The central conclusion of the noted research by Marks (2012 in *Social Science Research*) is that the available data on same-sex parenting "are insufficient to support a strong generalized claim either way." In other words, research methodologies have a long way to go before the question of parenting outcomes for different types of families can be definitively answered.

The research by Regnerus (2012 also in *Social Science Research*), also cited by Dr. Julian, has a variety of flaws, the most critical being that it does not separate out stable same-sex families from single instances of a same-sex relationship nor does it control for the host of other factors that might also impact outcomes for children of same-sex couples such as adoption or age of adoption. In short, the definitions and indicators used have serious flaws.

Based on existing research, it is simply impossible to make the conclusion that "most academic research is showing (same-sex) parenting to be, on average, inferior." And suggesting that such a conclusion has been made is a gross misrepresentation of the state of the research field, generally, and of the articles specifically cited by Dr. Julian. It is thus distressing that anyone with a college education would so blatantly pick and choose facts that suit his own particular argument, especially in a letter that is snidely critical of such actions by others.

Regardless of the topic, we support Dr. Julian's advice to carefully consider the best available scientific research, including the methodology, sampling, representativeness and conclusions, before reaching a conclusion about a particular issue. We are sorry he did not follow his own advice.

Laura Reese, Ph.D.  
Plymouth

### Remember in November

Your editorial views headline stated, "Don't let issues fester in 2014."

This is a response to your suggestion.

You compliment the Michigan Legislature for expanding Medicaid to 470,000 low-income Michiganders through the Affordable Care Act. To his credit, Gov. Rick Snyder was a strong advocate of the measure which would have resulted in a saving of \$600,000 to the state.

However, the tea party extremists in the Legislature used a procedural move to delay the implementation date from Jan. 1, 2014, to April 1, 2014. This maneuver will cost our Michigan taxpayers a whopping \$630 million. This means it's costing us \$7 million a day, about \$291,667 an hour. How fiscally responsible is that? This is the same Legislature that boasted in the Jan. 2 edition that they plan to be as "productive" in 2014. Some of them are term-limited, so they plan to run for a higher state office.

It appears that they hate President Barack Obama so much that no matter how it benefits and helps Americans get health care, they would rather everyone suffer while the health care insurance, pharmaceutical and hospital executives enjoy extravagant salaries. I thought they were elected for the benefit of all of us citizens. Apparently, their vote goes to the most lucrative bidder rather than we lowly voters.

We can assure you "productive" legislators, that we voters will remember in November. You may have to seek employment like the rest of us.

I'm not festering; I'm remembering.

Delphine Palkowski  
South Lyon

### Require motorcycle helmets again

I am writing in response to the article that you published ([hometownlife.com](http://hometownlife.com)) Dec. 11, about the motorcycle helmet debate. I question if we should have passed this law. There has been an increase in the number of motorcycle accidents and fatalities since the law has been passed. Not requiring people to wear helmets while riding a motorcycle isn't the best idea; there is no positive outcome if people don't wear helmets. The law was in place to protect riders and their passengers while on streets and state highways.

What we need to do is revoke the law and require people to wear helmets again to save more lives. If more people started wearing helmets again, we would have few annual deaths from motorcycle crashes. If we don't change this now, the death rates on motorcycles could keep going up and up. If we don't stop this now, many more will be dead and it might even be somebody you know.

James Ciolli II  
Novi

### Letters from Novi High Schoolers

#### Join NHS for right reasons

Students join National Honor Society at Novi High School because they think it looks good on college apps and gives them a head start getting into colleges. To join National Honor Society, you have to participate in at least one club and one sport. This causes a pile-up of students in no-cut sports like track and swimming and many students joining clubs they're not interested in just because they want the credit.

Colleges look for long-term enrollment and commitment in extracurricular activities – it's about quality, not quantity. Students should join National Honor Society for the experience of helping in the community.

The National Honor Society link from the high school website specifically states: "Being a member of National Honor Society does not mean any more to college admissions officers than being a member of any other club ... What colleges DO look for is leadership roles of the applicant (for example, captain of an athletic team, leader of a service project, etc.) These things can be done without being in National Honor Society."

Students who join NHS should join only if they are already involved in clubs and sports that they have a passion for. They should not join a club or sport just for the ability to join National Honor Society – sports are for people who truly have a love for them. And joining a sports team just for the credit to participate in something else is not only a waste of time, but it is a misuse of the privilege of no-cut sports.

Clubs that welcome everyone at their monthly meetings get overly crowded with kids joining for no reason. The people who participate simply because they need to be involved in a club for NHS slow down the organization process and make it less enjoyable for students are truly interested in what the club has to offer.

If you are truly interested in giving back to the community and not just looking for another club to tack on a college app you should consider joining NHS – but only join if you are previously involved in clubs and sports. National Honor Society is for students who do those things already and want to excel in leadership, service, scholarship and character.

Leah Wright  
Novi

### Novi High traffic woes

The parents of Novi High schoolers and many student drivers are constantly pulling their hair out due to the amount of traffic that builds up in front of the school. The traffic that builds up between 6:45-7:10 a.m. and 1:55-2:10 p.m. can stretch from Novi Road to Taft, and it seems impossible to turn into and out of the school's student pickup/drop-off section. I believe this needs to change in one way or another to stop the additional stress that it brings to people.

I have two older siblings who attended Novi High School. The same traffic problems existed during their enrollment (past seven years).

With the growing population that this wonderful city has and is having, the traffic between Novi Road and Taft has increasingly gotten worse.

I believe that if we could get a traffic light installed at the student pickup/drop-off intersection, parents will no longer pull their hair out while trying to turn into or out of it.

Please take this into consideration and try to help the parents of Novi High schoolers, along with future drivers like myself.

Eduardo DeOliveira  
Novi

### Plow neighborhood roads

Novi's public snow plowing service has been slacking lately. The side roads and neighborhoods aren't getting plowed as fast as they should and could be. We need to get this service put into high gear in order to make our community a safer place for its citizens.

The past few days there has been about 10 inches of snowfall. Schools were closed because the streets were full of snow. The major roads were plowed but the side streets and neighborhoods weren't for a couple of days. Novi's service has the plows plow and salt major roads and then once they are cleared they do the side roads and neighborhoods. The major roads take most of their time and then they don't get to most of the other roads until a couple of days later.

We can help to solve this issue together. We can help to get all the roads done faster to keep everyone safe. To do this we can somehow get more plows so we can have more plows working at once. If we do anything, you need to get involved and help to get all of our streets plowed faster now! The plows won't be slacking anymore with our involvement.

Joshua Jarvis  
Novi

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# Donations sought for new mobile medical clinic in Haiti

By Karen Smith  
Staff Writer

Sister Mary Giovanni, founder and president/CEO of the nonprofit Angela Hospice in Livonia, has started a mobile clinic in Haiti to provide medical care to remote mountain villagers, some of whom have never seen a doctor before.

Giovanni raised approximately \$174,000 in donations to purchase a Toyota Land Rover, equip it with supplies and medicine and pay the initial salaries for a Haitian doctor and two nurses to staff it.

The Blessed Angela Mobile Clinic will stop once a week in four villages in the mountainous area of Jacmel in southern Haiti, treating villagers with antibiotics and medications for infections, worms and other ailments common to areas with contaminated water.

She is in need of donations to keep the clinic going once it is up and running, which she hopes will be in January.

Giovanni, who has degrees in nursing and nursing administration, visited Haiti for the first time in 2013. "I was just so taken aback by the poverty," she said. Although she knew the country was poor, she said she was unprepared for the sight of people living in tents "on top of each other" in Port-au-Prince and toddlers walking shoeless over the rocks and boulders, cutting their tender feet and getting infections from the wounds.

## Poorest of the poor

But up in the mountains live the poorest of the poor, she said. Some are too sick to come down the mountain to seek medical care.

"They've never had any medical help there," she said.

Giovanni traveled to Haiti in response to a call for mission work there from Sister Mary Christopher Moore of the Felician Sisters' Our Lady of Hope Province.

While there, she asked the bishop of the Diocese of Jacmel what was needed and he told her a mobile clinic to



Sister Mary Giovanni visits a Haitian clinic. She has started a mobile clinic to take medical services to the remote mountain villages.

reach the villagers in the mountains.

Giovanni raised most of the start-up money by asking Angela Hospice supporters for donations, but she said she needs to find other benefactors to sustain and expand the clinic.

"We have enough to start with, but we need to continue to pay the staff," she said, plus travel to other villages as more staff is added.

The clinic was supposed to start in October, but the delivery of the Land Rover from a Haitian dealer has been delayed pending receipt of government paperwork. "We have the team ready, the medication, the supplies all in place," she said, adding the vehicle is all they are waiting for.

The Land Rover is needed to traverse the steep rocky mountainside, which has no paved roads.

## Helping the local economy

Giovanni said the vehicle and medications were purchased in Haiti to help the economy there. Many of the supplies were donated by the Hospital Sisters Mission Outreach, located in Illinois.

Giovanni said a Haitian medical staff will more easily be able to communicate with the villagers.

Besides infections and

## HOW TO GIVE TO MEDICAL CLINIC

To donate to the Blessed Angela Mobile Clinic or volunteer facility, send a check payable to Angela Hospice to 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia, MI 48154. Write mobile clinic or volunteer facility on the memo line.

worms, she said many of the village children suffer from burns. Without electricity, "everything they eat is cooked in open fire" and kids, with the unstable ground and rocks, sometimes fall into the fire. Villagers using machetes to cut grass and sugar cane often cut themselves, even cutting their fingers right off. Without clean water to cleanse the wounds, they quickly become infected. Women give birth with no way to wash themselves afterward, giving germs the opportunity to grow.

Giovanni is also seeking donations to fund development of a facility to house volunteers to work with two Felician sisters stationed there who are feeding the hungry and teaching English and computer skills. English and computer skills make it more likely for local students to get into a school, where they can further their education, Giovanni said.

Hospice care was one need Giovanni did not see during her two trips to Haiti. There, people care for and respect the elderly, sick and dying. It's an ingrained part of their culture.

"I saw such compassion," she said. "The faith element there is so strong, people really do believe in God and have such hope and kindness to them."

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# Angela Hospice founder recognized as leader

Sister Mary Giovanni, R.N., founder, president and CEO of Angela Hospice in Livonia, was named one of the 30 most influential leaders in hospice and palliative medicine – the medical specialty focused on relieving suffering and improving quality of life for people with a terminal illness – by the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine.

In celebration of 25 years serving the profession, the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine asked its 5,000 members to nominate who they think are the leaders – or visionaries – in the field. They then asked members to vote for the top 10 among the 111 nominated.

Giovanni is one of 30 nurses, physicians and authors recognized by peers for the important role they played in advancing the medical specialty of hospice and palliative medicine.

Inspired by the work of Dame Cicely Saunders in 1974, Giovanni spent 11 years researching pain control, alternative comfort measures and the daily needs of dying patients and their families, before founding Angela Hospice in 1985. In 1994, she opened the Angela Hospice Care Center, the first free-standing facility of its kind in Michigan. She now oversees more than 240 employees and 400 volunteers.

Further, she has expanded her focus internationally with medical support for the Haitian survivors of the 2010 catastrophic earthquake, leading efforts for the Blessed Angela Mobile Clinic and its staff, as well as the development of a volunteer facility in Jacmel, Haiti.

Hospice and palliative medicine focuses on improving quality of life and relieving pain and other symptoms in seriously ill patients. Palliative care can and should be provided to patients who continue to receive treatments to try to cure their disease, regardless of their prognosis.

Hospice is a specific type of palliative care for patients

*"This program recognizes key individuals who have been critical in ... our field over the past 25 years."*

STEVE R. SMITH  
AAHPM executive director and CEO

whose life expectancy is likely to be six months or less. Hospice and palliative care also helps patients and families understand their treatment options and make decisions about their care, while providing information on spiritual and psychosocial resources, support for family and caregivers and grief counseling.

"This program recognizes key individuals who have been critical in building and shaping our field over the past 25 years," said Steve R. Smith, AAHPM executive director and CEO. "These individuals represent thousands of other health care professionals in this country that provide quality medical care and support for those living with serious illness – each and every day."

The visionaries – 14 women and 16 men – are physicians, nurses and hospice pioneers such as British physician, nurse and social worker Cicely Saunders, credited with starting the modern hospice movement, and Elisabeth Kübler-Ross, author of numerous books including the groundbreaking *On Death and Dying*.

Giovanni cites Saunders and Ross as greatly influencing the beginning of her hospice career, and now she is named among them as a visionary. Five elected officials also were nominated, including former President Ronald Reagan, who was named a visionary for signing into law the Medicare hospice benefit in 1982.

More information on the visionaries project, including the list of 30 visionaries is on the academy's website [www.aahpm.org](http://www.aahpm.org).



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City of Novi Older Adult Services is offering Tech Talk classes for adults 50 years and older who would like to become more tech-savvy by learning how to use tablets, smartphones and applications. One-day classes are held 6:15-8:15 p.m. each Tuesday at the Novi Civic Center (45175 10 Mile). Each class is \$15 per resident and \$18 per nonresident. Registration is required and available at cityofnovi.org or in person at the Older Adult Services office inside the civic center. Upcoming topics include: iPads and iPhones - Tuesdays, Feb. 11 and March 11 What Do I Do with This Smartphone? - Tuesdays, Jan. 28, and March 18 All about Apps (Applications) and Tablets - Tuesdays, Feb. 4 and March 25

E-book Readers: Concept, Comparison and How To Operate - Tuesdays, Feb. 18 and April 1 For those who already understand the basics of technology and are looking for new uses and helpful hints, the Bits and Bytes Cafe offers the opportunity to gain valuable information, free of charge. Once a month, on Thursdays, the cafe is open to adults 50 and older to play games, investigate new websites and learn from others. Refreshments are provided. The Bits and Bytes Cafe is located at the Meadowbrook Activity Center, 25075 Meadowbrook Road. The cafe will be open 10-11:30 a.m. Feb. 20 and March 20. For more information regarding Tech Talk classes or the Bits and Bytes Cafe, contact Older Adult Services 248-347-0414. To learn more about

other classes for adults 50 and older, visit cityofnovi.org. **Daddy Daughter Dances** The city of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department, in partnership with Sweet and Sassy, will host Daddy Daughter Dances 7-9 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Feb. 7-8, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 10 Mile. Tickets are on sale and available via cityofnovi.org. Dads (or significant male adult in the child's life) and daughters will spend "A Night in the Spotlight" with some surprises from the Novi Civic Theatre production of Disney's 101 Dalmatians Kids. The fun will continue with Night and Day Productions playing today's hits along with some older favorites. Refreshments include breadsticks from Aubree's of Northville, a giant chocolate fountain and a snow-

cone machine. At the end of the evening, 800 balloons will fall from the ceiling. The price is \$14 per person for residents and \$17 for non-residents. Wrist corsages and charms are available for preorder for \$8 each and will be available for pickup at the dance. Each couple will receive a free photo, with additional packages available for purchase at the event. Each child will receive a commemorative gift. To buy tickets and order corsages and charms, visit cityofnovi.org or stop by the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Office inside the Novi Civic Center. Tickets sell quickly. Any remaining tickets available at the door will be \$5 additional. Call the Novi Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services office at 248-347-0400 with any questions.

**Civilian pistol safety class** The Novi Police Department will be offering a civilian pistol safety class from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8, at the Novi Police Department Training Center, 45125 10 Mile. The course fulfills both the classroom and shooting requirements to obtain a Michigan Concealed Pistol License. Registration forms are available online at cityofnovi.org and at the Novi Police Department. Completed registration forms and the \$200 course fee (cash or money order), may be returned to the police department. Class size is limited and all participants are subject to a background check. For information, visit cityofnovi.org or contact Sgt. Michael Warren at mwarren@cityofnovi.org or 248-921-9843.

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# Northville Downs asks state for thoroughbreds

By **Lonnie Huhman**  
Staff Writer



Mike Carlo, GM of Northville Downs.

Northville Downs hit a bump on the road reshaping its future, but it's one it hopes is remedied in the coming weeks.

Late in 2013, the race track, which has traditionally been used for harness racing, applied to the state of Michigan to host thoroughbred and mixed-breed racing during 2014.

The Michigan Gaming Control Board rejected the application based on a number of conclusions, including a failure "to supply a convincing plan to assure sufficient numbers of thoroughbred horses and quarter horses for the proposed meet."

The denial hasn't deterred Downs officials, though. They have appealed the decision and are currently waiting on a final decision in the coming days or weeks.

The original application was sent in after the state's deadline, but Richard S. Kalm, executive director of the Gaming Control Board, stated "in the best interest of racing" Northville Downs

could submit an amended application subject to certain conditions.

"We're continuing to work to get the decision reversed," Downs Operations Manager Mike Carlo said Jan. 7 while waiting for the conclusion to its appeal. "We're not sure what the outcome will be, but we're hopeful."

However, the Gaming Control Board did not think it met the conditions, which included the licensee submitting a business plan detailing how the combination and/or changeover from standard-bred to thoroughbred and mixed breeds would occur, which should also detail the costs, funding and

time line involved with converting the track.

The denial read, "Specifically, Northville Downs has failed to demonstrate a definitive, specific and detailed plan that could be approved according to the Horse Racing Law of 1995."

One concern stated by the board was that there was no assurance that sufficient simulcast purse pool money will be available for such a race meeting. This aspect is largely based upon a pending account-wagering bill currently in the state's Legislature.

"The submitted plan does not appear to be in the best interest of horse racing in the state of Michigan for 2014," the

denial order stated.

Carlo said adding this new style of racing makes sense in the effort to reinvigorate the track's business plan. The Downs has been looking for new ways to compete for the customers it's lost to the casinos in Detroit over the last decade. The owners feel this is the best route.

"We think this would get us there," Carlo said of reshaping its business model into a more successful one, which remains viable but was even more so in the past.

The track's hope is to host 16 days of thoroughbred racing in 2014 from Oct. 12 through Nov. 16. In addition, it would continue to have harness

racing.

Carlo said officials would alter the half-mile track to accommodate the thoroughbred style. It's estimated it would take around \$200,000 to do so. A thoroughbred track is flat, while harness is banked. The Downs would also have to add a race chute.

The one track in Michigan set to host this style of racing is in Mt. Pleasant, which is around a half-mile long as well. It's expected to host more than 40 racing dates this year.

The final decision on the appeal should be in soon.

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## Novi lady bowlers win Oakland County title

Girls improve to 6-0; boys team falls to 1-5

By Chris Jackett  
Correspondent

It was a busy six days of bowling for Novi last week. After two dual meets and the Oakland County Championships, Novi's girls are 6-0 and were crowned as best in the county, while the boys fell to 1-5 and were 21st in the county. The highlight of the week was definitely the girls Oakland County title, which they claimed Saturday at Cherry Hills North Lanes in Clarkston. Seeded fifth in the 27-team tournament with a score of 3,238 through three regular and four Baker games, the Wildcats edged teams one by one in the

pool of 16 finalists. The Wildcats defeated 12th-seeded Birmingham Marian 297-293, 13th-seeded Lake Orion 302-292, top-seeded Farmington Hills Harrison in the semifinals 349-326 and then second-seeded Walled Lake Central in the championship match 377-364. Novi anchor bowler Sara Schulz earned medals for her fourth-place high game of 247 and 10th-place series of 599 (178, 247, 174). She was aided by Evie Plaetinck's 539 (202, 154, 183), first-year bowler Lizzy Malear's games of 202 and 161 and also Abby Ranks, Megan Engels and Lauren Piorowski. The boys didn't fare as well the next day at Thunderbird Lanes in Troy. They finished 21st place through three regular and four Baker games with



Novi bowlers (from left) Lizzy Malear, Evie Plaetinck, Lauren Piorowski, Abby Ranks, Megan Engels and Sara Schulz celebrate Saturday after winning the Oakland County Championships in Clarkston. KATHY SCHULZ

a score of 3,116, missing out on the 16-team playoff bracket. DiAndre Moreland led Novi

with games of 223, 220 and 156 for a 599 series, while Scott Pryson shot a 549 with games of

193, 198 and 158. In the pair of dual meets earlier in the week, the girls (4-0 KLAACentral) claimed a 29-1 home win over Plymouth (0-6, 0-4 Central) Jan. 14 and a 27-3 win at Plymouth Salem (1-5, 1-3 Central) Jan. 15. Against Plymouth, the girls won both Baker games 144-111 and 149-141, as well as both regular games 835-530 and 859-634. Schulz led the way with two points on games of 194 and 214 for a total of 408. Ranks won two points with her best two games of the year at 201 and 181, while Plaetinck also won two points with games of 150 and 174. Against Salem, the girls won both Baker games 144-123 and 128-112, as well as both regular

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Zach Bock hauls in a pass for the Shamrocks. He is the 2013 All-Area Football Player of the Year. DENNIS BARNES

## Wildcats win Baseline battle

Novi ousts Northville on road, falls against Salem at home

By Chris Jackett  
Correspondent

Anytime Novi and Northville's girls basketball teams get together, it's bound to be a hotly contested battle of Baseline rivals. Last week was no different.

The Wildcats (8-2, 3-1 KLAACentral) visited Northville (9-1, 3-1 Central) Jan. 14 and used a 12-4 run in the fourth quarter to pull away for a 43-27 victory.

"(It was) no different (from past seasons). Very competitive," Novi coach Bill Kelp said. "They were ready to play."

Novi took a 15-9 lead after one quarter and led 22-17 at halftime before slowly widening the gap to 31-23 through three quarters. Seniors Kerri McMahon (15 points, nine rebounds, five assists, two steals) and Taylor Pavlika (nine points, two assists) led the offense despite combined 8-for-23 (34.8 percent) shooting.

"I thought we did a good job on Kerri in the first half, but then Taylor got them going," Northville coach Todd Gudith said. "When we shut Taylor down in the second half, Kerri got loose. We were never able to shut them both down at the same time."

The Wildcats shot 15-for-39 (38.5 percent) as a whole, which was enough to top the Mustangs' 9-for-30 (30 percent) effort. Northville was led by Gabby Mennotti's nine points (3-for-6 shooting) and four rebounds.

"Too many wasted chances on offense for us," Gudith said. "We didn't take particularly good care of the ball. We match up well and it's always a battle when we play each other."

"It'll be another good game when we see them in two weeks."

Novi had an edge in the rebounding battle, but the Mustangs' 75 percent (9-for-12) free-throw shooting

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## CC's versatile Bock leads loaded team

Senior played a variety of positions for Shamrocks

By Jeff Theisen  
Staff Writer

One play pretty much summed up what it takes to become the 2013 All-Area Football Player of the Year.

Catholic Central senior Zack Bock returned a missed field goal just shy of the goal line the entire length of the field as time ran out for a 20-14 victory against Warren DeLaSalle. It was the most memorable play in a season that included a trip to the state finals and a runner-up finish.

Bock's versatility is quite amazing. He played the following positions this year: running back, wide receiver, defensive back, kicker, punter, kick returner and punt returner.

He rushed for 479 yards on 66 carries; had nine catches for 128 yards; made 30 tackles on defense; and was a perfect 30-of-30 on point-after attempts. Bock also

managed a 41.6-yard average on 28 punts. He finished the year with seven TDs, but the one against DeLaSalle will be forever remembered.

In a fitting twist, the All-Area Player of the Year will be continuing his athletic career in a different sport. He is committed to playing soccer at Western Michigan University.

"Zack is one of those rare individuals with a vast array of skill sets - as they say, he can do it all," coach Tom Mach said. "Offensively, he plays running back and wide receiver and is a threat to score every time he touches the ball. Defensively, Zack is asked to match up with our opponent's best athlete on a weekly basis and he rises to the occasion, relishing the competitive aspect of the game."

"He may well be the most versatile player we have ever had at Catholic Central."

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The senior two-way player ran as the fullback on offense and held the defen-

sive end spot on the other side of the ball. Roney rushed 72 times for 362 yards and seven TDs. He was second on the team in tackles with 60. He led the team with 14 tackles for loss and five sacks. He is committed to Navy.

**Daniel Collins**  
**Catholic Central**

The senior also contributed on both sides of the ball, with a bigger impact in the defensive secondary. He was third on the team with 50 tackles, had three interceptions and four tackles for loss. As a running back, he had 141 yards and a score on 24 carries.

**Antonio Ochoa**  
**Catholic Central**

The offensive lineman helped pave the way for CC's punishing running style. He was voted second team all-CHSL.

**Connor Holton**  
**Catholic Central**

The senior running back led the potent ground game for the Shamrocks with 812 yards and finished second with nine TDs.

**Alex Galiyas**  
**Catholic Central**

The two-way lineman was instrumental on both sides

of the ball. The two-year starter and senior captain finished with 13 tackles on defense and helped the offense with its rushing attack.

"Alex is a great leader for our football team and one of our better linemen, both offensively and defensively," Mach said. "He is a two-year starter at guard and provides unquestioned toughness and leadership on the offensive line. Defensively, he rotates at defensive tackle and is a very stout interior defender."

**Joey Hewlett**  
**Northville**

Northville had a strong offense and Hewlett was the main weapon at quarterback. He hit 117-of-187 passes for 1,948 yards and 20 TDs with only six interceptions. He also ran 157 times for 1,170 yards and 14 more scores. The senior led the Mustangs to Central Division and Kensington Conference titles.

**David Moorman**  
**Northville**

The 6-5, 283-pound junior was a force on the offensive line and a big reason the

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# Mustangs top Wildcats

Northville's defense stymies  
Novi's hopes for victory

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

The Novi boys basketball team led in the first quarter, 10-7, against crosstown rival Northville last week. But then Northville's David Morrissey hit a 3-point field goal to tie the game before the Mustangs galloped away with the victory, 51-37.

Northville and Novi ended the first quarter tied, 10-10, but from that point on it turned into a runaway game.

Northville outscored the Wildcats 15-5 in the second quarter to take a 25-15 lead at half-time. The Mustangs held Novi to just two points in the third quarter as Northville extended its lead to 37-17.

The Wildcats did make a strong push in the fourth quarter, scoring 20 points, but they couldn't keep the Mustangs off the scoreboard and allowed Northville to put up 14 more points.

"We had a bunch of guys step up and make plays tonight, which is what it takes in these division games," Northville coach Todd Sander said. "We were extremely efficient

on the offensive end, shooting almost 60 percent and not turning it over too often."

Northville was led by Dan Sims, who scored 11 points with a perfect 1-for-1 from the floor and 2-for-2 from 3-point range. He was fouled on a third 3-pointer as well and went 3-for-5 from the free-throw line.

Morrissey, who went 3-for-3 on 3-pointers, and Andrew Meacham each had nine points.

"Dan Sims has a knack for hitting key shots and he again delivered tonight," Sander said. "It was terrific to see David Morrissey provide a



Northville's Andrew Stevens dribbles up the floor trailed by Novi's Alex Marzejon. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

spark from the outside."

Leading the Wildcats was Nick Zugaro, who had eight points, while Kameron Hankeon had seven.

Northville climbed to 6-4 overall and 3-1 in the Central Division with the victory.

Novi fell to 2-7 overall and 1-3 in the Central Division following a 73-50 loss to Salem.

Sam Eggleston is a freelance writer covering sports for the Northville Record and Novi News.

## NOVI SPORTS ROUNDUP

### Novi icers knock off defending D-1 champion

Novi's hockey team improved to 10-5-0 (6-2-0 KLAA Kensington) and a No. 19 state ranking with a big home stand last week, defeating Canton (1-12-0, 0-9-0 Kensington) 4-0 Jan. 15 and two-time defending Division 1 state champion Brighton (10-5-0, 5-1-0 Kensington) 3-1 Saturday.

Against Canton, Chris Kennedy scored with 3:16 left in the first period, Brad Hofelich with 5:00 left in the second and 11:53 left in the third and Brendan Wexler with 3:53 left in the game. Jordan Richardson, Jimmy Hole, Ryan Baxter, Bryan Fegert, Mark Czapski and Mike O'Reilly all picked up one assist, while Austin Petty had 18 saves in the shutout.

In the victory over Brighton, Petty had 17 saves as Hofelich scored with 3:50 left in the first and Alex Wells with 1:42 left in the second before Brighton's Lee Pietila made it 2-1 with 11:44 left in the game. Baxter put Novi ahead 3-1 just 34 seconds later. Fegert had two assists, as Baxter, Brett Pietila and Hofelich all picked up one assist.

The 'Cats visit defending Division 2 state champion No. 5 Livonia Stevenson (16-1-0, 9-0-0 Kensington) at 6 p.m. Wednesday.

### Wildcat skiers split opening day tiebreakers

The Wildcats skiers (1-1 boys, 0-2 girls) got their season off to a start of mixed results Jan. 15 at Alpine Valley. The boys won a tiebreaker after a 19-19 tie with Milford (0-2) and lost 13-26 to Walled Lake Central (1-1), while the girls lost 10-29 to Milford (2-0) and dropped an 18-18 tiebreaker to Central (2-0).

Novi's boys were led by Mark Schlax with a two-run runner-up times of 49.93 seconds against Milford and Central. Milford's Koss Allen (48.18) and Central's Andrew Katz (48.76) won the match-ups.

Unie Gu led the way for Novi's girls in both contests, finishing fifth against Milford with a two-run time of 1:04.08 and using the same time to finish second against Central. Milford's Natale Kerwin won in 48.14 seconds and Central's Erica Katz won the second race in 55.98 seconds.

### Novi cagers look to add wins

Following a 73-50 loss Friday at Plymouth Salem (8-2, 4-0 KLAA Central), Novi's boys basketball team (2-7, 1-3 Central) hosts South Lyon East (1-8, 0-4 Central) at 7 p.m. Friday and visit South Lyon (5-5, 2-2 Central) at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

In the road loss to Salem, three Novi players finished in double figures as the team shot 51 percent (25-for-49) from the field. Nick Zugaro (17 points, seven assists, four rebounds, two steals), Billy Ulle (12 points) and Erik Biberstein (10 points, five rebounds, two steals) led the way, while Naji Ozier and Max Yanke each added seven points.

—By Chris Jackett

## WILDCATS

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kept them within distance of Novi (45 percent at 9-for-20).

McMahaon and Pavlika's teammates chipped in, with Alex Felice (six points, two steals), Kristen Schubring (five points, 10 rebounds), Nicole Solakian (three points), Mallory Daschke (three points) and Rachel Whitens (two points) helping out.

Mencotti got some assistance from Heather Randall (six points), Emily Martin

(five points, three rebounds), Emily Maresh (four points, four rebounds) and Jessica Moorman (three points, three rebounds).

Hot off the big victory, Novi hosted Plymouth Salem (6-4, 1-3 Central) and fell victim Friday to a 39-32 upset.

"I think we had a let-down, but that shouldn't take anything away from Salem," Kelp said. "They deserved to win. They beat us. Salem is very good and I would keep an eye on them the rest of the year. We need to stop the dribble penetration."

Despite 11 points from

McMahon (four rebounds, two steals) on 3-for-12 shooting and Pavlika (three rebounds, two assists, one block) being held to one point on 0-for-7 shooting (five from beyond the arc), the Wildcats got a boost from Schubring (10 points, three steals, two blocks).

An 11-6 first-quarter deficit was cut to 16-14 by halftime. The game was tied at 24-24 after three quarters before the Rocks finished on a 15-8 run thanks to juniors Jamura Wilson (21 points, five rebounds) and Shara Long (nine points, 11 rebounds).

"They scored off dribble

drive," Kelp said. "And if our help was there and they missed, we didn't do a good job of sinking from the weak side to box out."

Novi shot 9-for-35 (25.7 percent) from the field. Salem went 12-for-30 (40 percent) while also winning the rebound battle 24-16.

Other Wildcats who chipped in against Salem were Daschke (five points), Rachel Whitens (three points), Felice (two points) and Dina Fawaz (five rebounds).

Chris Jackett is a freelance writer covering Novi High School sports for the Novi News.

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Mustangs captured the division and conference titles.

### Zach Wilds Northville

It was pretty easy to find Wilds. The 6-4, 257-pound senior handled the kicking/punting duties, as well as being a force on the defensive line. He made 7-of-10 field goals, with all the misses coming from 40 or more yards. Wilds made 39-of-42 extra points. On the line, he was in on 12 tackles for loss with three sacks.

### Nick Stegmeyer Northville

The senior wide receiver put up big numbers. He caught 35 passes for 795 yards and 12 TDs.

### Ryan Kelly Lakeland

Lakeland coach John Maltese called runs behind the 6-5, 285-pound senior throughout the year as Kelly earned all-KLAA honors. He was also a team captain.

### Mark Ryan Novi

Novi coach Jeff Burnside has some seriously high praise for Ryan. The senior middle linebacker recorded 94 tackles with seven for loss, four sacks, four fumble recoveries and three pass break-ups.

"Mark was a phenomenal linebacker — leader of our defense, great instincts," Burnside said. "He understands the game like a coach. One of the best linebackers we have ever coached at Novi."

### Wade Morris South Lyon East

The senior wide receiver was the focus of opposing defenses, but he still put up big numbers in the wide-open East offense. Morris finished with 39 catches for 603 yards and five TDs. He also ran 14 times for 68 yard and two more scores.

### Chris Muir South Lyon East

It was pretty common to hear Muir's name called after an East tackle. He was in on 104 of them, with 47 solos. The senior recorded 11 tackles for loss with two interceptions.

### Erich Stephenson South Lyon

The junior two-way player had to be accounted for on both sides of the ball. He recorded 32 tackles and three interceptions as a corner and hauled in 396 receiving yards with 117 rushing yards on offense.

### Brock Oostermeyer South Lyon

The senior played wide receiver/defensive back. He had 336 yards receiving with five scores and 30 tackles on defense.

### Nico Woods South Lyon

The junior two-way player was a leader on both sides of the ball. Woods finished with 512 yards rushing and four TDs. As a linebacker, he recorded 66 tackles, 11 for loss, and forced a pair of fumbles.

### David Onofrio Milford

The senior quarterback was putting up huge numbers before getting injured six games into the season. He still managed to throw for 1,260 yards and 12 TDs.

### Second team Cameron Bell Milford

The senior two-way player was headed for a huge season before an injury cut it short. Bell finished with 72 tackles and three sacks in just six games for the Mavs.

### Koss Allen Milford

The senior offensive lineman finished his career as a two-year starter on the line.

### Sean Birney Catholic Central

The senior quarterback led the Shamrocks to the state finals. He completed 35-of-69 passes for 424 yards and six TDs with just one interception. He ran 72 times for 186 yards and two more scores.

### Ryan McGillivray Catholic Central

The senior two-way player recorded 47 tackles (two for loss) while catching four passes for 66 yards on offense.

### Austin Racicot Novi

The senior outside linebacker finished with 57 tackles (seven for loss), five sacks, two fumble recoveries and one interception. He also had three blocked kicks on special teams.

### Beau Wilhelm Lakeland

The senior split end was a deep threat, finishing with 18 catches for

366 yards and four TDs.

### Ross Heiman Lakeland

The senior quarterback passed for more than 850 yards with nine TDs, while rushing for more than 800 yards with eight scores.

### Dave Brown Lakeland

The 6-2, 205-pounds senior guard earned all-KLAA honors.

### Brad Govan Lakeland

The senior tight end averaged 22.3 yards per catch with 255 receiving yards and four TDs.

### Alex O'Brien South Lyon East

The senior running back started the season as a safety before making the switch to the backfield. He finished with 489 yards on 111 carries, while also snagging 25 catches for 209 yards.

### Evan Leary South Lyon East

The senior guard also worked as the long snapper. He finished his career as a three-year starter at guard.

### Trent Willenborg South Lyon East

The junior tight end came on very strong this year with 37 catches for 534 yards and five TDs. He also punted for East.

### Anton Skupin South Lyon

The junior QB finished with 1,233 passing yards, 625 rushing yards and 20 total TDs.

### Brendan Evans South Lyon

The senior two-way player was the focal point of the offensive line working out of the center position.

### Travis Tank South Lyon

The senior two-way lineman worked at guard on offense and contributed 24 tackles on defense.

### Dimitri Angelas Northville

The 6-5, 285-pound senior lineman was another huge force up front for the potent Northville offensive line.

### Sean Conway Northville

The senior wide receiver finished with 27 receptions for 311 yards and two scores.

### Jake Cheslik Northville

The senior defensive back had five interceptions while being in on 54 tackles.

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# Northville tankers get best of rival Novi

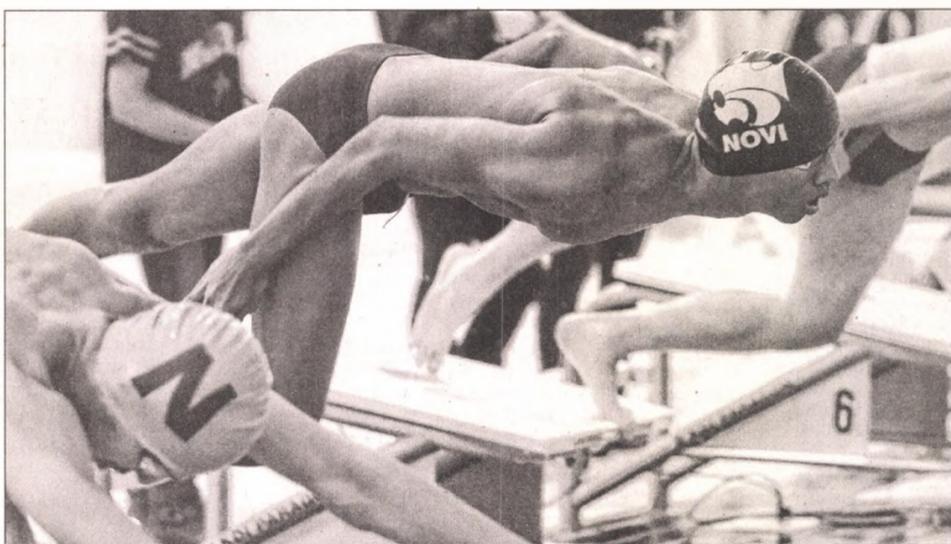
Win marks 12th straight season Mustangs have won Baseline battle

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

It's been quite a long time since the Northville boys swimming and diving team took a loss in the pool to rival Novi. In fact, it's been 12 straight years that Northville has gotten the best of the crosstown rivalry.

Northville took a 103-83 win away from last week's match-up with the Wildcats, pulling away toward the end to secure the Central Division victory.

"We were able to win the relays and then match up our best swimmer against their best swimmer and win those individual events," Northville coach Rich Bennetts said. "That was pretty much the difference. I am very proud of our team. Novi swam well and won a lot of close races from us during the course of the meet, but we hung around and then when the opportunity presented itself, we took full



Novi's Sid Kareddy launches off the platform for the 50-yard freestyle. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

advantage of it and pulled away at the end. The boys are really proud of the streak and want to keep it going. It is always nice to beat your rival. Give Novi credit, their kids swam hard. We still have a long way to go, but we will enjoy this one."

In the 200 medley relay, Northville took first with a time of 1:45.68 with Novi right

behind in 1:46.58, but Novi came back with a win of its own in the 200 freestyle as Ryan Katulski won in 1:54.85, followed by Northville's Mark Kaminski in second in 1:55.12. In the 200 individual medley, it was Northville's Andrew Westphal taking first, finishing in 1:59.27, several seconds ahead of second-place finisher Tanner Vincent of Novi, who swam

a 2:04.38.

The tight races continued in the 50 freestyle, with Northville's James Xue capturing first in 23.44 seconds, followed by Novi's Arthur Shi in second in 23.87. In diving, it was Novi taking the top spot as James Ciolli captured first with 185.7 points. Northville's Anton Travis finished second with 176.7 points. Novi also took first in

the 100 butterfly as Sid Kareddy swam a 56.73, finishing ahead of Frank Zhang, who took second for Northville in 57.40.

In the 100 freestyle, Northville edged ahead with both a first and second as Xue and Kaminski came in with times of 50.68 and 52.7 seconds, respectively. In the 500 free, it was Westphal taking first with a 4:56.65, while Novi's Vincent took second in 5:03.72.

Northville then captured first in the 200 free relay with a time of 1:34.03, while Novi took second in 1:34.95. Novi tried to narrow the gap with some impressive swims in the 100 backstroke, as Gordy Williams took first in 1:00.36 and teammate Toraki Maehata took second in 1:00.54, but the Mustangs showcased their depth in the 100 breaststroke as Chris Geng took first in 1:03.09 and teammate Josh Liu was second in 1:04.2.

The final race of the meet, the 400 free relay, found Northville taking first with a time of 3:26.02, as well as second with a 3:36.45. Novi was third relay with a 3:37.34.

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## CATHOLIC CENTRAL ROUNDUP

### Shamrocks cagers top Brother Rice, fall to OLSM

Detroit Catholic Central is getting used to played in tight games and last week it split two tight ones as the Shamrocks lost Jan. 14 to Orchard Lake St. Mary's, 52-50, before bouncing back with an overtime win over Brother Rice, 66-61, three days later.

Against OLSM, the Shamrocks had a 39-31 lead heading into the final quarter, but couldn't hold off a rally from their Catholic High School League rivals and could only watch as they were outscored, outrebounded and outplayed for the victory.

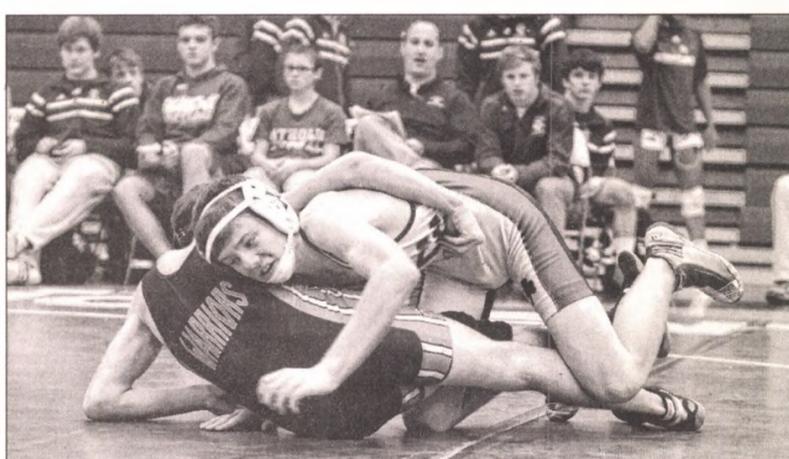
When the Shamrocks took on the Warriors three days later, they didn't let the game fizzle over the final stretch. Instead, they finished with energy and confidence to earn the Central Division victory.

Brother Rice came out in the overtime and put up some quick points for an early lead, but the Shamrocks buckled down on defense while the offense went to work, eventually going on an 8-0 run to give themselves the lead and the eventual win.

The game was forced into overtime on a 3-point field goal by Stephen Westbrooks following two free throws by Shamrocks senior Noah Lee that had extended CC's lead to 54-51.

Lee hit two more free throws in overtime with just 18 seconds left to put the contest just out of reach. He hit 7-of-8 from the foul line through the fourth quarter and overtime and led his team with 21 points.

Charlie Ryan, who was on fire with 14 points in the first half,



Dillon DeJong (on top) wrestled for Catholic Central in the Holt Invitational.

scored 18 in the winning effort.

Kevin Hayes had 21 and Dominic Downs had 17 points for the Warriors.

Catholic Central is now 5-3 overall and 1-2 in the CHSL, while Brother Rice is 6-3 overall and 1-2 in the league.

### Shamrocks win four individual titles at Holt Invitational

The Shamrocks wrestling program headed to the Holt Invitational last week and made a lot of noise as it took on some powerhouse programs and still managed to place nine wrestlers in the top six, including four champions.

Earning titles for the Shamrocks were the familiar faces of Trevor Zdebski (125 pounds), Myles Amine (140), Drew Garcia (171) and Jimmy Russell (215).

Zdebski earned his title with a win over 2013 state runner-up Martin Rodriguez of Holt, 4-2.

"Trevor looked great today," Shamrocks coach Mitch Hancock said. "It's a great win for him considering he's only been back on the competition

mats for two weeks. His gas tank is getting bigger and he's shaken off the rust. I'm happy for him."

Amine picked up his trophy with a 15-3 major decision against Portage Northern's Jacob Heaps.

"(Myles has) had his fair share of quality opponents over the past few weeks, so it's nice for him to come in here and dominate the field like he did," Hancock said.

Garcia had a come-from-behind victory over Andrew Kowal of Cincinnati Princeton after falling behind 4-0 in the first 45 seconds of the match. Garcia didn't let it impact him too much as he came back to pick up the win and the title.

"He showed he has the ability, composure and motor to battle back," Hancock said.

Russell was dominant throughout the day and had the easiest finals task as his opponent was forced to default due to an injury.

Taking second for the Shamrocks was Tyler Morland (160), who fell to the 2013 state finalist from Portage Central, Dominic Latora, 4-2.

"Ty's really close," Hancock said. "He was two seconds from an Oakland County title and eight seconds from a Holt Invite title. He's getting better in all phases of the sport. He'll be ready come tourney time."

Also collecting places for the Shamrocks were Parker O'Brien (119) and Evan Toth (130), who both took third place. Greg Johnson was fifth (135), while Eli Joseph (135), Ryan O'Connor (145) and Adam McGrath (152) all finished in seventh place.

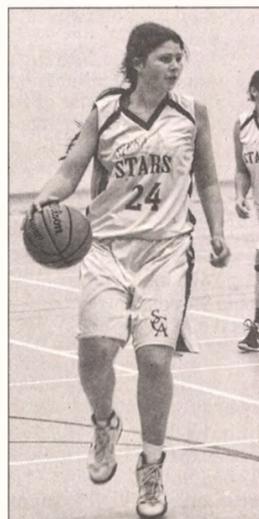
### CC hockey team drops two games

It looks like the Culver Military Academy hockey team was just a little too talented for the Catholic Central skaters to handle.

The trip to Indiana Friday and Saturday proved to be a fruitless one for the Shamrocks as they dropped two games to Culver. In the first game, the Shamrocks fell 5-2. In the second game, the Shamrocks found themselves on the wrong end of a 4-0 shutout.

By Sam Eggleston

## Fine start



St. Catherine of Siena Academy varsity basketball team is off to a great start with back-to-back wins this week. "We have great players this year," says Stars Athletic Director Ryan Nardozi. "They have been practicing hard as a team to get to this level." Jan. 14 against Cristo Rey was the first conference game for St. Catherine, a 63-29 victory. The Stars built a 31-10 lead at the half. Ally O'Donohue (No. 24) scored 14 points and Jenna Rogers added 13 for St. Catherine. On Jan. 15, the Stars pulled away in the second half to win 47-33 against Sacred Heart. Rogers led the Stars with 20 points, Alex Hudson had five points and 10 rebounds and O'Donohue had nine points and seven rebounds.

## BOWLERS

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games 792-653 and 711-607. Schulz scored two points with games of 192 and 214 under tough scoring conditions, while Ranks earned two points with games of 161 and 150. Plaetnick (176), Malear (143) and Piorowski (134) each scored one point.

The boys (0-4 Central) didn't pick up the same success, losing a tiebreaker to Plymouth (3-3, 1-3 Central) in a 15-15 contest and then falling 26-4 to Salem (6-0, 4-0 Central).

The final score against Plymouth was 2,192-2,156, as the teams split the Bakers by losing the first 195-167 and winning the second 189-143 and totals. Plymouth won the first game 949-825 with four individual

points, but Novi won the second game 975-905 with individual points to deadlock it. Ryan Moore (188) and Tommy Warner (204) picked up 10th-frame strikes to win their matches by one pin, while Pryson had his best day as a varsity bowler by winning two points with games of 173 and 232.

Salem wasn't as close, with the Rocks taking both Baker games 190-159 and 197-176, as well as both regular games 968-848 and 934-840. Moore scored two points with games of 179 and 173, Pryson scored one point with games of 196 and 195 and Brennan Snow scored a point with a game of 195.

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# Wildcats grapplers record close wins

By Chris Jackett  
Correspondent

A very up-and-down week started and finished on high notes for Novi's grapplers.

The Wildcats (7-9, 1-2 KLA Central) picked up their first league win of the season 39-30 against Livonia Stevenson (10-10, 1-2 Central) Jan. 15 before heading on the road Saturday to the Tecumseh Invitational, where they went 2-3 after pulling out a 39-33 squeaker against Lapeer West to end the day.

Junior Dorian Haney (215 pounds) started the week on the right track with a 4-2 overtime victory against Stevenson, but the Spartans quickly tied it up with a 5-3 four-overtime decision over junior Stevie Davis (285). Stevenson forfeited the

103-pound match and sophomore Willy Jackson (112) scored a pin, but the Wildcats dropped the next several matches before junior co-captain Evan Davis (135) got the team back on track with a 2-1 decision.

Novi completed the come-from-behind effort in the middle weights, with victories coming from junior Kyle Benkarski (145) by pin, senior co-captain Ben Wright (152) by a 7-5 decision, senior co-captain John Hood (160) by pin and sophomore Cooper Smith (189) by pin to clinch the 39-30 team victory.

Three days later, the Cats took on host and fourth-ranked Tecumseh to start their weekend. Things didn't go well, but Evan Davis picked up a pin and Wright grabbed a 4-1 decision.

Jackson Parma Western didn't do Novi any favors, either, but the Wildcats picked up four victories via pins by Jackson, senior Matt George (119), Benkarski and Wright.

Novi got a breath of fresh air with a 44-27 victory over Allen Park in its third contest of the day. Jackson picked up a 12-0 major decision before Benkarski and Freeman claimed pins. Wright moved up to the 160-pound weight class for a 15-4 major decision and Smith grabbed a win by pin at 189 pounds. Additional pins by heavy hitters Haney and Stevie Davis secured the victory for Novi.

KLAA brethren Canton was next, knocking off Novi despite a strong showing by the Wildcats. Jackson picked up a 9-4

decision, sophomore Brent George (125) won 1-0 and Evan Davis and Benkarski earned pins before Wright earned a 18-3 technical fall.

Pushing forward, the Wildcats came out on top to end the day against Lapeer West, which forfeited the 135-pound match. Benkarski (140) and junior George Freeman (145) scored pins to give Novi an early 18-0 lead before Hood earned another pin. Lapeer West picked up the upper weights before Jackson tied the dual 30-30 with a pin, but a 119-pound forfeit and 5-2 decision by freshman Lincoln Cleary (125) clinched the victory for Novi.

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## Montessori marks 30 years of learning in Novi/Northville

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

The maps on the hallway wall are impressive, especially for 5-year-olds. The children know their countries in such places as South America and their relationship to the larger world.

Good feelings are sensed in a visit to the Novi Northville Montessori Center, which is observing its 30th anniversary this year. As children worked with teachers in the several classrooms on Novi Road between Nine Mile and 10 Mile in Novi, Geetha Rao, director, administrator and owner, sat down to talk.

The native of India, who came here as a young bride and lives in Novi, has been with the center the entire 30 years. It serves children ages 2½ to 6 with pre-school and kindergarten.

The center has room for 70 children in the morning and 70 in the afternoon, with some there all day. Before- and after-care is offered from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

"We are mostly always full," Rao said. In addition to Novi and Northville, the center draws from Farmington Hills, South Lyon, Lyon Township, Walled Lake and Canton.

"Parents know us, so they will take the extra effort to come here," Rao said.

### Background

Dr. Maria Montessori, an Italian physician, was born in 1870. She was asked to work with Italian slum children and developed extensive

teaching tools that proved effective and later gained worldwide renown.

"Montessori is all hands-on," Rao said. The "Follow the Child" focus on learning helps children grow and become independent and confident.

"With that comes learning," she said.

At the Novi center, children focus on practical life skills like pouring, buttoning and buckling. In reading, they work with phonics and use a lot of beads for counting in math. There's also science, music, geography and Spanish.

"So it's the whole child we want. Reading and writing will always come," Rao said.

After the center, some children go on to public school districts and do well, with other parents choosing parochial schools. There is also Montessori elementary education elsewhere, Rao said.

"I started with my son, who's 40 years old now," the grandmother of four said. She and her husband, a Unisys retiree, are proud of him, an oncologist in Arizona, as well as their 43-year-old son serving as a professor at the University of Toronto.

"My husband is a great supporter of Montessori," she said. It's a family business, with the children having worked there when they were younger: "There's a lot of love for Montessori," Rao said.

The couple's one son was 4 when he started in Montessori in West Bloomfield. A good



Geetha Rao, owner of the Novi Northville Montessori School, visits with some of its children during a Jan. 10 session. The early learning center located on Novi Road is celebrating 30 years in operation. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

friend of Rao's started the school that would become hers. "They moved on and we bought the business," she said. "For me, this is my religion, serving the children. It's very, very rewarding."

"The strength of the school is my teachers," including director and co-administrator Bridget Wilkinson of South Lyon, on staff 28 years.

All the seven teachers and paraprofessionals are well-trained, said Rao, who noted many parents work full time and the center suits those families well.

She's also grateful for the supportive parents. The school enrolls a number of siblings, as well as neighbors of children there.

During a recent tour, Rao noted the building was constructed with young children in mind, with furnishings scaled to them. "I wanted this to be a home away from home for the children at

the same time they're learning," she said.

On a recent Monday, Wilkinson was preparing for a geography lesson. Wilkinson said children had earlier learned about Hanukkah and Kwanzaa and moved on to Martin Luther King Jr. lessons in January.

Wilkinson was explaining the Milky Way, moving down to North America and eventually to Novi. "It's just an introduction," she said. "Some of them pick it up, some of them don't."

What does Wilkinson like best about her job?

"The children," she said without hesitation. "They're delightful. Something new every day."

Rao noted children come from many countries and enjoy an international Christmas show. Parents give presentations on where they come from.

"When I started, children had never seen an Indian person," she said. That's changed through time. "That's my dream, to have the world come together," Rao said.

### Parents are key

"We want the parents to come and participate, to be a part of the school," she said. "I'm very passionate about Montessori."

Parent Jill Guerrero of Novi has four kids ages 12, 10, 7 and 4 who are or have attended the center for two years of preschool each.

"The Montessori preschool really stood out," Guerrero, married to Jim, said of their search for a school for their oldest daughter. As parents, they liked that children had classroom choices, but also direction.

"Every choice is a good choice," Jill Guerrero said. "Everything has a reason behind it. We really liked their philosophy. When we visited, it was so calm."

They've enjoyed Mother's Night, Father's Night and birthdays at the center and add their children have done well academically.

"Wonderfully, wonderfully," Guerrero said. "When they entered kindergarten, they were so far ahead. The preschool was such a wonderful start for them."

The school is also green, using organic food, recycling and having children do art projects including recycling.

"I really want to thank the parents and my staff," said Rao, who also appreciates the greater community. "We have served this community for 30 years. Novi has been good to us."

Montessori is a more structured method, she explained, and not suited to all children. She doesn't offer an infant or toddler program.

The center's website is [www.novinorthville.montessorictr.com](http://www.novinorthville.montessorictr.com); its phone number 248-348-3033.

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## Economist makes claim of restrained real growth

By Joanne Maliszewski  
Staff Writer

There's good news and bad news about the U.S. economy.

By June 2009, the nation's gross domestic product — the market value of all officially recognized final goods and services produced — expanded by 2 percent. And it's showing slight continuing growth.

The bad news is that the U.S. economy in its slow recovery is the strongest economy in the world, said William Strauss, senior economist at the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

Strauss was back in Farmington Hills on Jan. 13 to provide his annual economic outlook, a presentation hosted by the city and the Economic Development Corp.

The third quarter of 2013 saw a spike in GDP up to 4.1 percent. But the truth is an increase in inventories accounted for the greatest share of that growth. And the increase in the inventories was unintended. "Did stores need more inventory? No," Strauss told some 30-40 guests at the morning presentation.

That means that real growth in the GDP is restrained, Strauss added.

But the Chicago Federal National Activities Index, a monthly gauge of overall economic activity and related inflationary pressure, suggests that 2013's fourth quarter "is looking pretty good," Strauss said.

### Employment

It doesn't take much to remind Americans that between December 2007 and February 2010, approximately 8.7 million jobs were lost.

Since the end of that period, 7.5 million jobs have been added with 2.2 million of them in 2013 alone. And it will take another two or three years before the labor market returns to some normalcy.

Since 2007, an additional one million Americans are still looking for a job, which means, Strauss said, that overall five to six million people are still without a job. The relative good news is that after October 2009, the nation's unemployment rate had fallen by 3.3 percentage points.

But there's more to the story. The rates do not account for the people who gave up looking for a job. "Discouraged workers do not show up in these statistics," Strauss said.

And there are those people who are working part time but really want to work full time

and it doesn't account for underemployment, such as the highly educated person who is working at a fast food restaurant or Starbucks or those who are earning far less than before the recession simply to remain employed, Strauss said.

### Real estate

The housing market in the Detroit area, Strauss said, remains uncertain. Location continues to drive buyers' demand. "Everything is unique."

Families with grown children and extended families continue to live together in the recession's aftermath. "It's a *Three's Company* economy."

Housing, with prices that dropped some 40 percent during the recession, is driven by the labor market. Economists, however, are forecasting 1.1 million new houses will be built in 2014 and another 1.3 million in 2015. "We have been under-investing in housing for the last five years."

### Prices

Inflation is moderating with the expectation it will increase 1.9 percent in 2014 and 2.1 percent in 2015. But it is also expected to remain fairly flat in coming years through 2016. Believe it or not, energy prices are being kept down and it is expected that natural gas prices will remain low, Strauss said.

In the period 1999-2005, the ratio of natural gas to oil prices averaged 13.4 percent. In 2013, that ratio fell to 3.8 percent. "Gas will remain lower than oil for years to come," as greenfield plants come on board providing low cost energy, Strauss said.

### Manufacturing

This sector took one of the biggest hits during the recent recession but is on the rise averaging a growth of 4.8 percent in the past 53 months. To date, manufacturing has recovered 88.5 percent of the loss it experienced in the recession, Strauss said.

Increases in manufacturing are seen in autos, primary metals, machinery and fabricated metals — all related to the auto industry. Light vehicle sales, for example, are getting close to pre-recession numbers. In 2012, all vehicle sales increased 13 percent, another 7 percent in 2013 and forecast to increase about 3 percent this year and again in 2015.

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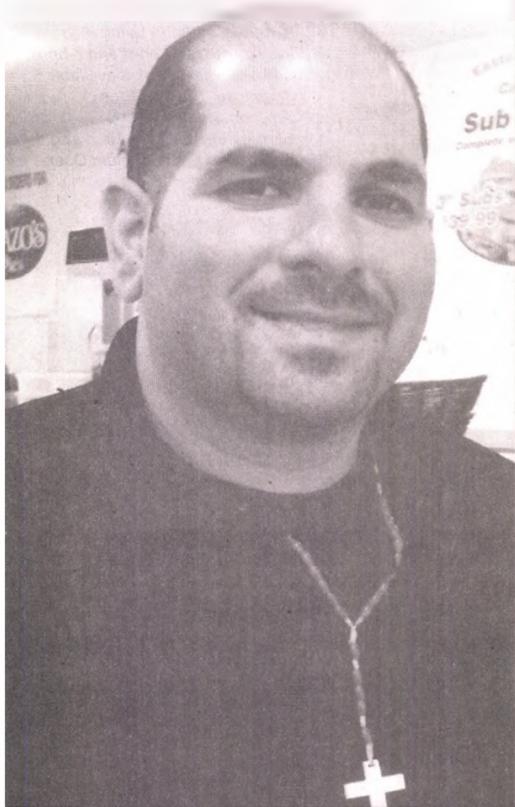
## Vicari's latest



Novi Mayor Bob Gatt holds the ribbon for Joe Vicari to cut during the Jan. 9 grand opening celebration of Joe & Aldo's Italian Tavern, Vicari's reincarnated Andiamo restaurant off Grand River Avenue and Main Street. The casual, family-friendly concept opened around September 2013 and is very different from Vicari's Andiamo restaurants. Another is replacing his Mesquite Creek restaurant in Clarkston.

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## Cooking, home heating fires increase in winter

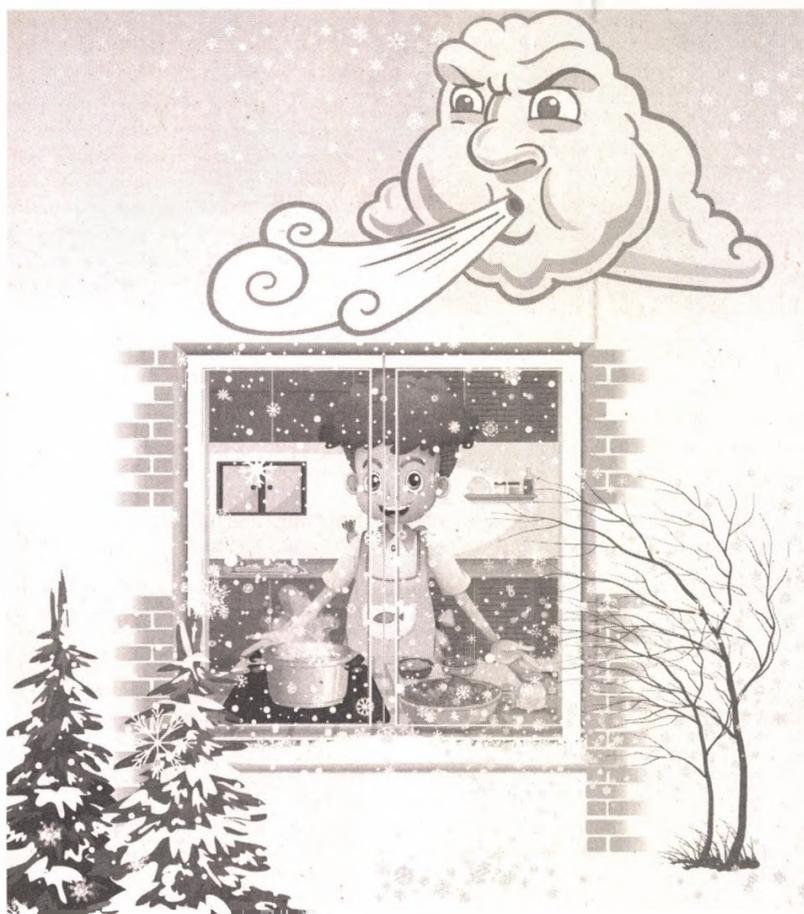
The National Fire Protection Association and the United States Fire Administration are teaming up on a campaign to promote fire safety during winter months. There are typically more home fires and home fire deaths in cooler months. Safety information being offered on a host of topics under the umbrella "Put a Freeze on Winter Fires" is aimed at raising awareness of winter fire risks and providing tools and information that can be used to reduce these risks.

Preparing for a new season is the first step in addressing safety. NFPA and USFA offer 10 Tips to Get Ahead of the Winter Freeze, a printable checklist of reminders, such as checking that vents have been cleaned and inspected, and furnaces have been inspected and serviced.

The campaign will begin with a focus on cooking fire safety and heating fire safety. Cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries, and the third leading cause of home fire deaths. November usually signals a time of increased cooking fires as Thanksgiving is the peak day for cooking fires with roughly three times the average number of cooking fires. It also marks the beginning of the holiday season and a lot of cooking. In fact, Christmas and Christmas Eve rank second and third in cooking fires. Unattended cooking is the leading cause of cooking fires. Most cooking fires involve the range or cooktop.

Heating is the second leading cause of home fire deaths, behind smoking, and the second leading cause of home fire injuries. In 2007-11, most home heating fire deaths (81 percent) and injuries (70 percent) involved stationary or portable space heaters.

For tip sheets, videos and other information on how to prevent cooking, heating and other types of fires, visit [www.nfpa.org/winter](http://www.nfpa.org/winter) and [www.usfa.fema.gov/winter](http://www.usfa.fema.gov/winter) for an extensive list of resources. Check out the new online quiz and stay tuned to [www.nfpa.org/winter](http://www.nfpa.org/winter) or follow NFPA and USFA on social media for updates, new



materials and other interactive ways to brush up on fire safety.

The "Put a Freeze on Winter Fires" campaign will run through mid-March and other topics will include holiday decorations, candles, electrical, winter storms and carbon monoxide.

NFPA is a worldwide leader in fire, electrical, building, and life safety. The mission of the international nonprofit

organization founded in 1896 is to reduce the worldwide burden of fire and other hazards on the quality of life by providing and advocating consensus codes and standards, research, training, and education. NFPA develops more than 300 codes and standards to minimize the possibility and effects of fire and other hazards. All NFPA codes and standards can be viewed at no cost at [www.nfpa.org/freeaccess](http://www.nfpa.org/freeaccess).



Robert Meisner

## N.J. case focus handicap parking

**Q:** I live in an apartment complex and I am disabled. Initially, I was given an assigned parking spot. Now, I am asking the landlord to give me a handicap accessible spot closer to my apartment. Can I still keep my non-accessible parking spot?

**A:** Probably not. In a case in the early 2000s out of New Jersey, the federal court held that the association had acted reasonably in offering a disabled owner a handicap accessible parking space closer to his unit upon the condition that he surrender his non-accessible parking space, since each unit owner only had one assigned space. This case should be helpful to all associations dealing with this question.

**Q:** I am thinking about developing a live-work condominium and I am wondering whether you are aware of any potential problems with that type of development.

**A:** It is a difficult question to answer in the short time allotted, but it is clear that the development of a so-called live-work condominium building is picking up speed throughout the country in response to the proliferation of professionals who work from home. A condo hybrid creates a space that is suited to work and residential needs. However, there are zoning and building code challenges largely because communities don't know whether to treat live-work condos as commercial or residential. Buyers need to understand what uses they can and cannot have which usually are enumerated in the condominium documents. In general, as far as the uses of the units are concerned, it is buyer beware especially in developments where there are fewer live-work units than traditional residential units. Buyers need to look very carefully at the governing documents to make sure that any amendments to them that would affect their rights would have to be approved by a majority of the live-work unit owners and not the owners of traditional units. You are best advised to consult with an experienced community association attorney before entering into any purchase agreement and/or design decisions with respect to any condominium development.

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### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Sept. 23-27, 2013, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON	
42630 Addison Ave	\$180,000
39446 Bart St	\$137,000
46731 Bartlett Dr	\$265,000
41586 Bedford Dr	\$40,000
7711 Charrington Dr	\$228,000
7910 Charrington Dr	\$235,000
467 Cherry Orchard Rd	\$172,000
50334 Colonial St	\$294,000
1557 Commodore Cir	\$150,000
2483 Cranbrook Rd	\$181,000
42129 Echo Forest Dr	\$339,000
5885 Fairborn Dr	\$400,000
50678 Federal Blvd	\$83,000
51285 Federal Blvd	\$86,000
7037 Foxridge Dr	\$210,000
48835 Gyde Rd	\$151,000
1144 Hampshire Dr	\$152,000
1982 Hawks Nest Ct	\$164,000
2480 Hogan Way	\$185,000
2720 Hogan Way	\$250,000
2768 Hogan Way	\$236,000
3897 Hunters Way Ct	\$72,000
50412 Lansdowne Rd	\$410,000
2336 Leigh Ct	\$258,000
1663 McInane St	\$360,000
7485 N Beck Rd	\$160,000
3928 Palace Ave	\$205,000
7340 Parkway Ct	\$215,000
6254 Pickwick Dr	\$203,000
254 Princeton St	\$198,000
7432 Provincial Rd	\$195,000
5926 Runnymede Dr	\$175,000
2109 S Pennfield Ln	\$77,000
42544 Saltz Rd	\$225,000
44461 Savery Dr	\$52,000
644 Sorel Dr	\$248,000
1811 Steeplechase Rd	\$87,000
377 Sylvan Dr	\$383,000
45303 Turnberry Dr	\$300,000
46596 Waddington Rd	\$285,000
5705 Wedgewood Rd	\$150,000

7640 Wheaton Dr	\$164,000
2399 Wooster St	\$366,000
GARDEN CITY	
28489 Barton St	\$67,000
2029 Cardwell St	\$101,000
6041 Cardwell St	\$70,000
30024 Cherry Hill Rd	\$80,000
6445 Fairfield St	\$82,000
6036 Gilman St	\$45,000
32207 Marquette St	\$60,000
LIVONIA	
28700 Seven Mile Rd	\$90,000
38814 Allen St	\$165,000
36713 Angeline Cir	\$142,000
34001 Ann Arbor Trl	\$132,000
18999 Bainbridge Ave	\$203,000
9063 Beatrice St	\$158,000
29656 Clarita St	\$50,000
29656 Clarita St	\$53,000
14512 Country Club Dr	\$167,000
14904 Country Club Dr	\$128,000
18014 Country Club Dr	\$235,000
9901 Cranston St	\$30,000
36101 Curtis Rd	\$245,000
15430 Edgington St	\$215,000
14851 Ellen Dr	\$150,000
39004 Elsie St	\$195,000
9833 Fairfield St	\$80,000
33009 Fargo St	\$35,000
18978 Gleggarry Dr	\$312,000
15317 Green Lane Ave	\$108,000
29200 Grove St	\$143,000
31510 Haldane St	\$143,000
15045 Hix St	\$130,000
9268 Houghton St	\$120,000
15015 Knolson St	\$170,000
38478 Lapham Ct	\$256,000
18525 Loveland St	\$185,000
39194 Minton Ave	\$139,000
36705 Munger Dr	\$136,000
34614 Navin Ct	\$320,000
15060 Nola St	\$120,000
29801 Richland St	\$142,000
30840 Schoolcraft Rd	\$110,000
15536 Shadyside St	\$225,000
18369 University Park Dr	\$87,000
9245 Virginia St	\$128,000
27540 W Chicago St	\$97,000
14063 Westmore St	\$175,000

14133 Westmore St	\$133,000
15507 Williams St	\$215,000
NORTHVILLE	
48458 Binghampton Dr	\$510,000
17638 Briar Ridge Ln	\$720,000
17778 Briar Ridge Ln	\$506,000
16409 Brooklane Blvd	\$575,000
39631 Dun Rovin Dr	\$290,000
39595 Eagle Trace Dr	\$295,000
39753 Eagle Trace Dr	\$269,000
495 East St	\$543,000
39876 Harbert Dr	\$283,000
16524 Horseshoe Dr	\$467,000
16750 Horseshoe Dr	\$514,000
39658 Muirfield Ln	\$310,000
617 N Center St	\$150,000
49448 N Glacier	\$277,000
47786 Newcastle Ct	\$640,000
19154 Northridge Dr	\$70,000
50595 Northstar Way	\$710,000
50687 Northstar Way	\$682,000
18947 Oak Leaf Ln	\$1,425,000
46275 Pinehurst Dr	\$504,000
49200 Ridge Ct	\$265,000
50031 Teton Ridge Rd	\$734,000
PLYMOUTH	
696 Adams St	\$255,000
45763 Amesbury Dr	\$362,000
365 Auburn St	\$400,000
47080 Burning Tree Ln	\$650,000
240 Burroughs St	\$190,000
42257 Hammill Ln	\$148,000
837 Harding St	\$325,000
9410 High Pointe Ct	\$265,000
13945 High Ridge Ct	\$465,000
647 Kellogg St	\$231,000
359 McKinley St	\$415,000
42207 Mill Race Cir	\$121,000
51355 Northview	\$310,000
42211 Old Pond Cir	\$115,000
895 Palmer St	\$409,000
12510 Pinecrest Dr	\$210,000
233 Pinewood Cir	\$78,000
41633 Riveroaks Dr	\$200,000
1479 Ross St	\$280,000
1099 Simpson St	\$182,000
9230 Tavistock Dr	\$225,000
REDFORD	
12920 Beech Daly Rd	\$65,000

9020 Brady	\$80,000
11675 Farley	\$68,000
17195 Gaylord	\$74,000
9920 Grayfield	\$15,000
9623 Hemingway	\$72,000
15914 Indian	\$51,000
14224 Inkster Rd	\$20,000
9295 Jerome	\$78,000
9084 Lenore	\$48,000
15480 Lexington	\$75,000
11639 Marion	\$72,000
25447 Ross Dr	\$75,000
26210 W Chicago	\$73,000
19403 Wakenden	\$29,000
11392 Wormer	\$47,000
11415 Wormer	\$26,000
WAYNE	
34333 Annapolis St	\$30,000
34930 Elm St	\$108,000
4690 Niagara St	\$60,000
WESTLAND	
32915 Avondale St	\$64,000
31656 Birchwood St	\$55,000
8661 Cardwell St	\$140,000
7728 Carrousel Blvd	\$85,000
32750 Chapman Cir	\$115,000
7315 Cheyenne St	\$175,000
35442 Farragut Ave	\$90,000
31540 Grandview Ave	\$100,000
5131 Julius Blvd	\$10,000
341 Larchmont Dr	\$135,000
2370 McGee Ct	\$95,000
5835 N Berry St	\$56,000
8300 N Hix Rd	\$225,000
5930 N Newburgh Rd	\$50,000
34655 Parkgrove Dr	\$140,000
6457 Pembroke Dr	\$91,000
7806 Rivergate Dr	\$80,000
1568 S Crown St	\$76,000
1575 S Sutton St	\$125,000
8310 Shari Dr	\$125,000
34065 Standish St	\$90,000
30859 Stephen Ct	\$109,000
36159 Traditions Dr	\$155,000
829 Van Sull St	\$98,000
6342 W Morgan Cir	\$90,000

### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Sept. 3-6, 2013, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS	
16296 Beechwood Ave	\$295,000
15975 Reedmere Ave	\$270,000
BIRMINGHAM	
1751 Birmingham Blvd	\$415,000
622 Chesterfield Ave	\$683,000
677 E Lincoln St	\$262,000
1569 E Lincoln St	\$219,000
1778 Graefield Rd	\$123,000
1221 Hillside Dr	\$280,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
7118 Cathedral Dr	\$376,000
1015 Eastover Dr	\$255,000
260 Guilford Rd	\$1,798,000
941 N Reading Rd	\$234,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
542 Cambridge Way	\$526,000
1320 Covington Rd	\$995,000
776 Great Oaks Dr	\$435,000
6731 N Adams Rd	\$204,000

7200 Parkhurst Dr	\$296,000
1116 S Timberview Trl	\$300,000
1887 Squirrel Valley Dr	\$295,000
2540 W Hickory Grove Rd	\$184,000
100 W Hickory Grove Rd # A8	\$65,000
4590 Walden Dr	\$473,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	
3143 Belle Terre	\$75,000
5981 Birchcrest Ln	\$60,000
3761 Cheryl Dr	\$100,000
1854 Cheshire Ln	\$405,000
4645 Commerce Woods Dr	\$240,000
2731 Greenlawn Ave	\$299,000
224 Havana St	\$83,000
725 Polvadera St	\$175,000
2600 Rocky Top Ct	\$246,000
3508 Trentwood Dr	\$715,000
1611 Wandrei Ct	\$400,000
FARMINGTON	
34142 Cortland Ave	\$213,000
23801 Farmington Rd	\$215,000
38372 Lana Ct	\$270,000
22980 Manning St	\$188,000
33244 Slocum Dr	\$175,000
34009 Squire St	\$210,000

22901 Warner St	\$146,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
28197 Alycekey St	\$130,000
25872 Beecham Rd	\$188,000
27675 Chatsworth St	\$887,000
33577 Colony Park Dr	\$275,000
29347 Earth Ln	\$110,000
37773 Glengrove Dr	\$335,000
26750 Halsted Rd	\$100,000
21418 Hamilton Ave	\$18,000
27281 Hystone Dr	\$147,000
28927 Kirkside Ln	\$225,000
37538 Legends Trail Dr	\$228,000
35735 Lone Pine Ln	\$197,000
23011 Middlebelt Rd	\$74,000
31111 Misty Pines Dr	\$138,000
26117 Pillsbury St	\$220,000
32361 Red Clover Rd	\$230,000
22451 Shadowglen Dr	\$295,000
32237 Tall Timber Dr	\$203,000
36729 Tanglewood Cir	\$265,000
23630 W Newell Ln	\$145,000
31371 W Stonewood Ct	\$280,000
FRANKLIN	
27115 Wellington Rd	\$1,275,000
LATHRUP VILLAGE	
28125 Lathrup Blvd	\$222,000

738 Banbury Ct	\$285,000
806 Canal St	\$145,000
420 Crystal St	\$170,000
664 E Dawson Rd	\$290,000
1032 Riverstone Cir	\$240,000
2986 Rolling Green Ct	\$340,000
NORTHVILLE	
41754 Broquet Dr	\$130,000
47970 Ravello Ct	\$930,000
37785 W Greenwood Dr	\$257,000
NOVI	
39955 Burton Ct	\$260,000
50917 Chesapeake Dr	\$518,000
22445 Cranbrooke Dr	\$125,000
22440 Darcey Ct	\$680,000
24655 Dinsler Dr	\$240,000
44643 Ellery Ln	\$201,000
27967 Hopkins Dr	\$154,000
24596 Kings Pointe	\$210,000
44490 Stone Rd	\$375,000
27424 Victoria Rd	\$295,000
43650 Wendingo Ct	\$210,000
1523 West Lake Dr	\$538,000
46195 White Pines Dr	\$148,000
SOUTH LYON	
23817 Bayberry Ct	\$360,000

24734 Brompton Way	\$448,000
23825 Copperwood Dr W	\$434,000
61365 Creekview Dr	\$196,000
1111 Fountain View Cir	\$120,000
54898 Grenelle Cir W	\$277,000
23966 Lyon Ridge Dr	\$455,000
51921 Red Cedar	\$374,000
51957 Red Cedar	\$358,000
58698 Swing Beam Ct	\$80,000
SOUTHFIELD	
19695 Albany Ave	\$69,000
27445 Bradford Ln	\$142,000
18519 Jeanette St	\$160,000
20905 Mapleridge Ave	\$140,000
30841 Marshall St	\$97,000
29465 Somerset Dr	\$130,000
29569 Stellamar Dr	\$190,000
20270 Westpointe Ct	\$145,000
25820 Woodvilla Pl	\$190,000
WHITE LAKE	
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## Detroit Three Have Lots To Crow About at Motown's Auto Show



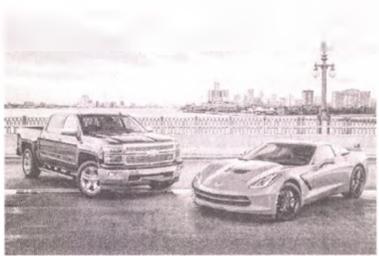
By Dale Buss

Detroit Three executives were in high dudgeon at the press preview of the North American International Auto Show at Cobo Hall in Detroit.

And well they should be: General Motors, Ford and Chrysler each made huge impressions on global auto media and their followers, and each in very different ways.

Chevrolet executives were giddy after two of their most important new models swept the industry's coveted North American Car of the Year and Truck/Utility of the Year awards, bested by a panel of dozens of automotive journalists who have regular exposure to new vehicles each year. Entries are judged on factors including innovation, design, safety, handling, driver satisfaction and value for the dollar.

The Chevy Corvette Stingray was named Car of the Year, and the Chevrolet Silverado pickup truck copped Truck of the Year honors, the first time Chevy has won both awards in the same year. Silverado was last named Truck of the Year in 2007 and the Corvette was last named Car of the Year in 1998.



Chevrolet's two winners: Silverado and Corvette Stingray.

Silverado outpointed the second-place finisher for Truck/Utility of the Year, the new Jeep Cherokee, with 219 points to 174 points. The third-place finisher, Acura MDX, garnered 97 points. Among cars, the Corvette outpointed the other two finalists with 211 points to Mazda's 185 points and Cadillac CTS' 94 points.

Meanwhile, Ford executives were on the offensive as they introduced the world's most significant aluminium-framed vehicle, the new Ford F-150 pickup truck, and ticked off stat after stat about the company's burgeoning position and success in the U.S. and global automotive markets.



The new aluminium-based Ford F-150.

The new 2015 Ford F-150, to go on sale sometime this year, represents for Ford not only the crucial newest version of America's best-selling vehicle but also the manifestation of a huge technological bet encouraged by CEO Alan Mulally.

When the truck debuts, not only will it be the newest entry among the Detroit Three pickup-truck segment but also, with the aluminium frame, the new F-150 could be perceived by truck buyers as a whole generation ahead of the competition.

Ford executives touted the new F-150 for advances such as a new body and load bed made almost entirely of an aluminium alloy that allowed the vehicle to shed as much as 700 pounds compared with the current version.

The new F-150 also will feature class-exclusive LED headlights and taillights, a class-leading-size moon roof, a 360-degree-view exterior camera and an 8-inch "productivity" screen on the dash for infotainment purposes, among other advancements.

Chrysler was able to count at least two things that augured well for 2014: a robust new version of its Chrysler 200 sedan, and an indication that its charismatic CEO, Sergio Marchionne, will stick around for a while.

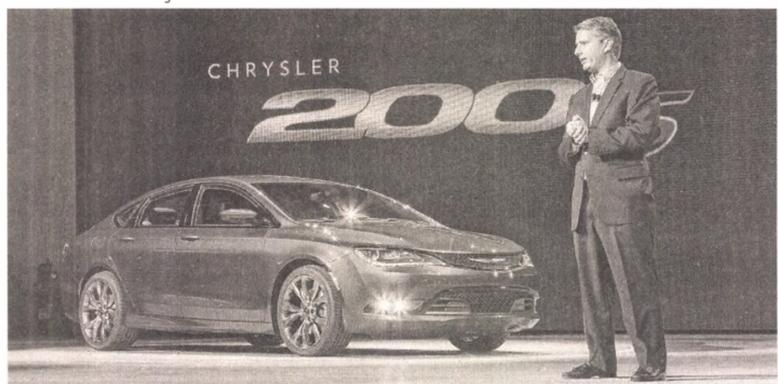
Marchionne indicated that he'll stay at least three years with the combined Fiat-Chrysler after serving as the master architect of the company as it has been cobbled together so far after the 2009 bailout. Marchionne's vision and charisma are widely credited as key factors in Chrysler's ability to come back even as Fiat continues to be hampered by the European market.

Meanwhile, the 200 was last fully redesigned when George W. Bush was president. Only the iconic Super Bowl commercial of 2011, starring Eminem, breathed enough life into the vehicle for it to survive this long in a segment that has gotten very competitive in the US market lately.

Chrysler brand president Al Gardner called the new 200 Chrysler's "flagship" sedan at the North American International Auto Show as Marchionne, U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow (D-Mich.) and other luminaries looked on. He promised the new model "will redefine the brand" as the company beefs up its Chrysler lineup.

"A lot of people won't see this coming," Gardner said, promising that Chrysler had "designed a car to challenge every other car in its segment" with the aim of trumping the competition in three important ways: "flawless" quality, a "new level of design and elegance" and an "attainable" price that begins at \$21,700—or about \$95 less than the entry-level price of the 200 model it replaced. Chrysler also has invested more than \$1 billion in refurbishing a Michigan plant to build the car.

Now that Marchionne is free to finish molding Fiat-Chrysler after the company recently purchased the final remainder of Chrysler owned by the United Auto Workers, Chrysler is expected to be able to shore up its Chrysler-brand product line. The new 200 should give it a good head start.



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8 Injured  
15 Heart chambers  
20 Baseball's "Hebrew Hammer"  
21 The U.S., south of the U.S. border  
22 Bucking horse  
23 Two words that might follow BUTTER ...  
25 Arledge of TV  
26 Guess as to takeoff: Abbr.  
27 Shortcoming  
28 Yoga pad  
29 Not as bright  
30 The Louvre, e.g.: Abbr.  
32 Stephen of films  
33 SPORTS ...  
36 HARD ...  
39 Get choked by, as food  
40 Baseballer David a.k.a. "Big Papi"  
41 Secrete milk  
45 Discontinued  
48 — Moines, Iowa  
49 Congo River feeder  
53 Modify formally  
55 Spain's longest river  
56 STORM ...  
59 Winning line in tic-tac-toe  
60 To be, to Jacques  
63 "— in the bag!"  
64 — -pah-pah band  
65 Begin the cruise  
67 — play (a simple job)  
69 Country music resort city in Missouri  
73 Tenor Jan  
74 More piquant  
76 Detroit-to-Montreal dir.  
77 Some toy batteries  
79 "An apple —"  
80 Summer, to the French  
81 AIR ...  
86 Castle-circling ditch  
88 Roman 553  
89 What the Tin Woodman asked for  
90 Derek and Diddlee  
93 Sleep disorder  
95 Toss in some seasoning  
97 Plain as day  
99 Buddhism's — Lama  
101 POWER ...  
105 BLUE ...  
110 Critical hosp. ward  
111 Part of RSVP  
112 Having disembarked  
113 Pluralized -y  
114 Becomes smelting waste  
116 Letter before theta  
118 Hippbone part  
119 HAND ...  
123 Get the suds out of  
124 10th-century German king  
125 Most pointless  
126 See 44-Down  
127 Maximally massive  
128 Certifies (to)  
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1 Rally or relay  
2 Far greater  
3 Pieces of merchandise  
4 "Tik —" (2009 #1 hit for Kesha)  
5 "Catch — You Can" (Dave Clark Five song)  
6 Gain back, as trust  
7 Took place as a result  
8 Left  
9 Aged  
10 Mom's bro  
11 "— Rae" (1979 film)  
12 Gloomy, in poetry  
13 Les — -Unis  
14 Rep.'s foe  
15 Abbreviate  
16 Tuba's kin  
17 SCHOOL ...  
18 Central  
19 Computers such as the Aspire and Extensa  
24 Banned apple spray  
29 Gene stuff  
31 Enjoy a slope  
33 Offed  
34 "LA Ink" channel  
35 Liaisons  
36 Car axle, e.g.  
37 France's Cote d'—  
38 Gymnastics great Korbut  
42 Qdoba items  
43 "Take —" (office order)  
44 With 126-Across, multiple-gear bicycle  
46 Beethoven's Third  
47 "Tom —" (1958 #1 hit)  
50 Cap. of the Gem State  
51 Pantry insect  
52 Fed. crash investigator  
54 Far out from the coast  
56 Sensed  
57 Film director Stanley  
58 I-90, e.g.  
60 Itchy skin condition  
61 Up-and-comer's eventual goal  
62 SUN ...  
66 Sewing line  
68 "What's the —?" ("Who cares?")  
70 Changed the decor of  
71 Writer Nin  
72 Of the entire U.S., e.g.  
75 Installed anew, as a carpet  
78 Shape of a parenthesis  
82 Hat, in slang  
83 Ken and G.I. Joe, say  
84 In — (unmoved)  
85 Give — to (approve)  
87 Coffee shop's cousin  
90 Has faith  
91 Non-written exam  
92 Pigs' hangout  
94 Freaked out  
96 iPhone extra  
98 #2 corp. execs  
100 Suffix with hex-  
102 Adorn richly  
103 Maine national park  
104 Guitarist Ted  
105 Carnivals  
106 Suffolk County town  
107 Metropolis, in Milan  
108 Microwaves, say  
109 Ain't right?  
114 Vexed state  
115 Crate piece  
117 Part of A&E  
119 Like kings: Abbr.  
120 Vegas cube  
121 "— for Alibi" (Sue Grafton book)  
122 Suffix with Ernest

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## The questions to ask yourself before starting a job search

By Debra Auerbach  
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Looking for a job isn't easy. It takes time, patience and a lot of work. If you're starting a job search, it may be tempting to jump right in, but if you don't take some time to reflect on what you want and how you want to get there, you may end up taking your job search in the wrong direction.

Before you begin looking for a job, ask yourself some questions that will help you get a clearer picture of what you're looking for, what skills you can contribute to a company and what kind of job can help you achieve your career goals.

Not sure what to ask? Here are some questions to consider:

### Why am I starting a job search?

This should be the first question you ask yourself. While you may think it's an easy one, getting to the root of why you're looking for a job can help you determine whether you're job searching for the right reasons. "If you are fresh out of school or unemployed, it's not an issue. But what if you are employed and just unhappy with what you are doing?" says Bruce A. Hurwitz, President and CEO of Hurwitz Strategic Staffing. "I have had a number of career counseling clients come to me thinking they wanted a new job but left realizing all they wanted were new responsibilities. They all stayed on the job, got new responsibilities, and they, and their bosses, were quite happy."

### What value do I bring to potential employers?

Kimberly Robb Baker, certified résumé writer and job-search strategist, says that if you stick to only showing how

you meet the basic requirements of a job, you'll be treated like a commodity. Instead, you need to think about what it is that makes you unique and attractive to prospective employers. "Whether your background in physical education informs your HR candidacy with a unique perspective on employee wellness programs or your coding knowledge makes you an IT manager who can speak engineers' language, you have something to offer that goes beyond the basics. Find it and express it."

### What type of corporate culture do I want to work within?

"Corporate culture is an important factor one must take into consideration when not only contemplating a job offer but also when applying for jobs," says Jesse Siegal, senior managing director and recruiting expert of recruitment firm Execu-Search. "Therefore, before applying to jobs, you need to take some time to reflect on what you are looking for in a workplace. Some valid questions to ask yourself include: 'Do I need an employer who will permit me to work a flexible schedule? Am I okay with having to work long hours in a competitive environment? Do I prefer to work on more collaborative teams or do I prefer working independently?' Once you have these answers, when applying and interviewing for jobs, you'll have a better idea of what to look out for and what questions to ask the employer to learn more about an organization's corporate culture."



### On what, if anything, can I be flexible?

While it's good to think about what you'd want in an ideal job, it's more realistic to consider what are "nice to haves" versus "need to haves," since no job will be perfect. "What is a must-have? This will help you decide if a job offer is worth taking or passing on," says Laurie Berenson, career strategist, certified master résumé writer and president of Sterling Career Concepts LLC. "Location? Industry? Job function? Hours? Salary? Perhaps you're willing to take a low salary to break into your desired industry. Prioritize what's important to you."

### Where do I ultimately want to be in my career, and what steps do I have to take to get there?

"Most people need several 'stepping stone' positions to reach their ultimate goal," Berenson says. "This is especially true of younger job seekers. The job you accept tomorrow may not be your dream job, but if it's getting you into your desired field or industry or is with a reputable employer, consider it a stepping stone to where you ultimately want to land. You can't expect to get there overnight."

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