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## Hunter safety course

The city of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department, in partnership with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, will offer a hunter safety course 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, March 4, and Thursday, March 6, and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 8, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile.

Participants must be 11 years or older and complete all 10 hours to receive the DNR Hunter's Safety Course Certificate.

The price is \$7 for residents and \$9 for non-residents. The cost includes lunch on the final day, along with all the necessary materials to successfully complete the course.

At the end of the course, a written test will be administered.

Register online at [cityofnovi.org](http://cityofnovi.org) or in person at the Novi Civic Center. Limited spots are available. For questions, call the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department at 248-347-0400.

# School district seeks \$70M bond

Voters will decide May 6

By Cal Stone  
Staff Writer

Voters in the Novi school district will be asked May 6 to approve a \$70.9 million bond which, if approved, will result in a net-zero increase in the debt millage rate from 2013.

"The opportunity for a no-millage increase bond election is primarily due to an increasing tax base in Novi, upcoming declining debt obligations and issuing the bond in two series - in 2014 and in 2017," said Dr. Steve Matthews, superintendent of Novi Community Schools.

If successful, the bond will fund a wide variety of projects (see related graphic for details

and costs) this year through approximately 2020, he added.

The list of those projects comes from a Facility Assessment Report of the district facilities that the firm of Plante Moran Cresa was contracted to perform beginning in June 2013 in conjunction with school district staff. Plante Moran performed the assessment of technology, while district staff performed the assessment of buses and furniture and equipment.

That report was presented to the Board of Education in December and a 24-person steering committee was then formed to meet four times and review the report. Three community meetings were held in January to receive input on the report.

The report, updated with feedback from the community

and steering committee, was presented Feb. 6 to the board. On Thursday, the board unanimously approved a resolution and the ballot language to send to the city election department to hold an election May 6.

Board Trustee George Kortlandt thanked the administration for its efforts. He said the board, in years past, has asked for a thorough analysis of what the district's needs are for expenses, sinking fund, recreational millage and operating fund.

"We've always felt that we needed priorities set in front of us to give us an idea of what we should be approving, what we should be moving forward with, and you folks did that," Kortlandt said. "And then you put together an excellent commit-

tee that truly looked at what was the in best interests of the district, brought suggestions to us for approximately \$70 million to be bonded. I am very much in favor of this. I think this is what the district needs to keep its position where it is in the educational world in Michigan and move us forward, even."

## Goals and priorities

The steering committee in its discussions concluded the following five items were non-negotiable in determining the future of Novi schools:

1. Maintain buildings and sites at high-quality levels.
2. Maintain or reduce class sizes from early childhood

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A Novi DPW pickup truck and Bobcat (far right) travel Feb. 24 down 11 Mile Road to help smooth out its winter-worn pavement. The road, west of Meadowbrook, already in tough shape from years of use, has been torn up from this year's severe weather.

# 11 MILE ROAD FIX MOVED UP

By Lonnie Huhman  
Staff Writer

11 Mile Road has become so bad this winter that the plan to fix it has been moved up on the city of Novi's road work priority list during the upcoming construction season.

The specific section is between Town Center Drive and Meadowbrook Road.

Public Services Director Rob Hayes said this area of 11 Mile has been significantly

deteriorating so much in the last several months that it needs complete repair now, not later.

"The condition of the road has continued to worsen and there are several sections that are no longer serviceable," Hayes told the Novi City Council, which approved a plan to move up the plan on the to-do list.

By a 6-0 vote, council members said yes to deferring the Town Center Reconstruction

project and 2014 Capital Preventative Road Maintenance (specifically, Meadowbrook Road between Eight Mile and Nine Mile) project until fiscal year 2014-15 to expedite the reconstruction of 11 Mile beginning this spring, which will cost more than a \$1 million.

Last month, Novi decided to begin the design phase for 11 Mile, so the construction plan was not even in place yet, but

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# Haggerty to be widened

By Lonnie Huhman  
Staff Writer

Haggerty Road in Novi will be widened later this year to give drivers some relief from traffic congestion south of 10 Mile Road.

The Novi City Council, by a 6-0 vote, approved participating in the Road Commission for Oakland County's 2014 Tri-Party Program for Road Improvements and is dedicating Novi's 2014 allotment of \$159,089 to the Haggerty Road Widening Project, south of 10 Mile.

There are various potential needs around Novi that could use these funds, but this particular project fits the immediate bill for city staff.

"Staff recommends that the Haggerty Road Widening Project (from Westminster to Stonehenge) be designated for receipt of this year's Tri-Party funding for 2014 construction," Public Services Director Rob Hayes told the council. "The project would add a right lane to fill a 700-foot long lane drop on southbound Haggerty, south of 10 Mile Road."

Hayes said a lane drop occurs where one through lane is merged into another.

"Over the years, several lane drops along Haggerty Road south of 10 Mile Road have been eliminated," he said.

In 2007, Novi funded the elimination of three lane drops between Nine Mile and Eight Mile roads: one on the

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# Baseball league gets new logo for 20th anniversary

By Lonnie Huhman  
Staff Writer



The 20th anniversary logo was unveiled at the last Novi Youth Baseball League board meeting. Pictured are (from left) NYBL President Tim Rush, contest/design winner Phillip Song, Novi High teacher Melissa Edmunds and Brad Leidal of the NYBL.

Phillip Song won a contest to design the most eye-catching logo for the Novi Youth Baseball League's 20th anniversary jersey.

"It's a cool design and we like it so much that it will go on the front of the jerseys and on our merchandise," said Brad Leidal, of NYBL's Marketing and Branding Committee.

Song is a high school exchange student from South Korea staying with a host family in Novi.

Leidal said there were 50 students participating from Novi High School, as well as some entries from Detroit Catholic Central High School. More than 75 designs were submitted.

The contest to select a new logo is part of the NYBL's 20th year celebration.

Song is part of Melissa Edmunds' graphic arts class, which also produced an auto show poster design winner.

Edmunds said this contest was a great way for Song and her other students to work on a project that had real-world results.

"I would like to thank NYBL for providing this opportunity for the students and asking if we would like to participate in this exciting competition," Edmunds said. "I am also eager to involve my students in projects that require real-life application and opportunities to win awards."

Song was asked to create versions of his design with some

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## 11 MILE

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complaints and concerns changed that.

“Staff has received numerous complaints about the poor condition of 11 Mile Road from adjacent businesses and the start of reconstruction of the road is necessary as soon as possible this fiscal year,” the Public Services Department wrote in its report to the council.

These two other projects will be delayed because city staff said both of these roadways are in much better condition than this stretch of 11 Mile and can be deferred by performing routine maintenance on them over the next few months.

A few big reasons why 11 Mile’s plan was going to be done later on, probably next year, is because it entails the design being created, easement/right of way acquisitions obtained and utility relocation approved. The city

would need to acquire 20 properties to be able to put in the pathways it wants to on both sides of the road as part of the project.

These will be worked on and put in, but at a later date, probably in the next year.

The road project should start in the next several months so, in the meantime, watch out for those potholes.

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## Novi Police investigating Charter One Bank robbery

At approximately 11:42 a.m. Wednesday, a male suspect entered the Charter One Bank at 41400 10 Mile Road, at the corner of Meadowbrook Road, and handed the teller a note demanding money.

The suspect implied he had a weapon, although no weapon was observed.

The suspect fled the bank on foot with an undisclosed sum of money.

The suspect is described as a black male, unknown age, approximately 5 feet, 3 inches tall, approximately 130-160 pounds, unknown hair color, unknown eye color.

He was last seen wearing a black The North Face jacket, black hooded sweatshirt, light colored baseball hat, black mask and sunglasses.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Detective Sgt. Scott Baetens at 248-348-7100 or remain anonymous by calling Crime Stoppers at 1-800-SPEAKUP.



## HAGGERTY

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west/Novi side and two on the east/Farmington Hills side of Haggerty. Hayes said all involved widening the roadway from a three-lane to a four-lane section.

“Now there is a single remaining lane drop, which is located on the west side of Haggerty that starts a quarter mile south of 10 Mile,” Hayes said.

The cost of this \$110,000 project will be shared between Oakland County, Novi and

Farmington Hills, which has offered to provide \$18,500 toward it.

Any leftover Tri-Party funds might be used to help fund other projects in Novi in the near future.

Hayes said city staff will now prepare the design phase/engineering award for consideration by council in anticipation of construction of the project in the beginning of fiscal year 2014-15, which would be this summer.

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## LOGO

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minor changes so that the “client” could have a collection of possibilities, allowing for a clear vision and customer satisfaction, according to Edmunds.

Leidal said there was a lot of back and forth between them, which helped Song get a feel for customer relations.

“This was a wonderful learning experience, Phillip was doing exactly what a designer would be doing – creating an eye-appealing design and working with the client until the client was content,” Edmunds said. “This is what helps students decide which career path they are interested in taking.”

The logo will be unveiled during the upcoming baseball season. NYBL is a community-based nonprofit organization run by volunteers. It’s open to players ages 7-18.

Interested players can register online, which for most divisions closes March 18.

Last year, more than 500 players participated in the NYBL. Opening day is scheduled for Saturday, May 17 at ITC Community Sports Park.

“We plan on recognizing Phillip and Melissa on that day,” Leidal said.

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## NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

### Cash stolen from vehicles

Several vehicles parked at two residences on Bramblewood Drive were hit by a thief who got away with money that was left inside the vehicles.

The larcenies occurred the night of Feb. 15-16. All three vehicles were reportedly undamaged and were unlocked with \$2,000 in cash (gained from the owner’s recent car sale) being stolen from a wallet inside one. They were also parked in the driveways.

There is no evidence or suspects.

### Second set of LFAs

Another two cars parked along Fairway Hills Drive were hit by a thief who got away with Apple iPad and \$80 in change.

These incidents also happened Feb. 16, but this time only one car was unlocked. Inside that car was an extra set of keys to the other parked next to it. There was no evidence found at the scene.

### Another LFA

Again, a Novi resident’s vehicle was hit by a thief in the night. The larceny from auto happened Feb. 15-16 on Cider Mill Road. The next morning, the owner found items inside strewn about and the door partly open. The vehicle was again unlocked.

This time, a debit card was taken and used at the Novi Walmart to purchase up to \$230 in items. The card was later shut down.

– By Lonnie Huhman

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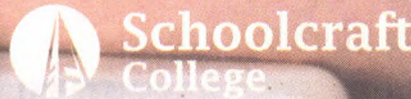
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# Novi honors ceremony focuses on public safety

The Novi police and fire departments held their annual awards ceremony Feb. 20 at the Novi Civic Center to celebrate accomplishments and recognize professional development achievements of those who protect and serve the community. Both departments additionally recognized employees of the year, including Police Officer of the Year, Civilian Employee of the Year and Firefighter of the Year.

"It is with great honor and pride that we recognize firefighter Mark A. Pehrson, police officer Eric Lindblade and communications manager Rick Mitchell for the honorable work they have done for the Novi fire and police departments and in dedicated service to the entire Novi community," Novi Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police David E. Molloy said. "In addition to performing their work assignments at peak performance, all three individuals embrace the highest of public safety values and serve as outstanding role models for their colleagues, the city of Novi and the community."

## Firefighter of the Year Mark A. Pehrson

Firefighter Mark Pehrson started with the Novi Fire Department in August 1995. Since then, he has developed the drive and determination that



Pehrson

exemplifies a leader among his fellow firefighters and taken on the task of organizing and running the Goodfellow's organization in the city of Novi as well as serving on the city's Planning Commission, president of the Novi Rotary Club and board member for the Novi Police and Fire Benevolent Association.

## 2014 HONOREES

### NOVI POLICE DEPARTMENT

**Officer of the Year:** Eric R. Lindblade  
**Civilian of the Year:** Rick Mitchell  
**Advanced Educational Degree:** Jerrod Hart, Erick Zinser, Scott Baetens  
**Department Citation:** Jeremy Stempien  
**Life Saving Award:** Steven Balog, Kristen Schnute (Community EMS), Pamela Davidson (Community EMS)  
**MADD Award:** Chris Franckowiak  
**Individual Achievement:** Jeff Brown, Shawn Penzak  
**Merit Citation:** Michael Bender, John Nelson, Hailey Penzak, Michael Warren, Jared Womble (Southfield Police Department)  
**Staff and Command Award:** Brian Woloski  
**Unit Citation:** Michael Bender, Mark Boody, James Brandon, John Corder, Michael Daisley, Ayren Edgar, Tim Farrell, Chris Franckowiak, Kristie Gruenwald, Tim Harper, Andy Hudechek, Dan Jenkinson, Amanda Kulikowski, Tom Orlovski, Hailey Penzak, Shawn Penzak, Scott Tewes, George Tsouroullis (Sterling Heights Police Department), Michael Richardson & K-9 Blitz (Oakland County Sheriff), James Vrooman (Livonia Police Department), Tim Lillard (West Bloomfield Township Police Department), Kevin Nowakowski (U.S. Secret Service), Ryan Holmes (U.S. Secret Service)  
**Letter of Commendation:** Scott Baetens, Lou Bigliardi, Alisa Brown (2), Tim Farrell, Allan Hashim, Dan Jenkinson, Michael Jusino, Shawn Penzak, Brady Rees

### NOVI FIRE DEPARTMENT

**Firefighter of the Year:** Mark A. Pehrson  
**Advanced Educational Degree:** Eric Aldstadt, Vincent Schira  
**Life Saving:** Patrick Deneau, Jonathan Gearns-Hazlett, Jeffrey Lachman, Paul Mullett, Charlie Roberts  
**Merit Citation:** Ryan Byrne, Phil Duczynski, Eric Hanson, Eric Leung, Mark Theisen, Brian Siriani (Northville Township Fire Department), Robert Konieczko (Community EMS), Stephanie Leckvarcik (Community EMS)  
**Unit Citation:** Matt Blamy, Michael Hansknect, Todd Seog  
**Letter of Commendation:** Andrew Copeland, Timothy Krajnovich, Matthew Marken, Remo Oliverio, Scott Perry, Kevin Pierce  
**Civilian Citation:** Lynn Meisel, Heidi Tate

Every year, Pehrson is provided with names of needy families from around the area and through his tireless efforts he is able to assist them. He continues to be an asset to his fellow co-workers by being voted Public Safety Employee of the Month in both January and December 2013.

Through all those he encounters, Pehrson displays a high level of professionalism, caring and attention to detail in

responding to emergencies, interacting with the public and mentoring fellow firefighters.

## Police Civilian of the Year Rick Mitchell

Mitchell joined the department as communications manager in August 2010 after 28 years of dedicated police service in White Lake, where he retired as a lieutenant in charge of patrol operations. Mitchell's prior law enforcement experience has proven invaluable in quickly understanding

the organization; his transition has been seamless. He has demonstrated outstanding leadership, management and mentoring that enhances the



Mitchell

daily operations of the Novi police and fire departments. Through-out 2013, Mitchell continued to foster relationships with staff from Oakland County CLEMIS, various departments within the city and outside vendors to ensure communications, facilities and vehicles are operating at optimum levels. He also serves as the department's voting member on the Public Safety Answering Point coordinators group for Oakland County.

Mitchell values the importance of lifelong learning and in July 2012 he earned a bachelor of science degree from Madonna University. He is an avid reader of leadership books and strives to integrate best practices into the workplace. This was evident in November 2013, when he

was selected as Public Safety Employee of the Month for mentoring cadets and new police officers and his fair and objective leadership in the communications center.

## Police Officer of the Year Eric R. Lindblade

Lindblade stated his career with the Novi Police Department in January 1999, after graduating from the Delta College Police Academy. Since joining the Novi Police Department, Lindblade has been a leader in the uniform division. He strives to fulfill his desire for career development through special assignments as a training officer, hostage negotiator, detective in the South Oakland Narcotics Intelligence Consortium and, more recently, the Southwest Oakland Special Response Team - all while maintaining a positive, winning attitude.

Lindblade has dedicated his career to training, ensuring the next generation of Novi police officers meet the quality standard expected from

the Novi Police Department. He is the sole instructor of the Standardized Field Sobriety Test. As such, Lindblade is the foundation behind Novi's



Lindblade

hundreds of drunken driving arrests every year. Most notable, Lindblade is assigned to the prestigious position of a field training officer and has excelled within the program. His field training supervisor recognizes Lindblade as a leader within the unit, setting the example of exemplary performance for all other field training officers to follow. Lindblade's informal leadership does not stop with the field training program. He participated in a selection process, for one of four positions on the Southwest Oakland Special Response Team. Lindblade assumed an informal leadership spot on the team has been active in the research, review, and purchasing of necessary equipment.

## Tied up



Novi firefighters and police responded Feb. 24 to an accident along 12 Mile Road, west of Beck, where a dump truck driver had pulled down utility lines on to his vehicle. Traffic was routed away from the scene as emergency responders figured how to free the driver, who was trapped in his truck due to arcing of the wires. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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# Lawyer: Judge pressed client to drop suit

Judge calls charge 'false ... offensive'

By L.L. Brasier and John Wisely  
Gannett Michigan

As Oakland County attorney Timothy Corr sat in the private chambers of Novi District Judge Brian MacKenzie in the spring of 2010, he couldn't quite believe what he was hearing.

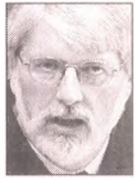
The judge — in the presence of a Walled Lake police officer — was encouraging Corr to get his client in a drunken-driving case to back off from a related police brutality lawsuit. If the client backed off, the implication was, the judge would go easier on his sentencing, Corr recalled recently in an interview with the *Free Press*. If he didn't, he was going to jail.

"It was clear we had a sitting judge telling me I had to violate my client's rights by waiving his right to pursue a civil rights violation against a police department," said Corr, who was representing Marquin Stanley. "I was astonished."

Corr's handwritten notes from the March 24, 2010, meeting back the claim. "If I relieve police of liability for brutality, they would dismiss the charge," the note read.

Corr took the deal back to Stanley — who had been Tasered and kicked while in police custody — and advised him to reject it, which Stanley did. Later that day, MacKenzie sentenced Stanley to 93 days in jail, the maximum allowed.

MacKenzie, a well-known judge who also serves as president-elect of the American Judges Association, adamantly denies ever pressuring Corr or his client, saying he sentences all drunken drivers to the maximum



MacKenzie



Stanley

if they are caught again while on probation.

"The suggestion that I would threaten Mr. Stanley is not only false, it's offensive," MacKenzie said.

## A series of allegations

The case — a rare instance of a practicing attorney speaking out publicly against a sitting judge — is the latest in a series of allegations against MacKenzie, who has gained national acclaim as one of the foremost advocates of the intensive probation style treatment of drunken-driving suspects.

In December, the *Detroit Free Press* reported that MacKenzie's son had worked for a drug and alcohol testing agency that the judge often orders defendants to use and that his wife runs a nonprofit that is funded in part by companies that provide services ordered by the judge. MacKenzie denied any conflict of interest.

On Feb. 13, at the urging of county Prosecutor Jessica Cooper, Oakland County Circuit Judge Colleen O'Brien took superintending control of MacKenzie's docket, saying the lower court judge had flouted state law and "has given illegal sentences."

"Judge MacKenzie has chosen not to follow the law on at least eight occasions," O'Brien wrote in her ruling. "A judge cannot ignore the law."

O'Brien ordered what she described as the "extraordinary remedy" of taking superintending control of MacKenzie's docket, a measure that

requires him to follow several strict protocols when handling future domestic violence cases.

In asking O'Brien to take control of the docket, Cooper accused MacKenzie of running a rogue court, complete with illegal sentencing practices, hidden files and inaccurate transcripts. Her office is also reviewing transcripts in the Stanley case, although that case was not cited in the motion to have the circuit court take superintending control.

In reporting this story, the *Free Press* reviewed hundreds of public records, including police reports, court filings and transcripts and conducted numerous interviews, which offer a glimpse of the way things work in a judge's private chambers, where no transcripts are kept.

## Video changes minds

Marquin Stanley was a troublemaker. Arrested in 1996 at age 18, he spent two years behind bars on a felony firearm charge. By the time Walled Lake police arrested him on Jan. 10, 2010, he had picked up a scattering of misdemeanors, including domestic assault. And he was already on probation to MacKenzie for a 2009 drunken-driving conviction.

When police took him to the Wixom police station that night — Walled Lake uses the Wixom lockup to house prisoners — Stanley was using offensive language, according to police reports. As he stood in the booking area, talking on a pay phone, a video shows a police officer taking the phone from him and hanging it up.

Stanley appears to argue with the officer but then turns his back to the officer and begins emptying his pockets onto a

bench. The officer then walks behind Stanley and Tasers him in the back, sending Stanley crashing into the bench, then onto the ground.

The video shows the officer kicking Stanley over onto his stomach while he is on the ground convulsing. An ambulance later took Stanley to a hospital where he was treated for facial injuries.

Police sought warrants charging Stanley with resisting and obstructing arrest, a felony, along with driving while drunk and driving with a suspended license. Oakland County prosecutors issued the warrants.

But when prosecutors viewed the video on March 12, 2010, they changed their mind. They concluded that Stanley had not resisted arrest and decided to drop that charge, leaving him with only misdemeanors.

Prosecutor's office records show the assistant prosecutor told that to MacKenzie and defense attorney Corr in MacKenzie's chamber on March 24, 2010.

Corr said MacKenzie waited until the assistant prosecutor left the chambers on another matter, then made the pitch. By that time, the Walled Lake police officer in charge of the case was present in the judge's chambers, Corr said.

The judge's proposal was clear, Corr said. "If I didn't have Marquin admit resisting and obstructing, then he's going to give him 93 days in jail," the maximum sentence allowed.

Corr said they weren't pressuring Stanley to plead guilty to a felony, but merely to acknowledge it on the record. Such an on-the-record statement would clearly be used to torpedo Stanley's upcoming civil suit, which claimed he was Tasered for no reason.

A year and a half later, Walled Lake police and other defendants in the civil rights suit agreed to pay Stanley \$150,000 to settle it, though they denied any wrongdoing.

## Conversation denied

While both the assistant prosecutor and the defense attorney say that MacKenzie was told in chambers the felony charges were being dropped, MacKenzie denied that such a conversation occurred.

"The prosecutor never notified me, prior to May 13, 2010 (when the felony dismissal was put on the formal record), that they would be moving to dismiss the case," MacKenzie said. And he denied he waited until the assistant prosecutor was out of the chambers to make his pitch.

"Mr. Corr has said a number of things in this claim that are problematic. He has said that he and I engaged in unethical ex parte conversation. That didn't happen," MacKenzie said. "I don't engage in prohibited ex parte discussions with either the prosecutor or the defense counsel on pending matters."

Ex parte communications are when one party to a pending case talks to a judge without the other party present.

MacKenzie said it was the prosecutor who had offered a deal, a claim that Chief Assistant Prosecutor Paul Walton said is a lie.

"There was no deal, there was never a discussion of a deal," Walton said.

Corr said that he never discussed a deal with prosecutors, and that the only deal on the table was the one MacKenzie was offering behind closed doors.

MacKenzie points to a transcript of the hearing, during which he says,

from the bench, "the prosecutor will not reduce the charge without the understanding mentioned to him, he chooses not to do that, I can't solve the problem."

Walton said that statement was "absolutely false."

MacKenzie said he would have had no motive to try to harm Stanley's civil rights case in federal court. But both the defense attorney and prosecutor say Walled Lake police were pushing hard to find a way to avoid the suit.

According to prosecutor's office records, the Walled Lake officer in charge, in urging prosecutors to reconsider their decision not to charge Stanley with resisting arrest, claimed MacKenzie had already promised to bind Stanley over for trial in circuit court on that charge, even though there had been no evidence presented. That officer, who has since been laid off from the department, could not be reached for comment for this story.

And defense attorney Corr said he took notes as he overheard the police officer in the hallway trying to convince the assistant prosecutor to keep the charges or pursue new ones.

That same police officer was sitting in MacKenzie's chambers, Corr said, when MacKenzie offered the deal a short time later.

After his release from jail, Stanley was placed on two years of probation. In 2012, with less than two months to complete probation, MacKenzie found him in violation after he left the Novi courthouse without completing a drug test. This time, MacKenzie sentenced him to the Oakland County Jail for a year. He served 270 days, then was released after earning good time.

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Novi Middle School students hold up "yes" or "no" paddles in answer to questions on how they protect their online information during a cyber security assembly Feb. 13. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## Google, Schuette discuss online issues with seventh-graders

By Lonnie Huhman  
Staff Writer

The password contest during the Google presentation at Novi Middle School was a lot of fun, but it also proved to be even more reason why students need to stay in tune with their online security.

At one point during Google's Internet Safety Presentation, Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette had bested three seventh-graders in a row on who could come up with the strongest, most secure password.

Schuette brought the Google educational road show Feb. 13 to Novi to address Internet safety in an interactive presentation for Novi Middle School seventh-graders.

The students had fun, but there was a lot of serious talk about the pitfalls of sharing too much online and scams that await those who don't know how to stay secure on the Internet.

"I thought it was very in-

formative," said seventh-grader Ashley Jamison, who said she doesn't use much social media but thought it was good advice.

Good To Know is a Google program designed to educate parents and students on how to be more successful and safe online. The Good To Know School Road show is a 45-minute assembly that teaches middle school students how to be smart about the content they share online. It focuses on important skills – how to create a safe and memorable password, identify phishing scams and much more.

This is part of Schuette's nationally recognized Michigan Cyber Safety Initiative, which is free Internet safety programming with customized presentations for kindergarten through eighth-grade students, as well as a community seminar for adults.

Schuette and Google reps told the students that online information can impact every part of life, from personal

relationships to future job interviews. Schuette emphasized that what they share can be how they will be perceived in a lot of different ways.

"Make sure you put it to work," he told the students of the security ideas.

Karissa Locke and Darcy Rhoden were the Google presenters. They talked about stories of the costs of oversharing and how billions of people could possibly have access to a photo posted online. They also spoke using strong passwords, properly using security settings, avoiding scams and staying positive when using things like social media.

This last one is important to seventh-grader Kengo Enshoji.

"I think being positive is really important," he said afterward. "I like to think I'm trying to do that."

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## NOVI SCHOOL BRIEFS

### Calling all 2014-15 kindergartners

It's time for kindergarten registration for children who will have reached age 5 by Oct. 1. Contact your neighborhood Novi elementary school office for more information.

### A Night for Northville celebrates the arts

Vibrant colors, a joyful noise and a celebration of creative expression will be part of 2014's A Night for Northville. Vocal, instrumental and physical arts in all 10 Northville public schools will benefit from the proceeds of this year's event, presented by the Northville Educational Foundation.

A Night for Northville will be from 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, March 1, at Northville Square, 133 W. Main St.; \$70 of each \$100 ticket is tax-deductible.

The easiest way to purchase tickets is through the NEF website: NorthvilleEdFoundation.org. Tickets can be purchased in person at the business office in the Board of Education Building (501 W. Main St., Room 307). Donations to the arts can also be made directly through the NEF. For additional information: Jennifer Pearson at NEF@NorthvilleEdFoundation.org or 248-344-8458.

### A Growing Place open house

A Growing Place Preschool (40700 W. 10 Mile, Novi) announced the addition of a Young 5's Program to its preschool and pre-kindergarten classes.

An open house will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 15, and will include free activities, crafts and snacks.

This open house will give parents an opportunity to visit the school, meet the staff and learn about the classes and programs offered. There will be information on existing classes, as well as information highlighting the

new Young 5's curriculum.

Growing Place will continue to offer full- and half-day preschool classes for 3's and 4's as well as pre-kindergarten sessions for children going off to kindergarten next fall.

The new Young 5's class is open to children who will have reached the age of at least 4½ by Sept. 1.

For more information, call 248-471-2333.

### Mom 2 Mom Sale

Novi Community Education's Infant & Toddler Program, The Lily Pad Lane Day Care, is hosting its annual Mom 2 Mom Sale from 8 a.m. to noon, Saturday, March 8, in the Novi High School Atrium. All admission proceeds will benefit equipment for The Lily Pad Lane.

Admission is \$1 per adult and children under the age of 12 are free.

Sellers may call 248-449-1713 to rent a table and/or rack space. Tables are \$20 (five feet round) and rack space may be rented for an additional \$15. Space for large items is available next to seller at no extra charge.

For more information, contact Community Education-Child Care Services at 248-449-1713.

### Preschool registration beginning

Novi Community Education Preschool will begin registration for new students for 2014-15 from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Thursday, March 13, in the Community Education office (in Novi Meadows, off of Taft Road, in the Community Education entry between the fifth and sixth grade house).

To register parents should bring: a completed registration form, a copy of the child's birth certificate and immunization records. The registration fee is \$50 and non-refundable.

For more information, contact Novi Community Education Preschool at 248-449-1713.

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# Novi honors top three teachers

The 2014 Novi Community School District Teachers of the Year – Jennifer Smith, Angie Southworth and Don Crockett – were surprised with their recognitions Tuesday and today.

The Novi Community School District Teachers of the Year recognizes three teachers – one elementary, one middle school and one high school – who have achieved the highest standards of excellence in the district. Teachers are nominated by peers and with recommendations by administration.

This week, three of Novi's finest teachers were recognized for their honorable dedication to the students of the Novi Community Schools District.

**Jennifer Smith**  
Village Oaks Elementary School

Smith has been teaching elementary students in Novi since 1996. She spent 11 years at Orchard Hills teaching K-2, before moving six years ago to Village Oaks, where she is currently teaching first grade. She earned her bachelor of science degree in elementary education and a master of arts degree in reading from Eastern Michigan University. Smith has participated in district and building-wide initiatives and is currently serving on the Sustaining Excellence Committee and is a science content area teacher.

Smith's success in classroom starts with the warm and caring relationships she builds with her first-grade students. She goes above and beyond to make each student feel special and safe. Smith begins her day by welcoming each child into the classroom with a warm smile.

Her energy and positive attitude spills over to her lesson planning which is thoughtful, engaging and rich in content.

Her giving attitude

goes well beyond the classroom and school. One of her former students, Kathleen Stewart, shared how she felt when Smith showed up for her first communion on a Sunday afternoon and took time to visit her home after her uncle passed away. Going above and beyond is an understatement when it comes to Smith's commitment to her students.

Smith was nominated by Lisa Rice and is known by her colleagues for her positive energy, motivation, bright smile and the genuine care that she gives to anyone who comes in contact with her. One of Smith's colleagues stated, "Jenn is, first and foremost, a caring, dedicated teacher who keeps her students in the forefront of her daily activities. One visit to her classroom is all it takes to see that her students' well-being is of utmost importance to her." Smith is a team player, embraces new challenges and continues to be an outstanding part of the staff culture at Village Oaks.

Sue Burnham, principal, said, "Jenn Smith is an outstanding educator. She continually works to improve her teaching, meet the academic and social needs of her students and support her colleagues to achieve greatness. Jenn is an extremely valued member of the Village Oaks staff."

**Angie Southworth**  
Novi Middle School

Southworth has been teaching in the Novi Community School District since 2003. She has spent the last 11 years teaching middle school world language in the areas of seventh- and eighth-grade French, Spanish and Spanish 1 for high school credit. Southworth received her bachelor of science degree in French at Michigan State University and earned her master's in TESOL (Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages) from Madonna

University.

She has supported and led multiple school and district initiatives such as the Academic 20 Committee and Social Justice Committee. She is content area leader for world language, a member of the AdvancED District Improvement Team and has collaborated with a district coach to develop world language writing rubrics to align with the district ELA writing rubrics. She has been a pioneer in her building with technology using Edmodo and Poll Everywhere.

She has chaperoned the middle school Washington, D.C., trip multiple years, as well as a trip to France. Southworth is currently a Pathwise mentor and freely gives of her time to nurture both her students and colleagues.

Southworth was nominated by colleague Melissa Henderson, who describes her as "a go-getter and a leader, not afraid to do the difficult work." She also noted that she is "one of those colleagues who I can always turn to for help." Further stating that, "despite the fact that Angie is quite a bit younger than I am, I find I look up to her and seek her advice. She is so confident, competent and capable, that it seems as if she is wise beyond her years."

Southworth is respected by her peers, students, parents, community and administration. Novi Middle School Principal Stephanie Schriener summarized her thoughts about Southworth: "Angie Southworth takes her role as an academic leader very seriously. Beginning with the classroom experience, Ms. Southworth plans, prepares and delivers every single day. She contributes to the building in so many ways both professionally and personally. The students and staff at Novi Middle School benefit from her continued commitment to excellence."



Angie Southworth, Novi's middle school Teacher of the Year, beams as she's surrounded by some of her students Feb. 18, moments after she was given the award. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Jenn Smith prepares to get a hug from a student moments after she was named the Novi School District's Elementary School Teacher of the Year on Feb. 18. Smith teaches at Village Oaks.



Don Crockett (left) takes a moment to smell a bouquet he's just been given by Novi High Interim Principal Nicole Carter (center) after being named the school's Teacher of the Year on Feb. 19. Novi School District Superintendent Steve Matthews (right) holds the sign indicating Crockett's title.

**Don Crockett**  
Novi High School

Crockett has been a member of the high school teaching staff for 29 years. He began his career at Our Lady of

Lakes High School, where he taught chemistry, physics and earth science for one year. In 1985, he was hired by Novi to teach in the science department, where

he has taught biology and AP biology. Crockett has always been a supporter of the school culture and activities. He has served as a class sponsor; Student Activities director; union president as well as a building representative; Biology Olympiad sponsor; and, most recently, stepped up to be the ski team coach as it was difficult to fill this season.

Crockett has really embraced the AP biology program, growing it from three sections a year to six sessions, as students are excited to learn from him. Crockett strives to be the best that he can be in the classroom. He has participated in the AP Summer Institute and the AP Inquiry Lab Manual Reading and Preparation workshop. He has been trained to use Moodle, has been part of Cultural Competency training, Camtasia and is developing video lessons as he is embracing the "flipped" classroom concept. Crockett has more than 100 students who take the AP biology exam each year, with an 88-percent success rate of them earning a 3 or higher on the exam annually. He is known for holding students accountable to master content supported by well-developed, rigorous lessons, which require all students to critically think and apply new knowledge.

Crockett has been nominated by colleagues Emily Pohlonski and Brian Langley, who describe him as a "home run hire: a career teacher with exceptional skill and knowledge, a tenacious work ethic and a focus on what is best for kids." He has always been a teacher leader, a voice of reason and full of heart and compassion. Novi High School's Interim Principal Nicole Carter said Crockett, "is deeply concerned for his students' education and welfare by the way he interacts with them, ensuring that no child is left behind."

# Green Gala focuses on developing Novi students into leaders

Whether you are familiar with the Novi Educational Foundation or not, the organization's impact on the local school district is impressive and one of the reasons Novi boasts one of the top school systems in the nation.

This small group of volunteers is "working very hard to support the students in Novi by providing grants for innovative educational opportunities that are initiated and applied for by our staff," said Bobbie Murphy, vice president of the Novi school board.

The NEF has also adopted the Leader in Me program as its major fundraising initiative and proceeds from the March 29 Green Gala

will aid that cause.

"The NEF has set a goal of raising \$300,000 in an effort to train all of our staff and provide the materials that will support this program for all of Novi's students," Murphy said, adding that she recently learned that Northville schools are exploring the possibility of using this program as well. "This initiative started several years ago in one of our schools and led to other schools desiring the training due to the success of the program."

The NEF's vision is to

fill the district with students who are responsible, show initiative, are creative, know how to set goals and meet them, get along with people of various backgrounds and cultures and can resolve conflicts and problems.

Simply put, it's about personal leadership.

"The NEF wants all Novi children to become leaders of their own life, have unique talents and make a positive difference in the world," said Geoff Wood, NEF chair. "That's why we support – and want to expand – all the good things about Leader In Me."

**What is Leader in Me?**

Leader in Me is an innovative, personal-

growth process that is based on the famous Stephen Covey book published in 2008, *Seven Habits Of Highly Effective People*. The model emphasizes skills that parents, teachers and business leaders want and that students need to be successful in an ever-changing society:

- » Leadership Responsibility
- » Accountability
- » Problem Solving
- » Adaptability Communication
- » Initiative and Self-direction Creativity
- » Cross-cultural Skills

Teamwork

What the Leader in Me is not is an event or a curriculum; it is an integrated approach to leadership development which Novi schools, like more than 1,000 schools worldwide, have fully embraced. The district is hoping to expand beyond the current kindergarten through sixth-grade level.

"We want to see it in Novi Middle School and in Novi High School," Wood said. "We want Leader In Me to grow and evolve into a district-wide program so all

our Novi students will benefit from it."

To that end, the NEF last year launched a major fundraising campaign, just one example of how the group works with local businesses to support Novi students. The Leader in Me program is a natural fit because it optimizes workforce readiness.

"Leader in Me really helps those students learn how to be reflective on their own lives, how to take control of their lives and absorb

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**CITY OF NOVI**  
**NOTICE OF MEETING OF BOARD OF REVIEW**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Review shall convene in its first session at 9:00 a.m. EST, **Tuesday, March 4th, 2014** in the Novi Assessing Department at 45175 W. Ten Mile Road for the purpose of reviewing and correcting the assessment roll.

Notice is further given that the second session of the Board of Review will meet for the purpose of hearing and considering assessment appeals in the Novi City Council Chambers at 45175 W. Ten Mile Road on **March 10, 11 and 13, 2014**.

All appearances before the Board will be by appointment only.

If you or your representative wants to appear in person, the appointment must be made on or before **5:00 p.m. EST, Friday, March 7, 2014**. Appearances before the Board of Review are limited to five (5) minutes or less. Petitions are available at the Assessor's Office or at [www.cityofnovi.org](http://www.cityofnovi.org)

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

Letters of protest will be accepted on or before **5:00 p.m. EST, Wednesday, March 12, 2014**. Postmarks will not be considered. When submitting a letter of protest for the Board of Review consideration, you must attach a completed petition along with any supporting information.

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

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

**BOARD OF REVIEW SCHEDULE**

**Monday, March 10, 2014 - 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Council Chambers**  
**Tuesday, March 11, 2014 - 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Council Chambers**  
**Thursday, March 13, 2014 - 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Council Chambers**  
Located in the Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road Novi, MI 48375.

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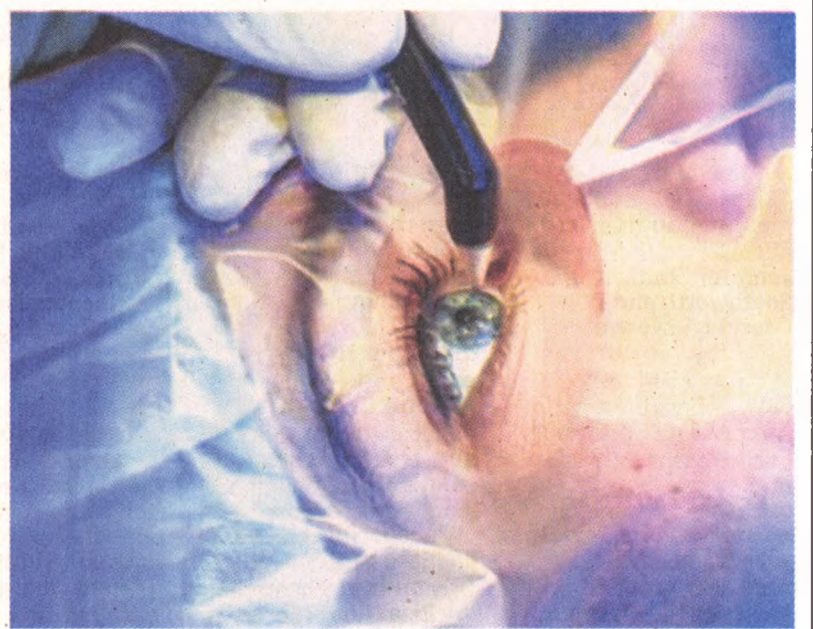
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full service center. This center offers the same comprehensive eye care, including the management of glaucoma, diabetic retinopathy, macular degeneration, dry eye syndrome, cataracts, corneal diseases, conjunctivitis, retinal and vitreous abnormalities, and most other eye related difficulties.

Adelson Eye & Laser Center is additionally very excited to announce our new partnership with LASIKPlus.

LASIKPlus currently has more than 50 centers throughout the United States and the LASIKPlus surgeon network has completed more than 1 million laser vision correction procedures. We are ecstatic that LASIKPlus has picked us to bring their services to our hometown of metropolitan Detroit. As ophthalmologists who are fellowship trained in advanced cataract and LASIK surgery and who have already performed thousands of procedures, we feel that the resources that LASIKPlus offers are invaluable. Most importantly, we now have our own laser center located onsite at the new Northville location. This allows us to offer all of the most advanced laser vision correction procedures, including all laser LASIK surgery, within the confines of our own surgical suite. Along with the assistance of LASIKPlus, we have brought all of the "latest and greatest" technology for laser vision correction right into our office

Adelson Eye & Laser Center will also continue to provide cataract surgery, including the use of premium lenses which allow correction for nearsightedness, farsightedness, astigmatism, and presbyopia. We have performed thousands of these procedures and continue to evolve with the recent advances in cataract surgery. Additionally, we will also continue to provide blepharoplasty procedures (eyelid surgery) for droopy eyelids and age related changes. In fact, the cosmetic component of our practice continues to expand as we now perform many cosmetic modalities including laser resurfacing procedures around the eyes and throughout the face.

With Northville Vision Clinic, we have attempted to create a comprehensive eye care experience at our new location where we are able to offer quality care and services for everything from eyeglasses and contact lenses to eye health-related issues to laser vision correction, cataract surgery, and multiple cosmetic modalities.



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# Reading to children key to development

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It is not often that I read or reference a report by the National Governors Association. But its October 2013 report, "A Governor's Guide to Early Literacy," is different. It clearly and forcefully talks about the importance of not only encouraging literacy development, but gives concrete actions parents and educators can take to develop students who read and write.

The governors' report states that "parents, primary caregivers and teachers have the most influence on children's language and literacy development." If a child's ability to read and write is to improve, parents have to be part of the equation.

This report clearly identifies why reading is so important. All jobs require a high



**Steve Matthews**  
SUPER TALK

degree of literacy – much higher than in the past. Literate adults are more likely to be productive adults; early literacy leads to academic success which in turn leads to success as a community member. Those that succeed with the tasks associated with literacy – the ability to read, to comprehend, to write and to communicate – will have a higher likelihood of being a positive contributor to our communities.

This report also provides several concrete actions to take. Build a home library; communicate clearly the benefits of reading on academic achievement; encourage col-

laboration and communication between schools and parents surrounding the topic of literacy and reading. Each of these ideas, and others, focuses on encouraging activities that will promote the development of secure and successful readers.

All of the statistics on literacy are no doubt true. The actions that we can take to encourage literacy can clearly be defined. Being able to read and write will allow a person to have a higher likelihood of contributing to our communities.

But for me, the benefits of reading and literacy are more personal. Some of my fondest memories growing up and of being a parent are connected to reading.

My mother was an early advocate of reading. She supplied me

with books. She read to me. She ensured that I had the resources needed to read.

My father read every night. Each evening, I could find him in his chair with his favorite western novel. I would often sit next to him with my book. Even without words, it was a special time sitting with my father reading.

As a parent, I followed in my parents' footsteps. My wife and I bought books for our three sons. We read with them every night. We would often read together as a family. When we arrived home after a busy day, we would always take the time to finish the day reading with our boys.

While the national Governors Association can extol the political,

economic and community benefits of reading and literacy, those are not the most compelling reasons to read. No, the most compelling reasons to read are personal. Reading allows a bond to be formed between parent and child. It gives parents and their children a time to share in stories, to think about ideas and to listen to the power of words.

I would encourage you to read with your children. If you do, the National Governors Association will be happy. More importantly, you and your child will love it!

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

into the citizens that we want them to be," Novi Superintendent Steve Matthews said. "The process builds great self-confidence in each child's unique abilities and talents."

It's a major step away from focusing only on improving test scores, instead helping students develop to their fullest potential. And it's something the NEF wants the all the community's stakeholders to embrace.

"It is our hope that if we can raise awareness in the community, more support would be channeled to the initiative from individuals and businesses that understand the benefits of such a program," said Murphy.

The NEF's Green Gala March 29 is a perfect opportunity to do just that.

## ON CAMPUS

### Schreiner University

Collin Berenguer of Novi was inducted into Alpha Lambda Delta in February.

### Carthage College

Madeline Price of Novi was named to the Dean's List for academic excellence during the fall 2013 semester. Dean's List honors are accorded students who achieve a 3.5 grade-point average while carrying at least 14 credit hours during a semester.

### Arizona State University

The following local students earned 12 or more graded semester hours with a GPA of 3.50 or higher and were named to Dean's List: Connor Kenrick, Kelsey Kenrick, Lyndsay Thomasson and Samantha Trejo.

### Union Institute & University

Wendy Kerner of Northville earned a bachelor of science degree with a focus in criminal justice management.

### Saint Mary's College

Jacqueline Kjolhede of Novi was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2013 semester. To earn academic honors, a student must achieve a grade-point average of at least 3.6 on a 4.0

scale, have at least 12 graded credit hours, no incompletes and no grades lower than a C.

### Polytechnic Institute

Spencer Whitehead of Novi was named to the fall 2013 Dean's List, which recognizes full-time students who maintain grade point averages of a minimum of 3.0 out of a possible 4.0 and have no grades below C. Whitehead studies mathematics.

### Western Michigan University

The graduation list for the 2013 fall semester includes the following students from Novi: Tony R. Brumley, finance, bachelor of business administration; Subham Mitra, interdisciplinary health services, bachelor of science; Bradley Robert Brasil, criminal justice, bachelor of arts; Zachary K Rothermel, integrated supply management, bachelor of business administration; Jason Richard Jankowski, sales and business marketing, bachelor of business administration; Dion D. Shepherd Jr., criminal justice, bachelor of arts; Jasmine Faith Loney, public relations, bachelor of arts, Jasmine Faith Loney, Spanish, bachelor of arts; and Michael Troy, liquid management, bachelor of business administration.

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## 2014 BOND FINANCIAL SUMMARY

### Facilities & Sites

Description	Cost
Roofing	\$6,985,000
Parking lots and sites	\$8,279,000
Building envelope/exterior	\$4,043,000
Interior finishes	\$7,093,000
HVAC	\$4,572,000
Plumbing	\$508,000
Electrical	\$3,780,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$35,260,000</b>

### Building Capacity & Class Sizes

Description	Cost
Elementary (K-4) classroom additions	\$4,196,000
New early childhood education center*	\$10,958,000*
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$15,154,000</b>

\*Eliminates the need to construct \$6,118,000 of additions at Novi Meadows, Novi Middle School and the ITC (preschool). Construction of early childhood center resolves future overcrowding issues at the buildings and maintains/reduces class sizes.

### Technology, Security, Furniture, Equipment & Buses

Description	Cost
Technology and security	\$14,404,000
Furniture and equipment	\$7,217,000
Buses	\$3,500,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$25,121,000</b>

### All Capital Assets

Description	Cost
Facilities and sites	\$35,260,000
Building capacity/class sizes	\$15,154,000
Technology, security, furniture, equipment and buses	\$25,121,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$75,535,000</b>

Less available funds from recreation fund \$1,200,000

Less available funds from sinking fund \$4,200,000

**TOTAL FUNDS NEEDED \$69,935,000**

## BOND

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through high school.

3. Replace technology and security at the end of life and increase future technology opportunities.

4. Maintain and update furniture and equipment in working order.

5. Maintain a replacement schedule for buses in order to maintain an appropriately sized fleet to support growing student enrollment.

In assessing the district's facilities, a 10-year replacement schedule was created for roofing; parking lots and sites; building envelope/exterior; interiors; heating and cooling; plumbing; and electrical.

Class sizes and building capacity were reviewed to determine physical classroom needs from pre-kindergarten through high school and alternative education. Bottom line: student growth necessitates additional classroom space at many of the district's schools if Novi wants to keep one of the lowest class size averages in the county — 22 at elementary level, 26-28 at secondary schools.

This school year, the district had to turn away more than 40 students for its preschool/early childhood program because it just could not physically accommodate them due to classroom limitations. With each of those students equaling \$6,600 in state funding, that also meant the district lost money. But perhaps more importantly, the district had to turn away these 40-plus young children from an exceptionally strong academic program.

Two options were developed. The first would add classrooms at Meadows, the middle school and the ITC (preschool). The second —

which will cost nearly \$5 million more and is the option the board approved — would be to relocate programs at these three facilities (freeing up classrooms in those) and build a new early childhood education center.

Technology and security were reviewed in all the district buildings and a plan was provided for replacement and expansion. Similar plans were developed for the furniture and equipment in all the facilities, as well as for the district's bus fleet.

### Why a May 6 vote?

Steve Barr, the district's assistant superintendent of business operations, noted several reasons for putting the vote before residents in the spring instead of the August or November elections.

"A school bond proposal would get lost on the second or later page of an election ballot in a

**"A school bond proposal would get lost on the second ... page of an election ballot in a statewide election."**

**STEVE BARR**  
assistant superintendent

statewide election," he said.

He also noted that showing voters that there would be a net-zero mill increase from the 2013 levy will only be possible until the current debt begins to expire.

Additionally, current and anticipated student growth has created a need now for more classrooms from pre-kindergarten through eighth grade. And the district needs to address now the end-of-life issues regarding roofs, parking lots, electrical

systems, etc.

The district has other funding options, but they are limited. The sinking fund has very limited uses and would not be able to cover the costs of all that's needed. The district's recreation fund only allows for a portion of capital assets to be allocated for community use. And tapping the general fund wasn't recommended because the district is intent on maintaining funding for instructional programs.

"This will only further enhance Novi's excellence in the future," board Trustee Jason Manar said at Thursday's board meeting. "And my hope is that the voters of this district will see the hard work and effort that's already been put forth and may continue to realize that this is a zero-percent increase on the debt millage."

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## Movie buffs: Celebrate Oscar™, enter for chance to win prizes

The Observer & Eccentric Media, in cooperation with Imagine Theatres, is offering movie buffs the chance to celebrate and win in our Academy Awards™/Oscar™ Contest.

» **Grand prize:** Correctly identify the top seven Oscar™ categories and you could win a 12-month pass for two to Imagine Theatres, a \$1,000-plus value. Second-place winner will receive four movie passes. Deadline to enter is 11:59 p.m. Saturday, March 1.

Go to hometownlife.com and select the Oscar™ Contest icon located in the DON'T MISS section of the website or go to fb.com/oehometown and click the Oscar™ Contest icon.

The seven contest categories are:

» **Best Picture:** *American Hustle*, *Nebraska*, *Captain Phillips*, *Philomena*, *Dallas Buyers Club*, *12 Years a Slave*, *Gravity* and *The Wolf of Wall Street*.

» **Best Actor in a Leading Role:** Christian Bale in *American Hustle*, Chiwetel Ejiofor in *12 Years a Slave*, Bruce Dern in *Nebraska*, Matthew McConaughey in *Dallas Buyers Club* and Leonardo DiCaprio in *The Wolf of Wall Street*.

» **Best Actress in a Leading Role:** Amy Adams in *American Hustle*, Judi Dench in *Philomena*, Cate Blanchett in *Blue Jasmine*, Meryl Streep in *August: Osage County* and Sandra Bullock in *Gravity*.

» **Best Actor in a Supporting Role:** Barkhad Abdi in *Captain Phillips*, Jonah Hill in *The Wolf of Wall Street*, Bradley Cooper in *American Hustle*, Jared



Leto in *Dallas Buyers Club* and Michael Fassbender in *12 Years a Slave*.

» **Best Actress in a Supporting Role:** Sally Hawkins in *Blue Jasmine*, Julia Roberts in *August: Osage County*, Jennifer Lawrence in *American Hustle*, Lupita Nyong'o in *12 Years a Slave* and June Squibb in *Nebraska*.

» **Best Animated Feature Film:** *The Croods*, *Frozen*, *Despicable Me 2*, *The Wind Rises* and *Ernest & Celestine*.

» **Best Director:** David O. Russell for *American Hustle*, Alfonso Cuarón for *Gravity*, Alexander Payne for *Nebraska*, Steve McQueen for *12 Years a Slave* and Martin Scorsese for *The Wolf of Wall Street*.

» **First tiebreaker category is for Best Documentary Feature:** *The Act of Killing*, *Cutie and the Boxer*, *Dirty Wars*, *The Square* and *20 Feet from Stardom*.

» **Second tiebreaker category is for Best Original Score:** *The Book Thief*, *Gravity*, *Her*, *Philomena* and *Saving Mr. Banks*.

The seventh annual Cottage & Lakefront Living Show returns to the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi from Feb. 27 through March 2, and runs in conjunction with Outdoorama. Patrons to either event receive free crossover admission.

"Our preseason event is for anyone who owns or dreams of owning a cottage or lakefront home," said Mike Wilbraham, show producer of ShowSpan, Inc. "We offer vacationers and homeowners the opportunity to explore new ideas and plan for this summer's family experiences and memories."

The Log and Timber Frame Showcase will include how a cabin is put together, floor plans, profiles, roof options, log species, cedar siding, full logs, post and beam and do-it-yourself or contractor built home packages. Builders and contractors will be available for scheduled private consultations through the show's website.

Cottage Living Stage experts will explain how to set up cottage ownership within a family for sharing and handing down; describe science-based practical application smart gardening designed to be sensitive to the environment, lower the environmental impact and reduce time and money spent on lawns, soil and plants; and explore other ways to enjoy a cottage more.

Michigan Natural Shoreline Partnership will provide informal advice and educational materials from Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Michigan Lake & Stream Association and other agencies,

## Cottage & Lakefront Living, Outdoorama shows hit Novi



Outdoorama patrons can expect to find great deals on fishing and hunting boats, pontoons, kayaks and pleasure boats, marine accessories, docks, lifts, hunting and fishing gear and camping supplies.

organizations, contractors and landscape professionals on shoreline construction projects and natural shoreline landscaping that benefit lake ecosystems and protect Michigan's inland lakes.

Michigan artists at the Cottage Fine Art Show will present Great Lakes and Michigan inland lakes steel silhouettes, Petoskey stone art, rustic and driftwood furniture, copper-enameled garden art, jewelry, wood lake art, hand-carved cottage décor and signage, chainsaw carvings and wildlife oil paintings for sale. Home décor, furnishings, decorative accessories, handcrafted ceramic art tiles and gourmet and specialty appetizers and foods will be available for purchase at the Lakefront Marketplace.

The Beach, a giant sandbox complete with carving tools, will be ready for creative building of sand sculptures by children and adults. Sand Pirate Janet Schrader of Fairy Godmother Services in Lakeside, MI, will share the secrets of sand as she builds a giant medieval sandcastle, teaching how to make towers, doors, windows and stairs and hosting a sandcastle contest. Children will have the opportunity to fish at the trout pond fully stocked by Michigan B.A.S.S. Federation Clubs and play in the kid's activity center at the Cran-Hill Family Zone. Michigan Chapter

of the Antique and Classic Boat Society, dedicated to the preservation and enjoyment of historic boats, will have boats on display.

Cottage Living Center will provide the opportunity to relax and work on a community puzzle, put a pin in an oversized Michigan map to show where cottages are located, listen to the 2014 Cottage Favorite Play List music and read a 2014 Essential Cottage Reading List book.

### Conservation, family fun highlight Outdoorama

For more than 40 years, Michigan's sportsmen and sportswomen have helped make Outdoorama the state's most popular outdoors event. With over four acres of boats, hunting and fishing equipment, outfitters, conservation organizations and other features this year's show promises to keep the tradition alive when it comes to Novi.

Michigan is home to more than 1 million hunters and anglers, many of whom reside within an hour's drive or so of Novi. They will fill the aisles at Outdoorama looking for hot deals on boats and sporting gear, for conservation education that includes nearly 100 free seminars, and for family entertainment and fun. Show patrons can expect to find great deals on fishing and hunting

### TWO SHOWS IN ONE

**Events:** Cottage & Lakefront Living Show and Outdoorama  
**Location:** Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River (between Novi and Beck roads) Novi

**Dates:** Feb. 27 through March 2

**Hours:** 3-9:30 p.m. Thursday; noon to 9:30 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday; and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

**Admission:** \$10; \$4 for children ages 6-14; and free for children 5 and under. Discount coupons for \$2 off Thursday or Friday box office adult admission are available at show's website and participating Wendy's restaurants. Free crossover admission from the Cottage & Lakefront Living Show to Outdoorama.

**Parking:** free on-site  
**Web:** www.NoviCottageShow.com  
**Phone:** 800-328-6550

boats, pontoons, kayaks and pleasure boats, marine accessories, docks, lifts, hunting and fishing gear, and camping supplies.

Returning to crowd fanfare are favorite attractions like Big Buck Night (Thursday only), Wildlife Encounters and Ultimate Air Dogs with Milt Wilcox hosting daily demonstrations and weekend competition. For the first time this year Outdoorama patrons may bring their deer, bear, elk and turkey trophies and have them scored for free by Commemorative Bucks of Michigan and displayed throughout the show for all to see.

The first 500 attendees Thursday and Friday receive a free, collectible Dardevle spoon from Eppinger Manufacturing Co. in Dearborn. The first 750 attendees Saturday and Sunday will receive a K&E Bass Stopper lure from Stopper Lures in Hastings.

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### COMMUNITY BRIEFS

#### Rogers running for state House

Novi High School teacher and Hamburg Township resident Dale Rogers is making his second run for the state House seat currently filled by state Rep. Bill Rogers, R-Genoa Township. Dale Rogers — no relation to Bill Rogers — filed his paperwork for the Republican nomination for the 42nd District seat representing Brighton and the townships of Brighton, Genoa, Green Oak, Hamburg and Putnam in the House.

Dale Rogers said he hopes to provide an alternative Republican viewpoint from further-right GOP officials and candidates. He also ran for the seat in 2012.

Brighton Township Treasurer Lana Theis and Brighton Area Schools Board of Education Trustee Nick Fiani are also running in for the seat in the Aug. 5 GOP primary. A Democratic candidate for the House seat has yet to be announced.

Bill Rogers is term-limited, which means he must vacate the seat this year.

#### Free pancakes supports Children's Miracle Network

For the ninth consecutive year, IHOP® restaurants nationwide, including Novi's on Grand River Avenue just east of Novi Road, will offer each guest a free short stack of its famous buttermilk pancakes from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Tuesday, March 4, on National Pancake Day in an effort to raise \$3 million for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals programs nationwide.

For every short stack of buttermilk pancakes served on National Pancake Day, IHOP guests are encouraged to make a voluntary contribution to Children's Miracle Network Hospitals. IHOP hopes to raise \$3 million this year, with a goal to bring the total amount of funds raised to nearly \$16 million for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals and other local charities.

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# Warm Island Breezes



Steven Lawhorne plays the steel drum Feb. 20 at the Novi Public Library. Lawhorne brought tunes from the Caribbean with his show, Warm Island Breezes, and also told of the drum's history and how it is made. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

# RELIGION CALENDAR

## Brightmoor Christian Church

**Location:** M-5 and 13 Mile, Novi  
**Contact:** 248-668-7014 or CelebrateRecovery@brightmoorcc.org  
**Web:** 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 holyfamilynovi.org

## First Presbyterian Church of Northville

**Location:** 200 E. Main  
**Contact:** 248-349-0911 or visit www.fpcnorthville.org  
**Sunday Worship:** 9:30 a.m.  
**Sunday School:** 10:30 a.m. (for all ages)

## 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  
**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; visit 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.  
**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper:** 5-7 p.m. March 4 Suggested donation is \$6 per person/ \$20 for a family of four. All profits will go to support Episcopal Relief & Development.  
**Ash Wednesday Services:** Imposition of Ashes with Holy Communion at noon and 7 p.m. March 5 Unable to make a service? "Drop In" imposition of ashes from 1-6:30 p.m. All are welcome.

## Hope Lutheran Church

**Location:** 39200 W. 12 Mile, 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  
**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  
**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 or email to office@mbccc.org  
**Sunday Worship:** 10 a.m.

## Destiny Worship Center

**Location:** Ridge Wood Elementary School, 49775 Six Mile, Northville  
**Contact:** DestinyW3C@Gmail.com or visit www.DW3C.org

## Emmanuel Lutheran Church

**Location:** 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia  
**Web:** 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.; "Bad Religion: How We Became A Nation Of Heretics" by Douhat  
**Men's Breakfast:** 7:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb 1; Commandments For Today  
**Portraits of Christ:** Congregational Lenten Study begins March 9, for five weeks at eight different times and locations. Child care available Sunday morning and Wednesday evening. Call 248-442-8822 for specific times and locations.

## Faith Community Presbyterian Church

**Location:** 44400 W. 10 Mile  
**Contact:** 248-349-2345 or visit www.faithcommunity-novi.org  
**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  
**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 1 Peter  
**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

## 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

## Orchard Grove Community Church

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

## Northville Christian Assembly

**Location:** 41355 Six Mile  
**Contact:** 248-348-9030; 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 Avrohhom and Leah Susskind at 248-790-6075 or rabbi@novijewishcenter.com; www.novijewishcenter.com

## Novi United Methodist Church

**Location:** 41671 W. 10 Mile  
**Contact:** 248-349-2652 or visit 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  
**Worship Services:** 5:15 p.m. Saturday; 9:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m. Sunday  
**ReNew Life Group Ministries:** 7-9 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

## 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

## 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 olv-northville.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

# Passages

Obituaries, Memories & Remembrances

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**ANDREWS, ELDON "ANDY"**  
Age 92, of Novi, passed away 2/21/2014. Full obit and online condolences at www.casterlinefuneralhome.com.

**KLOCKE, CHARLES E. "SKIP"**  
Age 72 of Cohoctah, passed away Sunday, February 16, 2014 at his home. A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, March 1, 2014 at the Con-way Township Hall, 8015 N. Fowlerville Rd., Fowlerville, MI 48836. Pastor Kelley Runion will be officiating with a luncheon to follow the service. Skip was born December 5, 1941 to Charles and Rose (Straubel) Klocke. He married Nora Marie Roeding in Plymouth on June 3, 1977. Skip served his country faithfully in the United States Army during the Vietnam War, being honorably discharged. Mr. Klocke was a Truck Driver for 30 years, retiring from Metro Trucking out of Wixom, MI in 2005 and was a member of teamster's union local 614. Skip loved the outdoors, hunting, gardening and farming in his bib overalls. He enjoyed being out on his tractor and frequenting farm auctions. Mr. Klocke is survived by his wife of 36 years, Nora; son, Brent (Lisa) Fulton of Byron; two grandchildren: Jade (Dustin) Hemenway and Jacob Fulton and fiance Mollie DeLano; brother, Gary (Marilynn) Klocke of Byron; sister, Linda (John) Cobb of Waterford and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Pamela Klocke. Memorial contributions given in Skip's name are suggested to Cohoctah Township to go toward the Cohoctah Park or the Byron FFA. Online condolences may be sent to the family by going to www.watkinsfuneralhomes.com

**PIETRYGA, LEONARD A.**  
Age 79 and a longtime resident of Highland, passed away in his home in the care of his family on February 23, 2014. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Beverly in 2010 and is survived by sons, Michael and Matthew; daughter, Mary Ogle; grandchildren, Eric, Sarah, and Emily Pietryga, Zackary, Cameron and Mackenzie Ogle, and Mason Pietryga; brothers, Leo, Norbert, Clarence, Thomas; sisters, Patricia, Jane, Annette, Alice, Lorraine, many nieces, nephews, extended family and dear friends. A Funeral Liturgy will be held at Church of the Holy Spirit, 3700 Harvey Lake Rd, Highland on Thursday, February 27, 2014 at 10 a.m. with gathering beginning at 9 a.m. The Rev. Fr. Wayne Ureel to officiate. Burial St. Stanislaus Cemetery, Bay City. For further information phone Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Milford at 248-684-6645.

**BAGWELL, BAILEY A.**  
Age 16, passed away February 18, 2014. She was born on December 31, 1997, in Ypsilanti, daughter of Derrick and Ruth (Asher) Bagwell. Bailey was a sophomore at South Lyon High School, played flute in the South Lyon High School band and was a proud member and secretary of the Venture Crew. She was a tom boy at heart and loved being outdoors. She was currently enrolled in her third year of Chinese and enjoyed Japanese anime and manga. Bailey was sweet and kind and always had a smile on her face. She was a true animal lover and could be counted on to help anyone in need. She will always be remembered as a loving daughter, sister, granddaughter, niece, cousin and friend. She is survived by her loving parents; Derrick and Ruth Bagwell; her brothers: Jonas and Tyler and her sister Samantha. Bailey is also survived by her grandparents Lee and Donna Uhling; her aunt Michelle Bickelhaupt and cousin Jessica Bickelhaupt. She will be greatly missed by many friends and classmates. Visitation was held on Saturday, February 22, from 1:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. and Sunday, February 23, from 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. with a funeral service at 3:00 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. Online guestbook at www.phillipsfuneral.com

**MacALLISTER, CAROL M.,**  
Age 73 of Milford, February 18, 2014. Contact Lynch & Sons for further info: 248-684-6645.

**RYAN, ROBERT**  
July 19, 1925 - Feb. 16, 2014  
obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

**CUSSON, ANDREW G.**  
Age 87, of Northville, passed away 2/18/2014. Full obit and online condolences at www.casterlinefuneralhome.com

**MacDERMAID, DENNIS**  
April 3, 1954 - Feb. 19, 2014.  
obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

**SOERRIES, RAYMOND J.**  
A 50 year resident of New Hudson, Michigan, passed away peacefully in his sleep on January 21, 2014 at the age of 82. He was one of 13 children of Frank and Marie Soerries of Hartman, Arkansas. He is survived by his wife Rhoda of 58 years; seven children, Kenneth (Pamela) of Milford, MI, Keith (Kathy Jo) of Mesick, MI, Frank, of Howell, MI, Janell (Roy) of Delta Junction, Arkansas, Jeffrey of Howell MI, Margaret (Jamison) of Highland, MI, and Raymond (Katie) of Fowlerville, MI; 17 grandchildren; and seven great grandchildren. Ray was an avid collector of antique Farmall tractors and enjoyed gardening.

**DOMBROWSKI, ANNE**  
Nov. 27, 1921 - Feb. 16, 2014  
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**WEED, SANDRA**  
Jan. 15, 1949 - Feb. 3, 2014  
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**MIDDLETON MABEL IRENE**  
April 12, 1926 - March 1, 2011 at the age of 85  
To my loving wife Mabel. We were married May 5, 1945. Not a day goes by that I do not think of you. I Love and Miss you.  
Your husband,  
Carl Middleton

**DUFFY, EDWARD M.**  
Longtime resident of Milford, age 104, passed away on January 30, 2014 in California. Services will be planned for spring.

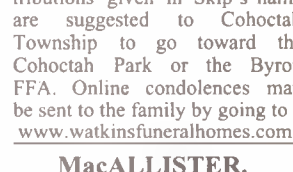
**GOFTON, ROSS H.**  
Age 86, of Highland Twp., passed away February 23, 2014. Beloved husband of Joan for 64 years. Loving father of Mark (Fran) Gofton and Susan (Charlie) Aberasturi. Proud grandfather of Stacy, Aaron (Lauren), Sarah and Daniel. Treasured great-grandfather Selena, Talon, Eli, Andy and Luke. Ross retired from Ford Motor Company after 33 years. Funeral Service will be held Thursday, February 27, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. (In state 10:00 a.m.) at the Highland United Methodist Church, 680 W. Livingston Rd., Highland. Burial at Highland Cemetery. Share a memory at www.eltonblackands onhighland.com

**HUBER, GRACE**  
Age 56, died Feb. 21, 2014. Gathering Feb. 28, 4-8 Colonial Acres Clubhouse, 25015 Potomac, S. Lyon. Funeral Mar. 1, 10am Our Lady of Victory Northville. phillipsfuneral.com

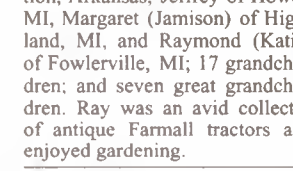
**JENKINS, PHILLIP**  
April 18, 1943 - Feb. 12, 2014  
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**JOHNSON, ELEANOR**  
Age 73, died Feb. 20, 2014. Visitation Feb. 28, 4-9 p.m.; Funeral March 1, 11 a.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon.

**Paying tribute to the life of your loved one.**



**In Memoriam**



**MIDDLETON MABEL IRENE**  
April 12, 1926 - March 1, 2011 at the age of 85  
To my loving wife Mabel. We were married May 5, 1945. Not a day goes by that I do not think of you. I Love and Miss you.  
Your husband,  
Carl Middleton

In loving memory of my Mommie. Been three years since she went to heaven. I think of her everyday. Mom even though you rest quiet far away, my love is with you both night and day. I Love you Mommie.  
Your Baby Girl,  
Sharon Joy Middleton (Swift)

To our wonderful mother and adored grandmother. She loved spending time with her family. It's hard to believe you have been gone three years. You are remembered, loved and missed by all of us everyday.  
Your son, Jack Middleton,  
May and family

# RELIGION

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## 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; Administrative Director@unityfh.com

## Unitarian Universalist Church of Farmington

Location: 25301 Halsted, Farmington Hills  
 Contact: [www.uufarmington.org](http://www.uufarmington.org)  
**Youth Interfaith Journey:** 9:30

and 11 a.m. Sundays  
**Details:** This religious education program is open to the public and currently enrolling new students. Classes are grouped into grades K-five, six-eight and nine-12 with age-specific education materials for all.  
**Contact:** Jennifer Teed at 248-478-7272 or [dre@uufarmington.org](mailto:dre@uufarmington.org)

**Lifelong Learning Forum:** 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursdays

**Details:** Six weeks exploring different topics like religion, philosophy, science, health, social and political issues. No advance registration necessary; a \$5 donation is suggested. Drop in and pick the class that interests you most at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Farmington.

**Contact:** 248-478-7272 or [uufarmington.org/uucf/re-lifespan](http://uufarmington.org/uucf/re-lifespan)

**Multigenerational Services:**

6:45 p.m. Fridays  
**Details:** Family members of all ages can gather for drumming, chanting, and meditation followed by a brief participatory worship service which could include stories, songs and sharing. A religious education activity will follow, such as an art project, music, dance, game or theater. The evening will close with a light snack and a short time to socialize, ending at 8:30 p.m.

## Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville (behind the shopping center at the corner of Six Mile and Haggerty)

Web: [www.wardchurch.org](http://www.wardchurch.org)

Contact: 248-374-7400

**Sunday Worship:** 8 a.m. Liturgical in the Chapel; 9:30 a.m. Contemporary in the Sanctuary;

11 a.m. Traditional in the Sanctuary; 11a.m. Post-Contemporary in Knox Hall

**Sunday Groups and Classes:** Nursery, Children's and Middle School programs available on Sunday mornings. High School Sunday night at 6:30 p.m. Sunday Morning Adult Life Classes also available.

**FX: A Family Experience:** An interactive family production where participants ignite conversations in the home on important topics to help kids and their parents follow God together. First Sunday of the month at 9:30 a.m. In Knox Hall, September-May.

**Service Broadcasts:** Live at <http://live.wardchurch.org> at 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sundays for live interactive video web-streaming. Also, the Traditional Service is broadcast every week on WRDT-AM 560 at 11 a.m.

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**HOLY SPIRIT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL**  
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 at the corner of Winans Lake & Musch Rd.  
 810-231-9199  
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 Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.  
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 620 General Motors Rd., Milford  
 Church office: (248) 684-0895  
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**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.brightmoorcc.org](http://www.brightmoorcc.org)  
 something for the entire family!

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 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](http://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  
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[www.cpccnow.com](http://www.cpccnow.com)

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 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: 6:45-9:15 p.m.  
 Awards, 3 yrs old thru 5th grade and Youth Group for 7th grade and older  
 Website: [milfordbaptist.org](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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**  
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**MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
 21355 Meadowbrook Rd. in Novi at 8 1/2 Mile  
 248-348-7757 • [www.mbccc.org](http://www.mbccc.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](http://www.oakpointe.org)

## Highland

**HIGHLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
 680 W. Livingston Rd. • Highland, MI 48357  
 248.887.1311 • [www.myhmc.com](http://www.myhmc.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**  
[milfordumc.net](http://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.**  
*Msr. 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. June M. Smith, Pastor*  
 248-349-2652  
[www.umcnovi.com](http://www.umcnovi.com)  
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## 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 Harlocker, Pastor*  
[www.fpcsouthlyon.org](http://www.fpcsouthlyon.org)

**BIBLE BELIEVERS CHURCH**  
*Gathering in Jesus Name*  
 52909 10 Mile Rd • South Lyon, MI 48178  
**Sunday 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.**  
**Wednesday 7:00 p.m.**  
*Mike Ragan, Pastor*  
 734-347-1983 pastor cell  
 Old fashioned preaching KJV

## New Hudson

**NEW HUDSON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
 56730 Grand River Avenue • New Hudson MI 48165  
 (248) 437-6212 • *Gerald S. Hunter, Pastor*  
**Sunday School & Bible Class 9:30 a.m.**  
**Worship: 10:30 a.m.**  
[www.newhudsonumc.org](http://www.newhudsonumc.org)

**WEST HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 1116 S. Hickory Ridge Rd., Milford, MI 48380  
 248-887-1218  
**Sunday Worship 9 am & 11:15 am**  
**Wed. Kids-6:30 pm/Adults-6:45 pm**  
 Also Small Groups / Ministry Teams

**The Church of Christ**  
 21860 Pontiac Trail • South Lyon, MI 48178  
 248-437-3585 • [www.southlyonccc.org](http://www.southlyonccc.org)  
**9:30 a.m. Sunday School,**  
**10:30 a.m. Praise and Worship**  
**Wednesday Midweek Ministries 7 p.m.**  
*Troy Singleton, Minister*

**CROSS OF CHRIST LUTHERAN**  
 (Missouri Synod)  
 Pastor Terry Nelson  
**437-8810 • 486-4335**  
 Griswold Rd. at 10 Mile  
**Worship: 10 a.m.; Sunday School: 10 a.m.;**  
**Adult Bible Study: 9 a.m.**

**NEW HOPE - A Unitarian Universalist Congregation**  
 57855 Grand River Ave., New Hudson, MI 48165  
 Phone 248-474-9108  
**Sunday Celebration of Life Service 10:30 a.m.**  
*Rev. Suzanne Paul, Minister*  
 Website: <http://www.newhopeuu.org>

**Freedom Life Church**  
*Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is Freedom Cor 3:7*  
**1208 E. Commerce, Milford**  
**Worship: Sun 11am, Wed 7pm**  
 We are here through Christ Jesus to provide Freedom to those who are hurting, diseased, addicted LO-0000178465 and depressed.

**Fellowship Evangelical Presbyterian Church**  
 22200 Pontiac Trail (S of 9 Mile)  
 Sunday Worship @ 9:30 am  
 Sunday School @ 11 am  
 Wednesday mid-week programs  
*Rev. David Brown, Pastor*  
 248-437-2222 • [www.fellowshippepc.org](http://www.fellowshippepc.org)

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SOUTH LYON**  
 60820 Marjorie Ann St., South Lyon 48178  
 Phone: 248-437-2983  
**Sunday School 9:45 a.m. • Worship Service 11:00 a.m.**  
**Evening Service 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.**  
*Senior Pastor Rob Freshour / Assoc. Pastor Randy Weeks*  
 Website: [www.fbcsouthlyon.com](http://www.fbcsouthlyon.com)  
 • Email: [fbcsouthlyon@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fbcsouthlyon@sbcglobal.net)

## Northville

**First Presbyterian Church of Northville**  
[www.fpcnorthville.org](http://www.fpcnorthville.org)  
 200 E. MAIN ST. AT HUTTON  
 Worship, 9:30 am  
 Sunday School for all ages, 10:30 am.  
 248-349-0911

**United Methodist Church**  
 (248) 349-1144  
 777 West 8 Mile Road (8 Mile and Taft Road)  
 Northville, Michigan  
 Worship Times: September - May 8:00, 9:15 & 11:00 a.m.  
 Memorial Day - Labor Day 8:30 and 10:00 a.m.  
*Rev. Marsha M. Woolley, Lead Pastor*  
[www.iumcnorthville.org](http://www.iumcnorthville.org)

**first united methodist church south lyon, mi**  
 640 S. Lafayette (248) 437-0760  
**Worship: 8:15 am, 11 am & 6:30 pm**  
**Sunday School: 9:40 am**  
*Rev. Sondra Willobe, Lead Pastor*  
[southlyonfirstumc.org](http://southlyonfirstumc.org)

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN**  
 Wisconsin Synod • Reynold Sweet Pkwy. at Liberty St.  
**Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.**  
**All Classes 9:00**  
 Pastor Scott Miller, (248) 437-1651

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 Sunday School and Children's Programs  
[www.ncalife.org](http://www.ncalife.org)  
 41355 Six Mile Road  
 248-348-9030

**WARD CHURCH**  
 4150 10 Mile Road Northville, MI 48168  
 248-374-7400  
**Sunday Worship Services**  
 8 a.m. | 9:30 a.m. | 11 a.m.  
 A different music styles from classic to modern  
[www.wardchurch.org](http://www.wardchurch.org)

**Shepherd's Way Lutheran Church, ELCA**  
 59255 10 Mile Rd.  
 South Lyon MI 48178  
**Sunday Worship 9:00 AM**  
**Education Hour 10:15 AM**  
*Rev. Bart Muller, Pastor*  
 248-573-7320  
[www.shepherdswaysouthlyon.org](http://www.shepherdswaysouthlyon.org)

**CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
 28900 Pontiac Trail • South Lyon  
**248-486-0400**  
[www.ecrossroads.net](http://www.ecrossroads.net)  
**Sunday Services: 8:45, 10 & 11:30 am**

**OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
 133 Orchard Dr., Northville  
**WEEKEND LITURGIES** Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
 Sunday, 7:30, 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.  
 Church 349-2621, School 349-3610  
 Religious Education 349-2559  
*Rev. Denis Theroux, Pastor*

**Our Savior Apostolic Lutheran Church**  
 54899 8 Mile Rd. at Currie Rd., Northville, MI 48167  
 248-374-2268  
**Sunday Worship:**  
 10:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School  
 10:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School  
 10:30 a.m. Fellowship/Coffee  
 11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
**Wednesday Bible Study (Colossians) at 7 pm**  
 LO-0000165207 Pastor Andy Whitten

**SOLID ROCK BIBLE CHURCH**  
*Loving God and Loving People*  
 22183 Pontiac Trail • 248-486-4400  
 (In Brookdale Shopping Center, behind Powerhouse Gym)  
**SUNDAY WORSHIP: 10:00 A.M.**  
 Reed Heckmann, Pastor/Teacher  
[www.solidrocksouthlyon.org](http://www.solidrocksouthlyon.org)

**FELLOWSHIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
 Services held at:  
 Saint Andrews Episcopal Church  
 16350 Hubbard Road - Livonia  
 South of Six Mile Road  
**Adult Sunday School 9:30-10:15am; Worship 10:30am**  
 Childrens Sunday School 10:30 a.m.  
*Dr. James N. McGuire • Nursery Provided*

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## OUR VIEWS

# Drive smart around potholes, work crews

You know the roads are getting pretty bad when a top news story last Friday was about the 20-plus vehicles that blew out tires and damaged rims hitting a pothole on I-96 at Merriman Road in Livonia.

Our wish for warmer weather has brought on a nightmare we don't normally deal with in February – potholes. We've gone from slipping and sliding on snow-covered streets and freeways to bouncing and dodging the cavernous pits that have opened up on paved and dirt roads. They've turned commutes into bone-jarring, teeth-rattling rides and, in some cases, costly repair bills.

Considering the winter we are having, it should come as no surprise that our roads resemble the surface of the moon. The sudden manifestation has come early this year and predictions are it will only get worse.

Potholes happen when snow and ice melt as part of the seasonal freeze-thaw cycle. Cracks let water get below the pavement, which freezes and forces the pavement to rise. As temperatures rise above freezing, a hole develops below the surface and the pavement breaks, forming a pothole.

There's no escaping potholes. Certainly, they can be cleaned out and filled in with a hot or cold patch but, as the name indicates, it's only a patch. Those repairs don't last and are also affected by the freeze-thaw cycle.

The best way of dealing with potholes is to avoid them, but sometimes that's not possible. The only option is to try to minimize the possibility for damage when you strike one.

Michigan motorists in key urban areas pay between \$305 and \$536 annually in unnecessary vehicle repairs due to poor roads, according to a January 2014 report by TRIP, a national transportation research group. According to TRIP, bad roads cost Michigan drivers \$2.3 billion per year in unnecessary vehicle repairs. If you also factor in additional costs related to congestion and safety, that figure rises to \$7.7 billion per year.

The Weather Channel has some tips about dealing with potholes:

» Don't try to "fly" over a pothole by going fast. Most are big enough to do damage even if you're traveling at highway speeds. In fact, the faster your speed, the greater damage the pothole can do.

» Don't tailgate. You have a better chance of dodging the pothole the driver in front of you hit by not riding on his or her bumper.

» Don't brake when hitting a pothole. It's one of the worst things you can do. You want to have the most possible suspension travel over the front wheels when you hit the pothole. That means letting off the brakes the moment before you hit and allowing the car to absorb the blow.

» Be wary of puddles. It may look like water to you, but under that murkiness can be a massive pothole, sometimes large enough to do severe damage to the car.

So how serious are this year's potholes?

Last week, Jordan Avgousti @JGoose23 tweeted: "Gonna make an app called Dodge the Potholes. Difficulty levels will be easy, medium, hard, expert and Michigan."

And the Michigan Infrastructure and Transportation Association is again holding its Pothole Pocketbook Contest at [justfixtheroads.com/contest](http://justfixtheroads.com/contest). Winners will be announced each week during March and the prizes are up to \$500 toward vehicle repair costs.

The contest is open to all Michigan-licensed drivers, age 18 or older, who have endured vehicle repairs caused by bad roads since January 2014. To enter, drivers must submit a photo or scan of their itemized repair bill at [justfixtheroads.com/contest](http://justfixtheroads.com/contest), along with the contact information of their mechanic or body shop to verify the repair. Drivers must also submit photos of their vehicle's damage and (if possible) the specific pothole(s) they hit.

MITA is a leading advocate for increased infrastructure funding in Michigan to save lives and money. According to Lance Binoniemi, MITA vice president of government affairs, the state's extreme weather may be breaking up roads and bridges, but so is a continued decline in adequate funding.

"This contest will help to make things easier for a few lucky motorists, but the only real way to reduce the high cost of bad roads for everyone is for the Legislature to invest in our roads and bridges now to save lives and money," he said.

And while you're watching out for potholes, also keep an eye open for work crews who are out there doing the patching. Give them plenty of leeway and slow down. Certainly it might be an aggravation with the traffic congestion they create, but taking a little extra time to get someplace is a whole lot better than a pain in the pocketbook because of flat tires, bent rims and even damage to the suspension.

You can report potholes on state roads to the Michigan Department of Transportation by calling 888-296-4546. However, MDOT only repairs potholes on state trunk lines – freeways with M, I, or U.S. designations like I-94, M-14, U.S.-10. For potholes on routes other than state trunk lines, contact your county or local unit of government.

## COMMUNITY VOICE

### Gov. Rick Snyder is touting Michigan as the comeback state. Do you agree? Why or why not?

This question was asked at the Novi Senior Center.



"Maybe it is or maybe it's not. I'm not totally sure at this point. I think a lot of promises haven't come true yet. Detroit seems to be in chaos."

Hi Perkins  
Novi



"It's not because of him (Snyder), but more because of the auto bailout from President Obama. That really helped out, I think."

Bill Parnis  
Novi



"I think the state is doing better. There seems to have been some more jobs produced since he took office and they're now doing something about Detroit."

Miriam Campbell  
Novi



"I don't think so, but I'm a skeptic. I would say this, I don't think it has regressed any more under him."

Bonnie Moore  
Novi

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Time to fund our roads, guv

Michigan roads – don't you just love 'em? Anyone driving or riding on our roads will be screaming "no" to that question. Too bad funding for our roads was not on Snyder's agenda when he took office three years ago, as he gave businesses a huge tax cut. Too bad he failed at leading the Legislature last year to find funding for our roads. Too bad for all of us that now have to endure disastrous driving conditions made worse by a bad winter on roads not properly maintained.

Michigan is now ranked 50th of 50, dead last, in spending per capita on roads.

The last several years, I have been making twice-a-year driving trips to Florida and have always found better roads in every state I travel, no matter the route, and less expensive gas.

Snyder proposed increasing taxes on gas (making prices even higher) and doubling our vehicle registration fees. He claimed those who use the roads should pay for the roads. Businesses need roads, too – roads for their clients and customers to bring them supplies and to get to and from their businesses. Our food and consumer goods come to us over the roads and travelers and tourists use the roads. We all use the roads. It is not possible to live in this state and not benefit or suffer (like we are now) from the condition of the roads.

The Republicans in the Legislature would not follow Snyder on his plan. Perhaps they wanted to wait for the next lame-duck session, after the next election, to push through such a voter

### 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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unfriendly plan.

How many more years will the voters give Snyder to properly fund our roads? What's your answer?

Chuck Tindall  
Novi

### Stop invasive species

In his State of the State message, Gov. Rick Snyder announced that he would be initiating a new effort to combat invasive species in Michigan and the Great Lakes. He said, "There's too much talk and not enough action on invasive species." I couldn't agree more.

We already are spending large sums to deal with the sea lamprey, zebra mussels and emerald ash borer, to name just a few that are already here.

I hope the Legislature follows his lead and quickly takes up this issue and appropriates the resources and makes the legisla-

tive changes needed to protect our beautiful state for our children and grandchildren.

Robert L. Anthony  
The Nature Conservancy trustee

### Where are jobs?

Gov. Rick Snyder recently released his budget numbers. Working people, and those who wished they could be working, are painfully aware that Michigan remains 49th in projected job growth and fourth highest in unemployment in the nation according to *Bridge Magazine*.

Late last year, I was in Lansing with thousands of citizens; we begged Snyder not to sign the "Right To Work For Less" law. He signed this offensive law, sealing the fate of millions of working folks in Michigan. He then gave billions in tax breaks to businesses paid for by higher taxes on working people and senior citizens.

Snyder assured us there would be extended employment under this deleterious law. Why are we still 49th in job growth and the fourth highest in the unemployment rate in the nation?

Delphine Palkowski  
South Lyon

### CVS cares

Regarding CVS's decision to stop selling all tobacco products by October, I think it's great as long as everyone else follows suit. If it saves one life, it is worth it. "C," they care about you; "V," they value your health; "S," they are sincere about helping you have a longer and healthier life.

Diane Rodemeyer  
Livonia

## GUEST COLUMN

### FRIB funds milestone for Michigan, science

At the beginning of the year, Congress passed an appropriations bill that included a big victory for Michigan, Michigan State University our nation and science.

The legislation included full funding of \$55 million for the Facility for Rare Isotope Beams at MSU. With funding in place, MSU can move forward this year on construction.

MSU won the competition to host FRIB in 2008 over some tough rivals, including federal laboratories. That victory made a powerful statement about America's leadership in nuclear science and about Michigan's role in maintaining that leadership. FRIB is also a major boost for Michigan's economy, creating thousands of jobs as construction begins and hundreds of high-skill, high-paying jobs to operate the facility once it's complete.

And what a facility. FRIB will be one of the world's most important and powerful centers of research into nuclear science. FRIB will probe the secrets of the atom through the creation of rare isotopes – forms of elements that do not exist naturally on Earth and that often exist in the lab for just fractions of a second.

### Learn new lessons

FRIB will create these rare atoms using equipment that will accelerate atomic nuclei to incredible speeds – half the speed of light – and propel



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GUEST COLUMNIST

them into thin sheets of target material. The resulting collision will produce extraordinarily rare isotopes, some of which naturally exist only in the exploding heart of a supernova.

By studying these rare materials, scientists will be able to learn new lessons about how elements form. They will learn more about how atomic particles interact. FRIB will allow them to peer into the heart of stars and to study processes that could help develop technologies to detect and cure deadly diseases.

MSU has long been a leader in nuclear science. Thanks to facilities such as the National Superconducting Cyclotron Laboratory, East Lansing is one of the most important hubs of nuclear research on the planet. Its nuclear science program is ranked No. 1 in the nation, ahead of prestigious schools such as MIT and Cal Tech. MSU researchers have helped unravel the mysteries of neutron stars, explored how reactions at the start of the universe created the elements that make life possible, studied ways to keep our nation's nuclear weapons secure and helped develop treatments for rare cancers.

FRIB will be a tremendous addition to that legacy. It will draw some of the world's most accomplished scientists to Michigan and create enormous opportunities for scientific discovery.

### Hard work

That's why Michigan's delegation in Washington has worked so hard to ensure that funding was in place – not always an easy task at a time of tight federal budgets. In the Senate, Sen. Debbie Stabenow and I have worked with our colleagues on the appropriate committees to emphasize the importance of FRIB to science and our nation. On a bipartisan basis, our colleagues in the House of Representatives have done the same. We've worked closely with officials at MSU, including university President Lou Anna Simon, and with officials at the Department of Energy to ensure that FRIB remains on track.

The funding included in this year's appropriations bill represents a key milestone in turning FRIB's promise into reality and strengthening Michigan's role in advanced science. No longer just blueprints and artists' renderings, FRIB is about to become real – and when it does, some of the universe's biggest mysteries will become a lot less mysterious.

Carl Levin is the senior U.S. senator from Michigan.

# NOVI NEWS

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Fox Run residents (from left) Ed MacDowell, Phyllis Praski and Gil Knight hold models of historic Novi buildings they made as part of their model railroad project. MATT HUMPHREY

## Fox Run residents keeping railroad alive

Members of Fox Run retirement community's model railroad club in Novi are now constructing a miniature replica of the Pere Marquette railroad line (circa June 1950) that still runs through Novi on the same tracks originally laid in around 1875. The club is also making models of Novi buildings from that year. They have mapped out different cities in the area such as Plymouth and Milford and have researched photographs of that era to assure accuracy in design.

The double-track railroad line consists of HO-scale trains that consist of four locomotives and 200 cars. Tracks take up 120 feet of space. Historic buildings include the Novi Methodist Church,

the Novi Inn, the Novi Train Station, the Novi Township Hall, the Novi Water Tower and the Novi Equipment Co.

The Pere Marquette was bought by the Chesapeake & Ohio in 1947 and ran under the Pere Marquette name until 1952. It is now part of the CSX railroad. The reason the club picked June 1950 to model is that it was the last year steam engines ran in Michigan. Steam engines ran until Dec. 31, 1950.

"We want to make something that is meaningful to people," said Ed MacDowell, a seven-year resident of Fox Run and a former mechanical engineer. "The work of railroaders is never done."

The club's 25 members are "hand laying" their track. To date, the

club has installed about 15,000 ties, 300 feet of rails and 30 switches. There are four spikes on every fifth tie.

"We have lost count of the number of man hours that we have put in," MacDowell said. "The size of the rail we use corresponds in scale with the size rail still in use today."

Club members work on this project - custom-making their own tracks and ties from scratch - each Wednesday and Saturday. They collaborate with the Novi Historical Commission on factual matters.

In 1950, Novi's downtown population was 200. This area, which was then known as Novi Corners, today has a population of about 57,000 and is still growing.

## Sixth annual fishing derby reels 'em in

By Curtis Drogmiller  
Correspondent

"Fish on!" was a common phrase Saturday as many area fishermen (and women) of all ages reeled in their prizes on Walled Lake.

It was a day for kids to put away their game consoles, friends and families to spend quality memory making time. Some may call fishing a matter of luck or skill. No matter what you think, one thing was certain - everyone in attendance had an incredible day of fun on the area's many lakes.

The sixth annual Walled Lake Ice Fishing Derby had one simple theme: Go out and fish your local lake!

Event registration was held at Bayside Grill on Walled Lake Drive. The tournament started at sunrise and ended at 6:30 p.m. There were two categories: youth 12 and



Pictured are (from left) Bill Dulek, who won the adult category for catching the largest pike, Riley Dulek, Zach Dulek and Jim Macdermaid. CURTIS DROGMILLER

under and adult. Youth category registration fee was \$7 and included a kiddie's pizza. Adult entry fee for largest pike was \$10 with \$5 side pots for several categories (perch, walleye, pan fish and pike). Entertainment included a live band and fireworks, plus there were 50/50 raffles.

The ice on Walled Lake near the Bayside Grill was covered with the various types of ice shanties and plenty of anglers, all with the same goal of having fun and winning the prize fish.

"The best part of fishing today was having fun with my cousins," young angler David Emery said.

Austin and Dustin enjoyed fishing and catching their first pike. Fish judging began at 6:30 p.m., with a final award presentation and a few fish stories around 7:30 p.m. on the main stage at Bayside Grill.

Carter reeled in the smallest fish, a 3½-inch perch, while the \$300 adult prize for largest pike (34¼ inches) went to Bill Dulek, who caught the fish on Oxbow Lake.

## UPDATES FROM CITY OF NOVI

### Novi Library kicks off 2014 coupon campaign

The Novi Public Library plans a fundraising campaign each year to raise money in support of their collections and resources. With themed events in the past, director Julie Farkas had a different idea for 2014.

The coupon book is filled with not only coupons that offer discounts to our favorite local businesses, but gives the community a chance to explore the city of Novi.

Steve & Rocky's, Buffalo Wild Wings, Paradise Park, Perfect Desserts and One Training are a just a few of the featured sponsors that fill the pages. The book contains something for everyone - whether you want to work on your fitness, regrip your golf clubs, or dine in at your favorite restaurant, the coupons give you a chance to save and enjoy throughout the year. With 500 books printed, the library plans to sell them all in hopes of raising \$15,000 to go towards their technology fund. Books are available to purchase for \$30 at the library. All coupons are

valid through the end of 2014.

For more information about this fundraiser, call 248-349-0720 or to purchase one, visit at 45255 W. Ten Mile Road.

### Tech Talk classes

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 non-resident. Registration is required and available at cityofnovi.org or in person at the Older Adult Services office inside the civic center.

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.

To learn more about what's happening in Novi, visit www.cityofnovi.org.

### Atrium to feature artwork

For the second time, the city of Novi is partnering with Cassell and Associates to help bring awareness to survivors of traumatic brain injuries by showcasing their artwork in the Novi Civic Center Atrium through Tuesday, March 25. Proceeds from the artwork sales will be donated to the Brain Injury Association of Michigan.

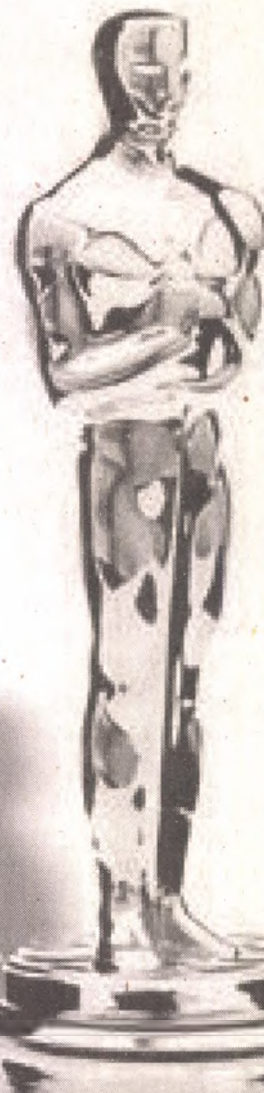
The clients of Cassell and Associates, whose work helps brain injury survivors, were inspired by Michigan's many iconic landscapes, architectural landmarks and wildlife species while creating "Made in the Mitten" themed works of art. Twenty-seven artists will be featured in the exhibit, including avid outdoorsman named Donald, who was inspired to create his pieces by his love for his home state and the freedom he feels when he's in Michigan's great outdoors.

For more information about the Cassell and Associates show, call the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department at 248-347-0400.

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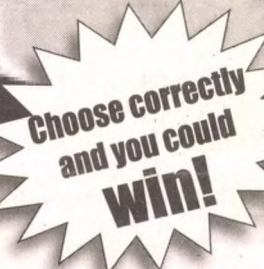
- Best Picture
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- Best Actress in a Leading Role
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- Best Actor in a Supporting Role
- Best Actress in a Supporting Role
- Best Director

All entries must be received by Saturday, March 1st, 2014 11:59 p.m.

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3:45 p.m. Captain Phillips

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8:30 p.m. Philomena

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NOVI COMMUNITY CALENDAR

LOCAL EVENTS

EAT LIKE A CAVEMAN SEMINAR

**Time/Date:** 2 p.m. Saturday, March 1  
**Location:** Better Health Market, 42875 Grand River Avenue, Novi  
**Details:** Health and fitness expert Nate Furlong, of New Hudson, says the best way to reach better health is by managing your sugar and what better way to do that than eat as the cavemen did. Attend his free seminar and learn about eating grass fed raised meats, fish, eggs, vegetables, fruits, roots and nuts which are the keys to managing blood sugar and controlling your weight. This nutrition program is best known as The Paleo Diet. Furlong will also talk about the obesity epidemic in our country and how sugar is one of the main culprits in causing aggressive weight gain.  
**Contact:** 248-735-8100 to reserve your spot.

SCHOOLCRAFT TO U PARTNERSHIP OPEN HOUSE

**Time/Date:** 5-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 12  
**Location:** VisTaTech Center, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia  
**Details:** Learn about your new education options in nursing, health information administration, communications and criminal justice through Schoolcraft College and The University of Toledo. Talk with Schoolcraft and University of Toledo advisers in one location at one time.  
**Contact:** www.schoolcraft.edu/5CtoU; 734-462-4426

LEGO KIDS FEST

**Date:** April 25-27  
**Location:** Suburban Collection Showplace, Novi  
**Details:** Hands-on building, creative experiences and one-of-a-kind activities for children of all ages and builders of all skills and levels. Dozens of new activities and popular favorites on the three-acre show floor. Five sessions – all identical – are available. Tickets are \$22 for adults and \$20 for children and can be purchased online at <http://www.legokidsfest.com>.

CARELINK LECTURES

**Transitions – Life After Treatment group**  
**Time/Date:** 6-7:30 p.m. second and fourth Monday of each month  
**Location:** Providence Park Hospital's Assarian Cancer Center, Second floor Conference Room, 47601 Grand River Avenue, Novi  
**Details:** Those who have recently finished cancer treatment or have been out of treatment for a while and would like to connect with other survivors are invited to join this informative discussion and peer support.  
**Contact:** Jenny Bailey at 248-465-5466

FRIENDS OF ISLAND LAKE

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. fourth Tuesday of each month (except December)  
**Location:** Island Lake State Recreation Area headquarters at

Girls on the Run



The city of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department, in partnership with the Plymouth YMCA, announced another season of Girls on the Run starting the week of March 10. Girls on the Run is a life-changing experiential learning program for girls ages 8-13. The program combines training for a 3.1-mile (5K) running event with self-esteem enhancing, uplifting workouts and team activities. Registration includes daily snacks, race day T-shirt, water bottle and an entry into a 5K race Sunday, May 18. Teams are forming for third- and fourth-grade girls at Orchard Hills, Novi Woods, Deerfield, Village Oaks and Parkview elementary schools. A team is also forming at Novi Meadows for fifth and sixth grades. Volunteer coaches are needed. Coaches do not have to be runners themselves, just dedicated individuals willing to encourage the girls and work with them to achieve their goals. A training session is provided for coaches and a supplies box is provided for each program site. Practices take place after school for an hour and a half, two days a week, for 10 weeks. Registration is \$110 and is going on now at [cityofnovi.org](http://cityofnovi.org). The deadline to register is Wednesday, March 5. For questions or to find out how you can become a coach, contact Greg Morris, recreation supervisor, at 248-735-5646 or [gmorris@cityofnovi.org](mailto:gmorris@cityofnovi.org).

Kensington and Grand River Avenue  
**Details:** Meetings are open to any interested individual. The group's purpose is to support, enhance, protect and promote the natural, historic and recreational features of the park and the Huron River by increasing awareness of the park's assets through the education and outreach activities, encouraging and facilitating communication and cooperation between users of the park and its staff, organizing volunteers and stewardship activities and fundraising through grants to support these initiatives.  
**Contact:** [www.islandlakefriends.org](http://www.islandlakefriends.org)

BEREAVEMENT MEETING

**Time/Date:** 7:30-9 p.m. third Tuesday of each month  
**Location:** Novi Civic Center (10 Mile between Taft and Novi roads)  
**Details:** Led by Michael M. Meyer, D. Min., goal is to give each participant an opportunity to share their story.

NAMI METRO

**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m. second

Tuesday of each month  
**Location:** Providence Park hospital, Novi  
**Details:** Family support group meetings

**Contact:** For more information, or questions, contact NAMI metro at 248-348-7197 or visit <http://www.namimetro.org/>.

WOMANHEART OF NOVI

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. fourth Wednesday of each month  
**Location:** Providence Park Hospital, Novi  
**Details:** For women with concerns about cardiac health to share information and sisterhood at monthly meetings  
**Contact:** Sharon Mallon, 248-348-5189.

SUBURBAN COLLECTION SHOWPLACE

**Location:** 46100 Grand River, Novi  
**Phone:** 248-348-5600  
**Web:** [www.SuburbanShowplace.com](http://www.SuburbanShowplace.com)

THE WORLD'S GREATEST HOBBY ON TOUR

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 22 and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 23

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GREAT LAKES ART FAIR

**Times/Dates:** 1-8 p.m. Friday, April 11; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, April 12; 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, April 13  
**Details:** Event combines exclusive and desirable works from local, regional and national artists and craftspeople with a charming village marketplace setting, seasonal motif and on-site cafe with light fare. The GLAF offers an unofficial kick-off to the warm weather art fair season, and a chance to see new artwork before it "hits the streets" at outdoor fairs across the region.  
**Contact:** 248-348-5600; [www.GreatLakesArtFair.com](http://www.GreatLakesArtFair.com)

BUSINESS NOVI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

**Contact:** [www.novichamber.com](http://www.novichamber.com) or call 248-349-3743

LOCAL BUSINESS NETWORK MEETING

**Time/Date:** 8:45-10:15 a.m. first and third Wednesday of each month

**Contact:** To RSVP, call 248-349-6225 or 248-685-9226

AMERICAN BUSINESS WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

**Time/Date:** 6:15-8:30 p.m., second Wednesday of each month  
**Location:** DoubleTree Hotel, 42100 Crescent Blvd., Novi  
**Details:** Novi Oaks is a chapter of the American Business Women's Association. The group meets monthly for networking and a program featuring speakers on an array of market-relevant topics. Organizers strive to bring together businesswomen of diverse occupations and to provide opportunities for them to help themselves and others grow personally and professionally through leadership, education, networking support and national recognition. Guests are always welcome; advance registration is required. Visit [www.abwa-novi.org](http://www.abwa-novi.org).  
**Contact:** Holly Hengstebeck at [publicity@abwa-novi.org](mailto:publicity@abwa-novi.org).

NORTHVILLE-NOVI BUSINESS NETWORKING BREAKFAST

**Time/Date:** 7:30-9 a.m. first and third Tuesday of each month (except November and December, which are just the first Tuesday)

**Location:** Kerby's Coney Island,

21200 Haggerty  
**Details:** Business networking focused on building relationships. The Sunrise Networking Group, LLC ([www.sunriseNET-WORKINGgroup.com](http://www.sunriseNET-WORKINGgroup.com)) is a group of about 250 business leaders who help each other to build more business by referring people to each other. Breakfast is \$10.  
**Contact:** Fonda Milana at 586-232-3009 or [fmilana@sunrisefinancialgroupplc.com](mailto:fmilana@sunrisefinancialgroupplc.com).

METRO NOVI BNI

**Time/Date:** 7-8 a.m. each Wednesday  
**Location:** On the Border Restaurant, 21091 Haggerty (north of Eight Mile), Novi  
**Details:** BNI is a structured networking environment for professionals. The Metro Novi BNI team members are committed to providing bona fide referrals. Members learn how to create and refine an "elevator speech," develop a network of other business professionals in the community and receive training/education on networking more efficiently. Guests are invited free of charge. Continental breakfast provided.  
**Contact:** Julie Paquette at 248-797-1665 or [juliepaquette67@gmail.com](mailto:juliepaquette67@gmail.com); [www.metronovibni.com](http://www.metronovibni.com).

HUD COUNSELING

**Time/Date:** 5-8 p.m. first Monday of each month  
**Details:** HUD-certified counselors are available to assist homeowners at risk of foreclosure. There is no charge for this service. Please call if you wish to attend. One-on-one sessions will be scheduled.

Book Discussion Group

**Time/Date:** 6:30 p.m. first Thursday of each month  
**Details:** Please drop in or call the library if interested in joining this recently formed group.

CLUBS

NOVI LIONS CLUB

**Time/Date:** 6 p.m. social; 6:30 p.m. meeting second and fourth Wednesday of each month  
**Location:** Leo's Sports Bar & Grill Restaurant, lower level, 40380 Grand River, west of Haggerty. Visitors are welcome, dinner is from the menu. Novi Lions is part of Lions International, the largest service organization in the world. The purpose is to serve the blind and the community. Principal activities are fundraising for Leader Dogs, Penrickton Center for Blind Children and other blind charities along with fundraisers for high school scholarships.  
**Contact:** Lions President Ron Martin at 248-473-1156 or Secretary Ed Kramer, 248-348-2747.

NOVI TOASTMASTERS CLUB

**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m., first and third Tuesday of each month  
**Location:** Novi Civic Center, Activities Room, 45175 W. 10 Mile  
**Details:** Novi Toastmasters is a community-based club, part of Toastmasters International. The group helps all develop and refine their public speaking and leadership skills. Members also have fun while building confidence in day-to-day communications and mentoring toward professional and personal excellence. Guests are welcome. Visit [www.novi.freetoasthost.us](http://www.novi.freetoasthost.us).  
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## Vincent wins titles, sets record

Novi places third in conference, qualifies more swimmers for postseason

By Chris Jackett  
Correspondent

The KLAA's Kensington Conference championship meet was the perfect setting for Novi's boys swim and dive team to make some waves. The Wildcats, just 2-2 in the Central Division and third at the five-team division meet, took to the pool at South Lyon East last weekend and secured third in the conference among

11 schools. "(We) had an outstanding performance at last weekend's KLAA Conference championship meet," Novi coach Brent Pohlonski. "After Friday's preliminaries, all 40 of Novi's individual entries qualified for Saturday's finals. The Wildcats responded with an even more impressive performance in the finals. Our team was expected to score 619 points, but we finished with 758.5 points and took third place overall."

Among the highlights of the day was individual conference championship runs by senior Tanner Vincent in two of the

eight individual swimming events. Vincent took first in both the 100 butterfly (52.46 seconds) and 100 backstroke (52.81), the latter which set a new school record.

Vincent was joined in the top eight by Wildcats teammates Sid Kareddy (fourth in the 100 fly in 54.36) and Gordy Williams (eighth in the 100 back in 58.0), who both hit individual state qualifying times for the first time this season.

Other solid swimming finishes came James Popyk (sixth in the 200 freestyle in 1:50.74)



Novi's Gordie Williams competes at the KLAA championships. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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Novi sophomore Eric Foard puts up a shot against Livonia Franklin. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## Wildcats to start tourney on win streak

Novi knocks off Franklin, Mott

By Chris Jackett  
Correspondent

Novi's boys basketball team (8-11, 3-7 KLAA Central) made it five consecutive victories to close out the KLAA crossovers.

The Wildcats added the final two victories last week by defeating Livonia Franklin (4-15, 2-8 South) on the road Feb. 17 and Waterford Mott (4-14, 3-7 North) at home Feb. 20.

The improvement continued first against Franklin, as the Wildcats beat the Patriots for the second time this season, 71-51.

Senior Erik Biberstein (23 points, five rebounds, one block) and junior Max Yanke (20 points, five rebounds, three assists) led the way, shooting a combined 19-of-30 (63.3 percent).

The Wildcats shot 31-of-58 (53.4 percent) as a team, with senior Nick Zugaro (eight points, five rebounds, 11 assists, two steals), junior Billy Ulle (six points, five rebounds, two steals), junior Brad Dotinga

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## FOURTH-QUARTER COLLAPSE COSTS 'CATS CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP

Novi third in KLAA, faces difficult district assignment

By Chris Jackett  
Correspondent

After being outscored in the fourth quarter of two consecutive, closely contested KLAA crossovers on the road, the Wildcats may be fortunate to have split the difference.

Novi's girls basketball team (16-4, 8-2 KLAA Central) visited Canton on Feb. 19 to battle for the Kensington Conference championship before the Wildcats visited Waterford Kettering on Friday to determine third place in the association.

In the conference title tilt, the game was neck-and-neck throughout. With Novi up 18-16 after three quarters, the Chiefs (16-4, 10-0 South) clamped down and didn't allow the Wildcats to score until the final minute.

Behind a 14-2 fourth-quarter run, Canton won the conference title, but would go on to lose the association title 55-43 to Waterford Mott (18-2, 8-2 North).

Novi's scoring was limited to seniors Kerri McMahan (11 points, three rebounds, one block), Taylor Pavlika (five points) and Kristen Schubring (four points, four rebounds). Also playing major roles for the 'Cats were senior Dina Fawaz (seven rebounds, two steals) and junior Alex Felice.

Novi shot 6-of-23 (26.1 percent). Canton shot 11-of-25 (44 percent) and was led by the trio of seniors Taylor Hunley (11 points, seven rebounds), Rachel Winters (nine points, three rebounds, one block) and Paige Aresco (seven points, three rebounds). Despite winning the rebound battle 18-14, Novi's 17 turnovers provided too large of an opportunity for the Chiefs.

Two nights later, Kettering (17-3, 10-0 North) proved to be just as formidable. The 'Cats led just 16-14 at halftime, but managed to widen the gap to 28-23 through three quar-



A Canton player tries to get past Taylor Pavlika (left) and Dina Fawaz.

### ON TAP

Novi (16-4) was scheduled Wednesday to play a district semifinal at Northville against Plymouth (17-4), who Novi defeated 40-35 in overtime Feb. 14. The winner plays in the district title game at 7 p.m. Friday against Canton (16-4) or Northville (15-5). The regional will follow Tuesday and March 6 at West Bloomfield.

ters. The Captains fought back, but couldn't quite close the gap despite a 13-11 run. Novi prevailed 39-36 at the end.

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Novi's Alexandria Felice tries to get around a Canton player during the KLAA championship game. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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# Novi icers roll into tourney ranked No. 3 in D-2

Wildcats defeat Canton, Howell

By Chris Jackett  
Correspondent

Extending its winning streak to three games and its unbeaten streak to six, Novi's boys hockey team wrapped up the regular season with a pair of victories in KLAAs crossovers against Canton and Howell.

Ranked No. 3 in Division 2, the Wildcats (18-6-1, 9-3-0 KLAAs) defeated Canton 9-1 on Feb. 18 before topping Howell (17-6-1, 7-0-1 Lakes) 3-2 on Feb. 20. Against the Chiefs (3-20-0, 1-10-0 Kensington), Jordan Richardson and Ryan Baxter gave the Wildcats a 2-0 lead through one period before things really heated up in the second. In a 2:26 span early in

the second period, four even-strength goals were scored, three by Novi. Brendan Wexler and Alec Wells gave the 'Cats a 4-0 lead before Canton's Brendan O'Hare got the Chiefs' lone goal past Novi goalie Austin Petty (14 saves). Brad Hofelich, Baxter and Wexler each added a goal – the latter two being shorthanded – before the intermission to give Novi a comfortable 7-1 lead.

Rob Gaul took over goaltending duties for the third period and Bryan Fegert and Jake Lynch each added a power-play goal. Chiefs goalie Nick Borg recorded 37 saves. The Howell game was much closer, with the Eagles' Brett Daavittila scoring 7:15 into the first period as he knocked one past Petty. But Baxter got it back for Novi exactly three minutes later to tie it 1-1, a score that

would hold until the third period. Hofelich gave Novi its first lead of the game 1:46 into the third period, but Howell's Aaron Bessey came back to tie it 2-2 with 4:09 remaining. Fegert would be the hero of the night, with Hofelich and Baxter setting him up with 2:09 remaining, as Petty knocked away any game-tying opportunities by the Eagles.

**ON TAP**

Novi's (18-6-1) state tourney was scheduled to begin Wednesday with a regional semifinal against Walled Lake Western (8-14-2). The winner will play at 5:45 p.m. Saturday in the regional final at Hartland.

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**NOVI SPORTS ROUNDUP**

**Wildcats bowl through regionals**

Novi's Sara Schulz finished seventh Feb. 22 at the bowling regional at Canton's Super Bowl to qualify for the weekend's individual state finals for the second year in a row. The girls team also made the cut for the state meet, hosted by Sunnybrook Lanes in Sterling Heights.

Scott Pryson was 34th for the boys, rolling 1,042 with a high game of 224.

**Dupessey among top skiers at SEMSL**

Novi's boys had a tough time Feb. 18 at the SEMSL meet, finishing eighth of 10 teams with a score of 248. Bloomfield Hills won

with 57 points. The Wildcats were led by Bastien Dupessey, fourth in the slalom with a two-run time of 42.63 seconds and ninth in the giant slalom in 38.97. Andrew Jamison was next at 37th in the giant slalom in 40.12, while Mark Schlax was 48th in the slalom in 52.09.

**New athletic secretary starts**

Novi High School welcomed new athletic secretary Teresa Browne to the Novi Nation family Feb. 24. Browne was in the same position at Madison Heights Lamphere before taking over the Novi job after 10-year veteran Carol Sprys made the move to Forest Hills Central earlier this month.

**AAU girls basketball tryouts**

All girls interested in trying out for the AAU Girls Novi Motion Basketball team should plan to attend the upcoming tryouts. On March 13, Village Oaks Elementary will host tryouts 6:30-8 p.m. for grades 8-9 and 8-9:30 p.m. for grades 10-11. On March 17, Deerfield Elementary will host tryouts 6:30-8 p.m. for grades 4-5 and 8-9:30 p.m. for grades 6-7.

Players need to come 15 minutes before their start time and be dressed and ready to play. Tryout fee is \$20 and a parent/guardian must sign a waiver. Forms are available online at <https://sites.google.com/site/novimotionbb>. For more information, call Ron Valente at 248-349-5464.



Novi's Sara Schulz made the qualified for the bowling state meet for the second year in a row by finishing seventh at regionals. KATHY SCHULZ

— By Chris Jackett

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**Novi's Vincent earns MHSAA scholarship**

The Michigan High School Athletic Association has selected 14 student-athletes from Class A member schools to receive scholarships through its Scholar-Athlete Award program, including Novi's Tanner Vincent.

Farm Bureau Insurance, in its 25th year of sponsoring the award, will give \$1,000 college scholarships to 32 individuals who represent their member schools in at least one sport in which the MHSAA sponsors a postseason tournament. The first 30 scholarships are awarded proportionately by school classifica-

tion and number of student-athletes involved in those classes; also, there are two at-large honorees who can come from any classification.

Vincent is participating in his fourth season of swimming and diving and is serving as captain for the second season. He qualified for MHSAA finals in three events in 2013 and four events in 2012 and finished eighth last season in Lower Peninsula Division 1 in the 200-yard individual medley. Vincent holds the school record in 100 butterfly. He is also participating in National Honor Society for the third year, including this year as president, and participating in fourth year of Quiz

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Bowl and also as president this season. He also serves as class vice president.

Vincent was named a National Merit Scholarship semifinalist and earned an AP Scholar with Distinction award. He volunteered as part of Novi's city youth soccer program and as leader of his church's middle school group. He attended the U.S. Air Force summer seminar and will attend the Air Force Academy. Vincent intends to study history with a minor in philosophy before applying to medical schools after finishing his undergraduate programs.

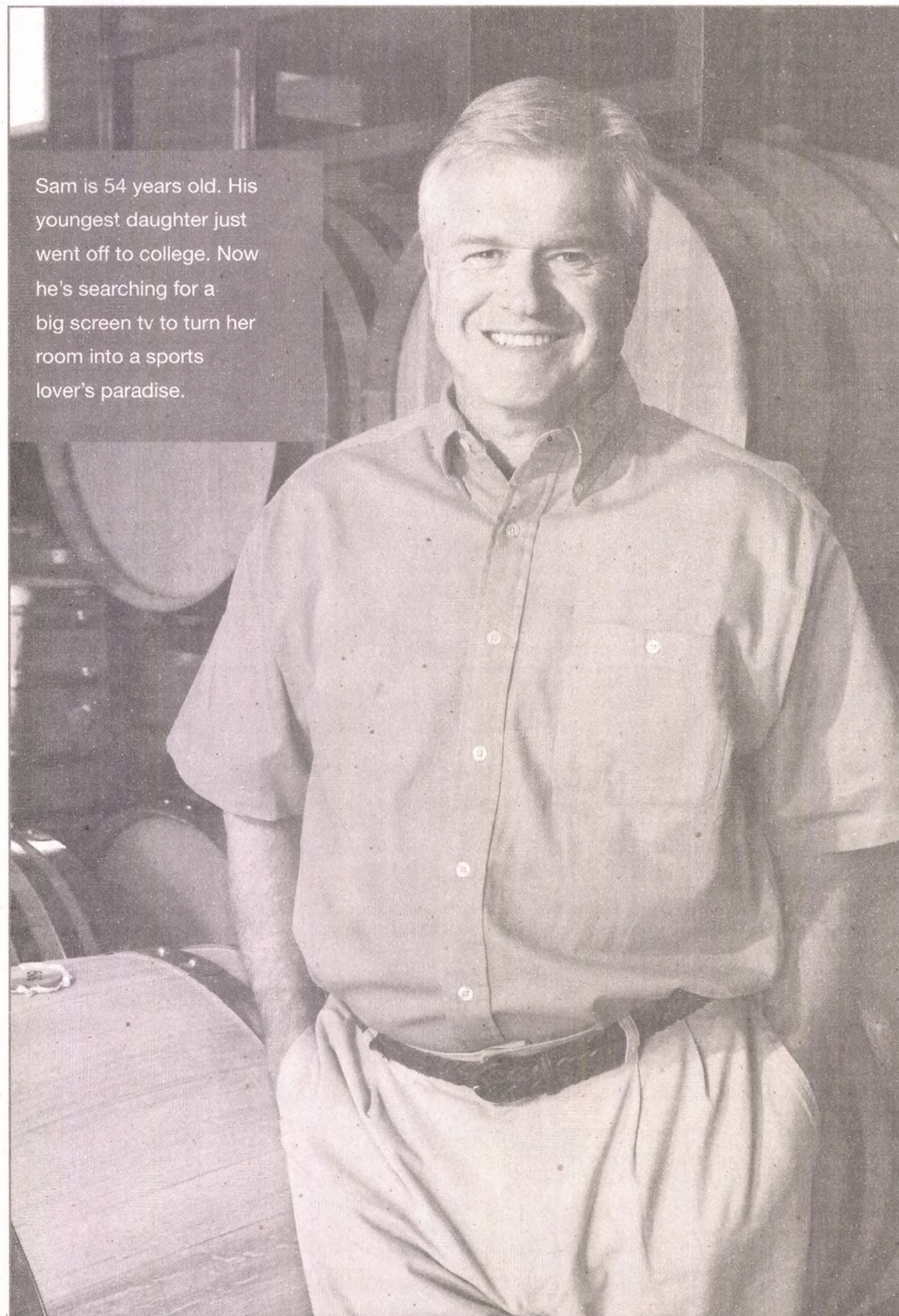
Other Class A boys finalists for the Scholar-

Athlete Award included Devin Kimberlin, Walled Lake Northern; Mitchell Dennis, Walled Lake Western; and David J. Walczyk, Walled Lake Western.

**Michigan-Ohio Border Classic**

High school senior football players (2014 graduates) from Ohio and Michigan will play Saturday, June 14, in the inaugural Ohio-Michigan Border Classic at Donnell Stadium in Findlay, Ohio.

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Novi Detroit Catholic Central defeated Davison for the second straight year in the Division 1 state final. PHOTOS BY DENNIS BARNES

# Third time's a charm

Catholic Central captures wrestling state crown

By Tom Lang  
Gannett Michigan

Everyone in Michigan wrestling knew Novi Detroit Catholic Central came Saturday to Battle Creek's Kellogg Arena as the two-time defending team state champ in Division 1.

But the Shamrocks were hearing nothing of that — not until defeating Davison for a second straight year, 34-19, to earn its third consecutive title.

All season long, CC coach Mitch Hancock would not allow anyone in the program to use the word "three-peat," even for motivation.

"We told our fans, our parents, our seniors, our whole team we will not use the word 'three-peat,'" Hancock said. "I wouldn't allow them to use it all year because I believe that you've got to go out and attack, got to go out and take the state title. You can't defend one. And our guys did that today, they attacked."

Drew Garcia, a two-time individual state champ, attacked Davison's Jordan

Cooks, also a two-time champ, in overtime to get a take-down and the win, 3-1, at 189 pounds, which secured the title.

"A lot of people have been waiting for that match," Garcia said, adding that he bumped up a weight class from 171. "And it came down to the state championship in both our senior years. It was definitely an intense match and we're friends, so I knew it was going to be close. There's no hard feelings there. We just went at it and battled. I came out with the victory."

"I knew the longer the match went, the better I would be," Garcia said about the take-down. "I thought in my mind all the time, 'Just one good take-down would do it.' So I took the single and he was fighting really hard, but there was no way I was going to let go and I finished off to a double and dragged my feet."

There seemed a sense of relief for Garcia before the awards ceremony, as well.

"Coach Hancock wouldn't let us say 'three-peat' the entire year," he said. "It felt good to finally say it."

The Shamrocks also won the title in 2010 and were runners-

up to Oxford in 2011.

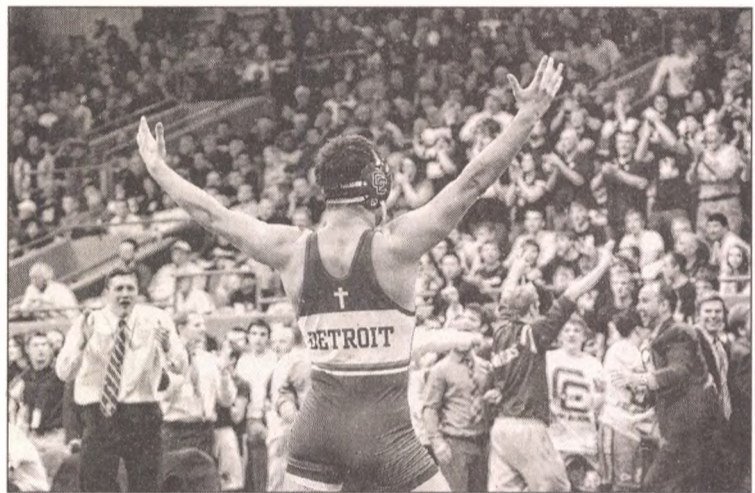
"It's tremendous to watch these guys accomplish their goals, watch these guys continue to work forward and believe in themselves," Hancock said. "We train these guys hard and I'm not fair to them. I schedule five top 15 teams in the country. Every one of our guys had a rough year. So I'm proud of our guys."

CC won three of the first four matches, beginning at heavyweight, to take a 13-3 lead before Davison ran off four straight for a 19-13 edge. CC then won the last six matches, including a pin at 160 by Nick Bennett.

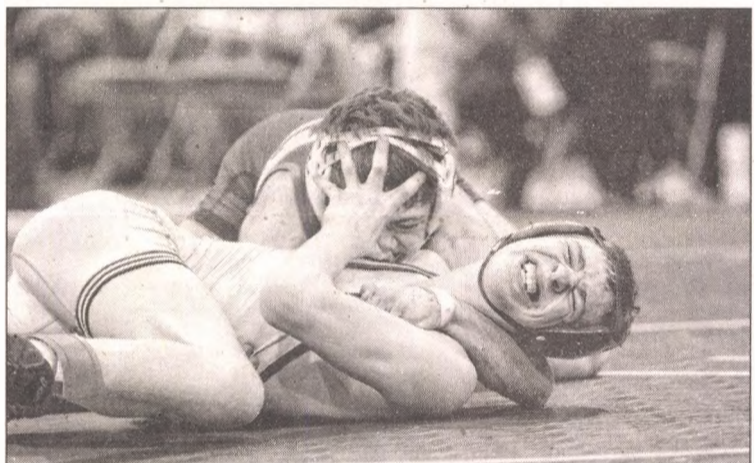
"Bennett went out and did a real nice job, then Garcia went out and did a phenomenal job," Hancock said.

"I just think Roy Hall is a class act," Hancock added about the Davison head coach and program. "That Davison program is a heck of a program, so I look forward to many more battles."

Davison, which was the No. 1 seed, won five consecutive state championships in 2002-06 and is tied with Division 4 Hudson for longest such streak.



CC's two-time individual state champ Drew Garcia celebrates after defeating Davison's Jordan Cooks in overtime.



Trevor Zdebski (top) recorded a 9-1 victory for the Shamrocks at 119 pounds.

# Catholic Central bowling team headed to state tourney



The Detroit Catholic Central bowling team poses with its regional championship trophy last week. The team is ranked No. 6 in Division 1.

Squad earns program's first regional crown

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

Tough lane conditions didn't seem to matter much to the Detroit Catholic Central bowling team at the MHSAA regional tournament last weekend.

The end result was one for the history books as the Shamrocks bowled over their competition on the way to the program's first regional title.

"(We had some) tough lane conditions," said Catholic Cen-

tral coach Al Bridges, who noted "middle of the road" sport oil patterns on the lanes.

The top three teams advanced to the state finals.

Catholic Central bowled 180, 229, 186, 212, 177 and 210 in the Baker games and then went on to put up totals of 949, 837 and 1,012 in the regular games.

Its final score of 3,992 put it ahead of second-place Howell (3,950) and Westland John Glenn (3,924).

Last year's state champion, Salem, finished fifth.

Catholic Central is ranked No. 6 in Division 1 with an 8-1-1 regular-season record.

The Shamrocks will bring

with them some of the top bowlers in their regional. Chris Wilson rolled 212, 190 and 237 for a team-high 639 on the day.

Joe Alvor had a rough opening round, bowling 179, and followed that up with 180 in the second round before finding his groove with a team-high 245 in the third round for a total of 604.

Joey Krzywonos bowled 204, 191 and 222 for a total of 617 help his team to the regional title.

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McMahan (17 points, six rebounds) and Pavlika (10 points, four rebounds, three steals) again led the Wildcats, with Felice (four points, seven rebounds, two blocks), Fawaz (four points), Schubring (two points, four rebounds) and sophomore Allie Lipson (two points, one block) chipping in.

Novi shot 14-of-33 (42.4 percent) from the field; the Captains were held to 12-of-35 (34.3 percent). Despite 19 turnovers, a 25-18 rebound victory helped Novi hold on.

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## WILDCATS

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(five points), sophomore Tony Asimadu (three points, three rebounds), sophomore Eric Foard (two points, four rebounds), sophomore Naji Ozier (two points, four rebounds), junior Cameron Hatcher (two points) and sophomore Kameron Hankerson (three rebounds) all chipping in. The team grabbed 38 rebounds and totaled 20 assists on the night.

Against Mott, it was a much closer contest, as four Wildcats finished with double-digit scoring in a 60-56 overtime victory.

The four were Biberstein (15 points, six rebounds, three steals), Asimadu (13 points, three steals), Zugaro (13 steals, five rebounds, three assists) and Ozier (11 points, three assists).

## ON TAP

Novi (8-11) starts the state tournament with a district quarterfinal at 5 p.m. Monday against Northville (13-6) at Canton. The winner faces Plymouth Salem (15-3) at 5 p.m. Wednesday.

Novi shot 19-of-46 (41.3 percent) from the field and took advantage of 27 free-throw attempts by hitting 18 of them (66.7 percent). Also chipping in with the offensive burden was Uille (four points, three rebounds), Foard (seven rebounds, four steals, two blocks) and Dotinga (one block) added two points each. The Wildcats had 28 rebounds.

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and Nathan Louie (eighth in the 100 breaststroke in 1:04.02).

Meanwhile, the diving corps did well again, with Jimmy Ciolli, Nathan Pellerito and Trey Richman all qualifying for diving regionals. Ciolli took fifth with 316.15 points and Pellerito sixth with 302.40 points, while Richman wasn't far behind with 228.25 points and a 10th-place finish.

Although Novi didn't get any all-conference finishes in the 50, 100 or 500 freestyle races, or the 200 individual medley, all three relay races finished in the top four.

The 200 medley relay team of Vincent, Williams, Louie and Arthur Shi finished third in 1:41.58, qualifying for that event at the state meet.

The 400 free relay squad took third in 3:18.19 and the 200

## ON TAP

Novi (3-4) heads Tuesday to Ann Arbor Pioneer for diving regionals. The Division 1 state meet is March 7-8 at Saginaw Valley State University. Jimmy Ciolli, Nathan Pellerito and Trey Richman all qualified for diving regionals, while Tanner Vincent, Sid Kareddy, Gordy Williams and the relay teams qualified for states.

free relay team took fourth in 1:32.20.

Although a successful showing for Novi, it was Livonia Stevenson and Northville who battled down to the wire, with the Spartans winning with 885.5 points, just ahead of the Mustangs (881). The five Central Division schools took the top five places at the conference meet.

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

## NOVI NEWSMAKERS

### Emily Taucher

Marketing executive Emily Taucher has been named marketing and sponsorship director for Twelve Oaks Mall.



Taucher

Taucher is responsible for developing programs and events, community relations and all marketing and sponsorship activities for the regional shopping center.

Taucher brings more than 10 years' marketing, sponsorship and advertising experience to the position. For the past four years, she has served as account supervisor for partner relations and center sponsorship at the corporate offices of Taubman Centers, which owns and/or operates 28 shopping centers across the country, including Twelve Oaks. In this role, she managed the planning, budget and execution for multi-center national sponsorship deals with American Express, Ticketmaster, Microsoft, 20th Century Fox and other top brands. Prior to joining Taubman, she worked in account service for Pepper Global in Chicago and other advertising agencies in Las Vegas and Detroit, serving clients as varied as Chevrolet, HP, W Hotels and New York Fashion Week.

Taucher holds a B.A. in business administration with a concentration in marketing from Walsh College in Troy.

## St. John Providence launches new critical care clinic

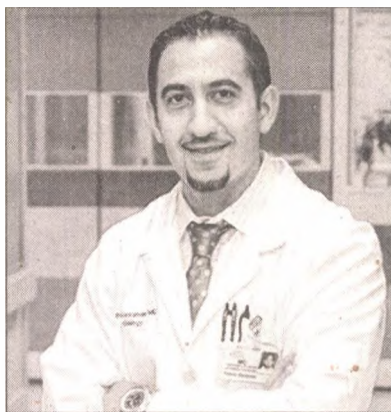
A clinic designed specifically for patients that are at risk of losing limbs as a result of poor blood flow in their legs has been created by St. John Providence Health and is available at its facilities in Novi, Southfield and Grosse Pointe.

The new St. John Providence Critical Limb Clinic is designed to evaluate and treat patients with critical limb ischemia, an insufficient blood supply to a part of the body due to blockage. When an insufficient blood supply takes place in the lower extremities, it can lead to critical limb ischemia or CLI. This is a serious condition that is often accompanied by pain in the calves or thighs. It must be treated quickly in order to re-establish the blood supply. If left untreated, CLI can lead to tissue death and limb loss.

"At the St. John Providence Critical Limb Clinic, we regularly save limbs that would otherwise have been lost due to this serious disease. Patients come to us when they have been told they need an amputation and that there are no other options," said Dr. Tom Davis, director of the Cardiac Catheterization Lab and director of Peripheral Interventions and Disease at St. John Hospital and Medical Center.

CLI can be found in patients with coronary artery disease and those with cardiovascular disease risk factors such as high blood pressure, diabetes, smoking and high cholesterol. The prevalence of CLI also increases with age.

"It should also be noted that up to 50 percent of patients report no



Dr. Patrick Alexander

symptoms despite the presence of severe blockages in one or both of their limbs. These blockages can lead to a risk of amputation, but that does not have to be the outcome," said Dr. Patrick Alexander, Providence Hospital cardiologist with advanced training in the treatment of patients with severe complex CLI.

Due to the high risk for limb loss, it is important that CLI patients receive care from experienced physicians that offer the most advanced and effective treatments.

St. John Providence Critical Limb Clinic physicians are board certified with advanced training in the treatment of patients with CLI and severe complex peripheral arterial disease. They are leaders in treating CLI using advanced technology and devices to remove plaque and open arteries that others have thought to be "non-accessible."

The goal of the SJP Critical

Limb Clinic is to re-establish micro-vascular blood supply in areas of the legs that are often thought to be untreatable. This expertise is the reason why St. John Providence physicians are relied upon for second opinions. The clinic works to improve the quality of life in those with lifestyle limiting claudication (leg/calf muscle pain while walking), as well as sparing limbs for those with non-healing ulcers and/or gangrene facing amputation of one or both limbs. In addition, the physicians are also involved in research trials regarding the latest advances in CLI devices and procedures.

The most common symptoms of critical limb ischemia include:

- » pin in the legs and feet when at rest and not moving (also called "ischemic rest pain")
- » sores or infections on the legs and feet that won't heal
- » faint or absent pulse in the leg or foot below the blockage

A variety of minimally invasive treatment options are available at the Critical Limb Clinic and include the traditional approaches of angioplasty, stenting, and atherectomy; along with proven new and innovative techniques such as Ocelot luminal technology and Ultrasound guided retrograde tibial-pedal access and wire manipulation.

If you are a patient and have been told that you may require an amputation; or if you are experiencing the symptoms listed above, contact the St. John Providence Critical Limb Clinic at 866-501-3627 to schedule an appointment.



Jon Gunnells  
TECH SAVVY

## New technology unveiled at annual show

The 2014 Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas last month showcased some wild technology. By comparison, this year's top gadgets make the smart fridges and three-dimensional printers from 2013 seem like typewriters.

One of the coolest pieces unveiled at this year's conference was a bendable TV produced by Samsung.

This ultra flat-screen device can be curved to enhance viewing and comes as large as 85 inches. Of course, a TV that impressive will set you back.

In an unrelated story, does anyone have \$10,000 I can borrow?

Three-dimensional printers were also heavily talked about during the show. None were more impressive than the Makerbot Replicator Mini Compact 3D Printer, which is Wi-Fi compatible. This device isn't your average printer that puts ink on paper. Think of it as a giant box that actually creates miniature 3D replicas of anything you need.

In the past few years, owners of these expensive devices have used them to make household objects like phone stands and pen holders, but 3D printers have even been used to print heart valves. Yes, you just read that correctly — there is a magical electronic box called a 3D printer that has saved lives by printing heart valves. Of course, no tech companies unveiled flying cars this year, so I suppose 3D printers will have to suffice.

### Ultra high-def TVs

For the second straight year, ultra high-definition TVs were among the most talked about items. If you are like me, you didn't think TVs could get any better. These new ultra HD TVs are proof that televisions have a long way to go and all of our current TVs will once again be obsolete.

An ultra high-def TV is estimated to have four times better resolution than the regular HD models. Vizio sells a 50-inch ultra HD TV for approximately \$1,000.

Some of the other wacky technologies unveiled at the 2014 show were recreational drones of all sizes, racing robots that can be controlled by smart phones and more wearable sensors that track a user's activity similar to a FitBit or Nike Fuel Band.

One of the biggest themes of 2014 was tracking.

We already discussed fitness trackers that monitor your movements, caloric intake and sleep patterns, but CES 2014 showcased more trackers to help you find belongings.

Arguably the best such tracker is called the MOTHER, which is a central hub with 24 removable tracking pieces that can be stuck to everyday objects you often misplace, such as your wallet, keys, phone or child. Just don't lose the hub, otherwise your money would have been better spent helping me buy a bendable TV.

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## NOVI BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Small business coordinator arrives

Paul Merriott was recently hired as the city of Novi's small business coordinator and retail specialist. He will be graduating from Oakland

University's MPA program in April and is the co-founder of Pure Michigan at Oakland University, which is under the umbrella of the Michigan Economic Development Corp.

Merriott has served as

an analyst for the city of Royal Oak and as a legal support administrator. His prior experience was in purchasing and project management in the automotive sector. He will be the primary point of contact for retail and small business development in the city of Novi. Contact him at 248-347-0573 with retail or small business questions.

### Cooper Standard launches veterans program

Novi-based Cooper Standard is building on its community involvement activities with the formation of the Cooper Standard Careers for Veterans program, which will leverage Cooper Standard's partnership with Brad Keselowski and Brad Keselowski Racing throughout the 2014 NASCAR season.

Cooper Standard, a global supplier of systems and components for the automotive industry, has been a primary partner of BKR since 2011. The BKR team, which fields multiple entries in the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series, including the No. 29 Cooper Standard Ford F-150, is owned by NASCAR Sprint Cup and NASCAR Nationwide Series champion Keselowski. Cooper Standard originally partnered with Keselowski based on his Michigan heritage (Rochester Hills native) and the shared interests in assisting military veterans returning to civilian life. Keselowski's Checkered Flag Foundation strives to support those who have sacrificed greatly including military members and veterans.

### Cooper Standard reports financial results

Novi-based Cooper Standard Holdings Inc. (NYSE: CPS), the parent company of Cooper Standard Automotive, announced financial results for the fourth quarter and year ended Dec. 31, 2013.

Cooper Standard reported revenue of \$794.2 million for the fourth quarter of 2013

as compared to \$697.1 million in the same quarter of the previous year. Sales were positively impacted by production volumes in North America, market share gains in Europe and \$5.4 million of favorable foreign exchange. Full year revenue was \$3.1 billion, up from \$2.9 billion in 2012. The third quarter acquisition of Jyco Sealing Technologies contributed incremental sales of \$20.8 million in the fourth quarter and \$32.7 million for the full year of 2013.

Gross profit for the fourth quarter of 2013 was \$105.1 million as compared to \$99.7 million for the fourth quarter of 2012. For the full year 2013, the company generated a gross profit of \$472.7 million, representing 15.3 percent of sales, compared to \$438.9 million in 2012 or 15.2 percent of sales. This increase in gross profit was driven by increased revenue in all regions and lean savings, partially offset by customer price concessions, higher staffing costs and other operating expenses.

The company reported a net loss of \$20.8 million in the fourth quarter of 2013, compared to a net loss of \$9.9 million in the same quarter of 2012. Net income for the quarter was affected by higher tax expenses related to a valuation allowance charge against deferred tax assets in certain foreign jurisdictions.

The company reported full year 2013 net income of \$47.9 million or \$2.24 per share on a fully diluted basis. For full year 2012, net income was \$102.8 million or \$4.14 per share on a fully diluted basis, which included a \$48.3 million benefit related to the reversal of the valuation allowance on the company's deferred income tax assets in the United States.

For the fourth quarter of 2013, Cooper Standard reported adjusted EBITDA of \$58.7 million. Adjusted EBITDA for the full year 2013 was \$287.4 million or 9.3 percent of sales, compared to \$298.0 million or 10.3 percent of sales in 2012.

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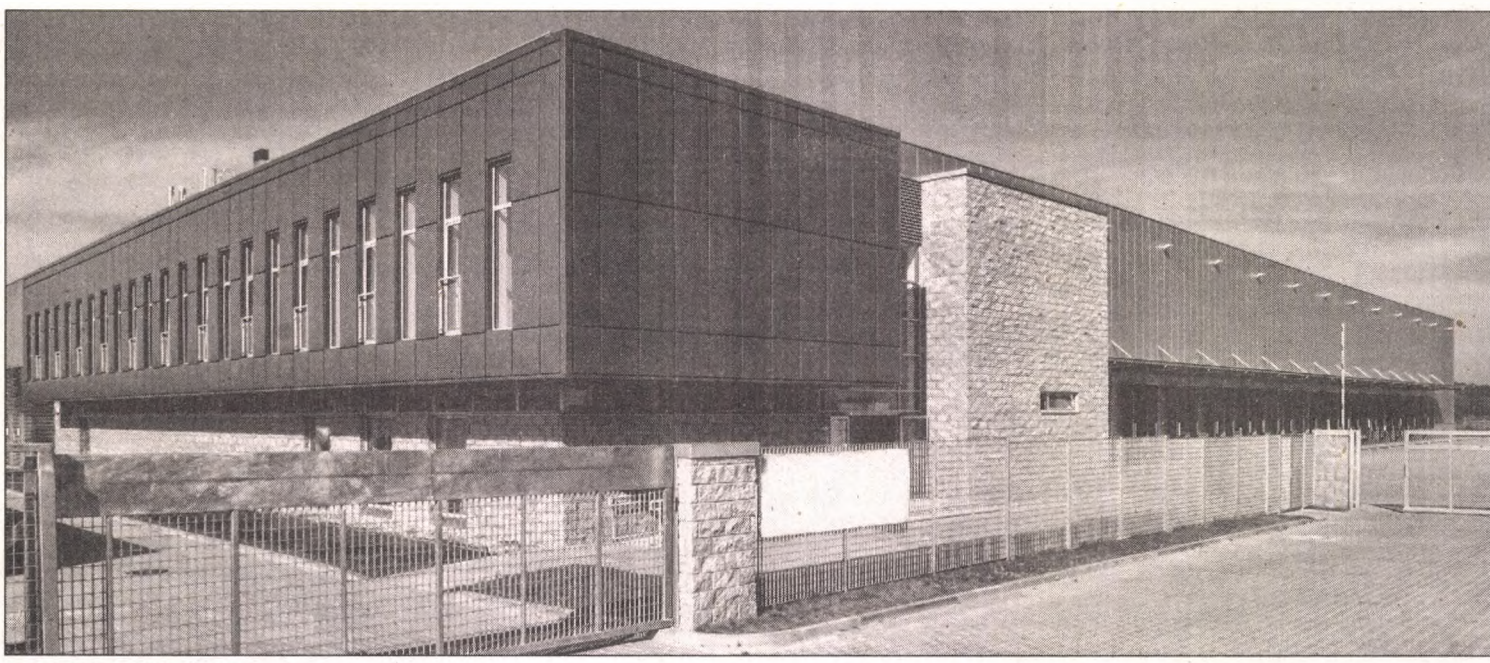
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## COMMERCIAL INVESTORS 'CAUTIOUSLY OPTIMISTIC'

Commercial real estate investments are expected to produce generally solid returns in 2014, according to the authors of *Expectations & Market Realities in Real Estate 2014—The Future Unfolds*, an annual forecast report released by Real Estate Research Corporation (RERC), Deloitte, and the National Association of Realtors.

The three organizations have drawn on their respective capabilities to examine the economy, capital markets, and commercial real estate property markets; thoroughly assess and analyze existing research; and offer an objective outlook for commercial real estate for 2014 and beyond. Findings indicate that although uncertainties remain, the economy is expected to continue to grow slowly and improve modestly in 2014. Capital is flush, and commercial real estate investment has expanded to the secondary and tertiary markets. In addition, the report carefully analyzes and offers a research-based assessment

of the office, industrial, apartment, retail, and hotel property sectors. The report also provides an outlook for the three most likely economic and investment scenarios for 2014 and beyond.

"We have seen steady if slow progress since the commercial real estate market collapsed in second quarter 2008, and as the future unfolds, we expect that the positive returns for commercial real estate will continue," stated Kenneth Riggs Jr., president and CEO of RERC. "The value increase from the trough is now about 30 percent, just slightly less than the value lost during the past six years. Although returns are likely to be positive in 2014, we forecast them to be a little lower than in 2013, but still a very reasonable approximate average of 8.75 percent."

"The stabilization that we have seen in the commercial real estate markets during the past year has added greatly to the 'cautiously optimistic' outlook we have for the year ahead," said Matthew

Kimmel, principal and U.S. real estate sector leader for Deloitte Transactions and Business Analytics LLP. "Overall, we see the potential for moderate and continued growth in the volume of commercial property transactions and in property prices."

The commercial real estate recovery is expected to continue throughout 2014, based on slightly stronger economic growth, noted Lawrence Yun, Ph.D., NAR chief economist. "We anticipate the economy to grow at an annual rate of approximately 2.6 percent, with about 2.2 million jobs to be added in 2014. More jobs mean increased demand for office, retail, apartment, and other commercial real estate sectors," noted Yun.

Expectations & Market Realities in Real Estate 2014—The Future Unfolds can be obtained electronically at [www.nerc.com](http://www.nerc.com), [www.realtor.org/prodser.nsf/Research](http://www.realtor.org/prodser.nsf/Research) and [www.deloitte.com](http://www.deloitte.com).

## Slip and fall case facts vary

**Q: We listed our home with a real estate company and allowed it to have an open house. We left the house key with the broker who asked us not to be present at the open house. A potential buyer who came to the open house, slipped in our driveway. When we left, the sun was shining and the driveway was completely clear of snow. The buyer is threatening to sue us and our broker. Do you think they have a case?**

**A:** While each case depends upon its facts, in a similar case that was decided by the Michigan Court of Appeals, the suit against the



Robert Meisner

owners was dismissed because they were not in possession of the property at the time of the accident, but the listing broker was held liable because he was in control of the property at the time and was responsible for the buyer's protection. The court in that case noted that the sellers had taken reasonable measures to clear the snow from the driveway and sidewalk, and then turned over possession and control of the premises to the broker. You should check with your attorney as each case has to be considered on its individual facts.

**Q:** Can you tell me what my real estate agent's obligations to me are?

**A:** There are six general common law fiduciary duties that a real estate agent owes to his or her client. They are:

- **Obedience** – following your lawful instructions.
  - **Loyalty** – agent must act only in your best interests.
  - **Disclosure** – agent must tell you all relevant facts about the property or sale.
  - **Confidentiality** – agent must keep your confidences.
  - **Accountability** – agent must be accountable for your possessions, such as keys, money, important papers.
  - **Reasonable care and skill** – agent must act competently.
- These are in addition to any other specific duties spelled out in the agreement you sign with your agent.

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## REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

### Short sales

If you owe more than what your house is worth, you may be interested in a free informational seminar on short sale procedures. Many sellers are misinformed or not sure about how the procedures work. Organizers will also discuss the internal workings of short sales and the different steps involved.

Bonnie David, broker/owner of Quantum Real Estate, is the presenter. It will be 6-7 p.m. each Thursday at 129 N. Lafayette, downtown South Lyon.

Additional parking is across the street in back. Please call the office at 248-782-7130 or email [june.quantum@gmail.com](mailto:june.quantum@gmail.com) for your reservation or additional information.

### Seminar each Tuesday, Thursday

A free seminar on government-insured reverse mortgages is offered by Colonial Mortgage Corp. at 6:30 p.m. each Tuesday and at 2 p.m. each Thursday at various locations.

RSVP with Colonial Mortgage at 800-260-5484.

## HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Oct. 7-11, 2013, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

### BEVERLY HILLS

32101 Arlington Dr	\$263,000
32031 Auburn Dr	\$280,000
17400 Beverly Rd	\$258,000
17161 Birwood Ave	\$260,000
19710 W 13 Mile Rd # 202	\$218,000
31650 Westlady Dr	\$323,000

### BIRMINGHAM

939 Chester St	\$346,000
1935 Cole St	\$155,000
1336 Haynes St	\$252,000
1211 Holland St	\$142,000
331 Larchlea Dr	\$670,000
1115 N Old Woodward Ave Unit	\$223,000

1710 Pierce St	\$739,000
809 Ruffner Ave	\$549,000
412 S Glenhurst Dr	\$430,000
1383 W Lincoln St	\$1,713,000
586 W Merrill St	\$130,000
586 W Merrill St	\$247,000
1346 Washington Blvd	\$900,000
1050 Wimbleton Dr	\$257,000
2863 Yorkshire Rd	\$550,000
4007 Overlea Ct	\$324,000
1921 Pine Ridge Ln	\$360,000
5642 S Adams Way	\$185,000

### BLOOMFIELD HILLS

4035 Fairlane Dr	\$102,000
1771 Maplewood Ave	\$120,000
5588 N Adams Way	\$200,000
1094 Park Place Ct	\$500,000
1272 Water Cliff Dr	\$1,300,000

### BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

441 Fox Hills Dr N	\$83,000
45 Judy Ln	\$400,000
3020 Middlebury Ln	\$325,000

4230 Orchard Way	\$355,000
4931 Rands Rd	\$359,000
338 S Cranbrook Rd	\$245,000
1570 S Hill Blvd	\$113,000
911 Tartan Trl	\$190,000
6285 Thurber Rd	\$420,000
923 Waddington St	\$1,015,000
482 Westwood Dr	\$491,000
128 Hamilton Rd	\$435,000

### COMMERCE TOWNSHIP

3212 Belle Terre	\$240,000
3228 Belle Terre	\$75,000
8674 Buffalo Dr	\$129,000
8216 Dickert St	\$130,000
8085 Eldora Blvd	\$530,000
4020 Forest Edge Dr	\$259,000
2170 Goldfinch	\$358,000
1965 Golfcrest Dr	\$250,000
2450 Greenlawn Ave	\$204,000
2832 Orenda St	\$170,000
2375 Solace Dr	\$55,000
9533 Trace Hollow Ct	\$25,000
2377 Trillium Hills Dr	\$55,000

### FARMINGTON

32100 Grand River Ave Unit 1	\$37,000
22810 Lilac St	\$68,000

### FARMINGTON HILLS

37854 Amber Dr	\$291,000
23220 Ashley St	\$128,000
23898 Barfield St	\$128,000
37656 Blossom Ln	\$280,000
32970 Briarcrest Knls	\$175,000
29605 Briarton St	\$197,000
35886 Castlemeadow Dr	\$355,000
31796 Coronet Dr	\$180,000
29040 E Marklawn St	\$194,000
38652 Eonshire	\$105,000
35870 Fredericksburg Rd	\$269,000
38216 French Pond	\$300,000
20823 Gill Rd	\$325,000
31024 Glenmuer St	\$195,000
29519 Gramercy Ct	\$165,000
29675 Grand River Ave	\$110,000

29215 Greening St	\$99,000
33677 Heirloom Cir	\$70,000
28537 Herndonwood Dr	\$263,000
28328 N Skye Dr	\$157,000
28331 Quail Hollow Rd	\$78,000
21797 Sheffield Dr	\$315,000
23310 Springbrook Dr	\$130,000
29127 Summerwood Ct	\$196,000
30390 Tanglewood Dr	\$345,000
28409 Westerleigh Rd	\$170,000
21514 Wheeler St	\$119,000

### FRANKLIN

26741 Crestwood Dr	\$500,000
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### MILFORD

1347 Horseshoe Cir	\$223,000
737 Panorama Dr	\$105,000
1910 S Milford Rd	\$127,000

### NORTHVILLE

47265 Battleford Ln	\$428,000
20930 Currie Rd	\$300,000
741 Grace St	\$590,000
22279 Lujon Dr	\$75,000
948 New Haven Ct	\$170,000
964 New Haven Ct	\$152,000
48759 Veneto Dr	\$185,000

### NOVI

27501 Albert St	\$280,000
51207 Brompton	\$252,000
41878 Cantebury Dr	\$148,000
47692 Cheltenham Dr	\$615,000
27634 Cromwell Rd	\$295,000
22511 Dartmoor Dr	\$475,000
50121 Drakes Bay Dr	\$722,000
24973 Fairway Hills Dr	\$245,000
22853 Gilbar St	\$60,000
23611 Hickory Grove Ln	\$235,000
39970 Jason Ct	\$246,000
40217 Ladene Ln	\$218,000
42900 Ledgerview Dr	\$285,000
49899 Leyland Cir	\$705,000
51200 Luke Ln	\$286,000
51279 Mayfair Ter	\$305,000
24759 Portsmouth Ave	\$310,000
30758 Tanglewood Dr	\$260,000

39754 Village Wood Cir	\$75,000
30662 Vine Ct	\$155,000
29394 Weston Dr	\$222,000
24329 Willowbrook	\$300,000

### SOUTH LYON

440 Second St	\$120,000
1077 Chestnut Ln	\$278,000
23757 Copperwood Dr W	\$397,000
1094 Fountain View Cir	\$118,000
54894 Grenelafe Cir W	\$305,000
841 Hidden Creek Dr	\$242,000
23781 Maple Ct	\$357,000
23846 Maple Ct	\$414,000
22996 N Fremont Dr	\$406,000
1178 Paddock Ct	\$269,000
59026 Peters Barn Dr	\$380,000
23736 Point O Woods Ct	\$575,000
23598 Winterberry Ct	\$396,000
59324 Woodfarm	\$258,000
172 Woodland Dr	\$116,000

### SOUTHFIELD

20280 Alhambra St	\$111,000
20905 Andover Rd	\$125,000
27715 Arlington Dr	\$171,000
19205 Eldridge Ln	\$165,000
28715 Fairfax St	\$40,000
22965 Kenwyck Dr	\$115,000
23700 Lee Baker Dr	\$92,000
24290 Lois Ln	\$62,000
18728 Nadol Dr	\$98,000
23470 Riverview Dr	\$219,000
20165 Rodeo Ct	\$29,000
25417 Saint James	\$100,000
27305 Shagbark Dr	\$78,000
20906 Stahelin Rd	\$78,000
25106 Woodvale Dr N	\$68,000

### WHITE LAKE

58 Danforth St	\$35,000
8941 Glasgow Dr	\$190,000
2870 Lynn Dr	\$184,000
9443 Mandon Rd	\$189,000
8750 River Run Dr	\$367,000
283 Rosario Ln	\$225,000
8270 Woods Edge	\$40,000

## HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Oct. 28 to Nov. 1, 2013, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

### CANTON

42400 Beechwood Dr	\$210,000
47851 Cardiff Ave	\$97,000
42324 Chase Dr	\$258,000
6322 Clarendon Dr	\$200,000
8717 Columbia Cir	\$77,000
8730 Columbia Cir	\$74,000
8734 Columbia Cir	\$74,000
8778 Columbia Cir	\$74,000
49579 Courtyard Ln	\$195,000
1073 E Lemont Ct	\$210,000
51361 Federal Blvd	\$82,000
43038 Hanford Rd	\$148,000
48229 Inveraray Rd	\$445,000
387 Merion Dr	\$365,000
1628 Morrison Blvd	\$218,000
258 N Village Way	\$150,000
47352 Northgate Dr	\$239,000
238 Patriot St	\$250,000
46406 Polo Dr	\$270,000
4725 Pond Run	\$260,000
48955 Saltz Rd	\$68,000
44203 Southampton Dr	\$142,000

2635 Stanton St	\$371,000
43338 Stonington Ct	\$215,000
43568 W Arbor Way Dr	\$71,000
41600 Warren Rd	\$122,000
463 Waterview Ct	\$471,000

### GARDEN CITY

5631 Belton St	\$65,000
29639 Hennepin St	\$100,000
29714 Rosslyn Ave	\$78,000

### LIVONIA

28715 Bayberry Ct W	\$140,000
28726 Bayberry Ct W	\$135,000
36507 Bennett St	\$188,000
11726 Camden St	\$72,000
12484 Cardwell St	\$66,000
14951 Cavour St	\$100,000
31733 Delaware St	\$136,000
15752 Edgewood St	\$189,000
15375 Ellen Dr	\$107,000
14023 Fairway St	\$139,000
38750 Grandon St	\$180,000
12026 Haller St	\$107,000
19054 Harrison Ave	\$164,000
16943 Harrison St	\$165,000
14778 Hubbard St	\$126,000
36830 Joy Rd	\$99,000
18328 Lathers Dr	\$179,000
17557 Laurel Dr	\$370,000
15667 Liverpool St	\$187,000
32430 Lyndon St	\$205,000
9723 Middlebelt Rd	\$40,000

14638 Richfield St	\$159,000
29660 Richland St	\$146,000
29840 Saint Martins St	\$125,000
20209 Southampton Dr	\$273,000
34195 Trillium Ct	\$211,000
34222 Trillium Ct	\$250,000
18306 University Park Dr	\$60,000
18308 University Park Dr	\$50,000
9269 Virginia St	\$129,000

### NORTHVILLE

42065 Baintree Cir	\$317,000
18489 Clairmont Cir W	\$615,000
19714 Dearborn Ct	\$125,000
16859 Dover Dr	\$152,000
46470 Pinehurst Cir	\$650,000
225 S Center St	\$385,000
19947 Schoolhouse Ct	\$116,000
39404 Springwater Dr	\$176,000
41941 Sutters Ln	\$308,000
43115 Whisper Ct	\$348,000
18315 Woodbury Ct	\$895,000

### PLYMOUTH

41443 Crestwood Dr	\$174,000
829 Forest Ave	\$525,000
1400 Hartsough St	\$280,000
39866 Joy Rd	\$156,000
777 Karmada St	\$62,000
48640 N Territorial Rd	\$310,000
8921 Northampton Dr	\$400,000
49970 Plymouth Way	\$160,000
882 Sutherland St	\$190,000

49048 Woodway Dr	\$373,000
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### REDFORD

26061 Dow	\$121,000
20020 Lexington	\$28,000
15874 Lola Dr	\$31,000
9559 Nathalie	\$47,000
9364 Sarasota	\$80,000
8966 Seminole	\$85,000
18664 Woodworth	\$63,000

### WAYNE

34865 Annapolis St	\$55,000
3996 Gloria St	\$60,000
5240 Williams St	\$41,000

# Car Report

Advertising Feature

## Chevrolet Gets Into Groove with New Products, Sharpened Branding



By Dale Buss

Chevrolet has embarked on a huge stream of new-product introductions in 2014 that only began with the new heavy-duty Silverado and that will include new versions of the Suburban and Tahoe SUVs as well as the new Corvette Stingray and a re-entry into the mid-size truck segment with a fresh version of the Chevy Colorado.

So it's good news that Chevrolet also is in a brand-building groove as well right now, and that its huge marketing presence in the Sochi Olympics was a perfect fit with the goals that General Motors has laid out for 2014 for its biggest brand.

"There is a nice cadence of media properties this year, and we're still in the midst of a stream of major product launches," Chevy Chief Marketing Officer Tim Mahoney told me. "The Olympics work was developed as a cohesive unit

of communication to seed 'Find New Roads' and tell our story through our new vehicles."

Thus, in its high-buzz TV ads that have laced NBC's Olympics telecasts for the last couple of weeks, Chevrolet has gotten entire new forms of mileage out of the "Find New Roads" tagline that it initiated a year ago. There was the first anthem ad for the games, including a depiction of a gay wedding, that underscored the "new" aspect of Chevy's positioning, for instance.

Many GM employees, dealers and retirees, as well as others among the vast American populace who haven't embraced the notion of intra-LGBT marriage, objected to the ad and lit up social media and other communication outlets with their complaints.

But Mahoney insisted that Chevrolet has received "overwhelmingly positive" feedback to its big first ad of the Olympic games, which had a safety and technology message about the Chevy lineup but which

has become a lightning rod because of the gay-wedding snippet and the commercial's description of "the new love."

"The idea behind it is that we're a new Chevrolet and a new world and we're a brand that is about inclusion and not division," Mahoney said. "It's welcoming all people to the Chevrolet brand from an authentic perspective, in that spot. All the family units in that spot were real families ... not hired actors."

Another popular ad has underscored the truly global nature of the Chevrolet brand, with drivers and passengers in a Chevy Cruze experiencing typical tussles over what music to play. Nearly two-thirds of Chevy sales nowadays are outside the United States compared with only about one-third 10 years ago, and Cruze is the most global of Chevy's vehicle lineup, available in local versions in 119 countries.

"The interesting thing that holds it all together is the human truth that, wherever you're at, if you're a passenger in the back seat, there's always back-and-forth about who gets to decide what's on the radio," Mahoney said. The universal sentiment is summed up by the final line of the ad, "Proof that we're not so different after all."

Toward the end of the Sochi run, Chevy also began showing what Mahoney likes to call a "smart-funny ad" for the all-new 2015 Chevrolet Tahoe, a cute spot in which a baby-sitter -- after getting a ride home from the mom in the upgraded new SUV -- jacks up her price for the evening.

Mahoney also expressed satisfaction with how Chevy's two Super Bowl spots performed earlier in the month. One,

"Romance," was another "smart-funny" spot ad, based on the story of a stud bull who was being hauled to his promised land by a heavy-duty Chevy Silverado. The other was a paean to cancer survivors that gave Chevy and its related "Purple Roads" initiative a big boost in online interest.

Mahoney was CMO of Volkswagen of America a couple of years ago when the brand began upping its game in Super Bowl ads and using its own approach to "smart-funny" commercials.

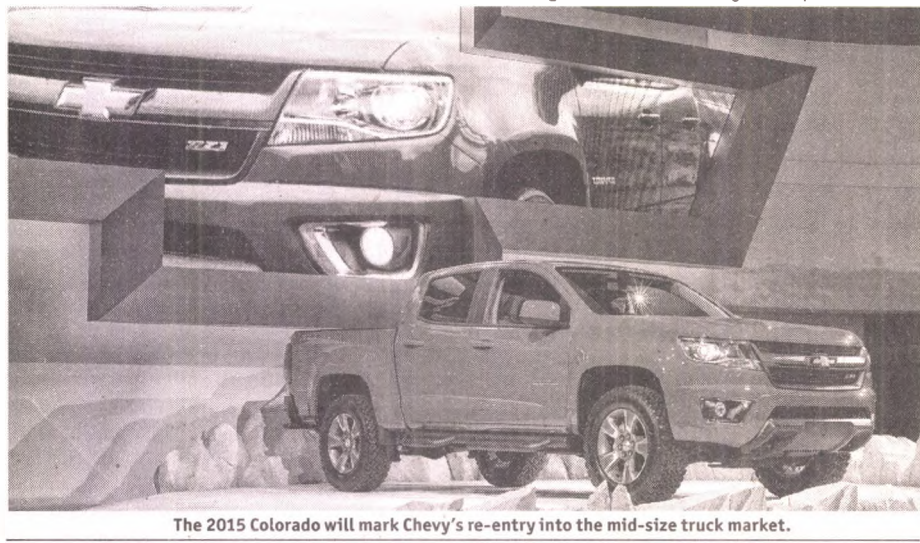
He said defining advertising success related to the Big Game "is complicated." Yet Mahoney noted that, this year, Chevy "had the biggest increase in pre- versus



Inside, the 2015 Chevrolet Tahoe demonstrates the new vehicle's premium vibe.

post-Super Bowl fans engaged across the major social platforms. To me, that's a good barometer."

Mahoney said, in fact, that the brand is so much hitting on all cylinders that it doesn't have the marketing bandwidth to heavily promote everything that's going well. One example: The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety just gave the Chevy Spark the best safety rating of all the mini-cars it tested. But Chevy plans only on a small-gauge marketing effort to tout the car these days mostly via social media.



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ACROSS	45 Prefix for "the same"	88 Attaches with a pop	4 "Boston Public" actor	71 Tendencies
1 Umpire's face wear	46 Riddle, part 3	89 "Hold on a—"	5 Ghost's cry	72 Dialect
5 Consumer's antifraud gp.	49 Comedian	90 Put in a new cage	6 See 52-Across	75 iPhone buy
8 Massive	50 Swapped	91 Contender	7 Part of some hammers	77 Didn't ignite properly
15 Dating from	52 With 6-Down, what a sad person sings	92 AOL notes	8 Polar	78 Italian stage actress Duse
19 One of the Galapagos Islands	53 Robbins or Rice	96 End of the riddle	9 Unification	79 Dilapidated
21 Kind of cable that conducts electrical signals	54 Elongated fish	100 Frat "I" Prone (to)	10 Hawaii's — Loa	81 Tempered with heat
22 — monster (lizard)	55 Thickhead	103 "— hoo!" ("Hey!")	11 Did very well	82 What a cyclops has
23 Star of a riddle	57 Inuit homes	104 Pick — (draw from the deck)	12 Vardalos of films	83 Arctic regions
25 Pol. middle-of-the-roads	59 Riddle, part 4	65 Hat fabric	13 "I've got a mule, her name is —"	84 Genetic stuff
26 Powerball, for example	66 "Gilligan's Island" star	106 Lariat, e.g.	14 Right-angled annex	87 Pos., to neg.
27 "Evil Woman" rock gp.	67 Villain in 113-Across	107 Riddle's answer	15 Nimble	88 Funny Caesar
28 Miss. -to-Mich. dir.	68 Riddle, part 5	112 Greek strife goddess	16 Small blood cavity in organ tissue	91 ESPN sports analyst Dick
29 Dull-edged	71 — frisé (small dog)	113 Shakespeare play	17 Language of medieval Scandinavia	93 Roma's land
30 Previous to	73 "Buy — regular price, get ..."	114 Drive while car shopping	18 Fare from McDonald's or Wendy's	94 U.S.-Mexico border city
31 Riddle, part 2	74 Mined matter	115 Part of YTD	20 Sgt., say	95 Washes with soapy water
36 Remove sodium chloride from	75 Give relief to	116 Curly-coated dogs	24 Makes out all right	97 Ed of Reagan's cabinet
39 Villa d—	76 Past	117 "Gotcha!"	29 Eateries	98 Incantation
40 Erie and	77 Family name of old rulers of Florence	118 It borders Vietnam	31 Old video game systems	99 "There ought — law!"
41 Gold, in Spain	80 Bonny girl	DOWN		104 Trial-fig
42 Keep attached	82 Riddle, part 6	1 Whimpered like a baby		105 Lower-left PC key abbr.
44 Most trifling	85 Suffix with percent	2 On the beach		107 Vertex
	86 Rub with holy oil	3 Floods		108 1999 Seattle protest subj.
				109 "Well now!"
				111 —Kosh
				70 Director Rob

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## Healthcare hiring trends will be higher...



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By Angela Rose  
Contributing Writer

Human rights activist Malcom X once said, "The future belongs to those who prepare for it today." Now that 2013 has ended, healthcare professionals—from doctors and nurses, to administrators and executives—are taking time to consider the challenges and rewards the New Year will bring. Thanks to the individual mandate of the Affordable Care Act, one thing is certain: demand for services will be higher than ever—a factor that's likely to have a significant impact on hiring at hospitals, clinics, and private practices nationwide. We'll consider this trend, and a few others, as we share our outlook for healthcare hiring in 2014.

### Recruiting and hiring primary care providers will continue to be a priority.

In HEALTHCAREERS Network's Q3 2013 jobs snapshot, we mentioned that categories including family medicine, emergency medicine, and internal medicine remained the three most in-demand physician specialties for the fourth quarter in a row.

Top nursing positions

included family medicine nurse practitioner, general nurse practitioner, general physician assistant, and general medical/surgical registered nurse.

Primary care doctors are already in short supply—by 25,000 according to the Association of American Medical Colleges—and training new ones takes time.

Analysts expect that healthcare employers will increase their usage of nurse practitioners (NPs) and physician assistants (PAs) as more patients seek preventative care services in 2014. Some even predict that more states will consider licensing NPs and PAs to practice on their own as the demand for service grows.

### Some will rely on temporary workers to manage patient loads.

By some estimates, freelancers, contractors, and consultants will outnumber full-time workers in the U.S. within the next six years. These individuals are be-

coming an increasingly common feature in the healthcare landscape. In fact, a 2012 survey of healthcare employers by Staff Care found that 74 percent had employed temporary help during the previous 12 months. Forbes has reported that 10 percent of all staffing requests to managed service providers in 2012 were for temporary PAs and NPs as healthcare organizations struggled to meet already-rising demand.

### Some will designate larger portions of their budgets for recruitment programs.

Some healthcare employers will increase their efforts to connect with passive job seekers, a strategy that will allow them to reach a staggering number of ad-

ditional candidates. According to a 2011 survey, 80 percent of employed professionals are open to discussing the possibility of a job. This includes a surprising 44 percent who aren't even looking for new opportunities. Forging stronger relationships with medical professional associations and schools is another way employers can enhance their recruitment efforts this year.

### Retiring Baby Boomers will contribute to staffing challenges.

Experts predict workplace demographics in healthcare and other industries will shift in coming years as older employees decide to end their careers.

According to a study by ADP Retirement Research Institute, 20.3 percent of the current healthcare workforce is likely to retire in the next five years.

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