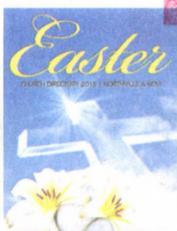


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## Electronics drop-off set for Novi

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Acceptable items include: desktop computers, laptops, computer-related equipment, printers, fax machines, televisions, printers, telephones, gaming systems, cameras, holiday light strings, microwave ovens, small appliances. Basically, it is most items with a plug.

Items not accepted at e-waste events include large household appliances, air conditioners and dehumidifiers.

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# School bond projects set to begin

Funding from \$70.9 million approved last year

By **Lonnie Huhman**  
Staff Writer

In the coming weeks, the Novi Community School District will begin putting last year's bond proposal to work and begin construction at several schools.

The first projects set to begin under the \$70.9 million bond proposal include classroom additions at Deerfield and Parkview, as well as in the sixth-grade building at Novi Meadows.

The projects will help address the present and future population growth going on in Novi. The district expects around 600 more residences to begin popping up around the community,

thus adding to each school's student count.

Steve Barr, NCS assistant superintendent of business operations, said, "Sustaining and enhancing the excellence of Novi schools is the main priority." With an increase in students, administrators don't want to miss a beat in maintaining the district as one of the best around.

"We know we have growth coming and we know we want to maintain smaller class sizes," Barr said.

He said these projects, which have been designed and will be carried out by a professional



This is a rendering of the new addition at Deerfield Elementary School, which will add six classrooms to the school.

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Detroit Catholic Central students get a lot of help from their guidance counselors – who are required to take college courses in counseling – as they plan their academic futures. Shown (from left) are guidance counselor Patrick O'Brien, senior Colter Knight, CC Director of Guidance Shawn Mather and senior Andrew Belanger.

## Guiding Shamrocks not just luck

CC was the first to require all guidance counselors take a course in college counseling

By **Lonnie Huhman**  
Staff Writer

Detroit Catholic Central High School works hard at staying ahead of the game when it comes to the vital support the school's guidance counselors provide in helping students find

and get into the right college or university.

It's so important to the Novi-based school that it's doing something not all schools are doing.

Catholic Central was the first in the country to require all of its guidance counselors to take a

course in college counseling. Since making this a priority, the guidance counselors' abilities to help guide students has gotten even better.

"It's a very challenging process, but it's one they really help you get through each step of the way," said CC senior Colter

Knight, who is picking from a handful of prestigious universities to attend next school year.

It may be surprising to some that a course in college counseling wasn't required for guidance counselors, but it isn't.

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## Walsh College helps low-income families with free tax service

By **Lonnie Huhman**  
Staff Writer

The partnership started several years ago between Walsh College and the Accounting Aid Society has helped many low- and middle-income households by providing them with free income tax preparation services.

It started in 2012 by then

Walsh student, Diana Goode, who is now a teacher at the Walsh Novi campus. Goode took a position at AAS and decided to build a relationship between the two organizations that would help others in southeast Michigan.

It's turned into a great opportunity for all involved, from the students who volunteer to help with the tax services to those

qualifying families who get a much-needed tax return.

"The students of Walsh understand that a career is more than a job; it is a responsibility to community," Goode said. "Through AAS, they have been able to help a lot of people who are very grateful for a service like this. A tax return is a big deal for many."

While a student at Walsh,

Goode was looking to establish a career in accounting, specifically, accounting for nonprofits and governments.

"When a position opened for a controller at AAS, I knew it was right for me and a professor encouraged me to apply," Goode says in her blog about her experience with the partnership.

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# Gorman's honored for 75 years of quality and service

By Lonnie Huhman  
Staff Writer

Gorman's Home Furnishing and Interior Design store is celebrating 75 years of business in Michigan, 20 of them right here in Novi.

The city of Novi recognized and honored Gorman's for this momentous anniversary Monday with a presentation by Mayor Bob Gatt, noting "their significant contribution to the Novi business community."

Gorman's President Tom Lias and Cheryl Sauer, general manager for the Novi location, were both present and grateful for the recognition.



"This means a lot to us," Lias said.

Ben Gorman founded Gorman's Home Furnishings and Interior Design in Detroit in 1940. Cur-

rent co-owner Bernie Moray took over in 1965 and has been involved since. At 93 years of age, Moray still goes to work every day. The Novi

Gorman's Home Furnishing and Interior Design store became the third company location, which now operates five locations in Michigan.

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Tom Lias in Gorman's Novi store on the southeast corner of 12 Mile and Novi roads.

Lias said Moray's dedication has set an example for Gorman's staff members and how they approach what they do.

"We have stayed true to what has served us best over the years and we will continue to do this - that's being customer service driven and design driven," he said.

He said they are committed to being a style leader and focused on delivering the best quality and style leading products at every price point. Everyone at Gorman's, Lias said, is directly accountable to Gorman's Must Be Right Policy, which means everything must be done

correctly and to the satisfaction of the customers.

He said their staff has years of experience, with Sauer being in Novi since the start. Their success has also been due to their attention to forward thinking and innovative designs.

"We will always be focused on providing the best that we can," he said.

Gorman's of Novi is located 27800 Novi Road (southeast corner of 12 Mile Road) and can be reached at 248-344-0880. Its website is [www.gormans.com](http://www.gormans.com).

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## BOND

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team, will help with that and bring a number of other benefits to the district.

### District goals

Toward this, the goals are preserving the infrastructure, sustaining low class sizes, creating a new Early Childhood Education Center, enhancing arts and athletics, replacing equipment at end of life, addressing safety and security and staying ahead of technology.

Starting April 6, work will begin at Deerfield, Parkview and Novi Meadows. Each school is getting four to six classrooms added, plus new common spaces. Students and parents can expect to see some temporary changes in traffic flow and with things like playground equipment, which at Deerfield will be moved to make room for the addition.

The district will also begin the laying the groundwork for future technology improvements by increasing its

wireless capabilities throughout buildings.

The remaining scope of work for 2015 includes roofing at the high school, new buses and site and facilities improvements at various buildings, as well as a new track at the athletic complex. Much of this work will be completed and ready by the start of next school year, but some will carry over into the following one. Work will also begin on the Childhood Education Center, which should be completed by August 2016.

"These projects, once completed, will greatly add to the educational experience and environment," district Superintendent Dr. Steve Matthews said.

Both he and Barr said a big thanks goes out to the community for supporting the plan and bond proposal, ensuring NCS will stay at the top.

To learn more about various projects, go to <http://www.novi.k12.mi.us/district/bond/> or call Barr at 248-449-1209.

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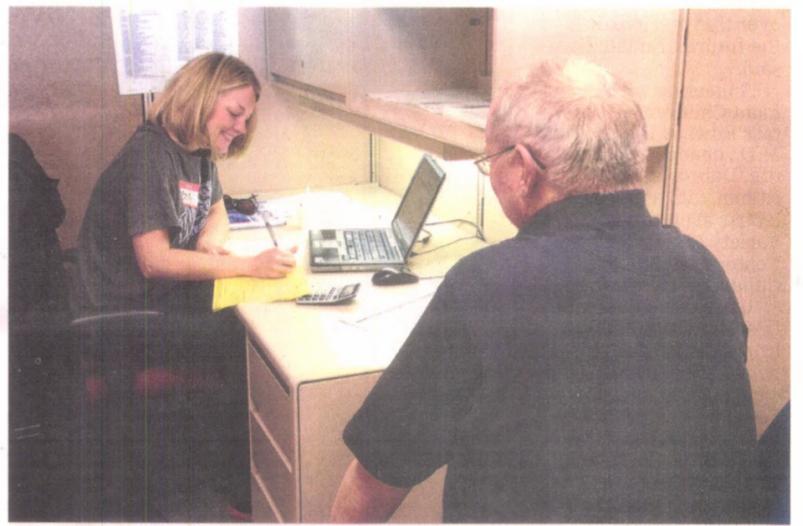
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While a new accounting grad, she said Walsh's curriculum had provided her with specific training in government and nonprofit accounting. This included training for the IRS Form 990 nonprofit return, a return she said that some colleges do not teach at all. She said she was confident Walsh had provided her the skills to understand the nuances that go into nonprofit accounting.

Once at AAS, she felt committed to deepening the organization's relationship with Walsh students.

She said AAS was in the process of developing a streamlined tax training program and knew Walsh College was the perfect place to test this training program.

"I spoke with the College's Accounting and Taxation Student Organization, a group which encourages accounting and tax students to volunteer their time to various nonprofit activities and efforts, and they jumped on the opportunity," she said.



Walsh College students have volunteered 2,000 hours to the free tax service project.

Things really kicked off in 2014 with staff from AAS going to Walsh to train the students who registered and found themselves in a room with more than 100 new volunteers eager to learn.

"That day established a bond between AAS and Walsh, a bond that continues to thrive in 2015," she said.

Walsh students have volunteered at least 2,000 hours and served more than 1,000 taxpayers.

Goode said the students have "made a difference in the community and the life of each individual that they help. For many of us, our tax return is a bonus to our

income. But to many of the clients at AAS, that tax return money is used to help keep their house warm or buy a coat for the winter or pay their rent."

### Spirit Award

In honor of its partnership, AAS presented the Masco Community Spirit Award to Walsh in 2014 to "recognize those who exemplify commitment to community through actions, leadership and stewardship. Accounting Aid Society named this annual award after the Masco Corporation for its longtime support of our mission and for the company's tradi-

tion of excellence and service."

Although she has moved on, Goode is honored to have been at the ground floor of this partnership.

"What drew me to Walsh was that they emphasized that a career was more than a job, it was also a way to help one's community. I think this partnership captures that spirit," Goode said.

To learn more about Walsh College's partnership with the Accounting Aid Society, go to [walshcollege.edu/AAS](http://walshcollege.edu/AAS).

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## COUNSELORS

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However, after a challenge was issued to other school counselors by Patrick O'Connor, associate dean of college counseling at Cranbrook Schools, CC has made it a priority.

CC Director of Guidance Shawn Mather was the first to take a course. After becoming the head of the department, she's made it a requirement for all counselors at the school.

It started for her in 2008, when she realized she had no training or exposure to counseling students in the college

selection process. She said she had received no instruction during her master's degree program on this specific subject, even though she was enrolled in the school counseling track.

She attended a workshop and learned there was so much she didn't know. She said she had never written a letter of recommendation or heard of a junior questionnaire, plus understanding the differences between the various admissions guidelines was very difficult.

However, upon completing a course in college counseling, Mather said her ability to help students reached another level.

"It was invaluable," she said. "There are so many aspects to the application process and it can be very confusing to students. Being aware of what is needed and what the colleges are looking for allows us to really help our students succeed in the 'process' of selecting and applying to colleges."

From her example, other counselors at CC have gone on to take the same course with the same results.

"We need to understand all of the steps in the process in order to better help the students," CC guidance counselor Patrick O'Brien said. "I think this course has helped us with that."

Another CC senior who has benefited from the guidance office's help is Andrew Belanger, who will attend West Point this fall. He said he owes big thanks for the help he has received.

"There are so many things you have to do in the college selection process and it can be intimidating, but it wasn't with the right help. My counselor made it as smooth as possible," Belanger said.

Mather said it is about the process and helping students and families become informed how to complete each step properly. Each year, things can change a bit with admissions, so understanding the overall process is crucial.

CC's college acceptance rate of 100 percent speaks volumes as to how important the guidance office has been and how well this has worked.

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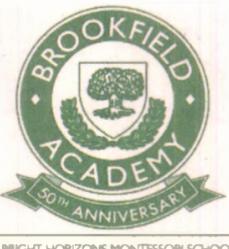
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# Myoelectric Center changes Novi child's life

Just like most 5-year-olds, Shreyas Ikare never stops moving, exploring and playing. He was born without a hand, wrist or a portion of his forearm, but he refuses to let that hold him back.

Sudhir Ikare, Shreyas' father, said, "When he was born, the first thing that kept running through my mind was, 'How am I going to help him?'"

Shreyas and his parents recently moved to Novi from India. He has been wearing a non-functional prosthetic hand since age 2.

"We all have problems. We come across problems. After a period of time, we should get over that and look into the future," Sudhir Ikare said.

A meeting with Beaumont Children's Hospital's Edward Dabrowski, M.D., changed Shreyas' life. Dabrowski helped fit him with a myoelectric arm through the Variety Myoelectric Center at Beaumont Children's Hospital.

Ikare remembers the first time he met Dabrowski. "I was like, 'Wow! This is what I have been looking for,'" he said.

Dabrowski said, "This has been the best kept secret in the United States. Hopefully, we're going to be changing that."

Dabrowski has decades of experience working with children and myoelectric arms. Beaumont is one of the only places in the country with this kind of program.

"It was really natural and he grasped it so fast that it was really awesome. We really didn't have to teach him a lot," Ikare said. "They made it really simple. Now, he



Shreyas Ikare with Manjula Amarnath, Beaumont Children's Hospital occupational therapist.

is really happy. He is working it out every day."

Shreyas goes to the Beaumont Center on a regular basis for occupational therapy to teach him the bilateral use of both arms.

"We're retraining the brain to use the myoelectric arm and normalize it as much as possible. The goal is for the child to use both arms for play and in daily activities," said Manjula Amarnath, Beaumont Children's Hospital occupational therapist.

Insurance pays for

some of the cost, but a partnership with Variety the Children's Charity-Detroit covers the gap insurance doesn't cover.

"Without Variety, this program would not be viable. The funding makes a huge difference," Dabrowski said.

Shreyas' mother, Rohini Bhoir, said: "I would recommend to all parents to go forward and look into this, because it's going to help your kid."

Watch the video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vvcKmd2iVHY>.



Edward Dabrowski (left), M.D., director, Pediatric Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, Beaumont Children's Hospital, with Sudhir Ikare and his son, Shreyas Ikare.

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But in many ways, today is different. My car has an electric motor. My television has 300 channels. My primary phone is one that I carry in my pocket. My news comes from the computer, not from Walter Cronkite.

I can track how many steps I take each day. I can measure my sleep patterns with a wristband. I can find almost any location without having to unfold and then fold a map.

But one thing has not changed that much. Parents still worry about their children.

In the Novi Community School District, our primary mission is to educate the students who come through our doors every morning. As a school district, we are judged by how well we help a student learn math and reading, science and social studies.

A secondary mission of the school district is provide support to parents as they navigate the sometimes difficult, sometimes confusing, sometimes challenging, but always rewarding experience of raising children. As a district, we understand that we bring parents in contact with each other and help to form a support group as each of us tries to help the students and the children in our district.

The Novi Community School District has partnered with the Novi Police Department to begin



Steve Matthews  
 SUPER TALK

a quarterly series of events called "What Parents Need to Know." Officers from the Novi Police Department will work with administrators, teachers and staff from the Novi Community School District to host opportunities to talk about the challenges and the rewards of being a parent.

Our first "What Parents Need to Know" session will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 1. The event will be hosted at the Novi Public Library (not the high school, as originally planned). This first session will focus on what parents need to know about many of the rituals of spring - spring break, prom and graduation parties. In addition, the session will offer insight into one of the negative and unfortunate things that often accompanies these spring activities - the use of drugs and other illegal substances.

If you are a parent in our community, I would encourage you to come, listen and participate in this important conversation.

Even though many things have changed over time, one thing that has remained constant is that a caring and informed parent can have a tremendous impact on the life of child.

Steve Matthews is superintendent of Novi Community Schools. He can be reached at 248-449-1204 or smatthews@novischools.net.

## Cheering on Orchard Hills leaders

By Lonnie Huhman  
 Staff Writer

Orchard Hills Elementary School's Leader in Me cheer squad played a big part during its Leadership Day.

A cheerleading squad of 35 second- and third-grade girls make up the CHEERY OHS. Teacher Melissa Israel said they formed this group because "in our journey to recognize the importance of maximizing strengths, we realized that we were fortunate to have Novi's varsity cheer coach as a member of our staff!"

Ashley Karinen, a paraprofessional and alumnus of Orchard Hills, took on this special challenge and has practiced and prepared this group of leading ladies.

"This was a way to create more leadership opportunities for the students and we thought this was a great way to help bring our school together," Karinen said.



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The Orchard Hills CHEERY OHS squad performs a few positive chants for a March 3 Leader in Me assembly at the school. The gathering for their fellow classmates, parents and members of the Novi community was to demonstrate how the school is adopting the Seven Habits principles in their everyday classroom life.

The team practiced each week leading up to Leadership Day. The Novi varsity cheer team helped out at the practices.

Team members said they were nervous before their performance, but

remembered why they joined the team - to have fun while being a leader.

"I was nervous, but the practicing helped us," second-grader Molly McLeod said.

The day of the event, the team performed dif-

ferent cheers to get the school and visitors revved up about being leaders. In Leader in Me speak, it was a win-win day for everyone.

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## Geisler students and staff reach out to help others, pets

James R. Geisler Middle School's Student Leadership Team organized a Pasta for Pennies campaign encouraging students in A Block to bring in their pennies to help raise money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and the Geisler Middle School's 4-H Club sponsored a pet drive for the Guardian Angel Animal Rescue.

The Walled Lake students and staff raised \$1,371.36 in just two weeks to support those with blood cancer. Thomas Weddell's sixth-grade class raised the most, bringing in \$232.07 in pennies and will be treat-

ed to a pasta lunch compliments of Olive Garden.

"The Geisler students and staff continually demonstrate their generosity and care for others and we are proud of their effort," said Ann Marie Rutherford, Geisler counselor and student leadership adviser. "Sometimes kids feel that they cannot make a difference in society because of their age. Geisler Middle School students know that no matter how young, you can make a difference if you are determined to do something good for others. Our students worked together to fight against Blood Cancer."

The 4-H Club also had a successful endeavor, with Geisler students donating \$190 and 346 pet items.

"Geisler students continue to show their



Pictured (from left) are Rohan Kai, Student Leadership treasurer; Anusha Santhapur, representative; Lizzy Rachiele, treasurer; Sumana Tangirala, vice president; Taryn Raisanen, president; Cozy Jaquays, secretary; and (back) Ann Marie Rutherford, Geisler Middle School counselor and Student Leadership adviser.

generosity and character in their ability to care for others," said Dr. Sheryl Kennedy, Geisler principal. "I'm so proud of

efforts on behalf of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and on behalf of the Guardian Angel Animal Rescue."

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### CITY OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF ENACTMENT ZONING ORDINANCE #02-17-15Za

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Northville City Council has adopted Ordinance No. 02-17-15Za for the purpose of amending the City of Northville Zoning Ordinance. The ordinance amends Article 2 Zoning Districts and Map Interpretation and adds Section 10.06 to Article 10 Central Business District to establish the Cady Street Overlay District (CSO-1 and CSO-2).

The CSO district addresses special siting, design and compatibility issues that require development regulations in addition to those found in the underlying zoning districts. When the standards of the CSO district conflict with those of the underlying district, the standards of the CSO shall govern. The Cady Street Overlay district is intended to allow for a mixed-use transition zone between the downtown core and future residential uses to the south. The CSO district will allow a unique mix of land uses designed to serve the commercial and residential needs of the community in an attractive, well-designed, and functional environment. The district is designed to promote development consistent with the City of Northville Master Plan, and in a manner which assures quality building design and site development. It is further designed to regulate the location of parking, regulate building height to achieve appropriate scale, and encourage the development of a pedestrian-friendly environment.

The ordinance was introduced for first reading on February 17, 2015 and was adopted by the City Council on March 16, 2015. The ordinance shall become effective on April 3, 2015. The complete text of the ordinance amendment is available for public review at the City of Northville Municipal Building, Office of the City Clerk or the Building Department, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-349-1300, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or on the City's website at [www.ci.northville.mi.us](http://www.ci.northville.mi.us).

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SCHOOL BRIEFS

**Novi's Green Gala**

The Green Gala is the annual signature event of the Novi Educational Foundation. It will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday, **March 28**, at Lyon Oaks (52551 Pontiac Trail, Wixom; 248-347-9200).

This fundraiser, launched St. Patrick's Day in 2007, is one of many year-long NEF-sponsored activities. NEF supports the Novi School District's mission to develop each student's potential with a world-class education by funding program enhancements and additional educational opportunities.

Tickets and sponsorships are available at [www.novieducation-foundation.org](http://www.novieducation-foundation.org).

**Tuition Expedition 2015**

For the 10th consecutive year, the Walled Lake Consolidated School District Foundation for Excellence has launched Tuition Expedition, a 50/50 raffle for post-secondary education funds. The grand prize drawing is set for **March 30** at the Walled Lake Consolidated School District Reflections Celebration at Geisler Middle School. One does not have to present at the celebration to win.

No more than 500 tickets will be sold. Tickets are \$100 each and

purchaser must be U.S. resident and at least 18 years of age. Funds will be paid (in the form of scholarship funds) directly to any U.S. "eligible educational institution" as defined by the IRS. Winner has up to 20 years to assign and split the funds among and up to four students, but once disbursement has begun, must be used within four consecutive years. The winner may also choose cash equal to 40 percent of total ticket proceeds in a lump sum (less 25 percent federal income tax withholding).

Tickets may be purchased online at the Foundation for Excellence website at [www.wlcsd.org/foundation.cfm](http://www.wlcsd.org/foundation.cfm). Official rules and additional raffle details can also be found on the website. Checks may also be made payable to Foundation for Excellence for ticket purchases and mailed to its office at 850 Ladd Road, Bldg. D, Walled Lake, MI 48390.

**Novi Co-Op Preschool events**

Novi Co-Op Preschool, a play-based kindergarten readiness program for children ages 3-5 years, is hosting two events which are open to the public; children are welcome at both events:

Ice Cream Social - 4-6 p.m. Sunday, **April 19**; and Open House - 6-7:30

p.m. Tuesday, **April 28**  
Novi Co-Op is located at 41671 W 10 Mile Road (at Meadowbrook Road). For more information or to schedule a tour, call 248-349-3223 or go to [www.novipreschool.com](http://www.novipreschool.com).

**Quick Tip**

The Novi Community School District introduced a communication feature, School Messenger Quick Tip, on the district website that allows students, staff, parents, community members, and other stakeholders to submit anonymous tips and feedback to Novi School District administrators.

When a School Messenger Quick Tip is submitted, the school principal and the superintendent are notified via email. Timely and appropriate action can then be taken to ensure that problems or concerns are addressed quickly. Tips can also be used to provide feedback - both positive and negative on district and school activities - which will help to continually improve school district performance. If a person chooses, Quick Tip reports can be made anonymously.

School Messenger Quick Tip is also a smart phone app that can be downloaded. Go to <https://asp.schoolmessenger.com/novicsd/quicktip/> for more in-

formation.

**Math award winners**

This is the 58th year of competition where thousands of high school students across the state of Michigan participate in the Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition sponsored by the Michigan Section of the Mathematics Association of America. More than \$20,000 in scholarships are awarded each year.

From the city of Northville, attending Detroit Country Day High School, Justin Lee was awarded a \$250 scholarship and Helen Xu received an honorable mention. Attending Northville High School, Yannis Bi was awarded a \$250 scholarship and Parth Shah both received an honorable mention. Attending Meads Mill Middle School, Timothy Wu received an honorable mention.

From the city of Novi attending Novi High School, Gary Luo, Anil Palepu, Ajay Arora, and Raviraj Regeall were all awarded a \$250 scholarship. Four students received an honorable mention: Tanaz Naterwala, Veluru Nikith, Ian Fan and Mitchel Huang.

**H&R Block scholarships**

As part of its commitment to teen financial

literacy, H&R Block recently awarded \$1.4 million in classroom grants and student scholarships through its H&R Block Budget Challenge. Students had to complete an online simulation that allows students to experience paying bills, managing expenses and more in the safety of a classroom - where a mistake is not nearly as costly as in the real world.

Kyron Andrews, a senior at Walled Lake Central High School, and Zach Suidan, a senior at Walled Lake Northern High School, were recently awarded \$20,000 college scholarships on behalf of the H&R Block Budget Challenge. They were among 67 high school students across the country to receive these H&R Block Budget Challenge scholarships.

Andrews, Walled Lake Central, is the son of Kenyetta Strange and Larry Andrews. He is currently undecided on what college he will be attending next year but is considering Eastern Michigan University and Oakland University.

"Kyron has been a very responsible and dedicated student this year," said Jennifer Caulford, Walled Lake Central High School teacher. "He is a motivated and hard-working young man who sets goals and achieves them."

Suidan, Walled Lake

Northern, is the son of Lorene and Andrew Suidan. He is currently planning on attending Oakland University to study engineering.

"Zach has been an outstanding financial literacy student all year," said Kristen Socha, Walled Lake Northern High School teacher. "He excels in the classroom and is respected by his peers for his intelligence. Zach embraced the H & R Challenge opportunity with an intention to do well at the simulation from the beginning."

**W.L. musicians earn high ratings**

Talented student musicians across the Walled Lake School District recently performed at Western High School and Northern High School as part of the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association's (MSBOA) State Band and Orchestra Festival.

The various Walled Lake ensembles performed a program of three pieces for adjudication, including one from the MSBOA's required list. Each group was evaluated by three performance judges and one sight-reading judge.

**Geisler Middle School - Band:** Both seventh and eighth grade bands received Superior ratings; Orchestra:

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Schoolcraft offers fast track to get potential teachers into classroom

Schoolcraft College is the only community college in Michigan that has received approval to offer a new Alternative Route for Interim Teacher Certification program.

The ARC provides the opportunity to complete an expedited, alternate route of study for those who want to transition from a previous career

and/or undergraduate or graduate degree program into teaching.

Schoolcraft's program is designed especially for individuals who hold a bachelor's degree or higher and who may be allowed to teach full-time while completing approved teacher preparation requirements.

The intention of the

program is to enable those who commit their knowledge, skills and preparation to become successful, fully certified classroom teachers through a quality, rigorous alternative route program.

Applicants are currently being considered for admission to the program for which classes

will begin in May. The coursework and field experiences are designed to prepare the candidate to make a successful and seamless transition into the classroom as an effective teacher. Students who successfully complete the coursework during the Spring term (May-August) can then arrange for a classroom

placement as a certified teacher, under the Michigan Interim Teaching Certificate.

Students will work with a mentor in their building and be involved in continuous professional development for three years, while working as a full time classroom teacher and completing the remaining course-

work during the three summers of the program.

Following three years of successful teaching and meeting all program requirements, candidates will be eligible to be recommended for the Michigan Provisional Certificate. Call 734-462-4400 ext. 4335 or go to [www.schoolcraft.edu/arcteacher](http://www.schoolcraft.edu/arcteacher).

Japanese Quiz Bowl Winners



Novi High School's Japanese Quiz Bowl team went to EMU for the annual Michigan Japanese Quiz Bowl on March 15 with the following results. First Place Division 1: Sangil Lee (captain), Micheal Lee, Alyssa Juncaj and Jamie Chen. First Place Division 2: Rachel Liu (captain; her artwork was used for this year's brochure cover brochure), Linda Wei, Deeya Chaturvedi, Christian Jung. Second Place Division 4: Tori Engler (captain), Gary Luo, Dominic Chen, Willie Jackson, Jerry Lee. Third Place Division 1: Claire Krueger (captain), Ashley Jeon, Erqiang Chen, Christina Ditri. Third Place Division 5: Aditya Savanur (captain), Bryce Paputa, Tiffany Tsang, Michelle Lim. The T-shirt design by Christina Ditri and Claire Krueger won first place as well.

**SYNOPSIS  
MARCH 19, 2015 - REGULAR MEETING  
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**DATE:** Thursday, March 19, 2015  
**TIME:** 7:30 p.m.  
**PLACE:** 44405 Six Mile Road  
**CALL TO ORDER:** Clerk Hillebrand called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.  
**PRESENT:** Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk Marv Gans, Trustee  
Marjorie F. Banner, Treasurer Symantha Heath, Trustee  
Mindy Herrmann, Trustee Fred Shadko, Trustee  
Robert R. Nix II, Supervisor

- ABSENT:**
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**
- Agendas:** Approved
    - Approve the Regular Agenda and the Consent Agenda items - Approved
  - Appointments, Presentations, Resolutions & Announcements:**
    - Re-appoint Robert Lipmyer to the Senior Citizen Council - Approved
  - Public Hearing:** None
  - Brief Public Comments:** None
  - New Business:**
    - Tavern License - Tom & Chee Restaurant - Approved
    - Public Safety - Firefighting Gear - Approved
    - Historic District Commission By-law Amendments - Approved
    - The Senior Alliance - Local Community Match Contribution - Approved
    - Alliance of Rouge Communities - 2015 Membership Dues - Approved
    - Proclamation of Building Safety Month in May - Approved
    - Temporary Sign Request - Building Safety Month - Approved
    - Public Services - Demolition Bid for Building #72 - Approved
    - Public Services - Vector Purchase - Approved
    - Sign Regulations - Amend Resolution 91-135 - Approved
    - Temporary Sign Request - 7th Day Adventist Church - Approved
  - Unfinished Business:** None
  - Ordinances:** None
  - Check Registry:**
    - In the amount of \$1,268,618.28 - Approved
  - Board Communication/Reports and Calendar of Events:**
    - Sue Hillebrand, Marjorie Banner, Marv Gans, Symantha Heath, Mindy Herrmann, Fred Shadko, Chip Snider
    - Board Events: Upcoming events were discussed.
  - Any other business for the Board of Trustees:** Comments from two members of the audience.
  - ADJOURN:** Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.  
A draft of the complete minutes will be available March 30, 2015.

Respectfully submitted:  
**Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk**

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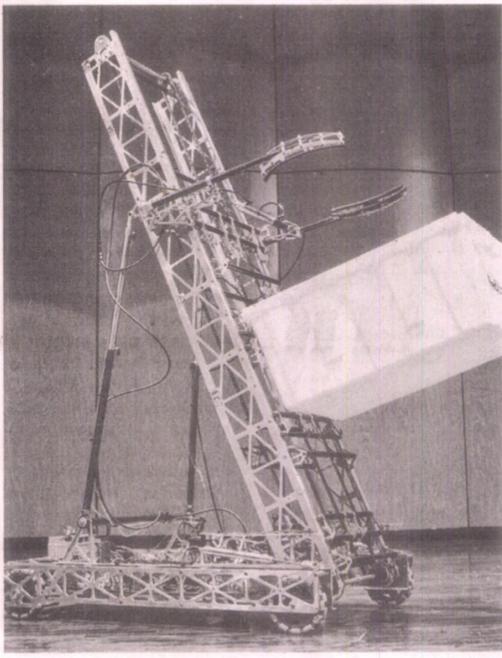
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# Robostangs



The Northville High School Robostangs Team 548 is getting saddled up for its second district competition March 27-28 at Livonia Churchill High School. Shown is the Robostangs robot for the 2015 Recycle Rush season. The team's last district competition was at Southfield High School, where the Robostangs stamped to become district finalists. In addition, the Robostangs were honored to win the Quality Award sponsored by Motorola. Come out to Churchill High School or watch the live Twitch stream at <http://goo.gl/PWnY0N> or <http://goo.gl/7vJfKf> (depending on which stream the competition is on) and select Livonia Churchill District. The event is great for all ages and is free to the public.

## University of Toledo

Northville's Kyle M. Hammer (College of Business and Innovation) was named to the dean's list for the fall 2014 semester. To be eligible, students must achieve a 3.5 or above grade-point average with full-time undergraduate course work.

## Alma College

Novi's Mary Dulzo and Wixom's Adam Mossoian were named to the dean's list for those students who achieved outstanding academic performance during the 2014 fall term. Students who achieve a 3.5 or better grade-point average during a term, while carrying a minimum of 13 credits, at least eight of which are evaluative grades, are named to the dean's list.

## Northern Michigan University

The dean's list for the fall 2014 semester includes two local students with a 4.0 grade-point average - Novi's Kyle Haustein and Wixom's Rachel Storck - and three with grade-point averages between 3.25 and 3.99 - Northville's Paige Roehrig; Novi's Andrew Bartlett, Molly

Marzonia and Meghan Shannon; and Wixom's Dana DeFrain and Adam Focht.

## Texas State

Hayden Prince, a resident of Northville, has been named to the fall 2014 dean's list. To be named, a student must earn a minimum grade-point average of 3.50 while carrying a class load of at least 12 semester hours.

## Bentley University

Lauren Colasanti, a senior from Northville, was named to the president's list. To be named, a full-time student must have a grade-point average of 3.7 or higher with no course grade below 3.0 during the term.

## Grand Valley State University

The dean's list for the fall 2014 semester concluding in December. The following list includes local students who have maintained a 3.5 grade-point average and been enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits.

**Northville:** Carly R. Armaly; Julia M. Brown; Emily C. Bush; Kelli A. Cannon; Sarah M. DeB-rabander; Scott R. Dion; Madelyn E. Evasic; Lyle E. Francisco; Griffin P.

Gallagher; Martina K. Gehrt; Rachel K. Gold; Brian A. Gotberg; Juliana G. Gumina; Holly N. Holshouser; Rachael M. Jarzembowski; Alexandra I. Key; Samantha J. Klutchko; Rachel M. Maceri; Brian A. Makowski; Michelle N. Marinov; Ashley M. Pace; Kelsey A. Perkins; Clare K. Riley; Nicole K. Rister; Ashley N. Robinson; Nelson C. Schrader; Samuel B. Showerman; Connor P. Spityer; Brian R. Storm; Robert K. Thornburg; Alena R. Woel-lecke; Hunter D. Wright; and Angelo G. Zannis.

**Novi:** Asmaa Ashraf Alarabi; Jessica E. Ansa-ra; Tsvetelina P. Atanasova; Cameron A. Bacon; Sarah J. Bertus; Tessa C. Brinza; Connor F. Brown; Megan M. Conen; Michelle N. Croad; Joseph S. Cutino; Christina F. D'Annibale; Anne M. Dulzo; Gayle T. Ebben; Nicole M. Evangelista; Andrew W. Fokken; Emily M. Gantt; Eric M. Gardner; Jack L. Gibson; Barney S. Goindi; Nathan A. Haustein; Carly E. Healy; Kellee B. Hicks; Austin D. Hunt; Megan E. Jamrog; Jenna M. Jankowski; Justin M. Jarvis; Tamar A. Kalan-jian; Danielle B. Kay; Matthew D. Kulie; Erica B. MacDonald; Elizabeth

A. Malear; Samantha B. Mann; Ashley A. Mar-cangelo; Jessica Mathew; Veronica E. Mech; Alexis M. Mencotti; Gabriella M. Mencotti; Christopher J. Montville; Erika L. Mullins; Melanie R. Murphy; Abby B. O'Leary; Madeline A. Phimister; Adam T. Pond; Christopher M. Puente; Amanda P. Sackett; Natalie R. Schults; Nicholas J. Steg-meyer; Carrie L. Subject; Caitlyn E. Sultana; Sarah N. Sultana; Casey L. Sutton; Parker B. Sutton; Christopher W. Walkowski; Kelsey A. Walkowski; Danning Wang; Ryan L. Winkler; Lauren N. Zamp-las; and Rebekah K. Zielesch.

**Walled Lake:** Kaitlyn M. Cooke; Alexander E. Palafox; Joseph A. Schi-avi; and Jessica R. Watson.

**Wixom:** Robert L. Allor; Sylvia Ciszek; Catherine C. Deyonker; Tyler T. Helinski; Callie M. Higgins; Joseph D. Hockin; Amy M. Kish; Christine C. Kovacs; Megan E. Krom; Allison M. Lowe; Erin M. McCabe; Darcy R. McCuckin; Kelley D. McCuckin; Jonathan M. Neracher; Taylor R. Pac-sai; Jack C. Phillipson; Emily A. Pianko; Maxwell J. Ronald; Edward D. Turek; Melissa S. Turner; and Kosei Yajima.

## BRIEFS

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eight grade orchestra received a Superior rating from all four judges.

**Sarah Banks Middle School - Bands:** Both seventh and eighth grade bands received Superior ratings; Orchestra: eighth grade orchestra received a Superior rating.

**Walled Lake Central High School - Band:** All of the three of the bands received Superior ratings; Orchestra: Philharmonia Strings received a rating of 2 and the Symphony Orchestra received a Superior rating.

**Walled Lake Northern High School - Band:** All of the three of the bands received Superior ratings; Orchestra: Philharmonia Strings and Symphony Orchestra received Superior ratings.

**Walled Lake Western High School - Band:** All of the bands received Superior ratings; Orchestra: Philharmonia Strings received a total rating of 2 and both Chamber Strings and Symphony Strings received a rating of 1 or Superior. Symphony Orchestra also received all "A's" and "A+'s" to earn their rating.

Ensembles were rated on a scale from 1 to 5 with 1 being the highest rating possible. The overall score was computed using a formula which combines the ratings of each judge. Ensembles that earned an overall 1 rating (or "Superior") are

qualified for State Band & Orchestra Festival which is held in late April, early May.

## Meet 'SPARK' author

Author Dr. John Ratey describes SPARK as a groundbreaking exploration of the connection between exercise and the brain's performance that shows how even moderate exercise will supercharge mental circuits to beat stress, sharpen thinking, enhance memory and much more. The book will change the way you think about your morning run or for that matter, simply the way you think.

Meet the author at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 28, at Novi Middle School. Registration is required; go to [novilibrary.org](http://novilibrary.org) or call 248-349-0720.

Parents and caregivers are encouraged to read SPARK in advance of the author event. To borrow a copy of the book, visit the Novi School library or the Novi Public Library.

## Northville accepting early kindergarten registration

Northville Public Schools is now accepting kindergarten enrollment for fall 2015. If you have a child who will be 5 years of age on or before Sept. 1, schedule an enrollment appointment to register your child using the appropriate school link below and complete the online pre-enrollment process prior to your scheduled appointment.

Enrollment forms and information regarding

which documents you will need to bring to your scheduled appointment are listed on the district website at <http://www.northvilleschools.org/node/584>. If you can not meet on the dates listed above for your child's school, contact the school's main office. If you are unsure about which school your child will be attending, view the Attendance Boundary Map at <http://www.northville.schools.org/node/251>.

## Novi kindergarten roundup

In September, the Class of 2028 will officially begin their educational career at Novi Schools. Registration paperwork is now available in all elementary offices. If you have a student or know someone who has a child who will be turning 5 prior to Sept. 2 and is within the Novi Schools attendance boundaries, have them call the school office: Deerfield (248-449-1700); Novi Woods (248-449-1230); Orchard Hills (248-449-1400); Parkview (248-449-1220); and Village Oaks (248-449-1300).

If you are unsure which elementary school your student will attend, please call the Educational Services Building at 248-449-1200 for assistance.

Also, save the date, April 16, for kindergarten parent meetings at Novi K-4 elementary schools.

## Developmentally delayed students

If you have a child that will be under the age

of 5 years old on or before the first day of the 2015-2016 school year, and you suspect that your child may have speech and language difficulties or overall developmental delays, please call Nadine Harris, director of Northville Public Schools Office of Special Services, at 248-344-3530.

## Mom to Mom Sale

Novi Community Education's Infant & Toddler program, The Lily Pad Lane, is hosting its annual Mom2Mom Sale from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 18, at Novi High School. Tables are \$20 per round and \$10 per space for sellers who provide their own racks.

All baby, toddler and children's items will be accepted, including large items such as high chairs, swings, strollers and large toys. Admission for adults is \$1 at the door and free for children ages 15 and under.

For more information, contact Community Education - Child Care Services at 248-449-1713. All proceeds will benefit equipment for the program.

## Northville roundup, parent orientation

Northville Public Schools hosts two important events in the spring to ease some of your fears and answer many of your questions: Parent Orientation and Kindergarten Roundup.

Parent Orientation is an opportunity for you to hear about our programming, meet key staff

members, learn about your child's elementary school and ask questions. The evening is interactive and highlights what to expect the first few weeks of school and how you can help prepare your child for his or her first day. At registration, you will receive a folder with important information that we ask you to review prior to parent orientation. Please note: This is a meeting for parents only; children should not attend.

Kindergarten Round-Up is designed for your incoming kindergarten. Your child will participate in a number of activities that will help us get to know your child better and help him or her feel more comfortable in the classroom. When you arrive for Kindergarten Round-Up, we will greet you and your child and your child will come with us to start their busy schedule. While your child is with our staff, you will participate in an informational session highlighting our many important initiatives, including The Leader in Me. We will provide more details about the Round-Up experience at parent orientation.

The following are the dates for Kindergarten Parent Orientation and Round-Up at each of our elementary schools:

Amerman - April 30, 6:30 p.m. May 1  
Moraine - May 11, 6:30 p.m. May 15  
Silver Springs - May 6, 6 p.m. May 15

Thornton Creek - April 29, 6 p.m. May 7  
Ridge Wood - May 11, 6:30 p.m. May 15  
Winchester - May 11, 6 p.m. May 12

ABWA offering grant, scholarships

The mission of the American Business Women's Association, a national nonprofit organization, is in part to provide opportunities for women to help themselves grow personally and professionally through education. As a testament to their collective mission, the Novi Oaks Charter Chapter of the ABWA has announced it will offer one grant and two scholarships this year for the education of local students.

The Bettie Archer Johnson Scholarship is offered to students of Madonna University and interested students should contact the financial aid office at Madonna for more information. Two other opportunities include the Novi Oaks' Impact Scholarship (\$1,000) and the Novi Oaks' Outright Grant (\$1,500).

To apply, interested parties should send name, email address and phone number to Education Chair Karen Kolc at [kkolc@yahoo.com](mailto:kkolc@yahoo.com), with the subject line "Impact Scholarship" (applications must be completed online by March 31 at [www.sbmfef.org](http://www.sbmfef.org)) or "Outright Grant" (applications must be completed online by June 1 at [www.sbmfef.org](http://www.sbmfef.org)).

## CITY OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE MAY 5, 2015 SPECIAL ELECTION

To the Qualified Electors of the City of Northville, Counties of Oakland and Wayne, notice is hereby given that the last day to register to vote for the May 5, 2015 Special Election will be Monday, April 6, 2015. If you are not currently registered to vote or need to register at a new address, you may do so at the following locations and times:

### In person:

- City of Northville Municipal Building, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167, Monday - Friday, 8am-4:30pm. - Closed 4/3/15 for holiday (Northville City residents only).
- Wayne County Clerk's Office, 2 Woodward Avenue, Suite 502, Detroit, Michigan 48226, Monday - Friday - 8 am - 4:30 pm. Call 313-224-5525 to confirm hours and furlough days.
- Oakland County Elections Division, 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Pontiac, MI 48341, Monday-Friday, 8am-4:30pm.
- Any Secretary of State branch office.
- At specified agencies for clients receiving services through Family Independence Agency, Department of Community Health, Michigan Jobs Commission, and some offices of the Commission for the Blind
- At military recruitment offices for persons who are enlisting.

### By mail:

- Voter registration application - Mail to the election official as directed on the application by the close of registration deadline. Mail-in voter registration applications are available at the City Clerk's office or on the City's website at [www.ci.northville.mi.us](http://www.ci.northville.mi.us). Note: a person who registers to vote by mail is required to vote in person unless they have previously voted in person in Michigan, are at least 60 years of age, are overseas voters, or are handicapped.

The election will be conducted in all voting precincts in the City of Northville for the purpose of voting on the following proposal(s):

**STATE:** Proposal 15-1 A proposal to amend the State Constitution to increase the sales/use tax from 6% to 7% to replace and supplement reduced revenue to the School Aid Fund and local units of government caused by the elimination of the sales/use tax on gasoline and diesel fuel for vehicles operating on public roads, and to give effect to laws that provide additional money for roads and other transportation purposes by increasing the gas tax and vehicle registration fees.

Full text of the proposal may be obtained by contacting the City Clerk, City of Northville, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-349-1300, or on the Sample Ballot posted on the City's website at [www.ci.northville.mi.us](http://www.ci.northville.mi.us) (go to Services / City Clerk / Elections / Ballots).

**LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT:** Northville Public Schools Millage Renewal Proposal, Building and Site Sinking Fund Tax Levy. 9978 Mill for 5 Years.

Full text of the proposal may be obtained at the administrative offices of Northville Public Schools, 501 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167-1582, 248-344-3500.

DIANNE MASSA, CITY CLERK

## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE IN THE SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 5, 2015

To the qualified Electors of the Township of Northville, County of Wayne, notice is hereby given that **Monday, April 6, 2015** is the last day to register to vote or change your address for the **Special Election** to be held on **Tuesday, May 5, 2015**.

You may register to vote at any Secretary of State Branch Office or county Clerk's office during their normal business hours or at the Township Clerk's office; Monday - Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Electors may also register to vote by mail by completing a Michigan Mail-In Voter Registration Application, (forms are available at the local Clerk's office or the Secretary of State's website [www.michigan.gov/sos](http://www.michigan.gov/sos)).

Please note that a person who registers to vote by mail is required to vote in person unless they have previously voted in Michigan (MCL168.509t.), are at least 60 years of age, disabled as defined by law, or temporarily living overseas.

The following proposals will appear on the ballot:

### State of Michigan Proposal 15-1:

A proposal to amend the State Constitution to increase the sales/use tax from 6% to 7% to replace and supplement reduced revenue to the School Aid Fund and local units of government caused by the elimination of the sales/use tax on gasoline and diesel fuel for vehicles operating on public roads, and to give effect to laws that provide additional money for roads and other transportation purposes by increasing the gas tax and vehicle registration fees.

Northville Public Schools (Pcts. 1-6 and 8-16)  
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Full text of the Northville Public School ballot proposal may be obtained at the administrative offices of Northville Public Schools, 501 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan 48167-1582, telephone: (248) 344-3500.

The full text and a "sample" of the Special Election ballot is available at the Northville Township's Clerk's department and on the township's website: [www.twp.northville.mi.us](http://www.twp.northville.mi.us).

Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk  
Charter Township of Northville

# Learn 'Maple's Sweet Story' at Kensington Metropark

By Laura Colvin  
Staff Writer

Something sweet is in the air as Kensington Metropark once again kicks off "Maple's Sweet Story," a program geared at teaching visitors about the process of producing maple syrup from a maple tree.

The program, which takes place every weekend at the park's Farm Center, lasts about an hour and begins with an introduction by a park interpreter.

"We'll talk about the history of maple sugaring and how to identify and tap into a suitable maple tree," park interpreter Danny Hecht said, noting participants will

also be able to watch as and learn about the process of boiling the sap into syrup at the Farm Center's outdoor evaporator.

"We also talk about ways people can take what they learn and try it at home," Hecht said. "It takes 40 gallons of sap to make one gallon of syrup, so if you get 10 gallons of sap out of just a few trees, you'll end up with enough syrup to fill a mason jar."

Outdoor temps need to reach about 36 degrees before the sap will flow, but the program will run every weekend in March, regardless.

"We may even continue into April, depending on the weather," Hecht said.

Visitors can also stop by the French and Native camp - which runs most weekends - to learn about how sugaring techniques have changed throughout the years.

Real maple syrup products will be available at the Farm Center for sample and sale, as well as backyard starter kits for those who would like to try the process at home.

In addition, visitors can also stop by the Farm Center's barns, where spring babies are already beginning to appear.

"Maple's Sweet Story" takes place at the Kensington Metropark from noon to 3 p.m. each Saturday and Sunday in March. Park officials

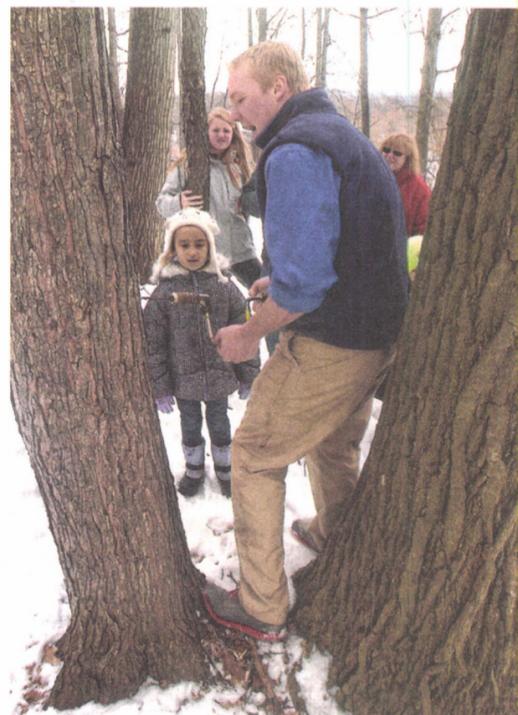
encourage participants to dress for the weather, as the program takes place outdoors. Registration is not required for the weekend programs. Cost is \$5 for adults; \$3 for seniors and children 3-12 years old; children under 3 are free.

Admission to the barns is free.

A 2015 free entry permit is required for admittance to the park. A daily permit is \$7. Annual permit is \$30.

For additional information, contact the Kensington Metropark Farm Center at 248-684-8632.

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Danny Hecht drills into a maple tree to start the tapping process.

HAL GOULD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

# Out of this world UFO stories told by Salem resident

By Diane Gale Andreassi  
Staff Writer

Harry Willnus knows all too well that eyebrows will rise when he talks about unidentified flying objects, but that doesn't stop the retired social studies teacher from continuing his 60-year quest to see the issue become accepted by the mainstream population.

"UFO sightings are reported every day around the world and in every country around the world," said the Salem resident and former president of the Mutual UFO Network, the world's largest investigative body looking into the UFO phenomena.

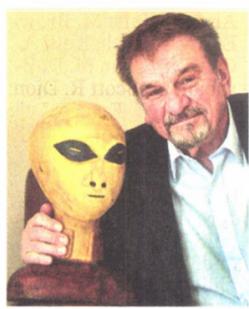
Willnus, like other UFO enthusiasts, asks, "Are we alone in the universe?"

That question will be the focus of his appearance on the Science

Channel's show *Close Encounters*. Now in its second season, Willnus will appear on the show at 10 p.m. March 31, talking about a reported sighting in Exeter, N. H.

In the March 20, 1966, Dexter case, a group of people, including police officers, reported seeing an object turn from a blue green to a brilliant red to yellow. It rose 500 feet and returned to the ground, one man said.

Trying to investigate further, the officers said they went out to the far edge of the wooded area and also saw a brilliant light appear and then disappear. The officers said when they returned to their patrol vehicle, a group of people had gathered and reported seeing something similar. These witnesses said the object departed in a western direction at a high rate of speed.



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Harry Willnus sits near a wooden carving of an extraterrestrial being he displays in his Salem Township home.

### Area reports

A UFO investigator, Willnus sat in the living room of his home and retold other stories of what he believes are extraterrestrial visits. Like a sighting by WJR-

AM (760) reporter Marc Avery on Feb. 10, 1978. Avery was on his way to the airport on Interstate 275 when he and his wife saw two lights hovering over their car "for 30, 40, 50 seconds." He called the radio station and spoke on air, describing the aircraft with Warren Pierce. Willnus has the report recorded on his smart phone.

The sighting was never debunked, Willnus said. In fact, two men, who were walking in the Merriman Road and Michigan Avenue area later reported they saw a similar aircraft about five minutes before Avery's report.

The U.S. Air Force investigated UFO sightings from 1947-69, in *Project Blue Book*, which consisted of 12,618 accounts spanning nearly 130,000 pages, Willnus said. The project was

discontinued, however, after a committee formed at the request of President Gerald Ford concluded UFOs weren't a threat to national security.

### Sightings on the rise

Sightings have doubled in the last couple of years, Willnus said.

"This major increase shows there's something going on," he said. "It's driving the interest in the number one question: 'Are we alone?' Are there other intelligences out there?"

"After studying UFOs, it becomes obvious we are not alone," he added. "I base that on the fact that there are 200 sightings every day around the world. There's pictures, photos and movies. It's not a hoax when these crafts can disappear before our eyes. Or fly at over 1,000 miles an hour

and make a right angle turn or stop on a dime."

He does note, however, that 90 percent of reported UFOs can be explained by something other than an extraterrestrial visit. The UFO might actually be a blimp, a flock of birds flying at night or even the planet Venus, because it's the closest to Earth and moves quickly.

"The other 10 percent, we're not sure what they are," Willnus said. "I think a good many of those are that we are being visited by intelligent life off the planet Earth. Look at the evidence. The evidence is, overwhelmingly, there is a UFO phenomenon that we don't understand at this time."

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## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

## Tree sale

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## Oakland County up for more than \$55M in road work

The Road Commission for Oakland County plans to complete more than \$55 million worth of road improvements during the 2015 road construction season, ranging from road widenings and gravel road paving to resurfacing projects, bridge maintenance and culvert replacements and repairs.

"Despite dwindling funds, we continue to improve roads throughout the county," RCOE Chairman Ron Fowkes said. "Oakland County has nearly \$600 million in road needs. However, we continue to press forward and appreciate the local communities that are helping to fund many of these projects."

A few local projects of note include:

» Haggerty Road, north of Pontiac Trail to Richardson, Commerce Township (add center left-turn lane); \$3.2 million

» South Hill, Grand River to I-96 in Lyon Township (completely reconstruct or replace an existing road); \$1 million

» Griswold Road, Eight Mile to Nine Mile in Lyon Township (provide paved surface on currently unpaved road); \$3.1 million

» Grand River over the CSX railroad in Novi

(bridge maintenance); \$450,000

The majority of projects planned for 2015 will be paid for primarily with federal funds and the Tri-Party Program (a cooperative effort between Oakland County general government, RCOE and the cities, villages and township of Oakland County). Work will start on some projects as early as late March. Others will start at various points throughout the construction season.

## Gown Town

Prom season is all about dressing up and precious memories, but for local teens who may not be able to afford a beautiful dress, it can be a stressful time. Fortunately, WZZM-FM (98.7) AMP Radio is hosting its very successful "Gown Town," ensuring that all teens get to be the belle of the ball. The station has dressed thousands of local teens with donated dresses since the program began four years ago.

This year, lightly used formal and cocktail dresses will be distributed at Oakland Mall (412 W. 14 Mile Road, Troy) April 19, when girls can shop for the dress of their dreams for free. During March and April, donated dresses (which can be lightly used prom, homecoming or bridesmaid dresses) will be collected at several locations, including Genisys Credit Union (160 N. Wixom Road, Wixom) from 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, **March 28**.

All dresses will be professionally dry-cleaned. Around 400 local teens picked out their perfect outfit last year. Dresses can cost hundreds of dollars and then additional costs, such as prom tickets and transportation, causing a large financial burden for some girls and their families.

## Pistol safety class offered

The Novi Police Department will be offering a Civilian Pistol Safety Class from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, **March 28**, at the Novi Police Department Training Center located at 45125 10 Mile Road. The course fulfills both the classroom and shooting requirements to obtain a Michigan Concealed Pistol License.

Registration forms are available online at [www.cityofnovi.org](http://www.cityofnovi.org) and at the Novi Police Department. Completed registration forms and the \$150 course fee (cash or money order), may be returned to the Novi Police Department. Class size is limited, and all participants are subject to a criminal background check.

After lunch, participants will move to the Novi Firearms Training Center to complete the course. Students must bring their own equipment, including a personal handgun, 100 rounds of ammunition, safety glasses, shooter's earmuffs or ear plugs, a pen or pencil, a baseball cap, and wear loose comfortable clothing to participate in the course. Participants must be 21 years old, but do not have to be a Novi resident to attend.

For more information, contact Sergeant Michael Warren at [mwarren@cityofnovi.org](mailto:mwarren@cityofnovi.org) or 248-921-9843.

## Retirement planning

Northville attorney Gary F. Allen is once again hosting his Retirement Planning Series by presenting seminars on a variety of important topics at Northville Community Center (303 W. Main Street). The series, based on four distinct topics, is designed to cover key areas focusing on before, during and

after retirement.

The next three are scheduled for 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Monday, **March 30**; April 6; and April 13.

The seminars are free and there is no obligation. Registration deadline is the Thursday prior to each class. Call the Northville Community Center at 248-349-4140 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. and let them know if you would prefer the morning or evening session.

## Special events offered by Novi's Older Adult Services

Don't let cold weather and a bit of snow diminish fun this winter; treat yourself to a warm meal, entertainment and friendship by attending a special event hosted by city of Novi Older Adult Services.

Tickets are on sale now for events offered throughout the winter (and spring) and are \$7 per Novi resident and \$8.50 per non-resident unless otherwise noted. Attendees must be 55 years or older. All events take place at the Meadowbrook Activity Center, 25075 Meadowbrook Road.

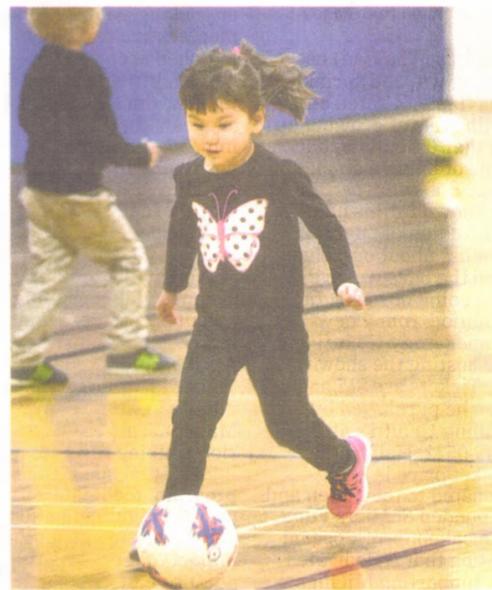
Take Me Out to the Ball Game Luncheon – noon-2 p.m. Monday, **April 6**: Tigers fans, you're on deck. Join other loyal fans at this opening game celebration with a stadium style lunch, entertainment from Joel Palmer and then stay to watch the game and cheer the Tigers to victory. Ticket deadline is **March 31**.

For more information about upcoming events and programs, go to [www.cityofnovi.org](http://www.cityofnovi.org) or call city of Novi Older Adult Services at 248-347-0414.

## March 31 tax foreclosure deadline

Oakland County Treasurer Andy Meisner is urging property owners

## Kids Sports Sampler



Libby Eryre, 4, runs around the gym March 10 at the Recreation Center at Hillside, trying to score a soccer goal during a Coach Dave East Kids Sports Sampler class. East had two sessions that day for kids under 5 and he said that this past fall was the busiest for his classes that introduce sports to youngsters. For more information on classes offered through Northville Parks and Recreation, go to [www.northvilleparksandrec.org](http://www.northvilleparksandrec.org).

in Oakland County to beat a statutory **March 31** deadline for tax foreclosure by entering into a monthly payment plan and applying for the Step Forward Michigan Loan Rescue Program, which provides eligible families with up to \$30,000.

Oakland County property tax foreclosures peaked in 2012 with around 1,650 and are expected to be fewer than 800 in 2015. Property tax foreclosure in Michigan is administered by the county treasurer under Public Act 123 of 1999 and involves a three-year process of notices, interest and fees and eventual loss of property.

Meisner's office works to share information with delinquent taxpayers about resources, including free financial counseling and the Step Forward Michi-

gan Loan Rescue Program.

For more information, call 248-858-0623.

## Triple dose of comedy

Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall Restaurant and Entertainment Theater will host an April Fool's Day (8 p.m. Wednesday, **April 1**) night of standup comedy – The Good, The Bad & The Ugly – featuring Northville's own Bob Phillips, Mike Bobbitt (of Los Angeles, formerly of Troy), and Steve Lind (of Ortonville).

The show is named for the different styles of comedy each brings to the show. Lind (The Good) is an endearingly funny clean comic whose takes on family life and everyday situations are presented in a friendly, conversational style.

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## HOLY WEEK SERVICES

**Palm Sunday** — 10 a.m. with Children's Parade of Palms. Featuring tenor Sasha Noori and violinist David Lamse. (Pancake Breakfast to follow).

**Maunder Thursday** — 6:15 p.m. Potluck meal. 7:30 p.m. Worship with Communion.

**Good Friday** — 6:00 p.m. Walk of Reflection. Carry the cross from \*Novi United Methodist to Meadowbrook. Short meditation follows.

\*Novi United Methodist, 41677 W. 10 Mile Rd.

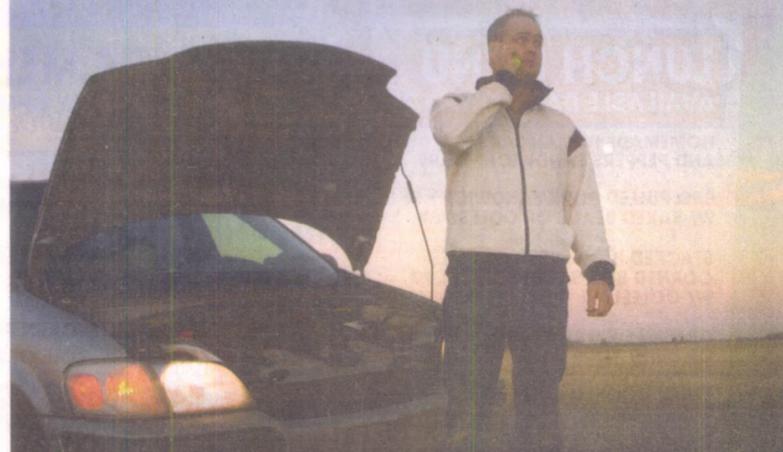
**Easter Sunday** — 10 a.m. with the U-M Brass Quintet. 11:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt for younger children.



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## BRIEFS

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Phillips (The Bad) has a biting wit, and sprinkles his funny, R-rated act with tales of growing up in the 70s, and the dark side of being a single dad. Bobbitt (The Ugly) is known for his hilarious telling of "ugly truths" about ourselves and the ones we love, including our cats. In addition, funny newcomer Andy Genitti will be hosting the show.

Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased by calling Genitti's at 248-349-0522. Half of the ticket price is being donated to the Fallen and Wounded Soldiers Fund, a local nonprofit organization that is dedicated to supporting Michigan-based soldiers and their families ([www.fwsf.org](http://www.fwsf.org)).

### Want to be a mentor?

Northville Youth Assistance is looking for adults who are interested in becoming mentors for Northville youngsters. Volunteer mentors participate in 10 hours of training and then are matched one-on-one with a child or teen in the community. The purpose of the mentoring relationship is for the young person to have a positive adult role model to help get him or her through some tough times.

All of the clients live in Northville Township, the city of Northville or in the Northville Public School District. Some of them come from single-parent families; others are new to the community and may be having a hard time fitting in. Sometimes another child in the family requires a great deal of attention due to illness or another difficulty, and the family is looking for positive attention for their other children.

Volunteers are asked to spend an hour or so per week with their mentees for at least a year,

taking them places and enjoying activities such as sports, crafts, games or cooking. Mentors and mentees are carefully matched according to personalities and interests, since research suggests that the most important factor in a positive, impactful mentoring relationship is that the mentor and mentee have fun together.

Northville Youth Assistance will be holding volunteer mentor training 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, **April 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29**, at the Northville Community Center, 303 W. Main St. This five-session training includes information about the program, techniques for positive communication and discussion about the impact that one positive adult role model can have on a young person in the community. Preregistration is required.

Volunteers need to be at least 21 years old and be able to pass a criminal history background check.

If you think you might be interested, call NYA Director Sue Campbell at 248-344-1618 to schedule an interview. Coming to training doesn't commit you to becoming a mentor; training can help you decide whether mentoring is the right fit for you.

### Cassell & Associates clients exhibit

The Novi Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Department has partnered with Cassell & Associates to help bring awareness to survivors of traumatic brain injuries by showcasing their artwork in the Novi Civic Center Atrium from **April 2-30**. A portion of the proceeds from artwork sales will be donated to the Brain Injury Association of Michigan.

At Cassell & Associates, a post-acute therapeutic work program, an integral portion of the continuum of care is participation in groups

that offer creative outlets while providing physical, cognitive, social and emotional rehabilitation. Painting groups at Cassell & Associates focus on creating valuable pieces of artwork while teaching survivors new skills and improving upon existing ones.

More than 20 clients of Cassell & Associates explored Michigan's many iconic landscapes, architectural landmarks, industry leaders and natural resources to find inspiration for Made in Michigan themed works of art.

Artwork will be for sale by sealed bid auction with a guaranteed bid of \$100 to \$105 each. The artwork will open for bidding April 2 and conclude at 5 p.m. April 23.

For more information about the upcoming show, contact the Novi Parks office at 248-347-0400.

### Free health lecture

Hip and knee pain will be discussed by Joseph Salama, M.D., orthopedic surgeon, 6-7 p.m. Thursday, **April 2**. Don't have time for the pain? Learn about advanced treatments that may offer relief from your hip and knee pain, including information on medications, nutrition and exercise.

The lecture will be held at Novi's Providence Park Hospital in the Outpatient Building (faces Grand River Avenue), Conference Room A. Park and enter by the Heart Institute entrance. For more information or to register, call 888-751-5465.

### Recognize youths

Novi Youth Assistance is looking for good candidates for the NYA Recognition Ceremony at 7 p.m. Thursday, **April 2**, at the Novi Civic Center. The purpose of the program is to recognize and honor those students who have volunteered their time and talents for

the benefit of their community.

NYA is looking for anyone in the Novi community to make nominations.

NYA is attempting to recognize any student who has volunteered in the community or contributed their time to make the world a better place by helping others. There is no limit to the number of students honored. Last year, there were 14 students.

If you know of a young person who is presently a Novi resident and qualified, contact the NYA office at 248-347-0410 or stop by the office at 45175 W. 10 Mile Road.

### Novi Farmers Market open

The 2014 Novi Farmers Market was so successful — with hundreds of people enjoying fresh vegetables, flowers and other items throughout the summer and fall — that the market continues with gourmet foods and artisan items indoors at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 10 Mile.

The market will take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, **April 4 and 18**.

The market will showcase an expanded selection of Michigan food products, as well as selected artisans with items to complement the home. Patrons will find foods, decor and gifts for holiday entertaining.

For more information, contact manager RoseAnna Twitchell at 248-347-0400 or [www.rtwitchell@cityofnovi.org](http://www.rtwitchell@cityofnovi.org).

### Choralaires sneak peek

The Novi Choralaires Sneak Peek preview concert spring show "Let There Be Music" will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, **April 7**, at the Novi Public Library (45255 W. 10 Mile). Join the Choralaires for memorable songs from the 1970s and join them as they celebrate their 40th season of music.

## Noon skate



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Amy Weaver (left) skates with her neighbor Olivia Parvu during a Feb. 19 noon skate at the Novi Ice Arena. The noon to 1:50 p.m. skates take place Monday through Friday and cost \$3 per skater. Skate rentals are available, too.

For more information, go to [www.novichoralaires.org](http://www.novichoralaires.org) or their Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/novichoralaires](http://www.facebook.com/novichoralaires).

### Grief support workshops

In effort to help those grieving the loss of a loved one, New Hope Center for Grief Support will have several eight-week workshops throughout metro Detroit. The workshops are offered at no cost and will be presented by trained facilitators.

Each session will begin with a presentation on one aspect of grief followed by small group participation. Attendees will be placed in groups according to their loss (i.e. spouse, parent, child, etc.) and given the opportunity to share their feelings and

challenges as well as the necessary tools to cope with difficult emotions.

The upcoming workshops are:

» Livonia - Holy Cross Lutheran Church (30650 Six Mile Road, Livonia); 7-8:45 p.m. **April 9** and for eight consecutive Thursday evenings.

For additional questions or to register for a workshop please call New Hope at 248-348-0115 or email [griefhelp@newhopecenter.net](mailto:griefhelp@newhopecenter.net).

### Coffee with the Superintendent

Join Novi Schools Superintendent Steve Matthews for Coffee with the Superintendent at the Novi Public Library in the Board Room 202 on: **April 13** (6:30 p.m.); **April 15** (10:15 a.m.); **May 11** (6:30 p.m.); and **May 13** (10:15 a.m.).

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## Northville grad working to grow small business

By Lonnie Huhman  
Staff Writer

Novi resident and Northville High School graduate Jordan Duff is working hard to get out the word on the small business that he believes could benefit many people in the community.

His company, Quick-Help, is essentially a home improvement/home service company. However, Duff said it's unique in the sense "that we specialize in helping people with the inconvenient and dreaded tasks around the house."

"Although we get calls for a wide array of tasks/errands, our most commonly provided services are weeding, raking leaves, gardening, trimming bushes, cleaning gutters, moving/organizing boxes/belongings, garage/basement cleaning, etc.," he said. "We work a lot with senior citizens and extremely busy working families. Basically, the idea is that you can hire a 'helper' for the day to be an extra set of hands with whatever you may need them for."



Jordan Duff (right), with the help of Kyle Abraham, is trying to get his handyman business, Quick-Help, off the ground by going door to door and explaining its services.

The "helpers" are all local high school and college kids. Part of the appeal of Q-H, Duff said, is not only the work the helpers complete, but the beneficial cross-generational relationships that form between clients and helpers.

And this company is

truly local-minded. Duff, 25, grew up in the area and attended Northville schools, graduating from Northville High in 2008. He went on to graduate from Grand Valley State University in 2012 with a bachelor's of science degree in psychology with a minor in business.

He currently resides in Novi.

### How it began

The idea for the business grew during his high school and college years, when he had a summer business in which he did the same types of services as Q-H, but by him-

self. "When I got out of college, I still didn't know what I wanted to do. So I worked as a painter for about two years until I came to the decision that I would try and start a unique type of business that would have low start-up costs and be based on future trends," he said. "It was at that point that I got the idea of trying to simply expand on my summer business by hiring a bunch of willing young adults to do the work, while I managed and worked on the new business."

Things have been tough in getting the business off the ground; the biggest challenge is getting the word out.

Duff said he has a great system, with all of the resources in place to take on much more work.

"However, right now we simply don't have enough volume to be making money off this business. So I am hard at it these days trying to find effective and affordable ways to get the word out about us," he said. He's at it grassroots-

style and has hit the pavement, going door to door.

"In this day in age, from the family room to the highway, people are constantly being bombarded with ads and commercials. Therefore it is hard to stand out amongst the clutter and grab people's attention," he said. "This is especially difficult, because the type of business we are is unusual to most. The hardest challenge is getting that first job with a new client. Once they use us once, they will use us all the time."

The message he and his crew are spreading around the community is that they exist, are local and "that we are a great and affordable way to take care of time-consuming tasks that they don't want/need to do around the house."

To reach out to Duff and his crew for help, go to <http://www.quick-helper.com> or call 855-385-7669.

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## Always make Internet safety a priority at all times

The Internet seems to routinely turn valuable resources into cause for concern. Email, for instance, brought us a quicker, easier way to communicate, but also brought us the risk of hacks, spam and viruses.

Online banking became mainstream, saving consumers countless trips to the bank, but added the burden of data breaches and financial scams.

The worst offender may be social media. It's



transformed the way we interact, keep in touch with family, plan events and document our lives. But ease at which we can share our private information has left us vulnerable for data thieves who are waiting for consumers to make a mistake.

Facebook, the largest social network, has a built-in event application. It's a seamless way to invite Facebookers to your next get-together.

The security settings also defaults to showing profile visitors what upcoming events you are attending. If you don't make your settings private, all of your "friends" can see upcoming events you plan on attending.

I use the term "friends" loosely, as everyone knows Facebook

has grown from a place where friends connect to a place where everyone you have ever come in contact with tries to "friend" you.

I don't know about you, but I prefer to not tell large groups of strangers on the Internet my social plans or when my home will be empty.

Another tactic to prevent people knowing when you aren't home is to block friends from "tagging you" at locations when you are together. You can also make your profiles private on Instagram and Twitter to prevent the public from seeing your geo-located photos or tweets.

While Facebook's privacy settings can be easily changed to prevent the spread of personal life details, the same can't be said for

networks that exist for the purpose of telling people who you are.

One of the most popular social networks is the six-year-old mobile-based app named Foursquare. It does nothing besides allow you to "check in" to places that aren't home, thus telling all your connections you aren't home.

Not using Foursquare is a no-brainer. But what about sites that aren't so obviously dangerous? Take theknot.com, for instance, where tens of thousands of engaged couples flock each year to create custom wedding websites. Often times, those sites sell your personal information to vendors so they can send you information on tuxedo discounts and limousine rentals. The real danger, however, lies in the wedding site cre-

ation where couples post their wedding dates and honeymoon plans.

Unless a website is password protected, anyone can find it, even if they don't have the URL, as the site will come up in search engine results.

Additionally, more seasoned Internet users could just scour wedding sites for local weddings.

There is good news. By making profiles private, checking security settings regularly and not offering up personal information like vacation plans or where your hide-a-key is located, predators may focus on taking advantage of someone else who isn't so careful.

Jon Gunnells is a social media manager for a Detroit-based advertising agency. He can be reached at [Jonathan.Gunnells@gmail.com](mailto:Jonathan.Gunnells@gmail.com).

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## OAKLAND COUNTY BUSINESS WORKSHOPS

Business owners and entrepreneurs who need assistance are invited to attend seminars offered by the Oakland County One Stop Shop Business Center.

### Legal Basics for Small Business

March 31, 9 a.m. to noon: Legal Basics for Small Business provides new and existing Michigan entrepreneurs an understanding of the key legal and financial considerations when starting and operating a business in the state. The program addresses how to select the best legal entity for your business, how to protect your business interests when dealing with customers, suppliers or independent contractors and important information and guidelines for establishing short- and long-term succession plans for your business. Fee: \$25 per

### CEED Small Business Loan Orientation

Wednesday, April 8, 9-11 a.m.: Many small businesses face obstacles when trying to obtain a business loan. If your business is located in Oakland County and you have a need for alternative financing consider learning more about the CEED Small Business Loan Program. Discover the requirements and process necessary to apply for and obtain a Small Business Loan. (CEED is Center for Empowerment and Economic Development) Register for CEED Small Business Loan Orientation. No fee.

### Business Research: Feasibility to Expansion

Wednesday, April 8, 6-8:30 p.m.: For a startup or existing small business looking to research their business idea or

find research for their business plan. This workshop will show you ways to find your ideal customers, find your competitors, diversify your market base, perform competitive analysis and more! Register for Business Research: Feasibility to Expansion. No fee.

### Starting a Business

Thursday, April 9, 9-11:30 a.m.: This workshop is designed for individuals who are at the beginning stages of starting a business. It will help aspiring entrepreneurs assess their abilities to lead and manage a company, as well as evaluate market and sales potential for their products/services. Start-up costs, financing options, and business planning are introduced, along with necessary steps to getting started. Register for Starting a Business. No fee.

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Upcoming tech248 Meetup

The first tech248 Meetup for the Southwest Region of Oakland County (Novi, Wixom, South Lyon, Lyon Township, Milford, Milford Township, Commerce Township, Wolverine Lake and Walled Lake) will be held at 2:30 p.m. March 26 at the Detroit Public TV Riley Broadcast Center (1 Clover Court, Wixom). The featured speaker will be Thanh Tran, founder and CEO of Kidpreneur. To register, go to [www.Advantage](http://www.Advantage)

### Oakland.EVENTBRITE.com

In Novi, close to 300 companies were identified as "tech" companies based on NAICS codes for industries defined for tech248. Go to [www.mitech248.com](http://www.mitech248.com) for more information on the initiative.

### SCORE business mentoring

The Service Corp of Retired Executives one-hour appointments are available from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. one Saturday per month (March 28 and April 25) at the Novi

### Public Library.

SCORE mentors provide free one-to-one business counseling, discuss how to start your business, grow your business or overcome a specific business hurdle with an experienced business mentor from SCORE.

Go to the Novi Public Library's website ([www.novilibrary.org](http://www.novilibrary.org)) to get started on a path to an improved you in 2015.

### Two Minute Drill

Clint Longenecker, professor of manage-

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NEWSMAKERS

Stach honored

Northville resident Brad Stach, Ph.D., division head of audiology at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, has been honored with the American Academy of Audiology's Distinguished Achievement Award.



Stach

The career award is given to those who are exceptional educators in the classroom or clinic; have been innovative in program development; or pioneering in areas of clinical service delivery, teaching or research.

During his more than 30-year career, Stach has been an influential and driving force nationally and locally in the field of audiology.

As a founder and early president of the

American Academy of Audiology, Stach is widely recognized for his leadership, administrative prowess and prolific publication record.

The American Academy of Audiology calls him a "motivating educator, innovative thinker, respected researcher, consummate professional and guiding light."

The award recognizes his work as a "dedicated clinician with broad spectrum of knowledge" whose "actions and activities positively impact all those who interact with him."

Stach is an author of dozens of scientific papers, books and book chapters. He has served as chair of the American Academy of Audiology's Practice Policy Advisory Council, chair of the Board of Trustees of the Academy's Foundation and president and CEO of Nova Scotia Hearing and Speech Clinic.

He received his Ph.D.

at the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas.

Jasti promoted

Bank of Ann Arbor promoted Satish Jasti to senior vice president and senior loan officer. Satish joined BOAA in December 2011 as vice president and senior loan officer of the Plymouth office. As part of an expanding commercial banking group in the Plymouth office, he has been instrumental in helping grow the Plymouth loan portfolio with his successful selling efforts throughout the local community, the communities surrounding Plymouth, as well as the greater tri-county area.



Jasti

"We value the extraordinary effort and great success that Satish has enjoyed since his time with Bank of Ann Arbor," said Tim Marshall, president and CEO. "We have enjoyed five consecutive years of record-level performance and we value his many contributions to our success. His team orientation, leadership and generous service to the communities we serve warrants this new position."

Previous to Bank of Ann Arbor, Jasti was the founder, president and CEO of Lotus Bank in Novi. There, he was able to successfully conceptualize, create and raise \$14 million in capital at the inception of the project and help open the new bank.

Currently, Jasti is serving on the Advisory Board of Lawrence Technological University's College of Management in addition to being a sustaining member of the Detroit Economic Club.

Fresh coat



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Dancing Eye Gallery employee Janine Bauchat paints a wall March 6 at the downtown Northville art gallery with a new coat of paint from the Re-Purpose line it's carrying. The paints are from local businesswoman Carl Cucksey (of "Cash and Cari" television fame) and are intended to spruce up interior walls or furniture that needs a new color.

BRIEFS

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ment at the College of Business and Innovation at the University of Toledo, will present The Two Minute Drill: Lessons for Rapid Organizational Improvement from America's Greatest Game at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 16, in the Jeffress Center, located on the Schoolcraft College Campus.

The Two Minute Drill explores lessons in football, applying these same techniques to the business setting, facilitating accelerated change in a competitive marketplace. Prior to the presentation, an assortment of hors d'oeuvres will be served from Schoolcraft College Catering.

This presentation is \$10 per person. Register online at <https://www.utfoundation.org/foundation/home/>

Child\_NewsEvents\_alumni.aspx?request=2. Schoolcraft College is located at 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia. The Jeffress Center is located at the corner of Seven Mile and Haggerty roads on the northwest corner of the college's main campus in Livonia.

Thumbs Up For Charity

Community Financial announced the return of Thumbs Up For Charity program. This program gives the community a chance to nominate a local charity, education or community group for the chance to earn \$10,000.

Through April 2, individuals are invited to nominate local charities via the Thumbs Up For Charity online submission page ([www.cfcu.org](http://www.cfcu.org)). Nominees must be a 501(c)3 organization, recognized community support organization or associated with an accredited

February cold hurts Michigan retail sales

Michigan retailers' sales fell along with the temperatures during February, according to the Michigan Retail Index, a joint project of Michigan Retailers Association and the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

The severe cold weather also pushed up retailers' sales forecasts for spring.

"Last month was one of the coldest Februarys on record in Michigan and the result was a significant decrease in sales," said James P. Hallan, MRA president and CEO. "Our monthly performance index plummeted more than 18 points as the thermometer fell below zero repeatedly."

"The good news," he added, "is that retailers expect a strong spring as consumers shake off another harsh winter."

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# Spring — the perfect time for self-improvement

By Cal Stone  
Staff Writer

It's spring, the traditional time for giving one's home a good cleaning. Why not apply that same concept to personal growth?

"Spring is the season for renewal and the perfect time to make positive changes and focus on self-improvement," said Matt Swartz of PCS-Counseling of Northville.

PCS-Counseling of Northville and Ward Church (40000 Six Mile Road, Northville) are offering professionally facilitated Interactive Life Coaching Groups which are open to the general public and designed to educate, coach, strengthen and sustain new skills by addressing your obstacles and moving you forward in a positive direction. These groups are conducted from a secular perspective and focus on giving participants tools to make changes and the forum to receive acceptance and helpful feedback.

## 'Extremely popular'

"We are looking to serve the community by offering these amazing sessions led by licensed counselors and therapists," said the Rev. Doug Thompson, Ward's pastor of care ministries. "This go around will be our third semester of these groups and they have been extremely popular for both members of Ward and people in the community."

Ward has opened up its building and underwritten the majority of the costs of the sessions in an effort to make these life-changing groups more affordable. Individual life coaches can cost thousands of dollars — these sessions, with Ward's financial backing, are just \$10 each or \$90 for all 12.

Dr. John Mlinarcik, Ph.D., LMSW, is executive director of PCS-



Mlinarcik

Counseling, which is located at 141 N. Center Street in downtown Northville. His team includes Dr. Julie A. Galvin, Ph.D., LP; Swartz, MSW, LLMSW; Laura Dyas, BSW, LPC; Dr. Russ Dore, Ed.D., LP; and Randy Bizer, MSW, LMSW.

The therapists at PCS-Counseling employ a collaborative, warm and supportive approach when working with clients, which results in the client's improved self-awareness, empowerment and long-lasting change.

## ILC groups

The 12-week groups will be held 6:30-8 p.m. at Ward Church each Tuesday and Wednesday (Room G724, The Green Room, directly to the right of the Sanctuary) and each Thursday (Room A107).

"These interactive life coaching groups offer individuals the opportunity to express their concerns, bond with others and learn new skills to tackle their obstacles and move for-

ward in a positive direction," Dyas said.

While attending all the sessions is strongly encouraged, it's never too late to join. And although the groups are held in partnership with Ward, participants need not be a member of the church or a client of PCS.

"For many people attending intentional personal growth," Mlinarcik said, "there aren't enough positive individuals in their lives who provide support and feedback that is both helpful or there when they need it."

If you are someone who desires to sit in a safe and confidential environment with others who are experiencing similar life stresses and you wish to learn how to better achieve positive outcomes, then interactive life coaching group sessions are for you, Dore said.

"Don't go it alone. Interactive life coaching group sessions are both comforting and helpful. Everyone is working together for a common

## CLASSES

- 12-week group sessions
  - ILC#1 Mirror, Mirror: The Keys to Self-Esteem** — Tuesday, April 14 through June 30
  - ILC#2 Superman Syndrome: Caregivers, Perfectionists, and Taking on Too Much** — Wednesday, April 15 through July 1
  - ILC#3 Lose the Weight: Letting Go of Negative Emotions** — Thursday, April 16 through July 2
- In addition to the above 12-week sessions, PCS and Ward have two more new offerings.
- ILC#4 Converge and Purge: Intensive, Compassionate Group Therapy for Continuing Issues** — Wednesday at PCS-Counseling, April 15; ongoing
  - ILC#9 Growing Older With Joy** — 4 p.m. Wednesday at Ward Church, April 29 through June 3
- To register or for more information, contact PCS-Counseling at 734-542-6969 or clinical-info@pcs-global.com; or contact Millie at Ward Church at 248-374-5904 or millie.dreisbach@wardchurch.org. All registrations are on a first-come, first-served basis. Session size is limited.

goal — healing and moving forward in life," Dore said.

Each group session will vary, depending on the topic and specific needs of the group. Some lend themselves to a smaller working group, while others can be more productive with a larger mix. Group sizes will generally range from a minimum of eight mem-

bers to a maximum of 15. The facilitator will monitor these factors to assure that each interactive group has a well-balanced membership. Go to either website to find out more details: [www.pcs-counseling.com](http://www.pcs-counseling.com) or [www.wardchurch.org](http://www.wardchurch.org).

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Send calendar information to [stone@hometownlife.com](mailto:stone@hometownlife.com) by noon Monday to be included in Thursday's publication. The calendar is also available online at [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com).

### Brightmoor Christian

**Location:** M-5 and 13 Mile, Novi  
**Contact:** 248-668-7014; [CelebrateRecovery@brightmoorcc.org](mailto:CelebrateRecovery@brightmoorcc.org)  
**Web:** [www.brightmoorchurch.org](http://www.brightmoorchurch.org)  
**Celebrate Recovery**  
**Time/Dates:** 7 p.m. Monday

**Details:** Worship, teaching or testimony and open-share recovery groups. Organizers offer the principles and tools to bring healing for the hurts, deliverance from life-controlling habits and freedom from the hang-ups that keep us from developing strong and healthy relations with God and others. Enter at Door D on the south side of the building. No cost; free child care is available for children birth through fifth grade. Pre-register.

### Church of the Holy Family

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

### Crosspointe Meadows

**Location:** 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile, Novi  
**Contact:** 248-669-9400, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday  
**Web:** [www.crosspointemeadows.org](http://www.crosspointemeadows.org)  
**Sunday worship:** 11 a.m.  
**Bible study classes:** 10 a.m. for all ages  
**Details:** Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship experience.

### Destiny Worship Center

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

### Detroit Japanese Christian Fellowship

45301 Eleven Mile Road, Novi  
**Reverend:** Kanji Fuki  
**Contact:** 248-756-3336

### Dominion Church

**Location:** P.O. Box 605, Novi  
**Contact:** 248-767-1366  
**Pastor:** James H. Moseley Jr.  
**Asst. Pastor:** Ashaki M. Moseley

### Emmanuel Lutheran

**Location:** 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia  
**Web:** [www.emmanuel-livonia.org](http://www.emmanuel-livonia.org)  
**Contact:** 248-442-8822  
**Sunday worship:** 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.  
**Youth group:** 7 p.m. Wednesday  
**Special Needs Ministry:** Judy Cook, 248-442-8822

**Women's Coffee Break Bible Study:** 10-11:30 a.m. Monday — "WHY? Making Sense of God's Will" by Adam Hamilton

**Adult Bible Class:** 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, and 7 p.m. Wednesday — "WHY? Making Sense of God's Will" by Adam Hamilton

**Palm Sunday:** 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m. March 29  
**Maundy Thursday:** 7 p.m. April 2

**Good Friday:** 7 p.m. April 3  
**Easter Sunday:** 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m. April 5

### Faith Community Presbyterian Church

**Location:** 44400 W. 10 Mile  
**Contact:** 248-349-2345  
**Web:** [www.faithcommunity-novi.org](http://www.faithcommunity-novi.org)  
**Sunday Worship:** 10 a.m.

### First Baptist Church of Northville

**Location:** 217 N. Wing, Northville  
**Contact:** 248-348-1020  
**Sunday Worship:** 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m.  
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**Men's Bible Study:** 9 a.m. first Saturday

### First Church of the Nazarene

**Location:** 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile  
**Contact:** 248-348-7600  
**Web:** [www.dfnazarene.org](http://www.dfnazarene.org)  
**Sunday Schedule:** 9:30 a.m. Classic worship services, Adult Bible Fellowship classes and Children's Sunday School; 11 a.m. Contemporary worship service with Kids Church, Teen Worship Service and Adult Bible Fellowship classes. Cafe is open from 9:15-11 a.m.; 6 p.m. Evening Traditional Service  
**Thursday:** 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group and Bible Study  
**Tuesday:** 9:25 a.m. Women of the Word Bible Study — the Books of Ruth and Esther  
**Wednesday:** 5:30 p.m. family dinner; 6:30 p.m. Caravan Scouting program for ages 4 through fourth grade; Club 56 for fifth- and sixth-graders; Surge Youth Group, Bible Study with Pastor Troy Ogle; and Little Critters for preschool age

**Easter Eggstravaganza:** 10:30 a.m. April 4. Over 15,000 eggs to hunt; five age groups (1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-11); pictures with the Easter Bunny; games, prizes and a gift for bringing a friend; hot dogs, chips, cookies and drinks for all. Join the circus, performed by Cirque Amongus. Rain or shine; registration required at [dfnazarene.org](http://dfnazarene.org) and closed after 600 or on April 1 (which comes first).

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### BURR, DONNA L.

Age 64, passed away March 21, 2015. She is survived by her husband Dave, children: Kevin and Laura, brother Bob Pirie and Rochelle Pirie. She is preceded in death by her parents Frank and Jacqueline Pirie and brothers: Paul, John and Joe. A visitation will be held on Friday, March 27th from 2:00-8:00pm at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St. [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)

### LUCAS, SHIRLEY J.

Age 66, longtime resident of South Lyon, passed away peacefully Saturday March 21, 2015 surrounded by family and friends after suffering a massive heart attack one week prior. She was born in Detroit, MI daughter of William and Phyllis (nee Callahan) Potter. She was united in marriage to Kirk L. Lucas on September 29, 1979. Shirley worked at Bartlett Elementary School for 20 years and was known by many in the community as "Miss Shirley". The most important aspect of her life was her children; she was like a second mother to many. Shirley touched the life of everyone she met with her outgoing personality and sense of humor. She made special and brightened the life of everyone she touched. Shirley is survived by her loving husband Kirk; her children Sean (Celeste Short) Lucas and Emmy (Donny) Lucas; her sister Mary Jane (Manly) Hyde; her nieces Elizabeth and Mary Cate Hyde; and her grandchildren Raygina and Caesar. A memorial gathering will be held Thursday, March 26 from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall of the First Presbyterian Church of South Lyon, 205 East Lake Street, South Lyon. Contributions would be appreciated to the family of Shirley Lucas for a proper memorial at Bartlett Elementary. Share condolences at [casterlinefuneralhome.com](http://casterlinefuneralhome.com)

### MASON, GORDON

91, passed away on March 15, 2015 in Cheboygan. He had lived in Northville for many years and just recently moved to the northern Michigan area. Gordy was born in Detroit, the son of John E. and Mabel (Howard) Mason. In 1943 he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served primarily in the South Pacific on Ulithi. After discharge he was employed by Sun Oil Company until his retirement in 1981. Gordy was an active member of the Northville, MI VFW Post 4012 and over the years served as Trustee, Jr. Vice Commander, Sr. Vice Commander, and Commander (1994-1995). He also was a member of the Honor Guard as its bugler and participated in honoring many fallen soldiers. Those who knew Gordy will remember him as a loyal friend, a loving husband, a great Dad and fantastic Grandpa. He was always one who could be counted on when help was needed. They will also remember his love of the Big Band Era music - Glen Miller, Guy Lombardo, Tommy Dorsey, Spike Jones, and others. When that music was playing his foot was tapping, his hand was swaying, and a smile was always on his face. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Janet L. (Hollister) Mason; daughter Susan (Pat) Allor; son Thomas Mason; grandchildren Lindsay (Phil) Babian, Brian (Beth) Allor, Caitlan (Bob) Mistele, Shannon Mason, and Mitchel Mason. He also leaves behind great-granddaughter Natalie Allor. A memorial in honor of Gordy will take place at the Nelson Funeral Home in Gaylord on Saturday, March 28 with visitation at 11:00 a.m. and the service beginning at noon. Interment will take place at a later date at The Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, MI. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of the Straits or the Northville VFW Post 4012 through Nelson Funeral Home, PO Box 1548, Gaylord, MI 49734. [www.nelsonsfuneralhome.com](http://www.nelsonsfuneralhome.com)

### MILLER, MALINDA E.

Age 81, of Northville passed away March 15, 2015. Share condolences at [casterlinefuneralhome.com](http://casterlinefuneralhome.com)

### O'ROURKE, FRANCES RITA

Frances Rita O'Rourke, age 81, of South Lyon, passed away March 21, 2015. She was a woman of faith and trust in God. Loving and caring for others were her trademark. She is survived by her husband of 59 years, Bill; three children and five grandchildren. Visitation was held on Tuesday at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon and a funeral Mass was celebrated on Wednesday at St. Joseph Catholic Church, South Lyon. [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)

### PIERSON, ROBERT E.

Age 93, longtime resident of Northville, passed away March 20, 2015. Full obituary at [casterlinefuneralhome.com](http://casterlinefuneralhome.com)

### SPAGNUOLO, JOSEPH

Of South Lyon. Age 94. Passed away on March 22, 2015 in Novi, Michigan. He was born in Northville, Michigan to James and Mary (Spadafor) Spagnuolo on November 4, 1920. He owned and operated The Liquor Shop and was a property owner in Northville. Joseph was preceded in death by his wife of 56 years, Irene (DeRose) Spagnuolo. He is survived by his son, James Spagnuolo; daughter, Mary Joann (Spagnuolo) Geddes; grandchildren, Anthony and Joseph Spagnuolo; great-grandchildren, Giavanna, Grayson and James Spagnuolo; and sister, Theresa Falsetta. Funeral Mass is 11:00 a.m. Saturday, March 28, 2015 at St. Gerard Catholic Church, 4437 W. Willow, Lansing, with Fr. John P. Klein officiating. Visitation will be at the church just prior to the Mass from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Visitation will be held Friday from 6:00-8:00 p.m. with a Rosary at 6:30 p.m. at the Tiffany Funeral Home, 3232 W. Saginaw, Lansing. Interment will be in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery. Friends may visit the guest book at [www.tiffanyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tiffanyfuneralhome.com).

### SPRAGUE, NORMA J.

Age 96, of Middleville, formerly of South Lyon, passed away March 20, 2015. Full obituary at [casterlinefuneralhome.com](http://casterlinefuneralhome.com)

### TOUSSAINT, CHARLES H.W.

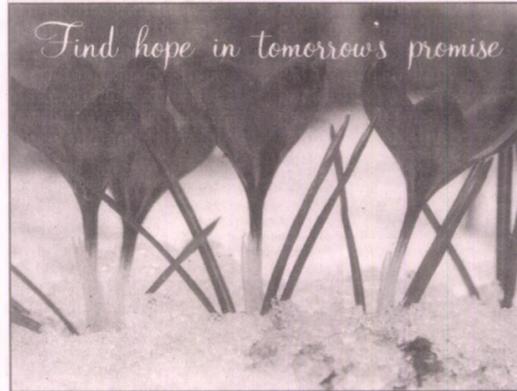
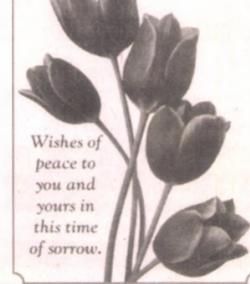
Age 84, lifelong resident of Northville, passed away March 16, 2015. Share condolences at [casterlinefuneralhome.com](http://casterlinefuneralhome.com)

### WANGEMAN, ROSEMARY

Age 82, longtime resident of Northville, passed away March 18, 2015. Full obit at [casterlinefuneralhome.com](http://casterlinefuneralhome.com)

### WHEATON, MARGARET PATRICIA

Age 76, of Key Colony Beach, formerly of Milford passed away Sunday, March 22, 2015 under Heartland Hospice care. A Memorial Gathering for Margaret will be held at her son's house, 17 Liddy, Brighton, MI 48114, on Saturday, June 6, 2015, beginning at 2 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to Heartland Hospice. Envelopes will be available at the funeral chapel and the home during the services. Margaret was born on December 2, 1938 in Pontiac, the daughter of Earl and Gladys (Mastick) Rice. Margaret enjoyed flower gardening and entertaining family and friends. Margaret is survived by her husband, Harry Wheaton; sons, Carl (Monica) Wheaton, Donald (Nena) Wheaton, and Paul (Emmalyn) Wheaton; 13 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; sister, Mary (Richard) Reuther; and many nieces and nephews. Margaret was preceded in death by her sister, Martha and parents. You may view Margaret's obituary online and send a condolence to the family, light a memorial candle, or place a memorial donation at [www.clarkfuneralchapel.com](http://www.clarkfuneralchapel.com)



### McCANN, HAZEN DUNN

April 2, 1928 - March 21, 2015  
L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Northrop Sassaman Chapel.

# Save the Bomber Plant launches Willow Run Memories Project

A new element has been added to the ongoing Save the Bomber Plant Campaign that will preserve part of the historic Willow Run Bomber Plant to become the new home of the Yankee Air Museum.

The Willow Run Memories Project is collecting photos, stories and artifacts from all eras and all aspect of Willow Run history (pre-World War II boys camp, 1941-45 Ford Bomber Plant, 1946-65 Kaiser-Frazer, 1946-65 Passenger Airport, 1953-2010 GM Hydramatic).

"Regardless of the era, Willow Run has been pivotal for this region



YANKEE AIR MUSEUM

The online gallery includes this press photo of World War II Bomber Plant workers about to board the Willow Run bus owned by Richard S. Pilon Sr.

from the time Henry and Edsel Ford built the Bomber Plant, to the last transmission Hydramatic manufactured," said

John Zajac, Michigan Aerospace Foundation Board member who is heading up the Memories project. "As keepers of

that legacy, Yankee Air Museum and the future National Museum of Aviation and Technology call out to the community

for their stories, photos, and to let us know about any artifacts they might consider donating."

The Willow Run Memories project is also looking to find living workers — both male and female — who worked at the Bomber Plant (1941-45) to honor them at an event to be held later this spring.

"We also want to honor the men and women who worked in the wartime Bomber Plant (1941-45), so please let us know if you — or a living member of your family — worked there," Zajac said.

All Willow Run stories and photos collected will

be archived to help inform the development of Willow Run-oriented exhibits and programs of the Yankee Air Museum. Selected material will also appear on an online Willow Run Memories Project Gallery.

To see some of the material that has already been submitted, go to <http://savethebomberplant.org/willow-run-memories-gallery/>

To learn more about the Willow Run Memories Project, including how to submit your/family's photos and stories, go to <http://savethebomberplant.org/willow-run-memories/>.

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**HIGHLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
680 W. Livingston Rd. • Highland, MI 48357  
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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.

### 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.

### Novi

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

**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](http://www.holyfamilynovi.org)

### New Hudson

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

**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>

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

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

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

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

### Milford

**CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Preschool, Pre-K & Kdg. - Mo. Synod  
620 General Motors Rd., Milford  
Church office: (248) 684-0895  
Worship Services: Sunday 8:30 am & 11:00 am  
Bible Study: Sunday 9:45 am  
Nursery Available  
Rev. Martin Dressler

**OAKPOINTE |milford**  
1250 South Hill Rd.  
(248) 685-3560 [www.opcmilford.org](http://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

**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](http://www.umcnovi.com)  
"Loving God, loving each other and living our core values"

### South Lyon

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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: [milfordbaptist.org](http://milfordbaptist.org)

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

**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](http://www.fpcsouthlyon.org)

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

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

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

**The Church of Christ**  
21860 Pontiac Trail • South Lyon, MI 48178  
248-437-3585 • [www.southlyoncoc.org](http://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

**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.

**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](http://milfordumc.net)

**SAINT GEORGE'S**  
(an Episcopal Community)  
"Practicing Jesus' Love, Daily"  
• Communion 8am & 10am, Sundays  
• Nursery, Sunday School 10am  
• Bible Study 11:30am, Mondays  
[stgeorgesmilford.org](http://stgeorgesmilford.org)  
801 E. Commerce Street, Milford 48381

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

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

### Northville

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

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

**first united methodist church**  
640 S. Lafayette  
South Lyon, MI  
(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](http://southlyonfirstumc.org)

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

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

**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](http://www.wardchurch.org)

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

**CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
28900 Pontiac Trail • South Lyon  
248-486-0400  
[www.ecrossroads.net](http://www.ecrossroads.net)  
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 349-3610  
Religious Education 349-2559  
Rev. Denis Theroux, Pastor

**Our Saviour Apostolic Lutheran Church**  
54999 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 Whitten  
[oursaviouralca.com](http://oursaviouralca.com)

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

**HOLY SPIRIT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL**  
[www.hsccc.net](http://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.  
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For more information regarding this Directory, please call Sue Sare at 248-926-2219 or e-mail: [ssare@michigan.com](mailto:ssare@michigan.com)

## NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

## Wallet stolen

A man had his wallet stolen from his car while it was parked at the Suburban Collection Showplace.

The theft was reported Feb. 19. The man told police that he thought he had locked his car when he parked in the north lot. However, when he went back to it in the afternoon, he found the door unlocked and his wallet with \$60 in cash inside missing.

The Novi Police report stated there was no evidence of a forced entry and no other information on a possible suspect.

## Rear window broken

A woman's car had its rear window smashed by two barbells.

The woman told Novi Police she found her car damaged while it was parked at the Sheraton Hotel. It was reported that nothing was stolen and the woman's suspects an ex-boyfriend. The case remains open.

## Drunken driving

A woman was stopped for no headlights on and

then arrested for drunken driving Feb. 16.

Novi Police spotted the woman driving just after midnight with no headlights on. Upon making contact with her, police reported smelling alcohol inside the car and her speech slurred. She told police she had been drinking on and off all day.

After swaying and being unable to walk a straight line during the field sobriety tests, the woman was given preliminary breathalyzer test. It registered 0.12 percent blood-alcohol, according to the police report.

## Trailer stolen

A utility trailer was stolen from the lot at Konecranes/Morris Material Handling off of 10 Mile over the weekend of Feb. 13-16.

Novi Police were told the utility trailer was found missing Monday while another enclosed trailer was found with its doors open. The trailer was later found in Northville Township at apartment complex.

— By Lonnie Huhman

## NORTHVILLE POLICE BRIEFS

## License plate confiscated

A Detroit woman was arrested Feb. 26 by Northville Township Police for driving with three current suspensions.

She was spotted driving near Seven Mile and Haggerty roads when police ran a check on the plate. It came back stating the plate must be confiscated because it was obtained fraudulently. Additionally, she had the suspensions and a misdemeanor warrant.

## License suspended

A South Lyon man was arrested for driving on a suspended license.

Northville City Police spotted the man driving just before 2 a.m. March

10 near Eaton Drive, when a plate check came back that the car owner had two current suspensions. He was arrested and his car was towed.

## Improper license plate

A Northville man was stopped for making an illegal left turn and then cited for having the incorrect license plate on his vehicle.

Northville City Police stopped the man at Eight Mile Road and Horton Avenue at 6 p.m. March 4 for making a left onto a street, which was marked no left turns between 3-7 p.m. He told police he did not see the sign. The plate was registered to another vehicle the man owns.

— By Lonnie Huhman

## Fund for wounded soldiers helps veteran who's helping others

By Karen Smith  
Staff Writer

Josh Krajewski, 28, of Livonia has struggled with post traumatic stress disorder since serving as a military police officer in Iraq and Afghanistan, where he was in numerous fire fights, shot at with rockets and endured heavy mortar fire.

Discharged in 2009 from the U.S. Army, he has had seven or eight jobs, ranging from working as a laborer to selling insurance, but he wasn't able to hold on to any of them.

"It's a hard transition," he said of returning to civilian life. The military changes people into what is normal for the military, but "doesn't translate into when you come back home."

The divorced father of one received financial help recently from the Fallen and Wounded Soldiers Fund, an all-volunteer nonprofit organization that helps Michigan veterans unable to work because of injuries suffered in the Iraq and Afghanistan campaigns.

The fund paid his \$1,300 property tax bill and helped with some utility and car payments. Krajewski receives disability compensation, but it's not enough to live on, he said: "Sometimes people just need a hand to get back up on their feet and that's what they did for me."

## Bond of brotherhood

The 2004 Stevenson High School grad is slowly adjusting, with the help of the Michigan Warriors Hockey Program he started in Royal Oak last May for disabled veterans or veterans who have a Purple Heart.

He hopes to expand the program statewide.



Josh Krajewski, 28, of Livonia suffers from post traumatic stress disorder since serving as a military police officer in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The program is run at no cost to the vets. The ice time, coaching and equipment are provided through donations.

"I found being in a team sport — especially hockey being so fast-paced and the competition can be rough — is very similar to being in the military," he said. "I figured it's helping me; it sure can help other people, too."

"The camaraderie we have on the ice, in the locker room and off the ice, that brotherhood that we had in the military is still very alive in this program."

While looking for other disabled veterans like himself to play hockey last year, Krajewski stumbled across the Fallen and Wounded Soldiers Fund. It was only recently that he asked for financial help from the fund. "I found myself in a little bit of a struggle," he said. "Instead of doing the easy thing and taking on more debt, I reached out for help."

Now the Warriors Hockey Program, which does community service projects, Fallen and Wounded Soldiers Fund executive director Lynn Phillips said: "We are working with him on a Vets Helping Vets initiative where FWSF covers the materials and he and the hockey team do repairs for disabled vets for free."

Phillips said FWSF has provided money for small projects, but it wants to do more: "It is a win-win — the FWSF saves on labor costs and we know the job is done properly."

## FWSF fundraiser

The Fallen and Wounded Soldiers Fund has two major fundraisers a year: a dinner and a golf outing. The dinner, the 10th annual, is set for 5 p.m. Saturday, April 25, at the MGM Grand Ballroom in Detroit. The speaker is Robert O'Neil, former



Josh Krajewski, 28, of Livonia with his 3-year-old son, Oliver.

## HOW TO HELP

## 10TH ANNUAL FALLEN AND WOUNDED SOLDIERS FUND DINNER AUCTION

When: 5 p.m. Saturday, April 25

Where: MGM Grand Ballroom in Detroit

Why: Raises money for Fallen and Wounded Soldiers Fund, an all-volunteer nonprofit organization that helps Michigan veterans unable to work because of injuries suffered in the Iraq and Afghanistan campaigns.

Tickets: \$150 each. To order, go to [fwsf2015.eventzilla.net](http://fwsf2015.eventzilla.net).

## FIFTH ANNUAL GUNS AND HOSES CHARITY HOCKEY GAME

When: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 18

Where: Lindell Ice Arena, Royal Oak

Why: Proceeds from the annual match between the Royal Oak Police and Fire departments will be donated to the Michigan Warriors Hockey Program this year.

Tickets: \$10, available at the door. Contact Pat Stanton at [royaloakgunsandhoses@gmail.com](mailto:royaloakgunsandhoses@gmail.com) for more information.

member of Seal Team Six. Tickets are \$150 each and include a silent and live auction and entertainment and dancing with the Jerry Ross Band. Tickets can be purchased online at [fwsf2015.eventzilla.net](http://fwsf2015.eventzilla.net).

In 2013, the fund distributed \$287,750 to disabled veterans, including \$91,851 for housing, \$74,355 for transportation and \$55,984 for utilities.

Krajewski said the Fallen and Wounded Soldiers Fund kept him from falling behind on

his property taxes and possibly losing his house. "It's meant everything," he said of the financial assistance he received.

For more information on the FWSF, go to [FWSF.org](http://FWSF.org)

For more information on the Warriors Hockey Program, got to Michigan Warriors Hockey on Facebook or email [michiganwarriors\\_hockey@gmail.com](mailto:michiganwarriors_hockey@gmail.com).

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**NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, May 5, 2015 FOR City of Novi Northville Public Schools South Lyon Community Schools**

To the Qualified Electors of the City of Novi, Northville Public Schools and South Lyon Community Schools District, Oakland County, Michigan. Notice is hereby given that Monday, April 6, 2015 is the LAST DAY TO REGISTER for the May 5, 2015 election. The Novi City Clerk's office, 45175 10 Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving applications of qualified electors in the City of Novi who are not already registered at your current address. You may do so in any of the following ways:

## Register In Person:

At the Novi City Clerk's Office, 45175 10 Mile Road, any County Clerk or at any Secretary of State Branch Offices located throughout the State.

## Register by Mail:

Mail-in voter registration applications may be obtained at [www.cityofnovi.org](http://www.cityofnovi.org) or [www.michigan.gov/vote](http://www.michigan.gov/vote)

Note: Persons who register to vote by mail are required to vote the first time in person unless they have previously voted in person in the State of Michigan or are at least 60 years of age or are physically unable to attend the polls.

Complete the form, sign and deliver it to the Novi City Clerk by one of the following methods:

1. Email to [elections@cityofnovi.org](mailto:elections@cityofnovi.org)
2. Place in drop box at Novi Civic Center 45175 10 Mile Road
3. Place in U. S. Mail to Novi City Clerk, 45175 10 Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 by the close of registration deadline. **Must be postmarked by April 6, 2015.**

THE MAY 5, 2015 ELECTION WILL BE CONDUCTED IN ALL VOTING PRECINCTS OF THE CITY OF NOVI, FOR THE PURPOSE OF VOTING ON THE FOLLOWING PROPOSAL:

**A proposal to amend the State Constitution to increase the sales/use tax from 6% to 7% to replace and supplement reduced revenue to the School Aid Fund and local units of government caused by the elimination of the sales/use tax on gasoline and diesel fuel for vehicles operating on public roads, and to give effect to laws that provide additional money for roads and other transportation purposes by increasing the gas tax and vehicle registration fees.**

The proposed constitutional amendment would:

- Eliminate sales / use taxes on gasoline / diesel fuel for vehicles on public roads.
- Increase portion of use tax dedicated to School Aid Fund (SAF).
- Expand use of SAF to community colleges and career / technical education, and prohibit use for 4-year colleges / universities.
- Give effect to laws, including those that:
  - o Increase sales / use tax to 7%, as authorized by constitutional amendment.
  - o Increase gasoline / diesel fuel tax and adjust annually for inflation, increase vehicle registration fees, and dedicate revenue for roads and other transportation purposes.
  - o Expand competitive bidding and warranties for road projects.
  - o Increase earned income tax credit. Should this proposal be adopted?

**PRECINCTS 17, 18 AND 19 will also vote on - NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL BUILDING AND SITE SINKING FUND TAX LEVY .9978 MILL FOR 5 YEARS**

Full text of the ballot proposal may be obtained at the administrative offices of Northville Public Schools, 501 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan 48167-1582, (248) 344-3500.

**PART OF PRECINCT 21 will also vote on - SOUTH LYON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS BONDING PROPOSAL**

Shall South Lyon Community Schools, Oakland, Washtenaw and Livingston Counties, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Sixty-Four Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$64,400,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, for the purpose of: erecting, furnishing and equipping a new elementary school; erecting, furnishing and equipping additions to the early childhood center; remodeling, furnishing and refurbishing and equipping and re-equipping school buildings; acquiring, installing and equipping or re-equipping school buildings for instructional technology; acquiring, preparing, equipping, developing and improving athletic facilities, playgrounds, structures and sites?

The following is for informational purposes only: The estimated millage that will be levied for the proposed bonds in 2016, is 1.12 mills (\$1.12 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation), for a net -.0 mill increase from the prior year's levy. The maximum number of years the bonds may be outstanding, exclusive of any refunding, is twenty-five (25) years. The estimated simple average annual millage anticipated to be required to retire this bond debt is 1.60 mills (\$1.60 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation).

(Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited, and the proceeds cannot be used for repair or maintenance costs, teacher, administrator or employee salaries, or other operating expenses.)

Maryanne Cornelius, MMC CMMC, City Clerk  
248-347-0456

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# Hey Kids,

## The Scoop's Hound Dog Highlights

feature will be taking a break for the season.

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[facebook.com/ScoopTheNewshound](http://facebook.com/ScoopTheNewshound).

Look for more of Scoop and fun activities this year.

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OUR VIEW

# Skilled work force has key place in state's recovery

From the halls of Congress to the state Capitol, the buzzword these days is career technical education. Elected officials at all levels have come to the realization that the blue-collar worker is an important part of to a healthy economy.

U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Florida, told his colleagues recently that, "This country has wrongly stigmatized technical education. We've created this idea that unless you get a four-year degree, you are somehow not successful."

Gov. Rick Snyder made it a part of this year's State of the State address and budget presentation, which proposes more money for career technical education, including \$10 million more for the state's Skilled Trades Training Fund.

Ten years ago, the talk was about all higher education and increasing the number of college graduates in Michigan. At the time, then-Gov. Jennifer Granholm was talking about "putting a



FILE PHOTO  
Students can learn such skills as welding in programs offered at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center in Westland.

degree in the hands of every single child ... to help prepare our students for success in school, success in college and we'll help our economy succeed."

Enrollment in college, both two-year and four-year, has shown a steady increase since then, but the state has suffered from brain drain. A survey of 7,054 May 2012 graduates conducted by iLabs, the University of Michigan-Dearborn's Center for Innovation Research, found that

nearly 40 percent moved outside of the state, leading Doug Rothwell, president and CEO of Business Leaders for Michigan, to say that going through a 10-year recession has left the image of Michigan as "a place that doesn't have jobs."

Two years ago, Roth observed that many of the job openings available fall into fields like automotive manufacturing that aren't seen as attractive options for students, even though they offer good wages and highly skilled opportunities. His observation is spot on.

Today in Michigan, there are more than 90,000 job and internship opportunities across a wide variety of industries listed on Pure Michigan Talent Connect (www.MiTalent.org) and many of those jobs fall into skilled trades, engineering, information technology and manufacturing. Michigan, if it is to continue its economic recovery, needs to start filling those jobs

with a well-trained work force.

What elected officials are saying now is what career technical educators have been saying for years. Not every student needs four years of college. The skills for a successful career can be found in high school career technical classes, community colleges and technical institutes and through apprenticeships.

Skilled-trade jobs require education beyond high school, but not a four-year degree. The career range includes jobs in health care (lab technicians, dental hygienist), maintenance and repair, public safety and manufacturing (machine operators, welders), along with work as carpenters, plumbers and electricians. Collectively, these jobs represent about one-third of the state's employment.

The need is being addressed. Henry Ford Community College has a Skilled Trades and Apprenticeship Division that offers training pro-

grams for people employed in skilled industrial occupations (primarily the apprenticed skilled trades) and for people interested in entry into skilled trades occupations. Oakland Community College offers the required related instruction classes for apprentices from area industries.

Even the state has gotten on board with MAT2 — the Michigan Advanced Technician Training Program, an innovative, industry-driven approach to education. MAT2 combines theory, practice and work to train a globally competitive workforce. It also addresses two critical issues facing the manufacturing and technology industries: a widening skills gap and an aging workforce.

Steve Kay, principal of Wayne-Westland Community Schools' William D. Ford Career Technical Center, said all the talk is "the first time in eight years that I've seen something positive come

out of Lansing supporting career technical education." His students are being featured in a Pure Michigan four-minute video about career technical education, which is meant "to change the perception of the auto industry."

"The goal is to transform how we look at the industry and see it in a different light and see that there is more opportunity out there," he said.

As much as Michigan has tried, it remains closely linked to manufacturing and the automobile industry. Even agriculture needs a skilled work force. Certainly, there is opportunity for college graduates out there, but if Michigan wants to continue its economic recovery, it now must create a work force that is capable of doing the jobs of the 21st century.

Michigan needs to be "No. 1 in the skilled trades" and that will happen with this new emphasis on career technical education.

GUEST COLUMN

## Recognize people first, not their disability

In 1987, President Ronald Reagan declared March as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month to increase public awareness of both the needs and the potential of Americans with developmental disabilities. This month, we can reflect on the progress that has been made in the nearly 30 years since that declaration, as well as on future opportunities for progress.

In March 2014, Michigan legislators set an example when they passed legislation to remove the phrase "mentally retarded"



Mike Vizena  
GUEST COLUMNIST

from Michigan law. The effort aimed to further remove the word from everyday use.

Almost a year after removing the "R-word" from state law, a new package of Senate bills has been introduced to remove the terms "crippled children" or "crippled child" when describing children with special needs. The legislation represents a welcome opportunity to remove offensive lan-

guage from Michigan law.

This legislation is perfectly timed to highlight how far we have come in making positive progress in the realm of mental health. In addition to removing language that is offensive, the legislation utilizes language that puts the person first, not the disability. It is important that all people be recognized as individuals, not by their disability. Disabilities do not define a person.

Mike Vizena is executive director of the Michigan Association of Community Mental Health Boards.

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## OUR VIEW

# Join with #YourPower; flip the switch for Earth Hour 2015

For one hour Saturday, March 28, people living in more than 7,000 cities, towns and municipalities in 162 countries and territories around the world will turn off their lights for one hour between 8:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. in observance of Earth Hour.

Started in Sydney, Australia, in 2007 as symbolic lights-off event, Earth Hour has grown to become the world's largest grassroots environmental movement designed to inspire people and organizations to take action to combat climate change.

Scientists have been trumpeting the warning about global warming for many years and what they have been saying can be seen in the data. *The Economics of Global Climate Change* by Jonathan M. Harris, Brian Roach and Anne-Marie Codur, found that nine of the 10 warmest years in the modern meteorological record have occurred since the year 2000. Each of the last three decades (1980s, 1990s, 2000s) has been successively warmer at the Earth's surface than any preceding decade since 1850.

In the Northern Hemisphere, 1983-2012 was likely the warmest 30-year period of the last 1,400 years. The year 2014 was recorded as the hottest year since record-keeping began in 1880, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Ocean and land temperatures rose more than 1°F above the 20th century average.

The average U.S. household produces 48 metric equivalent tons of CO<sub>2</sub>. An interactive map at [coolclimate.berkeley.edu/maps](http://coolclimate.berkeley.edu/maps) shows the average annual household carbon footprint by ZIP Code and, in places like Novi, the footprint is more than 55 metric equivalent tons per household per year.

The World Wildlife Federation, which started Earth Hour, describes it as an "initiative to encourage individuals, businesses and governments around the world to take accountability for their ecological footprint and engage in dialogue and resource exchange that provides real solutions to our environmental challenges. Participation in Earth Hour symbolizes a commitment to change beyond the hour."

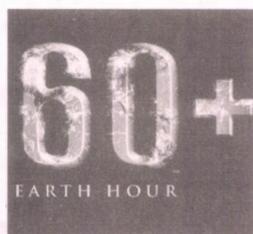
Can turning off the lights for one hour make a difference?

Consider this: Boston University determined that if everyone on campus turned off one light for one hour a day for one year, there would be a savings of 733,475 kilowatt hours per year, the equivalent of removing 97 cars (or 1,161,000 pounds of CO<sub>2</sub>) from the road for an entire year.

Imagine what would happen if every American did that.

The WWF notes that "climate change might seem too huge or too abstract a challenge, but real impact can be achieved - all it takes is the first step."

It can start Saturday. Be a part of the solution. Flip the switch Saturday and use #YourPower to change climate change.



## COMMUNITY VOICE

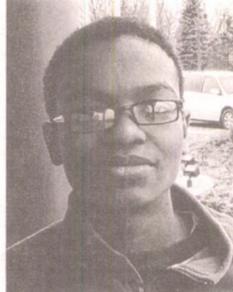
### "What are your plans for spring break?"

Spring break starts next week for Novi Community Schools and Catholic Central. This question was asked at the Novi Public Library.



"I'm going to Caseville with my family to visit my grandparents."

**Nick Siriani**  
Novi High freshman



"I'm staying home and sleeping."

**Christopher Oduntan**  
Novi High freshman



"I'm going to Panama City, Fla."

**Christian Shreda**  
Novi High freshman



"I'm going to Cancun."

**Paul Wiedmaier**  
Detroit Catholic Central senior

## LETTERS

### Mayor Gatt is a great leader for Novi

I've known Bob Gatt for more than 10 years during my service on the Novi Library Board and now as a new trustee on the Novi Board of Education. Our mayor is, without a doubt, one of Novi's greatest leaders. He has earned your support - and vote - for a third term this November.

For those of you who may not know, we elect a mayor every two years in the city of Novi. Gatt is running for re-election Nov. 3.

I'm supporting Bob because he represents all the great qualities and attributes about our great city of Novi:

- » World-Class opportunities for students and businesses
- » Innovation & Inclusion
- » Living in a great family-friendly environment
- » Diverse culture
- » Caring about family, neighbors and businesses
- » Awards and Accomplishments (earned by both our school district and our city government)
- » Truthful & Trustworthy
- » Safety & Security

I'm proud to endorse Bob Gatt for another term as Novi's mayor. He is "our mayor."

**Willy Mena**  
Novi

### Fix state's unsafe roads

On May 5, you can vote to fix Michigan's dangerous roads. Vote yes on Proposal 1.

The proposal hikes the state sales tax to 7 percent from 6 percent, while removing the sales tax from fuel sales and replacing the sales tax with another fuel tax that would be spent on roads.

This change is expected to raise an additional and much needed \$1.2 billion a year for roads, \$300 million for our neighborhood public schools, \$100 million for mass transit and about \$95 million for local governments. The proposal would fully restore the earned income tax credit for the working poor.

All of these things would greatly benefit the citizens of Michigan.

Clearly it is necessary to repair our crumbling roads, invest in public education and help stimulate job growth. However, mental healthcare for those most in need should not be collateral damage in the process.

I am dedicated to ensuring the success of Proposal 1 and will educate anyone else who will stand still long enough to listen.

We need to fix our broken roads and bridges for obvious reasons - they are a mess. Yet, failure to pass Proposal 1 could have devastating consequences to the people most in need of government's help, including our children, our communities and people who work 40 hours a week, play by the rules but don't earn enough to escape poverty.

Gov. Rick Snyder is to be commended for his leadership to push for funding that invests in our collective future as a state. We applauded all legislators - Republican and Democrats - who are supporting safe roads.

The plan and vision of Proposal 1 offers aid in so many ways to Michiganders. We owe it to ourselves to be educated on what supporting Proposal 1 means and the impact on the many lives touched by its results. Put simply, Proposal 1 strengthens the great state of Michigan.

Increasing transportation funding is a crucial investment in moving Michigan forward and will produce continued economic growth while putting people to work.

Better roads and a reliable transportation infrastructure are critical to a thriving economy. Investing in education, townships, cities and the working poor pays dividends for us all.

A society that invests in itself prospers. Ones that don't remain in a rut.

Start to educate yourself and others about Proposal 1 at <http://www.saferoadsyes.com>.

**Tom Watkins**  
Northville

### Convert all lights to LED

"Livonia receives grant for new LED lights along Five Mile." Livonia could get into a program to convert all street lights and municipal building lights by self-financing through savings in electrical charges.

Keep the same budget for electricity through the years of the program. Use the savings each month to convert more lights to LEDs. The rate of conversion should accelerate until all lights are converted. Then the budget can finally be reduced.

**Neil Karl**  
Livonia

### Not a fan of proposal

It appears that our esteemed politicians in Lansing have managed to fill the \$325 million hole in our current budget. This was accomplished by raiding the school aid fund, shorting the retirement system, slashing departments that help our neediest citizens and other cuts.

You might wonder how they plan to pay for the next \$532 million due starting Oct. 1 and continuing in each of the next 15 years, thanks to allowing corporations to double dip with tax credits plus tax cuts.

Well believe this, you won't hear a word until after the May 5 election is held to raise the sales tax.

The defenders of this monstrosity claim the schools and local governments will benefit, along with our roads. To that I say, hogwash! That \$532 million shortage will come out of the general fund dollars that currently go to those entities and they will not gain diddly-squat.

I hate being on the side of tea partiers who oppose the ballot proposal, but believe me, it's for entirely different reasons.

Mine being I know these "sleight of hand" artists. I don't trust them and neither should you.

**James Huddleston**  
Canton

## LETTER

### Battle of the Books kudos

The Youth and Teen Services Department of the Novi Public Library would like to acknowledge and congratulate the 53 fifth- and sixth-grade Novi children who participated in our 12th annual Battle of the Books at the Novi Civic Center on Saturday, March 14.

Ten teams participated, reading the same six books and coming together in a competition to answer questions about those books. We also celebrate the commitment of their parents and coaches who spent so many hours reading and preparing these youngsters for the competition. To us, every single one of these young persons is a winner for participating in our event. The names of the teams and their members are as follows:

**First Place - Rebel Readers:** Anusha Bayya, Prachi Jignesh Fozdar, Emma Putti, Jeslyn Wang, Katie Chang; coaches Lalitha Bayya and Tejaswi

Bayya

**Second Place - Rockin' Readers:** Laasya Koduri, Sanjana Mallavaram, Meghana Lanka, Anagha Jammalamadaka, Alpana Atluri, Vasudha Nimmagadda; coach Roja Koduri

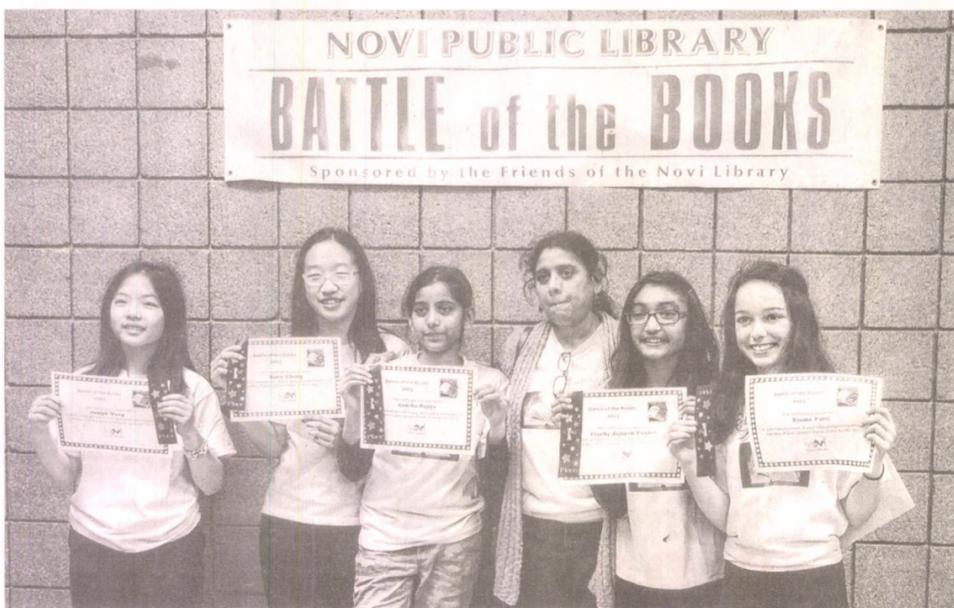
**Third Place - Advanced Readfare:** Ritij Jutur, Eshita Devang, Pranav Kancherla, Pranav Loka, Prathik Reddy Sudi, Mahek Nasser; coach Megha Gunda

**Book Sandwiches:** Justin Guo, Christopher Xiang, Andrew Wang, Alex Wang, Billy Wei, Neil Zhu. Coaches: Wei Jiang/Jason Zhu

**Booktastic Girls:** Tanvi Pinnamareddy, Harshita Challa, Girija Bollavaram, Vaishnavi Jagalur, Kusumita Paladugu, Riya Bhivare; coach Kirti Bhivare

**Firing Falcons:** Ishita Saripalle, Rohit Saripalle, Anisha Savarala; coach Vijaya Saripalle

**Fluffy Unicorns:** Saipranav Janyavula, Druthi Donthi, Shanmukh Gandhikota, Rishit Rai, Sujith Cherukuri, Anirudh



The Rebel Readers team won first place March 14 in the annual Battle of the Books at the Novi Civic Center.

Karnam; coaches Srinivas and Kavitha Janyavula

**Phoenix:** Srujan Patil, Olaf D'Souza, Vishvambar Singaraju; coach Savita Patil

**Ricklethemonster:** Allen Gu, Ahkil Polakampall, Omkar Vodala, Connor Shi, Aaron George, Alex Roznowski; coach Mei Xue

**Techno Readers:** Janhvi Mate, Tanush Pradhan, Ashna Talukder, Sidharth Mudigal,

Shruti Veluru, Scotty Haakenson; coach Jayashree Mate

We thank the Friends of the Novi Public Library for their generosity in supporting this program, as well as Tony Sacco's Coal Oven Pizza, which was kind enough to donate coupons to each of our participants. Also, a big thanks to the Detroit Pistons for rewarding our winners with some complimentary tickets for Novi Battle of the

Books night April 4.

Activities like Battle of the Books, we believe, foster a love of reading in an entertaining manner, enriching not just the participants and their families, but the entire community.

**April Stevenson, Suzanne Tison, Kathleen Alberga, Kathryn Baus, Andrea LaBenne and Erin Durrett**  
Novi Public Library Youth and Teen Services librarians

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## COLLEGE BASKETBALL



Akron University point-guard Kerri McMahan earned Mid-American Conference All-Freshman team honors.

AKRON ATHLETICS

# McMahan Akron's point of attack

Novi grad makes Mid-American Conference all-freshman squad

By Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

If her rookie season is any indication, the best is yet to come for Akron University freshman point guard Kerri McMahan.

The Novi High grad drew high praise while adjusting to the college game as she helped the Zips to a 22-9 overall record, including a 12-6 mark in the Mid-American Conference.

The 5-foot-10 McMahan averaged 6.3 points, 3.6 assists and three rebounds per game while starting all 31 games as



McMahan

that get the opportunity to play at the Division I level, let alone start as a freshman. I've met incredible people, made some great friends and I've learned a lot as a person and a basketball player. All in all, I couldn't be more

Akron reached the Women's National Invitational Tournament before losing March 19 at Kansas State, 86-68.

"The whole year has been a blessing as a whole," McMahan said.

"There's so few people that get the opportunity to play at the Division I level, let alone start as a freshman. I've met incredible people, made some great friends and I've learned a lot as a person and a basketball player. All in all, I couldn't be more

thankful for playing at Akron this year."

Head coach Jodi Kest is also thankful and is glad McMahan decided to cast her lot with Akron after she had an offer from Oakland University, while also considering Marquette, Miami (Ohio) and Kent State.

### Draws high praise

"I'm very proud of the year Kerri had, all-freshman team in the Mid-American Conference, starting point guard, which was a very difficult task with the

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## GIRLS SOCCER

# Northern pulls off 2-1 upset in opener

Division 1 state champ Northville suffers defeat

By Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

After posting a perfect 23-0 season, winning an MHSAA Division 1 girls soccer title and earning a No. 1 ranking nationally, Northville found itself on the other side of the ledger Friday night at Walled Lake Northern.

Devyn Brough and Rachel Rodeheffer tallied goals for the Knights in seventh and 12th minutes of the opening half, respectively, and made them hold up en route to 2-1 triumph over the defending state champions.

"The first half, we got outthrustled by the Knights," Northville coach Eric Brucker said. "They were beating us to all the 50/50 balls. The first goal was a communication error. The ball got served into the penalty area and no one picked up the girl and she headed it past our goalie. It was a good goal."

"The second goal was just

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Northville's Kelly McHugh (left) battles for possession against Walled Lake Northern's Brittany Tabaczka in Friday's season opener.

## SEASON OUTLOOK

# Expectations high for boys lacrosse teams

State runner-up CC rebuilds; Northville, Novi formidable

By Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

Could there be a changing of the guard in area boys lacrosse?

Novi Detroit Catholic Central, last year's MHSAA Division 1 state runner-up, fell Saturday in its season opener to Division 2 state power Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central, 9-7.

Northville, a regional finalist from a year ago, has high expectations and is off to a 2-0

start with All-American Alec Melucci already accounting for 10 goals and five assists.

And not to be overlooked is Novi, which shared the KLAA Kensington Conference championship last year with Northville and South Lyon Unified as 5-1. The Wildcats were scheduled to launch their season Wednesday at Salem.

CC, 15-6 a year ago, lost four all-state players to graduation, along with goalkeeper Joe Williams.

Area Player of the Year

Jack Van Acker and Sean Stanners accounted for more than 180 points last season as the Shamrocks reached the state final before losing to 10-time Division 1 champion and arch-rival Birmingham Brother Rice, 23-7.

Among the key returnees is junior attack Justin Baker, who hopes to pick up the scoring slack after notching 30 goals.

Senior midfielder Zak Crawford, junior midfielder Alex Jarzembowski and junior midfielder Andrew Carris also return for the Shamrocks.

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Catholic Central's defense will be anchored this season by Wyatt Engle (left) and Dan Diederich.

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NJCAA DIVISION II MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Second-half woes cost Schoolcraft in tourney

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Seemingly since the start of 2015, the Schoolcraft College men's basketball team has been invincible, riding a hot streak to the MCCA championship and taking on all comers in the subsequent NJCAA District 10 tournament.

But after starting the NJCAA Division II national tournament in Danville, Ill., with a victory March 17 against Genesee (N.Y.) Community College, the Ocelots met their match March 19 against John Wood (Ill.) Community College.

Schoolcraft imploded in the second half, being outscored 50-30, and wound up falling 89-66 to end hopes of winning a national championship.

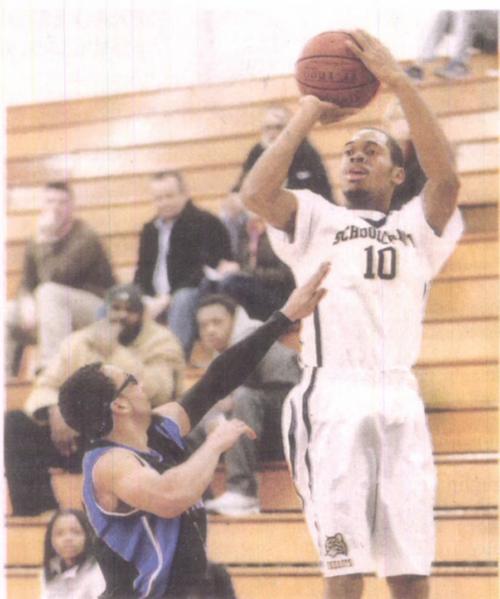
The Ocelots did respond March 20 with a 81-74 win over Kishwaukee (Ill.) College.

That win came one day too late, however, as Schoolcraft looked to reach the semifinals with a victory against John Wood. At halftime, the Ocelots only trailed 39-36.

Unfortunately for the Ocelots (31-4) only one of the teams on the court had it going offensively in the second half and it wasn't Schoolcraft.

"We just didn't move the ball well offensively and they did a very good job of making their shots," Ocelots coach Abe Mashhour said, summing up the telltale second half. "They got out on transition against us."

The Ocelots made just 10-of-31 from the floor in the second half



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Schoolcraft's Ja'Christian Biles (right), shown from the regular season, was an offensive force for the Ocelots at nationals.

(32 percent), while John Wood blistered the nets at a .556 clip (15-of-27), also draining 9-of-15 tries from behind the 3-point arc.

Doing much of that damage was Paxton Harmon. He registered 24 points, but tallied 18 of those on treys (6-of-10). Also in double figures for John Wood were Brody Gronewold (16 points), Peter Ochia and Jordan Johnson (15 points each).

After John Wood expanded its lead early in the second half, Schoolcraft players fell into the trap of trying to "match them," Mashhour said.

"We can make threes, too, we've done it all year," Mashhour said. "But at the same time, we do it when we pass

the ball, when we move the ball.

"Guys came down and tried to go one-on-one and get it back right away and it was a little sign of our immaturity."

Guard Ja'Christian Biles had another strong game with a team-leading 16 points.

Chipping in 12 points was Lito Brown, while Javan Taylor added 11 points along with six rebounds. The top rebounder for the Ocelots was Anthony Wartley-Fritz, with seven.

Against Kishwaukee, Davan Taylor was one of the standouts. He scored 12 points and grabbed six rebounds in 18:36 of playing time.

Booth and Tyler Johnson (Howell) tallied 18 and 16 points, respectively.

## CYO champions

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Novi St. James' Varsity 1, an eighth-grade girls basketball team, capped an undefeated season March 15 by capturing the Catholic Youth Organization's city title with a 35-34 overtime victory against Grosse Pointe Woods Our Lady Star of the Sea at Pontiac Notre Dame Prep. Team members include (kneeling, from left) Hayden Garguilo, Georgia Carlson, Jessie Bandyk and Lexi Whalen and (back row, from left) coach Dave Skown, Julia Stadtherr, Sarah Rachiele, Olivia Skown, Anna Biberstein, coach Sean Whalen and Autumn Grant.



## MCMAHAN

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talented core of returning players we had this season," Kest said. "I love her intensity, desire and dedication to be the best she can be. I think we'll see a lot of growth with her next season after working on things that will make her a great player one day."

McMahan scored in double figures seven times, including a career-high 16 points Feb. 14 in an 82-56 victory over Toledo.

But scoring was not her primary job after being the only girls basketball player in Novi school history to surpass 1,000 career points while setting the Wildcats' single-game record with 32 points.

"I definitely have to be more of a distributor here," McMahan said. "I have to get my teammates open, because they're phenomenal scorers and they can do great things with the ball in their hands and it's my responsibility to get them the ball."

It became a quick learning curve, as McMahan had to adjust to the rigors and nuances of the NCAA Division I game.

### Adjustments

"Being a full-time starter, it's been passing the ball, finding the right angle to make the right pass," McMahan said. "People move so much quicker at this level. Their hands are more active. At the beginning,

I struggled a little bit making the right passes, but as the season went on, I think I got a little bit better. That was the biggest change for me, adjusting to the different angles, the quicker athletes and the faster hands."

And Kest believes she has found her coach on the floor in McMahan.

"She is a great kid who is very motivated on and off the court," Kest said. "She is an excellent student and a student of the game, as well. Her best basketball is ahead of her. She needs to be develop a consistent outside shot."

McMahan shot a respectable 43.9 percent from the floor, but struggled somewhat at the foul line at 49.2 percent.

"I have to improve on a lot of areas in my game," McMahan said. "My outside shot has to continue to get better. My ball-handling has to get better. But most importantly, my knowledge of the offense has to get better, just running the team with more confidence with less hesitancy and just being a better leader on the court."

### All-freshman

But despite the ups and downs, Kest believes McMahan is far ahead of the curve.

"She had a great freshman year," the coach said. "She is so driven and expects perfection. She now leads by example. Next year, she needs to be more vocal as a point guard."

McMahan's all-round athletic prowess at Novi

certainly got the attention of college basketball recruiters.

She was not only a two-time all-state selection under coach Bill Kelp while averaging 18 points, six rebounds, four assists and four steals as a senior, but she also excelled as an all-state performer in track (high jump and 1,600-meter relay) and cross country (fifth fastest freshman in the state).

McMahan is the only Novi student-athlete in school history to earn all-state honors in three different sports.

"I chose Akron because I thought I had the opportunity to play a lot as a freshman and the program was incredibly successful," McMahan said. "The campus is beautiful and the girls seemed like great people."

### Next season

Everybody returns next season for the Zips with the exception of the team's top scorer, Sina King, the lone senior who averaged 20.3 points per game.

"It's going to be hard losing her," McMahan said. "She's a phenomenal scorer and rebounder. What she provides for the team is mostly off the court with her leadership and how she holds people accountable, her responsibility and work ethic."

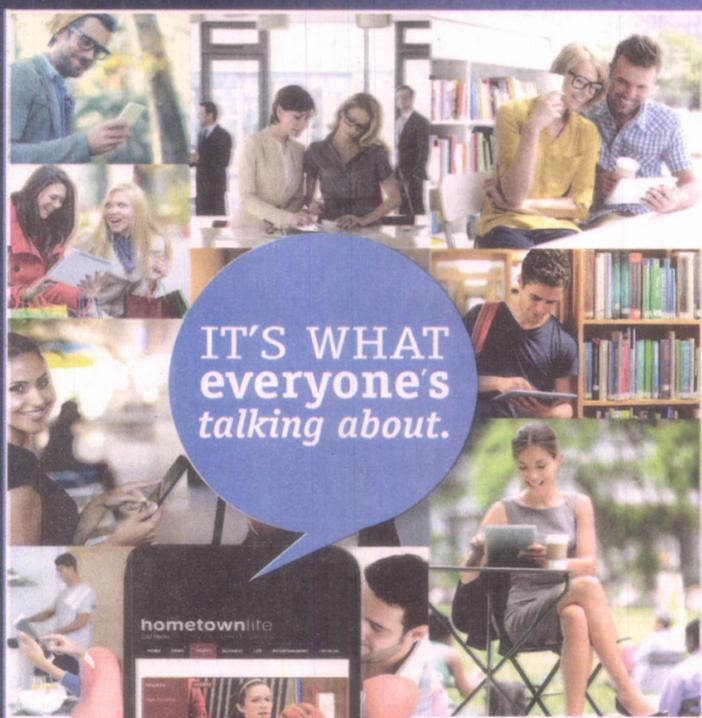
McMahan plans to major in information systems management, but her ultimate dream is to become a college coach.

And being the team's quarterback, McMahan is already sounding like a future coach as she sizes up the 2015-16 season.

"We have a lot of talent coming back," she said. "We have a lot of young kids that are eager to play. And we have two freshmen coming in that I think are going to contribute, so next year I think looks pretty good."

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GIRLS SOCCER PREVIEW

# Perennial state girls powers on the alert

By Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

Northville girls soccer coach Eric Brucker will tell you his biggest challenge this season is to replace more than 80 percent of last year's scoring, which led to a perfect 23-0 season and an MHSAA Division 1 state championship.

His job is to instill a strong mental focus early in the season while incorporating a slew of new players. The creed is to: "Build a good foundation and trust in one another."

Trying to replace the talented scoring trio of Megan Buckingham, Jamie Cheslik and Gabby Mencotti will be daunting for Brucker, who will hang his hat on defense.

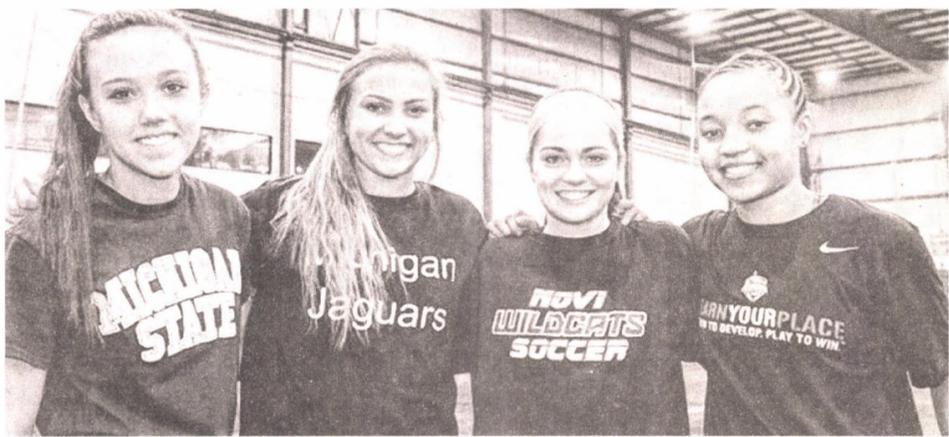
Buckingham, now a starter at North Carolina, was Michigan's Miss Soccer and Gatorade Player of the Year, while Cheslik earned all-Big Ten freshman honors at Michigan State after leading the Spartans with eight goals and four assists (20 points).

Not to be outdone was Mencotti, who scored 16 goals and added 11 assists en route to second team All-America honors for NCAA Division II national champion Grand Valley State.

"I think we're going to start out being very defensive-oriented," Brucker said. "We've got the core of our team back from last year that only gave up five goals. And we've filled in some of the lost positions nicely. Offensively, it's going to be a work in progress, so we're going to look different. But the idea is that the outcome will be the same."

Things have already gone differently for the Mustangs, who were ranked No. 1 nationally last season by TopDrawer.com. Host Walled Lake Northern handed Northville its first loss since 2013 with a 2-1 triumph Friday in the season opener.

But it's a long season and Brucker won't panic because



Novi's soccer returnees include Amanda Minissale, Jessica Halmaghi, Christina MacMillan and Chloe Allen.

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Senior Morgan Gozдор returns to anchor a Northville defense that allowed just five goals all last season.

JOHN PAWLOSKI

he returns first team all-state goalie Emily Maresh, a four-year varsity player who has signed with Grand Valley State, along with fellow senior keeper Olivia Ulman, who got the start against Northern.

Team captains are senior defenders Tara Pawloski and Sarah Castellano (committed to Albion College). Castellano will be out until May after suffering a torn anterior cruciate ligament. Also returning on

the back line is senior Morgan Gozдор.

Senior Jenna Baughman, meanwhile, will anchor the midfield, while seniors Alana Dorfstatter and Kelly McHugh will work in concert up front.

**Wildcats outlook**

At Novi, varsity coach Brian O'Leary, who has guided the Wildcats to five Division 1 state titles, is taking a medical leave of absence for the 2015 season.

Todd Pfeiffer, O'Leary's assistant the past five seasons, will handle the head coaching duties during the interim. The 1992 Novi grad was the varsity boys and girls coach at Ann Arbor Huron for 10 seasons.

Pfeiffer must replace first team all-state midfielder Taylor Pavlika (IUPUI), third team all-state defender Karissa Koomen and honorable mention all-state forward Kendall Kramer (Michigan) off a team that finished 14-5-2 and reached the Division 1 district final before falling to Northville (3-1).

"The main reason I think Novi has been successful is that Brian has created a culture year-in and year-out with the seniors that have shown

the younger players kind of the ropes," Pfeiffer said. "We have high expectations because our program has high expectations year-in and year-out. And a lot of has been set by the seniors who have come before and our senior class is going to do the same thing this year."

The Wildcats return six starters, led by team captain Amanda Minissale, a senior defender.

She is joined by midfielders Christina MacMillan and Devon Powers, both seniors, along with Megan Riley, a junior. Junior forwards Chloe Allen and Devon Powers will provide scoring punch up front.

"From a coaching standpoint, the coaching philosophy and strategy is not going to change," said Pfeiffer, whose team opens its season at 1 p.m. Saturday at Walled Lake Western. "I'm going to do the same things I helped Brian do the last five years. It's just a different group of players and a great group of seniors. Our captain, Amanda Minissale, has done a great job in the off-season getting the team prepared, which has helped me transitioning over as the head coach."

## GIRLS SOCCER CAPSULE OUTLOOK

**NORTHVILLE**

**Head coach:** Eric Brucker, sixth year.  
**League affiliation:** KLAAS Kensington Conference (Central Division).

**Last year's overall record:** 23-0.

**Titles won last year:** KLAAS Central, Kensington Conference, Association, MHSAA Division 1 district, regional and state champions.

**Notable losses to graduation:** Megan Buckingham (first team all-state); Jamie Cheslik (first team all-state); Gabby Mencotti (first team all-state); Ashley Peper (third team all-state).

**Leading returnees:** Emily Maresh, Sr. goalie (first team all-state); Tara Pawloski, Sr. C-Def (co-captain); Jenna Baughman, Sr. C-MF; Sarah Castellano, Sr. Def. (co-captain); Alana Dorfstatter, Sr. F; Morgan Gozдор,

Sr. Def.; Kelly McHugh, Sr. F; Olivia Ulman, Sr. goalie; Alissa Moore, Jr. MF; Maddy Westenberg, Jr. MF; Sydney Schembri, Soph. MF.

**Promising newcomers:** Abby Henzi, Jr. MF; Megan Williams, Soph. MF; Kendall Dillon, R. MF; Megan Krygier, Fr. F; Nikki Skinner, Fr. Def.; Jenna Marotta, Sr. F (transfer from Texas).

**Brucker's 2015 outlook:** "Offensively, we have some senior leadership in Alana (Dorfstatter) and some new players in Megan Krygier and Jenna Marotta and hopefully (we can) put some balls in the net. Between our two goalies, Emily (Maresh) and Olivia (Ulman), I think we have two of the best backstops in the state. We've been working hard with the limited amount we've had because Mother Nature hasn't been cooperating. I think we have the right core people that understand the work we put in

last year and, if we do the right things, hopefully it will translate this year and spread amongst the newcomers."

**NOVI**

**Head coach:** Todd Pfeiffer, first year (interim).

**League affiliation:** KLAAS Kensington Conference (Central Division).

**Last year's overall record:** 14-5-2.

**Notable losses to graduation:** Taylor Pavlika (first team all-state); Karissa Koomen (third team all-state); Kendall Kramer (honorable mention

all-state).

**Leading returnees:** Chloe Allen, Jr. F; Amanda Minissale, Sr. Def. (captain); Jessica Halmaghi, Jr. F; Christina MacMillan, Sr. MF; Devon Powers, Sr. MF.

**Promising newcomers:** Jacalyn Schubring, Soph. Def.; Riely Schultz, Fr. Def.; Gracie Backus, Soph. MF; Aascha Dharia, Jr. goalie.

**Pfeiffer's 2015 outlook:** "We have 11 returning players, only five starters. A lot of our philosophies and everything and having worked with Brian (O'Leary) the last five years, a lot of that will not change. We have seven seniors, a lot of great senior leadership who have welcomed in our younger players. Between our freshmen and sophomores, we have seven new players coming to the team. The first week of practice, the seniors have done a great job of leadership and bringing them on."

PRESEASON OUTLOOK

# Girls lacrosse: Novi, Northville under new management

By Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

Optimism is running high as two new coaches will be roaming the sidelines this spring as the 2015 girls lacrosse season gets underway.

Novi, scheduled to start Wednesday at Grand Blanc, will be guided by Amy Kilgore, who takes over for Caitlin Warda after the Wildcats finished 9-6 overall and 5-5 in the KLAAS's Kensington Conference in 2014.

Kilgore was an assistant for the Wildcats field hockey program last fall and also spent five seasons as an assistant girls lacrosse coach at Ann Arbor Pioneer.

Meanwhile, Amanda Asher takes over for Stacey Tardich at Northville, where she inherits a team that finished 1-13 and 0-10 in the Kensington Conference.

The Hartland High grad was an all-league player and captain at Central Michigan University. She also served as an assistant coach at Albion College and was Northville's varsity assistant a year ago under Tardich.

Asher currently works for the Northville Parks and Recreation Department and oversees its youth lacrosse program.

Novi, which hopes to contend for a Kensington Conference crown, returns co-captains Alanna Clark, a senior midfielder, and Tina Salemi, a junior forward.

Other key returnees include forwards Nina Cunmulaj and Jenna Mikkelsen, midfielder Morgan Statetzny and defender Megan Yarberry.

"I think we're going to have an incredibly strong team and we have gobs and gobs of potential," Kilgore said. "There's a lot of skill and a lot of natural athletes and I think it's just going to be bringing out kind of the competitive fire in them."

Northville opened the season March 19 with 15-9 triumph at Farmington as seniors Liz Hansell, Audrey Tatge and Grace Guibord, along with sophomore Sarah Chase, each tallied three goals.

Other goal scorers included sophomore Emma Dietrich (two) and junior Erin Scott (one). Junior Kelly Leary chipped in two assists. Senior goalie Gabrielle Goree made seven saves.

Last season, the Mustangs lost six games by three goals or less.

"I know they've been really working hard in the off-season and they were hungry for this win," Asher said. "Last year, it was hard for us to close a game. It was good to see them close the game and get that victory. Now that we have a taste of winning, we need to learn how to continue winning."

Northville made it two straight Monday to already surpass last year's win total with a 21-9 victory at West Bloomfield as Tatge and Dietrich each scored five goals, while Guibord contributed four.

Also chipping in was Chase (one goal, four assists) and Scott (two goals) as Northville outscored the Lakers 11-3 in the second half.

Goree made eight saves in the triumph.



Novi girls lacrosse team captains include (from left): Alana Clark, Gina Salemi, Megan Yarberry and Mina Cunmulaj.

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Northville's Liz Hansell had four goals in the Mustangs' season-opening win March 19 at Farmington.

**NOVI**

**Head coach:** Amy Kilgore, first year.

**League affiliation:** KLAAS (Kensington Conference)

**Last year's overall record:** 9-6.

**Notable losses to graduation:** Megan Paul, Haley Parker

**Leading returnees:** Alanna Clark, Sr. MF (co-captain); Tina Salemi, Jr. F (co-captain); Megan

Yarberry, Sr. Def.; Nina Cunmulaj, Sr. F; Morgan Statetzny, Sr. MF; Jenna Mikkelsen, Sr. F.

**Promising newcomers:** Rachel Bayer, Soph. F; Mya Davis, Soph. F; Katie McMaster, Soph. F; Mariah Smythe, Soph. goalie.

**Kilgore's 2015 outlook:** "It's such a nice group of girls that kind of play somewhat casually, play because they enjoy it and play for fun and so we're working on really developing the competitive, die-hard spirit. That's one of our strong focuses this year. We don't have a ton of defenders, people with experience that we need to develop as defenders. In terms of being together as a team and enjoying the experience and enjoying each other, I've never really truly ever had a nicer group of girls who genuinely enjoy being together day-in and day-out. That part makes the rest easier, honestly."

**NORTHVILLE**

**Head coach:** Amanda Asher, first year.

**League affiliation:** KLAAS (Kensington Conference)

**Last year's overall record:** 1-13.

**Notable losses to graduation:** Anne Dulzo.

**Leading returnees:** Liz Hansell, Sr. attack; Grace Guibord, Sr. attack; Audrey Tatge, Sr. MF; Erin Scott, Jr. attack; Paige Chapman, Sr. Def.; Shayla Croteau, Sr. Def.; Kelly Leary, Jr. MF; Sarah Chase, Soph. MF; Emma Dietrich, Soph. MF.

**Promising newcomers:** Gabrielle Goree, Sr. goalie; Paige Chapman, Sr. Def.; Brianna Carr, Fr. attack; Charlotte Beaudoin, Sr. MF.

**Asher's 2015 outlook:** "I can tell a lot of them have improved since last year. And my impression after the first game is that I'm really happy for my girls. We have 10 seniors this year and eight of them are returnees, so that's great, and some leadership on the team."

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a quality scoring effort. They worked hard down the right flank and got a cross back in on top of the 18-yard box) and the girl struck it one time and put it in."

Emma Voelker assisted on both goals for Northern.

"We were very happy with how organized we were defensively and with the chances we created, especially in the first half," Northern coach Drew Drummond said.

The Mustangs cut into the lead with 21:56 left in the match, after senior Morgan Gozдор was granted a dead ball foul on the right flank just outside the Knights' penalty area. She struck direct kick past Northern goalkeeper Hayden Cesarz (seven saves) for Northville's lone goal.

"The second half, we played a lot better," Brucker said. "We controlled the pace of play. We had it in there most of the half. We just didn't take advantage of the opportunities that we had. We probably had four or five corner (kicks) in the second half and didn't get any quality shots on frame."

Brucker was pleased with the effort from seniors Kelly McHugh, Tara Pawloski and Morgan Gozдор.

Senior Olivia Ulman made six saves for the Mustangs, who return to action Tuesday at home against Livonia Churchill.

"I'm not a big fan of losing and the girls are a little shell-shocked," Brucker said. "We're just trying to put it into perspective. First game of the season, a lot of new faces. A lot of stuff to work through with a limited amount of time. And I just made it clear we have a lot of work to do."

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*"We have a lot of work to do before we start conference play. We need to improve on communication, targeting and finishing on the opportunities we generate."*

ERIC BRUCKER

## THE WEEK AHEAD

**PREP BASEBALL**  
**Friday, March 27**  
Saline at Northville (2), 4 p.m.  
**Saturday, March 28**  
Novi at Howell (2), 11 a.m.  
**Monday, March 30**  
N. Farmington at Novi, 4 p.m.  
Detroit CC at U-D High (2), 4 p.m.  
**Tuesday, March 31**  
HVL at Franklin Road, 4:30 p.m.  
**Wednesday, April 1**  
Churchill at Northville, 4 p.m.  
John Glenn at Novi, 4 p.m.  
Detroit CC at DeLaSalle (2), 4 p.m.  
**Thursday, April 2**  
Franklin Rd. at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.

**PREP SOFTBALL**  
**Thursday, March 26**  
Northville at A.A. Huron (2), 4 p.m.  
**Saturday, March 28**  
Garden City at Northville (2), 11 a.m.  
**Monday, March 30**  
W. Bloomfield at Novi, 4:30 p.m.  
**Tuesday, March 31**  
Northville at A.A. Pioneer (2), 4 p.m.  
HVL at Franklin Road, 4:30 p.m.  
**Wednesday, April 1**  
Churchill at Northville, 4 p.m.  
John Glenn at Novi, 4:30 p.m.  
**Thursday, April 2**  
Franklin Rd. at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.

**GIRLS SOCCER**  
**Saturday, March 28**  
Novi at W.L. Western, 1 p.m.  
**Monday, March 30**  
Plymouth at Northville, 7 p.m.  
Canton at Novi (Meadows), 7 p.m.  
**Tuesday, March 31**  
Novi at Salem (CEP), 7 p.m.  
**Wednesday, April 1**  
South Lyon at Northville, 7 p.m.  
**BOYS & GIRLS TRACK**  
**Thursday, March 26**  
Novi at Saline Inv. (U-M), 5:15 p.m.  
**Tuesday, March 31**  
Northville at Stevenson, 4 p.m.  
South Lyon at Novi, 4 p.m.  
Detroit CC at DeLaSalle, 4:30 p.m.

**BOYS LACROSSE**  
**Thursday, March 26**  
Forest Hills at Northville, 6 p.m.  
**Friday, March 27**  
A.A. Skyline at Detroit CC, 7 p.m.  
**Saturday, March 28**  
Roch. Adams at Northville, 1 p.m.  
E. Grand Rapids at CC, 2 p.m.  
Northville at A.A. Skyline, 3 p.m.  
**Monday, March 30**  
Northville at Howell, 7 p.m.  
Novi at Lakeland, 7 p.m.  
**Wednesday, April 1**  
Salem at Northville, 7 p.m.  
Plymouth at Novi, 7 p.m.  
Brighton at Detroit CC, 7 p.m.  
**Thursday, April 2**  
Novi at Saline, 7 p.m.

**GIRLS LACROSSE**  
**Thursday, March 26**  
Lake Orion at Novi, 7 p.m.  
**Friday, March 27**  
Northville at Saline, 7 p.m.  
Novi at Farm. Unified, 7 p.m.  
**Monday, March 30**  
W.L. Northern at Northville, 7 p.m.  
Huron Valley at Novi, 7 p.m.  
**Wednesday, April 1**  
Northville at Salem, 7 p.m.  
Novi at Plymouth, 7 p.m.  
**GIRLS TENNIS**  
**Thursday, March 26**  
Novi at Saline, 4 p.m.  
**Friday, March 27**  
N'ville at Hudsonville Quad, 6 p.m.  
**Tuesday, March 31**  
Northville at Stevenson, 4 p.m.  
Novi at South Lyon, 4 p.m.  
**Wednesday, April 1**  
South Lyon at Northville, 4 p.m.  
Salem at Novi (M.S.), 4 p.m.

BOYS LACROSSE ROUNDUP

# Northville off to 2-0 boys lacrosse start

By Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

Senior All-American Alec Melucci had another big offensive showing as Northville made it two straight Saturday on the young boys lacrosse season with a 17-5 victory at Farmington.

Melucci led the way with five goals and four assists as the Mustangs improved to 2-0 overall with the non-conference win.

Other top scorers for Northville, which led 9-0 at halftime, included: Josh Bentley (three goals, one assist); Paul Lindow (three goals); Connor Sweeney (one goal, three assists); Harry Dyson (two goals); Brennan Sweeney (one goal, one assist); Rob Sneed and A.J. Batshon (one goal each).

Alex Justice went the first three quarters in goal for the Mustangs before giving way to Jack Breuch. The two combined for 12 saves.

**FOREST HILLS CENTRAL 9, DETROIT CC 7:** Visiting Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central overcame a 5-4 halftime deficit Saturday to beat last year's MHSAA Division 1 runner-up Novi Detroit Catholic Central in the season opener.

Zack Crawford had one goal and three assists, while Pete Thompson and Justin Baker added two goals apiece in a losing cause. Mickey Williams (first half) and Hunter Braun (second half) divided the goalie duties for the Shamrocks.

"We're really young in a lot of places and it showed," CC coach Dave Wilson said. "We pushed the ball too much and we had somewhere between 20 and 30 turnovers."

**NORTHVILLE 10, DeLaSALLE 5:** Senior Alec Melucci finished with five goals and one assist, while junior midfielder Harry Dyson chipped in three goals and two assists as Mustangs opened their season Friday with a win at Tom Holzer Field.

Junior twins Connor and Brennan Sweeney also tallied a goal apiece. "I thought it was a great effort by the guys," said Northville coach Greg Durham, whose team led 7-3 at halftime. "I thought they came out and played hard."

The defense made some adjustments. We played pretty well. They cleared OK. Offense clicked pretty well. They really focused on Melucci. They locked him off and he still scored five goals when they played him really tight defensively. We couldn't get him the ball as much, but Harry (Dyson) played awesome. He played out of his mind."

The Mustangs won more than 50 percent of the face-offs. "We weren't quite good at that last year," Durham said. "That was one of the pluses of our game was winning face-offs. And we dominated on ground balls, 34-16, which is a huge stat. We won almost every ground ball that we could."

Northville goalie Alex Justice stopped 8-of-13 shots by the Pilots, who got three goals from Alexander Tykoski and two from Taylor Annas.

## BOYS LACROSSE CAPSULE OUTLOOK



BRAD EMONS

Novi's 2015 lacrosse team will bank on (from left) senior defender Jimmy Hole, senior midfielder Ryan Moore and senior defender Tommy McMaster.

**NOVI**

**Head coach:** Eric Hoffman, third year.  
**League affiliation:** KLAAs (Kensington Conference).

**Last year's overall record:** 12-6.  
**Titles won last year:** Kensington Conference co-champions.

**Notable losses to graduation:** Travis Sparling (first team all-state defense); Alex Caprara (second team all-state special teams); Keith Pravato (honorable mention all-state midfielder).

**Leading returnees:** Tommy McMaster, Sr. Def (first team all-state defense); Ryan Moore, Sr. MF (honorable mention all-state midfielder); Jimmy Hole, Sr. Def; Pat Wojtylo, Sr. MF; Michael Werth, Sr. attack; Luke Gulau, Sr. MF; J.T. Lyon, Sr. MF; Dan Sabela, Sr. goalie; Peter Minor, Sr. goalie.

**Promising newcomers:** Anthony Zagaro, Soph., attack-MF; Griffin Sparling, Jr. MF-attack.

**Hoffman's 2015 outlook:** "We've been blessed with a lot of good lacrosse players and they just have to realize that it's a team sport. Once they do that and realize they have to play within the system, you're going to get your goals. And when they do, we're going to be a dangerous team. We have a young attack and we lost a lot of offensive power from last year. We basically need people to step up and fill those roles as goal scorers. Our defense is strong. We have two returning long sticks and a goalie that started quite a few games last year for us. It's going to be fun. I'm excited this year."

**NORTHVILLE**

**Head coach:** Greg Durham, 13th year.  
**League affiliation:** KLAAs (Kensington Conference).

**Last year's overall record:** 10-5.  
**Titles won last year:** Kensington Conference co-champions.

**Notable losses to graduation:** Jake Fuller (second team all-state), John Cooke, Peter Chew (honorable mention all-state special teams); John Cooke (honorable mention all-state attack).

**Leading returnees:** Alec Melucci, Sr. co-captain, attack (first team all-state); Daniel Baldwin, Sr. co-captain, Def. (third team all-state special teams); Alex Justice, Sr. goalie (honorable mention all-state); Harry Dyson, Jr. co-captain, MF; Brennan Sweeney, Jr. MF; Connor Sweeney, Jr. attack; Ross

Guidor, Sr. Def.-MF.

**Promising newcomers:** Josh Bentley, Jr. attack; Brian Griffiths, Sr. Def.; Connor Wright, Soph. Def.; Kyle Condino, Soph. MF; David Morrissey, Sr. MF; Brendan Hicks, Jr. MF; Antonio Corsi, Jr. Def.; Mason Williams, Jr. Def.; Nate Holloway, Soph. Fogo; Spencer Gonda, Soph. Fogo; Abe Khoury, Fr. Def.; Nick Williams, Fr. Def.; Anthony Salamone, Fr. MF.

**Durham's 2015 outlook:** "Unlike any other year, this is the most athletic team I've ever had, just looking at the roster and seeing the guys in all the other sports. This is the first year I've had a lot of depth. Every day we're evaluating. There's so much depth, I don't know who is going to start. It's really good and we have really good chemistry right now, which I'm pretty excited about. It's a great group of guys, couldn't ask for a better group of guys. I really think offensively we should be solid. Defensively, we have most of the guys returning from last year that all know the system. We have a few newcomers, but they've picked it up pretty quick."

**CATHOLIC CENTRAL**

**Head coach:** Dave Wilson, 10th year.  
**League affiliation:** Catholic League (Division 1).

**Last year's overall record:** 15-6.  
**Titles won last year:** MHSAA Division 1 regional champs; state runner-up.

**Notable losses to graduation:** Jack Van Acker (first team all-state attack); Sean Birney (first team all-state midfield); Sean Stanners (second team all-state attack); Marc Longe (third team all-state midfield); Joe Williams.

**Leading returnees:** Justin Baker, Jr. attack (30 goals); Zak Crawford, Sr. MF (captain); Rocco Mularoni, Jr. attack; Matt Foreman, Sr. Def. (captain); Alex Jarzembowski, Jr. MF (first team all-state special teams); Mickey Williams, Sr. goalie; Andrew Carris, Jr. MF (first team all-state special teams); Dan Diederich, Sr. Def.; Wyatt Engle, Sr. Def.

**Promising newcomers:** Hunter Braun, Soph. goalie; Jon Phillips, Jr. goalie; Nick Bazany, Jr. Def.; Mike Edwards, Jr. Def.

**Wilson's 2015 outlook:** "We have a bit more of a team-oriented offense this year. A selected couple of guys are going to be better at shooting, but we had to retool our entire offense. We haven't had a whole lot of practice time, which everyone is struggling with."

PREP BASEBALL

# Mustangs leave Cubs in cold

## Northville pitchers combine to two-hit U-D in 12-2 mercy

By Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

Even though temperatures were 17 degrees below normal for March 23 and hovering in the low 30s, Northville was able to start its baseball season Monday on time with a chilly 12-2 six-inning victory over University of Detroit-Jesuit.

The Mustangs scored six runs in the second inning and ended the game on the 10-run mercy rule with two more in the sixth.

Starting pitcher Evan Flohr, a senior left-hander, worked the first 2½ innings, allowing one earned run on two hits to pick up the win. He struck out five and hit two batters.

Senior right-hander Ian Borthwick worked the final 3½ innings and was impressive, throwing only two called balls while not allowing a hit.

"From a pitching standpoint, they were probably the most comfortable out of anybody because they were moving around," Northville coach John Kostrzewa said. "Evan (Flohr) hit the guy with a curveball. The grip was an issue, more than anything else. And Ian (Borthwick) sitting in the dugout for 2½ (innings), then going out and

doing what he did and throwing strikes, was pretty amazing. We threw strikes, that was the biggest thing."

Senior Tyler Lowe paced Northville's seven-hit attack by going 2-for-4, including a double, four RBIs and three runs scored. Junior Zach Prystash also chipped in, going 2-for-3, including a double and three runs scored.

"Today we were able to swing the bats real well, considering the cold," Kostrzewa said. "We had some real good disciplined at-bats. I was really impressed with the way they battled the cold today. They were mentally tough and they grinded out at-bats and they were patient. So I was impressed in that regard."

PREP TRACK AND FIELD

# Northville girls 4th at EMU indoor meet

By Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

The Northville girls track and field team launched its 2015 season indoors Saturday with a fourth-place finish in the Eastern Michigan University Huron Relays held at Bowen Fieldhouse.

Oak Park scored 72 points to capture the team title. Ann Arbor Pioneer (64), Saline (36.5), Northville (36) and White Lake Lakeland (25) rounded out the top five in the 23-school field.

Earning individual second-place finishes for the Mustangs were Gracie Goble in the high jump (16 feet, 7.5 inches) and Lauren Rodriguez in the 60-meter hurdles (9.15).

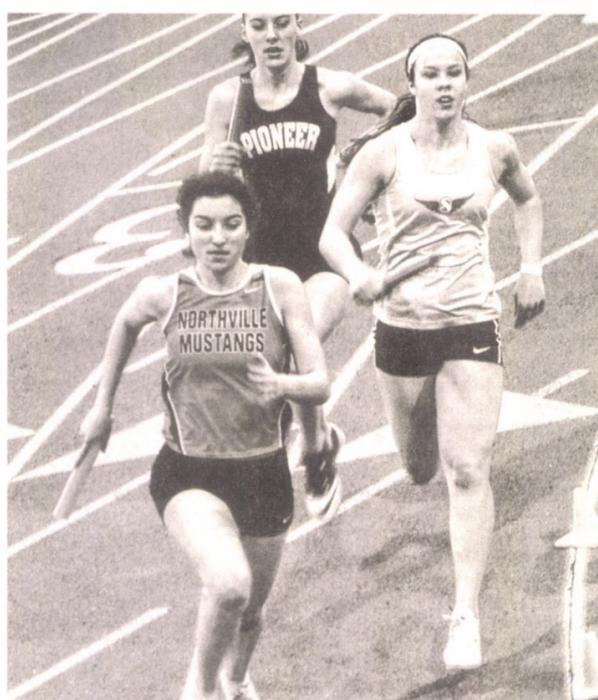
Northville's 1,600 relay team of Goble, Mary Catherine McLaughlin, Chloe Abbott and Lindsay Walters also placed second in 4:01.4.

Cayla Eckenroth finished fifth in the 1,600 (5:19.4), while teammate Emma Herrmann added a seventh (5:35.28).

Northville's 3,200 relay team of Herrmann, Hailey Harris, Ana Barrott and Taylor Gattoni placed fifth (10:27.1).

On the boys side, Westland John Glenn scored 47 points to capture the team crown, ahead of Oak Park (44) and Belleville (33).

Northville tied for 17th with 10 points, paced by Sean McCullough's fourth-place finish in the 1,600 (4:40.68). The Mustangs' distance med-



ROXANNE MCLAUGHLIN

Northville's Mary Catherine McLaughlin (front) carries the baton for the Mustangs' runner-up 1,600-meter relay team during Saturday's Eastern Michigan University Huron Relays meet held at Bowen Fieldhouse.

ley relay team added a seventh (11:27.91), while high jumpers Andrew Hopkins and John Hamilton placed seventh and eighth, respectively, at 5-9 each.

Novi Detroit Catholic Central, getting a third from Lance Yassay in the high jump

(6-3), was 20th in the 26-team field with eight points.

The Shamrocks also got eighths from Donovan D'Amore in the 60 hurdles (8.99) and Mike Misiak in the shot put (45-4).

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## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### AAU girls hoops

Tryouts for the Novi Motion AAU girls basketball team have been scheduled for the following age groups at Parkview Elementary School (enter the parking lot off Taft Road, by the tennis courts):

Grades 8-9 - 6-7:45 p.m.; grades 10-11, 7:45-9:30 p.m., both Friday, March 27.

Forms are available online at <https://sites.google.com/site/novimotionbb/>. The tryout fee is \$20 (parent or guardian must sign waiver form).

For more information, call Ron Valente at 248-349-5464 or Rob LaLain at 248-767-2030.

### Novi Rec leagues

The city of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department is offering a series of activities for every

age, including golf at Riverbank Golf Course, soccer at ITC Community Sports Park, softball at Ella Mae Power Park and tennis.

» The adult 8-on-8 soccer league (ages 18-and-up) is a five-game season each Sunday afternoon beginning April 19. Teams will earn trophies based on standings at the end season. The cost is \$250 per team, plus \$30 referee fee. Interested individuals will be placed on a "free agent" list.

» The adult tennis league (ages 18-and-up) features a 14-match season with matches scheduled on a weekly basis directly with opponents at a convenient time and location for both. There will be a season-ending banquet. The cost is \$50 per resident for singles and \$25 each for doubles.

» The 55-plus golf league

includes men's Monday, women's Wednesday and mixed Thursday divisions.

All golf leagues consist of partners playing a round-robin schedule with a banquet at the conclusion of the season. The cost is \$219 per resident for the first league and \$199 per additional league. A \$5 golf cart fee for will be assessed weekly based on two individuals sharing a cart.

» The 55-plus softball league will be Tuesday morning and Thursday evening. Registration is by teams only and the cost is \$560 per team, which includes 12 regular season games, and a tournament. Umpires are paid \$15 per team at the field.

For information, visit the Novi Parks office inside the Novi Civic Center, 45175 10 Mile, or call 248-347-0400.

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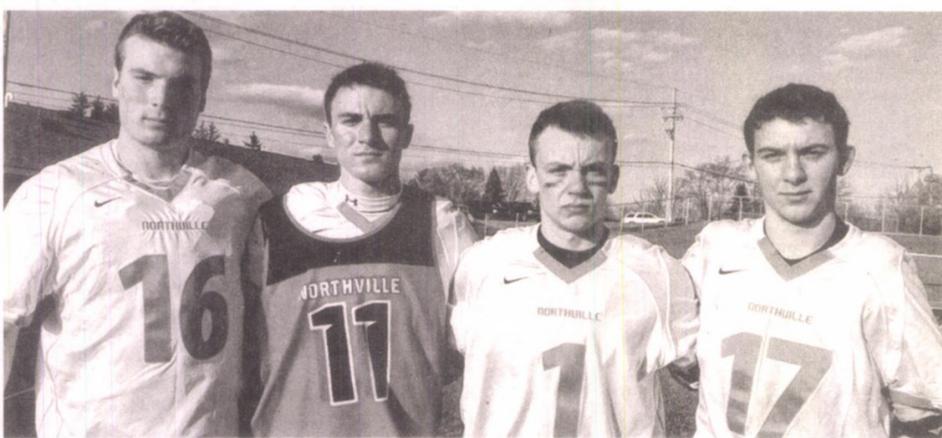
"At Catholic Central, the expectations are always high," coach Dave Wilson said. "We would love first to focus on winning the region and moving on from there. I think we have a good shot at that."

Northville (10-5) reached last year's Division 1 regional final before falling to University of Detroit-Jesuit, 11-5.

The Mustangs feature a team that is primed to make a deeper run in the state tourney.

"Harry Dyson has improved ten-fold," Northville coach Greg Durham said of the junior midfielder, who has tallied five goals already in two games. "He's going to be a guy to be reckoned with this year."

"And Melucci ... he's just unbelievable. It's amazing to say that, because this is a kid who has only played lacrosse for four years in his life and he's already an All-American. He's an awesome athlete, an



BRAD EMONS

Northville's lacrosse fortunes will get a boost from (from left) senior goalie Alex Justice, senior defender Dan Baldwin, junior midfielder Harry Dyson and senior attack Alec Melucci.

awesome kid."

Senior Daniel Baldwin, who last season made third team all-state special teams, will anchor the defense, along with honorable mention all-state goalie Alex Justice.

"The bar is set, but it's not

going to sit in one spot," Durham said. "They can go in any direction they want and they know that. This is the hardest-working team I've had in a long time."

The Mustangs will get a true test today, when Forest

Hills Central visits Tom Holzer Field.

"The whole goal this year is to keep progressing and get better and better and to win the KLAAs, first and foremost," Durham said. "And we want to win the regional, which is go-

ing to be tough this year because (Beverly Hills Detroit) Country Day is in our region this year. But it can be done."

Novi (12-6), which lost to Northville in last year's regional semifinal, 11-8, lost a trio of all-state players to graduation, but returns a talented cast led by first team all-state defender Tommy McMaster.

Senior Ryan Moore, an honorable mention all-state choice, will lead the midfield corps, which also includes holdovers Pat Wojtylo and Luke Gulau, both seniors.

Meanwhile, seniors Dan Sabela and Peter Minor are contesting for the starting goalie position, while scoring will come from returning senior attack Michael Werth.

"So far, we're coming together very well as a team in preseason," Novi coach Eric Hoffman said. "Our expectations are high, as usual, to win our conference again and hopefully the (KLAAs) association and hopefully make a better run at the playoffs than we did last year."

OHL HOCKEY

# Whalers franchise bids adieu before packed house

Love-filled atmosphere outshines Erie's McDavid as fans say good-bye

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

The Connor McDavid Show came to Compuware Arena for one night and the performance was as dazzling as advertised.

He turned on a dime, made slinky moves that turned Plymouth Whalers goalie Alex Nedeljkovic into knots and sparked the Erie Otters to a 5-1 victory Saturday night before a standing room only crowd of 4,070.

"He's unbelievable," Plymouth head coach Don Elland said about McDavid. "Like they say, once every 20 years a kid like that comes along and he's a special player, that's for sure."

McDavid, after being robbed of two goals in the first period, set up linemate Dylan Strome to open the scoring and then tallied a goal himself — his 44th of the season.

Yet for one evening, at least, the Erie superstar — the odds-on favorite to be the first player selected in the 2015 NHL Entry Draft — did not garner the most buzz.

That went to a night of goodbyes between the Whalers and their fans, together experiencing the end of the Peter Karmanos-owned Ontario Hockey League franchise.

**Banner raised**

"I thought raising the banner was really cool, really neat," said Elland, whose injury-ravaged team missed the OHL playoffs for the only time in franchise history with a 23-38-5-2 record. "And then at the end, the fans saluting the players and the players saluting the fans. It's just a special, special moment."

"There's the old saying you don't know what you got until it's gone and a lot of people I think realized that."

Final outcome aside, fans made the most of their last opportunity to watch the Whalers.

The Otters (49-14-2-2) struck quickly in the second. McDavid sent a cross-crease pass to Strome, who made no mistake in scoring his 41st of the year on a one-timer at 2:22.

Just 1:10 later, McDavid flew down the left wing, zeroed in on Nedeljkovic and banked one in off the left post.

Erie's Taylor Raddysh made it 3-0 with 13:07 to go in the period.

But the Whalers didn't stop competing and trying to give their fans a

proud sendoff.

One time, a dangerous shorthanded rush was foiled when the Otters' net was knocked off its moorings; another time, defenseman and Canton native Tyler Sensky clanked a shot off the goal post.

It would have been Sensky's first goal as a Whaler in his final hometown game.

**Solid effort**

"We battled and competed to the very end," Nedeljkovic said. "There was a lot of talk that with McDavid and Strome coming in that they were going to light it up, playing against a 10th-place team, ninth-place team actually."

"I think we did a good job of controlling them, for the most part."

What happened on the ice took a back seat to what transpired off it, though.

The affection between team and supporters was palpable from the get-go.

Before the start of the finale, fans watched 1990s-era captains Pat Peake, Mike Morrone and Randy Fitzgerald help raise a "Thank You Plymouth" banner to the Compuware rafters.

They warmly welcomed longtime coach and general manager Mike Vellucci, who brought his family to center ice and also dropped the ceremonial first puck.

"It was great, the pregame was awesome, it was nice to have my family here," Vellucci said. "Postgame, it was a great celebration for the organization for the last 25 years and 18 years here."

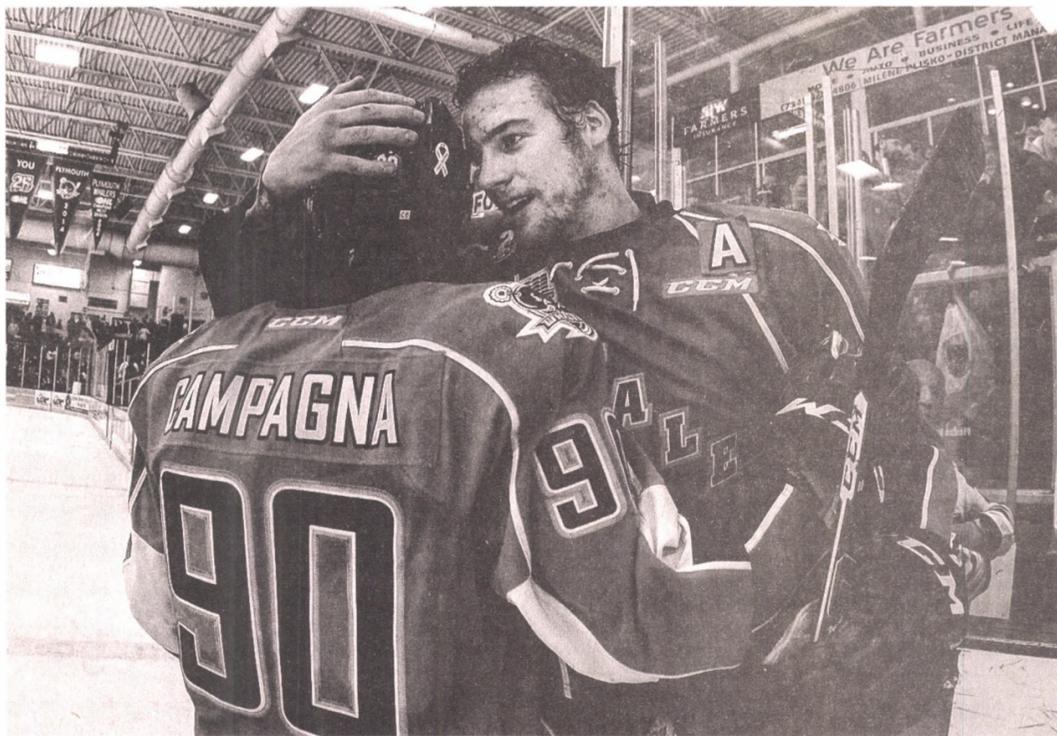
"It was a great night all-around, a sad end, but we should thank Mr. Karmanos for owning a team for 30 years and sticking it out for as long as he did."

Late in the third period, winger Bryce Yetman tipped in a blue line blast taken by defenseman Yannick Rathgeb. That spoiled Erie goalie Daniel Dekoning's shut-out bid (to make it 4-1) and gave the Compuware faithful one final chance to cheer a Whalers goal.

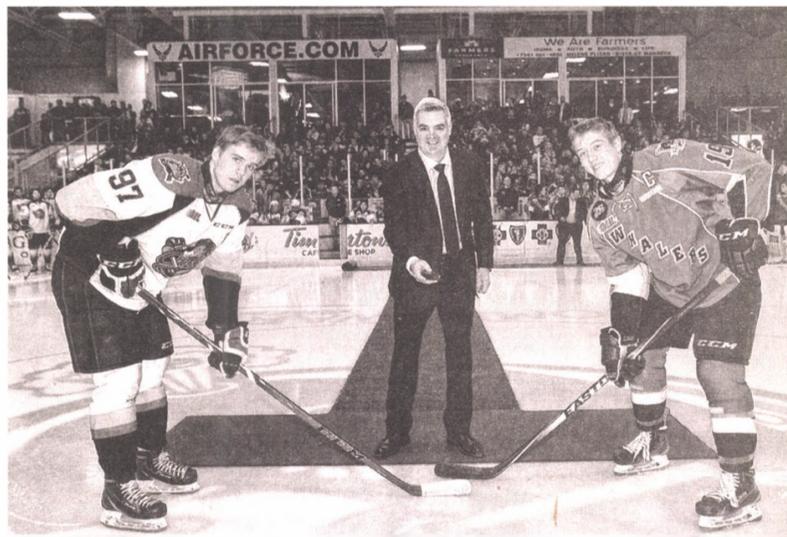
Drawing the second assist for Plymouth was defenseman Mitch Jones.

When the final minute drew near, the public address announcer informed the crowd that there was "one minute left in franchise history," triggering a standing ovation as play continued.

Only an empty-netter by Kyle Maksimovich



Plymouth Whalers players Mathew Campagna and Sean Callaghan share a moment following the game.



Mike Vellucci, former coach of the Plymouth Whalers, drops the puck between Erie's Connor McDavid (left) and Plymouth's Cullen Mercer.

with eight seconds left briefly interrupted the ovation.

**'Unbelievable'**

The players then congregated at center ice following the game and raised their sticks to salute the fans — whose cheers grew louder and louder.

"I've never played in this building where it's been so loud," said Nedeljkovic, a Carolina Hurricanes prospect who made 28 saves against Erie. "It was just an unbelievable atmosphere all night."

After vanishing under the stands for a few moments, the entire team then re-emerged to skate in single file along the perimeter of the rink, one final opportunity to give thanks.

Nedeljkovic said

"skating around the rink and giving every single section, every single fan, the appreciation that they deserve" was his

biggest takeaway from the night.

The goaltender's next OHL home game will be as a member of the Flint

Firebirds at Perani Arena. But he won't forget Plymouth.

"Plymouth's become a second home to me. I've been up here for four years now, made a lot of friends here, met a lot of people," Nedeljkovic said. "It's a great place to play, a great city, a great group of guys and a great managing staff."

He was trying to rein in his emotions as he talked about the end of this chapter of his life.

"All the way from our manager to the last guy on the roster to our equipment guy, a lot of emotions came out tonight," Nedeljkovic said. "And I think that's something special, because that shows you that everybody was committed to making us better and helping us move on with our careers."

"It's hitting right now. We'll see come Monday and Tuesday, when I'm sitting at home doing nothing."

**NOVI TOWNSHIP**

**NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE MAY 5TH, 2015 ELECTION**

To the Qualified Electors of the TOWNSHIP OF NOVI, County of Oakland:

Notice is hereby given that the last day to register for the MAY 5TH, 2015, Special Election will be **Monday April 6, 2015.**

If you are not currently registered to vote or need to register at a new address, you may do so at the following locations and times:

**In Person:**

- Novi Township Clerk's office, 44020 Cottisford Rd.
- County Elections Division, 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, MI 48341, Monday – Friday, 8:00am – 4:30pm.
- Secretary of State Branch Offices.
- At specified agencies for clients receiving services through Family Independence Agency, the Department of Community Health, Michigan Jobs Commission and some offices of the Commission for the Blind.
- At military recruitment offices for persons who are enlisting.

**By Mail:**

- Voter Registration Application - Mail to the election official as directed on the application by the close of registration deadline.

**Note:** Persons registering by mail are required to vote in person unless they have previously voted in person in the state or are at least 60 years of age or are handicapped.

The election will be conducted at the Novi Twp. precinct at 44020 Cottisford on proposals to renew the Northville Public School millage, and to increase the Michigan Sales/Use Tax.

Full text of the proposals may be obtained from: Derwood Haines, 44020 Cottisford Rd., (248) 231-6210, Novi Twp. Clerk

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**CITY OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF ENACTMENT ZONING ORDINANCE #02-17-15Zb**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Northville City Council has adopted Ordinance No. 02-17-15Zb for the purpose of amending the City of Northville Zoning Ordinance. The ordinance amends Article 2 Zoning Districts and Map Interpretation, Article 18 General Provisions by adding Section 18.25 Medical Marijuana Activities, and Article 26 Definitions. The amendments establish regulations to prohibit dispensaries or provisioning centers, but at the same time allow possession, growth, and cultivation of marijuana as permitted by State Law. The regulations will allow medical marijuana activities within residential zoning districts; however, medical marijuana dispensaries, provisioning centers, or other commercial facilities are expressly prohibited.

The ordinance was introduced for first reading on February 17, 2015 and was adopted by the City Council on March 16, 2015. The ordinance shall become effective on April 3, 2015. The complete text of the ordinance amendment is available for public review at the City of Northville Municipal Building, Office of the City Clerk or the Building Department, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-349-1300, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or on the City's website at [www.ci.northville.mi.us](http://www.ci.northville.mi.us).

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DIANNE MASSA, CITY CLERK

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**NOTICE CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE FOR SERVICE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES PSLU15-0004**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the applicant Riki Sushi is requesting Special Land Use approval at 42165 Fourteen Mile Rd, parcel 50-22-02-200-146. The applicant is requesting approval for use of a portion of the parcel for service of alcoholic beverages accordance with Section 2525 of the Novi Zoning Ordinance. A public hearing will be held on Friday, April 10th, 2015 at 3:00 PM in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Rd, Novi to consider the request. Plans are available for review at the Community Development Department in the Novi Civic Center.

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be made to the Community Development Department, 45175 Ten Mile Rd, Novi during regular business hours which are Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. These comments should be directed to Tom Walsh and must be received prior to April 10th, 2015.

Tom Walsh  
(248) 347-0415

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**Novi Community School District 2015 Classroom AV Novi, Michigan IDS Project No. 14207-1000 BP03 SECTION 00 1113 - ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

DATE: March 18, 2015  
PROJECT: Novi Community School District 2015 Classroom AV Novi, Michigan  
OWNER: Novi Community School District 25345 Taft Road Novi, Michigan 48374  
ENGINEERING/ TECHNOLOGY DESIGNER: Integrated Design Solutions, LLC Architecture, Engineering, Interiors & Technology 1441 W. Long Lake, Suite 200 Troy, MI 48098 (248) 823-2100 (248) 823-2200 fax

BIDS RECEIVED: Until 2:00 pm local time on April 23, 2015, the Owner will receive sealed Bids for the work as set forth in the Bidding Documents at: Attention: Steve Barr, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Operations Novi Community School District Educational Services Building 25345 Taft Road Novi, Michigan 48374

At which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. A bid tabulation summary will be available.

The Bidding Documents will be on file on and after April 2, 2015, and may be examined at the following locations during regular business hours, Monday through Friday. The offices of: Integrated Design Solutions, LLC, 1441 W. Long Lake, Suite 200, Troy, MI 48098, (248) 823-2100

The Engineering/Technology Designer will furnish electronic documents to the Bidders. The documents may be downloaded from: <http://cloud.ids-troy.com/bids/bids/novi/2015classroomAV>. Bidders are responsible to check the website from time to time to verify they have all addenda, requests for information and other documents related to the Bid.

A pre-bid conference and walk-thru is scheduled for April 9, 2015, at 2:00 pm local time. All bidders are responsible for attendance at the pre-bid conference and walk-thru. Bidders shall meet at Meadows (ITC), 25299 Taft Road, Novi, Michigan 48374.

Additional building walk-thrus, if required, shall be coordinated with the Engineer/Technology Designer.

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# Certified Pre-Owned Lincoln Spring Sale-A-Thon at Varsity Lincoln in Novi

By Greg Mullin  
Staff Writer

Varsity Lincoln of Novi is celebrating the start of spring with a Sale-A-Thon event. This event is different than other dealerships — no gifts, no trips, just great deals. More than 800 vehicles are ready to go. Certified Pre-Owned Lincolns are on-site, ready to drive off the lot for as little as \$12,995.+

In 2014, there were 540 Certified Pre-Owned vehicles delivered at Varsity Lincoln, making the dealership the number one Pre-Owned sales volume dealer globally.

The dealership has held the honor of highest-volume sales dealer globally since 1997.\* Varsity offers a newly remodeled showroom, indoor delivery area and service reception aisle.

Last year, Varsity Lincoln celebrated its 20th anniversary and won six prestigious automotive awards: the Triple Crown Award, Lincoln Leaders of Excellence, President's Award, Ford One Hundred Club, CPO Sales Leadership and Premier Club.

Visit Varsity Lincoln these next three days to catch the deals:

- » Thursday, March 26, 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- » Friday, March 27, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- » Saturday, March 28, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"I have the MKS and I love, love, love the technology in it," said Lincoln MKS owner Latanya Tarleton, who has been a customer at Varsity Lincoln for 16 years. "I get the best service here. I never have to worry about anything."

Certified Pre-Owned Lincoln vehicles come with many benefits, including:

- » A meticulous, 200-point inspection by factory-trained technicians
- » 6-year/100,000-mile comprehensive warranty coverage
- » Complimentary 24/7 roadside assistance

"The warranty is key. With Certified Pre-Owned, you get the best from Varsity Lincoln," said Jere Law, Varsity Lincoln's General Sales Manager and Pre-Owned Director. Certified Pre-Owned financing is available for as low as 0.9% APR.\*\*

"Leasing or buying from the number one dealer in the country gives you the best selection, price and service. Our dealership is ready to assist customers with anything, whether it is special financing or a specific request. We can handle every unique situation."



A Certified Pre-Owned 2013 Lincoln Navigator Ultimate 4WD is on sale now at Varsity Lincoln of Novi.

Varsity Lincoln

This dealership provides The Varsity Lincoln Advantage. Varsity Lincoln team members are selected based upon their unwavering focus on customer care and satisfaction.

"I have an MKZ from Varsity Lincoln; I've had it for about a year now. It's a beautiful interior, a beautiful exterior, it handles well on the road and gives me good gas mileage!" Lincoln MKZ owner Gary Trudeau said. "I love this place. I wouldn't even consider buying a car from anybody else!"

Jason Towe told us why he got a Lincoln, stating "I definitely love the comfort and the sportiness of the Lincoln. The cost was a big factor for me; it was actually cheaper than my last car I owned, and I feel I'm getting a better quality car for what I'm paying!"

"There are numerous benefits of purchasing a Certified Pre-Owned,

including the outstanding warranty that comes with the vehicles," Law said. "The 100,000-mile free bumper-to-bumper warranty that comes alongside all Certified Pre-Owned purchases is better than a new car warranty! Additionally, any time the vehicle is in for a service visit, you can receive a loaner for no cost exclusively at Varsity Lincoln!"

"Loaded with features, a Lincoln will satisfy any customer. Certified Pre-Owned vehicles not only provide peace of mind on the road but also provide a combination of sportiness and luxury. Benefits include FWD or AWD, EcoBoost, Navigation, Bluetooth, SYNC, an adaptive suspension, a panoramic roof, and heated and cooled seats for comfort, just to name a few. Drivers will also enjoy peace of mind from knowing that Lincoln vehicles will hold their

value. Any depreciation has already been taken on by the previous owner. Plus, advanced styling and dependability add to a Lincoln vehicle's value."

"Our customers speak for themselves and how their experience is. When you read the reviews our customers write online, you can see how happy they are before, during and after the sale," Law concluded.

\*Based on 2015 Total New Retail Sales, Pre-Owned Sales and Service Customer Satisfaction per Lincoln Sales Report.

\*\*As low as 0.9% APR for up to 36 months on select vehicles for qualified customers with Tier 0-1 approval through preferred finance source. Offer subject to change at any time. See Varsity Lincoln for details.

+Subject to availability. See Varsity Lincoln for details.



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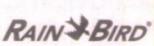
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## 1913-built Plymouth home has modern amenities

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

A home at 1217 W. Ann Arbor Trail near downtown Plymouth was built in 1913 and extensively remodeled in 2000.

"It's a great property," Coldwell Banker Preferred Realtor Jimmy Stevens said of the home, for which a sale is pending due to current owners relocating for work. "It's got a pretty cool back story."

The home has been listed by Coldwell Banker Preferred of Plymouth at \$539,000. It has five bedrooms and three and a half baths, and is in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district.

The owners who are selling bought it in 2000, Stevens said. "They added on about 1,300 square feet if not a little more. They did a lot of updating. They still kept a lot of the original. It has that mix of old and new."

There's a new kitchen, and a new basement was dug to supplement the older basement. The two basements couldn't be connected, Stevens explained, and the home has some 60-70 percent of its footage on the old basement.

New floors were added to the two-story colonial, along with new windows and updates for electrical and mechanical.

"This house got a lot of traffic," said Stevens. "Downtown Plymouth is a hot market." Stevens had another city of Plymouth property, on Peniman at the corner of Sunset close to Sheldon, about nine months ago.

"That went right away," he said. "It's just a hot market. There's a lot of money coming through downtown Plymouth." That includes not only buyers, he said, but also investors interested in residential properties.

Canton resident Stevens grew up in Plymouth and in the real estate business. His dad's the broker at Coldwell Banker Preferred, his mom the relocation director there.

"I grew up in this office, basically," said Jimmy Stevens, licensed for three years in his field.



The city of Plymouth home has five bedrooms. "It's a great property," said Realtor Jimmy Stevens of Coldwell Banker Preferred Realtors of Plymouth. View a photo gallery of this home at [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com).



Conversation is a natural around this kitchen island at the city of Plymouth home.

He noted the I-275 Plymouth-Canton housing corridor is hot. Properties go at least at listing price.

"There's a lot of good things happening now in real estate," Stevens said. "It wasn't fun five-six years ago,

It's been busy, definitely a good problem to have."

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## Start spreading proposal news to condo association

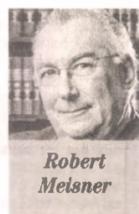
**Q: I want to make a proposal at the next meeting of my condominium association. How do I get my proposal publicized?**

**A:** Subject to its own internal procedures, your association is required to include in any meeting notice any proposal a member intends to put forward at a meeting, provided it is a proper subject for member action, and provided the member notified the association of the intent to present the proposal at the meeting within a reasonable time, but refer to your attorney for specific requirements embodied in the changes to the Nonprofit Act, which became effective on Jan. 15, 2015.

**Q: Because many of our association members are vacationing during certain months, I would like to know whether members may vote on proposals by ballot without a meeting?**

**A:** If your bylaws or Articles of Incorporation contain a provision permitting the taking of actions of the members without a meeting, then, yes, your association may use ballots in lieu of a meeting. Specific language is required in the ballot. Members must have at least 20, and up to 90 days to vote after the association provides the ballot to them to cast their vote.

Additionally, if 10 percent or more of the members submit a proposal for action by the members without a meeting, the ballot must also include that proposed action based on recent changes to the Michigan Nonprofit Corporation Act.



Robert Meisner

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of "Condo Living 2: An Authoritative Guide to Buying, Selling and Operating a Condominium." He is also the author of "Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track," second edition. Visit [bmeisner@meisner-law.com](http://bmeisner@meisner-law.com). This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Oct. 27-31, 2014, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

<b>BEVERLY HILLS</b>	
31965 Carleider St	\$237,000
16224 Elizabeth St	\$169,000
30077 Fox Run Dr	\$370,000
32200 Verona Cir	\$240,000
<b>BINGHAM FARMS</b>	
23620 Overlook Cir	\$350,000
<b>BIRMINGHAM</b>	
1173 Davis Ave	\$535,000
1744 Maryland Blvd	\$289,000
1467 Norfolk St	\$380,000
1508 Penistone St	\$260,000
411 S Old Woodward Ave	\$383,000
Unit 608	
1869 Shipman Blvd	\$760,000
1117 Stanley Blvd	\$321,000
1229 Stanley Blvd	\$390,000
366 W Brown St Unit 2	\$815,000
2299 W Lincoln St	\$355,000
499 Westchester Way	\$500,000
1344 Willow Ln	\$930,000
<b>BLOOMFIELD HILLS</b>	
4376 Barchester Dr	\$615,000
667 Kingsley Trl	\$255,000
<b>BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP</b>	
1731 Blair House Ct	\$575,000
3405 Bloomcrest Dr	\$1,075,000
4728 Brafferton Dr	\$392,000
254 Eileen Dr	\$185,000
1773 Golf Ridge Dr S	\$455,000
6605 Indianwood Trl	\$345,000
4547 Quartan Rd	\$285,000

1184 Rolling Acres Dr	\$187,000
1966 Sherwood Gln	\$757,000
5455 Wayfind Ln	\$495,000
1198 Wincombe Dr	\$200,000
5380 Woodlands Estates Dr S	\$780,000
<b>COMMERCE TOWNSHIP</b>	
2925 Barbwood Ct	\$517,000
8679 Buffalo Dr	\$188,000
8691 Edgewood Park Dr	\$519,000
3134 Greenlawn Ave	\$120,000
8573 Immensee St	\$430,000
5440 Inverrary Ln	\$575,000
4983 Juniper Dr	\$265,000
5493 Leafwood Dr	\$398,000
2795 Red Arrow Dr	\$190,000
3267 Rio Vista St	\$150,000
5276 S River Dr	\$210,000
5262 Sandlewood Dr	\$420,000
5401 Starwood Dr	\$211,000
6140 Warwick Dr	\$270,000
<b>FARMINGTON</b>	
23037 Floral St	\$97,000
36999 Heatherton Dr	\$250,000
<b>FARMINGTON HILLS</b>	
22295 Abington Dr	\$268,000
31115 Berryhill St	\$265,000
22200 Colgate St	\$123,000
31194 Country Way	\$145,000
29717 Deer Run	\$235,000
26750 Halsted Rd	\$204,000
28198 Hawberry Rd	\$185,000
30594 Knighton Dr	\$360,000
29830 Old Bedford St	\$213,000
25554 Ridgewood Dr	\$265,000
30111 Southampton Ln	\$275,000
23244 Tuck Rd	\$118,000
33254 W 11 Mile Rd	\$386,000
28426 W 8 Mile Rd # 3B1	\$30,000

32421 W Wayburn St	\$199,000
21737 Wheeler St	\$150,000
29945 White Hall Dr	\$290,000
<b>FRANKLIN</b>	
27261 Apple Tree Ln	\$629,000
30609 N Greenbriar Rd	\$635,000
30375 Woodside Dr	\$389,000
31235 Woodside Dr	\$1,590,000
<b>HIGHLAND</b>	
4975 Cathy Ln	\$117,000
196 Countryside Ln	\$40,000
2853 Davista Dr	\$175,000
2225 Oakland	\$36,000
2227 Pine Bluffs Ct	\$313,000
3292 Woodruff Meadows Ct	\$240,000
<b>LATHRUP VILLAGE</b>	
26571 Meadowood Ct N	\$190,000
<b>MILFORD</b>	
31123 Artesian Dr	\$220,000
648 Mill Pointe Dr	\$270,000
1280 N Hickory Ridge Trl	\$209,000
894 N Main St	\$60,000
1245 Robblee	\$213,000
192 Turnberry Ct	\$297,000
871 Union St	\$20,000
<b>NORTHVILLE</b>	
20860 E Glen Haven Cir	\$155,000
46903 Elmsmere Dr	\$354,000
43568 Galway Dr	\$235,000
508 Langfield St	\$255,000
21441 Lujon Dr	\$395,000
769 Novi St	\$165,000
21463 Silchester Ct	\$370,000
<b>NOVI</b>	
43000 12 Oaks Crescent Dr Apt 6066	\$174,000
27935 Hopkins Dr	\$165,000
31153 Livingston Dr	\$150,000

302 Maudlin St	\$163,000
22414 Meadowbrook Rd	\$235,000
1105 South Lake Dr	\$328,000
39982 Whispering Ln	\$238,000
45797 Willingham Dr	\$455,000
<b>SOUTH LYON</b>	
61130 Greenwood Dr	\$85,000
61280 Greenwood Dr	\$80,000
62475 Jonathon Dr	\$247,000
721 Kestrel Ct	\$200,000
57164 Meadowcreek Cir S	\$443,000
22914 Sandra St	\$154,000
833 Stoney Dr	\$224,000
58519 Winnowing Cir S	\$87,000
<b>SOUTHFIELD</b>	
15640 Arbor Pl	\$124,000
26731 Bloomfield Dr S	\$152,000
29182 E Chanticleer Dr	\$150,000
26372 Franklin Pointe Dr	\$55,000
21126 Greenview Rd	\$75,000
24648 Lafayette Cir	\$132,000
20175 Ledgestone St	\$85,000
29601 Pierce St	\$90,000
28043 Red Leaf Ln	\$75,000
19830 W 12 Mile Rd Apt 26	\$45,000
20998 Westhaven Ave	\$45,000
30600 Woodgate Dr	\$220,000
<b>WHITE LAKE</b>	
464 Burgess Dr	\$325,000
10200 Elizabeth Lake Rd	\$382,000
1102 Hillcrest St	\$50,000
9459 Marina Dr	\$88,000
110 Teggedine Rd	\$288,000

### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Nov. 17-21, 2014, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

<b>CANTON</b>	
7362 Andover Dr	\$455,000
6564 Bostonhill Ln	\$180,000
506 Cherry Hill Pointe Dr	\$201,000
43516 Cherrywood Ln	\$260,000
1593 Commodore Cir	\$158,000
2663 Daleview Ct	\$342,000
8246 Forrest Dr	\$150,000
7021 Fox Path	\$233,000
7044 Foxthorn Dr	\$60,000
44121 Franciscan Dr	\$160,000
49756 Great Falls Rd	\$385,000
49986 Hancock St	\$328,000

1426 Heritage Dr	\$154,000
44426 James Ct	\$215,000
2323 Knollwood Dr	\$145,000
47751 Pavilion Rd	\$417,000
1849 Pinewood Dr	\$150,000
726 Prospect Hill St	\$50,000
41658 Ravenwood St	\$215,000
45037 Rolling Ridge Ct	\$295,000
<b>GARDEN CITY</b>	
31503 Brown St	\$70,000
230 Gilman St	\$94,000
6623 Golfview St	\$90,000
447 Helen St	\$105,000
31711 Leona St	\$85,000
<b>LIVONIA</b>	
9905 Arden St	\$199,000
30119 Hoy St	\$180,000
38058 Jamison St	\$175,000
16340 Levan Rd	\$250,000
19384 Milburn St	\$215,000

33220 Myrna Ct	\$238,000
31460 Myrna Ct	\$300,000
17245 Oporto Ave	\$15,000
20317 Purlingbrook St	\$143,000
16803 Shrewsbury St	\$230,000
16922 Surrey St	\$189,000
14324 Susanna St	\$204,000
14498 Yale St	\$185,000
<b>NORTHVILLE</b>	
44414 Aspen Ridge Dr	\$380,000
48304 Binghampton Dr	\$537,000
42809 Itham Ct	\$100,000
49855 Parkside Dr	\$495,000
383 S Wing St	\$485,000
16910 White Haven Dr	\$285,000
<b>PLYMOUTH</b>	
39573 Birchwood Dr	\$193,000
159 Hamilton Ave	\$215,000
452 Maple St	\$191,000
49451 Plymouth Way	\$161,000

12416 Woodgate Dr	\$160,000
<b>REDFORD</b>	
12138 Nathaline	\$85,000
17438 Norborne	\$28,000
24867 Puritan	\$27,000
17236 Sumner	\$75,000
<b>WAYNE</b>	
34563 Glover St	\$18,000
34587 Phyllis St	\$25,000
32567 Woodbrook Dr	\$105,000
<b>WESTLAND</b>	
34012 Cambria Ct	\$33,000
7775 Donna St	\$135,000
7210 E Frumlin Ct	\$98,000
30427 Lonnie Blvd	\$93,000
6751 Moccasin St	\$85,000
1214 S Henry Ruff Rd	\$64,000
8520 Shari Dr	\$110,000
2639 Wilshire St	\$60,000
551 Worchester St	\$135,000

### REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

#### Short sales

If you owe more than what your house is worth, you may be interested in a free informational seminar on short sale procedures.

Bonnie David, broker/owner of Quantum Real Estate, is the presenter. It will be 6-7 p.m. each Thursday at 129 N. Lafayette, downtown South Lyon. Please call the office at 248-782-7130 or email [june.quantum@gmail.com](mailto:june.quantum@gmail.com) for your reservation or additional information.

#### Investors

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne will have an open forum. Investors will answer questions and offer a market update. Meetings are at 6-9 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the Red Lobster on Eureka in Southgate.

Members are free, guests \$20, which will be applied to their membership. The Red Lobster is next to 7-11, near Trenton Road.

Any questions or concerns, call Bill Beddoes at 734-934-9091 or Wayne Koehler at 313-819-0919.

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

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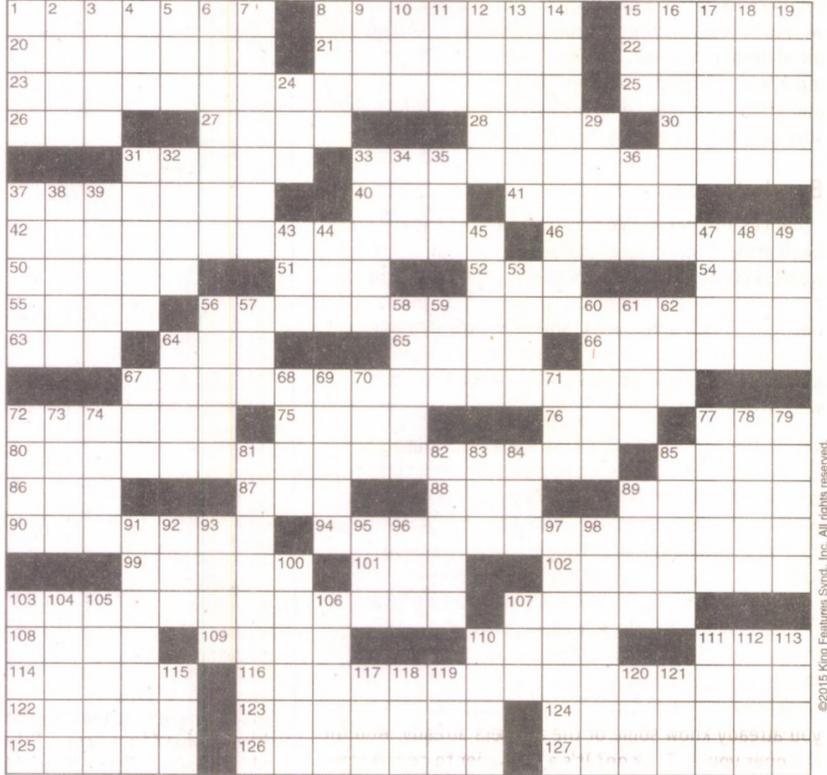
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- ACROSS**
- 1 It may begin "Here lies..."
  - 8 Like fables with morals
  - 15 Sprayed like a firefighter
  - 20 Composer Saint-Saëns
  - 21 Maui tourist
  - 22 Wash away
  - 23 Like overly harsh punishment
  - 25 Consolidate
  - 26 Suffix with prophet
  - 27 Calc prereq
  - 28 Hosiery hitch
  - 30 Transmission option
  - 31 Coil of yarn
  - 33 1985 hit for Sheila E.
  - 37 Female graduates
  - 40 Middle: Abbr.
  - 41 Cello bow rub-on
  - 42 Monkey of kid-lit
  - 46 Upholstered footstool
  - 50 Country singer Travis
  - 51 Inits. on a navy vessel
  - 52 Neighbor of Ger.
  - 54 Apple pie mode
  - 55 Just makes, with "out"
  - 56 1965 Marvin Gaye hit
  - 63 Dial-up alternative, for short
  - 64 Fall away
  - 65 Cube inventor
  - 66 Feeble
  - 67 Noncircular paths around bodies
  - 72 Homeland, affectionately
  - 75 Big name in dog food
  - 76 108-card game
  - 77 Toque or fez
  - 80 1967 hit for the Doors
  - 85 Infrequent
  - 86 "Star Trek" rank: Abbr.
  - 87 Plier from
  - 88 Singer Yoko
  - 89 Leaks slowly
  - 90 To no extent
  - 94 Mismatched collection
  - 99 Knife of old infomercials
  - 101 — Kippur
  - 102 Stream of electrons
  - 103 Witches in "Macbeth"
  - 107 Cantaloupe or honeydew
  - 108 Body gel additive
  - 109 "There's — haven't heard!"
  - 110 — prayer for
  - 111 Univ. Web site suffix
  - 114 Beach hills
  - 116 "77 Sunset Strip" actor, familiarly
  - 122 Mrs. Bunker
  - 123 Use an umbrella, say
  - 124 Posts again
  - 125 Hunter's lure
  - 126 Fusible alloys
  - 127 Bad-mouth
  - 11 Western treaty inits.
  - 12 Pope before Gregory XIII
  - 13 More nonsensical
  - 14 Prison, informally
  - 15 — and haw
  - 16 Pizza herb
  - 17 More irritated
  - 18 Rocker Winter
  - 19 Plow pioneer
  - 24 Noisy clamor
  - 29 Basic idea
  - 31 Actor Jimmy
  - 32 Granny, e.g.
  - 33 At — of (priced at)
  - 34 Item in a P.O. box
  - 35 Part of NATO: Abbr.
  - 36 Acne spot
  - 37 Performed on stage
  - 38 Lies in wait
  - 39 Apocryphal archangel
  - 43 With 115-Down, nervous and apprehensive
  - 44 Part of i.e.
  - 45 "... wife could — lean"
  - 47 Injure badly
  - 48 Jai — Bismarck
  - 49 DEA agent
  - 53 "Shape — ship out!"
  - 56 Alphabet opener
  - 57 "May — of service?"
  - 58 Burglar's job path
  - 59 1990s
  - 60 "Deathtrap" star Michael
  - 61 "For — us a child is born"
  - 62 Guitars
  - 64 "Green" sci.
  - 67 Sci-fi power
  - 68 Robert De —
  - 69 1990s exercise fad
  - 70 Bldg. units
  - 71 Virus, e.g.
  - 72 Not closed
  - 73 Jay of NBC
  - 74 Biblical verb
  - 77 Belittling frat brother
  - 78 Circus venue
  - 79 Touchy
  - 81 Bohemianism
  - 82 Meanders
  - 83 Question's opp.
  - 84 Turndowns
  - 85 Like Brutus
  - 89 Prince — von
  - 91 Go along with
  - 92 Christie's cry
  - 93 — many words
  - 95 Coloring stuff
  - 96 Camera —
  - 97 Ones toeing the line
  - 98 Tag anew
  - 100 In the habit of
  - 103 Crossed a ford
  - 104 Get by
  - 105 Like a charged atom
  - 106 Cyclical, at the beach
  - 107 — tai (drink)
  - 110 "The — the limit!"
  - 111 Markey of Tarzan films
  - 112 Nixing mark
  - 113 Stalin's land
  - 115 See 43-Down
  - 117 English dramatist Thomas
  - 118 Lyrical verse
  - 119 Bruin
  - 120 Perry's Sumac
  - 121 Campaigned



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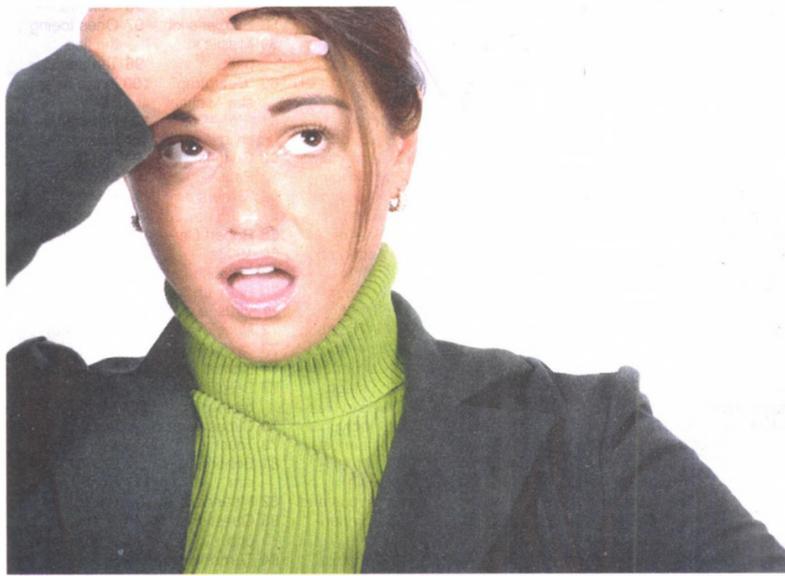
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## Handling a new job and new problems

Check out these tips for overcoming a tough project, meeting the demands of a new role and discussing your concerns with the boss.

A new job comes with more challenges than simply learning everybody's names. And at some point in everybody's career, a project feels too big to tackle or the workload feels insurmountable. Before you settle into a pit of despair, though, check out these tips for overcoming a tough project, meeting the demands of a new role and discussing your concerns with the boss. You may be surprised by how quickly things can turn around.

### Break it down

Chances are that you've only realized you're in over your head after a big project is underway. And as Elissa Ashwood, CEO of Truly Accomplished, a talent technology firm in Pittsburgh, notes, this isn't something that only happens to new employees. She says, "In fact, the more you succeed, the more you take on, the more likely you are to feel this way at times. The secret is to handle it well to resolve it!"

To do this, Ashwood says, take a cue from management consultants, whose jobs are to deal with situations over their heads. One trick they employ is to turn immediate problems into smaller tasks. "Break the big problem into several smaller problems. They are easier to solve," says Ashwood. "For example, if you have to deliver a fitness marketing project and you don't know where to focus, the parts might be: the audience you are targeting, the problem you are solving for the client, the message, and the medium you'll deliver it. Each of the pieces is clearer. Answer each one and add them back up. You'll find that you already know some of the answers already. And for the ones you're stuck on? It's a lot easier to go to someone else and say 'I know the audience, problem and vehicle, I'm stuck on the message.' For extra bonus points, repeat this break-down on the part you're stuck on. For

example, the message might be 'lose weight,' 'have more energy' or 'fit into your [favorite] jeans.' That's easy to get other people to help you decide. When you've thought the options through this far, no one will even know that an hour ago you were overwhelmed!"

### Go with the workflow

If your workload or responsibilities are more the problem than one specific project, it may be time for some of your work habits and expectations to adapt. For example, getting input from your team, making realistic time commitments and managing your progress are all ways to get back on track.

Here to elaborate is Jennifer Bevan, a career coach based in Los Angeles. She offers these three tips:

1. "Before diving into a project, have a conversation with your manager or team members about the project scope, timeline and anticipated results. Don't be afraid to ask for input and to bounce ideas around with seasoned colleagues — you are new to the company and this is expected. Not only will you show you are open to ideas and suggestions, but you are beginning to build your network at the company and want to demonstrate an interest in getting up to speed.
2. "Don't take on more than you can handle. This starts with making realistic commitments to deadlines. No one will be impressed with you if you complete a project quickly, but the end product is riddled with errors, poor assumptions, or lack of thought.
3. "Break your work into manageable pieces — tackle small pieces one at a time. Put together a timeline so you feel organized and in control of your work. Perhaps, you complete a section of your work, set up a meeting with your manager and solicit feedback. You can position it like 'I'd love to share with you what I have accomplished so far to get your input and to make sure I'm on the right track.' Your manager will appreciate this, as they don't know the quality of your work yet — this will help you build credibility and gain their trust quicker."

### Get on the same page

Checking in with your manager can help align your intentions with the demands of the role, and can also help to avoid any surprising issues later. Chaz Pitts-Kyser, career coach and author of "Careeranista: The Woman's Guide to Success After College," recommends setting aside time to speak with your manager and share that some parts of the job are taking longer than anticipated to grasp. She says, "Follow that by saying that just in case they had any concerns, you wanted to let them know that you are taking steps to get your work up to par and be the valuable member of the team that you know you can be. Then explain the steps you are taking to improve."



"Often times, bosses avoid confrontation and won't bring up someone's poor performance until it has become a real problem, through bringing the issue up first, you put yourself in control of the situation and can help allay a manager's fears about you," Pitts-Kyser says. "Also, your boss may end up pointing you to resources or people that can help you stop treading water and finally start swimming."

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