

# Novi News

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## Tennis for children

The city of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department has partnered with Todd Beyer Tennis and Funstart Tennis to offer winter tennis programming for the beginner to advanced player, ages 6-15.

Todd Beyer Tennis will take place at Novi Woods at 6 p.m. each Thursday. Participants will learn the fundamentals of the game while enhancing their pre-existing skills. Registration is going on now for the January, February and April sessions.

Funstart Tennis takes place at both Village Oaks and Parkview. The program is for those 6-10 years old who want to experience tennis in a relaxed atmosphere. Racquets are provided. Tennis at Village Oaks takes place 6-6:55 p.m. each Monday, while the Parkview lessons take place 4:05-5 p.m. each Wednesday. Funstart offers sessions starting in January and March.

To register and for a complete listing of all the sessions, visit [www.cityof-novi.org](http://www.cityof-novi.org).

## City council approves update to Emergency Operations Support Plan

By Lonnie Huhman  
Staff Writer

The city of Novi Emergency Operations Support Plan has only changed slightly, but it's an important change that helps public safety better identify terrorism threat levels.

"The major changes to the plan are the updating of the system that we use to identify and quantify the terrorism threat level to the United

States," said David Molloy, Novi public safety director.

He said the system has been changed from the Homeland Security Advisory System to the National Terrorism Advisory System.

"The NTAS is simpler to interpret than the (HSAS), which had several complex



Molloy

threat levels compared to the (NTAS), which has only two levels, imminent threat and elevated threat," Molloy said.

The Novi City Council approved the Emergency Operations Support Plan, supporting the Oakland County Emergency Operations Plan. By adopting this plan, the city agrees to manage its disasters and major emergencies in compliance with Michigan Emergency Management Act 390 and utilizing

the National Incident Management System, according to Molloy.

The other change to the Emergency Operations Support Plan is the updating of the resource list. The resource list names and places into categories all assets possessed by the city that could be used in the event of a disaster or major emergency. The list includes

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Charlie Nemes dresses as Santa Claus and heads to a school where the rate of homelessness and families living in shelters is around 30 percent to sing songs and pass out gifts to the children.

## Tata envisions move from Novi to Royal Oak

By Nathan Mueller  
Staff Writer

Schostak Brothers received a second extension from the Royal Oak Downtown Development Authority earlier this month to continue to work on a development agreement for the I-696 and Main property.

Schostak Brothers is the preferred developer of the site and is working with India-based Tata Technologies on a plan that would relocate Tata's North American headquarters from Novi to Royal Oak. The parties have been working on the agreement since May; the first extension was granted in October.

Initial plans call for a four-story building that is roughly 114,000 square feet, with a parking deck and surface parking. Building costs are estimated at \$37 million, according to Jeff Schostak, vice president of corporate real estate for Schostak Brothers.

"This is a first-class, class A office building," Schostak said. "It is really a signature building that has a great brand and great presence on Royal Oak's gateway site."

Schostak said the company has had discussions with the Michigan Economic Development Corp. to see "what incentive packages the state can provide" and plans to follow up on that in January.

"It will give us a better sense of what the state is going to contribute to fill in the gap of making this project economically feasible for Tata Technologies to move their headquarters to Royal Oak," he said.

Joe MacLellan, associate vice president of partner management at Tata Technologies, said it is a "people business" and its interest in the site stems from the promise that it could help the firm attract some of the state's best talent.

"For us, this project is about helping Tata position itself as a preferred employer in one of our most important markets, metro Detroit," he said.

Royal Oak DDA member Bill Harrison said he was glad to hear some assurances that the interest from Tata was real.

"After hearing from the

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## LOCAL COMPANY MAKES COMMUNITY SERVICE A PRIORITY

By Lonnie Huhman  
Staff Writer

Nemes Rush Private Wealth Management of Novi looks to make a difference in one family's life by taking part in a sponsor-a-family holiday program through help from the Church of the Holy Family.

According to Heather Sheridan, operations manager at Nemes Rush Private Wealth Management of Raymond James and Associates, the expectation was to reach out to the community to help pur-

chase gifts for a family in need – and it was a very successful effort.

"This is our first year doing this; however, with all of the outpouring of support we received in making this a reality for this family, we have decided to make this an annual thing and hope to help multiple families next year and many to follow," Sheridan said.

As a team, she said they decided to make it an initiative to reach out and help those in the community. Members not only work in Novi, but all of

them live or grew up in Novi. So they decided to contact an organization in the Novi community to help them and chose Holy Family church and its Christmas Sponsor-a-Family program.

Sheridan said the family that was helped lives within a couple of miles from her office. Because of privacy reasons, the family will not be named or pictured.

"We reached out to other companies in our building and

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equipment and personnel with special skills.

Molloy said the Emergency Operations Support Plan can be utilized whenever Novi experiences a disaster or major emergency that creates a serious disruption of the functioning of the city involving widespread human, material, economic or environmental losses and impacts, which exceeds the ability of the city to cope using its own resources.

He said this plan has never been implemented in response to a disaster or major emergency.

"However, there are aspects of the plan that are used by the city of Novi on a reg-

ular basis to help manage day-to-day emergencies. Examples of this are the Incident Command System, Mitigation, Preparedness, Response and Recovery strategies and National Weather Service watches and warnings," Molloy said.

The city consistently performs drills and exercises on an annual basis using the Emergency Operations Support Plan.

This agreement makes Novi eligible to receive assistance and funding from Oakland County and the state of Michigan Homeland Security Divisions, along with assistance and funding from the Federal Emergency Management Administration.

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**SERVICE**

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have been very pleased with the turnout!" Sheridan said.

The company works in the financial industry and sees a lot of success stories, but this time of year employees reminded of those who are less fortunate.

"What is the point of building wealth if you can't share it?!" Sheridan said.

Reaching out to the community and helping is a priority. Senior Vice President Charlie Nemes dresses as Santa Claus every year (through Bridgepointe non-profit in Northville) and heads to a school where the rate of homelessness and families living in shelters is around 30 percent. He sings songs and passes out gifts to the children.

Sheridan said Raymond James as a corporation has set up ways to help the community as well through United Way and Focus Hope, which it has been a part of over the years. The company has plans to add more community projects in 2015.

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Nemes Rush Private Wealth Management of Novi collected gifts to make a difference in one family's life by taking part in a sponsor-a-family holiday program through the Church of the Holy Family.

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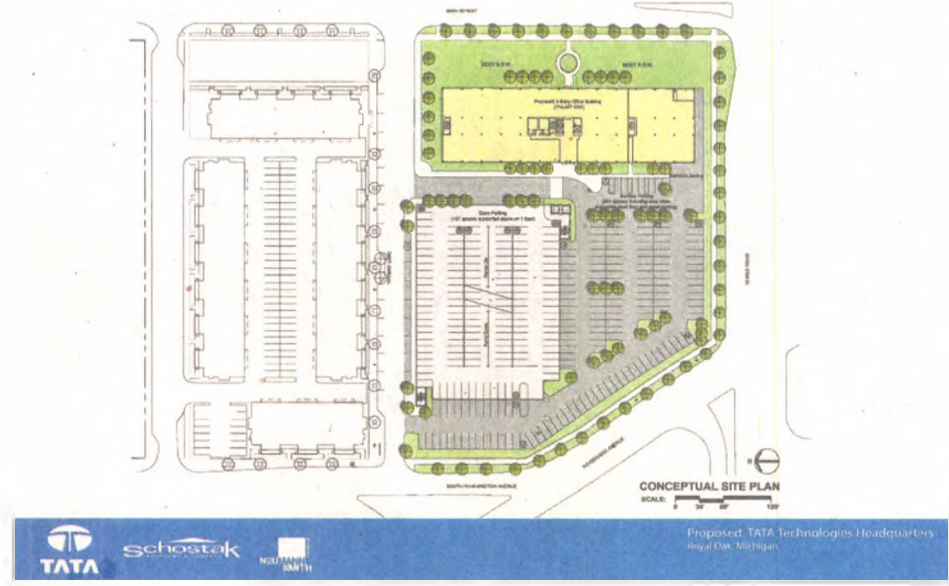
Tata folks, I have much more confidence this is real and not just Schostak dreaming," he said. "I'm pleased to hear at least the board in India is aware of it so it gives more substance to the project."

However, one thing that was missing from the discussions was the residential portion of the project.

The preferred developer status also included the caveat that Schostak Brothers work with Versa Development/C.G. Emerson on a mixed-use plan with residential.

Schostak said it is "still in the plan" to have the residential portion, but he wants to get the Tata part figured out first.

"Tata is the driving



The conceptual site plan for the I-696 and Main property calls for a four-story, 114,000-square-foot building that would house the North American headquarters for Tata Technologies.

force behind the project," he said.

The extension from the DDA gives Schostak

Brothers until March 18 to finalize the agreement.

There also will be more on the residential compo-

nent at that time.

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# Annual Christmas Day dinner relocates to new church

By Sue Buck  
Staff Writer

Although there's a new location for a popular free Christmas Day dinner, the traditional loving sentiments remain.

The Christmas Day dinner held for more than 10 years at St. Dunstan Parish will now be incorporated on the site of the new St. Thomas Apostle Parish.

In June, both St. Dunstan and St. Raphael parishes closed to become St. Thomas the Apostle Parish. The holiday dinner is scheduled to be held in the former St. Raphael building located at 31530 Beechwood, west of Merriman, in Garden City.

"After being a parishioner since 1958, I don't have to tell you how

heart-breaking it was," said Judy Larry, a Realtor and church member affectionately known by all as Judy "O."

She and her husband Bruce, along with countless volunteers, have provided a turkey dinner every year complete with all the fixings. They took over the dinner responsibilities years ago from John and Mary Surge.

"We are trying to make the new church our home," Larry said. "We are getting acclimated."

The mission of the dinner hasn't changed. It will be provided to individuals who would otherwise be alone Christmas Day. These people don't have families nearby. It is not meant for families.

Last year, Larry and her volunteers served

dinner to about 125 people. Until the final numbers are known - reservations are a must - it is unknown whether the dinner will take place in the Resurrection room, which is attached to the church, or in the gym, located across the street from the church.

"We will be having our dinner like we did at St. Dunstan on Christmas Day," Larry said. "It will start at 1:30 p.m., doors open at 1 p.m. It is a wonderful dinner of turkey and all the trimmings. We have never turned anyone away."

The full sit-down dinner includes turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, salad, rolls, butter and an assortment of desserts.

Guests will be treated royally and all who attend will receive a special surprise gift to take

with them.

She also appreciates anybody who can help out, make cookies or offer a donation.

Members of the Larry family, which consists of six children and 22 grandchildren, also roll up their sleeves and work that day. The event has grown so large that they celebrate their own special family time now Christmas Eve rather than Christmas Day.

Christmas Day is devoted to helping others.

To make reservations, call Judy "O" at 734-595-3049 and leave a message. Participants must provide their name, phone number and indicate how many people will attend.

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## Holiday luncheon



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Mary Drzewiecki smiles moments after she lit up her LED multicolored necklace at the Dec. 11 holiday luncheon at the Novi Senior Center. The packed house enjoyed a warm lunch with dessert, Christmas trivia and door prizes and then a live band with caroling thrown in at the end.

## Salvation Army Thrift Stores welcome year-end donations

As the new year approaches, The Salvation Army Southeast Michigan Adult Rehabilitation Center is seeking year-end donations at the non-profit's 34 metro Detroit family thrift stores. Through Dec. 31, patrons are invited to drop off their gently used clothing, linens, home goods and more to receive a 2014 tax receipt.

"As we reflect upon the year, many of us will be seeking ways to give back to the community," said Merle Miller, administrator of The Salvation Army Southeast Michigan ARC. "By donating your gently-used goods to The Salvation Army family thrift stores,

you're helping provide hope to men and women struggling with substance abuse."

Completely self-funded, the ARC operates two voluntary, six-month residential rehabilitation centers for men and women that draw their working budgets from the revenue of the non-profit's 34 thrift stores.

"Donating at The Salvation Army thrift stores is super easy," said Jacquelyn Idzior, director of operations at The Salvation Army Southeast Michigan ARC. "Each of our stores has a conveniently located donation center with drive-up access, so patrons don't even need to get out of

their car."

Contributions of gently used clothing, linen, household appliances, furniture, toys, shoes, purses and house wares are accepted at all Salvation Army donation centers. Nearby thrift stores include: 532 Highland Road, Highland, 248-887-3047; 730 N. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake, 248-669-1443; 9434 Highland Road, White Lake; and 3600 Plymouth Road, Livonia, 734-425-7573.

For specific hours of local Salvation Army thrift store donation center, visit [www.salarmythrif.com](http://www.salarmythrif.com).

Community members will also have the option of donating to the ARC at

multiple remote drop-off locations in partnership with Gardner-White Furniture. Donations will be accepted at each of Gardner-White's metro Detroit locations during normal business hours, now through the end of the year. Gardner-White Furniture has a store at 39453 Ford, Canton, 734-844-3190. For more information, visit [www.gardner-white.com](http://www.gardner-white.com).

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## Enjoying holidays, while preparing for the new year

**W**e have lived in Michigan since 1987. Every Christmas when our boys were young, my wife's sisters, who live in Seattle, would send a huge box to our house. The "Auntie's box" was the highlight of our Christmas preparation. It was not officially Christmas until the box arrived.

On the day the box arrived, it would not be opened until everyone in the family was home. Typically, I arrived last. The boys would greet me at the



**Steve Matthews**  
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door, smiles on their faces, and shout, "The box has arrived!"

I knew what that meant. Before I was in the door, they would be opening the box. The aunts would have already wrapped the presents. Each boy would carefully handle their gifts and then set them

under the tree.

It was a wonderful time. All of us have holiday memories. No matter what holiday we celebrate, we have special memories of time spent with family, special moments, gifts we treasure.

We have spent four months in school. Students, teachers and staff have been busy this year. There have been assignments, homework, tests and papers. Students have completed projects.

Many students have partici-

pated in co-curricular and extra-curricular activities. Bands, choirs and orchestras have performed on fields, in parades and on stages.

Athletic teams have spent weeks in preparation for their seasons and then worked hard to represent our community with grace and honor.

Our staff has come in early and stayed late. They have cared for the children in our community in a respectful and loving way.

The first four months of

school have flown by. But everyone was ready for some time to relax and prepare for the new year.

My hope is that your holiday season has been and will continue to be filled with special moments, special friends and special memories. I look forward to the new year and new activities and new memories.

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

## Novi's Fischer honored at Aquinas

Aquinas College senior Anna Fischer has been named Aquinas' October 2014 Student of the Month. The Novi native is one of six students selected for the award throughout the academic school year.

Fischer works as a consultant in Aquinas' Writing Center, helping to assess various learning and writing styles and to put together individualized strategies for approaching writing tasks and assignments.

"Anna goes above and beyond the call of duty in her position at the Writing Center," said Julie Bevins, Aquinas Writing Center coordinator.

"Students request her consulting services because of her patient attention to detail and how she customizes her advice based on each person's needs. We regularly receive positive feedback from both students and faculty members who are grateful for Anna's work."

In addition to her work at the Writing Center, Fischer was lead presenter at a conference session on "Consulting with Writers on the Autism Spec-



Fischer

trum: A Model," hosted by the Michigan Writing Centers Association in October. Fischer has also made the dean's list for five semesters.

Aquinas' Student of the Month is chosen by a committee composed of faculty and overseen by the associate vice president for student affairs. This award is given out in September, October, November, February, March and April. The qualifications are based upon a student's academic record, research and leadership. Winners of the award receive either a \$25 bookstore or food service gift card.

## Space trip



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
 Parkview Elementary School second-graders sing songs from their fall musical, "A Trip to Space." The musical, coordinated by music teacher Matt Ownby, was attended by families and friends and featured such space-themed tunes as "Inter-planet Janet," "I Don't Want to Live on the Moon" and "The Gravity Blues."

## Service project



Novi High School juniors and National Honor Society members Aastha Dharia, Aria Thakore, Swathi Sampath and Sruti Ganesh pose Dec. 13 at Lord and Taylor at Twelve Oaks mall. The school's National Honor Society has once again chosen Salvation Army Kettle Drive as one of its fall service projects. The 127 members of the club are volunteering at either this site or Busch's market in Novi for this worthwhile cause. In addition, many other Novi High students are also volunteering at this event, too.

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# Flu forces Beaumont to set visitor restrictions

By Sandra Armbruster  
Staff Writer

Flu season is here in Michigan and doctors at south Oakland County hospitals say it's already one of the most intense in recent history.

"We're setting now a record of one of our busiest months - ever," said Dr. Martin Harris, an emergency room doctor at Providence Hospital in Southfield.

And the source of the overload is the flu. "Influenza is at the top of our list. We're seeing lots of children and people at risk," he added.

Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak is reporting a similar experience. During the week of Dec. 15, doctors there treated a record number of patients in the emergency center.

"We are experiencing four times the number of cases in our community than is typical for mid-December," said Dr. Jeffrey Band, M.D., Beaumont Health System

chairman, epidemiology. "One of the reasons for the marked uptick in cases is because it has been relatively quiet over the past several years. Every few years, we experience a marked upsurge."

As a result, visitor restrictions are now in place for all three Beaumont Health System hospitals.

For the safety of patients and staff, people with flu-like symptoms and children younger than 13 may not visit patients in the hospital. Flu-like symptoms include fever, cough, sore throat, runny/stuffy nose, muscle aches, chills and fatigue.

While Providence as of last week had not restricted visitor access to the hospital, visitors were being monitored upon entry and those with any symptoms are being required to wear a mask, Harris reported.

### Do you have the flu?

To help area residents identify flu symptoms and select a treatment option, Beaumont Health System has launched a free community Flu Hotline.

Staffed by Beaumont registered nurses, the hotline is a toll-free, 24-hour-a-day community resource for timely, accurate information about flu symptoms and when and where to seek medical attention. The Flu Hotline can be reached at 888-375-4161.

Harris identified symptoms of the flu as including upper respiratory problems, sore throat, coughing especially at night, wheezing, fever of 100-101 degrees and muscle and headaches.

"Children do run a bit hotter," he added about the fever.

A cold is different than the flu, because it does not include the same "shaking chills and fever," Harris said.

The flu strain has drifted from what experts originally predicted. As a result of this unexpected drift, Band says the vaccine is significantly less protective against nearly half of the flu viruses in circulation.

"Breakthrough cases of influenza are occurring due to this mismatch. However, the vaccine still may modify the degree of illness in

affected persons with the drifted strain. In addition, the vaccine remains quite effective against the other 50 percent of flu circulating in the community. Therefore, it is still best to be vaccinated. It is not too late," Band said.

"We missed it a bit," Harris agreed. He explained that the Centers for Disease Control decides, in part, on what the vaccine should target by looking at what strain has shown up in the Southern Hemisphere, which experiences the flu ahead of the Northern Hemisphere.

### Treating the flu

If you do get the flu, don't hesitate to call your doctor, Harris advised. Doctors can prescribe Tamiflu, which must be taken within the first 48 hours to be effective, he said, noting that there are reports that Tamiflu medicine is becoming scarce in the area.

Other than that, use Tylenol or ibuprofen to control the aches and fever, Harris said. But also important is preventing the spread of the disease by coughing into your arm, drinking lots of

fluids and washing your hands.

And stay home from work, something Harris said he knows is tough. "Employees need to think about their co-workers," he said.

Those who do get the flu are finding the symptoms are lasting about a week, he said.

"It's nothing to fool around with," especially since the flu can hit those people hardest who are already at risk, according to Harris.

Flu season typically extends to late March. People who develop severe influenza are more prone to develop complications such as ear infections, sinus infections and bacterial pneumonia. Vaccination remains the best method of preventing flu and other complications, according to Beaumont staff. Every year, at least 30,000 people are hospitalized in the United States with complications due to influenza. Vaccination reportedly can prevent most of these complications.

Some people have fears or concerns about the safety of vaccinations. As a result, Band said America is experi-

encing an increase in many childhood diseases that were almost eradicated in the United States such as measles, mumps and pertussis.

### Vaccine safety

The cases are primarily occurring in non-vaccinated children and adolescents and can be spread to older adults who have lost immunity due to aging or diseases like cancer. These diseases can cause severe illness and death.

"Vaccination is effective and safe. All the vaccines used today are highly purified," he said. "There are two types of vaccines used for prevention of diseases: a killed, purified subunit of the virus or bacteria that produces antibodies to help prevent disease or a live, weakened vaccine that does not cause disease, but does produce protective antibodies to prevent disease when administered."

For more information about preventing infectious diseases, visit the Centers for Disease Control flu website.

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Santa (Fred Moschetta) and Mrs. Claus (Marilyn Schunemann) surrounded by Christmas elves played by (from left) June Lark Owen, Lorraine Blaty, Eddie Rayborn, Beth Conway, Megan Smith and Cindy Candela.

## SANTA CONSIDERS RETIRING TO FOX RUN

Santa, accompanied by Mrs. Claus, came Dec. 11 to Novi to consider retirement at Fox Run. They were part of "Santa's Dilemma," a five-scene comedy play performed by Fox Run residents and staff that opened to rave reviews and a standing ovation by more than 300 people in the audience.

Residents Geri Angel and Helen Weingarden produced, directed and wrote the play and chose other residents and staff to do the acting. Each actor took on their role with gusto and added something uniquely special to the character he or she portrayed. A total of 15 Fox Run departments were

represented by staff actors.

Santa and Mrs. Claus toured Fox Run before eventually deciding they are not yet ready to retire. "Christmas will go on as usual - for this year anyway," Angel said.

"I can't remember the last time I laughed so hard," Fox Run Executive

Director Michael McCormick said in post-production remarks. "The lines performed were brilliant with many overt and subtle jokes to enjoy. These types of events underscore the magic of Fox Run with residents and staff partnering together to do extraordinary things for the community."

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The Frederick And Ruth J Beard Living Trust Agreement

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Your interest in the Trust may be barred or affected by the following:

The decedent, Ruth J Beard, who was born on 9-21-30 and whose last known address was 41130 Fox Run, #321 Novi, MI, died on 11-29-14.

The decedent was the grantor of the Frederick H And Ruth J Beard Living Trust ("Trust") dated April 19, 1996 as amended.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the Trust will be forever barred unless presented to the current acting trustees (whose names and address appear below) of the Trust within four (4) months of the date of publication of this notice.

The current acting Successor Co-trustees are:

Pat Larivee  
19133 28 Mile Rd.  
Novi, MI 48096

Jean Cartwright  
246 Wainwright  
Novi, MI 48377

Notice is further given that the Trust will be thereafter assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

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## Writer celebrates diversity, inclusion and nature at Fox Run

Novi Fox Run resident and writer Arnetta Whitehouse first got involved with the Unity in the Community group when she joined her neighbors to put pins noting their countries of ancestry on a large world map in the retirement community's clubhouse. She proudly placed her pin on Germany.

Since then she has participated in a holiday cookie exchange project whose theme is, "Like most cookie recipe ingredients, we are all basically the same." And she has used, and con-



Whitehouse

tinues to use, her writing and volunteerism to connect people with one another and nature.

Unity in the Community's mission is to cultivate an environment where people embrace, accept, value and celebrate the unique qualities of each individual. Whitehouse would not have it any other way.

"We promote an atmosphere that encour-

ages equality and mutual respect," said Whitehouse, who worked in the tax planning business prior to moving from her home in Farmington Hills to Fox Run more than four years ago.

She, her husband and her father live in the same apartment, along with their two cats.

Whitehouse enjoys the sharing of ethnic cuisines and the celebration of diverse cultures at Fox Run.

A German dance troupe and Mexican Lindo Folk Lore Dancing performances - and the

glorious dance of butterflies outside her apartment - have served to be her muses as she has reincarnated herself in the past few years with new-found creativity.

She writes monthly columns for Fox Run's newsletter and is now exploring web-based outlets for her Henry David Thoreau-esque essays on eclectic subject matter such as "The Mourning Dove," "Trees and Shrubs" and "Pond Life."

She researches extensively, always thematically aligning her writ-

ing with "unity."

"Every life - human and animal - is precious and is a reason to celebrate," said Whitehouse, who leads the Creative Writer's Group at Fox Run.

"I want do what I can to make a positive difference and always do something worthwhile."

She would say more, but her actions speak more effectively. Besides, there is a Native American flute music concert in the offing and far too many frogs, ducks, geese and foxes yet to be heard from through her writing.

### CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 14-124.19

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF NOVI CODE OF ORDINANCES, AT CHAPTER 11, "DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS," ARTICLE XI, "BICYCLE PATHS," AND ARTICLE XII, "PEDESTRIAN SAFETY PATHS," IN ORDER TO AMEND THE EXISTING DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS TO INCORPORATE THE ENGINEERING DESIGN MANUAL STANDARDS FOR OFF-ROAD NON-MOTORIZED FACILITIES AND TO REPEAL CONFLICTING DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS FOR BICYCLE PATHS AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY PATHS.

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

Maryanne Cornelius, City Clerk

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### CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 14-45.30

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND APPENDIX C OF THE CITY OF NOVI CODE OF ORDINANCES, ARTICLE VI, "DESIGN STANDARDS," SECTION 4.05, "PEDESTRIAN SAFETY PATHS, BICYCLE PATHS AND PUBLIC WALKWAYS," IN ORDER TO AMEND THE EXISTING DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS TO INCORPORATE THE ENGINEERING DESIGN MANUAL STANDARDS FOR OFF-ROAD NON-MOTORIZED FACILITIES AND TO REPEAL CONFLICTING DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS FOR SAFETY PATHS, BICYCLE PATHS AND PUBLIC WALKWAYS.

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# Police respond to Thornton Creek on a domestic disturbance call

**By Lonnie Huhman**  
Staff Writer

A domestic dispute outside Thornton Creek Elementary School led school administrators to call the Novi Police.

In an email letter sent Dec. 17 to the school community, Thornton Creek Principal Alison Epler wrote, "The safety of students is our highest priority. You may notice an increased police presence in Thornton Creek's parking lot, particularly during arrival and dismissal. The Novi Police Department is providing

this support strictly as a precautionary measure resulting from a disturbance in our parking lot last Friday (Dec. 12) involving a dispute between family members."

According to the Novi Police Department, during dismissal, officers responded to a domestic disturbance call between a husband and his wife. The dispute was over who the child would go home with. The suspect left the scene prior to the arrival of police.

The suspect has not been named to protect the child's identity. Novi

Police have jurisdiction over that part of the Northville Public Schools district.

"The school requested extra patrols because the incident was possibly witnessed by several children," said Victor Lauria, Novi's assistant chief of police.

Epler said the regular daily security protocols remain in place, "as we continue to take the necessary steps to ensure the safety and security of our students."

Lauria said, "We work closely with all of the schools within the city

and to help ease their concerns we have asked our officers to be in the area during drop-off and pick-up."

He added, "The incident is still being investigated to determine what, if any, laws were violated."

Epler said the school is thankful for the Novi Police for their ongoing support. If parents have any questions, they can contact Thornton Creek's office at 248-465-2350.

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## H.E.A.T. offers 10 tips to stay safe over holidays

Holiday shoppers are often easy targets for vehicle thieves and carjackers. Help Eliminate Auto Thefts (H.E.A.T.), Michigan's statewide auto theft prevention program and tip line, urges shoppers to consider a few simple safety tips to protect themselves and their property during the holidays:

» Be alert. Always be aware of your surroundings. As you approach your vehicle, avoid talking or texting on cell phones, digging for keys or juggling multiple packages.

» Parking. If you can, avoid shopping alone after dark. But if you must, park in a well-lit area with pedestrian traffic or in a lot with an attendant. If possible, avoid parking near objects that block your view of the surrounding area, such as dumpsters, bushes and large vans or trucks. Also avoid parking next to cars with tinted windows that you cannot see through.

» Remember where your car is parked. Walk directly to your car and do not spend unnecessary time wandering around the parking lot. Walk confidently and with purpose.

» Always ask. If you're alone and don't feel comfortable walking to your car, don't hesitate to ask retail security personnel for an escort.

» Place items in trunk. If you must leave something in your vehicle, lock it in the trunk or place items out of sight. Do not leave packages on the seat of your car.

» Move your car. Move to another area of the parking lot if you return to your car in the middle of a shopping

trip, even if it means giving up a prime spot. This will deter a thief who may have been watching you unload your purchases.

» Use common sense. Even if you are just going into a store for a quick errand, never leave your car unlocked or your vehicle running unattended.

» Keep passengers safe. Criminals are not timid about approaching people in their driveways. Take children and the elderly into the house first, then immediately unload all purchases from your car. Never leave vulnerable loved ones alone in a vehicle, even if you will only be gone "for a minute."

» Don't argue. If a carjacker wants your vehicle, let him have it. A vehicle isn't worth your life. According to Terri Miller, executive director of H.E.A.T., most carjackings involve a weapon. So don't resist or argue, instead get a good look at the carjacker and what he or she is wearing.

» Call the police immediately. If you witness an auto theft or carjacking, call 911 immediately. After you have informed local law enforcement, call H.E.A.T.'s 24/7 confidential tip reward line (1-800-242-HEAT) if you have any information regarding auto theft, insurance fraud or carjackings.

H.E.A.T. works with Michigan law enforcement agencies to follow-up on tips. Tipsters are awarded up to \$1,000, if the tip leads to the arrest of or issuance of a warrant for a suspected car thief or a person suspected of auto theft-related insurance fraud.

### NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

#### Wedding ring stolen

A wedding ring is missing from a Novi home on Island Lake Drive.

According to the police report, the alleged theft was reported Nov. 29 to the Novi Police, but the owner said it may have been taken some time between Oct. 29 and Nov. 29. The ring is made of white gold with 2.5-carat diamond and is valued at \$5,500.

The owner told police that someone on the cleaning crew that was in the home during that time period may have been responsible.

#### Super drunken driver

The Novi Police arrested a driver for having a blood-alcohol content more than twice the legal limit after responding to a report of reckless driving.

According to the police report, police responded Nov. 29 to the Taco Bell on Haggerty Road after a caller phoned to say another

driver had driven over a curb. Novi Police report finding a car driven by a Detroit man who was picking up his girlfriend at the eatery. Police said upon making contact with that man the odor of intoxicants was detected and his speech was slurred.

When asked to perform the field sobriety tests, the man declined to recite the alphabet from E to T. He was then given a preliminary breathalyzer test, which registered 0.172 percent.

#### Hub caps stolen

Four center caps were stolen from a vehicle parked outside Twelve Oaks mall.

The larceny from auto was reported Nov. 28 to Novi Police. The caps were valued at \$200. A similar incident was reported around the same time and security video captured that one, but suspects could not be identified because they were too far away.

- By Lonnie Huhman

### NORTHVILLE POLICE BRIEFS

#### Washer fluid stolen

The Mobil gas station on West Eight Mile Road was robbed Dec. 6 of road salt and washer fluid bottles.

A station employee called Northville City Police to file a report. The employee found a door lock damaged and the items missing while reporting to work. The security camera was unable to help identify a suspect.

#### School carnival theft

A Hillside Middle School mother said she reported theft she was allegedly involved in was an accident.

Northville City Police responded Dec. 5 to the school on Center Street for a report of a larceny. A parent attending the school's annual carnival was spotted on video grabbing a pair of shorts and a gift card without paying the vendor.

The items were returned and the vendors did not want to press any charges.

#### Prostitution ring?

A 30-year-old Commerce Township woman was arrested for disorderly conduct and obstruction of police after Northville Township Police were called to her Hampton Inn hotel room.

The arrest happened Dec. 1 at the hotel on Haggerty Road. A hotel employee called police for a guest removal on the suspicion prostitutes were using the room. The employee told police the woman had been staying there for a couple of days and was letting different men, who visited for a short time, through the rear door and then seeing them out the same way.

When police arrived, the woman did not answer the door for 10 minutes, according to police. Police reported hearing the toilet flush several times before the door was opened. The woman refused to answer questions when she did let police in.

- By Lonnie Huhman

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Jake Tryban carries a Christmas tree for a customer. The Trybans have about six varieties of trees for sale.

# Christmas trees are a family affair

Fourth generation of former Farmington family man sells at 10 Mile and Orchard Lake

By Joanne Maliszewski  
Staff Writer

Probably for as long as folks can remember, the vacant lot at 10 Mile and Orchard Lake has been filled with Christmas trees this time of year.

And believe it or not, members of the Tryban family — formerly of Farmington and Livonia — have been there faithfully selling Christmas trees grown on their farm in Cheboygan. “It’s always been a family operation,” Cash Tryban said.

Cash and his wife, Pat, who now live in Cheboygan, are sort of handing the retail side over to their son and grandson, whom shoppers will see manning the 10 Mile/Orchard Lake lot. “We have the fourth generation doing it now.”

With Cash’s father, the Trybans bought the tree farm almost 50 years ago. Eventually, Pat and Cash bought the farm from his dad while they lived first in Farmington and Livonia — Pat was a nurse at Botsford Hospital — and Cash worked as

a real estate agent and carpenter.

“That seemed to be the thing to do at the time,” said Tryban, who was raised on a farm. “It was a natural for us. I had an uncle in the nursery business.”

Along the way, they bought another parcel and today have about 30 acres with some 20,000-25,000 trees. At the farm, the family cuts the trees, bales them and in Farmington Hills they are put on stakes to keep them standing upright for display, Tryban said.

The family is continuing a worldwide tradition that began in the 1500s with the first written record of a decorated Christmas tree in Riga, Latvia. Men of the local merchants guild decorated a tree with artificial roses, danced around it in the marketplace and then set fire to it. The rose was used for many years and is considered to be a symbol for the Virgin Mary, according to the National Christmas Tree Association.

In 2013, Americans spent \$1.16 billion on real Christmas trees, with



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Jake Tryban and his grandfather Cash Tryban, 74, check a tree for sale.

about 33 million sold. On the other hand, Americans also spent \$1.19 billion on fake trees with 14.7 million sold, according to the association.

Despite sales of fake Christmas trees, Tryban said, he sees people today coming back to the real thing. “They want to get away from the rat race

and have a traditional Christmas. Real people have real trees.”

On their farm, the Trybans grow — and sell — Fraser firs, white pines, Scotch pines, blue spruces and concolor firs. “The concolor are a different type of fir. They have a different smell to them,” Tryban

said.

Also this year at 10 Mile and Orchard Lake, the Trybans offered white trees, made that way with a special process. “They have a white aura,” Pat Tryban said.

Over the decades, the Trybans have seen the same families come back annually. The family also

sells tree stands. “We have more stands than we ever had before,” Tryban said.

The lot, which opened Thanksgiving Day, remained open until about 1 or 2 p.m. Christmas Eve.

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Grandson Jake Tryban readies a tree for a good shake-out.





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Oxford Inn on Main Street in Royal Oak is set to close and will be replaced by Jim Brady's Detroit.

## Jim Brady's to replace mainstay

By Nathan Mueller  
Staff Writer

ROYAL OAK — Acknowledging they have “big shoes to fill,” Royal Oak Mayor Jim Ellison welcomed the owners of Jim Brady's Detroit to Royal Oak.

Jim Brady's Detroit will be replacing the well-known Oxford Inn on Main Street. Oxford Inn was one of the first investors in Royal Oak's rebirth, according to Ellison, and owner Bob Higgins and the restaurant were “an institution in this community for a very long time.”

“Although we are sorry to see Bob and his family go, we are excited to see Jim Brady's land in Royal Oak,” Ellison said. “We are deserving of you and you are deserving of us.”

Jim Brady's has a storied history dating back to 1954, when James Brady opened a bistro on Seven Mile Road in Detroit. It then relocated to Southfield before moving to Novi in 1991, where it was called Diamond Jim Brady's.

The Novi location remains in operation at the Novi Town Center, run by Mary Brady.

Tom Brady, along with his step-mother

Mary Brady and Darin Dingman, will own and operate Jim Brady's Detroit. They purchased the business for \$435,000 and property for \$960,000. They also expect to spend approximately \$800,000 on renovations.

Tom Brady said the name Jim Brady's Detroit stems from the Detroit pride seen back when the business first started.

“There was a pride in our community at that moment we are shooting to come back to now,” he said. “It is really that moment in time we look to create.”

The business will operate as a gastro-lounge, serving high-end beer and food. The hours will remain the same as the Oxford Inn and, while the total seating capacity shrinks slightly, the outdoor seating will increase.

It is expected to take three to four months for the renovations to be complete.

“It's very appealing,” City Commissioner Kyle DuBuc said. “I think it works. I'm excited and I wish you the best of luck.”

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### IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A

## Santa: Year-long effort makes Christmas magical

**O&E:** How hard is it to get ready for Christmas? How early do you have to start planning?

Santa: Oh it's very hard. After Christmas, Mrs. Claus and I take a couple of weeks off for a well-earned vacation. Then, we gather all the elves to start planning for Christmas next year!

**O&E:** Why do you only check the list twice? Does anyone else proof-read it first?

Santa: I only have to check it twice because, well, I know you have heard of Bernard, my head elf? He is an overseer of all the other elves. So when I get the list, he and the other elves have already looked at it many times. It certainly makes my job easier! Ho, ho, ho.

**O&E:** Do you get frequent flier miles?

Santa: Oh no, I don't get frequent flier miles! Ho, ho, ho. It's my sled and reindeer, so I don't have to worry about that sort of thing!

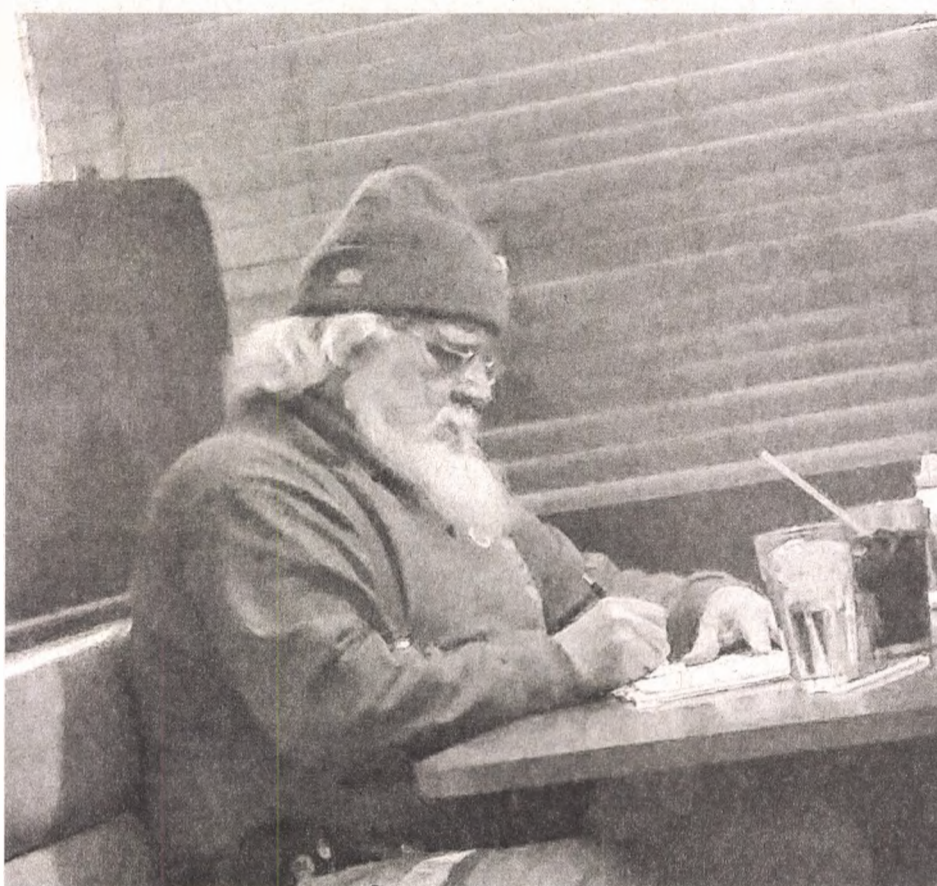
**O&E:** How did you get started in the Santa business?

Santa: Well, the Santa business is all about giving to others and not worrying about getting back. I have always been a giving person, so I fit right in!

**O&E:** What do you like best about being Santa?

Santa: What I like best is all the smiles on all the boys and girls when they come and see me and especially on Christmas morn, when they open their presents.

**O&E:** What's the biggest challenge?



Santa, in casual dress, was caught checking his list at a local restaurant.

ANGIE KHALAF

Santa: The biggest challenge is always trying to make sure that every child everywhere receives a much deserved gift.

**O&E:** What's the worst part?

Santa: I think the worst part is when a child is sick and not feeling well!

**O&E:** Do you like all those cookies or do you like some variety, maybe some vegetables or crackers and cheese?

Santa: Of course, I am partial to milk and cook-

### DETAILS

**Name:** Santa's Workshop  
**Location:** North Pole  
**Owners:** Santa and Mrs. Claus  
**Years in Business:** Too many to count  
**Employees:** Many, many elves  
**Contact:** By letter and mailed to Santa Claus, care of the North Pole

crackers and cheese, too! That's how I keep such a “round” belly! Ho, ho, ho!

**O&E:** Have you and the elves gone high-tech and created a database to keep track of everyone in the world?

Santa: Oh, yes! What with the smart phones and, of course, all of the elfin dolls around the world, I know what “everyone” is doing in a moment's notice!

Merry Christmas!

ies, hee, hee, hee; but I do like vegetables and

### BUSINESS BRIEFS

#### Novi Business Recognition Awards

Nominations are now open for the Novi Chamber of Commerce 2014 Business Recognition Awards. This is an opportunity for Novi companies to be recognized for their great work as community builders, excellent employers or providing phenomenal customer service. Nominations are open until Jan. 5.

Award winners will be honored Feb. 27 at the Toast of the Town Gala at the Baronette Renaissance hotel, with Chuck Gaidica as host.

Visit [novichamber.com](http://novichamber.com) for more information and to obtain a nomination form.

#### Bright House introduces security, control

Bright House is now offering its Bright House Networks Home Security and Control, a next generation system that puts customers in control of their home security and comfort no matter where they are — at home, at the office or on the go.

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Certification from the Central Station Alarm Association. For more information on Bright House Networks Home Security & Control, go to [brighthouse.com/homesecurity](http://brighthouse.com/homesecurity).

#### SBA hits lending record

The U.S. Small Business Administration 7(a) Loan Program reached another lending record in fiscal year 2014 (ending Sept. 30), approving 52,044 7(a) loans for \$19.19 billion, an increase of 12 percent in number loans and 7.4 percent in dollar amount over fiscal year 2013.

The 7(a) program is designed to provide small businesses with the most comprehensive type of financial assistance to cover the vast majority of business expenses, such as short and long-term working capital, exports, and refinancing existing debt under certain conditions.

SBA had been authorized \$17.5 billion in the FY 2014 lending program. It became clear that lending would exceed that amount; therefore the agency secured an increase for the 7(a) program in the Continuing Resolution that was approved in mid-September.

Other SBA loans that did well in fiscal 2014 were those \$150,000 and under. Spurred by the fee relief implemented at the beginning of the fiscal year (fees were set to zero), these loans saw an increase of 23 percent in number of loans (30,675) and 29 percent in approved dollars (\$1.86 billion) over fiscal year 2013 (24,923 and \$1.44 billion respectively).

Fee relief was also instrumental in helping veteran small business owners through the Veteran Advantage initiative (zero fees on loans \$150,000 to \$350,000 to veterans.) Fee relief for veterans began Jan. 1,

2014, and by the end of the fiscal year amounted to \$610,000. Fee relief for both loans \$150,000 and under, and for Veterans Advantage, was extended through fiscal year 2015.

#### Wright & Filippis re-brands offices statewide

Wright & Filippis — a family-owned provider of prosthetics, orthotics, custom mobility solutions and accessibility solutions — is undergoing a statewide office re-branding, including the Novi location at 26750 Providence Parkway, Suite 125.

A.J. Filippis, chairman and CEO, said refreshing the locations reflects the company's focus on its primary business lines. The locations undergoing changes will feature new signs and logos.

While each facility is tailored to the patients it serves, changes across the state include new exterior window displays, renovated waiting areas and product displays.

“We are continually evaluating our business and making adjustments to accommodate our patient's needs. As we continue adapting to the ever changing health care environment, re-branding our locations is one of the many changes we're making to improve our services,” Filippis said.

Additionally, the company recently launched a new website design which featured new branding, a streamlined view of the four core business lines, better navigation menus, easy-to-read content, detailed staff profiles and better visuals of all services and products provided.

#### Oakland County helps tech companies

Oakland County, through its tech248 initiative, and MITechNew-

s.com has partnered to enable Oakland County technology companies to reach a wider Michigan audience with a flip of the switch. By submitting press releases to [brennan@mitechnews.com](mailto:brennan@mitechnews.com), Oakland County technology companies will reach a dozen Michigan technology news outlets at one time.

Four technology news websites, three technology news podcast channels, two eNewsletters, an Internet radio station, a Clear Channel radio station and the Michigan

Talk Radio network comprise the distribution list. They include Oakland County's Prosper newsletter, MITechNews.com, WJR-AM (760) Internet Advisor show (InternetAdvisor.net), Michipreneur.com and ITintheD.com. Collectively, they reach more than 133,000 tech news consumers each month.

“We're looking to cover what's happening in Oakland County, one of the hot beds for technology activity in Michigan,” said Mike Brennan, editor and publisher of MI-

TechNews.com. “That not only includes what's happening with Oakland County's technology start-ups, but also any companies developing great technology products.”

Tech248 is a new initiative by Oakland County to promote its 2,000 technology companies and attract high-tech jobs. In addition to helping technology companies promote themselves, Tech248 will host monthly meet-up events. For more information, go to [MITech248.com](http://MITech248.com).

#### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

DATE:	December 18, 2014
PROJECT:	Project No. 14-NPS-SCS-01, Structured Cabling System, District-Wide
OWNER:	Northville Public Schools Business Office - Third Floor 501 W. Main Street Northville, MI 48167-1576
DESIGNER:	Wright & Hunter, Inc. 818 W. 11 Mile Road Royal Oak, Michigan 48067 Phone: 248 594-5850 Fax: 248 594-5851
BID DUE DATE:	Until <b>2:00 PM EDT on January 28, 2015</b> the Owner will receive sealed Bids for the work as set forth in the Bid specifications and proposal forms (“RFB documents”) at: Sealed Bid Enclosed for Structured Cabling System, District-Wide Northville Public Schools Attn: Michael Zopf Business Office - Third Floor 501 W. Main Street Northville, MI 48167-1576  Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at this time. Bids received after the above date and time will <b>not</b> be accepted. Bids that do not include a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship between the Owner and the bidder as defined in Michigan Public Act No. 232 of 2004 will not be accepted.
RFB documents will be available on or after <b>January 6, 2015</b> and can be obtained by registering at the following website: <a href="http://www.vlbp.com/launch/wright/hunter/home.php">http://www.vlbp.com/launch/wright/hunter/home.php</a> . Bidding details may be obtained electronically at: <a href="http://www.vlbp.com/launch/wright/hunter/home.php">http://www.vlbp.com/launch/wright/hunter/home.php</a> .	
A bidders' meeting is scheduled for <b>January 14, 2015 at 2:00 PM EDT</b> at:  Hillside Middle School All visitors must sign-in at the Main Office 775 North Center Northville, Michigan 48167	
All bidders are strongly encouraged to attend.	
Each bid shall be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check, money order or bid bond made payable to Northville Public Schools in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the base bid as a Bid guarantee.	
Withdrawal of any bid is prohibited for a period of ninety (90) days after the actual date of the opening thereof.	
The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids, either in whole or in part, to reject a bid not accompanied by the required bid guarantee, or by other data required by the RFB documents and Michigan law or to reject a bid which is in any way non compliant with the bid requirements. Submitted bids may be adjusted by unit prices included by the bidder to ensure all bids submitted are compared on the same basis with respect to required materials.	
The Owner reserves the right to accept alternates in any order or combination and to determine the low bidder on the basis of the sum of the base bid and the alternates accepted.	
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# RELIGION

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**Contact:** 248-737-9191; AdministrativeDirector@unityfh.com.

## Unitarian Universalist Church of Farmington

**Location:** 25301 Halsted, Farmington Hills.  
**Contact:** www.uufarming-

ton.org.

**Details:** This religious education program is open to the public and currently enrolling new students. Classes are grouped into grades K-5, 6-8 and 9-12 with age-specific education materials for all.

**Contact:** Jennifer Teed at 248-478-7272 or dre@uufarmington.org

**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.

**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.

**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.

Check us out on the Web every day at hometownlife.com

# Your Invitation to

# Worship

## Brighton

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

## Milford

**CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Preschool, Pre-K & Kidg. - Mo. Synod  
620 General Motors Rd., Milford  
Church office: (248) 694-0895  
Worship Services: Sunday 8:30 am & 11:00 am  
Bible Study: Sunday 9:45 am  
Nursery Available  
Rev. Martin Dressler  
LO-000219789

## 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  
something for the entire family

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

## Livonia

**FELLOWSHIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Services held at:  
Saint Andrews Episcopal Church  
16360 Hubbard Road - Livonia  
South of Six Mile Road  
Adult Sunday School 9:30 - 10:15 a.m., Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Childrens Sunday School 10:30 a.m.  
Dr. James N. McGuire • Nursery Provided

**FIRST BAPTIST OF MILFORD**  
VISITORS WELCOME!  
133 Detroit St., Milford • 248-684-5695  
Pastor Steve Swayze  
Sunday School (all ages) 9:30 a.m. • Sunday Worship - 11 a.m.  
Young Adults Dinner/Bible Study, Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesdays 6:45-8:15 p.m.  
Awana, 3 yrs old thru 5th grade (Sept. - March) and Youth Group for 6th grade and older  
Website: mlfrcbaptist.org

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

**HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL**  
40700 W. Ten Mile Rd. • 248-427-1175  
Sunday Worship 7:45 am & 10 am  
Healing Service Wednesday 11:45 am  
Rev. Ann Webber, Rector  
holycrossnovi@gmail.com  
LO-000219785

## Whitmore Lake

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

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

**MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
21355 Meadowbrook Rd. In Novi at 8 1/2 Mile  
248-348-7757 • www.mbccc.org  
Sunday Worship 10 a.m.  
Rev. Arthur Ritter, Senior Minister  
LO-000219783

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

## Highland

**HIGHLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
680 W. Livingston Rd. • Highland, MI 48357  
248-587-1311 • www.myhmc.com  
Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.  
Kids Church: 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.  
MS & HS Youth: 11:00 a.m.  
Wed is MS Youth Night: 6:30 p.m.  
Griefshare, Mondays, 6:30 p.m.

**Milford United Methodist Church**  
1200 Atlantic St., Milford, MI 48381  
Sunday Worship: 8:30 am, 10:30 am, 6:00 pm  
Children's Church: 10:30 am  
Groups for Children, Youth and Adults  
248-684-2798  
milfordumc.net

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

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

## South Lyon

## 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

**OAKPOINTE |milford**  
1250 South Hill Rd.  
(248) 685-3560 www.opcmilford.org  
Contemporary Worship Service: Sunday 9:15 am & 11:15 am  
Adventureland Children's Program: Sunday 9:15 am & 11:15 am  
The Rock (Middle School) Wednesdays 6:30-8 pm, Sundays 9:15 am  
The 707 (High School) Sundays 6:30-8:30 pm  
Women, Men and Life Groups Various Schedules

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
205 E. Lake (10 Mile) 248.437.2875  
Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.  
Children's Church for Grades K thru 5th  
Nursery Care Provided  
Mid-Week Study Thursday 7:00 p.m.  
Rev. Michael Horlocker, Pastor  
www.fpcsouthlyon.org  
LO-000219787

**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 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, dissased, addicted  
LO-000219883 and depressed.

**The Church of Christ**  
21860 Pontiac Trail • South Lyon, MI 48178  
248-437-3585 • www.southlyoncoc.org  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School,  
10:30 a.m. Praise and Worship  
Wednesday Midweek Ministries 7 p.m.  
Troy Singleton, Minister  
LO-000219787

**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.  
LO-000219722

## Northville

**First Presbyterian Church of Northville**  
www.fpcnorthville.org  
200 E. MAIN ST. AT HUTTON  
Worship, 9:30 am  
Sunday School for all ages, 10:30 am.  
248-349-0511

**United Methodist Church Northville**  
(248) 349-1144  
777 West 8 Mile Road  
(8 Mile and Tatt Road)  
Northville, Michigan  
Worship Times: September - May 9:15 & 11:00 a.m.  
Memorial Day - Labor Day 10:00 a.m.  
Rev. Marsha M. Winoley, Lead Pastor  
www.fumcnorthville.org

**first united methodist church south lyon, mi**  
445 E. Lafayette  
(248) 437-0760  
Worship: 8:15 am, 10:45 am,  
11 am & 6:30 pm  
Sunday School: 9:40 am  
Rev. Sondra Willobee, Lead Pastor  
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

**NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN**  
Experience Life Each Week  
Sunday Worship - 9:00 am & 10:15 am  
Sunday School and Children's Programs  
www.ncalife.org  
41355 Six Mile Road  
248-348-9030  
LO-000219811

**WARD CHURCH**  
40000 Six Mile Road  
Northville, MI 48168  
248.374.7400  
Sunday Worship Services  
8 a.m. | 9:30 a.m. | 11 a.m.  
4 different music styles from classic to modern  
www.wardchurch.org  
LO-000219850

**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

**CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
28900 Pontiac Trail • South Lyon  
248-486-0400  
www.ecrossroads.net  
Service Times  
8:45am, 10:00am & 11:30am  
Christmas Eve Services  
5:30pm & 7pm

**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 349-3810  
Religious Education 349-2559  
Rev. Denis Theroux, Pastor

**Our Saviour Apostolic Lutheran Church**  
54899 8 Mile Rd. at Currie Rd. Northville, MI 48167  
248-374-2268  
Sunday Worship:  
9:45 am Children's & Adult's Sunday School  
10:30 am Fellowship/Coffee  
11:00 am Worship Service  
Wednesday Bible Study at 7 pm  
Pastor Andy Whitton  
oursaviouralc.com  
LO-000219848

**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.com  
LO-000219848

For more information regarding this Directory, please call Sue Sare at 248-926-2219 or e-mail: ssare@hometownlife.com

## OUR VIEWS

# Have faith in making peace on Earth real

As we celebrate another Christmas, wars and terrorism continue to make peace on Earth still a wistful and somewhat distant hope.

Nevertheless, the fact that we live in a country where, yes, even satanists can set up a controversial display at the state Capitol speaks to the U.S. being a country where tolerance is epitomized.

Throughout the metro area, tolerance morphs into the recognition that this holiday season is celebrated religiously and culturally by groups outside of Christianity. Not only is that multiplicity to be celebrated, the values embedded in those celebrations should be recognized as well.

For Jews, Hanukkah began Dec. 16 and ran through Dec. 24. Known as the Festival of Lights, it commemorates the occasion when one bottle of oil, enough for only one night, was used to keep the menorah burning for eight days for the re-dedication of the Holy Temple after it was desecrated.

The celebration of Kwanzaa, from Dec. 26 to Jan. 1, is a celebration of family, community and culture in the African-American and Pan-African community. Values celebrated include the dignity of people, the well-being of families and the health of the environment.

For Christians, the year end time has been appropriated to celebrate the birth of Jesus, a savior who came to the world not as a great king, but as a baby born to humble parents in a stable. The circumstances of Jesus' birth give profound weight to his later message of love and human kindness.

Pilgrims in early America thought the meaning of Jesus' birth so immense that they banned the frivolity of feasting and gift giving on Dec. 25 as somehow not in keeping with the day's importance.

But that dignity and well-being celebrated throughout the world still faces challenges.

The very site of Christ's birth has been a place of contention and violence. Even here in the world's most prosperous country, many are in need as the economy slowly recovers.

Local charities report a decline in contributions and an increase in requests for help.

The Arab American and Chaldean Council, as part of its twice-monthly Pantry of Plenty food distribution program, provided more than 1,500 meals for needy residents Christmas Eve.

The Christmas dinner, which will be available for pick-up starting at 10:30 a.m. at the ACC Youth Recreation and Leadership Center, 62 W. Seven Mile in Detroit, is made possible through donors and the ACC's partnership with Forgotten Harvest.

We must resolve to do more throughout our communities. Each year we rouse ourselves during the holiday season to listen to the better angels of our nature. We reach out to others during this special time and promise to carry our concern forward into the new year. Sometimes we do and sometimes we get caught up again in our own too busy lives.

Perhaps we expect too much of the holidays for the world and for ourselves. It is probably better to remember the holidays' small gifts through all the rush, including the rewards of an outpouring of charity.

For most of us, once we get past the colored lights and glittery packages, the holidays are about family, friends, home and love. As in the song that Judy Garland first sang so plaintively in *Meet Me in St. Louis*, we all long to be together "if the fates allow."

We know that separations will come, troubles will come, but through the simple gifts of family, friends and faith, we can determine our own fate.



A young boy lights Kwanzaa candles.

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## COMMUNITY VOICE

### What do you want for Christmas?

This question was asked at different locations in downtown Northville.



"For my family to be happy and healthy."

**Carol Webster**  
Northville



"For my loved ones to be healthy."

**Stephanie Acho-Tartoni**  
Chocolates by Renee (Main Street)



"I want the dollhouse at Baby Baby."

**Ann Avery**  
Northville



"A new Keurig coffee maker. The taste of my coffee is different every day, so I need some consistency."

**Carol Bernardo**  
Northville

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Attack on Christmas

Christmas used to be a joyous occasion celebrated in schools, cities, churches, synagogues and homes across the nation and most of the world since the year 336. It still is joyous for the vast majority, but that joy is increasingly tempered each year as various secular minorities ramp up their assault on the Judeo-Christian principles on which America was founded.

I'm getting tired of hearing "separation of church and state" and the Constitution used in the same sentence. Show me where those words exist in the document and I'll shut up. It's equally tiresome listening to agenda-driven interpretations of what someone thinks the founders really meant. The founders meant exactly what they wrote with no restrictions, exceptions or limitations, period, end of story.

Explain to me how a nativity scene or menorah on public property qualifies as the government making a law "respecting the establishment of religion." Show me the law and I'll shut up. If you're atheist or anti-Christian, nobody is going to hassle you about your non-beliefs. When it comes to the belief of others, kindly return the favor and be quiet.

If you're offended by public Judeo-Christian expressions of faith that have been embedded in the fabric of this nation for more than two centuries, just ignore them. It's the Christian thing to do.

**Jack Belisle**  
South Lyon

### Safe holiday travel

Before packing up the car to head home for the holidays, make sure your vehicle is ready for the journey. Conducting a

thorough vehicle inspection will help avoid the inconvenience and potential safety hazards of breaking down miles away from home.

The nonprofit Car Care Council recommends a check of the following, often overlooked, items: tires and tire pressure, brakes, hoses and belts, air filters, wipers, exterior and interior lighting and fluid levels, including engine oil, windshield washer solvent and antifreeze/coolant. A pre-trip inspection provides the opportunity to have service repairs made at home by your own trusted technician who knows the vehicle.

The council also recommends that drivers keep important telephone numbers in their cell-phone or glove box in case of a breakdown or travel emergency. Vehicles should have a roadside emergency kit that includes items such as a first aid kit, a tire-changing jack, a tire pressure gauge, jumper cables, a flashlight and a blanket.

Motorists can order a free copy of the recently updated 80-page Car Care Guide for the glove box at [www.car-care.org/car-care-guide](http://www.car-care.org/car-care-guide).

**Rich White**  
Car Care Council  
executive director

### Building peace on Earth

This time of year, many of us pray for and sing about peace on Earth and goodwill to all. The hopefulness we feel, however, does not match the violence in many of our communities and around the world.

Before our government supplies countries with weapons and military advisers and eventually our brave men and women in uniform, I wish they would increase the funding for peace-building efforts. There are some programs in the federal govern-

ment that have shown that real peace building can be done with incredible results.

The Bureau of Conflict Stabilization Operations, part of the Department of State, engages in conflict prevention and responds to crisis around the world to address the underlying causes of destabilizing violence.

The Complex Crises Fund managed by the U.S. Agency for International Development, provides violence-prevention and post-conflict support in countries and regions at high risk of conflict. The CCF funds civilian solutions in times when humanitarian and diplomatic assistance are needed to prevent escalating violence.

The Office of Conflict Management and Mitigation works within USAID's Bureau for Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance. Their "People-to-People Reconciliation Fund" brings together individuals of different ethnic, religious or political backgrounds from areas of civil conflict and war. They create opportunities for adversaries to resolve conflicts, reconcile differences, and promote greater understanding.

The 2015 federal budget totals some \$3.5 trillion while these three peace-building agencies total \$110 million combined; this is .003 percent of the budget. With their successful track record they deserve our support and the support of Congress. As you feel hopeful about peace on Earth and goodwill toward all this holiday season, please call or email your members of Congress and share your commitment to building peace on Earth.

**Ann Abdoo**  
Livonia

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## GUEST COLUMN

# No more excuses, let's fix Michigan's crumbling roads

Our state's economy is recovering, people are moving back to Michigan and our small businesses continue to grow and create more jobs.

But we have a glaring problem that we have waited too long to address. Michigan's roads continue to worsen every day that we fail to pass a comprehensive long-term solution to improve our roads.

No more excuses. We need more money to fix the roads.

It's a long-running joke among Michiganders that when you take a family trip and you're driving south, you don't need a "Welcome to Ohio" sign to know when you've crossed the state line - you can just tell because the roads are suddenly smooth.

Why is it that Ohio seems to have so much better roads than Michigan? Are they just designing better roads? No. It's because Ohio, as well as every other state in the country, invests more per capita in road funding every year than Michigan does.

The joke isn't funny anymore. The average Michigander pays \$539 annually in additional vehicle repairs because of our poor roads. We've been under-investing in Michigan's infrastructure for decades. Today, Michigan ranks dead last in the



**Mike Nystrom**  
GUEST COLUMNIST

United States in per capita spending on infrastructure. That's unacceptable for the state that's known for putting the world on wheels.

And the roads will only get worse without a road-funding solution. If we choose to do nothing - again - eventually we will need to completely reconstruct every single road in the state, costing us almost 10 times as much as it costs to maintain them now. In fact, back in 2004, the cost of returning all of Michigan's roads to "good" condition was \$3.68 billion.

By 2011, because we chose not to fix our roads, the cost had ballooned to \$11.5 billion. Every day we wait, it becomes more and more expensive to fix Michigan's roads.

If we choose to invest more in our roads today, we would actually save money in the long run. For every dollar invested in maintaining our roads and bridges, we save at least \$6 in reconstruction costs.

For too long, we've used Band-Aids to fix our roads, but that is not an acceptable answer

anymore.

Some 48 percent of major roads in Michigan's largest cities are in poor or mediocre condition; 27 percent of Michigan bridges are in need of repair, improvement or replacement.

Michigan families deserve safer and more reliable roads and it's time we take action.

Passing Gov. Rick Snyder's plan and fixing the roads needs to be a top priority for Michigan's Legislature before the end of the year. If we pass the bill to fix the roads, we'll create more and better jobs, save money and save lives.

We'll either pay now or pay more later. We've already waited too long. As we continue the comeback of Michigan, increased funding for roads and bridges is critical to building and maintaining a 21st century road system that will meet the demands of Michigan's growing economy.

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*Mike Nystrom is executive vice president of the Michigan Infrastructure and Transportation Association.*

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# LETTERS

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## Equal rights for all faiths

It is always interesting to me how hard it is to actually see and understand both sides of any proposition or argument. And it usually seems that the more adamant someone is in their position, the less they understand of the details or even the foundation of their own position, much less of the opposition.

I've been amazed by how often things I thought were so, or had been taught, turned out to be either completely different or my understanding significantly changed, when I really looked into them and tried to deepen my knowledge. With that in mind, I'd like to share some thoughts on the recent letter about "Attack on Christmas."

The author states that "secular minorities ramp up their assault on Judeo-Christian principles" this time of year. That is interesting, because I have never seen or heard any such thing, and it's actually a proverbial red herring. The only thing that any of these type groups have ever asked is that government be neutral when it comes to religion. That, in essence, my tax dollars and the laws are not used to support your religious position, and likewise - that your taxes and the laws do not go to support my particular religion.

When it comes to "separation of church and state," it's true that these exact words do not appear in the Constitution. But then again, neither do the words "Trinity" or "Rapture" actually appear in the Bible, but

we all know about them and understand their sources in the Bible. However, James Madison (the "father of the Constitution") said "Strongly guarded ... is the separation between religion and government in the Constitution of the United States," and Thomas Jefferson wrote "Believing with you that religion is a matter that lies solely between man and his God, that he owes account for none other for his faith and worship, that the legislative powers of government reach actions only, and not opinions, I contemplate with solemn reverence that act of the whole American people which declared that their legislature should 'make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof' thus building a wall of separation between church and State."

Thus, it is evidently clear that our Founding Fathers actually, and definitively, did mean to separate religion and government.

In this spirit, there is nothing wrong with having a nativity scene on government property, as long as the use of our common land, that we all pay for and support, is neutral to all faiths. This, however, means that it has to be open to every faith, even those with which we may disagree, and even those with none at all. Yes, the majority of our country may be Christian, but this does not mean that it's legally right to ignore or disregard other people's beliefs, and we should protect their rights as strongly as you would want your own rights protected. After all, that is certainly the Christian thing to do.

**Alex Grant**  
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As our weather events become more intense, we will see more flash flooding. Our own climatologists warn of harder, faster rainstorms. This new type of torrential rain overwhelms our



**Jim Nash**  
GUEST COLUMNIST

storm water and sewage systems, resulting in partially treated sewage overflowing into our rivers and streams, lowering the quality of our water. Toxic algae blooms become far worse. Combined with fertilizer runoff from cities and farms, we then see crisis events such as the poisoning of drinking water in Toledo. The solution is to take action.

We need to dramatically reduce carbon pollution. The federal government already recognizes this priority. The Clean Power Plan, which sets statewide targets for reducing carbon emissions, will mandate that Michigan come up with new ways to generate power. It is a good beginning but Michigan needs leadership and vision to make this happen.

We need to hold ourselves accountable and

follow best practices. Other states have taken the lead and are reducing emissions by creating higher requirements for renewable energy use. Michigan now lags behind a majority of states in this field. We also need to retire and retrofit dirty, aging coal plants.

Transitioning away from coal would easily help us fulfill our share of reducing emissions. We in southeast Michigan live in a coal-burning land. Nationwide, burning coal produces 37 percent of electricity. But our own DTE Energy still gets 75 percent of its electricity from coal. This is a tremendous burden on our climate.

Coal is so last century. It is expensive, dirty and holds our economy back. It must be dug up and transported and produces toxic smoke and ash. Coal is rust-belt technology. Our electricity rates have also been trending upward because of our reliance on coal.

Michigan should show leadership and move more quickly to cleaner energy. Let's retire our

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*Jim Nash is Oakland County Water Resources commissioner.*

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# Family time can be stressful time; ways to cope

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

Families love each other, but can also get on each others' nerves.

"Absolutely. It's almost like a given that's going to occur," said Janet Terry, clinical manager for the Pontiac office of Oakland Family Services.

"We see everybody all at this time of year," said Terry, who holds a M.S.W. degree from Wayne State University as well as a bachelor's degree in social work from Madonna University. "It can bring up unresolved issues in the family. There's always stress. There's going to be stress when you have interaction with other people."

Talking over differences is key, said White Lake resident Terry. Families can outline their strengths and weaknesses. Changing traditions is often helpful.

"Maybe you're the one who hosts the party all

the time," she said. Someone else could host this year, prepared food could be used instead, or food tasks could be delegated. "It's really about the gathering," Terry said.

Michele Potter does therapy for Heron Ridge Associates of Plymouth and is a licensed master social worker. Potter holds bachelor's and master's degrees in social work from Michigan State University.

"We tend to put more pressure on ourselves because we have these unrealistic expectations," said Plymouth resident Potter, in the field since 1987. "We get angry, we get frustrated. You need to acknowledge your feelings both to yourself and the other people you may have a connection with."

In some cases, Potter said, you may need to take a breather and get away, "anything to restore an inner calm."

Unresolved grief can be an issue at the holidays, as it's readily ap-

parent that person is no longer here. If grief hasn't been processed, Terry said, it can add to depression.

"Stress is just one of those symptoms," she said. Professional help may be needed if you have ongoing irritability, lack of energy, or sleep disturbances. Suicidal thoughts should immediately prompt an emergency room or Common Ground response, Terry emphasized.

"Go out and take a walk. Literally take a big breath," she said of coping skills for everyday use.

Potter said it's good to set aside family differences, recognizing others also face stress, "even if they (family members) don't live up to your expectations. And understand that if mistakes happen it's not ruining the holiday. It's quite possibly making new memories for your family."

Good health habits such as exercise all year long should continue



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Feeling the pressure of the holidays? You can learn ways to cope.

through the holidays, the women agree. "You don't want to abandon your healthy habits just because it's the holiday season. That just adds to your stress and your guilt," said Potter.

Terry, who has 10 years of experience, is also a certified addiction counselor. She noted some people have relapses with alcoholism or drink more than normally during the holidays.

"It's not going to be good for your body or your mental health,"

Terry said. She also sees abuse of marijuana and prescription drugs. "We've definitely seen an increase in prescription pills, the abuse of those."

Coping skills can range from listening to music, taking a walk or reading a book. Some people do need professional help, she said.

Potter is seeing clients worried about another rough winter. "Last winter was so horrible," she said. "They're just dreading another winter and the depression that

can set in with that. It may not be the horrible winter we had last year," added Potter, who also reminded clients to enjoy fall.

Terry agreed unrealistic images of the holiday season in our heads are a problem. "We all have a picture in our mind. We need to step back and lower those expectations."

Laughter when something goes wrong, such as with food, can help, she said. "Just step back and enjoy the moment. This is not a time for rigidity in the way we think about things," Terry said.

Potter noted that sometimes "no" is the magic word. "There are so many demands on us in the season," she said. "Be willing to turn down some invitations if it's going to overwhelm you. And remember what's important, what the season is truly about. It can help you keep things in perspective."

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## St. Nicholas Institute founder: 'Everyone needs a Santa'

By Jill Halpin  
Correspondent

Forget about the North Pole: Santa — or St. Nick, that is — may be closer than you think.

In what may be the area's best-kept holiday secret, a local priest has opened a school aimed at educating Santas — and those who love them — on the truth about the man behind the myth: St. Nicholas of Myra, the model for modern-day Santa.

The Rev. Joseph Marquis is a Catholic priest

serving as pastor of Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church in Livonia. He is also founder and executive director of the St. Nicholas Institute, which he began three years ago with the purpose of spreading the message of St. Nicholas, whom he calls "the first true philanthropist."

"Everyone needs a Santa," Marquis said. "Santa is based on St. Nicholas, who is known for spreading peace, joy and love — the fruits of the Holy Spirit — and for

selfless giving."

Drawing people from across the country and even Canada, the St. Nicholas Institute conducts a four-day seminar each year at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat and Conference Center in Redford Township for would-be Santa Clauses — even Mrs. Clauses have been known to attend.

Designed to give would-be Santas the tools needed to convincingly portray both St. Nicholas and/or Santa Claus in a wide variety of venues — either religious or secular — the seminar covers topics such as active listening, responding to common children's questions with ease and poise and the appropriate use of makeup and beard care.

"Voice, stage presence and much more — it is all taught in the context of the traditions and spirituality of Christmas," Marquis said. "These are all important if you want to play the part accurately."

He should know: A 2011 inductee into the Santa Claus Hall of Fame in Santa Claus, Ind., Marquis has more than 40 years of professional

Santa Claus and St. Nicholas experience. If you are from the area and attended Detroit's Thanksgiving Day parade as a child, you may recognize him. From 1977-89, Marquis was the official Santa for the parade, waving to children along Woodward Avenue from atop his sleigh.

Marquis said that many people don't realize that our modern-day Santa Claus — and even his red suit and cap trimmed in snowy-white fur — has roots in history dating back to the third century.

"St. Nicholas was born to wealthy parents in what is present-day Turkey. His father was in textiles and he was educated, something that was rare in those days," Marquis said.

St. Nicholas had a strong desire to follow Christ, giving away his inheritance to focus on helping others and giving to those in need anonymously, Marquis added.

He became a bishop at age 19 and, after suffering persecution for his faith for seven years, his life was spared and he made his way to Holland,



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sanitarium, leaving his mother, pregnant with a third child, struggling to find money to feed her young boys.

"It was Christmas Eve and both of our parents were very, very sick," he said. "We didn't know if my mother would make it through the night. Some of my father's co-workers knew our situation and brought us a tree, but we were so poor we didn't even have any decorations. I remember an aunt came to stay with us and took us down the street to the dime store to buy a cardboard Nativity so we could say a prayer for our mother and father."

Upon waking the next morning, he learned that not only had his mother survived the night, he also had a new baby brother. Soon after that, his father was healed — one of only a few who escaped the fate of other TB patients — and made it home.

His devotion to St. Nick, he explained, is his way of expressing his gratitude — and to show others the importance of trusting God.

"It is the child in each of us that brings him to life," he said.

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# Families find fun outdoors, inside in winter

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

When winter comes, Beth and Josh Haynes of Plymouth Township don't necessarily stay inside.

The couple, parents to Andrew, 6, Caleb, 3, and Joanna, 1, find fun stuff to do outdoors in winter. They go geocaching.

"Geocaching is just all over the place. There are geocaches in Miller Woods down the street," she said, as well as Plymouth Township Park and in downtown Plymouth. "We bundled up our kids over Thanksgiving and went out. We didn't do a lot last winter."

In geocaching, a hidden container/box with contents is usually in a park, with GPS coordinates guiding geocachers. Beth Haynes has an app on her smart phone for that, which helps with number of feet away and what direction.

She comes by her love of the outdoors naturally, having grown up the daughter of Graham and Mary Martin of Plymouth Township. The Martins for years ran the Upper Peninsula Bible Camp, so a little snow and cold doesn't bother them.

"One thing we do is we go snowshoeing up in the Upper Peninsula," Graham Martin said. They enjoy seeing frozen waterfalls there and he often photographs them.

"When the snow's on the ground, you can put on your snowshoes and go just about anywhere," he said. They also enjoy dogsled races in the U.P., which cover great distances.

#### Retreat center

"There's downhill skiing; of course," he said. "The kids love to make snow forts." The Martins have four married children and 12 grandchildren ranging from 9 months to 9 years



Frozen waterfalls up north are a winter highlight for Graham and Mary Martin of Plymouth Township and their family.



Graham and Mary Martin of Plymouth Township explore ice caves up north in the winter with their family.

of age.

There's now also a Woodlands of Upper Peninsula Bible Camp, which the family will sometimes rent the cabin on site. There had been another camp nearby UPBC which a man donated, complete with 60 acres with a dining hall and winterized lodge, as well as a 100-year-old church.

There's a retreat center that sleeps 38, too, and fundraising's underway to add on a sleeping wing.

Visitors can do tubing in the snow, including church youth groups that come up to visit. "That's a lot of fun," he said. "They play broom hockey on the ice. A lot of fun for kids to get involved with."

Martin is a retired teacher from the Plymouth-Canton district who taught 38 years, including art. He does winter photography "around here, too, but up north as well. You can get into some areas because the lakes are frozen over."

In addition to art, he taught Earth science,

physical science, computers, physical education and a junior high careers class.

The family hikes around Hogback Mountain and Sugarloaf Mountain in the Marquette area. "You can look out over Lake Superior," he said.

#### Sometimes indoors

They enjoy ice caves in the Leelanau Peninsula and seeing the ice balls formed and washed up on the beach. "And pulling the grandkids on sleds," he added.

The family's outdoorsy, but also enjoys time together inside, with Mary Martin saying, "I'd stay inside and read a book." Her husband agreed: "Sitting in front of a wood stove with a book is a good activity."

"It didn't slow us down much," he said of last winter and the infamous "polar vortex." "I snow-blown a lot of snow."

Their extended family likes to play the Rook card games together, as well as board games, with the younger children going to bed and the old-

er kids joining in the board game fun. "It's kind of a family tradition to play games," he said.

Daughter Beth agreed: "One indoor thing we like to do in the winter is play board games. Andrew is getting old enough."

The Haynes family - Josh is pastor of student ministries at Lake Pointe Bible Church - also has several bird feeders outside the kitchen window. "We see several different species of birds in one day," she said. "It really helped me enjoy the outdoors even when it was too cold to go outdoors."

Last winter was their first with suet feeders and they saw nuthatches and woodpeckers. In fact, little Joanna's first word was "bird."

Andrew, a first-grade home schooler, was able to do a science project on the birds, too.

"The hard part for me was that it was so cold," Beth Haynes said of last winter. She normally likes winter and the outdoors. "You just even didn't want to do those

winter sports type of things."

What helped her last year was the Mothers of Preschoolers group at the Plymouth Township church, as well as Bible Study Fellowship.

#### Ready for winter

"We put our snow stakes (for plow measuring) in our driveway this week," she said Dec. 2. "I guess so," she added, when asked if she's ready for another winter.

Bevis and Ralph Richardson of Canton are both retired, she as an Oakwood registered nurse, he from a Ford Motor subsidiary. "We used to cross country ski," Bevis Richardson said. "Since I got a new hip I'm afraid of falling."

They do snowblowing for themselves as a team as well as for a 93-year-old widow neighbor. "We sort of look out for her," Bevis Richardson said.

"He plays volleyball with Canton Seniors. We both swim at the Summit in the winter. We do a six-month membership."

The Richardsons have four grown children and five grandkids. Bevis is ready for another winter: "We made sure the snowblower's in working condition," she said.

As a nurse, she knows the importance of year-

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round fitness. "I would say it's important to keep moving. The younger ones seem to know it," but some seniors struggle with health.

"It's easier to sit than move," Richardson said. "You have to keep moving."

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## Mustangs' brother act silences Churchill

By Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

Teams have been geared to stop Northville's 6-foot-3 senior sharpshooter David Morrissey, but now they have to worry about his little brother Kevin, a 6-0 sophomore, too.

One shoots right-handed (David) and the other left-handed (Kevin). They combined for 31 points Dec. 18 in the Mustangs' 59-47 boys basketball victory over previously unbeaten Livonia Churchill.

"With Kevin, it's funny, he doesn't carry himself like a sophomore, either how he plays or mentally," Northville coach Todd Sander said. "He is much

older mentally than a sophomore. He never really gets rattled. He does a lot of stuff that also doesn't get noticed. He makes big catches, he bails some of his teammates out."

David, meanwhile, finished with a game-high 18 points, including 10 in the first half, to stake Northville to a 21-19 lead. He added eight more in the third quarter as the Mustangs extended their advantage to 35-30.

The Mustangs then outscored Churchill 24-17 in the final quarter as Kevin came off the bench to tally six of his 13 points.

Northville connected on 18-of-20 free throws in the

fourth quarter to secure the win.

David Morrissey, the team's leading scorer this season, took one brief break while playing all but 18 seconds as Northville improved to 3-1 overall.

"He had a pretty good night shooting and he's going to draw a lot of attention, which should open up a lot of other opportunities for other guys on our team," Sander said. "David was very solid. I thought he carried us for much of the first half. We looked a little bit lethargic, everybody except him. He was rebounding the ball and real active on defense."

Junior guard Justin Zimbo added 14 points, while another

junior guard, Justin James, also made a contribution with 12 off the bench for the Mustangs.

Jon Hovermale, a 6-1 junior guard, paced Churchill (4-1) with 13 points, while Brett Bonarek and Jalen Davis added 10 and eight, respectively.

Kevin Morrissey was responsible for trying to contain Hovermale, a third-year varsity player.

"And he's who we stuck on Hovermale down the stretch to lock him down and he did a great job with that," Sander said.

Northville was outstanding from the free-throw line, going

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Northville's Justin James (right) looks to get the wrap-around pass by Churchill's Robert Steward.



Northville's Kevin O'Connell (left) and Stevenson's Alec Allen vie for the puck along the boards.

MARK HICKS

## N'ville's big line stymies Spartans

Morgan, Meacham each get five points in 5-2 win

By Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

Northville's boys hockey team is heading into the holiday break feeling pretty darn good about itself.

That's because the state-ranked Mustangs ventured Dec. 17 into Eddie Edgar Arena and walked out with a 5-2 victory over perennial state power Livonia Stevenson.

Northville rallied from a late 2-0 second-period deficit with five unanswered goals to improve to 8-1 overall and 3-1 in the KLAA's Central Division.

The last time the Mustangs beat Stevenson was in overtime during the 2011-12 season.

"The guys wanted it," said Northville coach Clint Robert, whose team is now off until Jan. 5. "It was a big one for the boys. We've had guys who have played here against Livonia Stevenson that were 0-for-2 and didn't want to graduate 0-for-3."

Senior forward Alec Morgan enjoyed a huge night, figuring in all five Northville goals while notching his second hat trick in three games to go along with two assists. Linemate Jack Meacham, also a senior, finished with a goal and four assists

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## Six-peat: CC grapplers rule county

Shamrocks garner four individual crowns

By Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

Coming off finals week, Novi Detroit Catholic Central's wrestling team still had to take another exam over the weekend.

And the Shamrocks passed with flying colors by winning Oakland County tournament for the sixth consecutive year.

CC, boasting four individual champions and one runner-up finisher, was down 10 points heading into the final round Saturday at Lake Orion, but managed to score 293.5 points

and overhaul runner-up Walled Lake Central (280) for the team title.

The Shamrocks, who did it by winning 9-of-10 placements, highlighted by seven falls, now join select company as they match both Hazel Park and Clarkston for the most team titles in the history of the tournament.

"It's a great accomplishment for our school and program," CC coach Mitch Hancock said. "To me, Oakland County is a hotbed of wrestling in the state of Michigan and to win six straight crowns is im-

pressive."

The Shamrocks were led by senior co-captain Trevor Zdebski, who pinned Kajuan Caldwell of Bloomfield Hills in 3:30 in the 135-pound final to claim his third straight county title.

Not to be outdone was senior co-captain Myles Amine, who repeated as county champ, this time at 160 pounds when he pinned Thor Wardell of Ortonville Brandon in 5:40.

Senior co-captain Nick Giese won the 189 title with a 12-4 major decision over Alex Sovel of Walled Lake Central.

"Those guys (Amine, Giese, Zdebski) are expected to dominate like that," Hancock said.



SCOTT CONFER  
Catholic Central 135-pounder Trevor Zdebski (right) pinned Kajuan Caldwell of Bloomfield Hills for his third straight Oakland County title.

"They are three of the best wrestlers in the state and they showed why this weekend." Catholic Central's fourth

champ was 112-pounder Aaron Rehfeldt, a junior, who pinned

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# Northville runs into tidal wave

Defending champion Brother Rice scores big win vs. Mustangs

By Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

Birmingham Brother Rice isn't only known for its football prowess. The Warriors have also emerged as a state swim power and that was never more evident than Dec. 18, when the defending MHSAA Division 1 state champions captured 10-of-12 events to defeat host Northville in a dual meet, 116-64.

"They are the best team in the state and they came into our place tonight and showed us why," said Northville coach Rich Bennetts, whose team is 1-1 overall. "We were trounced, plain and simple. Our guys had some good swims. The relays are a major concern at this point."

Rice (3-0 overall) has loads of state meet experience, led by senior Gust Kouvaris, who captured first in the 100- and 200-yard freestyles with times of 48.99 and 1:47.11, respectively. He also teamed up with Riley Page, Rudy Aguilar and Bobby Powrie for a victory in the 200 freestyle relay (1:32.64).

Sophomore Patrick Olmsted captured the 200 individual medley (2:01.34) and 100 backstroke (56.28). He also teamed with Jack Kennedy, Chris Nodland and Drew Grady for first in the 400 freestyle relay (3:25.39).

Other Rice individual winners included Powrie, 50 freestyle (22.84); Aguilar, 100 butterfly (54.9); and Mark Blinstraub, 500 freestyle (4:54.03).

The Warriors, Division 1 state champs in all three relay events a year ago, also took the



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Northville's Larry Zhao swims the backstroke leg as part of the 200-yard medley in the loss to Brother Rice.

200 medley relay as Blinstraub, Grady, Aguilar and Dylan Page were clocked in 1:39.78.

Able to break the Rice domination was Northville junior Chris Geng, who captured the 100 breaststroke in 1:02.66. Junior Christain Field won the 1-meter diving with 164.39 points.

Adding second for the Mustangs were Kirk Maibach, 50 freestyle (22.93); Thomas Rys, diving (130.96); and Matthew Schafter, 500 freestyle (5:03.99).

The Mustangs' 200 freestyle relay team of Maibach, James Xue, Yash Bajaj and Mark Kaminski was runner-up in 1:34.76, while the foursome of Kaminski, Maibach, Xue and Fred

Schulz earned second in the 400 freestyle relay (3:30.56).

"We have to continue to work hard and, as long as the kids are seeing progress, we should continue to improve from week to week," said Bennetts, who guided the Mustangs to a 14th-place finish in Division 1 last year.

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**200 freestyle:** 1. Gust Kouvaris (Rice), 1:47.11; 2. Jake Zalinski (Rice), 1:52.70; 3. Matthew Schafter (N), 1:54.12; 5. Mark Kaminski (N), 1:56.54.  
**200 individual medley:** 1. Olmsted (Rice), 2:01.34; 2. Aguilar (Rice), 2:01.91; 3. Grady (Rice), 2:03.57; 4. James Xue (N), 2:07.09; 5. Wilczewski (Rice), 2:07.96.

# Wildcat bowlers still searching for first win

The Novi boys and girls bowling squads go into the holiday break in search of their first victory of the season.

Waterford Kettering swept the boys (25-5) and the girls (30-0) matches Dec. 18 at Vision Lanes to drop the Wildcats to 0-4 overall.

Kettering's boys captured both Baker sets (alternating shots), 187-142 and 255-150, along with both regular games, 1,021-881 and 945-842.

Scott Pryson scored two points for the Novi boys with games of 216 and 236, while DiAndre Moreland and Ryan Rush each added a point with a 222 and 182, respectively.

The Kettering girls, who improved to 5-0 overall, took both Bakers, 160-132 and 147-134, along with both regular games, 919-653 and 864-594.

Megan Hartmus paced Novi with a high game of 160.

## Chiefs trips Novi

In the KLAA Central Division opener Dec. 17 at Super Bowl, host Canton defeated the Novi boys (0-3, 0-1) and girls (0-3, 0-1) by identical scores of 29-1.

Moreland scored the lone point for the boys with a 198 game as Novi fell in the Bakers, 174-127 and 143-139, along with both regular games, 1,033-603 and 802-679.

The Canton boys improved to 4-0 overall and 1-0 in the Central.

Emily Jennings shot a 155 for Novi's only point as the Wildcats dropped both Bakers, 114-109 and 159-80, along with both regular games, 809-640, 643-530.

The Canton girls improved to 3-1 overall and 1-0 in the division.

Novi returns KLAA action at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 6, at Novi Bowl when it faces rival Northville in a Central Division match.

# Mustang girls second



DIANA SHANAHAN

Northville's Maddie DeGroff (pictured) scored 8.525 on floor exercise Dec. 18 as the Mustangs posted a team total of 129.20 to place second behind host Plymouth (138.70) in a tri-meet which also included Waterford United (126.90). Northville teammate Erin McCallum added a second on balance beam with 9.0 and a 8.075 on the uneven bars. Freshman Maddie Dragon scored 8.65 on vault. Northville returns to action at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 6, vs. host Livonia Red at Churchill H.S.

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## SIX-PEAT

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Oxford's Sergio Borg in the finals (5:51). "Aaron did an incredible job of managing his weight and the task of taking exams this week, which isn't easy at CC," Hancock said. "He is really starting to turn the corner and show that he's one of the best 112-pounders in the state."

Meanwhile, unseeded Nick Joseph (145) of CC made it all the way to the finals before falling to Waterford Kettering's Tim Hagelin, 1-0. Joseph, a junior, is a nationally-ranked judo competitor. "Nick is an incredible athlete who is starting to become a solid wrestler," Hancock said. "For him to make the finals of this tournament, as an unseeded wrestler, is a testimony of how dangerous he is from any position. We're proud of him."

Other top finishers for CC included Conor Cox (171) and Tommy Herrmann (125), third; Stone

Moscovic (103) and Blake Buetter (215); fifth; and Aidan Wagh (130), seventh.

Rounding out the top 10 teams in the 39-school field were Oxford (200), Ortonville Brandon (193), White Lake Lakeland (166.5), Rochester Adams (157), Kettering (135), West Bloomfield (128.5), Birmingham Seaholm (122) and Novi and Lake Orion (121 each).

## Wildcats place 4

Novi, led by fifth-place finishers Willy Jackson (125) and Kyle Benkarski (152), had eight wrestlers make it to the second day of the tournament, which started Friday at both Southfield and Lake Orion high schools.

Benkarski, a senior, defeated Cody Blackburn of Lakeland, 5-2, while Jackson, a junior, scored a 9-1 major decision of Kyle Gray of Auburn Hills Avondale.

Also placing for the Wildcats was junior Cooper Smith (215), who took seventh after winning on an injury default over Stephan Jackson of

Avondale. Sophomore Travis Davis (112) added an eighth after falling to Carsen Cuthbert of Holly, 8-1.

Jackson went 6-2 over two-day tourney, while Smith and Benkarski both finished 4-2. Davis was 3-3 and senior Jared Engebretson (285) went 3-2. Chase Sparling (140) went 2-2.

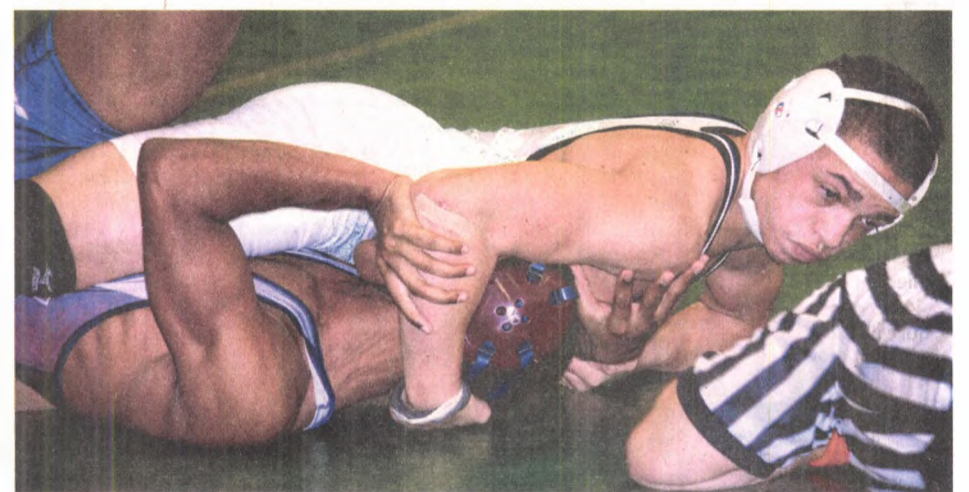
## Mustangs place 3

Southgate Anderson edged Plymouth, 156-150, to win Saturday's 29-team Wayne County Invitational held at Wyandotte Roosevelt.

Rounding out the top 10 were Woodhaven (119), Dearborn Heights Annapolis (111.5), Riverview (102), Dearborn Edsel Ford (101), Westland John Glenn (97.5), Belleville (90) and Dearborn Heights Crestwood (77).

Northville, 22nd in the team standings with 22.5 points, received sixth-place finishes from Conrad Landis (112) and Shunhe Wang (125), while Chris Koumariotis (152) added an eighth.

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CATHERINE WRIGHT

Novi's Willie Jackson (top) took fifth place at the Oakland County tournament.

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# Huge sale going on now at Varsity Lincoln of Novi

By Greg Mullin  
Staff Writer

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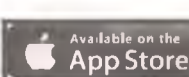
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## 15 jobs that pay \$30 an hour

By Debra Auerbach  
CareerBuilder writer

Want to know some fun facts about the number 30? Four months of the year have 30 days. A U.S. senator must be 30 years or older in order to serve in the position. Thirty is the number of minutes in a half hour, and it's a common length for TV programs. The standard size of a basketball in the NBA is about 30 inches in circumference.

You may or may not find those facts interesting, but here's a fact about 30 that will surely get your attention.

The following 15 jobs pay around \$30 an hour:

### 1. Accountants and auditors

...prepare and examine financial records. They ensure that financial records are accurate and that taxes are paid properly and on time. They also assess financial operations and work to help ensure that organizations run efficiently \*

Typical education level:  
Bachelor's degree  
Median hourly pay: \$30.55

### 2. Aerospace engineering and operations technicians

...operate and maintain equipment used in developing, testing and producing new aircraft and spacecraft. Increasingly, these workers are using computer-based modeling and simulation tools and processes in their work.

Typical education level:  
Associate degree  
Median hourly pay: \$29.58



### 3. Arbitrators, mediators and conciliators

...help resolve conflicts outside of the court system by facilitating negotiation and dialogue between disputing parties.

Typical education level:  
Bachelor's degree  
Median hourly pay: \$29.46

### 4. Chiropractors

...treat patients with health problems related to their nerves, bones, muscles, ligaments and tendons. They use spinal adjustments, manipulation and other techniques to manage patients' health concerns, such as back and neck pain.

Typical education level:  
Doctoral/professional degree  
Median hourly pay: \$31.81

### 5. Diagnostic medical sonographers and cardiovascular technologists and technicians

...including vascular technologists, operate special imaging equipment to create images or conduct tests. The images and test results help physicians assess and diagnose medical conditions. Some technologists assist physicians and surgeons during surgical procedures.

Typical education level:  
Associate degree  
Median hourly pay: \$29.02

### 6. Environmental scientists and specialists

...use their knowledge of the natural sciences to protect the environment and human health. They may clean up polluted areas, advise policy makers or work with industry to reduce waste.

Typical education level:  
Bachelor's degree  
Median hourly pay: \$30.56

### 7. Fashion designers

...create original clothing, accessories and footwear. They sketch designs, select fabrics and patterns, and give instructions on how to make the products they designed.

Typical education level:  
Bachelor's degree  
Median hourly pay: \$30.22

### 8. Insurance underwriters

...decide whether to provide insurance and under what terms. They evaluate insurance applications and determine coverage amounts and premiums.

Typical education level:  
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Median hourly pay: \$30.22

### 9. Landscape architects

...plan and design land areas for parks, recreational facilities, private homes, campuses and other open spaces.

Typical education level:  
Bachelor's degree  
Median hourly pay: \$30.86

### 10. Microbiologists

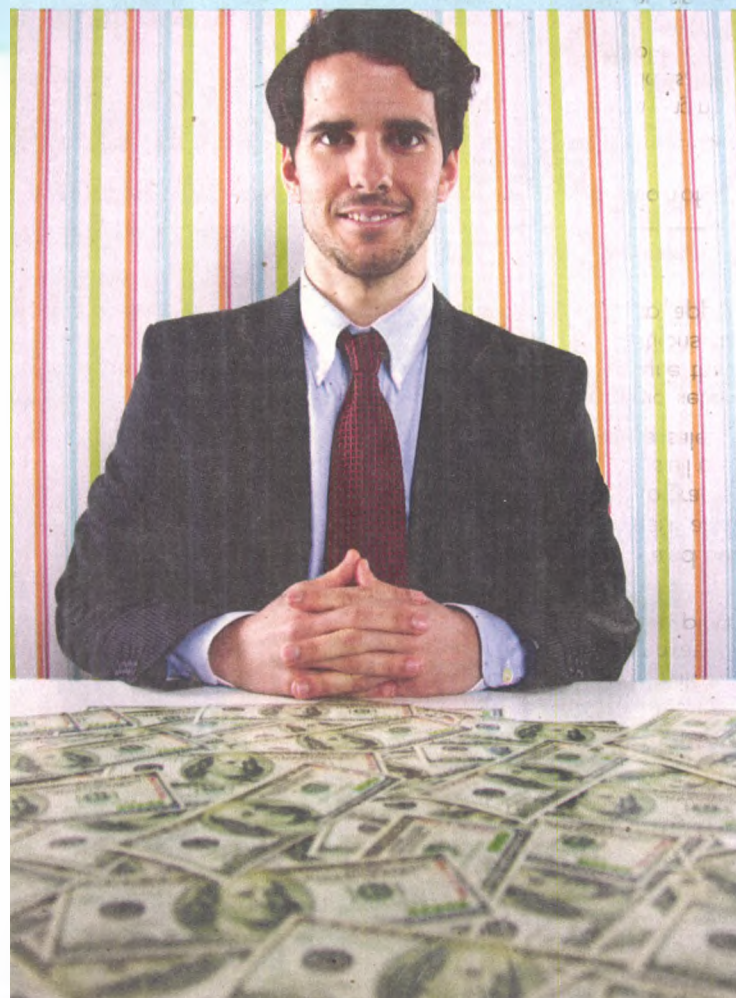
...study microorganisms such as bacteria, viruses, algae, fungi and some types of parasites. They try to understand how these organisms live, grow and interact with their environments.

Typical education level:  
Bachelor's degree  
Median hourly pay: \$31.86

### 11. Multimedia artists and animators

...create animation and visual effects for television, movies, video games and other forms of media.

Typical education level:  
Bachelor's degree  
Median hourly pay: \$29.50



### 12. Registered nurses

...provide and coordinate patient care, educate patients and the public about various health conditions and provide advice and emotional support to patients and their family members.

Typical education level:  
Associate degree  
Median hourly pay: \$31.48

### 13. Technical writers

...also known as technical communicators, prepare instruction manuals, journal articles and other supporting documents to communicate complex and technical information more easily. They also develop, gather and disseminate technical information among customers, designers and manufacturers.

Typical education level:  
Bachelor's degree  
Median hourly pay: \$31.49

### 14. Urban and regional planners

...develop plans and programs for the use of land. Their plans help create communities, accommodate population growth and revitalize physical facilities in towns, cities, counties and metropolitan areas.

Typical education level:  
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Median hourly pay: \$31.36

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Typical education level:  
Associate degree  
Median hourly pay: \$30.05

\*Job descriptions, education level and pay from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Debra Auerbach is a writer and blogger for CareerBuilder.com and its job blog, The Work Buzz. She researches and writes about job search strategy, career management, hiring trends and workplace issues.

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